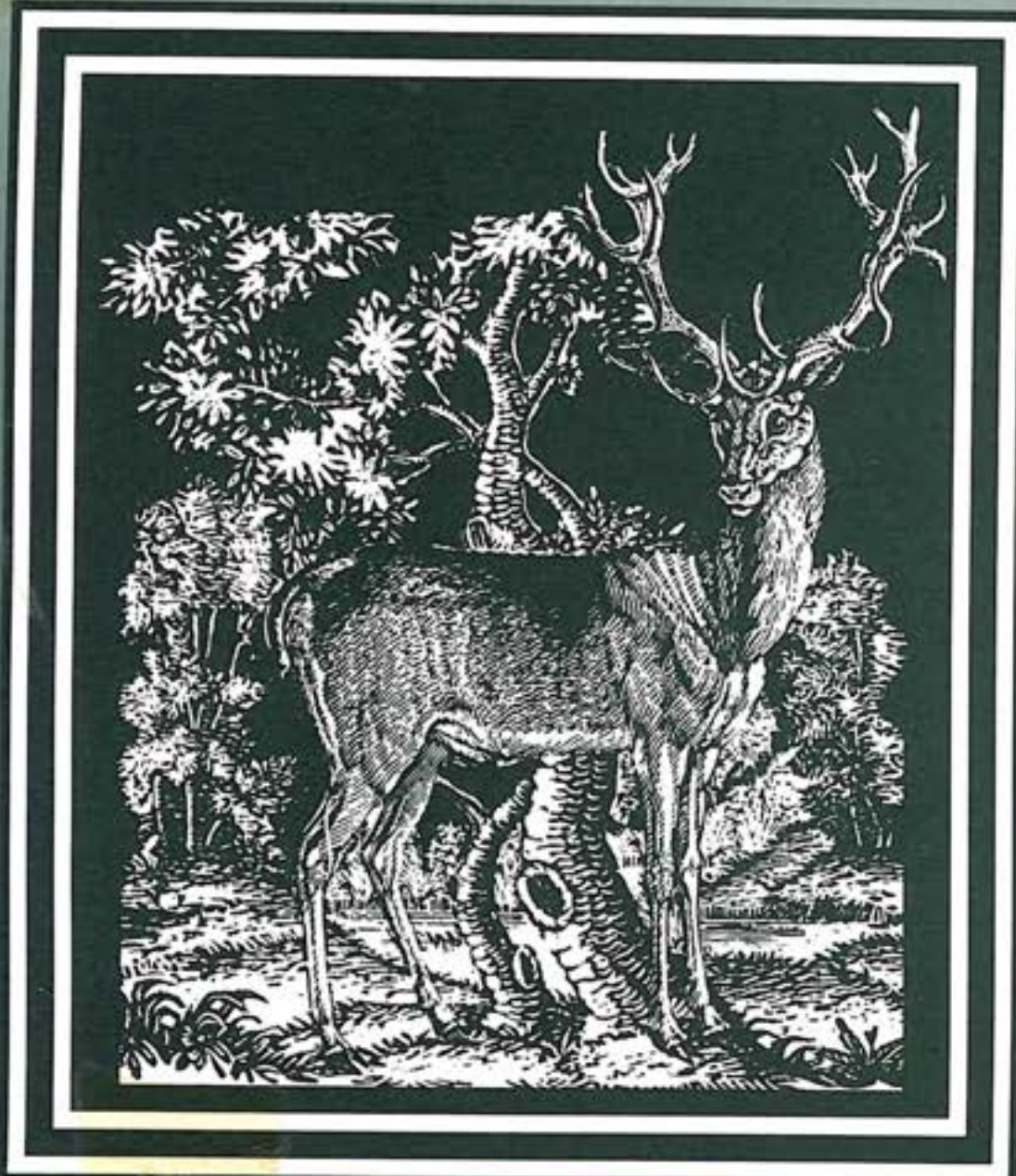


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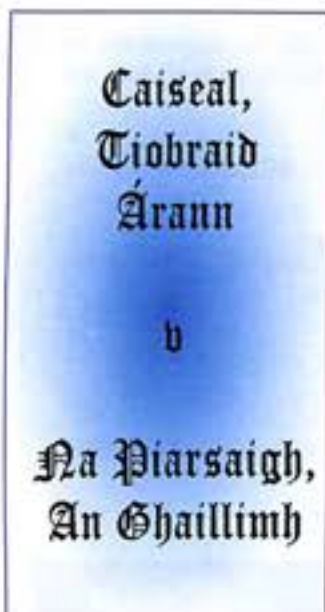
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- 3 Jovita Ni Dhubhshláine
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- 4 Kaiffe Ni Mhaolomhnaig
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- 10 Filimíne Ni Fhógartaigh
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- 11 Mairéad Ni Mhuiriosa
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Claire Grogan
- 13 Éilis Ni Thuama
Libby Twomey
- 14 Linda Ni Ghrugáin
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- 15 Léan Ni Ghrugáin
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- 4 Pádraigín de Búrca
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- 12 Cairméal Ni Annáin
Carmel Hannon
- 13 Shauna Nic a' Bhaird
Shauna Ward
- 14 Sharon Nig Fhlóinn
Sharon Glynn
- 15 Lorraine Ni Mhaolalaidh
Lorraine Lally

An Bainisteoir

- Micheál Ó Cinnéide
Michael Kennedy

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Rebecca Lally
17. Áine Ni Dhuibhghíolla
Anne Divilly
18. Mairéad Nic Donnchadha
Mairéad McDonagh
19. Nicola de Búrca
Nicola Burke
20. Éimhear Ni Fhinn
Emer Finn

All Ireland Camogie club final.....

County stars should give Cashel the edge to lift historic first title

A couple of years ago Tipperary camogie stood on the sidelines watching rivals such as Kilkenny, Cork and Galway scoop all the game's top intercounty and club accolades.

That scenario changed around drastically just three short years ago, after securing three senior All Ireland titles in succession and a Junior title.

Now Cashel hope to add the All Ireland club title to the success story that Tipperary Camogie has become over the last three years.

Galway side Padraig Pearces, who are the reigning all Ireland club holders, stand in their way of success. Throw-in for this final, which is being played at Cashel is 1-30pm on Sunday.

Despite Tipperary's apparent dominance of the game and home venue, Cashel see themselves as rank underdogs, due to the Tribeswomen's record in the club championships over the last couple of years.

Then again nobody wants to be dubbed pre match favourites. Club secretary Ann Moloney reckons that despite Tipp's success, and home advantage Pearces will be very difficult to beat.

Pearces got to the decider by virtue of their 4-14 to 1-6 victory over Ulster champions Keady.

Sharon Glynn, regarded as the best camogie player ever produced by the Western County, scored 2-4 out of that total.

She was the driving force behind Galway's first and to

date only All Ireland senior camogie title in 1996.

"A lot of the cute ones will say we have no chance, but we are confident that we can do it," added the Cashel club secretary.

There is no shortage of All Ireland medals and big match experience in the Cashel camp. A grand total of twelve All Ireland medals from the junior and senior wins were scooped by Cashel players.

Cashel's Jovita Delaney, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Grogan, Philly Fogarty and Emily Hayden were all on the starting fifteen that secured Tipp's third All Ireland senior title in row when they comprehensively defeated Kilkenny.

In addition to that Helen Breen, Helen Grogan and Linda Grogan were on the junior side that defeated Offaly in the curtain raiser.

"We need all the support we can get, so we are calling on people to come and support us," stated Ann.

Cashel have been playing well, and the team are nicely balanced. Their defence, with Jovita Delaney at full back as opposed to playing in goal and Una O'Dwyer in the half back line, is exceptionally strong.

Up front the club was boosted by the arrival of the three Grogans, Claire, Linda and Helen who transferred to Cashel from Templemore.

On the down side however a few players, for various reasons, have departed the club and are unavailable for selection.

All in all those involved with this Cashel side do

believe that they have a good panel of players, with a fair blend of youth and experience.

"Jovita Delaney and Sharon Glynn will provide the duel of the day," added Anne Moloney, who is confident that the goalkeeper-come full back will come out on top in that particular head to head.

En route to the final Cashel defeated Leinster champions St Ibars of Wexford in the All Ireland Semi Final by 1-15 to 1-9.

They won their first Munster title after beating Clare's Newmarket-on-Fergus, and Grannagh/Ballingarry of Limerick in the Munster Final. That was their first ever provincial victory.

In the round-robin series in County Tipperary, they secured a place in the final after finishing in the top two of the group stage.

Their record consisted of two draws with Burgess and Toomevara, and wins over Portroe and Drom/Inch.

Cashel won their fourth county final in a row after a tough battle with Toomevara.

Up until this year their subsequent sojourns in the Munster Club championship ended with disappointment and heartbreak. Getting into the final in itself is a major victory for the Cashel girls.

"Given everything and how difficult it was to get out of Tipperary and the Province this may be our best chance to win this competition," said Ann.

Martin O'Dwyer has been training the team, the physical work has been done by

Sean Hennessy and Tommy Grogan, while Timmy Moloney, Michael O'Dwyer and Aine Marie Fitzgerald are the selectors.

Tipperary's involvement in the respective camogie championship, added to the fact that many of the players are either working or studying outside the county has made it difficult to prepare for the club competition.

According to Ann, a win on Sunday would mean an awful lot to the club.

Catriona Bonnar, a sister of the All Ireland hurling winners Conal, Colm and Cormac Bonnar, and Michelle Kennedy, in particular have give great service to Cashel camogie club.

A club win would be a just reward for those players, who have given so much to the club throughout their playing careers to date.

They would be the first club side from Tipp to win this competition for quite a number of years. Since then the county's club sides have not done too well in this competition.

"Gortnahoe were the last Tipperary side to this competition, but that was quite a while ago," continued the club secretary.

However Tipperary camogie players have spent the last couple of seasons banishing the memories of the many defeats and failures of the past. A win for Cashel on Sunday would add greatly to the claim that Tipperary are the premier force in camogie.



Pictured preparing for Sunday's All Ireland Senior Club Camogie Final are Cashel's Helen Grogan, Triona Bonnar, Claire Marie Fogarty and Philomena Fogarty.



Cashel's Paula Bulfin, Claire Grogan and Claire Ryan get ready for the All Ireland Camogie Final with Padraig Pearces of Galway.



Mairead Morrissey, Michelle Kennedy, Linda Grogan and Helen Breen get ready for Sunday's clash with Galway's Padraig Pearces in the All Ireland Club decider.



Cashel's Emily Hayden, Kaiffe & Sean O'Connell, Jovita Delaney and Una O'Dwyer are hoping to bring another successful year for Tipperary camogie by winning Sunday's All Ireland club final.

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Craobhchomórtas Idirchlub na hÉireann

Na Buaiteoirí ó 1964 go dtí 2000

Cúige Laighean (20)

Cill Chainigh (9)
Loch Garman (6), Áth Cliath (5)

Cúige Mumhan (11)

Corcaigh (5)
Luimneach (4), Tiobraid Árann (2)

Cúige Connacht (6)

An Ghaillimh (6)

LATE SCORE DENIES CASHEL VICTORY

By Aodhán O

Faoláin

Padraig Pearse's

2-8;

Cashel 0-13

Cashel's dreams of winning their first All-Ireland club title and further cement Tipperary's reputation as the Premier force in camogie was shattered when a point scored deep into injury time from Padraig Pearse's' Carmel Hannon secured victory for the Galway side.

That score from Pearse's' wing forward, scored in the sixth minute of injury time of what was a tantalizing affair from start to finish, came just after Cashel's Claire Grogan scored what seemed to be the equalizing score, after several near misses.

However the Galway side were able to keep a slender advantage over the home team, and as the game seemed destined to end as a draw they mustered enough strength to produce the match clinching score.

Pearse's, winning their fourth All Ireland club title and their second in a row, deserved their narrow win. Their success in recent years ensured that a large following from West of the Shannon came down to Cashel to support the team.

Tipperary may be the side to beat in intercounty camogie, however teams from Galway have proved to be specialists in the club competition.

In this tight and hard fought game the Galway side's experience of playing together in so many big club games over the last few years gave them that little bit extra, which was just enough of an edge to hold out for a narrow win

while on enemy territory.

They always seemed able to get scores just when they needed them. At the other end of the field their defence put in a tremendous amount of work to frustrate Cashel's forward line.

Cashel, who enjoyed home advantage for this tie, missed too many scorable chances. Defensively they were sound, especially in the latter half, and won a lot of ball in the midfield and half forward lines.

They were denied goals by some heroic last gasp defending by Pearse's keeper Caroline Cuniffe, and late in the game when Cuniffe seemed to be beaten, corner back Patricia Burke came out of nowhere to clear the ball off the line.

Cashel had their opponents under the cosh for most of the second half, but were unable to convert possession into much needed scores.

With so many near misses it seemed that it was not to be Cashel's day. On the other side of the coin their opponents claimed a brace of well taken goals from their star player Sharon Glynn midway through the first half.

Both teams played some excellent quality camogie, despite the breezy, greasy conditions on what was a soft pitch. They served up a brilliant final, which was more than a good advertisement for the game of camogie.

All the players who took to the field should be congratulated for their efforts in providing so much entertainment for the sizeable crowd that attended this fixture at Cashel on Sunday afternoon.

The home side got off to a promising start, and were two points, thanks to scores

from Claire Grogan and Philly Fogarty, to the good ahead before Pearse's full forward Sharon Glynn made her mark on the game.

Glynn, who opened the scoring with a wonderful point in the first minute, then laid off a pass to midfielder Michelle Glynn who sent over the Galway side's second score.

In the 12th minute Pearse's surged ahead. Glynn doubled on a ball, sent into the danger zone by centre half-forward Aine Hillary, to the net.

Two minutes later Cashel then found themselves in further trouble when they conceded a second goal. Sharon Glynn sent a 30-yard free, after the full forward was fouled, beyond Sandra Ricken in the Cashel goal.

Pearse's seemed on course to swamp their opponents by taking a six point lead, when they followed up with further points from Lorraine Lally and Michelle Glynn.

Cashel though didn't panic and countered back. They also managed to put a tight reign on Sharon Glynn, by moving Una O'Dwyer to full back from centre half back.

Three points in succession by Claire Grogan put them back into contention. And the sides exchanged points in the final few minutes before the interval.

24 minutes into the game there was controversy. Just as the Cashel supporters in the stand side of the pitch groaned at what looked to have trailed wide by Claire Grogan, the umpires signalled that the effort was a point.

Cashel trailed by 2-5 to 0-8 at the half time break. The Co Tipperary side started

the second half with a flurry, and looked good to win their first ever All Ireland crown.

Unfortunately all they had to show for all their efforts at the end of a spell they dominated in terms of play was one score, a pointed 4-5 by Claire Grogan. Sadly it was not enough.

Their momentum was broken somewhat, when the game was halted following an injury to Cashel half back Helen Breen. Following the resumption the visitors regained some ground thanks to a pointed 4-5 by Sharon Glynn, and one from play by Shauna Ward.

With five minutes of regulation time left Cashel launched a brave last gasp effort to try and wrestle the title away from the Galway girls.

Again it was wing forward Claire Grogan who provided the scores. She hit three points in the space of six minutes to leave the bare minimum between the sides.

Officially time was up, but there was plenty of stoppage time to be played. In what was a hectic and pulsating final few minutes Cashel seemed to have earned a draw when Claire Grogan scored a point from the right hand side of the field.

When it was felt that would be the last action of the final, the referee allowed enough time for Carmel Hannon to pop up and score the winner.

Pearse's can be thankful for the interventions of Caroline Cuniffe in goal, Aisling Ward, Patricia Burke, Martina Harkin, Martina Haverty and Tracey Laheen in the back-line played exceptionally well.

Michelle Glynn in the midfield had a good game, while Sharon Glynn and Shauna Ward were the pick of their forward line.

After their failure to win this match it probably comes as little consolation to Cashel that they more than played their part in what was a fantastic game of camogie.

Claire Grogan could not be faulted for her efforts over the hour, while Emily Hayden and Paula Buffin dominated the middle of the park.

Una O'Dwyer curtailed Glynn's influence in the latter half, while Kaiffe Moloney, Helen Breen and Triona Bonner also enjoyed productive afternoons.

Teams and scores: Cashel: Sandra Ricken; Michelle Kennedy, Jovita Delaney, Kaiffe Moloney; Helen Breen, Una O'Dwyer, Triona Bonner; Emily Hayden, Paula Buffin; Philly Fogarty (0-1), Mairead Morrissey, Claire Grogan (0-11, 0-4 frees, 0-4 45s); Libby Twoomey (0-1), Linda Grogan, Helen Grogan.

Padraig Pearse's: Caroline Cuniffe; Sile Barrett, Aisling Ward, Patricia Burke; Martina Haverty, Tracey Laheen, Martina Harkin; Michelle Glynn (0-2), Veronica Sweeney; Orla Kilkenny, Aine Hillary, Carmel Hannon (0-1); Shauna Ward (0-2), Sharon Glynn (2-2, 1-1 frees), Lorraine Lally (0-1).

Sub Rebecca Lally for Orla Kilkenny 40 mins. Referee Sean O'Brien.

Camogie girls bid for double

Last season in great style Cork completed the National League double, the first county to do so, and on Sunday next they stand on the brink of making it a double, double.

Derry stand in the way of the Juniors when they clash in Dublin at 2 p.m. and the prospects are quite good, and it would be just reward for a county, who have always given these National competitions the respect they deserve, unlike other teams and indeed at times those responsible for promoting the Leagues.

The Ulster girls have a strong team on duty with some familiar names in their line up, among them Claire O' Kane, Paula Mc Atamney, Sinead O' Neill, and captain Rhona Doherty, and that is a good indication of the strength of their team.

Cork though have enjoyed a good campaign, and can call on the likes of Liz Sweetman, team captain Nora Ahern, Val O' Keffe, and Ger Collins who are all top class players and with the determination that has characterised their run to date still evident, they should make it a 'double' celebration in the capital on Sunday.

Congratulations to the Seniors on making it seven in a row, with their win over Galway, and despite been minus a number of key players they still had to much in hand for the Connacht girls, and a strong second half display saw them home.

The annoying feature of all this is they lost just one match all year, and it was the one match they wanted to win more than most.

A number of players have featured in all seven wins which in itself, is a remarkable achievement, but it was disappointing to hear that, Fiona O' Driscoll one of the counties greatest servants has decided to call it a day, maybe after a bit of 'mature reflection' she might change her mind, but if not what a player and we wish her well.



ABOVE: Shauna Ward of Pearse's is chased by Cashel's Triona Bonnar with Jovita Delaney in support during Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie club final which the Galway side won.



LEFT: Cashel's Helen Grogan prepares to tackle a Pearse's player during Sunday's All-Ireland club final in Cashel which Pearse's won.

BELOW: Action from Sunday's All-Ireland camogie club final in Cashel with Tracey Laheen (Pearse's) and Linda Grogan (Cashel) tussling for possession.



AUGUST: Brian Crowley MEP presents Vincent Harrington and Ann-Marie O'Keeffe with their plaques. Also included are Deputy Michael Creed, Manus O'Callaghan and Deputy Michael Moynihan.

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Munster go with three Rebels

VIEW FROM THE GROUND

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN



TIPPERARY DOMINATE MUNSTER LINE-UP

FOR the first time in 20 years Cork will have their smallest representation on the Munster Interprovincial senior camogie team when they take on Ulster at St Anne's GAA grounds in Bohernabreena, Tallaght next weekend.

All-Ireland champions Tipperary hog most of the limelight on this occasion with only three of the Leesiders' selection, Linda Mellerick (captain), Fiona O'Driscoll and Paula O'Connor selected on the starting 15.

Eleven of the Tipperary side that won the O'Duffy cup two months ago and Vera Sheehan of Limerick complete the team.

Ironically, this is a re-arranged team from that picked a few weeks back, because now with Toomevara's Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy missing the selection had to be altered.

I wonder who would have missed out if these girls had still been around?

Mary O'Connor, who was also on the original 15 is unavailable, as are substitutes Vivienne Harris and Eithne Duggan.

Fiona O'Driscoll and Paula O'Connor are now elevated to starting positions, while Ger Casey, Eileen O'Brien (Limerick), Una O'Donoghue, Jennifer O'Leary and Sarah Hayes are listed as replacements.

In last year's competition, the Munster girls were surprisingly ousted at the first hurdle against Connacht.

With Schwarzkopf again sponsoring the competition for the third year, there is much incentive to succeed. The player of the tournament in both the senior and junior competitions will receive a £1,000 for her club, a £100 worth of hair styling and a commemorative plaque.

Meanwhile, the Rebel County has six representatives on the Munster junior team - Jean O'Sullivan, Nora Ahern, Valerie O'Keefe, Geraldine Collins, Marie O'Connell and Breege Corkery. They kick off the day's activities when they also clash with the Westerners at 11.45am.

Elsewhere, it is interesting to hear that UCC have expressed their intentions of participating in the Cork County senior camogie championship for the coming season.

I do not know what their line-out would be next summer, but they have one hell of a team when it comes to the Ashbourne Cup.

Of course there is also the situation of opting to play with your club, if you are a senior team.

Players like Una O'Donoghue from Cloughduv, Ger Casey plays with Inniscarra, Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes are the backbone of the Courcy Rovers side, while Sinead O'Callaghan is back from a summer in the USA to join her club Bishopstown would make a formidable side.

Then, players like powerful Tipperary full-back Una O'Dwyer would be eligible to play here with UCC, while also playing at home in the Premier County.

I'm sure there will be a lot of interest in the outcome of this one.

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN.

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Cork 3-14
Derry 4-3

IT WAS a case of growing bigger and better as this Junior National league final progressed yesterday in the Thomas Davis GAA grounds, Dublin.

And as the confidence grew, the goals flowed to land Cork their second title in the competition.

Allied to an invigorating half-time speech from selector Lillian Zinkant, Cork have now completed the double senior and junior league haul for the Leesiders in 2001.

"I won't tell you what I said, but I can reveal that there were a few white faces coming out of the dressing room," said a very proud Zinkant after the game.

"I gave them some going over at half-time."

Derry, with Paula McAtamney outstanding, led by double scores and we had only scored five points

after 30 minutes of play.

Conditions were perfect and the pitch was inviting for good camogie. After the resumption Cork took the initiative and roared back into action.

But three points on the trot were negated by a fourth Derry goal.

This was only a temporary setback, though, as sub, Marie O'Connell found the net 10 minutes from time.

Points from the hard-working Colette Desmond and a goal from Emer O'Farrell suddenly saw the

Oak Leaf County outclassed.

While the Rebel County's third major arrived right at the end, it was their experience that shone through to win out in this final.

Zinkant, along with fellow selectors, Ollie Hallahan and Tracey Sheehan were duly proud of a vintage Cork display.

"This was tough stuff. We were five points down on three occasions, but they are a great bunch of girls and fought like dogs."

"It is great to have secured back to back titles," she added.



Marie O'Connell: Scored an important goal.

Cork's courage edges out Derry for Junior title

by Mary Newman

Cork 3-14
Derry 4-3

CORK and Derry met on Sunday last to decide the destination of the Junior National League crown in Thomas Davis Park, Tallaght. Despite having ample possession, Cork found themselves trailing a lively Derry side at the interval after three goals — two from captain Paula McAtamney and one from Aileen Twohill — gave the Derry girls a 3-1 to 0-5 lead.

Cork showed more determination after the break and three points on the trot from Ger Collins and Colette Desmond (2) brought them back into contention. However, a lapse in concentration allowed Derry regain their five-point advantage, when Paula Bell blasted to the net.

Cork battled on and a Gemma O'Connor point narrowed the gap before substitute Marie O'Connell pounced for a vital goal. Two minutes later, Emer O'Farrell added a point to level matters.

With 10 minutes left, Colette Desmond gave Cork the lead with a point, but again Paula McAtamney scored two frees, to regain her side's advantage.

Emer O'Farrell then scored a great goal for Cork, and they pressed for the killer blow. Points from Colette Desmond, Gemma O'Connor and a goal from Amanda Murphy ensured the title was retained by the Rebels.

Another weekend of championship activity saw Carrigaline book their place in the Under-16 A county final with a victory over Ballinahissig. In the quarter-finals of the same competition, champions Milford remained on course for three in a row, with a good victory over neighbours Ballyhea, while Inniscarra had to fight hard before recording a two-goal victory over Newcestown.

In the Under-16 B championship, Eire Óg had a goal to spare over Clonakilty, while Douglas advanced at the expense of Na Piarsaig. In an all East Cork derby, Fr O'Neills were too strong for Watergrashill.

Aghbullogue beat St Finbarrs, and they now meet St Catherines in the quarter-final, with Youghal awaiting the winners. In the second semi-final, Killagh will meet Carrigaline.

Sunday's meeting of Ballinahissig and Watergrashill in the County Junior A final is a game that will draw the crowds to Delaney's, as Ballinahissig go in quest of their first title, while the Hill will be endeavouring to take their third.

Both sides have looked impressive on the path to the final; Ballinahissig accounting for Tracton, Sarsfields and a fancied St Catherines, whilst Watergrashill accounted for Brian Dillons and Douglas.

It promises to be an interesting clash, with both sides sure to be striving hard for glory at the final



Paula Bulfin, Emily Hayden and Una O'Dwyer, three Cashel members of the victorious Tipperary Senior Camogie Team launching the Amnesty International Candle Day.

Na Comórtais Uile-Éireann 2001

	Bualteoirí	Tánaistí
Craobhchomórtas na Sinsear (Senior)	Tiobraid Árann	Cill Chainnigh
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An Craobhchomórtas Idirmheánach (Intermediate)	Aontroim	Doire
Craobhchomórtas na Sóisear (Junior)	Tiobraid Árann	Uibh Fháilge
Craobhchomórtas na Mionúr A (Minor)	Corcaigh	Cill Chainnigh
Craobhchomórtas na Mionúr B (Minor)	Luinneach	Ceatharlach
Sraithchomórtais Náisiúnta		
Sinsear	Corcaigh	An Ghaillimh
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CAMOGIE: MUNSTER collected their 15th senior Gael Linn trophy when they defeated champions Connacht 1-18 to 1-9 in an exciting Gael Linn Final at St Anne's, Bohernabreena. A first half goal from Fiona O'Driscoll set the pace and it was a lead Munster held on to. **SCORERS:** Munster - F O'Driscoll 1-1, C Brogan, E O'Brien 0-4 each, J O'Leary, P Fogarty 0-3 each, L Mellerick 0-2, J Ryan 0-1, Connacht - T Maher 0-5, S Griffin 1-0, C Bowes, C Murray, S Tarkin, A Lyskey 0-3 each. **JUNIOR:** Leinster 1-14 (G Heffernan 0-6, A Neary 1-2, M Davis 0-4, C Raeligh, E Maher 0-1 each) Munster 1-11 (L Woods 1-1, G Cullen 0-4, C Desmond, L Young, S Ryan 0-2 each)



The St Finbarr's team who were winners of the Cork county senior B camogie championship.

Cork battle hard to take junior title

A NEVER-SAY-DIE determination was the key to the Cork junior team's victory in last Sunday's National League final clash with Derry in Dublin last Sunday.

Three times they trailed by five points, but each time they battled back into contention.

The first half saw Cork gain an early lead with points from Emer O'Farrell and Amanda Murphy but, failing to take several other chances, they allowed Derry into the game when Paula McAtamney scored the first goal. Minutes later Mary O'Kane added a point and Cork were struggling.

They fell further behind when McAtamney goaled again midway through the half, but Cork worked hard and three points on the trot had them back in the game before Aileen Tohill hit Derry's third goal to leave it 3-1 to 0-5 at the break.

From the restart Cork set about cutting the deficit and added three points without reply, but again Derry goaled through Paula Bell.

Jemma O'Connor pointed for Cork and, keeping the pressure on Derry's defence, they were back in contention when sub Marie O'Connell found the net.

With a point between them, both sides exchanged points twice before Cork struck the killer blow with seven minutes left when Emer O'Farrell goaled.

Colette Desmond added two points before



THE player of the week is Cork junior captain and centre-back Nora Ahern. Her performance in leading her county to National League honours was second to none.

Her drive and determination was evident to all who witnessed the performance, which inspired her team-mates and saw her lead by example.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Amanda Murphy, with an injury-time goal and Jemma O'Connor with a late pointed free sealed victory for Cork and clinched a senior/junior double.

● Another important milestone in Cork camogie will be marked this evening when clubs gather in Páirc Uí Chaoimh to elect the county's first juvenile county camogie board.

A motion passed at last year's convention states that, for a trial period of two years, a juvenile board be set up to organise and administer competitions up to and including under-16s.

With 53 clubs from under-12 to senior grades, the enormous task of organising fixtures, pitches and referees has become a huge order and now that the juvenile board is coming on stream, it's hoped that the workload will be shared.

The agenda for tonight's meeting will see County chairperson Sheila Golden address a gathering which will include two delegates from each club in the county.

Nominations have already been returned for the clubs but a sad aspect of the evening is the fact that only two positions, that of vice chairperson and treasurer, have nominees going into tonight's gathering.

Given the enthusiastic response to the motion last year, it's amazing that those most supportive of the board being set up are not willing to go forward and act as officers.

On the plus side Joan O'Riordan from Ballygarvan is nominated as vice-chairperson while ironically there are two nominees for the position of treasurer - Lesley Ahern, of Fr O'Neill's and Tim Buckley of Inniscarra. It's hoped the other positions will be filled this evening.

Also on the agenda will be the terms of reference for the new board.

As it will be under the auspices of the county board, proper guidelines will be laid down regarding its administrative role within the rules of the association.

With everything in place the new committee can then look forward to a busy year's work.

Inniscarra crowned U11 champions

Inniscarra
Éire Óg

3-2
1-0

THE under 11 season ended on a high for the Inniscarra girls as they emerged convincing winners over Éire Óg in the divisional final at Owens last Saturday.

Having been top of the league going into the final, Inniscarra

started favourites, but a gallant Éire Óg team fought hard and Inniscarra led by 0-1 to 0-0 for most of the first half.

The Éire Óg defence finally cracked before half-time and Inniscarra, with wind advantage, got goals from Fiona O'Connell and Catherine O'Brien.

Éire Óg attacked hard after the

restart, but the Inniscarra defence, marshalled by Emer O'Connell, Aisling Punch and Laura Carr, stood firm.

Team captain Maura McCarthy played a major role at centre back, repeatedly turning defence into attack. At midfield, Katie O'Mahoney, Aoife Kavanagh and Jessica Farmer were generally first

to the ball and set up many attacks.

At centre forward, Niamh Dilworth was always a threat. Niamh and Catherine O'Brien scored again in the second half before Éire Óg finally breached the Inniscarra defence in added time.

Scorers for Inniscarra: C. O'Brien 2-0, F. O'Connell 1, N. Dilworth 0-2.

Hassig's spirit can tilt the balance

BALLINAHASSIG and Watergrasshill come face to face in the junior A county final on Sunday in Delaneys and it has the hallmarks of a cracker.

Both sides have worked hard to reach the decider, with Ballinhassig toppling a fancied St Catherine's outfit in the semi-final, while Watergrasshill defeated last year's finalists, Douglas.

Both clubs have worked hard to promote the game in their respective areas. The Hill have taken the junior A crown twice, in 1969 and in 1998.

They were promoted to senior B grade following the '98 success but, after struggling in the top flight, they were regraded this year and have put in a huge effort.

Survivors from the 1998 side include Karen Desmond, Louise O'Brien, Jo Ahern, Marie Cronin, Margaret Buckley, Mary Dorgan, Marion Lynch, who captains the side, Linda Fitzpatrick, Marie O'Neill, Therese Regan, Amy O'Donoghue and club secretary Marie O'Reilly.

Making the decision to regrade was one which has paid huge dividends for the club. Club secretary Marie O'Reilly said: "When we won the junior in 1998 it was 12-a-side. When the rules changed to 15-a-side we struggled to get a team out and the interest began to fade. We applied to regrade and there has been a new enthusiasm in the club."

Hopes are high in the Ballinhassig camp that they can lift their first junior A title. Success at junior B level came to the club in 1994 and survivors from that side include Linda and Jennifer O'Sullivan, Mary O'Mahony, Therese Finn, Clodagh Fleming, Terese Lombard, Sinead Crowley and Maggie Collins. The side is captained by Mairead Holland who is joined by her cousins and sisters Sheila, Trisha and Catherine Holland.

The side contains three other sets of sisters with the O'Sullivans, Emer, Jennifer and Linda, the Cullinanes, Margaret, Denise, Marie Therese and Joanne and the Flemings, Clodagh and Deirdre all sporting the blue and white.

While adult titles have not been so plentiful in recent years, the underage structure in Ballinhassig has been hugely successful with South East titles coming to the club. From these under age sides has come a youthful determination that has seen the club reach Sunday's decider.

Coached by former Ballinhassig hurler Jim Callaghan, the backroom team includes Angela Murphy, Pat Lucey and Donal Crowley whose wife Ann Mullaney lines out in the half back line.

It's anyone's guess where the title will go. The Hill look to have more experience but Ballinhassig's spirit and determination may be enough to take their first title.

Fixtures

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

Under 16 B Championship: Courcy Rovers v St Catherine's at Courcy Rovers 3pm; Slabha Rua v Bishopstown at Bishopstown 2pm.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

Junior A County Final: Ballinhassig v Watergrasshill at Delaneys 12.30pm.

Under 16 B Quarter Final: Fr O'Neill's v Valley Rovers at Brinny 10.15am.

Seandún Under 13 League Final: Douglas v Glen Rovers at St Finbarr's 10.45am.

Munster secure senior crown

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

In Tallaght

Munster Connacht 1-18 1-9

LINDA Mellerick proudly returned Leaside on Saturday with the Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Senior trophy.

She had captained Munster to a 1-18 to 1-9 victory over Connacht in the final at St Anne's grounds in Tallaght.

Ten Tipperary girls plus three from Cork and two from Limerick played their part on another milestone of wins when first they accounted for Ulster and then an all Galway selection to take the title for the 15th time.

The Cork players: Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Sarah Hayes and substitutes Una O'Donoghue, Ger Casey and Jennifer O'Leary travelled up on the morning of the game and were quickly into the action against their northern counterparts.

With a hat-trick of goals from Limerick's Vera Sheehan and one each from Emer McDonnell and Claire Grogan, there was never any question of this outcome as the Munster girls led by eight points at half-time.

Mellerick said afterwards: "We were always on top against Ulster. Even against the wind in the opening period, we had a substantial lead at the break."

The same cannot be said of the final where Connacht tried their hardest to bring back-to-back titles west.

Such was their challenge that Therese Maher received the Player of the Match award in her quest to achieve the right result.

But, with the Limerick duo of Eileen O'Brien and Sheehan doing well and the goal coming from Fiona O'Driscoll, Munster secured an impressive win.

"It was very tough," admitted the winning captain.

"But we were happy to be two points up at the interval having played against the wind."

"We kept control which set us on the road to victory."

It was a busy weekend for Vera Sheehan who flew out after Saturday's games to London in order to appear with Donoughmore in the All-Ireland Ladies Football quarter-final against the home team on Sunday.

Meanwhile, in the Inter-Provincial junior decider, Munster, who had earlier beaten Ulster, narrowly missed out to Leinster after a final which was decided in extra time.

Tied 1-9 apiece after normal time, Munster lost out by 1-14 to 1-11.

CAMOGIE by Marion Graham

Munster Take 15th Title

Munster senior camogie team took their 15th inter-provincial title on Saturday last in St. Anne's GAA Grounds, Bohernabreena, Tallaght. With no less than ten Tipperary girls on the panel it was a special day for Tipperary camogie.

In the first game Munster played Ulster and had a convincing win by 5-16 to 3-7. Eimear McDonnell securing 2-4, Philly Fogarty 1-3, Joanne Ryan 0-4, Claire Grogan 1-2.

In the final they were paired against Connaught which was mostly made up from the Galway team and Munster won out on the score of 1-18 to 1-9. Here again Tipperary players were to the fore with Claire Grogan scoring 0-4, Philly Fogarty 0-5, and Joanne Ryan 0-1.

Tipperary was represented by Jovita Delaney, who once again made some spectacular saves. Una O'Dwyer playing at full-back proved she is the best in the country. She was ably assisted by Paula Bulfin, and Claire Madden. Playing in her usual spot at wingback, Theresa Brophy gave an almighty display in both games. Up front, Philly Fogarty was most unfortunate not to have received the overall player of the championship and would have made her club £1,000 richer. At centre-forward Joanne Ryan was excellent and got some beautiful scores in both games. In the full-forward line Eimear McDonnell and Claire Grogan were outstanding and made a big contribution to this victory. Louise Young was available on the bench if needed, but as she was on the junior team who reached the junior final the selectors felt she had enough in one day.

In the junior game Munster were not as fortunate as their senior counterparts. They reached the final by defeating Ulster 2-8 to 0-5. Again, Tipperary played a big part in this win with Siobhan Ryan getting 1-2, Louise Young 0-2, Lena Woods 0-3. The final was a real cracker with both teams locked together at full-time by 1-9 each. A brilliant display by Munster in extra time was not enough to secure a double for Munster.

On the junior team Tipperary were represented by Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Meadhbh Corcoran, Lorraine Bourke, Louise Young, Siobhan Ryan, Lena Woods, Deirdre McDonnell and Sharon Ralph. In the final Tipperary players to score were Siobhan Ryan 0-2, Lena Woods 1-1, Louise Young 0-2.

Congratulations to both Philly Fogarty and Helen Breen who received the Munster players of the championship and both players were unfortunate not to receive the big prize of the overall player of the championship.

Munster's 'Gael-Linn'

A STAR-STUDED Munster senior team collected their 15th Gael-Linn trophy when they defeated last year's winners Connacht by 1-18 to 1-9 at St Anne's, Bohernabreena in Dublin yesterday.

SCORERS — Munster: F O'Driscoll 1-01, C Grogan, E O'Brien 0-4 each, J O'Leary, P Fogarty 0-3 each, L Mellerick 0-2, J Ryan 0-1. Connacht: T Maher 0-5, S Griffin 1-0, C Bowes, C Murray, S Tannin, A Lynskey 0-1 each.

Junior final — Leinster 1-14 (G Heffernan 0-6, A Neary 1-2, M Davis 0-4, C Raeligh, E Maher 0-1 each); Munster 1-11 (L Woods 1-1, G Collins 0-4, C Desmond, L Young, S Ryan 0-2 each).

Win for St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 0-7
Our Lady's, Templemore 0-2

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh overcame Our Lady's, Templemore in this Senior 'A' camogie championship replay in Templemore.

Templemore played with a gale force wind in the first half which meant the Borrisoleigh ladies were under constant pressure. Norah Kinane, Helen Ryan, Mairead Maher and Mairead Ryan did very well to keep Templemore to two points in the first half despite good performances from Templemore's Mervyn Parcell and Mairead Burns. Borrisoleigh could also only manage 2 points scored by Aileen Kennedy and Geraldine Kinane. Melissa Stapleton and Triona Dunne were having a battle royal at midfield with Tricia Jones and Triona Dunne who gave a superb display.

Templemore goalie Catherine Scanlon made some good saves. A combination of a cross-bar rebound and mud in the goalmouth prevented Louise Young from scoring what looked like a sure goal.

Kathleen Kennedy had some fine clearances from centreback and inspired her team-mates. Geraldine Kinane slotted over three points in the second half with one each from Melissa Stapleton and Triona Dunne.

Borrisoleigh will play St. Pat's Comprehensive, Shannon in the Munster semi-final.

Borrisoleigh: Rosanna

Kenneally (Drom-Inch), Mairead Maher (Borrisoleigh), Norah Kinane (Drom-Inch), Mairead Ryan (Toomevara), Helen Ryan (Toomevara), Kathleen Kennedy (Borrisoleigh), Mary Tynan (Toomevara), Maria Tynan (Toomevara), Joanne Cowan (Borrisoleigh), Geraldine Kinane (Drom-Inch), Michelle Coffey (Toomevara).

Subs: Mary Hassett (Toomevara), Mandy Martin (Borrisoleigh), Emma O'Meara (Templemore), Helen Ryan (Toomevara), Niamh Harty (Borrisoleigh), Sharon Young (Toomevara).

Tipperary Institute Camogie

On Thursday last in Templemore, Tipperary Institute played their first camogie match of the season against the Garda College.

This was a fine display of camogie by both teams in terrible conditions. Templemore emerged winners but the Tipperary Institute girls can be pleased with their first outing.

Team: N. Barry

(Limerick), Noreen Ryan (Thurles), Trisha Ryan (Toomevara), T. White (Cappawhite), L. O'Donnell, S. Kavanagh (Kilkenny), E. O'Connor (Cappawhite), J. Ryan (Drom-Inch), S. Corcoran (Toomevara), M. Geoghegan, J. Stakelum (Holycross/Ballycahill), M. King, Aine Ryan, D. Petrie (Mayo), M. Fanning (Holycross/Ballycahill), M. Connolly (Thurles), M. Bourke (Mayo).

Gaynor is watching out for the Cork girls



CAMOGIE FOCUS

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

VIEW FROM THE GROUND

WINNING the All-Ireland senior camogie final usually sees player from that county receiving the Player of the Month award for October.

Last Monday, Claira Gaynor was the popular recipient of Eiricell Vodafone award along with lady footballer Mary Kirwan of Laois.

Centre-back Claira, who had an outstanding year for Tipperary, stole the show at the Croke Park luncheon. Her witty remarks and her warm personality won her as many admirers as did her talent on the field of play.

However, the Dublin-based garda will always remain modest and despite the attention, had no doubt in her mind that there is still little between Tipperary and Cork.

"If we meet next year a bit of luck would decide between us. Both of us are well balanced. But one team I would watch out for is Kilkenny. They made it to the All-Ireland this September with a young side. They will be a force to be reckoned in a year or two."

As regards those she would rate on the Cork team, her immediate reply was: "Who wouldn't you? Any of their forwards are hard to mark. The problem with Cork is you could be marking them all. Fiona O'Driscoll is definitely one of the bogey girls, she is without a doubt the hardest to stop."

However, she did have one concern from this season's back-door competition and next year would like to see a change in the set-up.

"The winners of their first round matches should not come back in to meet again at the semi-final stage. In other words, Cork and Tipperary should not have collided in this year's semi-final. As first round winners they should have been kept apart."

Meanwhile, another positive step was taken recently in Cork camogie with the setting up of a Juvenile County Board. A striking feature of its make-up is the number of officers from progressive under-16 clubs.

Pat O'Riordan of Ballygarvan chairs the new board while Tim Buckley and Con Hayes from the Inniscarra club are PRO and secretary respectively.

Fr O'Neill's Leslie Ahern is treasurer and Fiona O'Driscoll is liaison officer with the adult county board and also children's officer. Vice-chairperson is Máiread Uí Mhaoláin of Blackrock.

Chairman of the county board Sheila Golden welcomed the innovation saying: "Their brief is to take charge at club level from U-16 grade down. We feel the juvenile board will be able to pay more attention to the problems that may exist and deal with them accordingly."

This is a move for the better with the huge workload now being shared between both boards. The juvenile board will kick into action with the new season.

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Cork County Camogie Board chairperson Sheila Golden presents the Cork County Junior A Cup to Mairead Holland, captain of Ballinhassig.

Ballinhassig take first junior crown

Ballinhassig
Watergrasshill

5-8
4-5

AFTER months of hard work that included almost 70 training sessions, Ballinhassig were crowned County Junior A camogie champions last Sunday after their 5-8 to 4-5 defeat of Watergrasshill at Delany's superb grounds in Kilbarry.

Watergrasshill, to their credit, battled hard to deny the champions and, despite defeat, their performance was one they can be proud of.

Ballinhassig laid the foundations for victory with a three-goal blitz in the opening half.

Linda O'Sullivan scored the first and the second came four minutes later from Trisha Holland. When O'Sullivan grabbed the third shortly afterwards, the dye looked cast for Watergrasshill, who trailed 3-2 to 0-2.

O'Sullivan and Marion Lynch exchanged points and Watergrasshill then lost the services of keeper Karen Desmond with a knee injury and corner-back Louise O'Brien took over in goal.

A determined Watergrasshill re-grouped and two goals in a minute from Catherine O'Connell and Lynch had them back in the game, though trailing 3-5 to 2-2 at the break.

Grassroots



Player of the week

LINDA O'SULLIVAN'S scoring and her unselfish distribution to her fellow team-mates for Ballinhassig makes her the player of the week.

Linda led her side with two well-taken goals at a crucial stage of the County Junior A final and she also slotted over three points.

She helped Ballinhassig record their first win in the grade.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Ballinhassig started the second half with a goal from Trisha Holland and when 13-year-old substitute Emer O'Sullivan added their fifth it looked to be the end for Watergrasshill.

Watergrasshill dug deep and grabbed two goals from Lynch and Therese O'Regan and when Marie O'Neill added a point, five points separated the sides with seven minutes left.

Watergrasshill came in search of more but found no way past Ballinhassig's defence where Ann Mullaney, Therese Finn and Catherine Holland were superb.

Ballinhassig sub Deirdre Coomey relieved the pressure with a point with minutes left and despite severe Watergrasshill pressure, Ballinhassig refused to yield and were crowned champions for the first time.

The delight on their supporters' faces told its own story.

Selector Angela Murphy said afterwards: "It's a huge relief that it's over and we are thrilled to be champions. We knew it would be hard and they played their part in a great final. Our girls worked so hard and they deserve all the glory."

Her sentiments were echoed by Linda O'Sullivan one of the longest serving members of the team.

"Everyone worked so hard. We trained three nights a week and it's been a long haul, but well worth the sacrifices. We'll enjoy the celebrations and look forward to Senior B next season."

BALLINHASSIG: C Coleman, T Finn, C Fleming, D Cullinane, A Mullaney, C Holland, N O'Sullivan, M Holland, C Finn, T Holland, D Fleming, J Cullinane, S McCarthy, S Holland, L O'Sullivan. Subs: E O'Sullivan and M Cullinane for C Finn and S McCarthy.
WATERGRASSHILL: K Desmond, M Cronin, J Ahern, L O'Brien, C Broderick, M Buckley, M O'Reilly, M Dorgan, T O'Regan, C O'Connell, M Lynch, M McAteer, C O'Brien, M O'Neill, E O'Farrell. Subs: A O'Donoghue for K Desmond, B Forde for C O'Brien.
Ref: Betty Joyce, Killeagh.

Cork meet U18 rivals Limerick in final

MUNSTER recorded a victory over Connacht in the Senior Gael Linn competition in Dublin at the weekend. However, the junior side had to give way to Leinster after extra time in their final. And, there was plenty of championship action at home with St Catherine's, Sliabh Rua and Valley Rovers all being winners in the U-16 B championship. The U-18 A clash of Ballygarvan and Carrigaline saw Ballygarvan go through, winning by 1-9 to 2-4.

● Next Sunday, Cork and Limerick will meet at St Finbarr's in the U-18 championship, in what is a repeat of last year's clash.

Cork selector Ann Marie Healy is under no illusions as to the task ahead.

"We know that last year Limerick were disappointed with the result and they will be determined to avenge it."

"Several of our panel were involved in club games over the last number of weeks and therefore we found it hard to get the panel together. However, they will be reasonably fit and hopefully we will have enough in reserve to make it to a final meeting with Tipperary."

At the time of speaking to Ann Marie the selectors had not finalised their panel and would not be naming a team until Saturday. But, with several of last year's side again available for selection, this season, Cork are confident of advancing to another final meeting with Tipperary.

In the Seandún U-13 league final, Douglas took the honours at the expense of Glen Rovers.

A first-half performance that yielded three goals - two from Olivia Tobin and one from Lavinia O'Mahony - gave Douglas a commanding half-time lead.

On the restart Glen Rovers were a reshaped side and put the Douglas defence under pressure. But, they withstood the challenge with defenders Louise Sheehan, and captain Sarah O'Regan in outstanding form. Glen Rovers' Sarah Egan grabbed a goal for her side but by then Olivia Tobin had added her side's fourth to seal victory.

1976 plan

PLANS are in place for a reunion of the Inniscarra camogie team that took the County Junior Championship in 1976. Chief organiser of the event, to be held in the Blarney Park Hotel at the end of November, is past player Geraldine Downey - formerly Barry - who would appreciate any photos or newspaper clips from the time.

Fixtures

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17
Under 16 B Championship Quarter Final: St Finbarr's v Rockbin at St Finbarr's 11.30am.
Under 16 A Championship Semi Final: Inniscarra v Milford (venue and time to be arranged).
Under 18 Championship: Ballinhassig v Cloughduh at Ballinhassig 2.30pm.
Muskerry Under 13 Section A League Final: Éire Óg v Ballincollig at Ovens 10.30am.
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18
Munster Under 18 Championship: Cork v Limerick at St Finbarr's 3pm.
Junior B Championship Semi Final: Killeagh v Carrigaline at Carrigrohilly 3.30pm.
U16B Championship: Douglas v Éire Óg at Douglas 12.30pm.
Junior B Championship: St Catherine's v Killeabullogue at Ballymore 2.30pm.

Pat takes up the juvenile challenge

A MOTION passed by last year's convention has now been put into action with the formation of a juvenile county board within the county.

A meeting at Páirc Uí Chaoimh attended by delegates, elected the county's first juvenile committee which will come into operation for the 2002 season.

Under the chairmanship of Pat O'Riordan (Ballygarvan), the brief is to organise and run the

underage fixtures - from U12 to U16 - a task which takes much time to organise and run smoothly.

Chairman O'Riordan said: "I'm looking forward to the challenge the job presents. Our first task will be to look at the underage competitions as a whole and to try and level standards. There is a big gap between some of the clubs."

"Hopefully we will be able to alleviate this by bringing in another grade for the weaker clubs, many of

whom are only starting out."

Refereeing is another area which Pat hopes the board will tackle.

"Hopefully, we can get more people involved in refereeing and, as a result of starting at underage level, they will progress to adult games. Another task facing us is to promote camogie among clubs that currently do not provide the game."

The new line-up also includes intercounty senior player Fiona O'Driscoll, who will bring a wealth of

experience to the post of liaison and child welfare officer.

Blackrock's Máiread Uí Mhaoláin is vice-chairperson. Inniscarra has two officers, Con Hayes is secretary and Tim Buckley, coach to Inniscarra's U-16 side, is PRO. The treasurer's position goes to Fr O'Neill's Lesley Ahern.

The venture, which is on trial for a two-year period, will take over the underage games starting in the 2002 playing season.

Dream comes true for brave 'Hassig

Ballinhassig 5-8
Watergrasshill 4-5

SOONER or later it was going to happen for Ballinhassig.

And, yesterday, at a packed Delany's grounds, they achieved the result that has eluded them since they made the step up in 1995.

The 2001 champions gave an impeccable performance and in doing so also signalled that they will be well able to compete when they move up to higher ranks.

And this move, according to club stalwart Denis McCarthy, is not before its time: "This means an awful lot to our club. We have struggled to get out of junior. We have an abundance of underage players. This means more than winning an All-Ireland."

Two goals from former intercounty player, Linda O'Sullivan and a third from Trish Holland set the early running for Ballinhassig, but credit to a gallant Watergrasshill side that decided enough was enough, and fought back with goals from Catherine O'Connell and Marion Lynch to leave them trailing by two goals at half-time.

The second-half was played at terrific pace. Despite Ballinhassig edging further in front with a pair of goals from Trish Holland and 13-year-old Eimer O'Sullivan, the East Cork side gave no hint of giving up the fight.

They also had to counteract the loss of goalkeeper Karen Desmond through injury but nevertheless, their comeback began with a two goal burst from Marian Lynch and Theresa O'Regan.

In fairness though, there was a growing vigour in the Ballinhassig camp and when youngster Deirdre Coomey knocked over the winner's last score minutes before Betty Joyce's final whistle, the celebrations had long begun.

And for the hard-working backroom team of Jim O'Callaghan, Donal Crowley, Patrick Lucey and Angela Murphy this victory was not before its time.



Mary Kirwan, Laois Football, left, and Ciara Gaynor, Tipperary Camogie, jointly awarded the Eircell Vodafone Player of the Month Award for October.

Goal blitz gives Ballinhassig historic first title

Ballinhassig 5-9
Watergrasshill 4-5

by Mary Newman

BALLINHASSIG were crowned Cork Junior A Camogie champions for the first time yesterday.

Watergrasshill got the game's opening score when a Marie O'Neill pointed a 45 in the opening minutes. However, from here on Ballinhassig took over and dominated proceedings for 20 minutes of the half. Linda O'Sullivan and Mairead Holland had points before three goals inside seven minutes set Ballinhassig on the road to victory.

O'Sullivan grabbed the first and

four minutes later Trisha Holland extended the lead with a first time shot to the net. Seconds later O'Sullivan was again at hand and Ballinhassig were in control.

Watergrasshill had already lost the services of goalkeeper Karen Desmond with a serious knee injury. But the Hill battled on and were thrown a lifeline when Catherine O'Connell goaled. Watergrasshill struck for their second goal six minutes later when Marian Lynch finished well.

Deirdre Holland steadied Ballinhassig with a point and they led 3-5 to 2-2 at the break.

On the restart Deirdre Holland goaled for Ballinhassig and they

added points from Mairead and Sheila Holland to which Elaine O'Farrell replied for Watergrasshill.

The introduction of Emer O'Sullivan paid immediate dividends for Ballinhassig when she goaled.

Marian Lynch then led the Hill revival with a goal and seconds later Therese O'Regan repeated the act.

However Ballinhassig were not going to be caught.

BALLINHASSIG: C. Coleman, T. Finn, C. Fleming, D. Cullinane, A. Mullaney, C. Holland, N. O'Sullivan, M. Holland, C. Finn, T. Holland, D. Fleming, J. Cullinane, S. McCarthy, S. Holland, L. O'Sullivan. Subs: E. O'Sullivan for S. McCarthy, D. Coomey for C. Finn. **WATERGRASSHILL:** K. Desmond, M. Cronin, J. Ahern, L. O'Brien, C. Broderick, M. Buckley, M. O'Reilly, M. Doran, T. O'Regan, C. O'Connell, M. Lynch, M. McAteer, C. O'Brien, M. O'Neill, E. O'Farrell. Subs: A. O'Donoghue for K. Desmond, B. Forde for C. O'Brien.

AT PASSAGE CAMOGIE CAMP



Rebecca and Megan Farr pictured with their mother Liz at the Passage West Camogie Camp. The girls are nieces of Eddie O'Brien, a member of the Cork team which defeated Wexford in the memorable All-Ireland hurling final of 1970 and the only player to have scored three goals in the senior decider. (Photo - Crowley)

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'Hassig claim county title in fine style

Camogie

by Mary Newman

Ballinhassig	5-8
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THERE was victory for Ballinhassig in the Junior A county final at Delanys on Sunday last when they met a determined Watergrasshill side.

Ballinhassig had the upper hand in the opening quarter of the game with three goals inside seven minutes that gave them an early advantage. Watergrasshill rallied with goals to trail 3-5 to 2-2 at the break. The Hill had to come to terms with losing goalkeeper Karen Desmond with a knee injury but at the break they looked to be still in there with a chance.

From the restart Ballinhassig extended their lead with a Deirdre Holland goal and when Mairead and Sheila Holland added points they threatened to take over, but to their credit Watergrasshill answered the call.

Elaine O'Farrell pointed and again they had a set back when substitute Emer O'Sullivan struck for Ballinhassig's fifth goal but still the Hill were not beaten.

Two goals inside as many minutes had them back in the game, the first from Marion Lynch and the second when Therese O'Regan took on the Ballinhassig defence and finished well.

There followed a siege on the Ballinhassig goal as the Hill fought desperately but to their credit the Ballinhassig girls stood firm and steadying her side Deirdre Coomey added a point to seal a memorable day for the South East club.

● In the Under 16 B Championship Valley Rovers with a last minute goal from Clare O'Donovan booked her side's place in the semi final at the expense of Fr O'Neills, St Catherine's had a 5-7 to 5-3 winning margin over Courcy Rovers to set up a semi final meeting with Sliabh Rua who on Saturday had a comfortable victory over Bishopstown in their quarter final outing.

In the opening round of the Under 18 A championship Ballygarvan had two points to spare over Carrigaline when the sides met in Ballygarvan on Sunday.

Douglas took the Seandun Under 13 league title at the expense of Glen Rovers at St Finbarrs on Sunday.

The foundation for victory was laid in the opening half with three Douglas goals, a determined Glen Rovers rally in the second half saw them come into the game and forced the Douglas defence to be on their toes to the final whistle before securing victory.

In the Gael Linn Interprovincials held on Saturday in Dublin Munster took the honours for the 15th time captained by Cork's Linda Mellerick. The competition which is not played on the one day saw Munster record a comfortable semi final victory over Ulster on a 5-16 to 3-7 scoreline to set up a final meeting with a Connacht side who defeated Leinster 0-18 to 1-9.

The final saw Munster play with determination from the start and with Fiona O'Driscoll, Clare Grogan and Jennifer O'Leary all in scoring form Connacht found the going tough.

For Munster Philly Fogarty, Eileen O'Brien, Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick all impressed.

In the Junior competition Leinster took their sixth Gael Linn title at the expense of Munster but not before extra time decided the issue.

Milford clinch three-in-a-row county crowns

Camogie Mary Newman

Milford	8-4
Inniscarra	2-6

A HARD working Inniscarra made Milford fight to the end before securing their place in the Under 16 A county final on Saturday last.

Milford seeking a record three-in-a row met with a tough Inniscarra defence where Rena Buckley at centre back excelled, Elaine O'Sullivan and Mary Marcella Healy were others who impressed for Inniscarra.

Milford led at the break 4-1 to 1-3 thanks to the scoring power of the Watson sisters Emer and Marie, Patricia O'Riordan and Ashling Dillon who all had goals in the opening half.

Inniscarra showed great fighting spirit from the restart and threw everything at the Milford defence where Anna Geary and her team mates held a tight reign on the busy Inniscarra front line.

Milford dug deep and goals from Marie & Emer Watson, Patricia O'Riordan had the result beyond doubt despite a determined Inniscarra performance with a goal from Fiona O'Riordan and excellent points from Edel O'Sullivan, Mary Buckley Christine Cosgrave and Michelle O'Regan.

Rockbawn	3-1
St Finbarrs	1-3

Douglas	4-0
Eire Og	2-0

In the Under 16 B championship Rockbawn and St. Finbarrs clashed in Togher and it was Rockbawn who advanced to a meeting with Valley Rovers after an exciting tussle. Leading 2-0 to 0-2 at the interval the victors were pegged back to just a point when Jemma O'Connor's 45 metre free went all the way to the net.

With just the point between the sides both fought hard to gain the upper hand. Rockbawn grabbed a lifeline when Mairead Foley struck for their third goal and from here on they held the upper hand with Sheila Burns, Louise Crowley and Therese Holland.

For the Barrs goalkeeper Cliona Sergeant, Veronica Russell and Jemma O'Connor tried to the finish.

Douglas had two goals to spare over Eire Og in the Under 16 B championship at Douglas, goalkeeper Niamh O'Donovan, Louise O'Regan and Valerie Downey all impressing for the winners, while Muireann Corkery, Catriona O'Leary and Emer O'Driscoll played well for a determined Eire Og side.

In the Junior B championship Carrigaline booked their place in the final when they had too much power for Killeagh at Carrigaline on Sunday afternoon. In the quarter final of the same competition Aghbullogue strength saw them notch up a 5-3 to 2-1 winning margin over a spirited St Catherine's side at Ballynoe.

Ballincollig	0-4
Eire OG	0-1

In the Muskerry Under 13 Section A final Ballincollig had a 0-4 to 0-1 win to take the title.

The sides were level a point apiece at the break after Erin Corkery and Michelle Burns had swapped scores. The second half produced some excellent camogie as the sides strove for the winner. Ballincollig got to grips with the situation and points from Ciara McSwiney (2) and Sarah O'Brien were enough to give them the title. For Eire Og, Lea Doyle, goalkeeper Lisa Marie O'Mahony and Erin Corkery tried to deny Ballincollig their first Muskerry Under Age title.

● The Cork under 18 squad meet Tipperary in the Munster final in The Ragg on Sunday next at 2pm after defeating Limerick at St Finbarr's on Sunday by 6-9 to 1-3.

● **EASY FOR CORK:** Cork advanced to a Munster U18 camogie championship final when they beat Limerick, 6-9 to 1-3, at St Finbarr's, Cork, yesterday. Three first-half goals, two from Jennifer O'Leary and one from Marie Watson, had Cork in a comfortable half time position leading 3-5 to 1-1, the Limerick goal having come from Aine O'Connell.

After the break, Cork continued to set the pace with three further goals.

Scorers: Cork: J. O'Leary 3-2, E. Dillon 1-2, M. Watson 1-1, E. Watson 1-0, G. O'Connor 0-2, C. Desmond 0-2. Limerick: A. Sheehan 0-3, A. O'Connell 1-0. CORK: A. Murray, J. O'Callaghan, O. O'Callaghan, S. Corkery, C. O'Gorman, J. O'Sullivan, J. Twomey, E. Dillon, A. Kelleher, G. O'Connor, M. Bowles, B. Corkery, C. Desmond, J. O'Leary, M. Watson. Subs: E. Watson for B. Corkery, M. Holland for N. Bowles, O. McCarthy for J. O'Sullivan, D. O'Reilly for A. Kelleher, K. McCarthy for J. O'Leary. LIMERICK: M. Leahy, G. Quilligan, G. McNamara, M. Fleury, M. Nash, J. Clifford, M. Dooley, A. O'Connell, K. Moloney, S. McAuliffe, A. White, A. Sheehan, N. Collins, B. Cleary, N. Barry. Subs: M. O'Connor for C. Moloney, A. Sheehan for B. Cleary.

Camogie

The last Inter-county C'ship Final of the season is also on Sunday when Cork make the journey to The Ragg in Thurles for a meeting with old rivals Tipperary in the U-18 decider, and will be hoping to bring another title to Leeside.

Limerick offered only token resistance in the semi-final last weekend and a continuation of that form will put Cork in a strong position.

There is little doubt that these two counties have dominated under-age competitions in the Province in the last number of years and have also produced some great games in the minor C'ship, and many of those players will once again renew rivalry, so despite the lateness of the year, a lively game looks a certainty.

Jennifer O'Leary, Emer Watson, Emer Dillon and Aoife Murray all impressed in the win over Limerick and will all be keen to maintain their good run against their greatest rivals.

Tipperary were Munster minor Champions two years ago and will have the Grogan sisters Clare and Linda, plus Louise Young and Anna Woods in their team and will test Cork, but overall the Leesiders look better balanced, and should have enough in hand to give them victory.

On the domestic front the big game is the U-16 A C'ship Final between Milford and Carrigaline on Saturday at 2.30pm, with the North Cork girls fancied to make it three in a row.

Camogie

With most of the C'ships now complete, there is just one inter-county campaign left to be decided and that is at Under 18 level, with Limerick providing the opposition for Cork in Togher on Sunday next at 3 pm.

It's a game Cork should win with a bit to spare as they have had excellent Minor teams in the last number of years. With all those players available, it's difficult to see them being beaten. Tipperary await the winners in the next round a week later.

Congratulations to the Cork players who helped Munster win the Gael-Linn Interprovincial C'ship at the week-end, in particular team captain Linda Mellerick, who once again turned in two outstanding displays.

Ballinhassig also had a great week-end as they graduated to Senior 'B' ranks by winning the Junior title at the expense of a gallant Watergrasshill side.

Linda O'Sullivan was the star of the show with a total of 3-2 out of 5-8, and they will be a welcome addition to the higher grade.

In the Seandun league final Douglas had a good win over Glen Rovers.

This weekend the Board will continue to press ahead with important games in all grades.

CIT AWARDS



CAMOGIE MAIREAD KELLY

Mairead is a second year student from Galbally in Co. Limerick for whom she plays senior camogie.

She progressed from Limerick U-16 in '98 to U-18 and junior in '99 and 2000.

She also starred in the Purcell Cup's winning team and is a significant player with the soccer team, who play premier in the WSCAI and the football team who play in Division 1 of the HEL.

Camogie

three-in-a-row

In previous generations, going back to the 1980s and early '90s, thoughts of anyone dishing out a hammering to the Cats in an All-Ireland camogie final would have been greeted with disdain, but this match confirmed the long-suspected shifting of the power base in the sport.

The bare fact is that Tipperary had the title parcelled and bound before half time, as a goal from each of their thoroughly destructive full forward line put Kilkenny in the shade.

Signs were already ominous for the underdogs inside the first couple of minutes. A brace of frees from centre forward orchestrator Noelle Kennedy was followed by another point from midfielder Philly Fogarty, who created and ended the opportunity herself after a long solo run through the heart of the Kilkenny defence.

Midfielder Lizzie Lyng responded with a point for the Cats, but it was to be their last score for 13 minutes as Tipp went on the rampage.

The pace of Eimear McDonnell caused untold anxiety for her opponents, and Marie Maher was rarely able to get to grips with the corner forward, McDonnell forcing an excellent save from Kilkenny goalkeeper Catriona Ryan in the 7th minute.

Yet it would be wrong to single out any of the inside attacking trio, as both Deirdre Hughes and Claire Grogan enjoyed brilliantly productive days as well. Indeed, the Tipp full forward line helped themselves to a collective total of 3-6 from play, Hughes top-scoring with 2-2 and

McDonnell and Grogan firing 1-2 apiece.

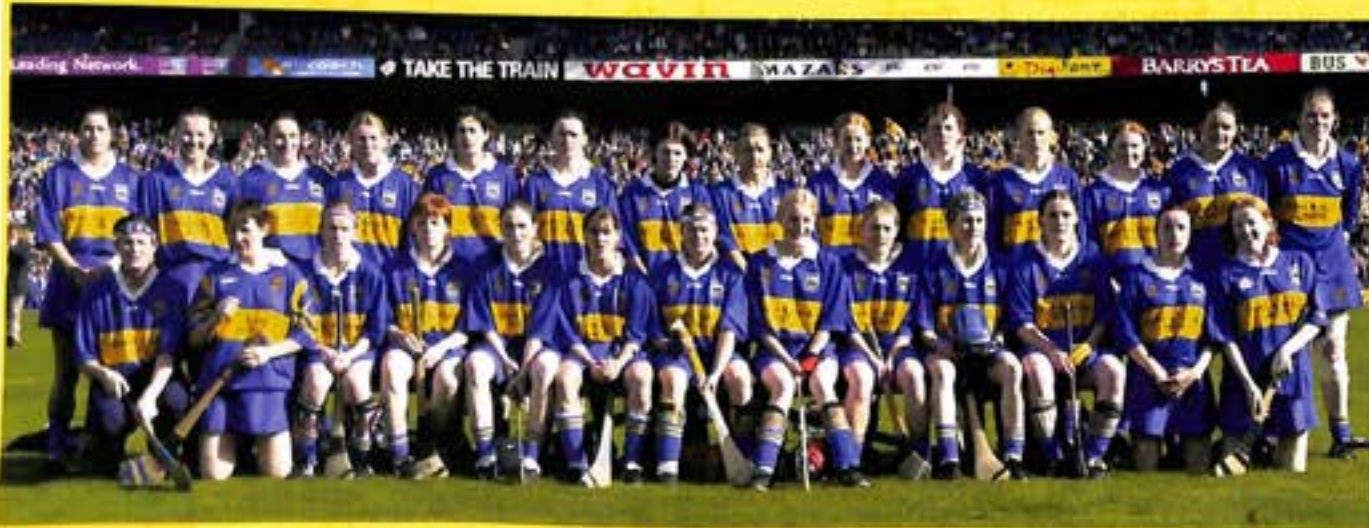
Grogan was the first to strike, taking a pass from Kennedy and blazing past Ryan to open up a five-point lead after a quarter of an hour. On the day that was in it, it was a fitting moment for Grogan - her two sisters had earlier helped Tipperary obliterate Offaly in the All-Ireland junior camogie final.

Less than two minutes after Grogan's intervention, Hughes notched the first of her two goals, handpassing the sliothar to the net (the move, illegal in hurling, is allowed in the women's game) to put Tipp in command. Hughes added another point immediately afterwards as the full forward line tormented their immediate opponents.

Full back Sinead Costelloe could rarely handle the explosive talent of Hughes, while captain Mairead Costelloe in the left corner also discovered, in trying to curtail Grogan, the most arduous of tasks.

Eimear McDonnell completed the set of goals for the full forward line with a fine strike to the far corner before half-time, and soon after the break Hughes got the second of her goals as Tipp's auto-cruise proved all too much for Kilkenny's outclassed resistance.

Midfielders Brigid Mulally and Lizzy Lyng kept the gallop up throughout, and Sinead Millea tried valiantly from start to finish, but to no avail. Millea, the summit on which Kilkenny so often pin so much of their hope, managed to hit the net from a free late on, but the fact that it needed a late, late free for Tipp net minder Jovita Delaney's goal-line to be breached tells its own story.



The successful Tipperary camogie senior panel

Tipperary made it three All-Ireland camogie titles on the trot with a facile victory over a once great Kilkenny by 4-13 to 1-6, at Croke Park in September.



Emily Hayden holds aloft the O'Duffy Cup



The lap of honour with a cup and a helmet

COUNTY CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN



The Ballinhassig camogie team recently won the county Junior A championship by defeating Watergrasshill in the final and seen here is Sheila Golden, chairperson, County Camogie Board, presenting the trophy to the winning captain Mairead Holland.

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Valley girls through

Valley Rovers 3-5
Fr. O'Neill's 3-3

Valley Rovers under 16 camogie team are through to the county semi-final following a hard-fought victory over Fr. O'Neill's on Sunday last, which they won by 3-5 to 3-3. Claire O'Donovan was the toast of Innishannon when she finished to the net with time running out to grasp victory from the jaws of defeat.

It was all Valleys in the first half, after Elma O'Mahony had snatched 1-1 in the opening five minutes. With Clodagh Deasy and Laura Davis on top at mid-field, the Rovers had control of the contest. Majella McCarthy was majestic throughout while Marion Cottrell, Diane Twohig, Lisa O'Mahony was outstanding at wing back, with Lucy Hawkes and the ever-improving Mary Margaret Desmond all in control, the Rovers led at the break by 2-2 to nil.

The second half saw a different Fr. O'Neill's and the Rovers full-back line of Sharon Whelton, Elmarie Cottrell and Michelle Finn were called into action on several occasions, as was the reliable Orla Deasy in goal.

It didn't take long for Rachel Hennessy of Fr. O'Neill's to snatch a goal, and after Majella McCarthy had replied with a great solo point for Valleys, Fr. O'Neill's responded with a goal and three points from Gearóidine Kearney, and when Fr. O'Neill's notched another major the Rovers were really under pressure.

But the Innishannon girls showed great spirit and launched waves of attack mainly through Clodagh Deasy and Majella McCarthy. A quick point from scorer-in-chief Elma O'Mahony and then from the tightest of angles Clodagh Deasy managed to squeeze one over.

This left one point between the sides entering the last minute. Then enter Claire O'Donovan who finished off a delivery from Margaret Murphy to the net, amidst joyous scenes of victory.

Scorers: Valley Rovers—E. O'Mahony (2-2), C. O'Donovan (1-0), C. Deasy (0-2, 0-1 '45'), M. McCarthy (0-1). Fr. O'Neill's—G. Kearney (2-3, 1-3 frees), R. Hennessy (1-0).

—'Carrigdhoun'

SCHOLARSHIPS: Bright lights at University College Cork



Grainne Ni Fhlatharta, Eimear McDonnell, Una O'Donoghue, Una O'Dwyer, Elaine Burke and Sara Hayes who all recieved sports scholarships at UCC yesterday. Picture: Gavin Browne



Jacqui O'Keeffe, Cork All-Ireland minor camogie medal holder, and recipient of the GAA Sports Personality of the Year Award, pictured with Gerry Fagan, managing director, DePuy Ireland, at the Carrigaline Community School Awards ceremony.



Jacqui O'Keeffe and Ann Kiely proudly show off their All Ireland Minor medals at the dinner.

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The Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig second year camogie team who took part in the blitz held in Ballincollig.

Six goal tally sees Cork into the final

Cork 6-9
Limerick 1-3

CORK set up a meeting with Tipperary in the Munster U-18 championship when they overcame Limerick at St Finbarr's last Sunday.

The lively Cork attack was a constant threat to Limerick's defence and as a result Cork led 3-5 to 1-1 at the break after goals from Jennifer O'Leary and Marie Watson.

Aine O'Connell had the Limerick goal which kept her side in the hunt.

The second half took a similar pattern to the first with Cork again stamping their authority on the game and goals from Emer Dillon, Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Watson put the result beyond doubt.

Limerick battled on against a strong Cork defence and added three points from the effective Aoife Sheehan but on the day it mattered little against a strong Cork outfit.

Coláiste Choilm 2-1
Loretto Youghal 1-2

The Cork Colleges Second Year Senior B championship hosted by Coláiste Choilm in Ballincollig took the form of a blitz.

Seven teams competed, with holders Loretto Youghal being joined by St Mary's Macroom, Coláiste Mhuire Gan Smal Blarney, Mercy Malloy, Coláiste Choilm, Loretto Fermoy and Kinsale Community School.

Coláiste Choilm's emergence as top team in group one was a tribute to the hard work of



THIS week's award goes to the Coláiste Choilm team who took their first camogie title when they won the Cork Colleges Second Year Senior B championship.

Also deserving a mention is their backroom team led by Cork senior Fiona O'Driscoll.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

inter-county senior player Fiona O'Driscoll, who is an employee of the Ballincollig school.

Choilm had victories over Fermoy, Blarney and Malloy to make it through.

In group two, Youghal fought off stiff opposition from Kinsale and Macroom before advancing to the final, which was a repeat of last year's first year decider.

Out to avenge last year's result the Coláiste Choilm girls were in determined mood from the throw-in. A close opening half saw the sides closely matched and trading score for score.

With five minutes remaining Coláiste Choilm held the advantage but a Shauna Cunningham goal two minutes from the end levelled matters.

Youghal looked to be on their way to securing victory when Clare O'Brien grabbed a point.

But with tremendous fighting spirit, the Coláiste girls never panicked and when Susan O'Donovan goalied on virtually the last puck of the game, the Ballincollig girls became champions.

It was indeed an historic day for the school as the win gave them their first ever camogie title.

Susan Donovan, Maria Lucey, Ashling Lovett and Maeve Murphy were superb for the Ballincollig side while for Youghal, Shauna Cunningham, Jennifer Twomey and Shauna Coyne turned in good displays.

Special mention has to go to Fiona O'Driscoll. Now in her second year at Coláiste Choilm,

Fiona has done tremendous work with the team and going on the performance of their second year squad we are sure to hear a lot more of them in the months ahead.

Ballincollig 0-4
Éire Óg 0-1

Ballincollig celebrated their first Muskerry U-13 title with three points to spare over Éire Óg in an exciting final in Ovens.

With the defences on top, scores were hard to come by in the opening half. Ballincollig captain Michelle Burns had her side's opening score with Erin Corkery doing likewise for Éire Óg to leave it level one point each at the break.

On the turnover it was close and Ballincollig found it hard to get past Éire Óg keeper Lisa Marie O'Mahony who brought off tremendous saves to keep them at bay. Eventually Ballincollig wore down Éire Óg and two points from Clara McSwiney and one from Sarah O'Brien were enough to take the title.

Milford remain on course to complete hat-trick

Milford 8-4
Inniscarra 2-6

HOLDERS Milford remain on course for three-in-a-row following their emphatic victory over Inniscarra in the U-16 A county semi-final in Glantane.

The foundations for victory were laid in the opening half when the winners dominated lead 4-1 to 1-3 at the break with Patricia O'Riordan, Ashling Dillon, Emer and Marie Watson grabbing the goals. Inniscarra's goal came from Christine Cosgrove.

Inniscarra, with Rena Buckley superb at centre-back, upped the tempo considerably in the second half and put Milford under enormous pressure.

But with defenders Mary Buckley and Christine Cosgrove turning in good performances, Milford weathered the storm.

Indeed, Milford kept working away and added to their tally with Marie Watson bagging two goals while Patricia O'Riordan and Emer Watson also got vital scores to book Milford's place in next weekend's final against Carrigaline. Inniscarra had a good hour from Christine Cosgrove, Margaret McCarthy, Edel O'Sullivan and Michelle O'Regan.

Douglas, with goals from Laura Walsh, Louise O'Regan, Deirdre Murphy and Michelle O'Donovan, beat Éire Óg, who had two goals from Catarina O'Leary.

Others to impress for the young mid Cork side were Clara McKenna, Siobhán Gleeson and Emer O'Driscoll.

St Finbarr's and Rockbawn played an exciting U16 B championship quarter-final at Togher, Rockbawn finally wearing down a spirited Barrs side.

Barrs cut Rockbawn's half-time lead with a Gemma O'Connor goal soon after the resumption. Rockbawn, with Therese Holland Sheila Burns and Paula Doherty working hard, stretched their lead when Mairead Foley finished a free to tie the net.

Carrigaline and Aghabullogue advanced in the junior B championship after victories over Killeagh and St Catherine's. Aghabullogue now meet Youghal in the semi-final next Sunday, with Carrigaline awaiting the winners in the final.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS
U16 A semi-final: Milford 8-4 Inniscarra 2-6.
Junior B semi-final: Carrigaline 9-9 Killeagh 1-1.
Junior B quarter-final: Aghabullogue 5-3 St Catherine's 2-1.
U16B quarter-final: Douglas 4-0 Éire Óg 2-0.
U16B quarter-final: Rockbawn 3-1 St Finbarr's 1-3.
Muskerry U13 Section A League final: Ballincollig 0-4 Éire Óg 0-1.

FIXTURES
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24
Under 16 A County Final: Milford v Carrigaline 2pm, venue to be arranged.
Under 16 B championship: Slabh Rua v St Catherine's at Slabh Rua 10am.
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25
Munster Under 16 Final: Cork v Tipperary at the Ragg 2pm.
Junior B Championship Semi Final: Aghabullogue v Youghal at 2pm, venue to be arranged.
Under 16 B Championship: Ballyhea v Killebritan at Ballyhea venue, time to be arranged.

Cork bidding to retain under 18 crown

NEXT Sunday brings the curtain down on inter-county competition, with the Munster U-18 final in the Ragg at 2pm.

Cork will start as favourites to retain the title, but face a strong Tipperary side who will include senior player Clare Grogan and sister Linda in their line-up.

In their victory last Sunday over Limerick, Cork had good displays from Emer Dillon, Colette Desmond and Joanne O'Callaghan.

Milford and Carrigaline meet next Saturday to decide the destination of the U-16 A championship.

Carrigaline are bidding for their first title while Milford will be hop-

ing to make it three in-a-row. The North Cork side is star studded, a large number having represented Cork on the inter-county stage.

The Watson sisters, Marie and Emer, Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan will pose a huge threat to Carrigaline, but the girls from the South East have excellent perform-

ers in Ann Kiely and Jackie O'Keefe and are more than capable of dethroning the champions.

Congratulations to Cork players Elaine Burke, Sarah Hayes and Una O'Donoghue, who along with Tipperary players Una O'Dwyer and Emer McDonnell received sports bursaries at UCC this week.

Milford and Cork make it three in a row

ON another busy weekend for camogie Milford made it three in a row of county Under 16 A titles with a victory over Carrigaline on Saturday. Cork Under 18 made it three in a row of Munster championship successes.

Youghal booked their place in the county Junior B championship final where they will meet Carrigaline, St Catherine's advanced to the Under 16 B county with a victory over Sliabh Rua. In the Under 18 championship Clonakilty had a win over Valley Rovers, while in the same competition last week Cloughduv had a victory over Ballinhassig.

Cork Under 18 brought the curtain down on inter-county activities with a resounding victory over a Tipperary side who failed to live up to pre-match expectations.

From the start the more skilful Cork girls showed a determination to retain their title, a goal within seconds of the start from Niamh Bowles set the trend.

Cork held a half time lead of 1-7 to 0-2, the points coming from Jennifer O'Leary, Maire Watson, Colette Desmond and Gemma O'Connor, Tipperary scores coming from Clare Grogan.

Tipperary started the second half with a pointed free from Grogan, but Cork responded instantly when Colette Desmond struck for a superb goal. Six minutes later Jennifer O'Leary repeated the act when Gemma O'Connor with a well placed pass set her up to finish well. Cork, with their defence dominating, quelled any Tipperary attacks while at midfield the inspirational play of Emer Dillon and the solid Aine Kelleher ensured Tipperary were kept under pressure.

Grogan did add two points to the Tipp scoreline but Cork, with points from Jennifer O'Leary and Colette Desmond and a last minute goal from substitute Valerie Maher had by now secured the title.

As this competition only goes to Munster level it brings the curtain down on the inter county season for 2001, where despite not taking senior or junior All Ireland honours titles, the National league in both grades plus All Ireland Minor and Munster minor titles all came to the county.

Milford once again confirmed their superiority at underage level, taking the under 16 A title for the third time in a row.

Milford turned in a good first half display and led at the break 2-5 to 0-1 with Marie Watson, Julie Sheehy and Patricia O'Riordan all getting on the scoresheet. Carrigaline, with only a point from Terri O'Keeffe, had a lot to do in the second half.

But Milford's Marie Watson and captain Patricia O'Riordan got the vital goals to stretch their lead.

Carrigaline had points from the impressive Jackie O'Keeffe but failed to breach the Milford defence.

Youghal had a 3-8 to 3-1 win over Aghbullogue in the Junior B championship. Janette Galvin, Ashling Corkery and Theresa Byrne all impressed for the winners who now meet Carrigaline in the final.

Clonakilty led 1-1 to 0-1 at the break in the Under 18 B championship. The goal coming from Cliona O'Regan.

On the resumption a five-goal blitz saw them book their quarter final spot.

Last weekend's under 18 A championship clash of Ballinhassig and Cloughduv saw Cloughduv advance with four points to spare, Louise Holland, Joanne O'Callaghan, Orla McCarthy and Breege Corkery all contributing to the score sheet. Ballinhassig had solid performances from Catherine Holland, goalkeeper Cathy Coleman, Trisha Holland and Laura Jeffers. St Catherine's booked their place in the Under 16 B championship semi-final thanks to a superb performance from Denise Twomey who scored 5-6 of her side's total of 7-9.

Others to get on the scoresheet included younger sister 12-year-old Deirdre Twomey.

The county board's push to complete their championship programmes continues to make huge strides. With the Junior B competition down to final stage the Under 16 B semi-finals next weekend will see Rockbawn and Valley Rovers meet on Saturday at 2pm while on Sunday St Catherine's and Douglas meet at 12 noon both venues to be confirmed.

The under 18 championship continues to make steady progress with Inniscarra and Barryroe meeting on Sunday, Glen Rovers play hosts to Newcestown, Aghbullogue and Cloughduv meet in Cloughduv, while in the B competition Bishopstown and Kildorrey clash in Kildorrey.

Mighty Milford take third title

Milford
Carrigaline

4-6
0-4

O'Riordan again grabbing vital goals.

MILFORD recorded a hat-trick of U16 A county camogie titles when they proved too strong for a spirited Carrigaline side in Grenagh on Saturday.

Fielding minus the service of senior player Anna Geary, out through injury, Milford led 2-5 to a point at the interval.

Goals from Maria Watson and Patricia O'Riordan laid the foundation for their success.

On the turnover, the stronger Milford players kept the pressure on the Carrigaline girls with Watson and

For Carrigaline, Jackie O'Keeffe had three good points but despite a determined rally they failed to breach a solid Milford defence where Elaine O'Riordan, Michelle Roche and Sinead Carroll were particularly impressive.

Scorers: Milford: M. Watson 2-4, P. O'Riordan 2-6, J. Sheehy 0-1, E. Watson 0-1. Carrigaline: J. O'Keeffe 0-3, T. O'Keeffe 0-1. MILFORD: A. Sheehan, M. Roche, E. O'Riordan, M. Broderick, S. Carroll, S. Lennan, C. O'Reilly, L. Healy, T. McLoughlin, J. Sheehy, E. Watson, A. Watson, A. Dillon, M. Watson, P. O'Riordan, captain. CARRIGALINE: A. Kiely, R. Finfield, E. Egan, L. O'Driscoll, A. Collins, S. Moran, C. O'Keeffe, J. O'Keeffe, L. Kelleher captain, A. Donnelly, T. O'Sullivan, T. O'Keeffe, M. Coakley, R. Herlihy, C. O'Doherty.

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Dubs face a tough opening hurdle on road to All-Ireland

DUBLIN have been dealt a very difficult draw in the first round of the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship.

They must travel to face the might of the champions, Tipperary, the best team in the country for the last few years.

Under the guidance of former Tipp All-Star, Michael Cleary, Tipp have won the last three All-Ireland titles.

And they will now be striving for the four-in-a-row next September. The last team to achieve that distinction were Kilkenny, who actually won seven All-Irelands in succession from 1985 to 1991.

Ironically, the last time Dublin won the O'Duffy Cup, they beat Tipperary in the Final back in 1984.

The Dubs showed commendable improvement last season under their new

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management of PJ Donohue, Paul Crosby and Mary McKeown.

Wexford defeated them narrowly in the first round at Parnell Park, but, then using the back door, Dublin comfortably overcame Down before falling to Cork.

The commitment, and pride in the jersey, has been restored in the capital, and for that feat, Donohue deserves much credit.

The match against Tipp is sure to prove a huge test for the born-again Dubs, but they'll be hopeful of making an impact in the Championship even if they tumble to Tipp.

The back-door system will again be in use next year, and it proved highly successful last summer.

Meanwhile, Camogie ABU is now available at a newsagent near you. It's packed with excellent articles and pictures.

The Yearbook contains many items of Dublin interest. The legendary Sean Óg Ó Ceallacháin pens a charming piece, and Dublin's Rose of Tralee, Fiona Byrne, also features.

Yet one of the most striking articles is written by Eileen Duffy O'Mahony, recalling some golden memories of Dublin camogie, with wonderful pictures to match.

At a fiver, it's a bargain. And all camogie fans would love to see it included in their Christmas stocking.

Cork crush Tipperary

Cork
Tipperary

4-10
0-5

CORK retained their Munster u-18 camogie crown and made it three in a row at The Ragg, Tipperary yesterday. Niamh Bowles opened the Cork account with a goal within seconds. Working hard, Cork stretched their lead with points from Jennifer O'Leary, Breige Corkery and Colette Desmond before Grogan again pointed a Tipperary free.

Gemma O'Connor, Colette Desmond and Jennifer O'Leary picked off further points to see Cork leading 1-7 to 0-2 at the break.

Grogan opened the second half with a Tipperary point but Cork responded with Colette Desmond striking a superb shot to the roof of

the net. Within two minutes Gemma O'Connor set up Jennifer O'Leary for Cork's third goal and there was no way back for Tipp.

Further points from O'Leary and Desmond secured the title for Cork before substitute Valerie Maher got the fourth goal on the stroke of time.

Scorers: Cork: J. O'Leary 1-4, C. Desmond 1-3, N. Bowles 1-0, V. Maher 1-0, G. O'Connor 0-1, M. Watson 0-1, B. Corkery 0-1. Tipperary: C. Grogan 0-5. CORK: E. Murray, S. Corkery, O. O'Callaghan, J. Twomey, J. O'Sullivan, J. O'Callaghan, C. O'Gorman captain, E. Dillon, A. Kelleher, C. Desmond, G. O'Connor, B. Corkery, N. Bowles, M. Watson, J. O'Leary. Subs: V. Maher for M. Watson, D. O'Reilly for B. Corkery, E. Watson for C. Desmond, E. O'Sullivan for O. O'Callaghan, O. McCarthy for J. Twomey. TIPPERARY: P. Ryan, H. Costigan, H. Breen, L. Breen, E. O'Dwyer, T. O'Halloran, C. Greed, M. Stapleton, A. Mulcahy, C. Grogan, L. Young captain, G. Kinnane, A. Ford, M. Ryan, J. Moran. Subs: M. Short for C. Greed, P. O'Connor for E. O'Dwyer. Referee: R. Kelleher (Limerick).

Emphatic win for Cork school in Senior B camogie c'ship

Pres Bandon
Pres Ballingarry

4-10
0-0

THE old rivalry between Cork and Tipperary was again in evidence last week when the girls from Colaiste na Toirbhirte, Bandon took on their counterparts from Ballingarry in the quarter final of the Munster Camogie Senior B

Championship before, in ideal weather conditions, the Cork side emerged emphatic winners.

The difference between the sides was the sharpness of the Cork forwards, which was reflected in the final scoreline.

However, credit is due to the Tipp side for not having thrown in the towel.

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The Cork team who beat Tipperary to win the u-18 Munster title.

Youghal can lift junior title

YOUGHAL qualified for the Junior B county final with seven points to spare over Aghabullogue on Sunday.

Janet Power, Galvin, Kelly McCarthy, Ann O'Connell and Theresa Byrne all showed with their performances that this year Youghal intend going all the way, it finished Youghal 3-8 Aghabullogue 3-1.

In the Under 16 B semi final, St Catherine advanced to a semi final meeting with Douglas when Denise Twomey notched up 5-6 of their total of 7-9 as they defeated Sliabh Rua. Others to catch the eye were Orla Cotter, Noreen Mulcahy and Marie Twomey.

Clonakilty advanced to the quarter final of the Under 18B championship with good displays from Lisa O'Flynn, Hazel O'Regan, and Nicola O'Donovan as they defeated a Valley Rovers side who had excellent performers in Clodagh Deasy, Majella Mc Carthy and Marion Cottrell.

Cloughduv and Ballinhassig played out an exciting under 18 A championship last week with Cloughduv advancing on a 1-8 to 1-4 scoreline.

Louise Holland, Breige Corkery, Joanne O'Callaghan, Sinead Corkery, Orla McCarthy, and Marie Lucey were amongst those who contributed to Cloughduv's tally.

For Ballinhassig Deirdre Coomey, Trisha Holland, Laura Jeffers and Mairead Holland all put in trojan work. The winners now meet Aghabullogue in the quarter final.

Cork Colleges of Combined Education 0-18 Garda Training College Templemore 3-5

The Cork Colleges of combined Education travelled to Templemore last week and recorded an impressive victory over the Garda Training College in their second game in the Higher Education league competition.

Ellen O'Herlihy, Ber Maher, Sinead Kelly and Ger Collins all performed well for the Cork side who lost their opening round game in the competition to Waterford IT.

Since that defeat the effort that has been put in is beginning to pay dividends and under the guidance of Bertie Og Murphy the side are now looking forward to playing in the Maher Shield.

The craic is mighty at reunion night

THE word is that the craic went on long into the night at the Blarney Park Hotel on Friday night last as the Inniscarra Junior championship winning team of 1976 held a 25-year reunion to commemorate that great occasion.

Nostalgia was the order of the night as friends recounted those glory days.

Among those in attendance were winning captain Nora O'Brien and Geraldine Barry who helped organise the night. The club's own Sheila Golden who is county chairperson was also in attendance as were a host of present and former Inniscarra players.

●Next week we will follow up with photographs and more news of the occasion.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Under 16 B Championship Semi Final: Rockbawn v Valley Rovers, St Finbarrs (Prov venue), 12.30.

SUNDAY

Under 16 B Championship Semi Final: Douglas v St Catherine's, 12 Noon, venue to be arranged.

Under 18 A Championship: Glen Rovers v Newcestown, Glen Rovers, 11.15; Inniscarra v Barryroe, Inniscarra, 12 noon; Milford v Ballygarvan, Milford, 12 noon.

Under 18 B Championship: Ballyvaughan v Kilderry, Kilderry, 11.30; Blarney v Erins Own, Erins Own, 12 noon; Ballyhea v Kilbrittan, Ballyhea, 12 noon.

●Seaside Under 19 Indoor: St. John's, 7.30pm, 9.30pm.

Double delight for the O'Connor clan

CAMOGIE in the Cork Institute of Technology was again to the fore as the fourth annual Sports Bursary awards were made at the Metropole Hotel last Tuesday.

On the same evening the Munster Council of the GAA presented their sixth annual scholarships before a large gathering which included the Lord Mayor Cllr Tom O'Driscoll and guest speaker John O'Mahony who guided Galway to All-Ireland glory last September.

O'Mahony congratulated all the winners and spoke of the great bond which colleges' competitions generates.

"Sport instils a wonderful discipline in our young people and helps us in life. Hopefully you will all go on to greater things."

The Lord Mayor also recalled his own college days and paid tribute to the wonderful backroom teams in CIT.

Director of C I T, Dr Pat Kelleher, and registrar Brendan Goggin also addressed the attendance that saw three camogie players gain bursaries and one a Munster Council Scholarship.

It was a proud night for the O'Connor family from Newtownshandrum. Paula received the Munster Council Scholarship while younger brother, John, received a bursary.

Paula, a third year student of Recreation and Leisure, was a worthy winner of the Munster Council award. A vital member of the CIT

Grassroots



CORK Under-18 Emer Dillon, who was at centre-field in the Munster final last Sunday, played a vital role in the side's success. Her strong forceful play saw her supply ball to the inside line while her sense of positioning in coming back to help her defence was excellent. Sunday's win also saw Emer record a Munster three-in-a-row having played on all three teams.

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Camogie correspondent

camogie team which took Purcell Cup honours for the first time, Paula also added a senior national league medal to her collection when Cork defeated Galway. She is also the holder of an All-Ireland senior medal, won in 1998.

Four Camogie players were amongst the many students honoured with bursaries.

Nora Ahern, from the Fr O'Neills club, had the distinction of captaining C I T to their Purcell Cup success. She also led Cork juniors to

national league success and had the honour of captaining the combined colleges team and her club senior team who contested the county final. She was named as player of the year both by FR O'Neills and CIT.

Valerie O'Keeffe, a member of the Kilbrittain/Timoleague club, was also a member of the C I T Purcell Cup winning side. She was a member of the junior national league winning Cork team and also played on the Munster junior team.

Orla O'Sullivan, St Finbarrs, enjoyed a tremendous year, helping her club win their first senior B county title. Orla also played a huge role in C I T, winning the Purcell Cup.

Mairead Kelly, a native of Limerick, represented the county at underage level and is a member of the present senior panel.

Louise Murphy, Aghabullogue, had the distinction of being a dual award winner in camogie and gaelic football. Louise represented C I T in both codes and had a great Purcell cup competition. She also gained county honours in football and represented the county in the code.

Presenting the Munster Council Bursaries, Sean Fogarty, vice-chairman of the Munster Council, paid tribute to all and made special mention of the achievement by the O'Connor family.

A tremendously successful year for camogie in CIT was helped in no small way by the efforts of Kilbrittain's Miriam Deasy, a former student and now sports officer with the institute.

Cork hammer Tipp girls | Milford notch hat-trick

Cork 4-10
Tipperary 0-5

THE under-18 team brought the curtain down on the inter-county activities recording three in-a-row championship successes on Sunday.

Niamh Bowles' early goal laid the foundation for Cork victory and after dominating the opening half, they led 1-7 to 0-2 at the interval.

Clare Grogan opened the second

half with a pointed Tipp free but Cork hit back when Colette Desmond struck for a class goal.

Cork picked off a third goal when Gemma O'Connor and Jennifer O'Leary combined for O'Leary to finish to the net.

Grogan pointed for Tipp but with the Cork defence in superb form, they found scores hard to come by.

Cork had consolidated their position before a Valerie Maher goal on full time sealed Cork victory.

Milford 4-6
Carrigaline 0-4

MILFORD made it three in-a-row when they overcame the challenge of Carrigaline in the Under 16 A county final.

A determined Milford made their intentions clear from the start and, turning in a superb opening half performance, led 2-5 to 0-1 at half-time, the goals coming from captain Patricia

O'Riordan and Marie Watson. Terrie O'Keeffe pointed for Carrigaline.

Carrigaline gave it their all after the restart, but a solid Milford defence, well marshalled by goalkeeper Aileen Sheehan, repeatedly thwarted their best efforts.

Further goals from Watson and O'Riordan put the gloss on an impressive Milford team performance.

County champs line up again after 25 years

IT may have been 25 years since they beat St Finbarr's to take their first championship title, but Inniscarra camogie club rolled back the years as the side came together to recall that day in Ballinlough when they were crowned Junior A County champions.

Among the organisers of their reunion in the Blarney Park Hotel were Geraldine Downey (Barry) who nowadays is actively involved in another sphere of the game and indeed this year acted as umpire in the senior county final which husband Peter refereed.

The club was formed in

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Camogie correspondent

1967 and the victory in '76 set the trend for many more to come, none more so than in 1996 when the senior B title was annexed and promotion to the premier grade was achieved.

In 1975 Inniscarra were denied making it a double with their hurling counterparts when they lost out to Killeagh but bounced back with determination the following year under the guidance of coach Tomas Ryan.

Another selector to the side was Eddie J. O'Sullivan whose wife Gretta had the distinction of being the only married player on the team.

Three sets of sisters lined

out in the Inniscarra colours - the O'Briens, Nora and Anne, the Rings, Geraldine and Eileen and the Healys, Anna and Ellish.

Through the years many of the players have moved on but among the large gather-

ing on the night were 12 of the winning side.

Sheila Golden, who has brought great honour to the club in her capacity of county chairperson, also attended, as did club president Paddy Keohane, who has always

shown a great pride for the Inniscarra camogie girls and is always in attendance in Ballyanley and at any venue where the girls in blue and white are contesting a game.

For the record the team on the day was as follows: Rita

Casey, Anne Healy, Gretta O'Sullivan, Eileen Ring, Nora O'Brien, Anne O'Brien, Noreen Morrissey, Chris O'Driscoll, Margaret Carroll, Geraldine Ring, Mary Ellen O'Shea, Geraldine Downey.

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The Inniscarra team at the reunion (above) back row: Eddie J O'Sullivan (selector), Eileen Carey, Noreen Kelleher, Chrissie O'Donovan, Geraldine Downey, Emma Dinneen, Margaret O'Connell, Thomas Ryan (trainer). Front: GERALYN O'DRISCOLL, Lucy O'Callaghan, Nora Moriarty, Gretta O'Sullivan, Paddy Keohane (president), Geraldine Mullane and Ann Healy. Below: the original team of 25 years ago.



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St Catherine's, Rockbawn advance

ON Saturday next Rockbawn and St Catherine's meet in the Under 16 B county final after last weekend's victories over Valley Rovers and Douglas respectively.

Inter county minor All Ireland medal holders Sheila Burns and Catriona Foley were to the fore as the Rockbawn girls advanced. Leading 3-1 to 0-2 at the break, Rockbawn were thankful to their strong defence who had to withstand a tremendous and determined second half from Valley Rovers led in the main by the outstanding Margaret Murphy, Majella McCarthy and Clodagh Deasy. For Rockbawn goalkeeper Deirdre Mulcahy, Sarah Coleman and Louise Crowley excelled.

St Catherine's, with Denise Twomey again in inspirational form, booked their final place with a 5-2 to 2-2 victory over Douglas. Orla Cotter, Marie Twomey and Andrea Mangan all impressed for the Conna girls.

For Douglas Louise O'Regan, Ciara Kenefick and Helen

O'Mahony tried to the finish.

In the Under 18 A championship Milford were to strong for Ballygarvan when the sides met in Milford, Emer and Marie Watson contributed 5-3 between them with Patricia O'Riordan, Emero Friel, Christien O'Gorman and Julie sheehy all getting in on the scoring. For Ballygarvan Emer Dillon, Jennifer Brown and Ashling Riordan worked hard.

Newcestown travelled to the Glen Field for a meeting with last years under 18 B champions Glen Rovers. Two early points gave them the lead before Laura Davis shot the home side into a lead they held until three minutes to half time when Collette Desmond caught the Glen defence when her free from 40 yards was well struck to the net.

Cloughduv made no mistake when entertaining neighbours Aghbullogue. Cloughduv started well with a Breege Corkery goal and laid the foundation for victory. With Sinead Corkery, Joanne

O'Callaghan and Jamie Lynch turning in tremendous displays, the home side dictated matters. To their credit Aghbullogue never gave up and had an excellent display from Joan Twomey.

In the Under 18 B championship Kilbrittan and Ballyhea met in Dromina with Kilbrittan advancing. Leading 4-1 to no score at the break Kilbrittan with Catriona Deasy, Julie O'Regan and Eiblish O'Sullivan keeping on the pressure added further scores to run out 6-2 to 2-1 winners.

The Seandun divisional committee are to be congratulated on the organising of an Under 10 Indoor blitz at the CIT on Sunday last.

Eighty youngsters from the Brian Dillons, Bishopstown, Passage, Douglas, Glen Rovers took part in a non-stop afternoon of camogie where the whole day was one of enjoyment. Twenty games were played but everyone was a winner with divisional chairperson Marion McCarthy presenting all with a medal as a memento of the day.

A cracker in store as teams bid for title

by Mary Newman

NEXT weekend is another busy one in camogie as the hard working county board continues to press ahead to complete its championship programme.

On Saturday St Catherine's and Rockbawn meet in the under 16 B county final and it promises to be an exciting clash. Both sides have worked hard to reach the decider and we will have Cork minors Catriona Foley and Sheila Burns Rockbawn coming face-to-face with their inter-county team-mate Denise Twomey in the St Catherine's colours. Both sides have looked good in their respective semi-finals and with both having the incentive of taking their first title in the grade it promises to be a memorable game.

Sunday will see the long-awaited Junior B county final when Carrigaline and Youghal come head-to-head. Both clubs are determined to take the honours. Youghal lost out in last year's decider to St Catherine's while Carrigaline were disappointed not to have advanced to the final.

Ann Kiely, Emily Power and Caroline O'Keeffe are the Carrigaline danger players. They will also be pinning their hopes on top performances from Janette Power, Theresa Byrne and Siobhan Downing.

Cork and Tipperary have an outstanding Munster Senior Championship final to be played since 2000. It is now hoped that the game will take place on Sunday next in Bishopstown. Tipperary have several players on holiday at the moment after their long season but it is hoped that they will have 15 players to fulfil the fixture.

New job is fitting award for Mary



GAA SCENE

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

ALL-IRELAND DRAWS PROVIDE THE TALKING POINT

CROKE Park was a hub of activity last Saturday. At the same time that Mary Moran was being honoured in her new post as president of the Post Primary School's Association, down the corridor in the Canal Suite the draws were being made for the 2002 All-Ireland senior camogie championship.

Mary Moran is a name synonymous with camogie. She is well known through the high profile positions that she has held over the years and also for her excellent compilations from eras gone by.

She has served for last 32 years as secretary to the secondary schools competitions and three years ago presented the Mary Moran Cup for the All-Ireland senior B college winners.

Her new position as president is a fitting tribute for what is essentially a labour of love for Mary.

Down through the years there have been many changes in the game of camogie, but the prize possession of any player still remains an All-Ireland senior medal.

And now with the curtain almost down on the 2001 season, there is plenty food for thought with the new pairings for next year to talk about.

Again, counties will have the option of re-entering through the backdoor.

But, it is unlikely Kilkenny, Down, Cork, Galway or Tipperary will need a second chance when they open their campaigns against Antrim, Clare, Limerick, Wexford and Dublin respectively.

Limerick, although, on a serious re-building mission after winning the All-Ireland minor B title will undoubtedly still find the might of Cork too powerful.

If this be the case they will come back in to play the losers of Tipperary and Dublin.

Whoever is unsuccessful in this second game will be afforded another opportunity against the losers of the Galway/Wexford clash.

If Cork get over Limerick as would be expected, they are likely to meet either Antrim or Clare in the quarter-final.

But it is really after this stage that the pairings get interesting. However, the draws were only made as far as the last eight. The semi-finals will be formulated after the quarter-finals have been played.

Meanwhile, when the National League commences in the New Year, Cork will be grouped with Kilkenny, Galway, Tipperary and Wexford.

Also on display last weekend in Croke Park was the 2001 camogie annual *Camogie Abu*, which will be available through your county board and will be in the shops this week.

This is an ideal Christmas present and is selling at £5.

Camogie

The big game this weekend is the Junior B C'hip Final on Sunday in Brinny at 2pm and it brings together Youghal and Carrigaline, two teams who have impressed en route to the decider.

In fact, since reforming a short few years ago, Carrigaline have made great strides and really are enjoying some outstanding victories in their own Division and beyond, but can they make the big jump to A grade which would leave them just one step away from Senior, which would be a marvellous boost for their hard working committee.

They have impressed in reaching this final and with quality players like Clodagh Fitzgerald, Muireann Conlon, Rose Harrington and Ann Kiely in their side they will start as favourites to collect the ultimate prize.

Youghal themselves have been working hard and while not having the same success are nevertheless confident that they can win, and it would of course represent a major achievement were they to do so.

Janette Galvin, Sarah Flavin, Ann O'Connell, and Kelly McCarthy are key players for the East Cork girls, and while they will test Carrigaline, the more evenly balanced south-east side look set to take the honours, in a game that should produce a high standard, especially on the Brinny pitch, which is one of the best around.

The U-16 B Final on Saturday sees Rockbawn play divisional neighbours St Catherine's, and while all local derbies are close

affairs, Rockbawn will be fancied to win this one.

The Camogie Board's Annual Convention takes place on Wednesday next in the Douglas GAA Club commencing at 7pm.

It promises to be a lively affair with a number of the outgoing Officers being opposed. Chairperson Sile Golden has, however, been returned for another stint because those others nominated withdrew.

Marion McCarthy, St Finbarr's, is the current Vice-Chairperson and will have as her direct opponent for that position Mary Watt from Brian Dillons, while another Brian Dillons member Liz O'Sullivan will contest the position of Registrar against the current incumbent Kay Dunne.

Bishopstown's Pat Murray is also re-elected as Runai, following the withdrawal of Mayfield's Tracey Sheehan, however two of his club mates are in contention for positions.

Deirdre Coughlan is in opposition to Treasurer Mary McSweeney and finally current Cork senior full back Eithne Duggan is seeking the position of PRO when she lines up against the holder Mary Newman.

It has been a reasonably successful year for Cork Camogie, despite the failure of the Seniors to Tipperary in the C'hip, both Junior and Senior League titles were retained, while the Minors collected the All-Ireland title in style.

There will also be a contest for Senior selectors, Pa Finn and Sile O'Brien, will be joined in the race by Pat Murray and Rose Desmond. The latter was a selector last year, and as the County champions nominee she will be replaced by a member of the new Champions Cloughduv.

STUART (nee Kelly) — Nov. 29, 2001 (peacefully), at St. James's Hospital, Patricia Josephine, wife of the late Dr. J. J. Stuart, mother of Bernard, Nora and Joe; deeply regretted by her daughter, sons, grandchildren, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister, relatives and friends. Removal to the Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood Ave. this (Friday) evening arriving at 5 o'clock. Funeral tomorrow (Saturday) after 10 o'clock. Mass to Dean's Grange Cemetery. No flowers please. House Private.

O'SULLIVAN (Inishcorra View, Ballincollig and Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny): On December 7, 2001, peacefully, in the loving care of the doctors, nurses and staff, St. Joseph's Ward, Mercy Hospital, Cork, ELIZABETH (LILLIE) (nee Brennan), (President Cork County Camogie Board and Ballincollig Camogie Club), beloved wife of the late Con and loving mother of Michael, Mairead, Noreen and Peter. Deeply mourned by her loving family, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, mother, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and a large circle of friends. Rest in peace. Lying in repose at Crowley's Funeral Home, Ballincollig, Rosary on this (Saturday) evening at 7.30pm. Removal on tomorrow (Sunday) at 7pm to the Church of St. Mary and St. John, Ballincollig. Requiem Mass on Monday at 2pm. Funeral afterwards to St. Oliver's Cemetery.



Lillie O'Sullivan: Did so much for camogie.

Lillie is a huge loss to sport

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY
Camogie correspondent

CORK camogie lost one of its most active administrators with the death on Friday of the County Board's president Lillie O'Sullivan.

Lillie, a native of Castlecomer, was a founding member of the Ballincollig Club.

It was not as a player that Lillie was known, but as an administrator both with Ballincollig and the county board.

Lillie was an avid Ballincollig supporter and she loved the hype and excitement that came with a visiting team to the parish.

Lillie enjoyed nothing better than to be in the centre of activities, making tea and making sure everybody got a great welcome.

She will be sadly missed by all in camogie.

Sadness at death of Lillie

THE death of Lillie O'Sullivan has robbed the Cork Camogie Board of one of its great administrators.

"Her passing is a huge loss to our board, but our thoughts are with her family now," Sheila Golden, Chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board, told the *Echo* today.

Lillie, originally from Castlecomer in Kilkenny, was in the third year of a five-year term as president when she passed away after an illness on Friday last.

Although never known as a player, she had a reputation for being a very efficient administrator with her local club, Ballincollig, and at county board level — where she filled a number of positions including registrar, PRO and treasurer... as well as president.

She was also a selector with the Cork juniors back in the mid '80s, when they were crowned All-Ireland champions.

Both Ballincollig and the Cork County Board formed guards of honour at her removal.

It took place to the church of St. Mary and St. John, Ballincollig, last night.

The burial takes place at St. Oliver's Cemetery today.

Lillie will be much missed in camogie

Therese O'Callaghan.

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THROUGHOUT Cork, Lillie O'Sullivan's name will never be separated from camogie.

The Kilkenny native, whose death occurred at the weekend, brought much joy to those fortunate enough to have known her.

As she was laid to rest yesterday, her friends and colleagues spoke of their admiration for the former president of the Cork Camogie County Board.

"Although she was a Kilkenny woman, she gave excellent service to Cork camogie in a variety of roles" said Mary Moran, president of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools.

"She had a great interest in the game particularly the progress of the young to whom she gave every encouragement."

County Board vice-chairperson, Marion McCarthy said: "Lillie gave a huge amount of her time to camogie. Her last task was just weeks ago when she helped with the annual collection at the senior hurling final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh."

"The county board used Ballincollig GAA club regularly and here Lillie was the main contact. Just a phone call would ensure everything would be in order. She had a lovely disposition and was known to be a straight talker at all times."

"She had a heart of gold and her generosity knew no bounds. She is a huge loss to camogie in Cork."

Miriam Murphy who served as Chairperson in 86 and 87 also remembered Lillie.

"Apart from being a dedicated delegate of Ballincollig, Lillie worked with several chairpersons as registrar of the county board. She proposed motions to the annual convention, streamlining the registration procedures, which were very important during the late 80s and 90s."



Remembered: Lillie O'Sullivan

Bishopstown back coach Pat in bid to be county selector

MEMBERS of Bishopstown camogie club are playing opposites — extending wishes of good luck to their coach instead of receiving them.

Pat Murray, who is also Cork County Board secretary, is seeking to become a Cork senior camogie selector at the Cork County Camogie Board annual general meeting, which takes place at Douglas GAA Club this Wednesday night, December 12.

Pat has been involved in coaching various Bishopstown teams for the past 22 years and has the unique distinction of being involved with the last three Cork adult teams to win All-Ireland championship titles.

He was a selector on the last Cork senior team to win the All-Ireland in Croke Park in 1998, he coached the Cork Juniors to All-Ireland victory in 1999, and he was both selector and coach to the All-Ireland winning

Cork Intermediates in 2000.

"I believe my vast knowledge of camogie players in Cork and my experience as a selector will enable me to make a big contribution to preventing Tipperary achieving four All-Ireland titles in a row. I am convinced that Cork has the players available to once again be All-Ireland senior champions and regain its place as the dominant camogie county in the country," said Pat.

Nominations now closed for convention

WITH the close of nominations for the convention which will be held on Wednesday, December 12, at the Douglas GAA club, outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden and secretary Pat Murray are unopposed for their positions.

There will be four contests, with outgoing chairperson Marion McCarthy opposed by Mary O'Sullivan from Brian Dillon's, treasurer Mary McSweeney will have opposi-

tion from Deirdre Coughlan, Bishopstown, PRO Mary Newman is opposed by Eithne Duggan, Bishopstown, while registrar Kay Dunne will have opposition from Liz O'Sullivan, Brian Dillon's.

Lil O'Sullivan, Ballincollig, is once again returned unanimously as the board's president.

There will be no contest for the minor selection committee with John Quinn and John Cronin once

again reelected.

The outgoing senior selection committee of Rose Desmond, Pa Finn and Sheila O'Brien are proposed with Pat Murray's name also in the ring.

There is a total of 11 names in the junior selection committee hat at present.

Clubs are reminded that the camogie annual *Camogie ABU* is now available for purchase.

It once again contains many items of interest of local and national news.

Camogie followers and clubs join this week in sending best wishes to county board president Lillie O'Sullivan from the Ballincollig club, who is presently a patient in the Mercy Hospital.

On behalf of everybody involved in camogie both in Cork and beyond, we wish her all the best.

Rockbán to face Saints in U16 final

Rockbán
Valley Rovers

4-4
1-5

ROCKBÁN advanced at the expense of Valley Rovers to meet St Catherine's in next weekend's Under 16 B county decider.

The winners made all the early running and led at the interval 3-1 to 0-2 after turning in an impressive opening half where Clare Conway, Sarah Coleman and Sheila Burns all contributed to the Rockbán scoring.

On the turnover Valley Rovers came more into the game, putting on the pressure as Rockbán were kept on their toes.

Marion Cotrell grabbed a Valley Rovers goal, but it came too late to affect the outcome as Rockbán had stretched their advantage with further scores from Sarah Coleman, Clare Conway and Sheila Burns.

The second semi final played on Sunday saw St Catherine's book their place with a 5-2 to 2-2 win over Douglas.

A tremendous performance by Denise Twomey, who scored four goals of St Catherine's total, helped her side advance.



Grassroots
Player of the week
ST CATHERINE'S Denise Twomey

notched up four goals as her side booked their place in the Under 16 B county final. Lining out in the full forward line Denise showed that given half a chance she is deadly near goal and her display earns her this week's accolade.

By **MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY**
Camogie correspondent

Leading 4-1 to 0-2 at half time St Catherine's were severely tested by Douglas in the second half with Fiona O'Donovan, Helen O'Mahony and Louise O'Regan giving their all. However, St Catherine's weathered the storm and held firm to advance.

Rockbán, fresh from their All Ireland football success, now turn their thoughts to the Under 16 B county final and a meeting with St Catherine's on Saturday next.

Rockbán will be hoping to take the title for the first time and are



Cork captain Christine O'Gorman pictured with the Munster chairperson Marion Graham after winning the Munster U-18 final.

powered by two members of the All-Ireland winning minor team, Catriona Foley and Sheila Burns.

In their semi final outing last weekend they recorded a victory over Valley Rovers with Mary O'Keeffe, Clare Conway and Aine Geaney all impressing.

On Saturday they will face a St Catherine's side who have a star

in the making in young Denise Twomey.

In all their outings to date she has been the scorer-in-chief and has spearheaded their challenge this season.

St Catherine's are by no means a one woman show and have fine players in Orla Neville, Elaine Kearney and Deirdre Twomey.

Youghal hoping to set record straight in decider

CARRIGALINE and Youghal meet next Sunday to decide the destination of the Junior B championship title.

Both clubs have been out of the limelight for several years at adult level and will be bidding to inscribe their name on this trophy for the first time.

In earlier years camogie flourished in both clubs, but fell into a decline.

Youghal took the Junior A championship in 1977, with Carrigaline champions back in 1954.

Carrigaline reformed in the nineties and successes have come thick and fast since. Underage titles at county board and South East eventually led to the annexing of the Junior B league in 2000.

"We have worked hard to reach Sunday's final and we are ready. Youghal will be tough and we will have to be at our best to take the title," said Carrigaline chairman Des O'Connell.

Defeated in last year's final by St Catherine's, Youghal will be anxious to set the record straight.

On their path to the final they overcame the challenges of Sliabh Rua and Valley Rovers before toppling a strong semi-final challenge from Aghabullogue.

The driving force behind the side is Janet Power who has done trojan work on and off the field.

A former senior star with Killeagh, Janet's enthusiasm for the game has helped re-establish Youghal as one of the forces in east Cork.

They have worked hard at underage level and several of their side also play with the local Loretto Convent Youghal at colleges level.

In their campaign to date Kelly McCarthy, Theresa Byrne, Ann O'Connell, Sarah Flavin and June Fitzgerald have impressed and they will again be hoping to scale the heights on Sunday.

The side is coached by Pat O'Brien who is joined in his duties by Killeagh hurler Adrien Budds.

Carrigaline have also turned in impressive displays, with their defence particularly impressive. Ann Kiely, a member of the All-Ireland winning minor panel, commands a strong back line that includes Jennifer Fogarty, Sandra Moran and Caroline O'Keeffe and they will make life tough for the Youghal forwards.

As with all finals it's a hard one to predict and the weather may have a huge bearing on the outcome.

The Carrigaline side possess tremendous speed, but could be impeded by wet conditions.

Youghal are a strong well balanced side and would not be bothered by the conditions.

Fixtures

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8
Under 16 B County Final: Rockbán v St Catherine's at venue and time to be announced.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9
Junior B County Final: Carrigaline v Youghal at Brieney 2pm.

Under 18 A Championship: Barryroe v Inniscarra at Inniscarra 12noon.

Under 18 B Championship: Bishopstown v Kildorrery, Kildorrery 11am.

Trio show their class to go through

MILFORD, Newcestown and Cloughduv all advanced to the next round of the U18 A championship with victories last weekend.

Ballygarvan travelled to Milford, where Emer Watson notched up 3-1 as her side progressed.

Newcestown took an early lead in their meeting with Glen Rovers and had two points

on the board before Laura Davis gave the home side the lead. The score spurred her side on but they failed to convert chances against a Newcestown defence where Ashling Holland and Michelle Barron were excellent.

Three minutes from half time Suzanne Deasy's low shot from a free went all the way to the net to see Newcestown regain their lead.

On the turn over Newcestown were more determined and with Colette Desmond grabbing their second goal, victory was sealed.

Cloughduv and Aghabullogue had a local derby in Cloughduv, with the home side coming out on top. Breege Corkery scored an early goal for Cloughduv and Aghabullogue failed to come back.



Action from the Douglas v Bishopstown U-10s match at the camogie blitz held at CIT.

Picture: Mike English

Four officers to face opposition at annual convention

THIS evening, delegates will gather at the Douglas GAA club for the annual Cork camogie convention which will take place at 7.30pm.

A busy schedule lies ahead, with four of the board officers opposed for their positions.

Outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden is returning to her position unopposed, as is secretary Pat Murray and fixture secretary Mary Bugler.

Outgoing vice-chairperson Marion McCarthy is opposed by Mary O'Sullivan.

Treasurer Mary McSweeney has Bishopstown's Deirdre Coughlan as opposition for the position, while Brian Dillon's Liz O'Sullivan is opposing Kay Dunne for post of registrar. PRO Mary Newman is opposed by Bishopstown's Eithne Duggan.

Seven motions are up discussion, including Éire Óg's call for the senior selection committee to be increased from three to five.

Bishopstown want the senior championship completed by the end of July and also want mobile phones to be banned from county board meetings.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

● Last weekend both the junior B and U16B county finals were postponed as a mark of respect to the late county board president Lillie O'Sullivan. Both games will take place this weekend. The U16 final, Rockbawn v St Catherine's takes place in Fermoy on Saturday at noon.

On Sunday Youghal and Carrigaline will meet in Brinny at 2pm to decide the destination of the junior B title.

Both finals were featured in last week's Grassroots and with all camps reporting no injury worries it is all systems go for the weekend.

● The Seandún U-10 seven-a-side indoor camogie blitz held at CIT Sports Hall, saw five clubs - Douglas, Brian Dillon's, Glen Rovers, Bishopstown and Passage - participate in 20 games held at eight-minute intervals and the event was a resounding success.

For many of the participants, it was a new experience as until now, they would not have participated in competitive games.

The teams were divided into two groups, which meant that sides did not have to play other teams from their own clubs. Referees were out in force, with the clubs supplying two each and the event ran like clockwork.

Seandún chairperson Marion McCarthy explained that clubs felt that the younger girls are sometimes left out, simply because they are so young. Therefore, it was decided to hold a day especially for them.

"Such was the success of the day's event that we will be hoping to organise a similar day in late February before club games begin," she said.

All the clubs who participated agreed the venture was a great success and great credit is due to the organising committee of Marion McCarthy, Niall McLoughlin, Pat Murray and Mairead Uí Mhaoláin.

With the emphasis on participation rather than winning, the Seandún committee decided to reward all participants for their efforts, so after a hectic day's camogie, medals were presented by chairperson Marion McCarthy to all as a memento of an enjoyable and fun-filled day.

Cork girls make Purcell Cup quarter-finals

Cork Colleges of Further Education 5-3
Tralee Institute of Technology 2-7

THE Cork Colleges of Further Education continued on their winning ways when they travelled to Ballyheigue recently to take on Tralee Institute of Technology in the Purcell Cup.

With a strong squad and Jenny

for both sides but the Cork girls played the more direct hurling and took the game to their opponents from the start.

The inter-county duo of Ger Collins and Ellen O'Herlihy played major roles for Cork as their teammates responded to the challenge put up by Tralee.

With a strong squad and Jenny

Duffy combining well up front, the Cork girls gained control from the start and dictated matters.

In defence Mary Pratt, Susan O'Neill and Aileen Gilton kept a tight reign on the Tralee forward line while, at centre-field, Sinead Kelly did Trojan work.

Cork now go on to meet cup finalists Queen's University in the

quarter-final and their recent performances will have pleased coach Peter Coady as his side face their next big challenge.

The team train every Tuesday in Scoil Stiofán Naofa at 4pm and camogie players attending Stiofán Naofa, St John's College or the College of Commerce are urged to come along and become involved.

President Lillie was a shining example to us all

From page one: Lillie O'Sullivan first became an officer of the Cork county board back in 1981 when she took over the office of PRO from Joan Morley, who retired from the position.

In one year she had moved on to the role of registrar, where she served the board from 1982 to 1984.

In 1985, Lillie took on the role of treasurer, but one year later returned to the registrar's position where she remained until retiring from office at the end of 1995.

That retirement was short-lived as Lillie maintained her involvement with her club and was a regular spectator at games.

At the 1998 convention, Lillie was chosen as the county board's president.

This was an honour which was received with great pride by both Lillie and the Ballincollig club and in her role as president she carried out her duties with style.

One could sense her pride in the position and she deemed it an honour that she was chosen to act in the role.

At the time of her death she had completed three years of her five-year term.

Not content with acting as an officer of the county board, Lillie also served as a selector and her greatest love was for the county junior side, where she acted as a selector for a number of years.

One of her greatest thrills was acting in that role in 1984 when, against all the odds, a young Cork junior side took the All-Ireland title.

Another event which Lillie regularly attended was the national congress - where she acted as a delegate for the county.

Had Lillie been able to witness her own removal, she would have very much approved of the guard of honour formed by the youngsters from her beloved Ballincollig. The county guard of honour led by chairperson Sheila Golden and her officers contained many inter-county players who Lillie could count as her friends.

Lillie may have passed on to a different camogie pitch but I am sure she will oversee proceedings there with the same qualities.

Her work is being carried on by her daughters Mairead and Noreen.

Mairead is a tremendous worker for the Ballincollig club and indeed, Lillie's grandchildren are now carrying on the fine spirit that Con and herself showed to the club.

On behalf of all camogie clubs in the county, we extend our sincere sympathy to the O'Sullivan family and to the Ballincollig club.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Fixtures

TONIGHT
County Convention: Douglas GAA pavilion 7.30pm.
SATURDAY DECEMBER 15
Under 16 B County Final: St Catherine's v Rockbawn at Fermoy 12 noon.
SUNDAY DECEMBER 16
Junior B County Final: Carrigaline v Youghal at Brinny 2pm.
Cork v Queen's University at 4pm.

A great year for camogie

CHAMPIONSHIP 2001

The year 2001 was not a straight forward one for most sporting organisations given the foot and mouth problems earlier in the season, but like most we can look back and say that all competitions were finished before the real bad weather arrived, writes Mairé Uí Scoláí.

The new championship structure seems to have proved a big hit with most people from players to managers, and also the new playing rules seemed to have enhanced the game considerably.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA

While the counties gain a lot of attention media wise some of our clubs throughout have been busy with various

functions, such as O'Donovan Rossa who celebrated 85 years. Among the guests at that function were Uachtaran na hEireann Mary Mc Aleese and her husband Martin. Padraichín Ní Raifeartaigh Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael.

ST.JOSEPHS, MADDEN, ARMAGH

St.Josephs, Madden, Co.Armagh also had a recent celebration and were honoured by the attendance of Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael. This well known Armagh club celebrated forty years on the go and according to club and county secretary Anne Grimley "the celebrations went into the wee small hours".

"The club decided to honour the teams of '65, '76 and '77 who won the county championship" commented Anne who

tells me there is now talk of putting some of this information and history into book form. The club may not have enjoyed senior success lately, but this year the Intermediate team brought home the Intermediate title amid great scenes of jubilation.

DUBLIN'S YOUTH CELEBRATE

While Dublin may not have won many honours on the playing field of late, they recently showed a great off the field strength when they held a player of the year award for the first time.

The night was a celebration of Dublin's camogie youth and the following players received awards for their playing achievements on the field with their club and county. The awards were sponsored by ADC. All players received a most beautiful bronze plaque which were presented by Ardrunai Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael Sheila Wallace.

Senior Intercounty player of the year was Louise O'Hara. Louise is a member of the Erin's Isle club, and she certainly put in some sterling performances with her county in both League and championship. Louise then went on to take the Schwarzkopf Professional Leinster senior player award for the senior Gael-Linn Tournament the following day. Naoise Ryan of the Naomh Mearnóg club took the award for the junior intercounty player of the year. Naoise is a daughter of Orla Ní Shiochain who won three senior All-Ireland medals with her native Dublin. Orla's father was the late Sean O'Siochain. Orla's son Shane is a regular member of the Dublin football team and also played hurling for Dublin. The other award winners on the night were:- Mary O'Reilly, junior 'B'. Player of the year from Naomh Fionnbarra, Ciara Burgess, Junior 'A' player from Raheny, Síle Nic Coitir, of Ballyboden St.Endas senior 'A' player, Christine Lester, senior B player, from O'Tooles, and Niamh Farran of Naomh Padraig.

GOOD COUNSEL, DUBLIN.

The Good Counsel club of Drimnagh in Dublin recently held a very enjoyable primary schools tournament. Under the guidance of Ollie Byrne and Marie May four schools took part:- Loreto Primary, Crumlin, Scoil Mologa, Assumption School, Walkinstown, and Gael Scoil Inse Chor. The event was run over a number of weeks and the grand final was held in the club grounds in Drimnagh. Scoil Mologa and Gael Scoil Inse Chor were the winners on the day with Georgia Ní Leathlaobhar from Scoil Mologa taking the player of the Tournament award. All players went home with a souvenir each.

ST.MAC DARAS, DUBLIN.

Dublin senior intercounty player Siobhan O'Dwyer is a busy girl these days with her school St.Mac Daras of Templeogue. Siobhan is from Cashel, Co.Tipperary, so when Tipperary and Dublin meet sometime, things might get complicated for this young teacher!

Siobhan has been on the teaching staff there for some time, teaching history and English. She has decided to look after the camogie affairs there now as well. This young teacher has not let the grass grow under her feet and to this end she has been endeavouring to get some sponsorship for these young girls. Martin Brothers Construction have been their main sponsor, while she has also secured sponsorship from NST Travel based in Santry, Dublin.

The senior Dublin and Ballyboden St.Endas player comes from a strong athletics background. Her late grandfather Patrick Ryan represented the USA in the Olympics in the hammer in 1920, winning gold and silver. With many players from the Ballyboden St.Endas club,

St.Judes, and Thomas Davis it is likely that we will hear of Siobhan's exploits in the near future. Siobhan has got the school off to the best possible start this season by winning both their League matches played so far in the minor and junior grades. Niamh Leahy who is fulltime coach with the St.Judes club has given her some assistance.

Among the players in the school is Dublin U14 intercounty player Helen Cosgrove. Keep up the good work, Siobhan!!

TELEVISION STARS

Television is where a lot of people would like to appear and during the year many camogie players were on screen for a number of reasons. Early in the year several third level and intercounty players as well as Dublin colleges players featured on the BBC Programme Blue Peter. Tipperary players Una O'Dwyer and captain Emily Hayden got the once over on the RTE programme "Off the Rails" and they certainly looked very glamorous, not that they didn't before!

Recently TFI, the premier television company in France were doing a documentary style programme on the city of Dublin. They choose Camogie as one of their subjects. They filmed tutor Sarah Russell explaining the finer points of the game to young Dublin players, and then they saw how the game is played when a fine skillful game was played out with a combined St.Judes/ Naomh Mearnóg side against a Ballyboden St.Endas selection. The programme will go out on French television next summer.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB TITLE

Pearses claimed their fourth All-Ireland title when they fought off a great challenge by Tipperary side Cashel who reached the final for the first time, Pearses 2-08, Cashel 0-13. Both sides had many missed opportunities in the last few minutes. The game appeared to be heading for a draw when Cashel player Claire Grogan sent over what seemed to be the equaliser with time ticking away. However, seconds later she missed the winner and injury time saw Pearses Carmel Hannon knock over the winner. Great credit is due to Michael Kennedy who has managed all four of Pearses wins. The same day Derry and Cork met in the National Junior League decider in the Thomas Davis Club in Dublin, where Cork took their second junior title on the trot.

GAEL-LINN

The intercounty scene finished on a very positive note when the Schwarzkopf Professional Gael-Linn Tournament went ahead in St.Anne's, Bohernabreena, Dublin. The games were of a very high standard, and particularly the junior final had people on their toes to the very end. Eventually Leinster pulled away in extra time to claim their 6th title, Leinster 1-14, Munster 1-11. The senior title went to Munster when they defeated the holders Connacht 1-18 to 1-09. Munster had overcome Ulster in the semi-final, while Connacht had a narrow victory over Leinster. The Schwarzkopf Professional player of the Tournament went to the following players:- Senior Award:- Therese Maher, Connacht and Galway Junior Award:- Edel Maher, Leinster and Kilkenny. Provincial winners:- SENIOR:- Leinster:- Louise O'Hara, Connacht:- Therese Maher, Ulster:- Paula Mc Atamney, Munster:- Philly Fogarty. Each of these provincial winners, both senior and junior received a special presentation basket from Miriam O'Connor of Schwarzkopf Professional. JUNIOR:- Leinster:- Edel Maher, Connacht:- Lizzie Glennon, Ulster:- Sinead O'Neill, Munster, Helen Breen.



Tipperary camogie player Ciara Gaynor with Camogie President Pat Rafferty at Croke Park with the All-Ireland winner's Eircell-Vodafone Player of the Month award for October

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Classy St Catherines hold off Rockbán challenge to take their first championship

St Catherines 4-6
Rockbán 4-3

by Mary Newman

ST CATHERINES were crowned U16 'B' champions after a close encounter with the sides level on three occasions throughout the game.

Catherines started well and had a goal and a point inside the opening minute courtesy of Denise Twomey and Noreen Mulcahy. But Rockbán replied when Sheila Burns grabbed her first for Rockbán. With Denise Twomey and Mulcahy stretching their lead, St Catherines remained in front but, again, Burns replied for Rockbán when she soloed past the

St. Catherines defence and finished to the net to tie the scores.

Noreen Mulcahy pointed a free to edge Catherines ahead but, in the space of a minute, the sides exchanged goals, the first from Sheila Burns and the second from St Catherines' Marie Morrison. On the stroke of half time, Burns pointed to leave it 3-1 to 2-4 at the interval.

From the restart, it was evident that Sheila Burns was the main threat to St Catherines' title aspirations, when she shot her side into the lead after eight minutes with a well-taken goal. But the victors failed to panic. Orla Cotter pointed a free before Noreen Mulcahy's 45-metre free went directly to the net to put St

Catherines ahead. Catherines extended their lead when Denise Twomey again showed her class with an goal. Rockbán battled on and two points inside a minute from Sheila Burns had them within three. But time was not on their side and it was Catherines who hung on to take their first U16 'B' county title.

Scorers: St. Catherines: D. Twomey 2-2, M. Mulcahy 1-3, M. Morrison 1-0, O. Cotter 0-1.
Rockbán: S. Burns 4-3.
ST. CATHERINES: M. Twomey, D. Neville, E. Kearney, L. Kearney, T. Barry, A. Mangan, N. Mulcahy, D. Mulcahy, O. Cotter, L. Noonan, M.T. Collins, A. Hogan, M. Morrison, Denise Twomey and Deirdre Twomey.
ROCKBÁN: D. Mulcahy, M. Twomey, M. O'Keefe, N. Cashman, A. Geaney, C. Foley, A. O'Brien, L. Crowley, M. Walsh, T. Howard, C. Conway, C. Lenihan, S. Coleman, S. Burns, P. O'Doherty. Sub: E. Bresnahan for P. O'Doherty.
Referee: T. Pierce (Kilworth).

Carrigaline 2-8
Youghal 1-3

Two first half goals from Emma Greene laid the foundation for Carrigaline's historic victory in the Junior 'B' Camogie Championship final at Brinny yesterday afternoon. The victors led 2-3 to 1-2 at the break after Youghal's June Fitzgerald had cut the deficit with a well taken goal just as Carrigaline looked to be in total control.

From the restart, Carrigaline showed their determination to take the title with Emma Greene, Trisha O'Sullivan and Niamh Murphy picking off four points in a row to stretch

their advantage. Youghal fought hard and battled to get back into the game and were rewarded with a Kelma McCarthy point but it mattered little and it was Jackie O'Keefe who had the final say with a Carrigaline point to see them take their first adult championship crown.

Scorers: Carrigaline: E. Greene 2-2, T. O'Sullivan 0-3, N. Murphy 0-1, J. O'Keefe 0-1, M. Conlon 0-1, Youghal: J. Fitzgerald 1-0, Kelma McCarthy, Kelly McCarthy, J. Power 0-1 each.
CARRIGALINE: A. Kieley, E. Power, J. Fogarty, captain, J. O'Keefe, A. Collins, S. Moran, C. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, T. O'Sullivan, N. Murphy, M. Conlon, T. O'Keefe, C. Fitzgerald, E. Greene, R. Harrington, YOUGHAL: M. Slocum, E. Ryan, J. Heaphy, J. White, A. O'Connell, T. Byrne, captain, A. Corcoran, S. Flavin, C. O'Brien, J. Fitzgerald, D. Hickey, Kelly McCarthy, Kelma McCarthy, S. Downing, J. Power, Sub: S. O'Shea for D. Hickey.

Hannon strikes late to snatch title for Na Piarsaigh

Na Piarsaigh, Galway 2-8
Cashel 0-13

A CARMEL Hannon point six minutes into injury time saw Galway's Na Piarsaigh crowned All-Ireland club camogie champions after a pulsating final at Leahy Park, Cashel yesterday.

Moments earlier, Cashel's ace marksman Clare Grogan had pointed an equaliser and it seemed a replay beckoned. But Hannon kept

her cool and calmly slotted the winner between the posts on an enthralling day.

Na Piarsaigh looked the most likely to prevail in the opening stages with full-forward Sharon Glynn particularly menacing. Her tally of 2-2 was instrumental in the Galway side's victory.

At the back there were solid performances from Patricia Burke, Martina Haverty and goalkeeper Caroline Cunniffe.

Clare Grogan opened Cashel's account with a free and a 45 which were added to by a Philly Fogarty point.

But they were rocked by two goals from the westerners which arrived within minutes of each other.

The first was as a result of a dropping ball from Aine Hillery that was doubled on by Sharon Glynn. The full-forward had her second soon after as she drove a 30-yard free directly to the net.

But Cashel, to their credit, never gave up and Clare Grogan's tally totalled six points by the interval with the scoreboard reading 2-5 to 0-8 in Na Piarsaigh's favour.

After the break, the Tipperary champions attempted to quell Glynn by moving Una O'Dwyer to full-back while Jovita Delany switched to the half-back line.

Glynn and Shauna Ward scored points soon after the restart but then the winners were held scoreless until

their injury-time winner as Cashel piled on the pressure and mounted a sustained comeback, led by Grogan. But even her scoring exploits were not enough on the day.

Scorers for Galway: S. Glynn 2-2, M. Glynn 0-2, S. Ward 0-2, C. Hannon and L. Lally 0-1 each.
Cashel: C. Grogan 0-11, P. Fogarty 0-1, L. Twomey 0-1.
NA PIARSAIGH, GALWAY: C. Cunniffe, S. Barrett, A. Ward, P. Burke, M. Haverty, T. Laheen, M. Harkin, M. Glynn, V. Sweeney, O. Kilkenny, A. Hillery, C. Hannon, S. Ward, S. Glynn, L. Lally. Sub: R. Lally for O. Kilkenny.
CASHEL: S. Ricken, M. Kennedy, J. Delany, K. Moloney, H. Breen, U. O'Dwyer, T. Bonner, E. Hayden, P. Biffin, P. Fogarty, M. Morrissey, C. Grogan, L. Twomey, L. Grogan, H. Grogan.

Tributes paid to camogie board's late president

by Mary Newman

WITH seven motions down for decision and a number of contests for officership, the Cork County Camogie Convention was well attended by a large number of delegates at the Douglas GAA Club.

Prior to the commencement of business, a minute's silence was held and tributes paid to the board's late president, Lillie O'Sullivan, who passed away earlier in the week.

In paying tribute, chairperson Sheila Golden spoke of the great service that Lillie had given to the board and how she had always been a reliable officer and good friend to camogie. She extended the board's

sympathy to the O'Sullivan family. In her address, Mrs Golden praised the success of the Cork teams on the playing fields with the minor once again having been crowned All-Ireland champions; the senior and junior national league double having been attained and Munster titles in senior, intermediate, U-6 and U-18 all coming to the county.

However, she did emphasise that the prime target would be the return of the O'Duffy Cup to Cork in the year ahead, and said that goal was attainable. Mrs Golden also addressed the problem of the shortage of referees and hoped that with the setting up of Bord Camogaoictha Na nOg, the problem will be shared and hope

that both committees would work together to address the problem.

She also commented on the excellent work that has been put in place by the Development Committee and hoped that in the near future further progress would be made in this department. Both the secretary Pat Murray, treasurer Mary McSweeney and PRO Mary Newman all presented detailed reports on their various departments to convention. In the election of officers, chairperson Sheila Golden, secretary Pat Murray, treasurer Mary McSweeney and fixtures secretary Mary Bugler were returned to their positions unopposed, whilst in a contest for the position of vice chairman, registrar and PRO,

Marian McCarthy, Kay Dunne and Mary Newman held off the challenges of Mary O'Sullivan, Elizabeth O'Mahony and Eithne Duggan.

Amongst the motions down for discussion was one from the Éire Óg club, calling for the senior selection committee to be increased from three to five. The motion failed narrowly. Also defeated was a motion from the Bishopstown club that a deadline of the end of July be put down as a completion date for the Cork County Senior Championship. Convention also passed a motion that the board set up its own website while Bishopstown were successful in recommending that delegates should switch off mobile phones at all meetings.

Camogie president passes on

by Mary Newman

IT was with regret that camogie followers learned late on Friday night of the death of county board president Lillie O'Sullivan from the Ballincollig club. As a mark of respect all weekend games were postponed.

Lillie served as PRO, registrar and treasurer of the county board between 1981 to 1995 before retiring at the end of 1995. In 1998 Lillie was elected county board president to succeed Mary Moran. It was a role Lillie enjoyed and she played a very active role in the position.

An avid Ballincollig woman, Lillie gave tremendous service to the club where she was one of its founding members along with Nell Hennigan. Lillie was very proud of the role played in the county board by her daughter, Máiread, who also served on the board and is one of the mainstays of the Ballincollig camogie club.

It was a very proud Lillie who, during her recent short illness, had her granddaughter visit her in the Mercy Hospital with the Muskerry Under 13 trophy after Ballincollig had recorded

Games deferred following death of Lillie O'Sullivan

their first major success. Camogie in Cork has lost a lady who will be hard to replace.

It is hoped that next weekend the Junior B Carrigaline versus Youghal and Under 16 B final St Catherines versus Rockbán will go ahead, the Under 16 on Saturday and the Junior B on Sunday pending the availability of venues.

The big item on the agenda is the county convention, which will take place on Wednesday next at the Douglas GAA club. There will be four contests for officerships with the outgoing vice chairman, treasurer, registrar and PRO all opposed. The chairperson, Sheila Golden, is returned unopposed to the chair as is secretary Pat Murray, Bishopstown, and fixture secretary Mary Bugler.

Outgoing vice chairperson Marion

McCarthy from the St Finbarrs club will be opposed by Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons, another Brian Dillons member Liz O'Sullivan will contest the position of registrar against the holder of the office, Ballincollig's Kay Dunne.

Two Bishopstown representatives are seeking election with Deirdre Coughlan opposing Mary McSweeney for the treasurer's position while current inter county player Eithne Duggan is opposing PRO Mary Newman McCarthy.

There are seven motions down for discussion with one from Éire Óg calling for the senior selection committee to be increased from three to five. Another motion from Courcy Rovers calls for all the league competitions to be brought to semi-final stage before the first round of championships commence, and here there is sure to be wide support for this motion.

Bishopstown have four motions on the agenda, including one calling for Cork senior intercounty players to be granted when requested by the county selectors 10 days free from club fixtures.

The selection committees for the year will also be elected.



Lisa Strathern, captained the Derry minor camogie team in 2000

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L to R: Louise Murphy, Mairead Kelly, Paula O'Connor, Orla O'Sullivan, Valerie O'Keeffe and Nora Aherne who have all been awarded sports bursaries by CIT.

County convention in positive frame

THERE was a good turnout for the county convention held at Douglas GAA club last week.

Before convention began, Chairperson Sheila Golden invited all present

to observe a minute's silence in memory of the late Lillie O'Sullivan, the board's president.

Mrs Golden said that the minor side bringing the All-Ireland title to the county was the highlight of the year.

She also praised the senior and junior teams who again recorded a national league double, while the Munster winning senior, intermediate, minor and U-18 teams also came in for special mention.

The chairperson also mentioned the establishment of Bord Camogíochta na nÓg was also referred to by Sheila and she wished them every success with the venture which will cater for teams up to and including U-16 grade.

High on the agenda for 2002 is the ongoing work of the development committee and Sheila stressed the need for the board to acquire a pitch of their own.

Secretary Pat Murray, treasurer Mary McSweeney and PRO Mary Newman also presented reports to convention.

Munster Council secretary Rose Molone Rose advised that the centenary committee were not available to give the presentation to county convention but would be presenting it to delegates attending the Munster council convention in late January and they in turn could bring the details back to the county.

Four positions were to be contested, but prior



DESPITE the excellent scoring feats of several players over the weekend the top award goes to St Catherine's midfielder Noreen Mulcahy who had a superb game in the U-16 county final. She played with great spirit and determination, dropping back to help her defence and regularly set her side on the attack. Her performance helped in no small way to ensure victory for the Saints.

BY MARY NEWMAN-MC CARTHY

Camogie news

to the vote being cast, Deirdre Coughlan (Bishopstown) withdrew her name leaving Mary McSweeney unopposed for the position of treasurer.

In the remaining contests, outgoing vice-chairperson Marion McCarthy (St Finbarrs) retained her position against the challenge of Mary O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons).

So too did outgoing registrar Kay Dunne (Ballincollig) who was opposed by Liz O'Mahony (Brian Dillons).

PRO Mary Newman (Glen Rovers) defeated inter-county player Eithne Duggan (Bishopstown).

Outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden, secretary Pat Murray and fixture secretary Mary Bugler were returned without opposition.

Motions for discussion included Eire Óg's proposal to change the senior selection committee from three to five.

This plan received huge support but failed to get the required two thirds to change the present senior county championship fully completed by the end of July but delegates, after a long debate, were reluctant to put a hard and fast finish date to the competition, so the motion was lost.

Another motion also from Bishopstown sought convention to give approval to senior and inter players to be being given a clear 10 days fixture free from clubs when requested by the selection committee, but again, following debate, the motion was rejected.

The election of selectors saw outgoing coach Pa Finn and Bishopstown's Rose Desmond retain their positions. format.

The victorious minor winning combination of John Quinn Courcy Rovers and John Cronin Cloughdun were re-elected without opposition they will be joined by the representative of county champions Milford.

Lillian Zincent Sarsfields and Oliver Hallihane Ballygarvan who helped guide the Junior side to national league success were given a mandate to continue and they will be joined by Ballinhassig's representative as county champions.

Intermediate selectors Sheila Golden, Kay Dunne and Pat Murray were returned unopposed as were U-18 selectors Ann Marie Healy and Finbarr O'Callaghan.

Catherines take their chances

St Catherine's
Rockbán

4-6
4-3

ST CATHERINE'S had three points to spare over Rockbán in the U-16 B county final played in Fermoy last Saturday.

Inside the opening two minutes, St Catherine's had a four point lead after Noreen Mulcahy's opening point was added to by Sinead Twomey with a well struck goal.

Responding to the challenge, Rockbán's Sheila Burns struck their opening goal from the puck out.

In a first-half where the sides were evenly matched, it was level 3-4 to 3-1 at the interval.

A feature of the opening half was the excellent play of Denise Twomey for St Catherine's and Sheila Burns for Rockbán.

The second-half saw Rockbán get the early break when Burns had the ball in the net by the seventh minute to give her side the lead.

But, St Catherine's stuck to their task and at midway, had regained their advantage after Orla Cotter pointed before a Noreen Mulcahy long range free went all the way to the net.

Mulcahy again pointed a free and when Denise Twomey struck for her side's fourth goal with seven minutes remaining, St Catherine's looked set to pull away.

Rockbán had other ideas and inside four minutes, Sheila Burns had just three points between the sides and with the title still to be decided, they pressed hard for the equaliser.

However, a determined St Catherine's defence held firm to take the title.

Teams

St Catherine's: M Twomey, O Neville, E Kearney, L Kearney, T Barry, A Mangan, D Mulcahy, N Mulcahy, O Cotter, L Noonan, M T Collins, A Hogan, M Morrison, Denise Twomey, Deirdre Twomey.

Rockbán: D Mulcahy, M Twomey, M O'Keeffe, N Cashman, A Geaney, C Foley, A O'Brien, L Crowley, M Walsh, T Howard, C Conboy, C Lenihan, S Coleman, Sub E Bresnahan for P O'Doherty.

Green's brace seals victory

Carrigaline
Youghal

2-8
1-3

CARRIGALINE'S ambition of taking the Junior B county title came to fruition on Sunday last when they had eight points to spare over Youghal at Brinny.

From the start, Carrigaline set about their task and with Emma Green striking for two early goals.

Youghal found themselves with a battle on their hands and to their credit they kept in touch.

When June Fitzgerald struck for a goal before half time they were right back in the game and turned around trailing by just four points.

Again, as at the beginning, Carrigaline showed fierce determination from the restart, four points-in-a-row from Emma Greene, Trisha O'Sullivan (2) and Niamh Murphy gave Youghal a mammoth task.

Kelma Mc Carthy pointed for Youghal, but it did not lift her side and it was to be their only score of the half as Carrigaline, new with their noses ahead, were in no mood for defeat.

Jackie O'Keeffe had Carrigaline's final point before the final whistle to seal a historic victory for the club who in winning the title were taking their first adult championship crown.

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CAMOGIE THREE-IN-A-ROW

Tipperary made it three All-Ireland camogie titles on the trot with a facile victory over a once great Kilkenny by 4-13 to 1-6, at Croke Park in September.

In previous generations, going back to the 1980s and early '90s, thoughts of anyone dishing out a hammering to the Cats in an All-Ireland camogie final would have been greeted with disdain, but this match confirmed the long-suspected shifting of the power base in the sport.

The bare fact is that Tipperary had the title parcelled and bound before half time, as a goal from each of their thoroughly destructive full forward line put Kilkenny in the shade.

Signs were already ominous for the underdogs inside the first couple of minutes. A brace of frees from centre forward orchestrator Noelle Kennedy was followed by another point from midfielder Philly Fogarty, who created and ended the opportunity herself after a long solo run through the heart of the Kilkenny defence.



Emily Hayden has no difficulty in raising the senior camogie trophy

Midfielder Lizzie Lyng responded with a point for the Cats, but it was to be their last score for 13 minutes as Tipp went on the rampage.

The pace of Eimear McDonnell caused untold anxiety for her opponents, and Marie Maher was rarely able to get to grips with the corner forward, McDonnell forcing an excellent save from Kilkenny goalkeeper Catriona Ryan in the seventh minute.

Yet it would be wrong to single out any of the inside attacking trio, as both Deirdre Hughes and Claire Grogan enjoyed brilliantly productive days as well. Indeed, the Tipp full forward line helped themselves to a collective total of 3-6 from play, Hughes top-scoring with 2-2 and McDonnell and Grogan firing 1-2 apiece.

Grogan was the first to strike, taking a pass from Kennedy and blazing past Ryan to open up a five-point lead after a quarter of an hour. On the day that was in it, it was a fitting moment for Grogan - her two sisters had earlier helped Tipperary obliterate Offaly in the All-Ireland junior camogie final.

Less than two minutes after Grogan's intervention, Hughes notched the first of her two goals, handpassing the sliothar to the net (the move, illegal in hurling, is allowed in the women's game) to put Tipp in command. Hughes added another point immediately afterwards as the full forward line tormented their immediate opponents.

Full back Sinead Costelloe could rarely handle the explosive talent of Hughes, while captain Mairead Costelloe in the left corner also discovered, in trying to curtail Grogan, the most arduous of tasks.

Eimear McDonnell completed the set of goals for the full forward line with a fine strike to the far corner before half-time, and soon after the break Hughes got the second of her goals as Tipp's auto-cruise proved all too much for Kilkenny's outclassed resistance.

Midfielders Brigid Mulally and Lizzy Lyng kept the gallop up throughout, and Sinead Millea tried valiantly from start to finish, but to no avail. Millea, the summit on which Kilkenny so often pin so much of their hope, managed to hit the net from a free late on, but the fact that it needed a late, late free for Tipp net minder Jovita Delaney's goal-line to be breached tells its own story.

The Tipp back line is as worthy for praise as their brilliant attacking master class, with Delaney in goal impenetrable on the relatively few occasions when Kilkenny managed to carve out clear chances.

The day, the month, the year itself, is Tipp's; the problem for the rest, in the camogie world at least, is finding a means of preventing the type of dominance that the runners-up once exerted on the game. It may be no easy task.



Not only did the senior camogie title head to the county but the juniors were at it as well when claiming All-Ireland glory



Camogie is improving in the Faithful by leaps and bounds. These girls made it to the All-Ireland junior decider

Playing a major role in Cork's All Ireland minor winning team this year was a fifteen year old who is one to watch out for in the future.

Although with another year of minor ahead of her Sheila Burns has clocked up a lot of mileage on the playing fields.

When one is told that in doing so she is following in the footsteps of her famous father Denis Burns who played with distinction with both St Finbarrs and Cork where he won county hurling and All-Ireland honours we realise that to the youngster this is probably just natural.

**BY MARY
NEWMAN-MCCARTHY**

A past pupil of Scoil Oilibeir Ballyvolane / Dublin Hill where Gaelic games play a huge role in the school curriculum Sheila had the honour of captaining the school team to Division 1 Sciath na Scoil honours when they defeated Maria Assumpta Ballyphehane to take the title in 1997 in Pairc Uí Rinn, in doing so she was winning her fourth Sciath Na Scoil Division 1 medal in a row having played at the tender age of nine.

In Scoil Oilibeir Sheila Burns quickly came to the notice of camogie coaches Caroline Woods and Miriam Murphy and even though only in third class she had a huge influence on her older team mates, "she was very skilful and knew exactly what to do, she was a huge asset to our teams, it was no surprise that she went on to win All Ireland honours and the school is very proud of her" said Caroline Woods.

Outside of the school team father Denis was a huge influence coaching and guiding and when Sheila played hurling on the Carrignavar teams from Under 10 to Under 12 she again enjoyed success winning East Cork championships.

In 1998 a club was formed in the Carrignavar/ Whitechurch area and so the attentions of the young Burns turned to club camogie. "It's great that we have a camogie team and it has been going well, we reached the Under 16 b semi final but lost out to Carrigaline".

SHEILA BURNS

A name to watch in the future



■ Sheila Burns with her father Denis after the All-Ireland Minor Final

Winning the All Ireland minor title was a dream come true and it being her first year on the team the whole inter county scene was one which Sheila relished "I enjoyed every bit of the year and of course winning the All Ireland medal made me even more determined, hopefully I can go on and add to it and maybe in the future win a Senior medal.

Mention of the Senior medal prompted my next question and it was in relation to the role played by a father who had such a successful career. "At home mum and dad were a huge influence and we were always going to matches, my brother Con is a member of the Carrignavar Junior team but dad puts no

pressure on us and is a great help."

Denis Burns is involved with the Carrignavar Junior hurling teams and when time permits he often gives a help to the Under 16 camogie team.

Off the field of play he coached Cork minor hurlers to All Ireland success in 1998 and has certainly retained his love for the game he graced with such style.

Mother Phil while never having played is active behind the scenes in Scoil Oilibeir camogie where she teaches and has been involved with Caroline Woods and Miriam Murphy in preparing so many successful Sciath na Scoil teams in a school where ten camogie titles have found a home.

Mention of Sciath na Scoil leads us again to Sheilas beginning and here the visit of All Ireland winning Cork Camogie teams and indeed local club Glen Rovers with Munster and All Ireland club titles to Scoil Oilibeir was a huge event for somebody as sports orientated as Sheila Burns. "Sandie Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick are two players who I have always admired, when they visited the school with the cup's it was something that I always enjoyed and once we heard they had won we were always looking forward to their visits, one day I hope to follow in their footsteps, their skill and dedication to camogie is something that has influenced me and made me hope to one day be as skilful as they are."

Now a fifth year student at Colaiste Chroí Naofa Carrignavar where Fr Terry Ó Brien is the coach in charge of camogie, Sheila has also starred for the Cork Colleges Selection who took Under 14 honours in 2000 under the guidance of Rob Lott.

Another game which plays a huge part in her life is football and here again it was with the boys teams it began, since then Rockbawn girls have started up and it is also going well for her.

A lady who has very strong views and knows exactly where she is aiming to go, two subjects she has strong views on in camogie are skirts and the fifteen a side.

"I feel we should change to shorts as many players do not like the skirts."

However when our discussion developed further she respects the view that the skirts certainly add the bit of glamour and femininity to the uniform.

"The fifteen a side has made a huge change to the game and its for the better, now we are equal to the boys. Before people were prone to say things like you only play twelve a side and that's easy, now they are beginning to take notice and it can only help the game progress."

Indeed progression is something Sheila Burns has made since I first saw her on a cold afternoon on the small side pitch by Scoil Oilibeir School in Ballyvolane. That afternoon Caroline Woods pointing her out to me said: "Mary, there's a future star, Denis Burns's daughter," nowadays there's no need to mention the pedigree... Sheila Burns will suffice, watch out for her.

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THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camógaíocht

AN BHLIAIN Í bhFOCAIL - CAMÓGAÍOCHT

Therese O'Callaghan sifts through the ashes of a year in which the blue flame burned brightest.



HAYDEN'S FIRST SYMPHONY: Tipperary made sweet music in the camogie final, conducted by captain Emily

Before we brace ourselves for another year of championship camogie, the end of a season brings to mind how much was achieved in the past twelve months. It also helps us focus our thoughts on the challenges facing the Association as it moves another year closer to celebrating its centenary in 2004.

2001 saw increased activity on the playing field and while most people welcomed the back-door structure of the senior championship, introduced this year, a little tweaking should make it a perfect arrangement.

Overall the system went well, but next time it would be advisable not to make the second and third round draws until after all first round games have been decided. Putting it another way, the ideal All-Ireland final would have been Cork and Tipperary in action, but instead they had two marvellous clashes at semi-final level. Both draw and replay justified expectations and would have been the best advertisements possible for camogie on its biggest stage. We must at all times remember that we must make the most of the media attention that we get.

Otherwise, the new structure was welcome with first-round losers getting a second chance. This was the case with defeated finalists Kilkenny who were already ousted by Tipperary in their opening game. The All-Ireland showdown between the 'Cats' and the blue and gold proved to be an uneven pairing, however, and consequently we had a very one-sided decider in Croke Park on September 9th.

Tipp will have no complaints, though. They had more cause than most counties to rejoice. They won again - it was their third, and they came in succession. It was also made it an All-Ireland double for Tipperary in headquarters on camogie day, the junior side having upset the formbook in the curtain-raiser when they defeated first-time finalists Offaly. And of course a week previous, Liam MacCarthy came back to Toomevara with Tommy Dunne after the hurling final. As if that was not enough, Emily Hayden and Una O'Dwyer received a 'new look' from the RTE fashion programme *Off the Rails!* Clearly it was a good year for stick-swingers clad in blue and gold.

Many trips were made around the county showing off the O'Duffy Cup. It is fair to assume that nobody but the actual players and those closest to the team will ever fully appreciate how much of an influence Michael Cleary had in shaping Tipp's tremendous three-in-a-row. The regulars played well throughout - Una O'Dwyer, Clara Gaynor, Noelle Kennedy, Claire Grogan, Deirdre

FIANNA FÁIL AGUS CUMANN na mBAN: An Taoiseach i gcuideachta le Párlaimint, Uachtarán Chumann Camógaíochta na nGael agus Máiread Ní Mháirtín, Foras na Gaeilge, ag amhaic ar an gcluiche ceannais



remaining Galway looked likely winners, thanks to a lion-hearted performance from Aislinn Connolly (daughter of John) at centre-forward. However, a great ball in was caught by the Rebel danger-woman, Emer Watson, who rocked the net providing a dramatic end to an exciting contest. It was heartache for Galway manager, Colette Walsh, as she watched the Leesiders romp home.

Over the years there were occasions when Galway won by a point and invariably these victories were ascribed to the never-say-die attitude of the Westerners, but this year the fighting qualities of the Cork girls won through. An unexpectedly easy victory in the subsequent All-Ireland final followed against a Kilkenny side that never functioned as it had done in previous rounds.

But, for me, the most noticeable feature was the increase in the general standard and flair that stood out as these young teenagers showed off the skills of the game at their very best. Aoife Neary played her heart out and it was a step up for her when she was introduced to the senior panel and got her run out in GAA headquarters on All-Ireland final day. On the Cork side Sheila Burns established herself in the no.3 jersey. Anna Geary admirably flew the Milford flag from the half-back line, while up front her club-mates, Emer and Marie Watson, were lethal. St Finbarr's Gemma O'Connor is another player of note. Brieghe Corkery ran herself into the ground and 'Player of the Match' Elaine O'Riordan never tired of roaming the Éire Óg pitch in Nenagh.

In the 'B' final, lack of scoring power forced Carlow to surrender to a highly motivated



WINNING PLAYERS: Clara Gaynor was an excellent player of the month and was named for October 2001

Limerick selection. Joanne Clifford of the Granagh / Ballingarry club, who captained the team, starred at centre-back. While Sinéad McAuliffe and Nora Collins were central figures in steering the Shannonsiders to their first major win in quite some time. Excitement was at fever pitch as these girls put Limerick back in its rightful place on the camogie map.

All in all, 2001 has been a year of pride and progress. Now 2002 can be looked forward to with enthusiasm and optimism.

The Camogie Annual is on sale from shops nationwide and from all county boards.

Camógaíocht

NA TÓRTHAÍ 2001:

Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship final:

Tipperary 4-13 Kilkenny 1-6

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final:

Antrim 3-10 Derry 0-5

All-Ireland Junior Championship final:

Tipperary 4-16 Offaly 1-7

All-Ireland Minor 'A' championship final:

Cork 6-15 Kilkenny 0-7

All-Ireland Minor 'B' championship final:

Limerick 3-18 Carlow 1-1

All-Ireland Club Championship final:

4th November

Pearse's (Galway) 2-8 Cashel (Tipperary) 0-13

National Senior League final:

27th October

Cork 6-9 Galway 0-11

National Junior League final:

4th November

Cork 3-14 Derry 4-3

Gael-Linn Inter-provincials:

10th November

Senior final: Munster 1-18 Connacht 1-9

Junior final: Leinster 1-14 Munster 1-11

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Ashbourne Cup final:

Waterford IT 2-6 University of Limerick 1-8

Ashbourne Shield final:

Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh 3-12 St Mary's

Belfast 0-3

Purcell Cup final:

Cork IT 2-8 Carlow IT 0-8

Purcell Shield final:

Galway / Mayo IT 4-6 Limerick IT 1-7

All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Senior 'A' Championship final:

St Mary's, Charleville (Cork) 4-7 Loreto

Kilkenny 0-3

All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Senior 'B' Championship final:

St Brigid's, Callan (Kilkenny) 2-5 Mercy

Woodford (Galway) 1-4

All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Junior 'A' Championship final:

St Mary's, Charleville (Cork) 7-16 St Mary's

Magherafelt (Derry) 1-2

All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Junior 'B' Championship final:

Mercy, Woodford (Galway) 4-9 St Patrick's

Keady (Armagh) 3-6



Newmarket-on-Fergus Senior Camogie Champions, 2001

Back row: Marie O'Looney, Geraldine O'Grady, Michelle Croue, Fiona Hannon, Breda O'Looney, Maria Hannon, Louise Hickey, Ealine Kilmartin, Lorna Hogan, Edel Arthur, Siobhan O'Driscoll, Mary Quinlivan, Michelle McCormack, Jane O'Leary. Front row: Deirdre Cassidy, Ann Marie Arthur, Elaine McMahon, Aoife Ryan, Patricia O'Grady, Catriona Collins, Sinead Ryan, Sinead Cullinan, Moira McMahon, Orla O'Meara, Claire Arthur, Sharon McMahon, Ruth Kalzer.



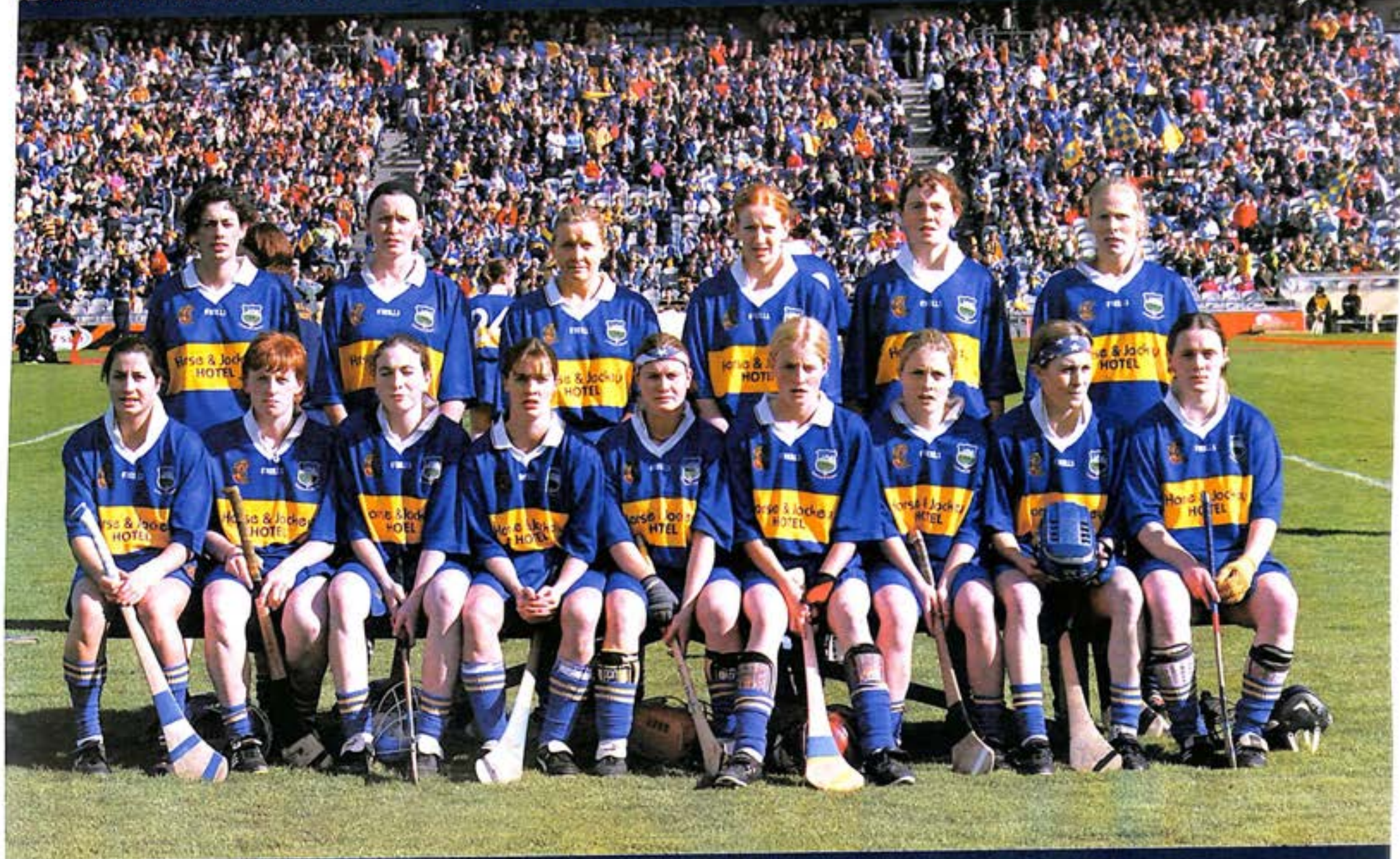
Kilnamona Under-14A County Champions and Féile na nGael All-Ireland Division 2 Winners

Back row: R. Clancy (selector), M. Lafferty (manager), R. Cahill, C. Quinn, A. Perril, S. Commene, J. O'Grady, A. Barrett, M. Neylon, B. Mullins. Middle row: U. Barrett, C. Power, F. Lafferty, S. Lafferty (capt.), M. O'Keeffe, A. Cullinan, M. Roseingrave, C. O'Loughlin (trainer). Front: O. Gallagher, J. Griffin, S. Halpin, C. Roseingrave, U. Roseingrave, K. Tierney, A. Greene, M. Keegan.



The Ballinhassig camogie panel, winners of the Junior A Cork County Camogie Championship.

CURRAIDH na hÉIREANN / ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS



CAMÓIG THIOBRAID ÁRANN

Ar chúl (6 chlé): Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Therese Brophy, Claire Grogan, Jovita Delaney.
Chun tosaigh: Ciara Goynor, Deirdre Hughes, Philly Fogarty, Sinéad Nealon, Emily Hayden (captaen), Joanne Ryan, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Eimear McDonnell.



ST. JUDE'S SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

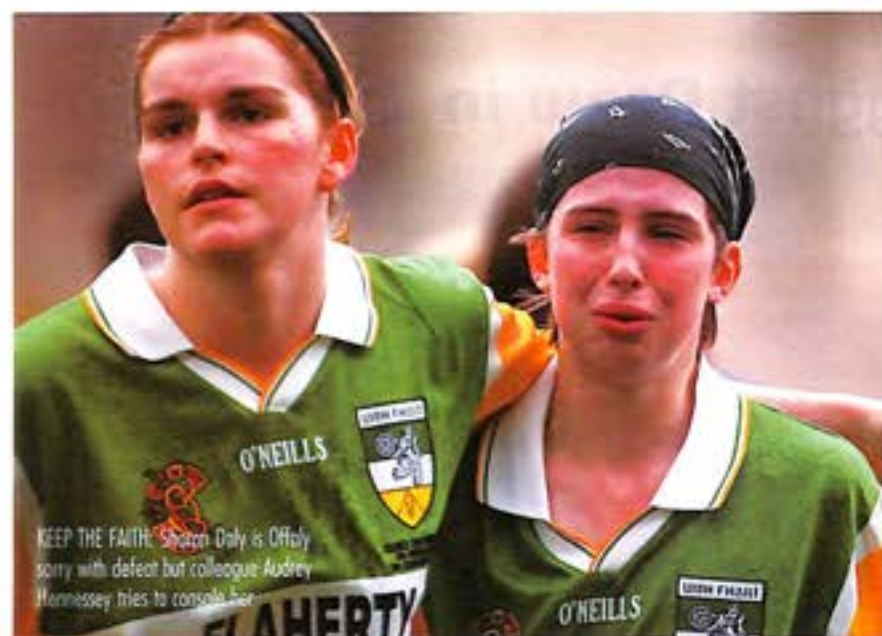
Back row (l. to r.): Seamus Massey, Geraldine Mangan, Tracy Culhane, Claire Mangan, Bronagh Maher, Helena O'Brien, Sinéad Ó Frighil, Fional Faulkner, Fiona Guckian (captain), Deirdre O'Connor, Sarah Breheny, Ruth Breheny, Fiona Ó Frighil, Marina Reynolds, Gerry Ryan. Front row: Siobhán Reid, Emma Reynolds, Aoife Kelly, Sarah Massey, Alanna Massey (mascot), Jennifer Hartnett, Alva Colgan, Suzanne Waine, Niamh Skelly, Elaine Sherry, Ann O'Gara, Brian Duggan.



DON'T LOOK BACK: Lizzie Lyng can wait, she knows it's too late for Kilkenny glory

Hughes and Emer McDonnell. But the others had a good year too. Jovita Delaney, Claire Madden, Paula Bulfin lived out their own success stories. Sinéad Nealon, Therese Brophy, Suzanne Kelly and Philly Fogarty all excelled. Emily Hayden rid herself of the captain's nerves and finished on a high note, while Joanne Ryan, a relative newcomer, established herself as a regular on the starting fifteen. Emer and Deirdre McDonnell won medals in both finals, while Moira Ryan added to her brother Declan's medal from the previous Sunday when she won All-Ireland Junior honours. This junior win was a great coup for manager, Martin Browne, as the tentative vote had gone in Offaly's favour, but unfortunately for them their first appearance in Croke Park was spoiled by this young Tipp squad. No doubt they will return bigger and stronger from the experience. One lady who really enjoyed her hour of glory was Tipperary full forward, Siobhán Ryan who scored a massive 1-10 of her team's winning tally. To bridge the obvious gap between being a

WHIPPED CREAM: Irish O'Halloran and Tipperary resort to drastic tactics to dispossess Marion Creen and Offaly



KEEP THE FAITH: Sharon Daly is Offaly sorry with defeat but colleague Audrey Hennessy tries to console her

winning junior side to becoming a top senior team the Intermediate Camogie Championship was set-up in 1992. This championship was introduced to nurse counties along. Up to this year, Armagh were the only Northern county to win Corn Puirseil, a trophy which was donated by Central Council in memory of the late Agnes Purcell.

September 29th saw the first ever all-northern final between Antrim and Derry. Needless to say the rivalry was intense, and to add more spice the Oak Leaf County manager, Dominic McKinley, played his hurling some years back under current Antrim boss, Jim Nelson. Opinion was very much split on the outcome. Derry had a young side fresh from their 2000 All-Ireland Junior success and were thus had their sights set on the bigger stage. Antrim, on the other hand, had contested the Intermediate final in 1999, losing out to Clare and consequently desperately wanted to avenge that defeat.

Conditions were perfect on a day when Jane Adams shone like a beacon. The Antrim for-

ward scored six points but everything about her play was of the highest quality and it was no surprise when she emerged as the game's top player being aptly crowned 'Player of the Match'. While Joan stole the show, special note must also be made of full-forward Grace McMullen who slotted home a brace of goals in the first-half and played a major part in her side's third, setting up Máiréad Graham. Ciara Gault (née Nelson) ended a marvellous afternoon for the Nelson family as father and daughter celebrated a memorable win. Elsewhere, the babes of the championship proved that there is plenty talent on the conveyor belt when they took centre stage at McDonagh Park, Nenagh. Although, both deciders were decisively top-sided, one thing certain is that many stars were born that day in Tipperary on August 5th.

The game against Galway in Carrigaline provided the most memorable moments of the whole campaign for the champions, Cork. It was the semi-final and holding a slender lead with five minutes of normal time

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Hosting the Ashbourne Cup a huge event for CIT

RIISING at Tam on weekday mornings for gruelling training sessions in testing conditions is not ideally the perfect start to a student's day.

But for participants in the Ashbourne Cup, they will say that an Ashbourne medal is worth the effort.

CIT host the 87th Ashbourne competition on the weekend of February 16th and 17th.

Currently there is tremendous work ongoing in preparation for the event.

It is also the first time that a major camogie competition has been hosted by this third level school.

Some girls never get the chance to win an Ashbourne medal, while the lucky ones have between two and four years to do so.

But, this year there is much psyching going on especially with the possibility of the CIT and UCC confronting each other in the penultimate stage.

In the quarter-finals (which have to be completed by February 2nd) CIT have home advantage when they play UCD, while UCC will travel to meet last year's runners-up, UL.

Should both Cork teams be victorious, a bumper attendance would be guaranteed at the semi-final, which will be played at St Finbarrs grounds.

However, neither side will openly admit to be looking beyond their next match, but deep down it is acknowledged that if this fixture did materialise it would be a unique occasion.

Rose Desmond of UCC agrees that with the great tradition of camogie in the Rebel County there "would be fierce interest if both teams won their way through to the semi-final."



CAMOGIE VIEW
BY MIRIAM DEASY

Miriam Deasy, who is sports officer at CIT, says this event is huge for the college, as they will be participating in the Ashbourne for the first time.

"We would not have had the opportunity to host the event only for the fact that we won the Purcell Cup in 2001 and thus gained entry into the premier competition this season."

"When we beat Carlow IT in our opening round, we also won the right to host the Ashbourne Cup."

"Some well-known names will participate in this years event, which is closely associated with the two other major intervarsity sports - Fitzgibbon and Sigerson."

UCC and Cork stars Sinéad O'Callaghan, Sarah Hayes, Rachel Moloney, Elaine Burke, Joanne O'Callaghan and Sinéad Buckley will play alongside Tipperary's Una ODwyer and Emer McDonnell while in the CIT line-out there will be no shortage of inter-county talent with Nora Ahern, Paula O'Connor, Valerie O'Keeffe and Orla O'Sullivan all featuring.

Sporting life in college for so many people revolves around the Ashbourne Cup.

As well as being a fiercely competitive tournament it is also a major social event.

Whatever the final outcome in Ballinlough on February 17th there will undoubtedly be a night to be remembered at the Banquet in the Rochestown Park later that evening.

Victory bash for camogie champions

by Mike McGrath

CHARLEVILLE Golf Club was the setting recently for Milford Camogie Club's victory social where a capacity attendance lauded the feats of the young players and their many victories over the past season.

Milford won the Under-18 A Cork County Championship for the first time last year and also won their third Cork County Under-16 A Championship in a row.

In addition the club's Maria Watson was the captain of the successful Cork Under-16 side which won the Munster and All-Ireland titles. Other members of the club to figure prominently on the team were Julie Sheehy, Elaine O'Riordan, Sharon Lenihan, Ann Geary and Emer Watson.

The Munster and All-Ireland under-

16 trophies were on display at the function, as was the Munster under-18 trophy. The club's Christine O'Gorman was captain of the Cork team which won this title and the other Milford players on that Cork team were Deirdre O'Reilly and Emer and Maria Watson.

The club chairperson, Anne Watson, welcomed all present and said that the club had had a great year in 2001. She paid tribute to the girls for their hard work and dedication to training which paid off handsomely, leading to the successes of the year.

She thanked all the people involved in the club who had created the right conditions for the girls' success on the field of play.

Fr. R Hegarty, PP, Milford, paid tribute to the work of the club and congratulated the girls on their suc-

cess and the honour they had brought to Milford over the year.

Guest of honour at the function was Anne Marie O'Keeffe, who is trainer of the very successful teams from St Mary's School, Charleville, for which many of the Milford girls play.

Ms O'Keeffe congratulated the girls on their success and thanked the club for their help and co-operation in the running of the school teams.

She then presented the players with their county medals.

Fr Tim Hazelwood, Charleville, made presentations to the Milford players who represented the club on the successful Cork County camogie teams. Special presentations were made to Mr Ted Sheehan, trainer of the club's senior team; to Joanne Collins, sponsor of the Milford team and to club chairperson Anne Watson.

Minors make their mark

CORK is a county where the year is very much gauged by the success or failures of the inter-county teams with particular emphasis put on the Senior grade, therefore if one casts a glance at the honours list they would be forgiven for thinking 2001 was a disappointment, however such is not the case.

The minor team brought the Munster and All Ireland titles to Leeside and in doing so made it a county minor double with the hurlers achieving success in the same grade.

On the club scene it was the year when Fr Ó Neills stopped County champions Bishopstown in their quest for five in a row, Cloughduv made history taking their first Senior county title, St Finbarrs buried the hoo-doo and emerged to take the Senior B title, and All Ireland Senior and Junior colleges titles rested in Charleville, while C.I.T took the prestigious Purcell Cup, their first ever title in competition.

Who will ever forget the wonderful Feile na Gael All Ireland weekend which was held in Cork and organised with just five weeks notice. Off the field of play Cork forged ahead when Mary Moran launched her wonderful history of Cork camogie, not a succesful year... indeed it was.

INTERCOUNTY SCENE

A NEW broom sweeps clean as the saying goes, therefore it was with great expectations that the newly elected Senior selection committee of Sheila Ó Brien, Pa Finn and Bishopstowns representative Rose Desmond got down to business and with the new sponsorship announced from Irish Pride Bakeries it was all systems go.

The National League got off to a good start with Cork defeating Tipperary, Kilkenny and Antrim but competitions were brought to a halt with the foot and mouth scare and on their resumption in October, Cork put the defeat in the All Ireland to one side and emerged victorious.

With the championship format changed and the back door in operation Cork and Galway met in the opening round where Cork recorded a victory and went on to a meeting with Dublin whom they defeated to set up a semi final with Tipperary.

It was a long journey to Mullingar on a day when Kilkenny mastered Galway in the opening game to make it to the final but Cork were not so lucky and had to face a replay after a Deirdre Hughes point after three minutes of added time grabbed Tipp a life line.

CAMOGIE REVIEW

BY MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

When the sides met two weeks later Cork lost out dissappointingly and it was Tipp who went on to make it three in a row when they totally outclassed Kilkenny.

Mention must be made of both Cork v Tipperary clashes as the standard of camogie played was superb and a great advertisement for the game, what a pity these sides did not meet in Croke Park.

Cork treated the national league with the respect it deserved. Unfortunately not all counties thought the same and fielded weakened teams. Cork found no trouble making it to the semi final and it was All-Ireland champions Tipperary who provided the oppositon once again.

From the throw in Cork showed a determination to succeed and went on to record a resounding victory over the champions and deny them the chance of a double.

Galway opened brightly and led mid way through the opening half of the league final, however once Cork regained their composure with Jennifer O'Leary grabbing three goals the title was staying Leeside.

A fitting reward for the panel of players and their back room team who bounced back from the heartbreak of defeat to regain their composure and make it seven National Senior league titles in a row.

INTERMEDIATE

THE INTERMEDIATE competition was somewhat of a farce with only four teams participating, the games were played on a league basis and despite losing both Cork still qualified for a semi final meeting with Antrim. To their credit Cork made them fight to the end but the experienced Northerners ran out winners and went on to take the title.

JUNIORS

ANOTHER EXCELLENT National league campaign saw the side make the semi-final and a meeting with defeated All Ireland finalists Offaly and a tough assignment, however a tremendous second half rally booked a final spot and a meeting with Derry. Derry proved no push-over in the final and after a stirring second-half display, Cork were victorious on a scoreline of 3-14 to 4-3 thus claiming the League double for the second year running. A truly remarkable achievement indeed.

On the Championship trail we had to surrender our Munster crown to Tipperary in a game that was up for grabs to the final

whistle, Tipp went on to be crowned All Ireland champions.

MINORS

THE YOUNGSTERS did not fail in their duty as they swept aside the challenges put to them and be crowned All Ireland champions. With John Cronin, Ann Watson and John Quinn in charge they set about their task with a good opening round victory over Limerick and went on to avenge last years defeat to take the Munster crown at the expense of Tipperary. On to the All Ireland semi final and a tough game awaited with All Ireland champions Galway travelling to Cork, on the day Cork dug deep and came out winners on a 3-9 to 1-12 score line.

Showing great determination and a never say die attitude Cork advanced to a final meeting with Kilkenny in Nenagh. From the start Cork commanded proceedings and such was their dominance that the result was a foregone conclusion long before the final whistle.

To round off a great day Cork defender Elaine Ó Riordan was selected as "Player of The Match" after a flawless display in the heart of the Cork defence.

Plaudits to the backroom team who once again worked the magic and produced another fine batch of minors who brought glory to the county. We look forward to seeing them progress in the years ahead.

CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION ON THE HOME FRONT

THE CLOSING month of the year 2000 and the early months of 2001 saw the backlog of championship finals for 2000 completed, in senior B Eire Óg were crowned champions with the Junior A and B titles going to Ballygarvan and St Catherines respectively.

Under age honours went to Milford capturing the Under 16 A, Carrigaline took the Under 16 B, while Milford made it a double taking the Under 18 A title, Glen Rovers were the winners of the inaugural Under 18 B championship.

So to championship action 2001 and with new clubs promoted in the three adult grades all were in the hat as the draws were made, with many predicting Bishopstown would make it five in a row of Senior titles.

With the opening rounds completed it was old rivals Fr O Neills and Bishopstown who lined up for a quarter final meeting and despite pre match predictions the champions crashed out and many felt Ó Neills hour would now surely come.

In the second semi final Cloughduv strengthened by the return from Australia of the Dunlea sisters made it past Carrigdhoun to qualify for their first county final, while



Cork, All-Ireland Minor Camogie champions

O Neills made it through defeating divisional side Seandun.

The marvellous setting of Pairc Uí Rinn made it the perfect venue for what was an exciting hour. Aoife Murray excelled for Cloughduv in goal. Una O'Donoghue broke the O Neills hearts with her inspirational play. Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll gave it their all in the quest to take the Science Cup to Ballymacoda but again it was not to be and it was a triumphant Stephanie Dunlea who

held it aloft for the Mid Cork side as once again O Neills endured the heartbreak of losing a county final.

Much credit to Cloughduv's back room team who prepared and guided their sides fortunes no more so than Tim Barry Murphy, Paudie and Kevin Murray, and club stalwarts John Cronin and Kathleen Healy.

Cloughduv set out in quest of Munster honours but met a stern test in the form of Munster champions Greengh- Ballingarry

who advanced at the Cork champions expense.

In Senior B St Finbarrs ended an eight year wait and put behind them the heartbreak of losing three finals when they defeated Milford who had also lost out in last years final to Eire Og.

For the Barrs the victory was a reward for years of hard work especially by Marion Mc Carthy, while it gave Colette O Mahony who had this year come out of retirement her first county championship medal.

JUNIOR A AND B GRADES

THE JUNIOR A championship final saw Ballinhassig defeat Watergrasshill, the Junior B has been narrowed down to Carrigaline, Youghal, Killeagh, St Finbarrs and Aghabullogue all still in the hunt for honours, at the time of writing.

UNDER AGE

IN UNDER age competitions the activities continued throughout the summer months. Douglas retained their Under 12 league title, Under 14 A honours went to Ballygarvan, Under 14 B to St Finbarrs. The Under 16 A and B championships are at their concluding stages with the finals down for decision before the Christmas break.

The divisional committees continue to promote competitions within their own areas on a league basis, another this year took up the gauntlet with Muskerry getting themselves organised, these competitions can only help keep the interest of the players alive and the divisions of Carrigdhoun, Seandun, Imokilly and Muskerry are to be applauded for their efforts.

COLLEGES ACTION

CORK AND Munster Colleges competitions were again action packed and the honours came to Cork side St Marys Charleville who once again won the All Ireland Senior A title and the Junior A side making it a double recording another success for that honour laden institution.

Munster titles also came to Charleville who won the first years competition.

In Cork Colleges competition Charleville defeated Coachford in the Senior A final but it was a great year for St Als who got back on the winning rostrum after years of absence when they took the Senior B title, Intermediate A went to Kinsale, while Intermediate B was annexed by Glanmire. Charleville were to the fore in the Junior A with Carrigaline taking B honours.

Higher Education honours came to Cork Institute of Technology who took the Purcell Cup, under the guidance of Miriam Deasy, an added boost to the game in the thriving Cork academy will be the hosting of the Ashbourne Cup in mid February.

U.C.C. continued to be amongst the fore runners in colleges competitions whilst the Cork Colleges of Further Education an amalgamation of St John's College, Cork College of Commerce and Scoil Stiofain Naofa participated for the first time in the Maher Shield under the guidance of Bertie Og Murphy.

SCIATH NA SCOIL

AS ALWAYS Sciath na Scoil provided us with plenty of camogie action and we congratulate the winners, and commiserate and say well done also to the losers, and once again our gratitude to the unsung heroes the teachers and parents, without whom these would not be possible.

In the C 1 Douglas took their first Sciath na Scoil Division 1 title at the expense of a gallant Scoile Mhuire Ballincollig.

Appalling weather failed to dampen the

enthusiasm of both sides.

Scoil Mhuire had the elements in their favour in the opening half and despite some early chances they failed to put them away. Two first half goals from Rachel and Katie O'Sullivan gave Douglas an interval lead.

Douglas made all the running in the second half, with Jennie O'Donovan contributing 1-5 they ran out winners.

For Scoil Mhuire Clare O'Donovan, Clare Mc Sweeney and Denise Cronin tried to the end against a Douglas side for whom Jennie O'Donovan, Eithne Lynch and Valerie Brown were excellent.

Una Lahiff shot Cloghroe into the lead in the C 2 final with a first minute goal, Aghabullogue worked hard and with Michelle Healy contributing two points they took the lead with a Brid Twomey goal.

Katie O Mahony and Una Lahiff hit vital goals and with Sinead Ní Riain adding an insurance point Cloghroe were safely home despite the efforts of Aghabullogues Ann O'Sullivan and Mary Ronan.

Scoil Barra Ballincollig had to give way to St Catherine's Bishopstown in the C3 final, two goals from Ciara O'Keeffe had Ballincollig in an early lead but St Catherine's gained the upper hand when Ann Crowley grabbed a late injury time point to give them the title.

Two first half goals from Orla Deasy and Mary Ann Hawkes had Innishannon in command at the break in the D C 1 final.

Sarah Coleman opened the second half with a Carrignavar goal and with Ciara Sheehan and Coleman pressing Carrignavar pressed for the equaliser but Innishannon with a Denise McCarthy goal secured the title.

Just a goal separated the sides in the D C 2 meeting of Whitechurch and Goggins Hill.

Whitechurch led 2-2 to 0-1 at the break and looked set for victory however Goggins Hill hit back with two goals but Elaine Casey with a personal contribution of 2-3 had worked hard enough to take the title to Whitechurch.

It took extra time to separate the sides in the D C 3 meeting of Ballygarvan and Dungourney where two points from Ballygarvans Aine Moynihan tied the sides up at the full time whistle.

With the lead changing with every score it took a late Ballygarvan goal from Aine Moynihan to secure victory.

Ballyheda looked set to dictate matters in the DC 4 final with three points without reply but Aoife Lee pounced for a Dunderrow equaliser minutes from half time. With the sides evenly matched it went to extra time and here the switch of Breda Tuohy to full forward secured the title for Dunderrow after she notched up three goals in two minutes to take the title.

Ballyheda led 2-3 to 0-1 at the half time whistle in the D C 5 final against Gael Scoil Mahon after a superb display from Aishling Twomey.

Two goals from Cait Ní Cheilleachair had the Gael Scoil back in the game, and with Roisin de Faoite and Kim Ní Chearbhaill both contributing a goal apiece they hit the front, but again Ballinadee fought back with an Ashling Twomey goal and putting the Blackrock girls under pressure they pressed for the winner but an incredible last minute save from the Gael Scoil

keeper Sorsha Wedel ensured a Mahon victory.

FEILE COMES LEESIDE

THE WONDERFUL festival of hurling and camogie that is Feile na Gael arrived in Cork by accident.

Because of the situation regarding foot and mouth Feile na Gael due to be held in Antrim had to be postponed, in order to keep the tradition going in stepped the Cork County Juvenile G.A.A. Board and falling into line the Camogie Board did likewise and so the carnival began.

A committee under the chairmanship of Marion Mc Carthy set about the mammoth task and Feile na Gael was back in Cork for the first time in twenty five years.

The twenty four visiting teams were hosted through the city and county and with games taking place all day Friday, it was time for the finals on Saturday. The wonderful gesture by the City Division G.A.A. turning over their superb facilities in Ballinlough to the Camogie Board for the finals was a dream and with Enniskeane flying the Cork flag in the Div 3 final local interest was high however they had to give way to Ballymacnab from Antrim.

In Division 2 Kilmona from Clare took the honours but all the excitement was reserved for the Div 1 final with holders Oulart the Ballagh snatching the title from the grasp of Laois Harps with the last puck of the game to make it a remarkable four in a row and achieve a notable double with their hurlers later in the day also taking honours.

In the Skills competition Cork winner Sarah Downing from the Courcy Rovers club flew the county flag and did so with great skill.

The incredible task of getting everything organised and run so smoothly was a credit not only to the organising committee but to all the participating clubs who rowed in one hundred percent to ensure a warm Cork welcome to all our visitors.

Having experienced first hand the thrill that Feile brought to my own club who hosted Myshall from Carlow long may the competition continue as the friendships made have lingered long after the last sliotar has been struck.

THE HISTORY OF CORK CAMOGIE

SO OFTEN to the fore with previous publications including the wonderful short history of the county, the "Story of All-Ireland Colleges" and "Camogie Champions", Corks Mary Moran recently launched the "Corks Camogie Story".

From the beginning it charts all the successes, failures and indeed a lot more and is a credit to the author.

Mary who served with distinction both at local and National level, is to be complimented on putting the story of Cork Camogie in print for all to enjoy.

As the year draws to a close plans are in place to set up a County Juvenile Board, the county has also recently elected a development committee and hopes are high that progress will be made in that area in the future. With the game continuing to flourish we look forward with confidence to another busy and successful season.

was still a year to remember for Leaside's camogie supporters



Cloughdub, who blazed a trail of glory to lift the Cork County Senior Camogie title in 2001.

Ballinhassig take title with fine display

THE junior A championship saw 10 teams battle it out for honours and on final day it was Watergrasshill and Ballinhassig who met at Delaneys.

The experienced Linda O'Sullivan helped her team mates settle with an early goal but Watergrasshill fought their way back into the game by half-time.

Ballinhassig never panicked and with captain Deirdre Holland and young Emer O'Sullivan inspirational, they recorded their first junior A county championship success.

Carrigline were crowned junior B champions as they took the title at the expense of Youghal, who also suffered defeat in last year's final.

For the Carrigline club the victory is an historic one in their first adult championship success since the club was reformed.

Among the stars of their success was Emma Greene, Muireann Conlon and Trisha O'Sullivan.

Milford retained their Under-16 A championship crown and made it three in a row with impressive displays from Patricia O'Riordan, Anna Geary and the Watson sisters Marie and Emer.



Cork captain Vivienne Harris receives the cup from Pat Rafferty after winning the league final. Picture: Press 22

Charleville are college kingpins with another title

CORK and Munster colleges competitions were non-stop and honours came to Cork side St Mary's Charleville, who once again won the All-Ireland Senior A title, with the Junior A side making it a double.

Great credit must go to Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe, who continue to produce winning combinations.

Munster titles also came to Charleville, who won the first years' competition.

In Cork colleges competition Charleville defeated Coachford in the senior A final, but it was a great year for St Al's, who got back on the winning rostrum after years of absence when they took the senior B title.

Intermediate A went to Kinsale while Intermediate B was annexed by Glanmire.

Charleville were to the fore in the Junior A with Carrigline taking B honours.

Higher Education honours came to Cork Institute of Technology who took the Purcell Cup, while UCC continued to be among the frontrunners in colleges competitions. The Cork Colleges of Further Education, an amalgamation of St John's College, Cork College of Com-

merce and Scoil Stiofain Naofa, participated for the first time in the Maher Shield under the guidance of former hurling star Bertie Óg Murphy and Peter Coady.

Sciath na Scol is where it all began for many of today's stars and the organising of such a mammoth competition is done by the legion of unsung heroes, teachers in the main.

In the C 1 Douglas took their first Sciath na Scol division one title at the expense of a gallant Scoile Mhuire Ballincollig.

Cloghroe took the C 2 title against an Aghabullogue side who worked hard to the finish.

St Catherine's Bishopstown were crowned C3 champions after two goals from Ciara O'Keeffe gave Scoil Barra Ballincollig an early lead.

The D C 1 final saw Innishannon and Carrignavar play out a close game, with Innishannon holding on to take the honours.

Just a goal separated the sides in the D C 2 meeting of Whitechurch and Goggins Hill.

It took extra time to separate the sides in the D C 3. A late Ballygarvan goal from Aine Moynihan secured victory for her side.

Munster stage with Cork defeating Clare to take the honours.

The juniors enjoyed another excellent National League campaign that saw Cork make the semi-final.

They met with defeated All Ireland finalists Offaly on a day not suited to camogie.

A second-half rally by the determined Cork side booked a final spot and a meeting with Derry.

Played at championship pace, Cork and Derry served up a thriller with the lead changing hands constantly and with 10 minutes to go Derry looked to be heading for the honours, but Cork's determination shone through.

Led superbly by captain Nora Ahern, they recorded a memorable win to complete the second leg of the county's double.

In the Munster Championship a disappointing performance in the Ragg saw Cork surrender their Munster crown tamely to Tipperary in a game that was up for grabs

to the final whistle. Tipp went on to be crowned All Ireland champions, but to their credit the Cork backroom team displayed faith in their side and regrouped them to take league glory.

The minors did not fail in their duty as they swept to an All-Ireland title.

John Cronin, Ann Watson and John Quinn set about their job with a good opening round victory over Limerick and went on to avenge last year's defeat to take the Munster crown at the expense of Tipperary.

The All Ireland was hosted with style by the vibrant Carrigline club and it was the All Ireland champions Galway who provided the opposition.

Cork showed little regard for the champions and emerged winners on a 3-9 to 1-12 score line.

Nenagh was the venue for the All Ireland minor A and B finals with Limerick outclassing Carlow to

take the B title in the day's opening game.

Cork commanded proceedings from the start against Kilkenny on a day when Marie Watson, Sheila Burns, Breege Corkery excelled.

To round off a great day, Cork defender Elaine O'Riordan from Milford was selected as "Player of The Match" after a flawless display in the heart of the Cork defence.

Much credit for the success of the minors must go to the backroom team who once again produced a fine batch of minors who brought glory to the county.

In under 18, with the competition only going to provincial level, the Cork back room team of Finbarr O'Callaghan, Lelia Long and Ann Marie Healy put in huge effort and were rewarded when their charges brought the county its third title in a row with a superb display, defeating Tipperary.

Munster took the Gael Linn senior title, led by Linda Mellerick.

Under-age to start early

AS the year draws to a close, Cumann Camógíochta na nÓg has been elected to cater for the needs of youth. With Pat O'Riordan of Ballygarvan at the helm, the committee are looking

forward to getting the under-age competitions for 2002 up and running in the early part of the year. This will also give the County Board much needed help and support in dealing with the huge

work load. Forward planning has been very much on the board officers' minds during 2001 and it was with this in mind that a development committee was set up during the year.

The wait goes on for O'Neill's as Cloughduv secure title

By MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

THE backlog of championship games from the 2000 season was completed between last January and April.

Carrigaline took the U-16 B championship while Milford took the U-18 A title. Glen Rovers won the inaugural U-18 B championship.

In league finals, Fr O'Neill's took the senior title while Carrigaline were the first club to inscribe their name on the Jackie O'Connor Cup when they took the junior B league.

Ballygarvan completed a double, winning the Junior A. Milford did likewise, taking the U16 A league.

Championship action in 2001 saw three clubs promoted to the two senior grades and to the junior A.

Lively opening rounds in the senior championship included the meeting of old rivals Fr O'Neill's and Bishopstown in the quarter-final, with the former advancing to a meeting with Seandún.

In the second semi-final, Cloughduv, strengthened by the return from Australia of the Dunlea sisters, beat Carrigdhoun to qualify for their first county final while O'Neill's advanced at the expense of Seandún.

In the decider, Aoife Murray excelled for Cloughduv in goal, Una O'Donoghue was inspirational and Marie Corkery showed great commitment for Cloughduv.

Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll gave it their all as O'Neill's endeavoured to bring the Science Cup to Ballymacoda for the first time, but it was not to be.

Cloughduv's quest for Munster honours ended at the hands of defending champions Granagh-Ballingarry.

In senior B, St Finbarr's put the heartbreak of losing three finals behind them to defeat Milford, who also lost out the previous year to Éire Óg.

● So often to the fore with previous publications, including the wonderful short history of the county, *The Story of All-Ireland Colleges* and *Camogie Champions*, Cork's Mary Moran launched her new publication, *Cork's Camogie Story* at a function in the St Finbarr's club.

It charts all the successes and failures from the beginning of the sport in the county and indeed covers a lot more and is a real credit to the author.

Mary has served with distinction at both local and national level and is to be complimented for putting the story of Cork camogie in print for all to enjoy.

● The great successes of 2001 were tinged with sadness for Cork camogie with the news of the passing of one of its greatest stalwarts, county board president Lillie O'Sullivan from the Ballincollig club.

Lillie acted in various roles as an administrator with the county, having held the positions of PRO, registrar and treasurer at various times before retiring in 1999.

She was accorded the highest honour in Cork camogie when elected to serve for a five year term as president.

This was a role Lillie enjoyed to the full. Indeed she played an active role up to the time of her death, having helped organise the annual collection in Páirc Uí Chaoimh just a matter of weeks before.

Cork camogie will be all the poorer for Lillie's death, but we will all retain fond memories of a wonderful lady who served Cork camogie so well.

Although the senior team failed to win the All-Ireland, 2001



The Cork team who were crowned All Ireland minor camogie champions in 2001.



Cork's Una O'Donoghue and Tipperary's Suzanne Kelly challenge for the ball at Ovens. Picture: Gavin Browne

Minors are the toast of Leeside

By MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY

Camogie review

DESPITE the senior team failing to win the All-Ireland, 2001 was another successful year for Cork camogie.

Pride of the county was, without doubt, the minor team who brought Munster and All Ireland honours to Leeside.

The senior and junior teams once again pulled off a National League double despite failing to make it to Croke Park on All Ireland day, while Munster titles came to Leeside in senior, intermediate, minor and under-18 grades.

Despite the early set back of the foot and mouth scare, the newly elected senior selection committee of Sheila O'Brien, Pa Finn and Bishopstown's representative Rose Desmond got down to business early in the year.

The National League got off to a good start with Cork defeating Tipperary, Kilkenny and Antrim, but competitions were brought to a halt by the foot-and-mouth crisis.

On the resumption Cork recorded a good win in the final over Galway.

The back door system came into operation for the championship,

with Cork and Galway meeting in the opening round.

Cork recorded a victory and went on to a meeting with Dublin whom they defeated to set up a semi final with Tipperary.

Kilkenny defeated Galway in the opening game of a double bill, but Cork were not so lucky and had to face a replay after a Deirdre Hughes point after three minutes of added time gave the holders a second chance.

Two weeks later Cork lost out disappointingly and it was Tipperary who went on to make it three-in-a-row when they totally out-classed Kilkenny in a one sided final.

● The Intermediate championship competition was something of a farce with only four team participating.

The games were played on a league basis and despite losing both, Cork still qualified for a semi final meeting with Antrim, with the northerners advancing to take the title.

There was better luck on the

A great time was had by all as the Seandún Camogie blitz was a great success



TEAM SPIRIT: The Douglas team enjoyed the competitive action at the indoor camogie blitz at the Cork Institute of Technology.

Picture: Mike English



COMPETITIVE ACTION: The Bishopstown team enjoyed their day at the camogie blitz.



SKILLED: The Passage Under-10 team gave the other teams a run for their money.



SPORTING DISPLAY: Brian Dillons team had great fun at the camogie competition.

Games at fever pitch

By ELAINE DUGGAN

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THESE girls were among almost 80 camogie players who participated in the Seandún Under-10 seven-a-side camogie blitz in the CIT sports hall.

Five clubs, including Douglas, Brian Dillon's, Glen Rovers, Bishopstown and Passage West all entered two teams for the competition.

For many of these sporty girls, it was their very first taste of competitive action and they took to it like ducks to water.

In total 20 games were

played in smooth succession, each lasting eight minutes.

With the emphasis on participation rather than winning, the organisers Seandún decided to dispense with holding a final.

And after 20 hectic games, all participants were presented with medals for their efforts.

Seandún chairperson Marion McCarthy said: "Having held a very successful outdoor fun day earlier this year for the Under-10's, the clubs in the

division felt that we should organise another day out for the younger players before the season drew to a close.

"On the last occasion we mixed the players, but this time out the girls played with their own clubs".

Marion also said the event was a tremendous success.

"All the participating clubs agree that it was a worthwhile venture.

"There is great deal of credit due to all who turned out to participate and support it. For the clubs who could not support it, we hope to organise a similar event this year," added Marion.



TOP FORM: The Glen Rovers Under-10 camogie team had a great time at the indoor camogie blitz at CIT.

Picture: Mike English



The Carrigaline team who were crowned county junior B camogie champions 2001 in their first adult trophy win since re-forming.

Carrigaline on the up after first adult win for club

JUST before the Christmas break success came to Carrigaline in the form of the Junior B Championship title.

For the club the win signified a major breakthrough as it gave them their first adult trophy since the club was reorganised in 1991.

Camogie was played in Carrigaline under the club name of St John's, but fell on lean times in the sixties when the game died in the area.

In 1954, the club had won the Junior A County Championship title when they defeated Castlemagner.

On that Carrigaline side was Peg Morrissey, whose grand-daughter Donna is now a member of the club's under-12 team.

Another active member of the present club is Jackie O'Connor, who coached the 1954 team to championship glory.

When the club was reorganised in the nineties Jackie, who has been a staunch Carrigaline GAA man, once again got involved and lent his support to the camogie section. Such is the high esteem in which he is held that the club made him president.

Jackie also has a grand-daughter involved as a player with the under-age section of the club.

Since the time of its re-organisation in 1991, the club has made steady progress.

1995 saw the first trophy with under-16 B league success and many of the present junior side were members of that team.

Other under-age titles came in the form of the under-14 B league, another under-16 B league title, plus a host of South East championship successes from under-11 to under-15 level.

The big breakthrough came with an adult league title at junior B level in 1999 and in 2000 they made it back-to-back titles in the grade.

For 2001 the club showed great vision and took the decision to participate in the junior A league, whilst still a junior B club.

Club chairman Des O'Connell said: "We felt that the step up would help us and the results to date have shown that we took the right decision, we now look forward to participating in the junior A championship in the coming season."

Not only on the field of play has success come to the club, as Jack McGrath - one of the Carrigaline officials - is a referee.

Jack is a member of the inter-county referees panel and had the distinction of refereeing the Galway senior county final.

He is also the chairperson of the South East Camogie Board and has played a big role in the camogie club's success story.

Looking ahead one can only predict a bright future for this vibrant club which has gone from strength to strength in such a short time.

Charleville set for college showdown

DESPITE the closed season, colleges are busy with championship competition as they prepare for important fixtures which are pencilled in over the coming weeks.

Since the return to studies last September, competitions have been going full steam ahead and with the superb conditions that have prevailed, all are on schedule.

In Munster Colleges action to date, in the senior A competition, Shannon beat Nenagh 3-7 to 1-4 to set up a semi-final with Borrisoleigh, who made it through after a stern test from a determined Templemore side who took them to a replay before they reached the semi-final.

In the first game it finished Borrisoleigh 0-10 Templemore 1-7. The second time out, Borrisoleigh made no mistake. Backboned by the Tipperary duo Louise Young and Ger Kinnane, they ran out 0-7 to 0-2 winners to set up their semi-final clash with Shannon.

The semi-final was an exciting game with just four points separating the sides at the full time whistle. Shannon can now look forward to the final, having weathered a stern test.

All-Ireland champions St Mary's Charleville - with the Watson sisters Marie and Emer to the fore - were too strong for Mercy Clonakilty in their quarter-final clash, running out winners

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on a 4-14 to 1-7 scoreline, to set up a meeting with Ennis.

In that semi-final clash, the champions had little difficulty advancing with a 6-12 to 1-2 winning margin.

The final is scheduled to take place on February 9 at a Charleville venue.

The senior B championship saw Bandon continue to make strides with a comprehensive quarter final win over Ballingarry. Coachford made it through without difficulty with an 8-8 to 1-2 win over Scarriff.

The meeting of Cashel and Tulla was one where the Cashel girls were always in command and they recorded a 1-12 to 2-3 win. In the last quarter-final Mercy Waterford had a 6-6 to 1-3 winning margin over Presentation Thurles.

Both semi-finals were close affairs. Bandon had two points in hand at the full-time whistle after their meeting with Coachford Community College. Among the stars on the Bandon side were Colette Desmond, Marguerite Nyhan and Trisha Donovan, while for Coachford Joan Twomey, Emma O'Keefe and Edel O'Sullivan impressed.

Mercy Waterford, backboned by players from

the Kilkenny and Waterford minor sides, made it to the final with two goals to spare on a 2-7 to 0-7 scoreline over a Cashel side that included Tipperary senior star Clare Grogan.

To reach the final is a wonderful achievement for the Waterford girls, who are participating in the competition for the first time.

John Brennan, who is at the helm in the school, told *Grassroots*: "Last year we won the intermediate league and junior B championship but lost out heavily in the junior All-Ireland semi-final. We have a good side and they have put in a huge effort."

It's good to see the game growing in Waterford and hopefully the efforts will filter down the line in due course. However, they will face a strong test from a Bandon side who are under the watchful eye of Sinead White. Last season Bandon lost out in the Munster final to Borrisoleigh and are determined not to make the same mistake this time out.

The Waterford side will contain several players with inter county experience, with three Kilkenny minors who played in the All-Ireland final in the side. Emily Darmody, Brid and Elaine Alward will be joined by Waterford minor Ciara Phelan, Pauline Cunningham and Jenny O'Grady in their quest to bring the first senior colleges title to the county. The game is fixed for January 26 at a Waterford venue.

Carrigaline wait on semi-final opponents

THE intermediate championship competition is played on a league basis, unlike other colleges competitions.

Thirty teams took part and were divided into five groups geographically. Kilfinnan and St Mary's, Macroom meet in one semi-final while Carrigaline are in the other.

St Mary's Charleville await the winners of Ursulines Thurles and Roscrea. The winners then meet

Carrigaline in the other semi-final.

With the final scheduled for February 23 all sides will be anxious to get games moving as soon as possible.

In the junior A championship All-Ireland champions St Mary's, Charleville will defend their crown against St Mary's, Nenagh on February 2.

In the junior B championship Loretto, Fermoy, backboned by Cork

minor Denise Twomey and Marie O'Neill, had too much skill for Limerick school Laurel Hill and will meet Community School Cashel in the semi-final this week.

Cashel made it through to the semi-final after a tough hour with St Al's, coming away with five points to spare on a 3-8 to 2-6 scoreline.

Presentation Thurles have reached the final, to be played on

February 9, with a victory over Newcastlewest, conquerors of Carrigaline in the quarter-final.

A mention must given to the elevation of former Munster Colleges secretary Mary Moran to higher office. Having retired from the Munster Colleges scene after 32 years, Mary was recently named president of the All-Ireland post primary schools council, succeeding Offaly's Miriam O'Callaghan.

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The St Catherine's team who were crowned U16B county camogie champions last season.

Camogie on the up in east Cork

WITH ten clubs participating in their competitions, the east Cork camogie committee once again enjoyed a very successful year on the playing fields.

Completing its third year of inter-divisional activities, the committee has seen interest continue to grow, with new clubs getting involved every year.

Under the chairmanship of Killeagh's Sheila Spillane, who has given years of service both to club and county they organise competitions at under-12 and under-14 grade.

Secretary-PRO Margaret Hyde from the Fr O'Neill's club told *Grassroots*: "We are very pleased with the way things have gone for us since we got together three years ago."

"Having seen how the organising of their own competitions at underage level had helped the divisions of Carrigdhoun and Seandún, we got together and set the wheels in motion."

There will always be interest in playing games and these competitions give players extra matches outside of the county board leagues and championships. Speaking to mentors from the other divisions, there seems to be agreement that the inter-divisional activities have helped strengthen clubs.

A team was entered in the senior county championship, as has been the case for several seasons. This year former senior inter-county

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player and Killeagh stalwart Betty Joyce took the reigns and, assisted by the very determined Marie Clancy from St Catherine's, they assembled a strong side who were put through their paces by Betty and Pat Clancy.

The championship draw threw them a tough opener, drawn to face senior B champions Éire Óg, who were newly promoted back to the top grade.

Undaunted, Imokilly gave it their all and after turning in a creditable performance they snatched a draw in the dying minutes to force a replay, where it again was a close call before Éire Óg emerged by a narrow margin.

After the game Betty Joyce was reasonably pleased with her charges' performances, given that many of them were playing in the senior county championship for the first time.

Another venture which the side participated in was the Middleton Gaelic Week Tournament where they played a game against Fr O'Neill's, with O'Neill's coming out on top.

Certainly with talent such as Denise Twomey, Annette Fitzgerald, Teresa Byrne, Emer O'Farrell, Esther Power and Christine Treacy at their disposal, Imokilly are more than capable of recapturing the glory days when no fewer than six

senior county championship titles came to the east Cork barony in 1947, '72, '73, '74, '75 and '76.

Not just content to field a side in the senior championship, the division also contested the inter-divisional blitz held on St Patrick's Day. They travelled to Ballygarvan, where they were paired in a group with Carbery and eventual winners Carrigdhoun.

Seven clubs entered the under-14 competition which was run on a league basis. Eventually four teams emerged to contest the semi-finals with St Catherine's, Youghal, Dungourney and Watergrasshill making it through.

The final saw St Catherine's and Dungourney come face to face, with St Catherine's recording a victory to retain their title.

The under-12 competition was played as a blitz because it did not take place until November with Dungourney, Fr O'Neill's, Killeagh and Youghal participating. The title was won by Dungourney, who in taking the honours were winning their first east Cork title.

Among the stars on the day were captain Carolyn Motherway, Aoife O'Neill, Ella Ryan, Denise O'Riordan and Katie Donovan.

The win was a great boost to the club, who are just three years in existence and it points to the value of the underage inter-divisional competitions where new clubs can participate and get their bearings before competing in the bigger county board competitions.

Future is bright as Saints scale the heights

St CATHERINE'S scaled the heights last season, claiming their first U-16 B county title.

The club was founded in 1981 when Rena O'Leary (nee Manley) entered a junior B team in the county board competitions. They tasted success for the first time in 1984 when the junior B team, captained by Rena O'Leary, were crowned county champions.

Promotion to the junior A followed and with it a few hard years, but the club kept the show on the road.

The decision to regrade to B status was a hard one, but hard work ensured the junior B title was regained in 2001.

The club are now firmly established as a junior A club and reached the county semi-final in 2001, losing out to eventual winners Ballinhassig.

Camogie began in the local schools in 1988 and with Conna, Curaglass and Ballynoe National Schools promoting the game, the club quickly established itself at under age level.

"The co-operation between the local schools and the club is superb," said chairperson O'Leary.

The hard work has paid huge dividends. Success in 2000 at U12 and U14 was followed by the U14 side retaining their title in 2001.

The club has also contributed enormously to the game within the county with former players Thomashina Hegarty serving as county secretary for two years and Marie O'Regan doing likewise in the position of fixture secretary.

The club has also been well represented on the inter-county front.

In 1989 Nora O'Connell brought the first All-Ireland title when she took the All-Ireland Féile na nGael Skills title in Portlaoise. Annette Fitzgerald and Laura Noonan were crowned Cork champions in 1997 and 1999 respectively and represented the county in the national competition.

Mary St Catherine's players have featured on Cork teams and Denise Twomey brought the first All-Ireland medal last year, having lined out in goal with the victorious minors side who defeated Kilkenny. Several players have won Munster Championship honours, notably Denise Twomey, Nora O'Connell, Liz Power and Helen Lane.

The backroom team have a vital role to play and St Catherine's are fortunate that O'Leary's enthusiasm has never faltered. She is now in her 15th year as secretary. Chairperson is the efficient John Mangan whilst Marie Clancy (nee Spillane), who also gave years of service as a player, holds the important position of treasurer.

With the U16 team bound for A grade and the club fielding teams in junior A and B the future is bright for the vibrant club.

Fr O'Neill's will be anxious to atone

IT'S back to the action on a limited basis this weekend with the backlog of U-18 championship games down for decision.

Fr O'Neill's and Killeagh meet in an east Cork derby and the Fr O'Neill's girls, who lost out in last year's county final, will be favourites to advance.

City-side Douglas and Éire Óg meet in Ovens and the home side will have a tough task in containing

a lively Douglas outfit that contains players of the calibre of Fiona O'Donovan and Louise O'Regan.

However Éire Óg's Louise O'Leary and Aoife McCarthy will not be found wanting as they strive to secure a quarter-final spot where St Finbarr's await the winners.

Bishopstown make the journey to Kildorrey and Marie Monahan and Jean O'Sullivan will lead the Bishopstown challenge.

County U-16 B champions St Catherine's entertain a Newtownshandrum side that will have inter-county players Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher in their line-out.

Next Saturday night in Patrick's Restaurant in Blarney, the Munster Council will hold a gathering of invited guests to honour former Munster post primary schools camogie secretary Mary Moran, who recently retired after 32 years

in the position. The council will make a presentation to honour Mary's dedication and work over the years.

Among the gathering will be present and former officers of the Munster Council, delegates from the various counties who attend Munster council and the officers of the Munster post primary council. Cork will be represented by county chairperson Sheila Golden.

Fixtures

SATURDAY JANUARY 19

Under 18 B Championship: Fr O'Neill's v Killeagh at Pimrose 2pm.

SUNDAY JANUARY 20

Under 18 B Championship: Kildorrey v Bishopstown at Kildorrey 12.30pm; St Catherine's v Newtownshandrum at St Catherine's 12.30pm; Éire Óg v Douglas at Ovens, time to be confirmed. 11.11.01

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St Finbarr's camogie committee members pictured with county chairperson Sheila Golden at their victory dinner dance. Also included is St Finbarr's president Val O'Riordan.

Waiting game pays off for the Barrs

THE adage that all good things come to those who wait was never more apt than when St Finbarr's took the coveted senior B county title last season. They endured the heartbreak of losing three finals and a semi-final before it all came right against Milford.

The side was captained by Ellen Clifford and the victory gave long serving club stalwart Colette O'Mahony, who came out of retirement, a long-awaited county medal. An unique feature of the victorious side was that four sets of sisters lined out on the day the Kirby twins, Colette and Clare, the Mahers, Bernadeen and Valerie, Linda and Susan O'Connell and Deirdre and Aileen Clarke.

St Finbarr's celebrated 25 years of camogie in the famous southside hurling and football stronghold in 1997. Camogie was played in the club prior to 1972. In 1964 they won the junior county championship. However, the club disbanded shortly afterwards and was revived under the guidance of Frances Barry-Murphy and her late father, John Barry-Murphy with Kitty O'Grady and Mary McCarthy also to the fore.

Many years of heartbreak followed before success arrived in the shape of a county junior title in 1981 when a side captained by Marie O'Sullivan defeated Blackrock.

Promotion to intermediate grade brought instant success and with that title secured in 1982 the Barrs achieved a long cherished ambition with promotion to senior.

St Finbarr's won the junior A championship in 1984 and the junior B in 1991.

In the interim years the game grew, with teams now entered in underage competitions.

Three-in-a-row county U-16 titles were won from 1982 to 1984 as well as the U-18 county in 1986. A host of league titles have been won.

Participating in competition under the auspices of Seandún, the club's underage teams have also enjoyed many victories, U-11 titles in 1997 and 98, U-13 in 1998 and U-15 honours in '98 and 2000. Many players from the club have won recognition at inter-level. Clare Cronin and Colette O'Mahony won senior All-Ireland honours, Colette O'Mahony, Deirdre Christie and Paula Carey had the honour of captaining the All-Ireland minor winning teams in their three in a row, 1983 to 1986, while Mary Ann Horgan, Finola Broderick and Gemma O'Connor also won minor honours.

Marie O'Sullivan, Stephanie Curtain, Louise Cosgrove and Colette Cronin all won junior All-Ireland honours with Linda O'Connell adding an intermediate medal to her junior. The club has had many great workers down through the years, notably Marion McCarthy.

A leading light in the promotion of the game, Marion has brought honour to the club in her role as vice-chairperson of the Cork County Board and also chairperson of the Seandún division.

With such loyalty and commitment on their committee, St Finbarr's, under the chairmanship of Clare Barry who is also a member of the club's senior team, can look to the future in confident mood.

Convention to see some lively debate

ON Sunday next delegates from Munster will gather in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Tipperary, for the annual convention.

A busy agenda will deal with business reports from the various counties and one from the post primary council, election of new officers and central council delegates as well as representatives on the central council fixture committee for the coming season.

The very important function of championship draws will also be performed.

In a comprehensive report to convention the council's secretary Rose Molone (Cork) analyses each of the counties' activities through what has been another successful year for the Munster counties.

Rose congratulates Limerick on taking their first All-Ireland Minor B title when they proved too strong for Carlow. Whilst not gaining success she also mentions the excellent participation of the county in both the senior and junior national leagues.

The senior side recorded a good victory over Down in the opening round of the All-Ireland championship but they lost out to Galway later in the competition. Reading the round up from Limerick there will surely be concern that just three teams participated in their county's Féile na nGael competition, which Ballyagran won.

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However, on a more positive note the county organised competitions at under age level for U-10, 12, 14, 16 18 and 21 and this surely augers well for the continued growth of the game in Limerick.

Good news for the game in the county was the securing by the Croagh Kilfinney club of their own playing pitch, which they dedicated to the memory of the late Helen Sheedy-Fitzgerald, who was an outstanding member of the club.

Once again the report on the game in Cork is a healthy one with competitions from U-12 to senior organised.

Rose reports that the county took the Minor All-Ireland A title with Elaine O'Riordan named as player of the game. The Senior National League was annexed for a record-breaking seventh year in a row, while the junior team made it a double, taking their second title in a row.

While Cork lost out to Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final, Rose is loud in her praise for their efforts in two games. The effort put in by Cork in ensuring at short notice that the national Féile na nGael eventually took place are acknowledged, as are the efforts of Marlon McCarthy and her committee.

Sciath na Scol's promotion of the game and the organising of a juvenile county board are among

the big work at under age level in the county. The publishing of the county's history by Mary Moran is also reported on.

Having given a comprehensive round up from the counties, Rose pays her tribute to outgoing president Elthne Neville of Limerick who has completed her three year term of office. She also encourages county boards to organise a centenary committee to start work on organising events to honour the occasion.

There are five motions down for decision, with Tipperary proposing all but one.

Their first calls for the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-finals to continue to be held on the same day at a central venue.

There is sure to be lively debate on this one given the farcical situation which existed in the season gone by with Cork and Tipperary travelling to Mullingar to play after Galway and Kilkenny. In contrast to Tipperary's motion Munster Council are proposing one that calls for the neutral venue to be abolished and the semi-finals be played on a home and away basis.

Cork's Marie Kearney is set to take over the role of chairman with Tipperary's Marion Graham completing her term of office. Mary Moran will be honoured with the position of president, with Limerick's Kathleen Coffee, the outgoing registrar, taking over the vice chairman's position vacated by Marie Kearney, and Maire Sheehy nominated for the position of registrar.

Bandon look forward to their big day

IT'S a big day on Saturday next for Presentation Bandon when they contest the Munster Post Primary Senior B Final against Mercy Waterford.

Bandon, in their second year contesting the senior B final, are under no illusions as to the task ahead, having lost out last year to Borris-

leigh. The experience gained is sure to be of benefit to them.

Mercy took last season's intermediate title and were also junior B champions and several of their players have inter-county experience.

Three Kilkenny minors, Emily Darmody, Brid and Elaine Aly-

ward, form the backbone of the side, whilst Clara Phelan and Pauline Cunningham have been Waterford county minors.

John Brennan is at the helm of a side that showed confidence in defeating Community School, Cashel, by two goals in their semi-final outing.

Bandon came out on the right side of a classic semi-final, defeating Coachford on a 1-8 to 2-3 scoreline and they have plenty of experience in their line-out. Colette Desmond, Celine Nyhan, Ashling Holland, Maeve O'Sullivan and captain, Aileen Coughlan will give it their all in their quest for honours.

Mary takes the honours for her dedication to camogie

by Mary Newman

ON SATURDAY, Munster Camogie Council gathered to pay homage to a lady who has served Colleges and Schools Camogie in Munster with distinction.

For Mary Moran, the recent Annual General Meeting of the Munster Post Primary Schools council where she stepped down from office brought the curtain down on a career that has spanned 32 years. In that time there have been many changes, none more so than when the name was changed from Munster Colleges to the present format of Munster Post Primary Schools Council - this came about with the inclusion of post primary and vocational schools top competition.

Mary Moran was honoured with a presentation in recognition of her work through the years. In that time she has seen many of the victorious Munster Champions go all the way to take All-Ireland honours with St Aloysius, Scoile Mhuire, Cashel, North Presentation, St Patricks, Cork and Shannon, and St Marys, Charleville and Nenagh, to bring Senior crowns to the province. In recent years Clonakilty brought the Senior B crown while the Junior scene has been littered with success.

Mary Moran's dedication to the game is well known; she has published several outstanding books - one which charts the story of the All-Ireland colleges scene spanning 30 years and aptly titled "A Resounding Success." Without doubt, the story of Munster Colleges is one which is very dear to her heart, titled "Gymfrocks to Headbands" it tells a remarkable story from the beginning in 1968 when Munster Council notified the county board of their intention to organise a Munster Schools championship, little did they envisage what a success story they were setting in motion.

Mary brought to the market another publication with "Cork Camogie Story" hitting the shelves, again her wonderful knowledge and deep love of the game is evident. It was with St Aloysius that Mary first learned her camogie, lining out with the school side to win several honours, on joining Old Aloysius Mary went on to win Senior County Championship honours before a move to Dublin saw her line out with Celtic where she won an All-Ireland Club championship medal. On returning to Cork she rejoined Old Als and it was as a member of the club she won her All Ireland medal in 1970.

Mary Moran served Cork County Board as its chairperson from 1968



Mary Moran, pictured earlier this year with Cork's Lord Mayor, Cllr Tom O'Driscoll.

to 1977 with the honoured position of President of the board bestowed on her from 1993 to 1998. The prestigious position of National President was one which she held from 1979 to 1981.

Mary is now set for another honour when Munster Council meet for their Annual Convention later in the month as she is set to succeed Limerick's Eithne Neville. Having also retired from the position as secretary to the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools, Mary was elected as President at the recent AGM. Mary has handed over the reigns in Munster

to Rob Lott, and he is under no illusions as to the hard act that has to be followed. "Mary's work for schools camogie in Munster Colleges went way beyond the call of duty and it's a tribute to her that the game is in such a healthy state throughout the country," he said.

It's only fitting that Munster Council have set the wheels in motion to pay tribute to one of its most loyal servants, they will be joined by officers who have served with Mary at schools level whilst Munster delegates and former Munster Council officers will also join in the tributes.

Council to discuss venue rule change

TOMORROW afternoon Munster Camogie Council will hold their annual convention in the Horse & Jockey Hotel in Tipperary and among the motions up for discussion is a rule change regarding championship semi-final venues.

The rule currently states 'that the All Ireland senior open draw championship semi-finals be played at the same neutral venue on the same day.'

The Munster Council now wish for it to be amended to read 'that the All Ireland senior open draw championship be played on a home and away basis up to and including the semi-finals'. A big talking point indeed.

Last season Cork/Tipperary and Kilkenny/Galway were the last four in the All Ireland championship and many punters felt that it was crazy taking these teams all the way to the Westmeath venue (although it has the finest sod and was very professionally marshalled by the GAA County Board) and that the long journey denied followers the chance to see one of the best camogie games ever played between the two sides.

Prior to 1998 all championship games were played on a home and away basis up to the All



Ireland final. This always guaranteed a big local following and decent enough support from the other side.

But in trying to make a bigger platform out of the penultimate stages one wonders whether it is the right approach or not.

Somehow though, even if this motion is passed at convention tomorrow I can't see it becoming law at the annual Congress next March.

Meanwhile, Mary Moran will be honoured as President of the Provincial Board this weekend.

And to recognise a lifetime contribution to the game, a party of 22 people representing the various Munster counties (and President Pat Rafferty) attended Patrick's Restaurant in Blarney last Saturday night where a crystal lamp was

presented to Mary. A fitting venue too with the proprietors, the Mackey family, steeped in camogie tradition.

Along with filling Mary's prestigious position, the chair will be taken over by Marie Kearney of the Sars club in Cork.

Kathleen Coffey (Limerick), Rose Malone (Eire Og) and Mary Casey (Blarney) will serve as vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Marion Graham of Tipperary, who is stepping down as chairperson after completing her three-year term will contest the PRO post with Maire Sheedy of Clare, while the job of registrar rests between Kathleen Coffey and Maire Sheedy.

Overall it was a good season for Munster with four All Ireland championship titles coming to the province - Tipperary (senior and junior), Cork (minor A) and Limerick (minor B).

Cork won both division One and Two National League titles and St Mary's of Charleville recorded the double in the All Ireland Colleges senior and junior final.

And to finish off the year in style, Munster regained the inter-provincial senior title. Here's hoping for a successful 2002.

Aylward master move swings final in favour of Mercy Waterford

Mercy Waterford
Presentation Bandon

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MERCY Waterford took the Munster post-primary senior B camogie championship title at the expense of Presentation Bandon at Walsh Park on Saturday. Aided by the strong wind, the Cork side led 1-

1 to 0-2 at the interval, after a goal and a point from Colette Desmond, to which Emily Darmody and Ciara Phelan replied with points.

On the turnover, Desmond and Darmody exchanged points and from here on in, it was nip and tuck. A master move by Waterford saw the switching of centre-back Elaine Ayl-

ward to centre-field where she immediately began to dominate. Two goals inside a minute from Emily Darmody and Aine Lyne saw Waterford take the lead. To their credit, Bandon fought back and cut the deficit with a point from sub Helen Slyne, but Darmody responded for Waterford with two late points.

Scorers: Bandon - C. Desmond 1-2, H. Slyne 0-1. Waterford - E. Darmody 1-4, A. Lyne 1-0, C. Phelan 0-1. Bandon: A. Holland, G. Horgan, J. Hurley, M. Nyhan, A. Coughlan, E. Nyhan, M. Barron, A. Coughlan capt. E. O'Sullivan, M. O'Sullivan, S. O'Donovan, O. Coughlan, L. Holland, C. Desmond, T. O'Donovan. Subs: A. Slyne for A. Coughlan. Waterford: B. Aylward, J. Quinn, P. Madigan, C. O'Connor, C. Freyne, C. Aylward, E. Aylward, M. Murphy capt, P. Cunningham, J. Brennan, E. Darmody, E. O'Keefe, J. O'Grady, C. Phelan, A. Lyne. Referee: J. Morrissey.

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Victorious captains Caitriona Collins (U11), Mairéad Holland (Junior A County), Deirdre O'Brien (U14), Hannah O'Connor (U13) and Amy O'Riordan (U11) at the Ballinhassig camogie dinner at the Bawnleigh House Hotel.

City can look back on a good season

CITY camogie clubs will gather this evening in St Finbarr's when the Seandún division hold their annual general meeting.

Now entering its eighth year in existence, the division has promoted the game in its clubs, organising leagues at U11, U13 and U15 age groups.

The reason for the odd-numbered age groups is that players are prepared for county board leagues by starting at an earlier age with the divisional competitions.

Last year Douglas enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in divisional competitions, taking the U11 and U13 A titles.

The beaten semi-finalists played each other in the B final with Brian Dillon's taking U13 crown and Glen Rovers carrying off U11 honours.

The division also entered teams in the senior county championship and inter-divisional blitz with the senior side losing out at the semi-final stage to Fr O'Neill's.

They also organised many novel events for the youngsters.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY
Camogie correspondent

On Good Friday an U10 fun day proved a huge success, with over 200 youngsters participating.

The U10s were again very much to the fore in early December when a two-day indoor seven-a-side competition drew large crowds to the CIT.

Many clubs within the division held their own underage tournaments.

Blackrock took their first camogie trophy since the club reformed two years ago when they won the inaugural Glen Rovers invitation tournament.

Blackrock also organised a very enjoyable U11 invitation event.

Tonight chairperson Marion McCarthy will be joined by fellow officers Mairéad Uí Mhaoldáin, Pat Murray and Niall McLoughlin as they look ahead to another busy season.

● Cork Colleges of Further Education will play in the quarter-finals of the Purcell Cup which will take



Out-going Munster chairperson Marion Graham makes a presentation to Mary Moran in recognition of her services to colleges camogie.

place on the weekend of February 9/10 at the Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology.

To reach the quarter-final is a major achievement for the Cork side and a huge challenge for the students who are made up from the Cork College of Commerce, St

John's College and Scoil Stiúfán Naofa.

● Munster and All-Ireland champions St Mary's, Charleville will put their Munster Post Primary Junior A titles on the line on Saturday when they meet Nenagh in the Munster final.

No joy for Bandon in senior B title bid

Mercy, Waterford
Presentation, Bandon

2-5
1-3

THERE was no joy for Presentation Bandon as they failed narrowly to take their first Munster Senior B Post Primary championship title on Saturday.

Leading at half time 1-1 to 0-2 thanks to good performances from Colette Desmond and Eibhlís O'Sullivan, the Bandon girls turned to

play against the strong wind for the second half.

With Desmond and Emily Darmody exchanging points, Bandon held the upper hand for the opening quarter, but a move by Waterford which saw centre back Elaine Alyward move to centre field to partner Mairead Murphy, caused problems for Bandon.

Two goals inside a minute from Emily Darmody and Aine Lyne saw

Bandon slip behind, but Helen Slyne pointed to cut the Waterford lead.

It was Waterford who showed a greater hunger and two points from Emily Darmody sealed their first senior title.

Meanwhile, Cork's Marie Kearney from the Sarsfield's club took over the chair of the Munster Council from Tipperary's Marion Graham at the Council's convention in

the Horse and Jockey Hotel on Sunday last.

For Kearney it's a return to the role she previously held from 1996 to 1998 before taking over the position of PRO.

A former vice-chairperson of the Cork board, Marie has served in various roles and has acted as a county senior selector.

Marie is still a very active club member of the Sars club.

The hunt is on for Ashbourne Cup places

EIGHT teams will this week battle it out for the right to participate in the Ashbourne Cup.

Cork Institute of Technology are participating for the first time and have also the honour of hosting the event.

CIT, winners of last year's Purcell Cup, will be anxious as hosts to participate in the Ashbourne Cup proper and will put in a huge effort in their game against UCD. UCC travel to Limerick where they will meet UL.

The UCC side is littered with inter-county players with Cork, Kilkenny and Tipperary all strongly represented.

Sinead O'Callaghan captains the side and is joined by Kilkenny's Lizzie Lyng, and Tipperary's All-Ireland winning duo of Emer McDonnell and Una O'Dwyer.

Amongst the Cork inter-county players on the side are Una O'Donoghue, Sarah Hayes and goalkeeper Ger Casey.

UL also have several inter-county stars in their line out, including Louise Ryan, Erica Minogue, Orla Kilkenny and Alison White. They will be hoping to make home advantage count, but UCC will start firm favourites.

CIT have home advantage this afternoon against a UCD side that will have former UCC players Sandra Ricks, who previously lined out with St Vincent's and Cork, and Newtownshandrum's Caoimhe Harrington.

Captained by Deirdre Corcoran from the Traugh club, they also include inter-county players Sinead Treacy and Norma Maher. Dublin University lead the field with 34 titles, but are without a win since 1988. They will, however, pose a huge obstacle to CIT. Cork junior captain Nora Ahern will lead a CIT side not lacking in experience. Orla O'Sullivan, Paula O'Connor, Val O'Keefe, Sinead Buckley (Cloughduv), Louise Murphy and Mairead Kelly all boast inter-county experience.

Miriam Deasy is the driving force behind the outfit and if she can inject her great spirit into her side a place in the semi-finals is well within reach.

Holders Waterford IT and St Mary's Belfast meet in Belfast. Coached by Tipperary senior Sinead Nealon they boast a strong line-up again this season.

Helena Jacob, Caroline Greed, Kate Kelly, Bridgid Mullally and Deirdre Delaney are inter-county players and the inclusion of Cork's Catherine Corkery strengthens the side.

The last quarter-final sees NUI Galway meet Athlone IT and this promises to be a cracker. NUJ Galway, coached by Damien Curley, will parade several players with inter county experience. Lourda Kavanagh holds All-Ireland minor and junior medals as well as an Ashbourne Shield medal won in 2001.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS
Munster Colleges Senior B Championship Final:
Mercy, Waterford 2-5, Presentation, Bandon, Cork 1-3.

FIXTURES
TODAY
Ashbourne Cup Qualifier: CIT v UCD, Cork CIT grounds 2pm.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2
Munster Post Primary Junior A Final: St Mary's Charleville v St Mary's Nenagh, Drumcollogher 2pm.

Ashbourne Cup preliminary rounds: UCC v UL, at UL venue, time to be announced; NUI Galway v Athlone at IT Dangan 2pm; St Mary's Belfast v Waterford IT, Belfast 2pm.

Purcell Cup Qualifier: Cork Colleges of Further Education v University of Ulster Jordanstown, at Scoil Stiúfán Naofa, Tramore Road 12 noon.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3
Under 18 B Championship: St Catherine's v Killybegh at Pilmore, 10am.



Above left: Ollie Hallahan, coach, with camogie players Jennifer Browne, Aileen O'Neill and Patricia O'Reilly, who were part of the Cork team who won the National Junior League, pictured at the Ballygarvan Dinner in Bawnleigh House Hotel.

Right: Terri O'Leary, Anne Browne, Kate Duane, Denise Crowley and Suzanne O'Sullivan, who were at the Carrigdhoun U-16 camogie team who won the Divisional Cup, pictured at the Ballygarvan GAA dinner in Bawnleigh House Hotel.



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Ballygarvan GAA celebrate

Ballygarvan GAA Club celebrated their last year's success in some style in the Bawnleigh House Hotel recently, and duly honoured the wonderful achievements made by players and individuals from under age to senior ranks in 2001. Trophies adorned the top table in a testament to the hard work and dedication, which was duly rewarded for the club over the past season.

Starting from the under age successes, the club were presented with the Carrigdhoun Bord na nOg Most Improved Club of the Year Award in recognising the effort being put in by the juvenile section of the club through participation in all under age competitions and Scór na nOg, while on the other scale, the Carrigdhoun GAA Hall of Fame award was presented to club president Donal Twomey.

Top honours of the evening were given to Ken Ashman and Ger Spillane who won the All-Ireland junior football title with Cork, bringing back to Ballygarvan two valuable and

rare Celtic crosses after their victory over Mayo in the final.

Also on show during the course of the evening were the Cork Colleges intermediate camogie cup which was won by the Carrigaline Community School, (with Ballygarvan girls Denise Crowley, Sinead Collins, Kate Duane and Sally Ann O'Halloran being an integral part of the team), the junior A National League, the under 14 'A' County; the Junior 'A' County League trophy for 2000; the Under 16 divisional blitz, the under 15 Dungourney Blitz the Paddy Sisk Memorial Trophy and Scaith na Scoil trophies.

phies.

Amongst the many tributes, presentations were made to Pat Carolan and Paddy Ashman, coaches, who brought the South East minor B football title to Ballygarvan for the first time in many years.

Pat Sweeney, club chairman, congratulated everyone concerned and the amount of trophies present was proof of the immense talent in the club that all grades and all ages were rewarded with some trophy over the past season, and hoped that the run of success would continue for some years to come.

-H. Crowley

Brave CIT fail to peg back slick UCD side

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Ashbourne Cup

UCD	2-11
CIT	1-9

THE 2002 Ashbourne hosts CIT's hopes of qualifying for the Cup weekend on February 16 & 17 were dashed by visitors UCD at the Cork Institute of Technology yesterday.

"UCD's experience was the telling factor," said CIT trainer Miriam Deasy. "We didn't perform in the first half and found ourselves eight points behind at the break.

"We were very nervous and it told in our play. But considering it was our first year participating in the Ashbourne I was happy with the way we fought back. Unfortunately, we just couldn't get close enough."

CIT needed a positive start if they were to get over this encounter. But nerves, it would appear, got the better of them and when they did batten down the hatches in the final 30 minutes, they were left to rue missed scoring opportunities.

However, they now go through to the Ashbourne Shield and with the likes of Nora Ahern, Paula O'Connor, Mairead Kelly and Orla O'Sullivan in their ranks, all is not lost yet.

It was ironic that it was former Cork senior player Caoimhe Harrington who did most of the damage for UCD. Playing at full forward, her goal and three point-burst just before half-time were very timely.

The visitors had to sustain fierce pressure towards the closing stages but they rose to the challenge.

The Dublin school, who already with 20 Ashbourne titles in the bag, await the winners of Saturday's other quarter-final pairing between UL and UCC.

Barryroe GAA and camogie dinner



Cork hurler Alan Browne, third from left, pictured with inter-county players from Barryroe Camogie club at their annual dinner dance at Fernhill House Hotel on Saturday night last. From left, Karen McCarthy, Rosemarie Holland, Jennifer O'Leary, Geraldine Collins and Ann Marie Fleming.

Cork and Tipp as is while other teams ring changes

IT will be a long road back for Cork this year with great rivals Tipperary going for a famous four-in-a-row.

But one thing they do have in common with their great rivals is the fact that there is no change in the managerial front in both counties.

Good friends and opposing bosses, Pa Finn and Michael Cleary will once again head up the Cork and Tipp challenges.

Cork manager Finn is intent that there is an All-Ireland in his present bunch of players, while Cleary will endeavour to enjoy another long successful summer with Tipp.

Under Cleary, Tipperary have never lost an All-Ireland champion-

ship fixture and are currently surfing the crest of a 36-month unbeaten run.

However, the two other top opposing teams, Kilkenny and Galway have rung the changes in their charges.

Twelve-times All Ireland winning player Ann Downey has accepted the challenge awaiting the Cats and any body who has come across the lion-hearted player on her day will know that the heart, fire and stability that the Black and Amber has lacked over the past few years should return in abundance.

Some critics say that Downey has her enemies within the county and



VIEW FROM THE GROUND

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

ON WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR NEW SEASON

that this appointment will not work, but I firmly believe that her own remarkable run of success will rub off and that Kilkenny will not be far off the mark this year.

Elsewhere, Galway had an indifferent season in 2001. Started well and were expected by many to be in the race for a date in Croker last autumn.

Not to be however. And now they appear to be in determined mood to follow top club Pearse, who have won back-to-back All Ireland titles in 2000/2001 by placing successful manager Mike Kennedy in the county job.

Kennedy, whose daughter Collette has managed the Galway minor teams over the past number of years, has a plethora of quality players at his disposal and now it remains to be seen if the Maroon and White can meet the requirements.

Down Shannonside, Brother Philip Ryan is currently preparing for another season with Limerick seniors. While no major honours came last

year at adult level, there is a solid foundation to build on with Limerick winning the All Ireland Minor B championship.

It is expected that Vera Mulcahy and Noel Hartigan will once again work with Brother Philip in this season's campaign.

Meanwhile, a list of referees for the coming year was recently issued from Croke Park and it is very refreshing to see that there is no shortage of officialdom.

Nice too, to see that former Co player, Colette O'Mahony is among the Cork names listed and will off-ate as a referee at senior I-county level for the coming se-

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ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

1. Natasha Murphy	18/9/86	Kilmallock
2. Fiona Chawke	19/7/87	Grenagh/Ballingarry
3. Fiona Geary	3/9/86	Grenagh/Ballingarry
4. Janice White	15/5/86	Ballyagran
5. Sarah O' Mahony	24/6/87	Ballyagran
6. Edwina Waters	20/3/87	Ballyhea
7. Lisa Healy	7/4/86	Milford
8. Anna Geary	28/7/87	Milford
9. Shannon Brosnan	26/10/87	Kilmallock
10. Mary Coleman	4/2/87	Ballyhea
11. Elaine O' Riordan	26/8/86	Milford
12. Sinéad McAuliffe	28/1/87	Ballyagran
13. Tina Shanahan	13/4/87	Newtownshandrum
14. Emer Watson [C]	7/7/86	Milford
15. Christine O' Shea	23/5/86	Grenagh/Ballingarry

SUBS:

16. Michelle Walsh	9/6/86	Ballyhea
17. Sinéad Carroll	15/1/87	Milford
18. Marie Broderick	21/2/87	Milford
19. Fiona Morrissey	21/7/88	Grenagh/Ballingarry
20. Áine Watson	7/4/88	Milford
21. Eileen Curtin	7/11/86	Milford
22. Elaine Potter	10/2/88	Grenagh/Ballingarry
23. Siobhán O' Leary	17/2/88	Ballyhea
24. Michelle McCarthy	22/6/87	Grenagh/Ballingarry
25. Amanda Hehir	26/6/87	Milford
26. Emma Kelly	3/9/87	Grenagh/Ballingarry

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

1. Áine Shanahan	15/6/88	Toomevara
2. Aoife Ryan	17/2/87	Burgess
3. Mairead Donoghue	9/4/86	Silvermines
4. Claire Kearns	16/7/86	Burgess
5. Mary Ryan	22/5/87	Burgess
6. Joanne Nolan	9/3/87	Silvermines
7. Maeve Moloney	14/5/86	Burgess
8. Breda O' Meara	31/12/87	Toomevara
9. Lisa Tooley	12/3/87	Silvermines
10. Marian Devaney	7/3/87	Silvermines
11. Ann-Marie O' Brien	24/9/87	Burgess
12. Mary Ryan	6/12/87	Moneygall
13. Marie Jones [C]	2/2/86	Moneygall
14. Lisa Howard	23/6/87	Burgess
15. Claire Maxwell	17/4/86	Burgess

SUBS:

16. Aoife McLoughney	22/3/89	Shannon Rovers
17. Marian Hogan	2/2/88	Burgess
18. Ciara Ryan	10/5/88	Silvermines
19. Sabrina White	29/5/87	Portroe
20. Aoife Naughton	6/2/86	Burgess
21. Karen Seymour	25/1/89	Kilruane
22. Aleese Ryan	7/11/86	Silvermines
23. Michelle Griffin	24/10/86	Burgess
24. Marie sheedy	21/9/87	Portroe
25. Deirdre Grace	19/2/89	Toomevara
26. Stephanie Madden	4/1/88	Burgess

So easy as Charleville girls make it seven-in-a-row

St Mary's, Charleville
St Mary's, Nenagh

6-13
0-1

by Tom Higgins

ST MARY'S, Charleville eased off in the closing stages after being totally in control in this Munster Colleges Junior camogie final at Feenagh, Co Limerick on Saturday.

Playing against a strong wind in the opening half, the holders, who were capturing their ninth title in 10

years and their seventh in a row, had two goals on the board, thank to captain Emer Watson in the first three minutes. And apart from a two-minute spell between the 10th and the 12th minutes, when Mary Ryanscored Nenagh's only point, the All-Ireland title holders were always in command.

With Cork minor Anna Geary and Shannon Brosnan taking control in midfield, the Charleville forwards were given a great supply of the ball.

Sinéad McAuliffe, at left-half forward, always had the beating of her opponent, and she provided the inside forwards with some excellent passes which Emer Watson and her colleagues availed of. After the first quarter, Charleville led 2-4 to 0-1, with the Nenagh forwards rarely getting a chance to reduce to deficit and it was again one-way traffic in the second quarter with the score at the interval 3-8 to 0-1. On the turn-over, Charleville continued where

they left off, adding a further goal and a point in the opening five minutes and after that, the winners coasted. Nenagh, played better against the wind, but they could never breach a solid Charleville defence in which Edwina Waters and Fiona Geary stood out.

If Charleville can reproduce this sort of form in their remaining games, they must have a great chance of retaining their All-Ireland title.

Scorers: Charleville: E. Watson 2-4, S. McAuliffe 1-4 (0-3 frees), T. Shanahan 1-1, A. Geary 1-1, M. Coleman 1-0, E. O'Riordan 0-3. Nenagh: M. Ryan 0-1. ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE: N. Murphy; F. Chawke, F. Geary, J. White; S. O'Mahony, E. Waters, L. Healy, A. Geary, S. Brosnan; M. Coleman, E. O'Riordan, S. McAuliffe; T. Shanahan, E. Watson (capt), C. O'Shea. Subs: F. Morrissey, M. Walsh, S. Carroll, M. Broderick, E. Curtin for E. Watson, A. Geary, S. McAuliffe, S. O'Mahony and T. Shanahan (in last ten minutes). ST MARY'S, NENAGH: A. Shanahan; A. Ryan, M. Donoghue, C. Kearns; M. Ryan, J. Nolan, M. Moloney; B. O'Meara, L. Tooley; M. Devaney, A. M. O'Brien, M. Ryan; M. Jones (capt), L. Howard, C. Maxwell. Substitutes: M. Sheedy for C. Kearns (half-time); M. Hogan for M. Moloney (57th minute). Referee: P. Russell (Clare).

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SUPER ST. MARY'S SNATCH SIX-IN-A-ROW

The last minute change of venue from Dromcollogher to Feenagh had no impact on the St. Mary's Junior team last Saturday when they retained their crown for the sixth year running. Battling against a strong wind in the first half Charleville put pressure on their opponents, archrivals Nenagh, from the throw in. Barely a minute had passed when the net was rattled for the first of six great goals. Anna Geary capitalised on the first loose ball after the throw in. A quick ball into the forwards left Emer Watson room to round her player and head for the goals with only one thing in mind. Three minutes later Watson added another to the scoreboard.



Emer Watson, captain of St. Mary's Secondary School pictured here accepting their trophy from Ger Dollery, Munster Colleges.



Charleville continued to dominate the opening minutes with Geary and Brosnan well in control at mid-field. The supply of the ball to the forwards was continuous. Some great teamwork involving Elaine O'Riordan and Sinead McAuliffe meant that Charleville led 3-8 at half time. Nenagh threatened the Charleville defence on one occasion but the full back line of Chawke, Geary and White stood firm and denied Nenagh even a peek at goal. The challengers only score of the first half came from Mary Ryan. Her point was quickly answered by Mary Coleman who contributed a goal after a surging run, which left her player trailing behind. The Charleville girls regrouped at half time, with the advantage of a strong wind at their backs. Nenagh came out all guns blazing for the second half. Some tough hurling followed, with both teams hungry to get the first score. Charleville never faltered. Within five minutes the forwards had added a further goal and a point and never looked back. A high looping shot from Tina Shanahan found the back of the net. Nenagh played with much more conviction

in the second half but the outstanding performance of the Charleville half back line destroyed any hope of making up the deficit. Nenagh coach Ger Dillea had only one thing to say after the final whistle. "It was the best Junior team that I have ever seen playing for Charleville. If they keep that up they have every hope of going all the way to the All Ireland final". The entire panel is extremely important. Ann Marie O'Keeffe highlighted this. "This win is based on the hard work of the 26 girls on the panel today. Each one of them gives 110% at training. Our strength can be seen in our subs. We brought on five of them and they played fantastic hurling". The girls have crossed the first major hurdle. We hope that they can reproduce such impressive form in the weeks to

come. The win on Saturday provides a great boost for the Senior team lining out against Shannon this weekend. Six of the Junior girls, Elaine O'Riordan, Sinead McAuliffe, Emer Watson, Edwina Waters, Lisa Healy and Anna Geary will hope to be adding another Munster medal to their collection. St. Mary's, Charleville may be getting used to winning but each and every victory means as much to the present crop of players as it did when the school won their first Junior All Ireland in 1986 and their first Senior in 1996. The players of 2002 hope that fortune will shine as brightly on them as it has in the past.

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St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville, winners of last Saturday's Munster Junior Camogie Championship Final.

Coachford girls well on top against Fermoy

Coachford College 4-4
Loreto, Fermoy 0-2

An experienced Coachford College team defeated their Avondhu rivals in the county senior 'B' county semi-final, played at Coachford on Thursday.

Noreen Mulcahy opened the Fermoy account with a 45 after Emma O'Keefe had deflected a Patricia Carroll shot, Michelle McAteer, Emily Sexton and Marie Twomey were performing well for Fermoy but found centre back Joan Twomey impenetrable with Niamh O'Connell and Christine Cosgrave dominating their wings.

Mary Buckley scored a good point to level matters after good approach play from Michelle O'Regan. Fiona Buckley was well on top at midfield and gave Cork minor Marie O'Neill a torrid time — Buckley's powerful play yielded a point from Margaret McCarthy and two goals from namesake Mary Buckley.

Fermoy did rally but with Denise Twomey getting no space from full back Mairead Enneguess (Coachford's best player on view), scoring opportunities were scarce. Marie O'Leary and Roseanne Crowley had little difficulty but Mulcahy for Fermoy began to clear a lot of ball when moved to centre back.

Mulcahy added another point from an acute angle but when Ciara Murphy gained possession on the forty, her incisive pass found Margaret McCarthy who billowed the Fermoy net. Margaret Cosgrave and Emma Healy added points with Ciara Murphy adding a goal for the Muskerry side whose best performers were Mairead Enneguess, Fiona Buckley, Joan Twomey

and Niamh O'Connell. Valerie McCormack, Niamh Barry and Noreen Mulcahy shone for Loreto. Coachford now meet old rivals, Bandon, in the final.

Coachford: Emma O'Keefe, Roseanne Crowley (C), Mairead Enneguess, Maura O'Leary, Niamh O'Connell, Joan Twomey, Christine Cosgrave, Michelle O'Regan, Fiona Buckley, Margaret Cosgrave 0-1; Edel O'Sullivan, Ciara Murphy 1-0; Emma Healy 0-1; Mary Buckley 2-2; Margaret McCarthy 1-1. Subs. Ann O'Mahony, Claire Hogan.

Fermoy: Valerie McCormack, Aisling Cotter, Mary Mulcahy, Bridget Forde, Niamh Barry, Andrea Mangan, Marie Twomey, Noreen Mulcahy 0-2; Michelle McAteer, Kathleen Twomey, Marie O'Neill, Emily Sexton, Patricia Carroll, Ciara O'Driscoll. Subs. Orla Cotter, Katie Keane.

NOVEMBER Siobhan Downing

(Camogie)

IT was a very important year for the Youghal Camogie Club. A County final appearance this year shows the club is moving in the right direction. The commitment of the mentors and players are an example to everyone. Siobhan is a prime example of this. She notched up a massive 5-03 against Sliabh Rua : 2-02 against Valley Rovers and 1-01 against Aghabollough. Currently Siobhan is part of the College of Commerce/ Colaiste Stiofain Naofa/ St Johns College team, under the watchful eyes of Berti Og Murphy & Peter Coady. Siobhan's team have already had to win three games to qualify for the Purcell Cup in Galway.



WEST LIMERICK SPORTS STAR AWARDS

The sean-fhocail is given a grammatical mistake or two "Briseann an dachas trí saile an cat" and it was illustrated in the case of the three camogie recipients of West Bord na nOg G.A.A. Sports Star Awards at the

Eight of the Cork senior panel to line out for Munster encounter

Big clash as UCC and UL fight it out

IT is another busy weekend on the camogie front with many second and third level college finals down for decision.

First into action will be the postponed UCC/UL match from last Saturday which will take place in the University of Limerick grounds at noon.

This Ashbourne quarter-final tie has aroused much interest with both sides capable of winning their way through to the semi-final. UCC, once again have a star-studded side this season, but after their surprise exit at the penultimate stage 12 months ago, will tread with caution.

They have eight of the Cork senior panel including Sinead O'Callaghan who will captain the team, while Rosalie Holland and Joanne O'Callaghan will make their debut in this competition. Tipperary players Una O'Dwyer and Emer McDonnell will also feature along with Limerick's Meave Nash.

UL who are managed by Brother Philip Ryan and coached by Marion Neville, are eager to go one step further than last year's final

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

appearance. Their captain, Fiona Ni Chorcraoin from Dublin is playing the best camogie of her career, and with other county stars like Aoife Lane, Louise Ryan, Niamh Connolly and Caroline Murray will fight all the way. However, they have a worry about the fitness of Tipp player Niamh Harkin.

Meanwhile up in Galway the Purcell Cup and Shield finals will also take place this weekend. Cork Colleges, who had a great win over UUJ, will meet St Patrick's Drumcondra in the first semi-final and once again will look to Ger Collins, Ber and Valerie Maher, Ellen O'Herlihy and Siobhan Downing to guide their fortunes. Grainne Ni Chorcraoin, a sister to the UL captain, Fiona will lead the Dublin challenge. The other semi-final involves Limerick IT and Carlow IT. Here, Vera Sheehan manages the Shannonsiders and will have Marion Neville, Eileen O'Brien, Michelle Casey, Marie Keating and Michelle Maher to call upon but will be up against it with Philly



Una O'Dwyer, from Tipperary, a vital cog in the UCC machine.

Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Catherine Doherty and Sandra Tannion heading up the Carlow attack. The pairings for the Shield competition are GMT against NUI Maynooth while UUJ will meet Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. The semi-finals will be held on Saturday with both finals on Sunday.

Elsewhere in Feenagh, St Mary's Charleville will strive for yet another Munster Senior College's title when they line out against St Patrick's Shannon on Saturday afternoon. Fresh from their win at Junior level last weekend, Emer

Watson, Anna Geary, Elaine O'Riordan and Sinead McAuliffe will seek to add another provincial medal to their collection.

In the Junior B Munster College's final, Loreto, Fermoy will travel to Thurles/Sarsfields where they will take on the local school, Presentation of Thurles. Backed by neighbouring clubs Watergrasshill and St Catherine's, and considering their huge margin victories in this competition to date, the silverware could well be residing by the Blackwater come Saturday afternoon.

CCFE make historic breakthrough

Cork College of Further Education 3-7
University of Ulster Jordanstown 1-10

IN the Purcell Cup quarter-final at Tramore Road on Saturday, the Cork College of Further Education made a historic breakthrough in qualifying for next weekend's semi-final in Galway.

Aided by the strong wind, the Cork girls led at the break 1-6 to 1-3 after Val Maher and Paula McAtamney had exchanged goals.

Aided by the wind, in the second half, McAtamney narrowed the gap with two points. However, the Cork students were boosted when Rachel Myers goalied. UUJ had points from Kerry O'Neill and Claire McNicholl to cut the gap to a goal. Then Ellen O'Herlihy grabbed a third goal and it was now 3-7 to 1-7 with 10 minutes left. Two McAtamney points again cut the gap, but Downing made a superb save.

Scorers: Cork College of : R. Myers 1-2, V. Maher 1-2, E. O'Herlihy 1-2, S. Kelly 0-1.

UUJ: P. McAtamney 1-6, K. O'Neill 0-2, C. McNicholl 0-1, S. Kelly 0-1.

UUJ: C. Doherty, J. McLain, O. Donnelly, A. Christy, F. Hassan, M. McAuley, A. Farrell, T. O'Neill, G. Coulter, P. McAtamney, E. McCrillard, S. Kelly, A. Graham, C. Boyle, C. McNicholl.

CCFE: S. Downing, S. O'Connell, J. O'Donnell, S. O'Neill, B. Maher, M. Pratt, S. Kelly, A. O'Regan, R. Myers, J. Duffy, G. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, V. Maher, E. O'Herlihy. Subs: O. O'Shea for S. O'Neill.

Referee: Michael Corcoran (Delany).

In the Ashbourne Cup, UCD beat CIT 2-11 to 1-9, WIT had a 7-13 to 0-3 victory over St Mary's Belfast, while NUI Galway defeated Athlone IT 1-6 to 1-4.

The UCC v UL game was postponed.

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Guest of honour at Grenagh's GAA/camogie dinner, Brian Corcoran, makes a presentation to camogie trainer Donie Daly, watched by honorary secretary Janet Buckley. Picture: Mike English

St Mary's hold on to Munster crown

MUNSTER and All-Ireland Post Primary champions St Mary's, Charleville, remain on course to retain their title after they brushed aside the challenge of St Mary's, Nenagh, on Saturday last to retain their Munster crown.

It is now seven titles in a row for the team.

Captain Emer Watson led by example and had her side two goals ahead inside the fourth minute and as they continued to pile on the pressure Charleville added points from Sinead McAuliffe and Watson before Mary Ryan pointed for Nenagh in the 10th minute.

But from there on Charleville made all the running.

Mary Coleman grabbed Charleville's third goal just before the break and they turned to play with the aid of the gale force wind, leading 3-8 to 0-1.

From the restart it was a similar story with the Charleville centre field pairing of Anna Geary and Sharon Brosnan dictating proceedings and their attack always totally on top. To their credit Nenagh battled bravely but they did not have anybody with the drive or determination to lift their side.

Charleville on the other hand had a marvellous performer in Sinead McAuliffe.

For Charleville coach Vincent Harrington it was a great honour as Munster colleges chairperson to present the cup to Emer Watson Charleville captain.

Charleville: N Murphy, F Chawke, F Geary, J White, S O'Mahony, E Waters, L Healy, A Geary, S Brosnan, M Coleman, E O'Riordan, S McAuliffe, T Shanahan, E Watson, C O'Shea. Subs: M Walsh for S O'Mahony, S Carroll for A Geary, M Broderick for S McAuliffe, F Morrissey for T Shanahan, E Curtin for E Watson.

Nenagh: A Shanahan, S Ryan, M Donoghue, C Kearns, M Ryan, J Nolan, M Moloney, B O'Meara, L Tooley, M Devaney, A M O'Brien, M Ryan, M Jones, L Howard, C Maxwell. Sub: M Sheedy for C Kearns.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS
Cork Under 18 B Championship: St. Catherine's 3-8 Killeagh 1-3.
Munster post primary junior A final: St. Mary's Charleville 6-13, St. Mary's Nenagh 0-1.
Ashbourne Cup quarter final: UCC 2-11, CIT 1-9.
WIT 7-13, St. Mary's Belfast 0-9; NUI Galway 1-6, Athone IT 1-4.
Purcell Cup quarter final: Cork Colleges of Further Education 3-7, UUJ 1-10.

FIXTURES
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9
Munster Post Primary Senior A Final: St. Mary's Charleville v St. Patrick's, Shannon. Drumcollogher.
Ashbourne Cup Quarter Final: UCC v UL at UL 1pm.
Purcell Cup semi final: Cork Colleges of Further Education v St. Patrick's Training College, Limerick IT v Carlow IT in Galway.
Purcell Shield: Mary Immaculate T. College v UUJ; Galway Mayo IT v Maynooth in Galway.
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10
Purcell Cup Final: At Castlebar or Liam Mellows Grounds Galway 2pm.
Purcell Shield Final: Galway versus 1pm.
Under 18 B Championship: Youghal v Ballyporeen at Ballyporeen 2.30pm; 'Clodagh' v Ennis-Owen at Clodagh, time to be arranged.

Students storm to a cup final berth

THE students from the Cork Colleges of Further Education (CCFE) defied all the odds at a windswept Tramore Road to beat the University Of Ulster Jordanstown (UUJ) and book a place in next weekend's Purcell Cup to be hosted by Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology in Galway.

A close opening half saw the Cork students lead 1-6 to 1-3 at the break after playing with the aid of the strong wind, the goals coming from UUJ's Paula McAtamney and Cork's Val Maher.

Turning to play against the elements, the Cork students showed tremendous character against the pre-match favourites.

UUJ narrowed the gap with two points in a row but Cork hit back with a Rachel Myers goal.

Points from Kerry O'Neill and Clare McNicholl kept UUJ in touch before Ellen O'Herlihy put two between the sides, striking for CCFE's third goal.

But the Ulster girls were far from beaten. Two McAtamney points narrowed the gap before Siobhan Downing in the Cork goal brought off a superb save to deny UUJ. They did add a further point but the Cork girls with Sinead Kelly, Rachel Myers, Ger Collins and Siobhan Downing superb, dug deep to record a memorable victory.

Two years ago, under the guidance of Bertie

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Og Murphy, Cork College of Commerce, St John's College and Scoil Stiobhain Naofa joined forces under the name of Cork Colleges of Further Education and began participating in the higher education competition.

Last September, Peter Coady from Youghal came on board as trainer and it help relieve the heavy work load on Bertie Og Murphy.

So far this year, they have only lost one game in the league to Waterford Institute of Technology.

We wish them all the best in their quest for Purcell Cup glory next weekend as they will proudly carry the Cork flag.

● The first county board meeting of the year was held at Páirc Uí Chaiomh last Monday and delegates were circularised with a draft of the proposed updated version of the county bylaws which will be put forward for ratification to a special meeting arranged for Monday, February 11.

A full night's business was on the agenda. Chairperson Sheila Golden presided as the various selection committees got busy for the year ahead.

Marion Fleming, delegate for County Junior A

Champions Ballinhassig, advised the board that former Inter County senior goalkeeper Marion McCarthy of Éire Óg would be their nominee on the County junior selection committee for the coming year.

She will join Lillian Zincent, Sarsfields, and Oliver Hallihane, Ballygarvan, who were both returned at convention.

Following on the success of the junior team in the National League, hopes are high of a Munster and All-Ireland crown.

Minor county champions Milford also advised the meeting that Ann Watson will again act as their nominee on the minor selection committee.

Last season, she was a member of the successful backroom team which brought the county its only All-Ireland title.

She is again joining forces with last year's selectors John Cronin, Cloughduv, and John Quinn, Courcey Rovers as they go in search of back-to-back honours.

County senior champions Cloughduv must still name their representative who will join Pa Finn and Rose Desmond as Cork go in search of senior honours.

With the first round of the National Leagues pencilled in for February 24, the backroom teams will be anxious to get the show on the road.

CIT lose out to Dubs in Ashbourne Cup

THERE was no luck for CIT in the Ashbourne Cup qualifier as they lost out to UCD at the CIT grounds last Wednesday.

A brave performance from the Cork students saw them fail in their quest to participate in the Ashbourne Cup in a year when they will host the event.

A top class display from former Cork inter-county player Caoimhe

Harrington helped UCD go through on a 2-11 to 1-9 scoreline with Harrington grabbing 1-8.

Holders WIT experienced little difficulty as they brushed aside the challenge of St Mary's Belfast on a 7-13 to 0-3 scoreline.

NUI Galway, with a good performance from Lourda Kavanagh, managed to overcome the challenge posed by Athlone.

The UCC versus UL game was postponed and will now go ahead next Saturday.

With the stage almost set, we will take an in-depth look at the Ashbourne Cup on Wednesday next, when there will be less than a week to go until this competition comes to Cork.

● Holders St Mary's Charleville go in quest of Munster Senior Post Pri-

mary honours on Saturday next when they meet St Patrick's Shannon. The Charleville side are current champions and on form to date will be favoured to retain their title.

In their path they recorded a big win over Colaiste Mhuire Ennis while Shannon had to pull out all the stops, recording a four point win over Mercy Waterford.

Weather making a lottery of contests

GAA SPECIAL

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

VIEW FROM THE GROUND

THE big pity about second and third level camogie competitions is that teams usually have to play in the most atrocious weather conditions.

At one stage in the Cork Colleges and UUJ clash, referee Michael Corcoran was forced to abandon proceedings for a five-minute spell while hailstones hopped off of helmets and hurleys alike.

UCC and UL postponed their Ashbourne encounter for 24 hours last Saturday and switched it from Limerick city to Feenagh, but a fall of snow made this pitch unplayable on the Sunday.

Although a day earlier St Mary's Charleville who had moved their Munster junior final from Dromcollogher to Feenagh were able to go ahead with their fixture. It does get very complicated when the old weather acts up.

However, time is not on their side with the Ashbourne semis and finals taking place seven days later in Cork. So, UCC and UL will keep their fingers crossed that they play at the Limerick University on Saturday.

Likewise with St Mary's Charleville senior team who will contest the Munster final on Saturday in Dromcollogher against St Patrick's.

For the second week in a row they will look to bring back another provincial title to Rathluirc. With 10 of last year's All-Ireland winning team still in the reckoning they will take stopping again this season.

And what a week it could be for Emer Watson, Sinead McAuliffe, Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan.

All four featured in last Saturday's win and will also be in the starting line up for this weekend's game. For most of these players they have been going non-stop with their marvellous club records with the likes of Milford and Granagh/Ballingarry.

The same spin off could be said about Loretto, Fermoy who this weekend will bid for Munster Junior B honours against Presentation, Thurles.

The recent good run of clubs like St Catherine's and Watergrasshill has helped the school.

Ironically, they only came to be eligible to participate in the competition when another team did not field and they took their place.

There will be a touch too of Cork and Tipp about it, with Biddy Phillips helping Pres prepare for the showdown next Saturday afternoon in Thurles/Sarsfields.

Cork schools have done very well so far in the Munster Colleges scene this year. Charleville, under the guidance of Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe, have a very good chance of completing the double at Senior A and Junior A level. Presentation Bandon were beaten finalists in the Senior B grade, while Loretto have all the credentials to do well against Thurles.

Cork Colleges upset the odds to triumph

Cork Colleges
UUJ

3-7
1-10

IT was an achievement in itself to fulfil Saturday's Purcell Cup quarter-final tie because of the atrocious weather conditions, but to go on and take the spoils against the raging hot favourites was beyond all expectations.

But, it was no more than the Cork team deserved as they played with tremendous heart, determination and will-to-win.

over the hour. A very high standard of camogie was evident throughout the game. So, all in all, this was a great day's work for a side that were also making their debut in third-level College's action. Scoil Stiofain Naofa, St John's Central College of Further Education and College of Commerce decided to join forces this year and enter into the Purcell Cup competition.

However, they knew they were up against it when they

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drew a Jordanstown team that was backed by Derry player, Paula McAtamney. But, no task seemed to be too big for this lion-hearted side.

From goalkeeper, Siobhan Downing with her daring acrobatic skills, to full-forward Ellen O'Herlihy, they pulled on all their reserves to hold on to victory.

Three points up at the break and with a gale to contend with in the second-half they withstood fierce pressure in the closing stages.

But with Ber and Valerie Maher, Rachel Myers and Ger Collins helping to weather the storm, they now head for Galway this weekend where they will play St Patrick's Drumcondra in the semi-final of the Purcell Cup on Saturday.

Meanwhile, St Mary's Charleville also defied the meteorological conditions but not the odds, to take yet another

Munster Junior A Colleges title at Feenagh on Saturday, beating St Mary's Nenagh 6-13 to 0-1.

They will meet the winners of St Patrick's Keady and St Mary's Magherafelt in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Elsewhere, the UL/UCC Ashbourne Cup quarter-final tie fell victim to the weather. It is rescheduled for the UL grounds on Saturday next at noon.

CAMOGIE

Ulster Junior A Schools Semi-Finals: Today at 3pm in Lavey, St. Mary's, Magherafelt (holders) v St. Patrick's, Maghera.
In Castlewellan: 11am, St. Columba's, Portlerry v St. Patrick's, Keady.
CAMOGIE
Munster Colleges Senior 'B' Final at Mullinavett - Saturday at 2.00 p.m., Mercy, Waterford v Presentation, Bandon.

Woodlands Hotel last Saturday. The Under 16 award winner was dynamic Granagh/Ballingarry midfielder Teresa Mulcair whose equally dynamic auntie Helen Mulcair-Collins has been an outstanding player with Limerick and a variety of clubs for over twenty years and who is (I think) an All Ireland medal holder. Teresa of course is an All Ireland medal holder herself, being part of the successful Granagh/Ballingarry panel of 1999 and 2000. The U/16 award winner was Fiona Chawke (Granagh/Ballingarry), following in the beamed footsteps of her mother (3/4 All Irelands), uncle Jim O'Brien (Limerick '73), cousin Jean Cullinane (top forward in Granagh/Ballingarry's All-Ireland double), while U/12 sports star Niamh Chawke's (Granagh/Ballingarry) grandfather Ned won an All Ireland senior with Limerick in 1940. To Teresa, Fiona and Niamh well done.

CAMOGIE

PURCELL CUP Semi-finals (Galway):
Cork Colleges of Further Education 2-5 (R Myers 2-0, G Collins 0-3, S Kelly, E O'Herlihy 0-1 each) St Patrick's College, Drumcondra 1-6 (L Houlahan 0-4, A O'Connor 1-0, A McCluskey 0-2). Carlow IT 3-7 (C Doherty 2-1, S Tannian 0-4, E Reale 1-0, P Fogarty 0-2). Limerick IT 3-1 (E O'Brien, M Keating, E Foley 1-0 each, M Casey 0-1). Purcell Shield semi-finals (Galway) - GMIT 2-2 (C Conroy 2-2), NUI Maynooth 0-2 (J Donnelly). Mary Immaculate College Limerick 2-6 (M Kelly 2-0, E Kerins 0-3, C Hannon, M Keogh, H Grogan 0-1 each). UUJ 2-1 (C McNicholl 2-0, P McAtamney 0-1).
ULSTER COLLEGES final: St Patrick's Maghera 0-7, St Mary's Magherafelt 1-4.
DAVIS CUP final: Loreto Coleraine 1-2.

Historic trip for C.C.F.E.

Only in existence a short few years next Saturday will mark a milestone for the Camogie team from the Cork College Further Education, as they travel to Galway to play in the Purcell Cup semi-finals.

This team comprises of players from a number of schools in the city, including Scoil Stiofain Naofa, St John's College, and College of Commerce, and they are coached by Bertie og Murphy, and Peter Coady. What they have achieved should not be underestimated and the manner in which they overcame a strong Jordanstown side in dreadful conditions last Saturday is testimony to the spirit and commitment that is currently evident in their squad.

St Pats Drumcondra provide the opposition in Castlebar on Saturday at 12.45, and it represents another big challenge but one they are well capable of surmounting.

There is a nice balanced look to their team, Siobhan Downing is a quality goalkeeper, and Aileen Guiton, Ellen O'Herlihy, Val Maher, Sinead Kelly, and Rachel Myers are exceptionally talented players who will not be found wanting at this level of competition.

It may be asking a bit much for them to win the competition outright, but if they display the same determination on Saturday, a historic first should not be ruled out.

U.C.C. are also in action on Saturday when they play University of Limerick in the Ashbourne Cup in Limerick, with the winners due to meet U.C.D. in the last four, and on

form it points to a win for the Cork College.

C.I.T. are hosting this year's event, but lost to U.C.D. last week and as a result will have to be content with a place in the plate competition, and next week's column will have a closer look at all the events surrounding that competition, which is a huge undertaking for any group and sports officer in C.I.T. Miriam Deasy are her team have been working hard in the last few months to ensure everything goes according to plan.

St Mary's Charleville go in search of another Munster Senior title on Saturday when they meet St Pats Shannon in Dromcollogher at 2 p.m. and will be firm favourites to retain their Provincial crown, and it will take a supreme effort from the Clare girls to deny them.

Christine O'Gorman, Ann Geary and Maire Watson all have important roles to play and with the junior title safely resting in the college for another year, a double celebration looks a safe bet come 4 p.m. next Saturday. While on camogie, Glen Rovers held their Annual General Meeting on Sunday last and Chairperson Nora Newman reached a milestone when she was elected for the fortieth successive year, which must constitute some sort of a record, while Jill Hannon will lead the team on the field.

Bishopstown also held their meeting recently and inter-county star Viv Harris was elected captain, and a word on the inter-county scene it kicks off on February 24th with games in both the Senior and Junior National Leagues.

St Mary's to take another college title

by Tom Higgins

ST MARY'S, Charleville, who have dominated colleges camogie the past decade, are on the road again today in search of another Munster College's "A" title when they take on St Patrick's Shannon at Feenagh (2pm).

Having won the Junior "A" title last Saturday the All-Ireland title holders will be strongly fancied to retain their senior title as they have a very strong side, including a number of players who helped Cork to win the All-Ireland minor title last year.

They are particularly strong up front with Watson sisters Maria and Emer in attack. Maria was one of the stars of last year's Cork side while Emer played a big part in helping the Junior side's win last Saturday.

Anna Geary, who was excellent at centrefield in the Junior final against St Mary's, Nenagh occupies the same position this afternoon.

Elizabeth Lenihan from Milford, who has given great service to her local club, is in goal while Christine O'Gorman, Regina Curtin and Sinead McAuliffe are all seasoned campaigners.

St Patrick's, Shannon, who are trained by Ann Howard, know that they are underdogs but will not give in easily.

They have a strong backline built around captain and full-back, Anna Brennan, who will get good support from Aileen Kilmartin and Audrey Shanahan.

At centrefield, Ruth Kaiser and Fionnuala Keogh will be hoping to impress while Laura Linnane, Claire McMahon (a first cousin of Clare hurling stars Seanníe McMahon and Alan Markham) and Karen Corbett will be hoping to get the necessary score to see their side through.

It should be an interesting contest, but on form St Mary's will be expected to come out on top.



St. Mary's Junior Camogie team, Munster finalists. Back row l. to r.: Lisa Touhy, Marian Devaney, Aoife Ryan, Ann-Marie O'Brien, Johanne Nolan, Mairead O'Donoghue, Lisa Howard, Mary Ryan. Front: Claire Maxwell, Claire Kearns, Maria Jones (captain), Aine Shanahan, Brid O'Meara, Maeve Moloney, Mary Ryan. Pic.: Bridget Delaney.

MUNSTER SCHOOLS JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

Nenagh crushed by Charleville in Munster showdown

By Peter Gleeson

ST MARY'S CHARLEVILLE 6-13
ST MARY'S NENAGH 0-1

Senior champions of Ireland two years ago, Saint Mary's of Nenagh were brought crashing down from such lofty heights when crushed by Saint Mary's of Charleville in the Munster Junior showdown at Feenagh, Co Limerick, on Saturday last.

This promising clash of the two Saint Marys turned out to be a damp squib. The Cork girls, vastly superior in all areas of the field, ran amok. Nenagh had lost the battle as early as the third minute when Charleville empress, Emer Watson, was already celebrating her second goal.

Charleville were a high quality side, and star-studded to boot. It will be surprising if they don't go on to take the national crown. The Cork squad is enforced with some of the best young camogie players in the Rebel County, who brandished their talents in no uncertain manner.

Nenagh, even at the best they could muster, looked like amateurs up against the likes of intercounty Cork players such as the lethal full forward, Emer Watson, corner forward, Elaine O'Riordan, midfielder, Anna Geary, centre-back, Edwina Waters and Limerick county player, Sinead McAuliffe.

This was a bad result for coach, Ger Dullea, the man behind a number of former All Ireland winning teams in the Nenagh school. On this occasion the Tipperary girls just couldn't contend with a vastly more talented squad, which enjoyed the upper hand in terms



Mairead O'Donoghue comes away with the ball.

of skill and physique. The only compensation to cling to for teacher Dullea is that at least his girls were beaten by a team from his native county. Not much solace, but maybe enough for a Corkman!

Like hurling, camogie can be a woefully unspectacular affair when played in the depths of winter. This game suffered from that seasonal malaise, with players slipping and sliding on a

pitch that was buttered by torrential rains.

The inclement elements contrived to keep skill at bay, and it was muscle and weight that mostly counted.

Still, it might have helped if someone had mowed the pitch - One wit wasn't too far off the mark when he commented that the field would yield a nice volume of silage! Another black mark was the failure to have a scoreboard. If fans are going to

be charged to get into a game, then the least they should expect is to have someone who would man (or woman) a scoreboard.

The victors were well and truly known by half time when Charleville, playing against a stiff breeze, led by 3-8 to 0-1. Nenagh's only point was scored by Moneygall's Mary Ryan in the 11th minute. Apart from that, Nenagh seldom got the ball past Charleville's centre back line where Edwina Waters reigned supreme.

Nenagh's strongest compartment was the defence where Aoife Ryan, Mairead Donoghue and Joanne Nolan had their moments. But even they could not stem the constant onslaughts mounted by the Charleville attack, led by the intercounty players, Emer Watson, Elaine O'Riordan and Sinead McAuliffe.

Ger Dullea's charges had a very bad day - but they are not as bad as the scoreline would suggest. Despite odds stacked heavily against them, they never gave up trying and there is no doubt that they are capable of better on other days.

St Mary's Nenagh: Aine Shanahan, Toomevara; Aoife Ryan, Burgess; Mairead Donoghue, Silvermines; Claire Kearns, Burgess; Mary Ryan, Burgess; Joanne Nolan, Silvermines; Maeve Moloney, Burgess; Breda O'Meara, Toomevara; Lisa Toohey, Silvermines; Marian Devaney, Silvermines; Ann Marie O'Brien, Burgess; Mary Ryan, Moneygall (0-1); Marie Jones, Captain, Moneygall; Lisa Howard, Burgess and Claire Maxwell, Burgess. Subs: Karen Seymour, Kilruane for Claire Kearns; Marian Hogan for M. Moloney (injured).

St Mary's Charleville: Natasha Murphy, Kilmallock; Fiona Chawke, Grenagh-Ballingarry; Fiona Geary, Grenagh-Ballingarry. Janice White, Ballyagran; Sarah O'Mahony, Ballyagran; Edwina Waters, Ballyhea; Lisa Healy, Milford; Anna Geary, Milford (1-1); Shannon Brosnan, Kilmallock; Mary Coleman, Ballyhea (1-0); Elaine O'Riordan, Milford (0-3); Sinead McAuliffe, Ballyagran (1-4); Tina Shanahan, Newtownshandrum (1-1); Emer Watson, Captain, Milford (2-2); Christine O'Shea, Grenagh-Ballingarry (0-2).

Cork well ahead on camogie council

NO fewer than five of the nine recently-elected members of the Munster Camogie Council are Cork women.

At the annual convention, held in The Horse & Jockey on Sunday week, long-standing Cork camogie stalwart Mary Moran was elected president. The chairperson is Marie Kearney, the secretary is Rose Malone, the treasurer is Marie Casey and Rose Malone is the Munster delegate to the central council.

The outgoing chairperson, Marion Graham, congratulated All-Ireland champion Tipperary who, up to 1999, had not won a senior title and now had completed three-in-a-row, securing the double on September 16. She also congratulated all the school winners and the recipients of awards during the year.

She thanked Cork County Board for hosting Féile na nGael and the many referees who officiated.

She said that the biggest problem facing the association is the lack of respect for our referees. The responsibility rested with the mentors and coaches who should encourage all aspects of positive play and discourage the negative, she said.

She said the last decade had been wonderful for camogie and there was no doubt that live TV coverage of the senior final had enhanced the profile of the game enormously and attracted greater audiences than ever before. Despite the wonderful excitement generated by the Tipperary team that won their first ever senior title of 1999 and 2000, they had yet to surpass the 20,000 audience figure at Croke Park.

She thanked the Munster clubs and counties who played their part during the foot and mouth crisis by postponing all games indefinitely and said that the council was grateful for the selfless manner in which everybody did this without question.

She went on to say that teachers who promoted the game in schools at all levels of the education system were worthy of wholehearted support and, in some cases, this was where most girls first made contact with the games in an environment where the emphasis was on participation, enjoyment and equality.

Before she concluded her address she said she hoped she had justified the faith and confidence bestowed on her three years ago and expressed her gratitude for the support she had received. She wished all incoming officers the very best in the coming years and Munster as much success in the next decade as they have had in the last.

The other members of the Munster council are:

vice-chairperson, Kathleen Coffey (Limerick); registrar, Marie Shoeny (Clare); PRO, Marion Graham (Tipperary); delegate to Central Council Fixtures Committee, Marion Graham (Tipperary).

Carlow lift Purcell Cup Geary stars in Mary's triumph

Carlow IT
Cork Colleges of Further Education

by Mary Newman

CARLOW IT proved far too good for Cork Colleges of Further Education when they lifted the Purcell Cup at wind and rainswept Castlegar yesterday.

Both sides qualified for the final on Saturday when Cork defeated St Patrick's, Drumcondra by two points whilst Carlow had four to spare over Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology.

The Cork side played with the advantage of the gale force wind in the opening half and opened the scoring with a Ger Collins point after three minutes.

Philly Fogarty replied for Carlow and with Sandra Tannian pointing a forty five, Carlow took an early lead. Ten minutes into the half Cork were dealt a killer blow when Philly Fogarty outpaced their defence and finished to the net.

Sandra Tannian and Michelle Caplice put Cork under further pressure with two Carlow points. Ger Collins had Cork's second in the 21st minute but her side struggled against a strong Carlow defence where Niamh O'Loughlin, Aisling Fahy and Faith Noonan excelled.

Carlow led 1-6 to 0-2 at the break and looked comfortable turning to play with the wind.

Throughout the second half they remained

4-12
0-2

well in control and goals from Catriona Downey, Emily Hayden, and Edel Reale ensured their victory.

Scorers for Carlow: P. Fogarty 1-4, C. Doherty 1-4, E. Reale and E. Hayden 1-0 each, S. Tannian 0-3, M. Caplice 0-1.

Cork: G. Collins 0-2.
CARLOW: C. Ryan, D. Shortall, N. O'Loughlin, F. Noonan, B. Sheehan, A. Fahy, C. Downey, E. Hayden, G. Lynch, P. Fogarty, B. Gorman, S. Tannian, C. Doherty, N. Sutton, E. Reale. Sub: J. Bourke for E. Reale.
CORK: S. Downey, S. O'Neill, A. Guilan, J. O'Donnell, M. Pratt, B. Maher, S. O'Connell, S. Kelly, A. O'Regan, R. Myers, G. Collins (Capt), J. Duffy, V. Maher, E. O'Heilly, M. O'Sullivan. Subs: J. Buckley for S. O'Connell, E. O'Donovan for M. O'Sullivan, D. Callanan for J. Duffy.

UCC

University of Limerick

2-7
1-4

UCC booked their place in next week-end's Ashbourne Cup semi final recording a 2-07 to 1-4 victory over U.L. in Limerick on Saturday.

The Cork students led 1-6 to 1-2 at the break after Tipperary's Eimear McDonnell and Limerick's Allison White exchanged opening half goals. On the turnover UCC continued to keep the pressure on UL and always looked that little bit sharper.

A second Eimear McDonnell goal midway through ensured their passage and a meeting next week-end with UCD was secure.

Scorers for UCC: E. McDonnell 2-1, C. Harte 0-2, R. Moloney 0-2, S. Sexton 0-1, E. Bourke 0-1.

U.L.A. White 1-0, A. Lane 0-3, C. Murray 0-1.

UCC: G. CASEY R. Holland, J. O'Callaghan, U. O'Dwyer, L. O'Connell, S. Buckley, S. Hayes, M. Nash, R. Moloney, S. O'Callaghan, U. O'Donoghue, E. Bourke, S. Sexton, E. McDonnell, B. Harte. Sub: L. Finn for S. Sexton.

UL: L. Ryan, N. Bowles, N. Connolly, L. Comerford, S. Carroll, F. Ni Chorrain, C. Delaney, R. Glynn, S. O'Gorman, O. Bambury, C. Murray, E. Minogue, A. Lane, O. Kilkenny, A. White. Sub: N. Harkin for S. O'Gorman.

St Mary's (Charleville)
St Patrick's (Shannon)

3-9
0-2

contest a minute later when Anna Geary burst through the St Patrick's defence to score.

by Tom Higgins

ANNA GEARY put in a good performance at Feenagh, Co Limerick on Saturday when helping the senior All-Ireland holders retain the Senior "A" title in atrocious conditions.

St Mary's played with the strongwind in the first half but found it difficult to convert their chances.

They opened with a point from Aoife Sheehan in the 4th minute and four minutes later she tapped over their second from a free.

Sinead McAuliffe added a further point for the winners in the 11th minute and then came the first goal. An Aoife Sheehan free dropped in the square and Maria Watson diverted the ball past goalkeeper Deborah Roughan.

Mary's increased their advantage in the 20th minute. A poor puck out dropped kindly for Maria Watson and she gave goalkeeper Deborah Roughan no chance.

St Patrick's came out hard in the second half. However, Amy McCarthy, Aoife Dillon, captain Aine Kelleher, and Aisling O'Brien gave the St Patrick's forwards little scope.

The losers had their opening score in the 35th minute when Laura Linnane converted a free and although the Shannon side continued to attack they could not breach a solid defence.

St Mary's had a point from Aoife Sheehan in the 42nd minute and the game was over as

Scorers: St. Mary's M. Watson 2-2, A. Geary 1-0, A. Sheehan 0-5 (0-4 frees), E. Watson 0-1, A. O'Brien 0-1, St. Patrick's L. Linnane 0-1 (free), C. McNamara 0-1 (free).

ST. MARY'S (CHARLEVILLE): E. Lenihan, A. Morrissey, A. McCarthy, A. Dillon, S. Lenihan, A. Kelleher (capt), A. O'Brien, C. O'Gorman, A. Geary, A. Sheehan, E. O'Friel, E. O'Riordan, S. McAuliffe, M. Watson, E. Watson.

ST. PATRICK'S (SHANNON): D. Roughan, N. Harney, A. Brennan (capt), M. J. Shanahan, M. Elliott, A. Kilmartin, A. Shanahan, R. Kaiser, F. Keogh, C. McMahon, L. Linnane, L. Danaher, A. Quinlivan, K. Corbett, R. Foley.

Referee: E. Browne (Tipperary).

Loreto, Fermoy
Presentation, Thurles

5-8
0-2

LORETO, Fermoy took the Munster Junior B Post primary title in difficult conditions in Thurles on Saturday.

Two opening half goals from Denise Twomey and Ciara O'Driscoll gave the Cork girls a comfortable interval lead of 2-4 to 1 point.

Noreen Flanagan had her side's second point but it was Denise Twomey and Marie O'Neill who added further points to give Loreto a deserved win.

Scorers: Fermoy: D. Twomey 2-4, M. O'Neill 1-2, C. O'Driscoll 1-0, N. O'Farrell 1-0, N. Mulcahy 0-2.

Thurles: N. Flanagan 0-2.

LORETO, FERMOY: V. McCormack, L. Cronin, M. Twomey, H. O'Neill, C. O'Farrell, N. Mulcahy, T. Barry, M. O'Neill, M. McAteer, M. Finn, D. Twomey, C. Lynch, C. O'Driscoll, T. Carroll, N. O'Farrell, Subs: D. Twomey for M. Finn, E. O'Leary for N. O'Farrell.

THURLES: A. Norton, H. Phelan, J.A. Phelan, S. Hickey, S. O'Dwyer, C. Phelan, B. Fennessy, R. Hogan, N. O'Brien, N. Flanagan, T. Carey, S. Henderson, N. Glasheen, D. Brown, M. Quigley.

Referee: M. Bergin (Offaly).

ST. PATRICK'S, SHANNON

1. Deborah Roughan	16/8/85	Wolfe Tones
2. Eibhlin McCafferty	8/1/85	Wolfe Tones
3. Anna Brennan [C]	11/2/85	Wolfe Tones
4. Mary-Jean Shanahan	31/8/84	Kilkishen
5. Mairead Elliott	23/5/84	Wolfe Tones
6. Aileen Kilmartin	13/10/84	Newmarket-on-Fergus
7. Audray Shanahan	24/8/84	Wolfe Tones
8. Ruth Kaiser	8/8/86	Newmarket-on-Fergus
9. Fionnuala Keogh	8/11/84	Sixmilebridge
10. Clare McMahon	23/3/84	Kilmaley
11. Laura Linnane	29/12/84	Wolfe Tones
12. Lizzie Danaher	8/10/85	Wolfe Tones
13. Aoife Quinlivan	13/6/84	Newmarket-on-Fergus
14. Karen Corbett	5/9/84	Sixmilebridge
15. Rebecca Foley	24/6/85	Wolfe Tones

SUBS

16. Natalie Harney	16/3/86	Wolfe Tones
17. Muireann O' Loughlin	14/2/87	Wolfe Tones
18. Caroline Murphy	23/11/85	Wolfe Tones
19. Iris Kaiser	25/1/89	Newmarket-on-Fergus
20. Aimee McInerney	17/11/88	Newmarket-on-Fergus
21. Stephanie Shanahan	26/12/86	Kilkishen
22. Rachel Bennett	30/8/85	Wolfe Tones

COACH:

Ann Howard
Gearóid Ó' hÉarcáin
Fr. Arnold Rosney

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

1. Elizabeth Lenihan	30/5/84	Milford
2. Amy Morrissey	17/9/85	Ballyhea
3. Aine McCarthy	12/1/84	Granagh/Ballingarry
4. Aoife Dillon	1/8/83	Milford
5. Sharon Lenihan	8/6/85	Milford
6. Aine Kelleher [C]	14/6/83	Newtownshandrum
7. Aisling O' Brien	5/7/85	Granagh/Ballingarry
8. Christina O' Gorman	26/12/83	Milford
9. Anna Geary	28/7/87	Milford
10. Aoife Sheehan	7/8/84	Granagh/Ballingarry
11. Eimear O' Friel	18/9/83	Milford
12. Elaine O' Riordan	26/8/86	Milford
13. Sinéad McAuliffe	28/1/87	Ballyagran
14. Maria Watson	13/5/85	Milford
15. Emer Watson	7/7/86	Milford

SUBS

16. Caitriona Noogan	1/5/84	Granagh/Ballingarry
17. Imelda Sexton	20/6/84	Milford
18. Karen O' Leary	7/9/85	Ballyhea
19. Edwina Waters	20/3/87	Ballyhea
20. Lisa Healy	7/4/86	Milford

COACH:

Vincent Harrington
Anna-Marie O' Keeffe

Dubs face Down in campaign opener

DUBLIN begin their National Senior League campaign against Down on February 24 at the home of Naomh Mearnóg in a double-header which will also see the Dublin juniors tackle their Down counterparts.

Unfortunately, for that fixture, the senior Dubs will be without their Ballyboden St Enda's contingent, who will be in Paris on a club trip that

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BY NIAL SCULLY

weekend.

Also missing will be the talented Crumlin performer, Sinead Elliot, who broke a finger in a recent challenge game.

The Dublin squad will have a meeting at Erin's Isle tomorrow night (9.15) and

they have been boosted by the arrival of several new players resulting from the trials.

Among them are a cluster of 18-year-olds, who include the Mearnóg duo of Niamh Taylor and Catriona Power, Raheny's Rachel Quinn, Clara Lucey (Ballyboden St. Enda's), plus Dawn Barry and Julie Draper from Erin's Isle.

"We are delighted that these young players have been added to the panel," said Dublin selector Paul Crosbie, who added that, despite the bad weather, the girls continued with their training at Belfield on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

"The facilities at Belfield are excellent, and we'd just like to thank Dave Billings and his staff," said Crosbie.

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The Cork Colleges of Further Education camogie team put up a courageous fight against Carlow IT, who proved the stronger side on the day.

Loretto make it a Cork celebration

LORETTO Fermoy made it a Cork Munster Colleges celebration, joining Charleville as champions when they recorded a splendid 5-8 to 0-2 victory over Presentation Thurles on Saturday to take the Munster Junior B title for the first time.

The difficult conditions were mastered by the Fermoy girls from the start, and showing tremendous skill they took charge of the game from the throw in.

Two goals from Denise Twomey and Ciara O'Driscoll settled Loretto and they led 2-4 to 0-1 at the break, with the points coming from the sticks of Denise Twomey, Marie O'Neill and Noreen Mulcahy.

Thurles worked hard to contain the lively Fermoy side with Noreen Flanagan grabbing the Thurles goal.

Fermoy kept the pressure on and Marie Twomey, Laura Cronin and Helena O'Neill were superb in defence while Ciara O'Driscoll, Trisha Carroll and Noreen O'Farrell worked hard up front.

Goals from Denise Twomey, Marie O'Neill and Noreen O'Farrell consolidated the Loretto lead and gave Thurles no way back, Noreen Flanagan added their second point before the final whistle.

Teams: Loretto Fermoy — V McCormack, L Cronin, M Twomey, H O'Neill, C O'Farrell, N Mulcahy, T Barry, M O'Neill, M McAteer, M Finn, D Twomey, C Lynch, C O'Driscoll, T Carroll, N O'Farrell. Subs: Deirdre Twomey for

By **MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY**
Camogie Correspondent

M Finn, E O'Leary for N O'Farrell.
Thurles — A Norton, H Phelan, J A Phelan, S Hickey, S O'Dwyer, C Phelan, B Fennessy, R Hogan, N O'Brien, N Flanagan, T Carey, S Henderson, N Glasheen, D Brown, M Quigley. Ref M Bergin Offaly.

● The bid to take their first Purcell Cup came to an end for Cork Colleges of Further Education students in Castlegar on Sunday when a Carlow Institute of Technology side, boosted by no less than five senior inter-county players, proved too great a force to be reckoned with.

In the semi-final on Saturday, the Cork girls battled hard to hold on to their half-time lead before coming out on top against St Patrick's Drumcondra. Carlow had four points to spare over Galway/Mayo IT to set up Sunday's final.

Conditions were appalling with driving wind and rain making stylish camogie impossible but to their credit the sides battled on to serve up a good sporting contest.

Ger Collins got Cork off to a good start with the game's point after three minutes but it was to be another 20 minutes before the same player would register her side's only other score.

In between, the Carlow girls showed their determination with Tipperary senior inter-county duo Philly Fogarty and Emily Hayden causing major problems for Cork.

Fogarty grabbed the game's opening goal 10

minutes into the contest and her side led 1-6 to 0-2 at the break.

Aided by the wind in the second half, Carlow held the upper hand and, picking off their scores, stretched their advantage.

To their credit, Cork worked tirelessly and, indeed, were it not for the excellence of Carlow goalkeeper Catriona Ryan, they would have had two goals.

With Catherine Dennehy, Edel Reale and Emily Hayden grabbing further goals, it ensured last year's runners up were crowned the champions.

The Cork side are to be applauded for their efforts in reaching the final, given that all their students are only on two-year courses.

Spokesperson Ann Hanley, in explaining this, paid tribute to the side and expressed a hope that in the years ahead the achievement in reaching this weekend's final will serve as a stepping stone for greater things to come with more students getting involved in the game.

Teams: Cork Colleges Of Further Education — S Downing, S O'Neill, A Guiton, J O'Donnell, M Pratt, B Maher, S O'Connell, S Kelly, A O'Regan, R Myers, G Collins, J Duffy, V Maher, E O'Herlihy, M O'Sullivan. Subs: J Buckley for S O'Connell, E O'Donovan for M O'Sullivan, D Callanan for J Duffy.

Carlow IT — C Ryan, S Horthall, N O'Loughlin, F Noonan, B Sheehan, A Fahey, C Downey, E Hayden, G Lynch, P Fogarty, B Gorman, S Tannian, C Doherty, N Sutton. Sub: J Burke for E Reale.

UCC get the better of UL in quarter final clash

UCC 2-7
UL 1-4

A WEEK later than all the other quarter finals, UCC and UL came face to face for the long-awaited Ashbourne Cup quarter final at UL on Saturday.

As in other games over the weekend, the weather played spoilsport, with the wind playing a major part in proceedings.

UCC got the better start and led 1-6 to 1-2 at the break.

The UCC girls showed tremendous determination all through the second half.

And with Criona Harte, Siobhán Sexton and Elaine Burke all excelling, they made UL fight for every score.

Indeed such was the solid UCC defence that they held UL to just two points in the second half from Galway's Aoife Lane and Caroline Murray.

UCC's Emer McDonnell brought her goal tally to two in the second half, while Rachel Moloney, Ger Casey and Joanne O'Callaghan also impressed.

Meanwhile, St Mary's Charleville were never in danger of losing their Munster Post Primary Senior A crown at Feenagh last weekend, beating St Patrick's Shannon 6-9 to 0-2.

Playing with the strong wind in their favour in the opening half, Charleville opened with an Aoife Sheehan point followed by another from Sinead McAuliffe.

Disaster struck for Shannon when Aoife Sheehan's free dropped in the square for Marie Watson to finish to the net.

Marie added her side's second goal in the 20th minute.

With the wind advantage in the second half, the Shannon girls gave it their all but in doing so met strong resistance from a tight-marking St Mary's defence.

Laura Linnane opened their scoring with a fifth-minute point but their failure to break through the solid St Mary's defence denied them the goal they needed to get into the game.

Aoife Sheehan had pointed for Charleville before Anna Geary broke through for her side's third goal to effectively finish the game as a contest.

For Charleville, Anna Geary, Marie Watson and captain Aine Kelleher shone.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS
Munster Post-Primary Schools Championship: Senior A Final: St Mary's Charleville 3-9 St Patrick's Shannon 0-2; Junior B Final: Pres 0-2 Loretto Thurles 5-8.
Ashbourne Cup quarter-final: UL 1-4 UCC 2-7.

FIXTURES
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16
Ashbourne Shield Semi-Finals: CIT v UL at the Mon Field 11am; St Mary's Belfast v Adhine IT at the Mon Field 12.30pm.

Ashbourne Cup Semi-Finals: UCC v UCD at St Finbarr's 1pm; WIT v NUI Galway at St Finbarr's 2.30pm.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

Ashbourne finals: at Ballinacorney - Shields Final 1pm; Cup Final 2.30pm.

Under 18 B Championship: Douglas v St Finbarr's at venue and time TBA.

Mary I hang on for Purcell Shield win

IN the Purcell Shield final the defeated cup semi finalists Mary Immaculate and Galway Mayo IT battled it out.

Mary Immaculate led 2-2 to 2-0

at the interval with goals from May Kelly and Linda Higgins, with Helen O'Regan and Sandra O'Shaughnessy grabbing the points.

Clare Conroy and Bridie O'Halloran kept Galway Mayo IT in touch with goals.

The second half was a terrific battle with Clare Conroy troubling

the Limerick defence, adding four points to her side's total, but Mary Immaculate with Ann Marie Fleming and Elaine Kerins notching points, held on to take the honours.

Cork ready to resume action in the league



GROUND VIEW

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

LEAGUE ACTION LOOMS FOR REBELS

ONCE the third level colleges action is completed this weekend it is back to inter-county action for many of the players seven days later with the commencement of the National Leagues on February 24.

Cork will kick-start their involvement with an attractive fixture with old rivals Kilkenny up in the Marble City which will also mark their first outing under new manager, Ann Downey.

The Cats had a dismal run in last year's campaign; therefore there is much interest on how they will perform this season.

Downey, the holder of 12 All-Ireland medals with the Black and Amber has engaged Anthony Geoghegan, a sport's injury therapist from Carlow to look after the fitness training of her team.

The Rebel County will continue with their fixture list on the following two consecutive Sundays at home to Wexford and Tipperary and will complete their section away to Galway after Easter.

With over half of the county squad involved with UCC, CIT and WIT (all of whom will be participating in Ashbourne action this Saturday and Sunday) training for the Red and White has not yet commenced.

However, this is not a huge worry as Cork have won the last seven National League titles with relative ease - championship success will have to be the big fry this year.

Speaking of the championship, the dates were announced recently. Cork will go into action at home to Limerick on the

first Sunday in July, with the losers of this tie out again the following weekend.

The winners play on the August Bank holiday weekend. The All-Ireland semi-finals are fixed for Saturday August 17 with the All-Ireland finals moved back this year to September 15 to allow for the extra matches in the football championship.

The draw for the penultimate stages will take place after the quarter-finals have been played.

Meanwhile, the Kilbrittain-Timoleague camogie club celebrated with the Kilbrittain GAA club in Clonakilly's Fernhill House hotel last Saturday night their many successes of 2001.

With a vast array of silverware won by the boys at underage level, the ladies were right up there with their many representations on the various inter-county.

Deirdre Coughlan, Valerie O'Keeffe, Edel Foley, Miriam Deasy, Eimear O'Sullivan, Claire Deasy, Elish O'Sullivan and Marion Murphy all wore the Red and White with great distinction.

And with Bandon Convent Secondary school recently reaching the final of the Munster Senior B Colleges final, again there was a huge input from the Kilbrittain club with Elish O'Sullivan, Maeve O'Sullivan, Miriam Fullam, Caitriona Deasy and Ellen O'Donovan all playing their part.

Finally, this weekend Siobhan Sexton will line out with UCC in the Ashbourne Cup, while Valerie O'Keeffe and Eimear O'Sullivan will strive for further honours with CIT in the Ashbourne Shield.

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THE girls of St Patrick's, Maghera and St. Mary's Magherafelt have it all to do again next weekend after a thrilling 0-7 to 1-4 draw in the Ulster Senior schools' camogie final in Lavey on Saturday. Katie McAuley, burst forward on a solo run to dip a short just under the crossbar for Magherafelt's goal but Claire McCloy got St Pat's going to lead by 0-6 to 1-1.

There was no change in the scoreline until the 47th minute when Paula Bell's free made it a one-point game. McAuley then surged forward for the equaliser before her 60-yard free was deflected over by sub Michaela Lynch. Oonagh Mullan tied the game two minutes from time.

St Mary's Magherafelt: H O'Neill, S Heaney, C Higgins, B Murphy, C McCoy, K McAuley (1-2), B McAllister (capt.), K McCoy, R Lennon, R McDonald, P Bell (0-2), M Hughes, A Lavery, C McTeet, C McCann. **Subs:** C O'Boyle for C McCann (5-6), M Kelly for B Murphy (3-6), M Lynch for R McDonald (4-0), K Lavery for C McTeet (4-8), G Mulholland for A Lavery (5-1).
St Patrick's, Maghera: E O'Doherty, C McManus, P McGuigan, J O'Kane, A Mullan, C Cusack, B Convery, K Doherty (capt.), A Ward, U Kealey, J Kelly, C McCloy (0-4), B Kidd, O Mullan (0-3), D McMaster. **Subs:** C O'Neill for U Kealey (4-5).
Referee: Donna Spiers (Bellaghy).

■ Loreto, Coleraine picked up their first Ulster camogie title in 24 years when they dethroned St. Louis, Ballymena by 1-2 to 0-2 in the Fr Davies Cup final at Glenravel on Saturday. Sinead Henry grabbed their goal 20 minutes into the game. Ballymena edged back into the game after the break and it took a late point from Jacinta Dixon to kill them off.

Loreto: C McKinley, J Kelly, A Martin, C Donnelly, M Dixon, E Molloy, G McCullagh, U Hassan, J Dixon (0-1), MK McNicholl, G McGoldrick (0-1), K Dixon, O McMullan, N Doherty, S Henry (1-0). **Subs:** D Gallagher for J Kelly (5-1).
St Louis, Ballymena: E McCann, K Crossley, K Convery, A McMullan, R Graham, N Neeson (0-1), B McKinley, S Wilson (0-1), J O'Hagan, S Agnew, M Graham, B Clarke, U Hamill, F McNaughton, S McAleese.
Referee: Margaret Broly (Derry).

■ Cross and Passion, Ballycastle face Loreto, Cavan today at 2pm in Coleraine for the Liatroim Fontenoy's Cup. Ballycastle are captained by Stephanie O'Kane, and with talented players such as Therese McMulland, Laura Neill, Cara McPeake and Una McErlaine should be favourites to write their names on the cup.

Colaiste Bríde chase the double

Ronan Fagan

COLAISTE BRÍDE'S nemesis, Loreto Kilkenny, again stand between the Enniscorthy girls and a dream double in the Leinster Post-Primary Schools camogie championships.

The arch rivals will again meet in both the provincial senior and junior finals this week, weather permitting of course.

At the time of writing, the senior fixture was due to precede the junior tie, with the senior on Thursday followed by the lower grade contest on Sunday, with Carlow being the preferred choice of venue in each case.

While maintaining that her side are at a "disadvantage" facing into the junior showdown having had no games en route, Colaiste Bríde coach Elva Moriarty remains hopeful for their chances in both outings.

The seniors overcame FCJ Buncloody and St. Brigid's of Callan (the latter by 5-16 to 1-7), while a further group date against the Loreto was cancelled after it became clear the sides would be contesting the final itself.

The Colaiste Bríde side boasts a range of top class players, from Caoimhe Fitzpatrick to Catherine O'Loughlin, Ursula Jacob, Ciara and Niamh O'Connor as well as the Leacy sisters, Mary and Una.

The Cathedral town school will be out for revenge having lost to Loreto in the corresponding tie last year.

The juniors, with Deirdre Codd, Bronagh Furlong, Claire Sinnott, Louise Codd, Ruth Walsh and Una Leacy among their leading players, are eager to put their disappointment of being removed from the championship last year behind them.

As Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) threatened to break out, the powers-that-be deemed as a precaution against the possible spread of FMD Colaiste Bríde should not partake any further in the competition only days before they were due to play the All-Ireland semi-final.

Due to the uncertainty over exact match details, parents and supporters are advised to contact Colaiste Bríde for confirmation of venues etc., in advance of travelling.

Carlow IT too strong for Cork

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie news

Carlow IT 4-11
Cork Colleges 0-2

IN their first year participating in the Purcell Cup, Cork Colleges — comprising of players from Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, St John's Central College of Further Education and College of Commerce — had to give way to the experience of last season's beaten finalists, Carlow IT.

The final, which was played yesterday in dreadful conditions in Castlegar, was all one-way traffic with Catherine Doherty, Philly Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Edel Reale and Sandra Tannion the main driving forces behind the Carlow victory.

The tenacity of Kilkenny senior keeper, Caitriona Ryan, in the winner's goal was also a significant factor in this win.

However, the Cork girls can be well pleased to have got through to the ultimate stage after an exciting two-point victory (2-5 to 1-6) over St Patrick's Drumcondra in Saturday afternoon's semi-final. Carlow defeated Limerick IT 3-7 to 3-1 in the other decider.

Meanwhile, in the Shield final it was celebration time for Mary Immaculate College in Limerick when they played out a nail-biting finish against GMT (2-5 to 2-4).

Here two first half goals from Mary Kelly and Linda Higgins gave the victors an interval advantage of 2-2 to 0-2. Mary Immaculate defeated UJJ 2-6 to 2-1 to get to the final, while GMT had six points to spare over NUI Maynooth (2-2 to 0-2).

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Loreto, Kilkenny 3-5 Mercy, Enniscorthy 1-8: These sides achieved a high standard of camogie in yesterday's Leinster Post Primary Schools Senior A final in which Loreto, Kilkenny, retained their title with a narrow win over Mercy of Enniscorthy. Scorers, Loreto, Kilkenny: A. Fitzpatrick 2-0, A. Kavanagh 1-0, D. Delaney and C. Cormack 0-2 each, C. Kavanagh 0-1. Mercy, Enniscorthy: U. Jacob 0-5, U. Leacy 1-0, J. Codd, L. Murphy, E. O'Connor 0-1 each. Loreto, Kilkenny: G. Dermody, M. Byrne, S. Dowling, L. Quigley, D. Minogue, M. Lawler, A. Fahy, C. Cormack, E. Fitzpatrick, D. Delaney, A. Fitzpatrick, K. Gaffney, B. Kavanagh, C. Kavanagh, S. Corrigan. Subs: E. O'Neill for B. Kavanagh, N. Corrigan for C. Kavanagh. Mercy, Enniscorthy: C. Sinnott, K. Murphy, A. Hogan, R. Walsh, L. O'Connor, M. Leacy, C. Fitzpatrick, B. Furlong, D. Codd, L. Murphy, U. Jacob, L. Codd, J. Codd, C. O'Connor, U. Leacy. Subs: F. Hogan for Sinnott, S. Darcy for L. Murphy. Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

UCC's fighting spirit pays off

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Ashbourne Cup

UCC 2-7
UL 1-4

IT may have been 12 months coming, but it was well worth the wait for UCC to win their way back into the Ashbourne Cup semi-final.

The bitter disappointment of last year's defeat at the penultimate stage to the eventual winners, WIT, can now be permanently erased from the memory.

This victory in the UL Grounds will mean much to management too (John Con-sidine and Seamus Coffey), as the UCC team is faced with in-

ter-county stars and because of this, defeat was a bitter pill to swallow last year.

So, now they are back and will look forward to next Saturday's semi-final against UCD with great confidence. Tipp forward, Emer McDonnell was the star of the show for the Cork side hitting two great goals either side of the break and caused many problems for the UL rearguard.

But, it was by no means a one-woman show as UCC had to batten down the hatches and withstand fierce pressure from UL, who tried their hearts out, led by their outstanding captain and centre-back, Fiona Ni Chorcaí and Caroline Murray at centre-forward.

"We knew it was not going to be easy," said UCC's Rose Desmond. "We were well aware that UL are a very strong team and were unlucky to lose the final last year. This is another step on. We now have to get our heads right for Saturday's game."

Once again their effort will have to be total especially in these very testing underfoot conditions.

It would appear that one of the major deciding issues in the UCC/UCD clash will be the collision of full back Una O'Dwyer and number 14, Caoimhe Harrington.

This game would be well worth a visit with a one o'clock start at the St Fin-barr's grounds.

St Mary's coast to easy victory

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

St Mary's Charleville 3-9
St Patrick's Shannon 0-2

THEIR unbeaten record is still intact as St Mary's Charleville coasted to an emphatic victory in Saturday's Munster senior colleges final at a rainswept Feenagh.

By far, the most successful school in the history of this Provincial competition, this latest victory for the championship specialists was grinded out during the worst possible hailstone storm, which lasted for almost the entire second half of proceedings.

Nevertheless they soldiered on, and credit here to both sides for still turning in a fine game despite the terrible underfoot conditions.

One just wonders how much more would the Charleville girls have scored had it not been for the weather conditions.

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Cork ready to resume action in the league



GROUND VIEW

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

LEAGUE ACTION LOOKS FOR REBELS

ONCE the third level colleges action is completed this weekend it is back to inter-county action for many of the players seven days later with the commencement of the National Leagues on February 24.

Cork will kick-start their involvement with an attractive fixture with old rivals Kilkenny up in the Marble City which will also mark their first outing under new manager, Ann Downey.

The Cats had a dismal run in last year's campaign; therefore there is much interest on how they will perform this season.

Downey, the holder of 12 All-Ireland medals with the Black and Amber has engaged Anthony Geoghegan, a sport's injury therapist from Carlow to look after the fitness training of her team.

The Rebel County will continue with their fixture list on the following two consecutive Sundays at home to Wexford and Tipperary and will complete their section away to Galway after Easter.

With over half of the county squad involved with UCC, CIT and WIT (all of whom will be participating in Ashbourne action this Saturday and Sunday) training for the Red and White has not yet commenced.

However, this is not a huge worry as Cork have won the last seven National League titles with relative ease - championship success will have to be the big fry this year.

Speaking of the championship, the dates were announced recently. Cork will go into action at home to Limerick on the

first Sunday in July, with the losers of this tie out again the following weekend.

The winners play on the August Bank holiday weekend. The All-Ireland semi-finals are fixed for Saturday August 17 with the All-Ireland finals moved back this year to September 15 to allow for the extra matches in the football championship.

The draw for the penultimate stages will take place after the quarter-finals have been played.

Meanwhile, the Kilbrittain-Timoleague camogie club celebrated with the Kilbrittain GAA club in Clonakilly's Fernhill House hotel last Saturday night their many successes of 2001.

With a vast array of silverware won by the boys at underage level, the ladies were right up there with their many representations on the various inter-county.

Deirdre Coughlan, Valerie O'Keefe, Edel Foley, Miriam Deasy, Eimear O'Sullivan, Claire Deasy, Elish O'Sullivan and Marion Murphy all wore the Red and White with great distinction.

And with Bandon Convent Secondary school recently reaching the final of the Munster Senior B Colleges final, again there was a huge input from the Kilbrittain club with Elish O'Sullivan, Maeve O'Sullivan, Miriam Fullam, Catriona Deasy and Ellen O'Donovan all playing their part.

Finally, this weekend Siobhan Sexton will line out with UCC in the Ashbourne Cup, while Valerie O'Keefe and Eimear O'Sullivan will strive for further honours with CIT in the Ashbourne Shield.

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CAMOGIE

THE girls of St Patrick's, Maghera and St. Mary's Magherafelt have it all to do again next weekend after a thrilling 0-7 to 1-4 draw in the Ulster Senior schools' camogie final in Lavey on Saturday. Katie McAuley, burst forward on a solo run to dip a short just under the crossbar for Magherafelt's goal but Claire McCloy got St Pat's going to lead by 0-6 to 1-1.

There was no change in the scoreline until the 47th minute when Paula Bell's free made it a one-point game. McAuley then surged forward for the equaliser before her 60-yard free was deflected over by sub Michaela Lynch. Oonagh Mullan tied the game two minutes from time.

St Mary's Magherafelt: H O'Neill, S Heaney, C Higgins, B Murphy, C McCoy, K McAuley (1-2), B McAllister (capt.), K McCoy, R Lennon, R McDonald, P Bell (0-2), M Hughes, A Lavery, C McCrete, C McCann. **Subs:** C OBoyle for C McCann (0-0), M Kelly for B Murphy (0-0), M Lynch for R McDonald (0-0), K Lavery for C McCrete (48), G Mulholland for A Lavery (51).
St Patrick's, Maghera: E O'Doherty, C McManus, P McGuigan, J O'Kane, A Mullan, C Cusack, B Convery, K Doherty (capt.), A Ward, U Kealey, J Kelly, C McCloy (0-4), B Kidd, O Mullan (0-3), D McMaster. **Subs:** C O'Neill for U Kealey (45).
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■ Loreto, Coleraine picked up their first Ulster camogie title in 24 years when they dethroned St. Louis, Ballymena by 1-2 to 0-2 in the Fr Davies Cup final at Glenravel on Saturday. Sinead Henry grabbed their goal 20 minutes into the game. Ballymena edged back into the game after the break and it took a late point from Jacinta Dixon to kill them off.

Loreto: C McKinley, J Kelly, A Martin, C Donnelly, M Dixon, E McIvor, G McCullagh, U Hassan, J Dixon (0-1), M McNicholl, G McGoldrick (0-1), K Dixon, O McMullan, N Doherty, S Henry (1-0). **Subs:** D Gallagher for J Kelly (51).
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Referee: Margaret Broly (Derry).

■ Cross and Passion, Ballycastle face Loreto, Cavan today at 2pm in Coleraine for the Liatroim Fontenoy's Cup. Ballycastle are captained by Stephanie O'Kane, and with talented players such as Therese McMulland, Laura Neill, Cara McPeake and Una McErlaine should be favourites to write their names on the cup.

Colaiste Bríde chase the double

Ronan Fagan

COLAISTE BRÍDE'S nemesis, Loreto Kilkenny, again stand between the Enniscorthy girls and a dream double in the Leinster Post-Primary Schools camogie championships.

The arch rivals will again meet in both the provincial senior and junior finals this week, weather permitting of course.

At the time of writing, the senior fixture was due to precede the junior tie, with the senior on Thursday followed by the lower grade contest on Sunday, with Carlow being the preferred choice of venue in each case.

While maintaining that her side are at a "disadvantage" facing into the junior showdown having had no games en route, Colaiste Bríde coach Elva Moriarty remains hopeful for their chances in both outings.

The seniors overcame FCI Buncloody and St. Brigid's of Callan (the latter by 5-16 to 1-7), while a further group date against the Loreto was cancelled after it became clear the sides would be contesting the final itself.

The Colaiste Bríde side boasts a range of top class players, from Caoimhe Fitzpatrick to Catherine O'Loughlin, Ursula Jacob, Ciara and Niamh O'Connor as well as the Leacy sisters, Mary and Una.

The Cathedral town school will be out for revenge having lost to Loreto in the corresponding tie last year.

The juniors, with Deirdre Codd, Bronagh Furlong, Claire Sinnott, Louise Codd, Ruth Walsh and Una Leacy among their leading players, are eager to put their disappointment of being removed from the championship last year behind them.

As Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) threatened to break out, the powers-that-be deemed as a precaution against the possible spread of FMD Colaiste Bríde should not partake any further in the competition only days before they were due to play the All-Ireland semi-final.

Due to the uncertainty over exact match details, parents and supporters are advised to contact Colaiste Bríde for confirmation of venues etc., in advance of travelling.

● CAMOGIE ●

Loreto, Kilkenny 3-5 Mercy, Enniscorthy 1-6: These sides achieved a high standard of camogie in yesterday's Leinster Post Primary Schools Senior A final in which Loreto, Kilkenny, retained their title with a narrow win over Mercy of Enniscorthy. Scorers, Loreto, Kilkenny: A. Fitzpatrick 2-0, A. Kavanagh 1-0, D. Delaney and C. Cormack 0-2 each, C. Kavanagh 0-1. Mercy, Enniscorthy: U. Jacob 0-5, U. Leacy 1-0, J. Codd, L. Murphy, E. O'Connor 0-1 each. Loreto, Kilkenny: G. Darmody, M. Byrne, S. Dowling, L. Quigley, D. Minogus, M. Lawler, A. Fahey, C. Cormack, E. Fitzpatrick, D. Delaney, A. Fitzpatrick, K. Gaffney, B. Kavanagh, C. Kavanagh, S. Corrigan. Subs: E. O'Neill for B. Kavanagh, N. Corrigan for C. Kavanagh. Mercy, Enniscorthy: C. Sinnott, K. Murphy, A. Hogan, R. Walsh, L. O'Connor, M. Leacy, C. Fitzpatrick, B. Furlong, D. Codd, L. Murphy, U. Jacob, L. Codd, J. Codd, C. O'Connor, U. Leacy. Subs: F. Hogan for Sinnott, S. Darcy for L. Murphy. Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

Carlow IT too strong for Cork

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie news

Carlow IT 4-11
Cork Colleges 0-2

IN their first year participating in the Purcell Cup, Cork Colleges — comprising of players from Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, St John's Central College of Further Education and College of Commerce — had to give way to the experience of last season's beaten finalists, Carlow IT.

The final, which was played yesterday in dreadful conditions in Castlegar, was all one-way traffic with Catherine Doherty, Philly Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Edel Reale and Sandra Tannion the main driving forces behind the Carlow victory.

The tenacity of Kilkenny senior keeper, Caitriona Ryan, in the winner's goal was also a significant factor in this win.

However, the Cork girls can be well pleased to have got through to the ultimate stage after an exciting two-point victory (2-5 to 1-6) over St Patrick's Drumcondra in Saturday afternoon's semi-final. Carlow defeated Limerick IT 3-7 to 3-1 in the other decider.

Meanwhile, in the Shield final it was celebration time for Mary Immaculate College in Limerick when they played out a nail-biting finish against GMIT (2-5 to 2-4).

Here two first half goals from Mary Kelly and Linda Higgins gave the victors an interval advantage of 2-2 to 0-2. Mary Immaculate defeated UJJ 2-6 to 2-1 to get to the final, while GMIT had six points to spare over NUI Maynooth (2-2 to 0-2).

UCC's fighting spirit pays off St Mary's coast to easy victory

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Ashbourne Cup

UCC 2-7
UL 1-4

IT may have been 12 months coming, but it was well worth the wait for UCC to win their way back into the Ashbourne Cup semi-final.

The bitter disappointment of last year's defeat at the penultimate stage to the eventual winners, WIT, can now be permanently erased from the memory.

This victory in the UL Grounds will mean much to management too (John Considine and Seamus Coffey), as the UCC team is laced with in-

ter-county stars and because of this, defeat was a bitter pill to swallow last year.

So, now they are back and will look forward to next Saturday's semi-final against UCD with great confidence. Tipp forward, Emer McDonnell was the star of the show for the Cork side hitting two great goals either side of the break and caused many problems for the UL rearguard.

But, it was by no means a one-woman show as UCC had to batten down the hatches and withstand fierce pressure from UL, who tried their hearts out, led by their outstanding captain and centre-back, Fiona Ni Chorcorain and Caroline Murray at centre-forward.

"We knew it was not going to be easy," said UCC's Rose Desmond. "We were well aware that UL are a very strong team and were unlucky to lose the final last year. This is another step on. We now have to get our heads right for Saturday's game."

Once again their effort will have to be total especially in these very testing underfoot conditions.

It would appear that one of the major deciding issues in the UCC/UCD clash will be the collision of full back Una O'Dwyer and number 14, Caoimhe Harrington.

This game would be well worth a visit with a one o'clock start at the St Finbarr's grounds.

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

St Mary's Charleville 3-9
St Patrick's Shannon 0-2

THEIR unbeaten record is still intact as St Mary's Charleville coasted to an emphatic victory in Saturday's Munster senior colleges final at a rainswept Feenagh.

By far, the most successful school in the history of this Provincial competition, this latest victory for the championship specialists was grinded out during the worst possible hailstone storm, which lasted for almost the entire second half of proceedings.

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BRIMFUL OF ASHBOURNE

The longest-running show in camogie history moves to a new venue in 2002, Cork IT.

In 1915 Lord Ashbourne, Edwin Gibson a Trinity College graduate who was prominent in Gaelic League circles, presented the Ashbourne Cup for camogie to encourage the Irish game in the National University and enhance the social life of students. It was, in effect, the first national camogie competition in existence. Its tradition has been carried on and today it marks the highlight of the sporting year in premier third-level camogie. Up until recently the Ashbourne competition was limited to the larger third-level institutions but this was overturned in the early 1990s when it was decided to allow all colleges to enter. Ashbourne games are always special. They are highly competitive and hunger for victory is obvious, yet sportsmanship always prevails both on and off the pitch. It also gives the unique opportunity for girls from different counties to play together and develop a camaraderie that lasts long after college days are over.

CORK IT 2002

On the weekend of the 16-17 February, Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) will host the 86th Ashbourne Cup competition (it was not contested in 1943). Historic for many reasons as it will mark a very significant milestone in the history of the sport at CIT. Not only is it the first time that the competition will visit the college but it will be the first time that they house any sort of an inter-varsity GAA tournament. And to add to the occasion it will be the first time in the history of the Institute that CIT will have a team competing in the competition.

Unlike near neighbours and great rivals UCC with their long history and a remarkable 29 Ashbourne titles, the emergence and success of CIT is very recent. CIT won the seven-a-side Meagher Shield competition in 1993 but unfortunately suffered a lack of interest over the following few years. They were not down for long, however, and the camogie club was revived in 1998, when the college's current Sports Officer, Miriam Deasy, led a team to the final of the Meagher Shield, only to be



PURCELL AUTOMATIC:
Cork IT qualified for this year's Ashbourne Cup by winning Purcell 2001

denied narrowly by Limerick IT. Camogie began to flourish within the Institute and the breakthrough came in 2000 when they qualified for the Purcell competition (2nd division) for the first time ever by beating old rivals LIT in the qualifier. After a long journey north to Belfast they succumbed to the home side, St Mary's, in the semi-final. But this learning curve proved vital as twelve months later CIT ended the wait when they beat Carlow IT to take home the silverware.

Having won the Purcell Cup, CIT were given the opportunity to play an Ashbourne qualifier. Further history was created on 23 October 2001 when they upset the odds to beat Mary Immaculate College of Limerick by a single point. Whatever the outcome against UCD in this year's quarter-final, the Cork college has come full circle and will undoubtedly do justice to hosting this prestigious competition.

"It has been a hectic four years for the CIT club and it has taken a lot of work to get to where we are today," said Sports Officer, Miriam Deasy. "It is a great honour for the Institute and especially for those involved in the sports department who have lived through the highs and lows to see that we are now successfully competing at the highest level. For too long we were always in the shadow of UCC. Now it will be realised that there are two very dominant and competitive camogie col-

leges in Cork. The hosting of the Ashbourne can only further enhance our future and hopefully attract prospective students and players to the college."

Miriam, who is also a member of the Cork senior camogie panel, is coach to the CIT team, while Keith Ricken is the GAA Development Officer. His sister Sandra (who plays her club camogie with Cashel) is a member of the UCD line-out. So loyalties will be well tested. All quarter-final games will be decided on or before the first Saturday in February. No doubt, there will be some very interesting clashes before the winning team will claim one of the major inter-varsity trophies on 17 February.

THE CONTENDERS

It will be the ambition of every participating team to strip Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) of their crown. But with Tipperary senior county player Sinéad Nealon in charge, it is unlikely that they will fall too easily. Granted, some of the bigger guns have moved on from last season, but with Kate Kelly, Catherine Corkery and Helena Jacob they will still fancy their chances against St Mary's, Belfast. The victors here will meet the winners of the National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) and Athlone IT (AIT) clash. And here there is plenty of talent on both sides. Therese Maher, Michelle Glynn and Aine Hillary will head up the AIT selection

and will meet Galway county team-mate Lourda Kavanagh on the NUIG side along with Lizzie Glennon from Roscommon.

Down south there is great interest in the other quarter-finals. With a star-studded team in the 2001 competition, UCC were many people's favourites to win out. Now, they wonder will they get the green light in 2002. Again, with many household names - Sinéad O'Donoghue (captain), Elaine Burke, Una O'Donoghue, Criona Harte, Sinéad Buckley, Joanne O'Callaghan, Sarah Hayes, Rachel Moloney, Eimear McDonnell, Una O'Dwyer and Lizzie Lyng - they surely must secretly fancy their chances of advancing to the last four especially with John Considine, a Fitzgibbon medal-holder himself, and Séamus Coffey in charge. Standing in their way of a last four position is the University of Limerick (UL) who are also strong contenders for the title this year. Captained by Dublin inter-county player Fiona Ni Chiorraín from Ballyboden / St Enda's, they are also boosted by Tipperary All-Ireland medallists Louise Ryan and Niamh Harkin, Aoife Lane (daughter of Noel) and Orla Kilkenny. With home

venue they will put it up to the Leesiders. Should UCC go through to the semi-final they will meet the winners of the CIT and UCD clash. This is where the competition could get very interesting. If CIT emerges from this encounter the famed St Finbarr's GAA grounds should be full to capacity for the all-Cork clash. But this is probably a tall order for CIT in their first year participating in the College's premier competition. Nevertheless, they won the Purcell Cup last season in impressive style and with home venue in this tie they will pull out all the stops to get to the penultimate stage. They are captained once again by their 2001 leader, Nora Ahern who says: "Playing in the Ashbourne for the first time is achieving a lifetime camogie ambition for me. Getting to this stage of the competition is testament to the efforts of the CIT Camogie Club over the years". The team is further strengthened by the inclusion of Cork players Paula O'Connor (sister of Rebel hurlers Ben and Gerry), Orla O'Sullivan, Valerie O'Keeffe, Mairead Kelly who has starred with the Limerick seniors and Anne-Marie Rafferty from Kilkenny.

Meanwhile, UCD will not relish the long journey to Cork. But players like Caoimhe Harrington and Sandra Ricken will be more than comfortable on home soil. Their captain, Deirdre Corcoran is from the Traugh club in Limerick.

THE DRAW

Ashbourne Cup quarter-finals

1. St Mary's University,
Belfast v WIT (title holders)
2. CIT v UCD
3. UL v UCC
4. NUIG v AIT

Ashbourne Cup semi-finals:
3 v 2; 1 v 4.

Ashbourne Shield semi-finals:
losers 2 v 3; losers 1 v 4.

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Camogie action back at colleges

by Mary Newman

ACTION has resumed, mainly on the colleges scene, and with three Munster titles having come to Cork in recent weeks it's been a good start for the county.

St Mary's, Charleville, again led the way, taking honours in Junior A and Senior A to record another double. In the Junior A final played in Fenagh against St Mary's, Nenagh, both sides had to contend with driving rain, wind and hailstone before the final whistle.

Never in any danger of losing their title, the St Mary's girls led from the first minute after captain Emer Watson grabbed the game opening goal a second again from the alert Emer two minutes later set the trend for what proceeded to be a whitewash. Sinéad McAuliffe, Anna Geary, and Elaine O'Riordan stood out for Charleville, though it really was an all-round team performance as they made it seven in a row. They now meet the Ulster champions on March 9, but shrewd coach Vincent Harrington tells us that the one to watch are the Leinster champions from Wexford.

The Senior side was not going to be out done and they too retained their title in impressive style defeating St Patrick's Shannon. They won 3-9 to 0-2 with Marie Watson, Anna Geary and Christine O'Gorman again to the fore.

Loretto Fermoy kept the North Cork flag flying taking their first Post Primary Junior B title at the expense of Presentation Thurles. Cork minor Denise Twomey was again to the fore notching up 2-4 of her side's impressive 5-8.

Joining Twomey was her fellow club mate Noreen Mulchay who continues to show improvement with every game. Clare O'Farrell, Tracy Barry and Marie Twomey also caught the eye. They will now meet the Ulster champions in the All Ireland semi final on March 2.

The focus will now swing to Cork in the coming weekend when CIT host the Ashbourne cup for the first time. A huge occasion for students the Ashbourne Cup is a most prestigious medal on par with the Sigerson and Fitzgibbon and it's every student's ambition to win one.

There are four games on Saturday with UCC meeting UCD and WIT and NUI Galway meeting in the Ashbourne Cup semi-final at St Finbarrs at 1pm and 2.30 respectively. The Shield competition will see defeated semi-finalists CIT take on UL who lost out to UCC and St Mary's Belfast and Athlone IT, all at the Mon Field begin at 11 am and 12.30pm.

Despite a huge effort there was no joy at the finish for the students from The Cork Colleges of Further Education in the bid to take their first Purcell cup. They had to give way to a superior Carlow IT side in dreadful conditions in Castlebar. Credit for the tremendous achievement in reaching the final and their respective colleges St John College College of Commerce and Scoil Stiofán Naofa can be proud of them as can their coaches Peter Coady, Bertie Og Murphy and Ann Hanley.

Sarsfields Marie Kearney was recently elected Chairperson of Munster Council. Marie, a former vice chairperson of the Cork County Board, previously held the position of chairperson and later PRO of Munster Council. She succeeds Tipperary's Marion Graham.

Local competitions are slowly swinging back to action. In the under 18 B championship, Killeagh and Fr O'Neills played out a local derby with Killeagh coming through on a 3-2 to 1-4 scoreline. They went on to a meeting with St Catherine's, who had also proved too strong for Killeagh while Douglas had a 1-2 to 1-0 win over Eire.

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Ladies up for the cup as CIT hosts finals

THIS week is a busy one for the camogie club at CIT as the countdown has begun to one of the biggest sporting events ever hosted by its members.

The massive organisation behind the event is being led by sports officer Miriam Deasy, herself a former student in CIT.

The Ashbourne Cup is the oldest of camogie competitions dating back to 1915, and without doubt one of camogie's most coveted medals is an Ashbourne.

UCD have engraved their name on the base a record 34 times with UCC a close second on 29.

For many years the compe-

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY
Camogie correspondent

tition was only contested by four universities but in later years Maynooth, Trinity and Coleraine came on board.

With the big influx of camogie players to teacher training colleges and regional colleges it was only a matter of time before the competition expanded further and without doubt the very high standard of the game in second level colleges has helped enormously with the continued growth of the competition.

Last held in Cork in 1995, when UCC hosted the event, four teams will battle it out at St Finbarr's on Saturday

for a place in the Ashbourne Cup final to be held the following day.

In what will be the first camogie games at the Cork GAA Grounds at the Mon Field, another four will vie for a place in the Ashbourne Shield final. Both finals on Sunday are to be held at the City Division headquarters in Ballinlough, starting with the shield at 1pm and the cup at 2.30pm.

UCC looked impressive on Saturday last as they knocked out UL. Una O'Donoghue, Elaine Burke and Criona Harte are joined by Tipperary's Emer McDon-

nell and Una O'Dwyer in what is a star-studded side littered with inter-county players.

They take on a UCD side who knocked out hosts CIT, with Caoimhe Harrington, Sandra Ricken, Sinead Treacy and Norma Maher set to star.

Holders WIT meet NUI Galway in the second semi-final at 2.30pm and on their way to the semi-final they had an impressive win over St Mary's Belfast and will be reasonably confident of taking their third Ashbourne Cup title.

They have an impressive

line-out of inter-county players and certainly do not lack experience with the likes of Cork's Catherine Corkery, Wexford's Kate Kelly, Helen Jacob and Tipperary's Deirdre Delaney.

They'll face an NUI Galway side who took the Purcell Shield in 2001. Captained by Marie O'Looney from Clare, they include Galway's Lourda Kavanagh, Michelle Glynn and Aine Hillary.

They had a close call against Athlone IT, coming out with just two points to spare.

The shield will be closely contested with CIT, led by

Cork junior captain Nora Ahern, taking on UL and St Mary's Belfast meeting Athlone IT.

The weekend will be launched on Friday night in CIT and following the day's activities on Saturday a long-standing Ashbourne tradition will be observed with the holding of the Ashbourne mass in CIT at 6.15pm.

Following Sunday's finals all participants will attend the official Ashbourne banquet at the Rochestown Park Hotel, which will be attended by the association's president Pat Rafferty.

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Miriam Deasy, sports officer to the CIT camogie team (holding umbrella) and her players pray that rain won't stop play at the CIT Astro turf pitch as they prepare to host the Ashbourne Cup.
Picture: Gavin Browne

UCC favourites as CIT host the Ashbourne cup

THE country's top intervarsity camogie teams will converge upon Cork this weekend to take part in the much-awaited Ashbourne Cup.

The competition, which is no stranger to these lands since the glory days of UCC in the early 20's, is however, now being hosted for the first time by CIT.

UCC had Ashbourne Cup written all over them last season. It didn't happen, though, as they were sent packing in the semi-final. However, they are fancied to do well again this year when they meet UCD tomorrow in the semi-final at St Finbarr's (1pm).

UCC captain Sinead O'Callaghan explains the renewed enthusiasm: "Last Saturday against UL there was fantastic spirit in the camp. We probably took WIT for granted last year in the semi-final and were looking ahead to the final. But this year we have learned a lot from that experience and will not be looking beyond our first game with UCD."

Preparations have gone well for the Cork side. They finished off their training with a lunchtime session on Wednesday and also report a full bill of health after last weekend's quarter-final tie with UL.

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN
Camogie reporter

In this game, Tipp forward Emer McDonnell was star of the show hitting two vital goals either side of the half. Tomorrow, she will face a side on which her twin sister, Deirdre will line out.

Along with Deirdre, UCD will depend greatly on Caoimhe Harrington and Sandra Ricken. However, they were dealt a blow earlier in the week with the news that co-manager, Willie Maher received a nasty eye injury

while playing hurling for UCD.

In the other semi-final also at St Finbarr's (2.30pm), title holders WIT will face stern opposition from NUI Galway. Lizzie Glennon from Roscommon who is fast making a name for herself, is a player to watch in this clash at full forward for the Westerners.

The team will build around Deirdre Murphy and Lourda Kavanagh and having won the Shield competition 12 months ago, they will be upbeat about their prospects. However, WIT will start as favourites and with many of their winning side from 2001 still available they will be full of con-

fidence. Bridget Mullaly, Helena Jacob, Catherine Corkery and Kate Kelly are all fine players and will fight hard to hold on to their crown.

Meanwhile, the Ashbourne Shield semi-finals will take place at the North Monastery grounds tomorrow. CIT, who meet UL, will have their work cut out in this attractive fixture, which has an 11.00am throw-in.

The second decider, also at the Mon, is between Athlone IT and St Mary's Belfast (12.30pm). Both the Shield and Cup finals are fixed for Ballinlough at 1.00pm and 2.30pm respectively on Sunday.

Shield Final**1.00pm****Ref. Aoife Woods****Athlone Institute of Technology**

1 Rita Longworth
3 Karen Huban 4 Mary McElroy

6 Aine Hillary 7 Pamela Rabbitte

8 Brenda Keirns
9 Michelle Glynn

11 Therese Maher 12 Caroline Kirwan

14 Ursula Hussey 15 Marise Flannagan

19 Sinead Burke
20 Amy Kissane
21 Sinead Brady

2 Laura Comerford

1 Louise Ryan
3 Niamh Harkin

4 Niamh Bowles

5 Mary Halahan

6 Sarah O Gorman

7 Claire Delaney

8 Regina Glynn
9 Fiona Corcoran(capt)

10 Erica Minogue

11 Caroline Murray

12 Orla Kilkenny

13 Aoife Lane

14 Alison White

15 Orla Bambray

16 Sarah O'Brien

19 Sinead Holland

22 Carina Saunders

17 Eileen Henrick

20 Aoife Neary

23 Graine Quilligan

18 Laura Connolly

21 Eimer O'Leary

24 Karen Singleton

Cup Final**2.30pm****Ref. Bernie Nugent****Waterford Institute of Technology**

1 Bronagh Neary

2 Anne-Marie Young

3 Helena Jacob

4 Deirdre Delaney

5 Karan Ryan

6 Bridget Mullally

7 Ursula Walton

8 Eve Talbot
9 Shauna Murphy

10 Mary Wyer

11 Jackie O'Connor(Capt) 12 Evelyn O'Gley

13 Katherine Corkery

14 Angela Sheehy

15 Kate Kelly

16 Karen Nugent

19 Mary Walsh

22 Coleen Atkinson

17 Bridget Grennan

20 Caroline Creed

23 Carmel Breen

18 Sharon Moylan

21 Ciara Moran

24 Laura Donegan

University College Cork

1 Geraldine Casey

2 Joanne O'Callaghan

3 Una O'Dwyer

4 Linda O'Connell

5 Rosalie Holland

6 Sinead Buckley

7 Sarah Hayes

8 Rachel Maloney
9 Maedhbh Nash

10 Sinead O'Callaghan 11 Una O'Donoghue 12 Elaine Burke
(Capt)

13 Siobhan Sexton

14 Emer McDonald

15 Criona Harte

16 Lizzie Lyng

19 Clare McGrath

22 Angela Kenneally

17 Aoife Ryan

20 Kathryn Leslie

23 Niamh Sheehan

18 Caroline Giltinan

21 Triona Slyne

24 Suzainne Deasy

UCC power way to 30th Ashbourne Cup title

UCC 1-11
Waterford Institute of Technology 1-4

by Mary Newman

PRE-TOURNAMENT favourites UCC, powered by no fewer than 14 players with inter-county experience, took the Ashbourne Cup camogie title at the expense of holders Waterford Institute of Technology at Ballinlough, Cork yesterday.

On Saturday, UCC recorded a comprehensive 4-10 to 2-1 victory over a disappointing UCD side, while Waterford Institute of Technology had to work hard before defeating NUI, Galway, 2-10 to 2-8.

Aided by the strong wind in the opening half, WIT worked hard and gave it their all, but found themselves trailing 0-5 to 0-3 at the break.

Through the opening half, the UCC defence worked hard and closed down the threat posed by the lively Kate Kelly and Catriona Corkery. Up-front, Emer McDonnell,

Criona Harte and Elaine Burke kept the WIT defence on their toes.

From the restart, UCC stretched their lead with an Emer McDonnell point, to which Kate Kelly responded immediately, pointing a free. By the midway stage, UCC had only added a further point, courtesy of captain Sinead O'Callaghan.

The UCC defence continued to hold the WIT attack, with Rosalie Holland and Una O'Dwyer superb. With UCC leading 0-7 to 0-4, the game was turned on its head with 12 minutes remaining when ref Bernie Nugent awarded WIT a controversial goal after she adjudged UCC's goalkeeper Ger Casey to have handled Jackie O'Connor's long-range shot over the line.

UCC responded superbly, hitting three points on the trot from Criona Harte, Emer McDonnell and Rachel Moloney. Now sensing victory, they continued to pressurise the WIT defence. With seven minutes remaining, Siobhan Sexton grabbed a



UCC's Una O'Donoghue about to score at Ballinlough.

Picture: Des Barry

Sinead O'Callaghan pass and finished past Bronagh Neary in the WIT goal. Emer McDonnell, who on Saturday had played havoc with the UCD defence, pointed with seconds remaining to ensure the title was on its way to UCC for the 30th time in the competition's history.

Scorers: UCC: E. McDonnell 0-5, S. Sexton 1-0, C. Harte 0-3 (0-2 fees), R. Moloney 0-2 (0-1 45), S.

O'Callaghan 0-1.
WIT: K. Kelly 0-3 (0-2 fees), J. O'Connor 1-0, S. Murphy 0-1.
UCC: G. Casey, J. O'Callaghan, U. O'Dwyer, L. O'Connell, R. Holland, S. Buckley, S. Hayes, R. Moloney, M. Nash, S. O'Callaghan (Capt.), U. O'Donoghue, E. Burke, S. Sexton, E. McDonnell, C. Harte.
WIT: B. Neary, A. M. Young, H. Jacob, D. Delaney, K. Ryan, B. Mullally, U. Walton, E. Talbot, S. Murphy, M. Wyer, J. O'Connor (Capt.), E. Quigley, C. Corkery, A. Sheehy, K. Kelly, Subs. M. Walsh for A. Sheehy, B. Brennan for K. Ryan.
Referee: B. Nugent (Offaly).

UL are easy winners of the Duracht Shield

UL 4-11
Athlone IT 0-7

by Mary Newman

IN the Ashbourne Shield Final, which preceded the Cup final at Ballinlough, last year's defeated Cup finalists, University of Limerick, comfortably overcame the challenge of Athlone IT to inscribe their name on the Duracht Shield for the second time in their history.

On Saturday UL had to battle hard before defeating hosts CIT 2-7 to 1-6, while Athlone had a comfortable semi-final victory over St. Mary's, Belfast 3-12 to 1-2.

UL led 3-4 to 0-5 at the break thanks to goals from Aoife Lane, Alison White and goalkeeper, Louise Ryan, whose penalty attempt eventually ended up over the line.

On the resumption UL despite playing against a strong wind continued to show their class and with Aoife Lane grabbing an early goal

they proceeded to play havoc with the Athlone defence.

For Athlone, Galway intercounty star, Therese Maher, Michelle Glynn and Aine Hillary tried hard, but they were never able to match the determination of a UL side for whom captain, Fiona Ni Corcraín, Caroline Murray and Orla Kilkenny were superb.

Scorers: UL: A. Lane 2-0, F. Ni Corcraín 0-5 (0-1 free), O. Kilkenny 0-3, L. Ryan 1-1 (penalties), A. White 1-0 each, C. Murray 0-1.
Athlone: T. Maher 0-6 (0-3 fees), M. Flanagan 0-1.
UL: L. Ryan, L. Comerford, N. Harkin, N. Bowles, M. Halahan, S. O'Gorman, C. Delaney, R. Glynn, F. Ni Corcraín (Capt.), E. Minogue, C. Murray, O. Kilkenny, A. Lane, A. White, O. Bambray, Subs. E. O'Leary for A. White, S. Carthy for M. Halahan, L. Connolly for M. Bowles, K. Fingleton for O. Bambray, S. Holland for L. Comerford.
ATHLONE: R. Longworth, L. Burns, K. Huban, M. McElroy, E. Hannon, A. Hillary, P. Rabbitte, B. Keirns, M. Glynn, O. Ceary, T. Maher, C. Kirwan, L. Donnelly, U. Hussey, M. Flanagan.
Referee: A. Woods (Armagh)

• In the Long Puck competition which took place at half-time UCC's Ciara Healy took the title for the first time.

CAMOGIE

ASHBOURNE CUP, Semi-finals: UCC 4-8 (U. O'Donoghue 2-0), E. McDonnell 1-0, E. Burke 1-0, S. O'Callaghan 0-3, C. Harte 0-2, R. Moloney 0-1) UCD 2-1 (C. Harrington, D. Corcoran 1-0 each, M. Nash 0-1) WIT 2-10 (A. Sheehan 1-1, Kelly 1-4, S. Murphy 0-2, E. Quigley, J. O'Connor, K. Corkery 0-1 each) NUI 2-8 (L. Glennon 1-1, M. Wyer 1-0, L. Kavanagh 0-6, N. Donnelly 0-1)
Shield semi-finals: Athlone IT 3-12, St. Mary's Belfast 1-2; UL 2-7, Cork IT 1-6