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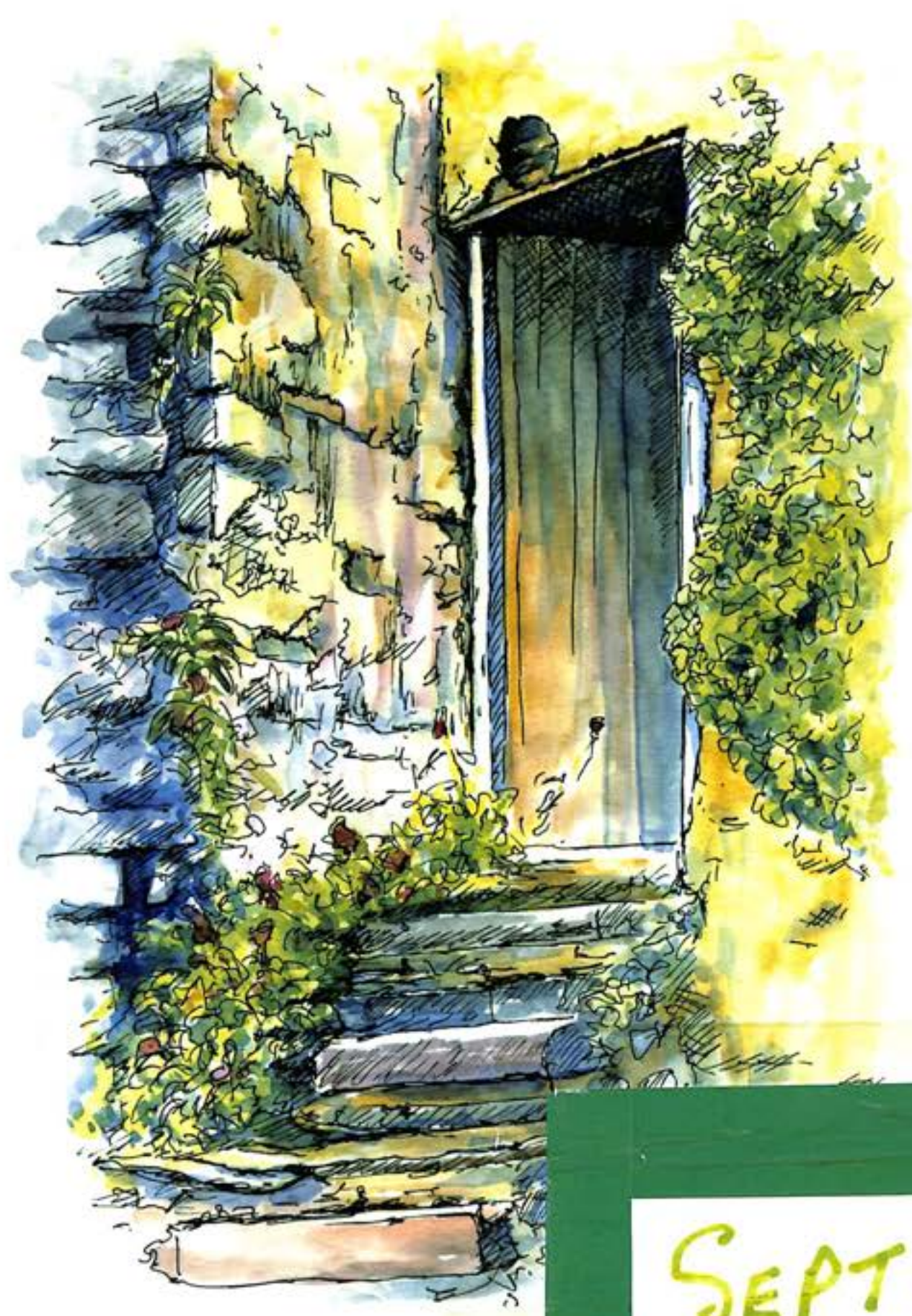


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# Tipp's Unique Togetherness Makes It A Clean Sweep

Tipperary .....211  
Cork .....0-9

by Liza Roche

It was a clean sweep for Tipperary's Senior Camogie side as they collected their third trophy this year when they defeated Cork in the All-Ireland Final on Sunday last at Croke Park.

On a weekend that started out badly it was the female of species that kept the flag flying high for the Premier County. Appearing in their sixth All-Ireland final in a row this year they now have five titles to their names with many of the panel collecting their fifth All-Ireland medal.

A tense but exciting game, Tipp showed why they are at the top for the past six years. They never panicked even when things didn't go their way and worked as a team throughout.

Cork got off to a better start with a point from Emer Dillon opening the scoring. Claire Grogan levelled things with a



Tipperary - All Ireland champions. Back row: (l to r) - Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Philly Fogarty, Terese Brophy, Claire Grogan, Jill Horan, Angie McDermott, Joanne Nolan, Trish O'Halloran, Lorraine Bourke, Eimear Ryan, Louise Young. Front: Paula Bulfin, Julie Kirwan, Sinead Nealon, Joanne Ryan (Captain), Jovita Delaney, Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre Hughes, Una O'Dwyer, Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre McDonnell, Meadh Corcoran, Emily Hayden.

point from a free. Gemma O'Connor edged Cork back in front with another point. Tipp then showed how dangerous they could be. Deirdre Hughes with the sliotar in her hand advanced on the goalmouth. Inside the small rectangle, Rosarie



Sinead Nealon and Raymie Ryan show that winning feeling.

back. Crucially though Eimear McDonnell collected a highball, under pressure, she flicked it across to her on running skipper Joanne Ryan who gathered, shortened the grip on her hurley and blasted the sliotar to bottom corner of the net. A brilliant goal.

Cork midfielder Gemma O'Connor replied at the opposite end with a point from a free. Claire Grogan quickly cancelled this out with another at the opposite end. The Cashel player who was having a fine game was involved in the next move when she delivered to Eimear McDonnell who sent it straight over the bar to put seven points between the sides. Claire Grogan wrapped up the scoring for Tipp with two further points one from a free. Jennifer O'Leary took the final score of the match. to leave the final score

difficult for Ciara Gaynor in the early quarter of the game. In the middle of the field Gemma O'Connor stood out head and shoulder made life difficult for the Tipp duo. Jennifer O'Leary was another who did her best for

youngest on the starting fifteen also had fantastic game. In the half back line Ciara Gaynor as she has done all year was also outstanding and was a serious contender for player of the match. She has an almost incredible

when she combined with Eimear McDonnell was one of the turning points of the match. While McDonnell missed a penalty in the opening minutes of the game, she never allowed this to effect her play and made two fine points from play. Of course last but not least, Deirdre Hughes the only current player named on the team of the Century, showed just why she recieved that honour.

Teams and scorers -  
Tipperary: Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Julie Kirwan, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Terese Brophy, Angie McDermott, Philly Fogarty, Joanne Ryan (1-0), Noelle Kennedy, Claire Grogan (0-9, 0-7 from frees), Eimear McDonnell (0-2), Deirdre Hughes (1-0), Jill Horan. Subs Paula Bulfin for P. Fogarty, Emily Hayden for Deirdre Hughes, Geraldine Kinane for J. Horan

Cork - Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan,



Tipp camogie fans celebrate All Ireland win.

her side.

For Tipperary it was the backs that were outstand-

ability to read the game combined with some beautiful skill. Up front

Stephanie Dunlea, Rosarie Holland, Paula O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Rena Buckley, Vivi-

## Captain Joanne - Had That Winning Feeling

by Liza Roche

"When we set out from the Horse & Jockey this morning I had a feeling we would be bringing the O'Duffy Cup back home with us," commented the All-Ireland winning Senior Camogie Captain Joanne Ryan.

Asked if in the early stages she had any doubts about their potential to win, Joanne replied, "No I never think like that. We didn't feel there was any need to worry about it. We knew we were going to win and that was all."



The normally shy Drom-Inch girl, who became the first person from her Club to ever captain a winning All-Ireland Camogie side didn't hide her delight at the team's success, which is also the first time a Tipp Camogie side has taken all three titles in the one year. 'It is a brilliant feeling. I have to thank all the girls on the team without them I wouldn't be here. They are a really hard working lot and I think that could be seen on the field out there.'

Joanne also paid tribute to their team management and selectors, Raymie Ryan, Conor Ryan and Marion Graham. 'She said that team and panel all had great respect for them and acknowledged the time and effort put in by them. She further acknowledged the help and support given by their back-room team and also their sponsor Tom Egan of Horse & Jockey.'



President of Ireland Mary McAleese Meets Therese Brophy.

Holland fouled the experienced full forward who went to ground. A penalty was awarded. Eimear McDonnell stood up to take it but her shot was aimed directly at goalie Aoife Murray who saved it denying Tipp an early goal.

Unperturbed by this set back, Tipp plugged away and Claire Grogan levelled the sides again in the fourteenth minute with a point free, fol-

lowed by another point from a free to put Tipp in front. Cork centre forward Emer Dillon got her second and final point of the game to level the scores again in the eighteenth minute.

Then the break came, corner forward Jill Horan broke free from Joanne O'Callaghan, collected the sliotar and quickly laying it off to Deirdre Hughes who knew exactly what to do it, stuck it into the back of the net. Claire Grogan extended this lead with a couple of frees. Jennifer O'Leary got one back from a forty five before Eimear McDonnell sent over her first point of the game to

put Tipp five points ahead at the break. The half time score Tipperary 1-6 Cork 0-4.

Cork were very quickly back out onto the field after the break and on the restart they again looked threatening. Forty seconds on the clock Jennifer O'Leary narrowed the gap to just four points. Minutes later Una O'Donoghue brought the Lee-siders back to within three points. Again though Claire Grogan pointed from a free to maintain Tipp's control of the game. Another Jennifer O'Leary point brought Cork back to within three points. Cork seemed to be on the way

Tipperary 2-11 Cork 0-9 before referee Una Ni Chearnaigh blew for full time.

A well deserved victory this Tipperary side will go down in the history books, not just because they won the All-Ireland in the Centenary year or because it was a clean sweep of trophies this year, but because of their attitude towards the game. They have a togetherness and unique understanding of each other's game.

Cork are understandably disappointed but they are a young side with the average age side in the early 20's. While it is never nice to lose, there can always be some positives to be taken from the game, Emer Dillon at centre forward made life

ing, Una O'Dwyer - Player of the Match - had a fantastic game, making catches and clearing her lines time after time. Suzanne was also outstanding when those few fifty/fifty balls did get past her full back she was there ready to sweep it out. Julie Kirwan the new kid on the block and the

the half forwards worked hard as a unit, Claire Grogan's free taking and scoring from play was almost flawless. It is hard to believe that this 18 year old is almost a veteran of the game, and now has four All-Ireland medals under her belt. Captain Joanne Ryan's goal in the second half

enne Harris, Gemma O'Connor (0-2), Rachel Moloney, Emer Dillon (0-2), Jennifer O'Leary (0-4), Una O'Donoghue (0-1), Emer Watson, Colette Desmond. Subs Elaine Burke for E. Watson, Anna Geary for C. Desmond.

Referee Una Ni Chearnaigh.

## On a historical note.....

At a historic occasion on many fronts, last Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Camogie victory for Tipperary will be forever written into annals of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael. Not only did Tipp retain their title in this the Centenary year of the organisation. They also now have achieved five All-Ireland titles out of six appearances in the Final since 1999 when they finally made the break through under the management of Biddy Philips.

Another interesting note from Sunday's victory, Sinead Nealon has now equalled her Dad, Donie Nealon's collection of five All-Ireland medals. Joanne Ryan became the first member of her Club to Captain a winning All-Ireland Senior Camogie side and it was the first time the County had managed a clean sweep of all three titles in the National League, Munster and All-Ireland in the same year.

## Raymie 'Delighted' With Clean Sweep

By Liza Roche

Tipperary made it a clean sweep for the first time in the County's history on Sunday as Joanne Ryan lifted the O'Duffy Cup at Croke Park.

For their Manager Raymie Ryan it was a fulfilment of a goal set out at the beginning of this year. 'I am delighted with the win. We did work towards this but to be honest though I don't think there was much focus put on winning all three but as it happens it has turned out that way,' commented Raymie.

Asked whether he was more delighted this year than last, 'I don't know about that but there was certainly more pressure on us this year. We really didn't know what to expect from Cork so we focused mainly on our game to get us here,' added Raymie.

Reflecting on the game itself he said the opening quarter in particular was very tense and low scoring but that it was the first goal that opened up the game. 'It was Deirdre's goal in the first half that opened the game initially. Really the two goals were well timed Joanne blasted our second goal to the back of the net just when Cork were beginning to narrow the gap on us'.

Full of praise for his charges, Raymie highlighted in particular the work done by the backs. 'They were brilliant. The half backline spent the whole day tackling and keeping the pressure on. At full back Una O'Dwyer was superb; she came thundering out with ball on a number of occasions. Suzanne and Julie our new addition, there were also super. I think the work rate of the whole team is immeasurable'.



Suzanne Kelly clears with Ciara Gavnor supporting.

## Joanne leads Tipp to centenary title

Quietly spoken Joanne Ryan does her talking on the field but even she couldn't contain her excitement following Tipp's win on Sunday.

She became the first Drom-Inch player to captain her county to All Ireland glory and broke the Castlet monopoly on providing All Ireland winning captains. But in addition to her leadership on and off the field, she also cracked home the crucial second goal that put six points between the sides and sealed Cork's fate.

In summing up the game, she was quick to pay tribute to everyone involved in the Tipp set-up. 'We have a panel of thirty players and we don't win any matches with fifteen players. There are always subs there to step in and keep things fresh', the captain remarked.

She described leading her county to the title as a huge honour, especially in the centenary year of the association. 'We will always be remembered now as the centenary year champions', she exclaimed.

Her goal was a key moment in the game and when the chance arose she didn't have to think twice about what to do. 'When you are that near you cannot tip them over, you have to go for the goal because it might be the only chance you get in the match'.

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# The sweetest one

## Tipperary defence shuts out Cork challenge

### All-Ireland Camogie Final

Tipperary	2-11
Cork	0-9

Gerry Slevin at Croke Park  
Photos by Bridget Delaney

No indeed, five out of six ain't bad. In fact it's quite outstanding, a tremendous achievement for Tipperary's camogie stalwarts whose 6th successive All Ireland final appearance in Croke Park on Sunday saw them lift the coveted O'Duffy Cup for the fifth time.

Purpose, intent, commitment, dedication, determination, and throw in several other words too, all relevant, all part and parcel of the approach of these amazing players to their task, in all sectors of the field. And to achieve it all in the Association's centenary year and with such conviction, marks this Tipp squad down as one of the all-time greats.

Maybe in the end it was easier than expected, maybe it wasn't as exciting a game as last year (the fussiness of the referee tended to slow down things somewhat) but Cork will always keep one on one's toes and if the Rebels had managed a goal in the final quarter, who knows how things would have turned out.

Then again, such was the might of the entire Tipp defence, the utter defiance of each one, the absolute authority exerted, an authority that worked its way throughout the field, that Cork for all their endeavour were not going to be allowed the opportunity to have that green flag raised.

A sweet victory then. The sweetest of all, perhaps, the second successive one over Cork and proof if such were needed that Tipp stand alone as camogie's most successful exponents in this new millennium. They are throwing down the gauntlet at the commencement of the Association's second century to all-comers with flair and a passion, the emulation of which can only serve to improve both the all-round standard and interest in the game.

Prior to Sunday's final, there was a general consensus that there would be but the puck of

a ball between these great rivals. A year ago a goal separated them and while Tipp scored the same total as in 2003 (2-11), Cork were somewhat short of their 1-11 of last year, notching but four points in all from play.

The longer the game went on, the sturdier Tipp's defence became and Jovita Delaney between the posts teamed up with those in front of her, notably Una O'Dwyer, a veritable colossus at full back, Suzanne Kelly in the corner and Therese Brophy on the left wing to erect the 'thou shall not pass' notices that continued to frustrate the Cork attack. There was such cohesiveness about the Tipp defence, which also included a debutante at 17 years in Julie Kirwan from Moneygall, a lass who slotted in with complete assuredness. Ciara Gaynor in the centre also showed great command and leadership with Sinead Nealon on the right wing, recovering from an early knock to rally those around her in splendid tackling and clearances.

While the backs were doing their job so well and providing the inspiration, mid field (a big improvement on the semi final) and the attack were playing their part significantly.

In the opening quarter, the sides were level three times. Eight minutes into the half, a goal attempt from a penalty saw Eimear McDonnell's shot sent directly at the opposing keeper. A foul on Deirdre Hughes had led to the penalty award.

Tipp had yet to score from play, a somewhat disconcerting feature. Claire Grogan had lofted over three fine points from frees and Cork's replies had come from play. Hard to believe, though, that for the remaining three quarters of an hour, Cork would add but a point from play. Eighteen minutes in to the half came the score that sowed the seeds for Tipp's retention of the title. Another final debutante, Jill Horan came out and collected the ball under the Hogan Stand. She lofted it across the goal-mouth and following a melee, Deirdre Hughes in typical fashion, grabbed the half chance there was and belted the sliotar home.

It was a score that put Tipp on the high road. Confidence began to grow and by half time three points were added to

Cork's one, 1-6 to 0-4.

An expected early second half Cork surge materialised to some extent but not as much as Cork would have liked. Two pointed frees brought the margin down to three but there was nothing coming from play. Two of Cork's inside forward line were replaced and just before the end of the third quarter came Tipp's second goal, an incisive up-field move with Eimear McDonnell neatly flicking the ball into the path of Joanne Ryan, who collected and soloed through before lashing it beyond the reach of Cork keeper Aoife Murray. With two clear goals now between the sides it was going to take a miracle for Cork to come back. But the Tipp defence was in no mood for granting miracles, nor, to be truthful about it, was the Cork attack up to achieving them.

Cork tried hard but the more pressure put on the Tipp defence the more they rose to the challenge. Farther out, top scorer Claire Grogan showed that her scoring forte was not exclusively with placed balls. A delightful point from play flowed from her caman as well as two from frees. Eimear McDonnell too was on target to add to the fine point she notched just before half time.

Paula Bulfin replaced Philly Fogarty three minutes from time, and Geraldine Kinane and Emily Hayden in replacing Jill Horan and Deirdre Hughes were barely on the pitch when the referee brought proceedings to a close.

No doubt the major plus in this fantastic Tipp team is the 'all for one and one for all' attitude that prevails. While the defence has been rightly lauded for its brilliant work, the input of mid fielders Angie McDermott and Philly Fogarty cannot be underestimated. Both covered acres of ground and worked unceasingly throughout. In attack, Noelle Kennedy swapped with Joanne Ryan in a pre-throw-in switch, the captain moving to the wing. It was a move that worked for both players. Joanne's goal was the perfect complement to a great hour's foraging and tackling. Noelle also left her mark with some neat striking while the half forward line was completed by an in-form Claire Grogan, the game's top scorer who was always a source of worry to the Cork defence with

the overall strength of her performance.

Inside, Deirdre Hughes as is her wont, came up with the goods in the shape of a fine goal, when it was needed. She worked very hard and took quite an amount of punishment as the Cork defence descended on her all the time. Eimear McDonnell was also a thorn in the defence, with her probing runs while Jill Horan enjoyed her first final and made a few darting runs of typical Jill Horan fashion. The manner in which she set up Tipp's first goal showed great foresight.

Cork had no complaints. They lacked the experience, the overall balance and composure of Tipp and while suffering defeat in two successive finals was a bitter pill to swallow, they took defeat gracefully.

All that mattered in the end as far as Tipp were concerned was that the O'Duffy Cup stays in the county and that became a reality at around 4.45pm on Sunday. A very special reality in this the centenary year of the Camogie Association.

**Scorers - Tipperary:** C. Grogan 0-9 (7 frees), D. Hughes and J. Ryan 1-0 each, E. McDonnell 0-2. **Cork:** J. O'Leary 0-4 frees, E. Dillon, G. O'Connor (1 free) 0-2 each, U. O'Donoghue 0-1.

Tipp had four wides in the hour, three of them in the second half to Cork's total of nine, of which five were the second half. 22 frees went Tipp's way and they conceded 17 while Cork also forced two 45s.

**Tipperary:** Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Julie Kirwan, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Angie McDermott, Philly Fogarty, Joanne Ryan (captain), Noelle Kennedy, Claire Grogan, Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Jill Horan.

**Subs:** Paula Bulfin for Fogarty, Geraldine Kinane for Horan, Emily Hayden for Hughes.

**Cork:** Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan, Stephanie Dunlea (captain), Rosalie Holland, Paula O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Rena Buckley, Vivienne Harris, Gemma O'Connor, Rachel Moloney, Emer Dillon, Jennifer O'Leary, Una O'Donoghue, Emer Watson, Colette Desmond. **Subs:** Elaine Burke for Watson, Anna Geary for Desmond.

**Referee:** Una Kearney, Armagh.

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Tipperary substitute Paula Bulfin tries to hook a Cork player in Sunday's final.



Star corner-forward Eimear McDonnell leads the Cork defence a merry dance during Sunday's All-Ireland camogie final in Croke Park.



# Cork juniors' superb All-Ireland win

By JOHN SEXTON

Cork.....4-5  
Down.....2-4

After the success of the Cork hurlers on the previous Sunday, a huge contingent of supporters travelled to Croke Park on Sunday last for both the junior and senior All-Ireland camogie finals, with Cork involved in both.

However, the 'grand slam' was not to be, although Cork juniors led the way with a comprehensive win over Down, the seniors had to give way to a super Tipperary team who showed a vast improvement from their semi-final performance over Wexford.

Being the centenary occasion of the Camogie Association, the finals had an added attraction because, as well as the two games, a pageant was held after the junior game with two hundred-and-fifty children from seventy national schools taking part. Another historical part of the pageant was the display of the 'torch' which was brought to Croke Park on the previous day by players from Meath and Dublin all the way from Pairc Tailteann, as the first ever game of camogie was played in Navan in Co. Meath in 1904. The final run of the torch was performed by Stephanie Gannon of Galway, who was the first winner of the ladies' 'poc fada'.

## JUNIORS

The Cork juniors opened in a blistering pace and a point from team captain Valerie O'Keeffe in the third minute was followed by a goal a minute later by Marian Jagoe. However, the girls from the Mourne found their feet after five minutes and for the next ten minutes enjoyed a golden spell which yielded two goals and two points to leave them having double scores on Cork and motoring.

A few bad mistakes in the Cork defence made that sector vulnerable but Cork rallied and a goal from Eimear Farrell in the fifteenth minute and two points from long-distance frees by Valerie O'Keeffe in the sixteenth and nineteenth minutes had Cork back in the lead.

A pointed free by Down's scorer in chief Catherine McGourty had the teams level

after twenty-five minutes, but a minute later the elusive Liz Bugler got the first of her two goals before Mairin McAleer had a point just before the short whistle.

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On the resumption it was a carbon copy of the start of the first half with O'Keeffe pointing a 45 in the third minute and two minutes later she placed a sideline cut into the lap of Liz Bugler who blasted home her second goal. It was the position of a serving Garda placing one of the trainees to finish off the job.

Two more pointed 45s by O'Keeffe concluded the scoring before Down who were held scoreless in the second half launched their first attack after twenty minutes.

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After the game, the captain, Valerie O'Keeffe (the Dublin-based Garda) having received the cup from Miriam O'Callaghan, president of the Camogie Association, was gracious in complimenting the Down team for the manner in which they fought out to the finish. She was loud in her praise of her fellow players who blended in so well as a team, also the trainer, coach and manager.

The team was extremely strong up the middle with Amanda O'Regan of Douglas outstanding at centre-back, backed up well by Elaine O'Riordan of Milford, while Valerie O'Keeffe played a captain's part at midfield, helping backs and forwards at times and scoring all five points. No doubt these three should soon catch the eye of the senior selectors, as will goal poacher Liz Bugler.

Scorers - Cork: E. Bugler 2-0, V. O'Keeffe 0-5, frees, E. O'Farrell and M. Jagoe 1-0 each. Down: M. McAleenan 1-1, C. Mulholland 1-0, C. McGourty 0-2 frees, K. Gribben 0-1.

Cork: E. Clifford (St. Finbarr's), G. Kearney (Fr. O'Neill's), E. O'Riordan (Milford), N. Goulding (Glen Rovers), J. Browne (Ballygarvan), A. O'Regan (Douglas), M. Holland (Ballinhassig), V. O'Sullivan (Fr. O'Neill's), V. O'Keeffe (Kilbrittain/Timoleague), M. O'Connell (Innis-carra), S. O'Donovan (Ballygarvan), E. Bugler (Valley Rovers), E. O'Farrell (Sarsfields), M. Deasy (Kilbrittain/Timoleague), M. Jagoe



Valerie O'Keeffe, Cork, lifts the cup after victory over Down in the All-Ireland junior camogie championship final at Croke Park on Sunday last.

(Photo: Ray McManus/SPORTSFILE)

(Tracton). Subs, M. Hegarty (Glen Rovers) for Goulding, J. Duffy (St. Finbarr's) for Bugler, G. Collins (Barryroe) for O'Donovan.

Down: T. McGowan, C.

McGovern, N. Maginn, A. Morgan, D. Kelland, P. Greene, K. Murray, J. Braniff, L. McRikard, F. Duff, M. McAleenan, C. McGourty, F. Carr, C. Mulholland, K.

Gribben. Subs, O. Maginn for Morgan, B. Gallagher for Duffy, M. McPolin for Gribben, A. Fearon for Mulholland. Referee, E. Lawlor, Westmeath.



Forward Eimear McDonnell competes for the sliotar.

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# Celebrations on Leaside for All-Ireland camogie teams

By JOHN SEXTON

TO reach an All-Ireland final of any competition is an achievement in itself but to win it really puts the icing on the cake and when we see two teams from one county competing in junior and senior camogie finals on All-Ireland Day the people of Cork city and county can feel justifiably proud of the display of those two teams, declared Sean Martin, Lord Mayor of Cork when he welcomed home the Cork junior and senior camogie teams at a 'Gala reception' in the Metropole Hotel on Monday night.

Camogie, he said, was never stronger in the county and while people might feel disappointed that the seniors didn't win, we must remember that they are a very young side and their day will come.

He went on to compliment the selectors, trainers and coaches of both teams who have put so much work into preparing these teams, also their parents and supporters because, at the end of the day, win or lose, participating in sport makes everlasting friendships.

The Deputy Mayor of the county, Tomás Ryan from "Sweet Inniscarra My Home by the Lee" said that any team facing Tipperary in an All-Ireland final must know what they are up against and nobody knows better than Tomás himself, an All-Ireland winner in 1970. He went on to say that camogie which had been

neglected for many years is now extremely strong in both city and county and the popularity of the game provides a valuable and important outlet for the young girls to display their sporting and athletic skills.

In congratulating the junior team he could assure the seniors that their day will come because they were beaten by a great Tipperary team who also got what "breaks" were going on the day and without the "breaks" you cannot win.

Speaking on behalf of the senior team, their captain Stephanie Dunlea complimented her teammates, trainer John Considine, selectors, mentors and everybody who had fol-

lowed and supported the team in Croke Park and throughout the year.

She congratulated the juniors and assured everybody that they would be back stronger and more determined than ever next year.

Holding the All-Ireland Cup aloft the junior captain Valerie O'Keefe said it was gratifying to play in Croke Park and witness the sea of red and white all around the stands which indicated the great volume of support they had. She paid tribute to the County Board, selectors, coach and trainer and everybody who supported them all the year.

She had a special word of appreciation for the senior team who were such a great measure of support to them all along the year.

Presiding at the reception

throughout, Marian McCarthy, chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board, having thanked everybody, described the members of both teams by their sporting ability and discipline as great ambassadors for the county.

On route from Dublin, the team were also accorded a great reception at Mallow Station and after arrival at Kent Station, where a huge crowd welcomed them, they were taken on an open-top bus through the city to the Metropole Hotel.

Amongst those we met at the Welcome Home were Bishop John Buckley offering his congratulations to all the players and Fr. Richard Hurley PP, St. Finbarr's South, renewing his interest with the Barryroe players and supporters.

Marion



Drom-Inch players Joanne Ryan (captain) and Geraldine Kinnane are home to their native soil, at the homecoming party in the Ragg.

## Fireworks and bonfires greet champions

By Gerry Slevin

The all-conquering Tipperary camogie team returned home on Monday night in splendid triumph, the O'Duffy Cup proudly held by team captain Joanne Ryan, with cheering thousands giving vent to their

emotions as Joanne and her team mates arrived in her native Drom-Inch on an open top bus.

Earlier, the party had stopped off in Horse & Jockey to avail of the hospitality of the Egan family, sponsors of the team, in the local hotel. As the crowds began gathering in The Rags, for the formal welcome home, it was clear that the local club had left nothing to chance by way of preparation. Bonfires were prepared and lit up the place prior to the arrival of the victorious party.

Among those awaiting the heroes were Joanne's parents Jim and Maeve Ryan, who were in constant receipt of handshakes and hugs from delighted fans.

Shortly before 9.30 the blue flashing lights of the garda escort signalled the arrival of the team and as the coach pulled into the forecourt of Young's premises, fireworks vied with cheering voices for prominence. The Ragg was literally ablaze and excited children eagerly awaited the dis-

mounting of the players in order to besiege them for autographs. The large forecourt was awash with people, from all over the county, young and old gathering to pay tribute to a group of marvellous ambassadors both for the game of camogie and for Tipperary.

The formalities took place in the main function room, as the players worked their way through the crowd, finding much more resistance than they did the previous day in Croke Park.

At last, all were assembled on stage, players, mentors, board personnel. The crowd continued to cheer and show how delighted and proud they were at what the Joanne Ryan-led team had achieved over the past season.

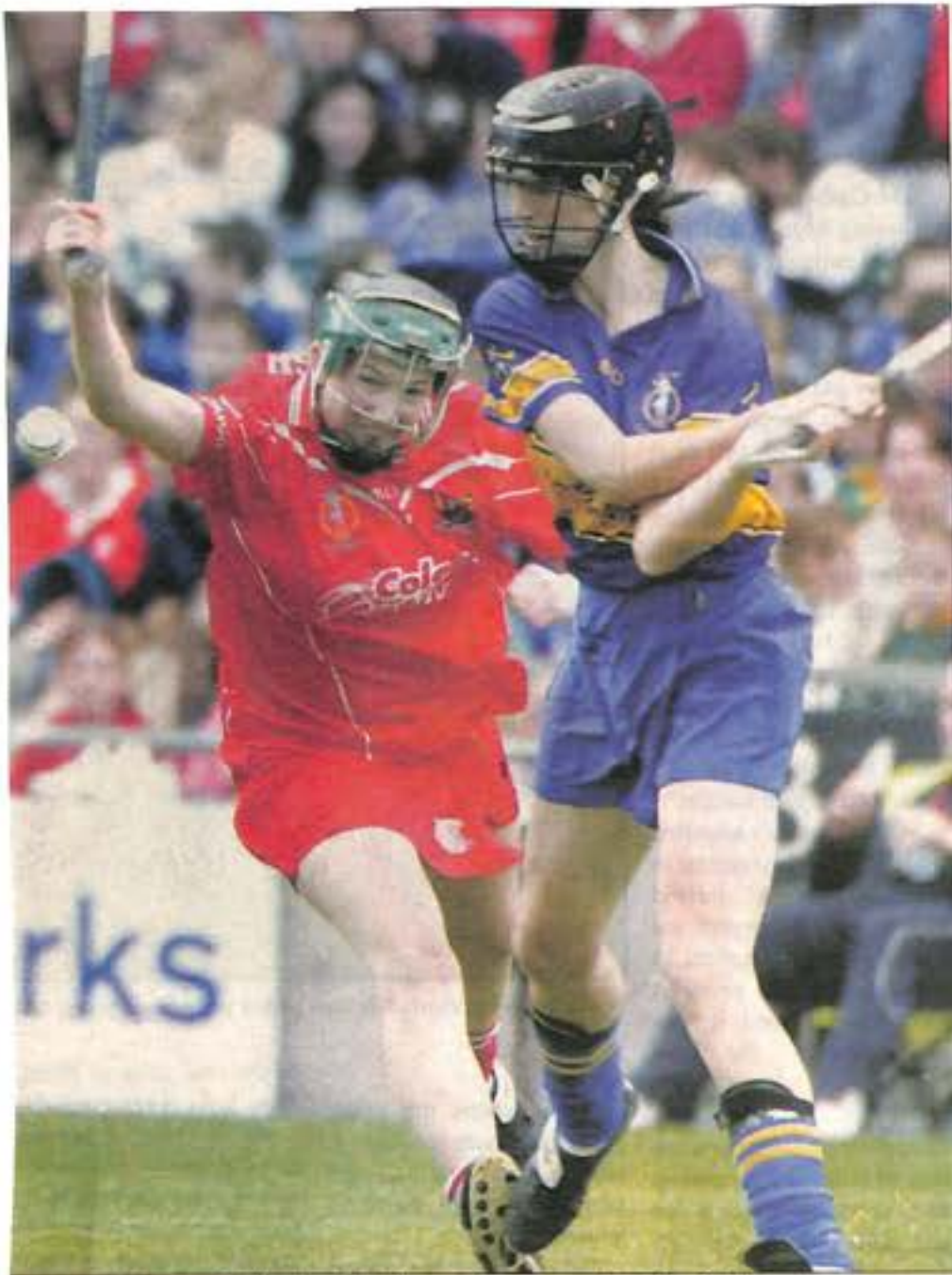
And, as if the coveted O'Duffy Cup wasn't enough to rejoice in, there too was the National League trophy and the Munster trophy – symbols of the greatest ever year in the history of Tipperary camogie.

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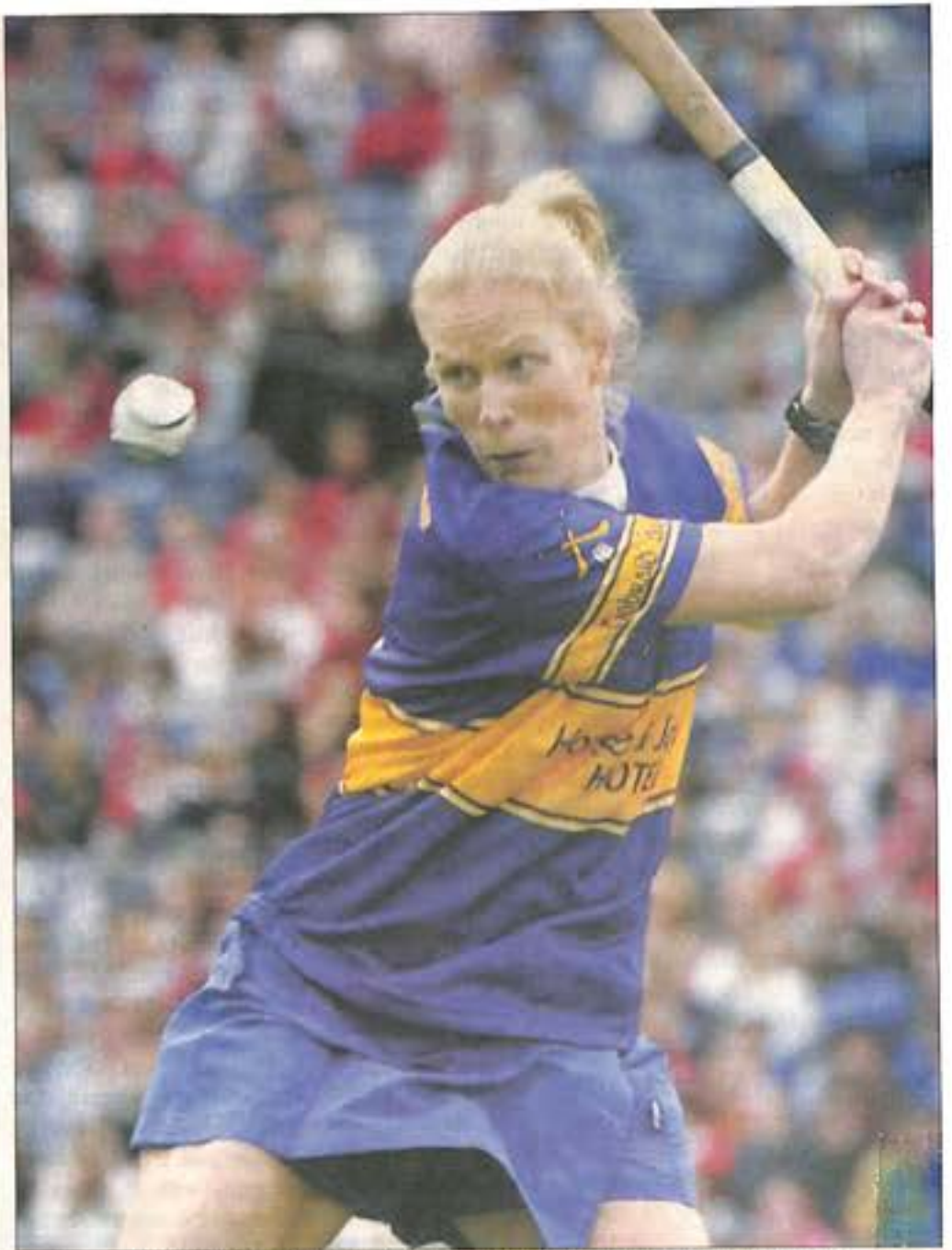


Deirdre Hughes and Jill Horan put the Cork defence under pressure in the big game at Croke Park.





Suzanne Kelly clears her lines, under pressure from her Cork opponent.



Jovita Delaney in determined mood, launches another Tipperary attack.

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Deirdre Hughes scores Tipp's first goal in the opening half.



# Tipperary underline their supremacy

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Reigning champions Tipperary careered their way to a fifth All-Ireland senior camogie crown in six years when they possessed too much firepower for Cork, winning on a 2-11 to 0-9 scoreline in a cracking Centenary Year decider at Croke Park.

Played in front of a passionate and record crowd of 24,569 fans, the game was a predictably fast-flowing affair with Tipp's ability to snatch vital scores at opportune times key to their eventual victory.

In this respect, Deirdre Hughes' success in latching onto a dangerous lobbed centre by Jill Horan in the 19th minute and thereafter a classy Joanne Ryan goal fourteen minutes into the second half proved all-important.

The game began at a hectic pace and there was no let-up until the final whistle.

However the defending champions, with Claire Grogan in outstanding form up front, proceeded to force the pace throughout, leaving an embattled Cork side relying for long periods on wreaking damage from quick counter-attacks.

Although Cork's half-back line impressed in augmenting their team-mates' advances on the Tipp goal, a fine point by Gemma O'Connor helped edge the red and whites into the lead by the odd point in three inside.

Cork were the more energised lot as the second half got underway with the wind-backed Tipp side labouring as they attempted to get off the blocks.

Jenny O'Leary helped the Rebel County cause with an unerring free less than one minute after the restart in a fast-paced start to the second half.

Cork pushed forward in search of another point to put further pressure on the leaders who found themselves very much on the back foot in the early minutes after the restart.

Then Suzanne Kelly was forced to make a timely clearance after a long free by the aforementioned O'Leary dropped dangerously into the square.

Jenny O'Leary continued to reflect the new verve and drive from the Cork ladies when driving over another free to leave just a goal between the sides (1-6 to 0-6) after just seven minutes of the second half.

But Tipp held firm and when Claire Grogan rifled over her 6th point - from a Rosalie Holland knockdown - the Cork deficit was stretched to four points once again.

The aforementioned Grogan had an opportunity to narrow the gap just moments later but her free drifted narrowly wide.

The pendulum continued to swing from one end of the field to the other with one team and then the other threatening to grab the game by the scruff of the neck only for them to see the initiative rested from their grasp.

Una O'Donoghue was in fine form throughout and with arguably the point of the game she kept the issue very much in the boiling pot as the end of the first quarter beckoned.

Just when it seemed as if Cork were about to nick a way back into the game, Tipp crafted a fine opening which resulted in a crucial score with Joanne Ryan racing in from the right wing to smack the ball to the Cork net.

Then St. Finbarr's club stalwart Gemma O'Connor reminded Tipp of the battle that remained on their hands with 16 minutes played.

A seventh point from the influential Grogan helped maintain the status quo as Tipp looked comfortable, sitting on a 2-8 to 0-8 lead.

It looked ominous for the red and whites as the eight wide was recorded for Cork as against three for Tipp as Jenny O'Leary saw her free drift wide of the Tipp goal.

Then great work by Grogan paved the way for Eimear McDonnell to stretch Tipp's lead to seven points as Cork appeared to be running out of ideas.

Grogan continued to be a menace in the heart of the Cork defence and another fine point by the Tipp ace served to catapult the Premier County into a 2-9 to 0-8 lead with eight minutes to go.

Una McDwyer effected a block on Rachel Maloney's attempt at a goal from a close-range free as the tension became almost unbearable in the dying minutes.

Tipp continued to come under pressure and yet another Jenny O'Leary free served to reduce Tipp's lead to 2-11 to 0-9 with just over three minutes left to play.

And despite Cork's best efforts, that's the way matters stayed until the final whistle with Tipp's greater experience and nous helping to copper-fasten yet another fantastic title win.

**Tipperary** - J Delaney, S Kelly, U O'Dwyer, J Kirwan, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy, A McDermott, P Fogarty, N Kennedy, J Ryan 1-0, C Grogan 0-9, E McDonnell 0-2, D Hughes 1-0, J Horan. Subs - P Bulfin for Fogarty, G Kinane for Horan, E Hayden for Hughes.

**Cork** - A Murray, J O'Callaghan, S Dunlea, R Holland, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, R Buckley, V Harris, G O'Connor 0-2, R Moloney, E Dillon 0-2, J O'Leary 0-4, U O'Donoghue 0-1, E Watson, C Desmond. Subs - E Burke for Watson, A Geary for Desmond.

**Referee** - U Kearney (Armagh)



A delighted Joanne Ryan lifts the trophy for Tipperary



Half-forward Noelle Kennedy in full flight in Tipp's All Ireland final win over Cork on Sunday.



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Marie O'Connell in full flight for Cork during her side's victory over Down in the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday. The Down players at her side are Jennifer Braniff (left) and Pauline Green. Photos by Pat Murphy / Sportsfile.

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Claire Grogan Tipp's top scorer on the day with 0-9, takes aim for goal.



Kay Dunne, registrar; Marian McCarthy, chairperson; and Amanda and Christina O'Regan at the Echo reception for the All-Ireland Junior camogie champions. Picture: Larry Cummins



#### Cumann na mBunscól Finals

The Cumann na mBunscól, Áth Cliath, hurling and camogie finals were held in Croke Park in June. GAA President Mr. Seán Kelly attended as did the President of Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael, Miriam O'Callaghan. Miriam presented the Div. 1 senior Corn Uí Phuiriséil to Aoife Burke of Bishop Galvin NS, Templeogue. Dublin star Ciarán Whelan was also present and presented cups and medals throughout the three days of finals.





Cork camogie's All-Ireland junior champions Val O'Sullivan, Val O'Keeffe and Michelle Hegarty with the cup during their visit to the Evening Echo offices for a reception last night. Picture: Larry Cummins



Cork Camogie senior coach, John Considine and team captain Stephanie Dunlea receive a framed team photo of the senior team at Croke Park 2004 from Evening Echo editor, Maurice Gubbins during their visit to the Evening Echo offices last night. Picture: Larry Cummins

# Champions honoured

THE Cork junior camogie team was honoured with a reception in the Evening Echo last night.

Coach Lillian Zinkant, selectors, captain Val O'Keeffe and her team-mates were present to have further praise heaped upon them following their memorable success over Down in the All-Ireland final last Sunday.

Camogie chairperson Marian McCarthy was also present to represent the county board.

Evening Echo Sports Editor, John McHale paid tribute to the girls.

"The Evening Echo is delighted to host this reception for the Cork junior team," John McHale said.

"We would like to congratulate you

all on your success.

"By winning the All-Ireland title, this team has brought great honour and pride to our city and we salute you.

"Camogie is now getting the recognition it deserves in media circles, and we in the Echo fully intend to play our part.

"We will increase our coverage of camogie again next year.

"We will cover more games and give you and your sport the profile it deserves."

John Considine, coach of the senior team, and team captain Stephanie Dunlea were also present on the night.

The Echo ended the evening by making presentations to the two captains.

The Cork camogie team, All-Ireland junior champions during their visit to the Evening Echo offices.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Junior champions Jenny Duffy, Eimear O'Farrell, Gillian Harrington and Mairead Holland and the cup. Picture: Larry Cummins



Cork camogie junior captain, Val O'Keeffe and coach/manager Lillian Zinkant receive a bronze sculpture from Conor George, Deputy Sports Editor, Evening Echo. Picture: Larry Cummins



Cork junior camogie players Sarah O'Donovan, goalkeeper Ellen Clifford and Kim Hickey at the Echo offices last night. Picture: Larry Cummins



## Neptune tune up for Super League tip-off

NEPTUNE basketball club begin their preparations for the SuperLeague in earnest tonight with a friendly game against the London Towers (tip-off 8pm in Neptune Stadium).

Neptune, who this season are being coached by Jim Nugent, will use this game and the weekend's pre-season tournament as trial games for their professionals.

Charon Watson and Kenny Gamble are back again this year while Leverne Evans, Ricardo Leonard amongst others are vying for the Bosman spot on the team.

Stephen McCarthy and Gordon Fitzgerald are both set for another season.

The weekend pre-season tournament begins on Friday night with the host club Neptune taking on Blue Demons.

Saturday sees Limerick v Marian at 11.00am, Blue Demons v Killarney at 12.35 and Neptune v Limerick at 2.15pm.

On Saturday evening Marian play Killarney at 5.00pm, Blue Demons take on Limerick at 6.35pm, while Neptune face Marian at 8.15pm.

On Sunday, Limerick face Killarney at 11.00, while Blue Demons v Marian is on at 12.30pm and the final game of the season sees Neptune take on Killarney at 2.00pm.



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# Cork attitude will need to change

WHEN you lose an All-Ireland title you analyse the game, time and again, and try to pinpoint what has gone wrong.

Of course, it's easy to criticise and to have the answers afterwards.

The thing is you just don't know how players are going to perform on the big day for you.

Cork were prepared. Ten days before the final a few of us were asked if we'd help make up a selection to give the team a challenge match.

After watching the semi-final I didn't think Cork would win the All-Ireland. After that challenge match I felt they had a great chance.

They looked fit, sharp and hungry. I was worried about Cork's forward line but on that particular night, Jenny O'Leary, Emer Dillon, Una O'Donoghue and Rachel Moloney were flying and my worries eased.

It wasn't to be. When two out of your three full-forwards end up being replaced in an All-Ireland final and two or three more are also not performing, you're struggling.

Four points from play tells its own story. What is most disappointing of all is that Cork had the possession.

Tipperary full-back Una O'Dwyer receiving the 'player of the match' award is testimony to that.

Time and again the ball went in and time and again it came back out. That tears the heart out of any team.

I spent Sunday night and Monday with the team and have to admit I was saddened by the attitude. You could count on one hand the players, who appeared distraught.

For a few it was a case of "Ah well, next year."

That is why Cork were beaten on Sunday. Unless you go into the game with it being the most important thing in your life for that particular hour then you're wasting your time.

One player on the panel said to me a couple of years ago that when she joined the Cork set-up she felt it was only a matter of time before she won All-Irelands.



Mairead O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick, Evening Echo sports editor, John McHale and camogie junior team full-forward Miriam Deasy at the Evening Echo offices for a camogie reception last Wednesday. Picture: Larry Cummins



Linda Mellerick

In six years she has won only one. Many of the panel are of the belief that once this Tipp team retire, it's their turn and they will dominate.

It doesn't work like that. And why should you be content with two All-Irelands in your career when you can win six?

As a spectacle the game was poor. I put a lot of that down to appalling refereeing but some of it was also down to All-Ireland tension. The last two finals between these teams were classics and had first time viewers hooked.

People should remember that. The All-Ireland hurling final the week before wasn't great but Cork won so

who cares? Putting on a show isn't their priority, winning is.

Heartiest congratulations to the junior team though. I attended many of their games during the season and each one was approached with hunger and pride.

They are a close unit who were honoured to be wearing the red and white in Croke Park on Sunday.

They took the game by the scruff of the neck almost as soon as the ball was thrown in.

A 'sleeping period' brought Down level midway through the first half but once Cork realised they had to up the level, they did.

It was great to watch the second half as Cork were in total control.

Well done to coach Lillian Zinkant, selectors Liz O'Mahony and Marie Clancy, Captain Val O'Keeffe and her team.

● One of camogie's greatest follow-

ers passed away this week.

Nora Cronin, mother of former Cork player and Captain Denise left us on Wednesday morning after a battle with illness.

She was one of camogie's characters. One episode comes to mind.

In 1995 Cork and Kilkenny met in the All-Ireland final.

Denise was captain the same day. With about three minutes to go Kilkenny led by two points.

Hurling great Eddie Keher was sitting next to Nora and gloating about 'this great Kilkenny team'. Seconds later Cork goaled. Nora jumped up with joy and swung her umbrella across Eddie's head.

'Now who's the great team?' she said. It was fantastic and so was she.

Nora will be sadly missed by her fellow club members, her friends but most of all by her loving family.

Rest in peace.



All-Ireland Junior camogie champions Liz Bugler, Jennifer Browne, Niamh Goulding and Geraldine Collins with the cup.



Camogie County Board Vice-Chairperson Mary Bugler; Marian McCarthy, Chairperson; and Sheila Golden, President. Picture: Larry Cummins



“Keep training and never stop practising the basic skills of the game.”



## STAR FILE!

<b>Name</b>	Jennifer O'Leary
<b>Age</b>	20
<b>Team</b>	Cork
<b>Position</b>	Left-half Forward
<b>Honours</b>	1 All-Ireland Senior title, 2 National League titles, 1 Ashbourne Cup title, 2 All-Ireland Minor titles, 1 All-Ireland Intermediate title.
<b>Club</b>	Barryroe
<b>Fav Food</b>	Brown Bread and Banana, it's just yum!
<b>Fav Music</b>	R'n'B and Pop
<b>Fav TV</b>	Friends
<b>Occupation</b>	Student

# JENNIFER O'LEARY CORK

**C**ork's sharp-shooting half forward Jennifer O'Leary is going all out this year for her second All-Ireland medal. After losing to Tipperary in last year's decider, the Barryroe rebel is out for revenge. Jennifer has been playing for Cork for the last four seasons, winning an All-Ireland in 2002 and two National League titles in '02 and '03. She has been in blistering form this year playing her part in wins over Wexford and Limerick. Her tally of 2-5 against Galway in this year's All-Ireland semi-final ranks as one of her more memorable performances in the red and white of Cork.

### What have been your greatest moments in sport?

Winning the All-Ireland in 2002 was amazing, especially as we had come so close to Tipp at the semi-final stage the year before. It was a fantastic feeling. I won an Ashbourne Cup with University of Limerick last year and that was really cool as well.

### Who are the toughest teams?

Tipp are definitely the best team around and every game against them is a real tussle. We always seem to get so close to beating them but they always seem to have the edge over us.

### Who is the toughest opponent you have faced?

There are lots of great players out there but Paula O'Connor is one of the hardest. She is a sister of Ben and Jerry O'Connor, the Cork hurling stars, and I always seem to get to mark her in training which is always tough.

### Any childhood heroes?

When I joined the Cork panel first it was great to be able to play with the likes of Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick. They were my heroes

growing up and to be on the same field as them was a dream come true. I'm a big fan of some of the Cork hurlers as well such as Joe Deane and "The Rock", Diarmuid O'Sullivan.

### Do you play any other sports?

I play some hockey and basketball. Hockey really sharpens up your ground hurling skills.

### How do you balance being a student and playing camogie at the highest level?

After a hard weeks study it's great to be able to go out and play a game of camogie. Having an outlet and getting to meet other people through sport is the best.

### Any advice to young players?

Keep training and never stop practising the basic skills of the game.

### What are your hopes for the future?

I want to keep training hard and playing at the highest grade. Of course, another All-Ireland with Cork would be great and closer to home, to win something with my club Barryroe at county level.



# Teachaireacht an Uachtaráin

Tá áthas mór orm fáilte a chur romhaibh ar fad go dtí Craobh Sinsearach Camógaíochta na hÉireann 2004 atá fé Tá áthas mór orm fáilte a chur romhaibh ar fad go dtí Craobh Sinsearach Camógaíochta na hÉireann 2004 atá fé urraíocht ag Foras na Gaeilge. Fearaim fáilte speisialta roimh a soilse Uachtarán na hÉireann, Máire Mhic Ghiolla Íosa, an Taoiseach, Parthalán Ó hEachtairín agus ionadaí ó Foras na Gaeilge ar n-urra. Ba mhian liom buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leis an bhForas a bhí chomh fial agus flaithiúl linn i rith bliain a bhí an-speisialta ar fad dúinne - Bliain an Chéid. Tá fáilte freisin i'Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Séan Ó Ceallaigh, agus ionadaí ón gComhairle Spóirt.

Chun Bliain an Chéid a cheiliúradh, tá clár iontach éagsúil á chur ar fáil don lá inniu do chách idir óg agus aosta. Mar sin tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as cluichí agus imeachtaí an lae.

Centenary All-Ireland Day has arrived! Much planning and soul searching, not to talk of sleepless nights, has gone into planning the programme for the day to ensure that it is inclusive, exciting and memorable for all followers of our game of camogie. For the players of Tipperary and Cork who contest the Foras na Gaeilge All Ireland Final and the Down and Cork players who compete for the Junior All Ireland honours this day is extra special in this the Centenary Year. While the O'Duffy and the New Ireland Cup are the ultimate prizes the runners-up today will receive specially commissioned centenary medals thanks to the generosity of MMI.

The recent tussles between Tipperary and Cork coupled with the performances of both teams in the semi-finals ensures that this year's final will be another exciting and skilful game of camogie. Those who saw the 2003 final were left in no doubt that the Camogie Final was the Gaelic game of the year. The Junior final sees the return of Down who last successfully competed for the New Ireland Cup in 1991. Down have prepared well for this day and will take inspiration from the late Sighle Nic an Ultaigh, Uachtarán lena Saol, whom I am sure will be keeping a watchful eye from her heavenly home. Cork with their recent successes at minor level will rely on their young players to do the double, a feat last achieved in 2001 by Tipperary.

Guim gach rath ar fhoirne Thiobraid Árann, Chorcaigh agus an Dúin sna cluichí inniu. I would also like to congratulate referees Una Ni Chearnaigh and Eibhlín Ni Leathlobhair and their officials on their appointments and trust they will enjoy the day.

Reflecting on past achievements our programme of events will honour the players of the Antrim team that took the O'Duffy Cup to the Glens of Antrim in 1979 defeating the Tipperary. Mairead Mc Atamney Magill, chosen on the Team of Century, is a member of this Jubilee team. Is mór agam fáilte a chur roimh fhoireann Aontroma.

The future of our game lies with the young players from the primary schools of Ireland. In recognition of the sterling work done by



Miriam Uí Cheallacháin

Cumann na mBunscol we welcome the primary school children who are with us today and participating in events on the field. This is a mammoth task and I would like to thank all the participants, their parents and teachers together with Jerry Grogan of Cumann na mBunscol for their work. Today our primary school game is representative of all thirty-two counties. A sixteen-a-side match will take place at half-time in the junior final. Five children representing the family of Gaelic games - GAA, Handball, Ladies Football, Rounders and Camogie - participate in today's activities as will the Féile na nGael Skills winner and the All Ireland Minor A and B captains.

Players from Meath and Dublin clubs have been busy with a torch run from Navan - the venue for the first official game of camogie - to Croke Park today. The final torch runner is the inaugural Poc Fada winner who carries the torch to the centre of the field. Thanks to Anne Dempsey, Meath and Colette Coady, St. Brigid's Club Dublin and all involved - Comhghairdeas daoibh.

From small beginnings in 1904 to the 2004 All Ireland's finals in Croke Park there is so much to remember and reflect upon. Travelling to games and social events over the last 18 months has given me the opportunity to see the immense work being done in promoting and developing our game. Two emotions struck me most forcibly when visiting clubs or counties; the sheer pride in and the love for the game of camogie that our members have. This has been particularly evident at centenary events where past members and current players joined in celebrating 100 years. It was particularly pleasing that Birmingham's Erin Go Bragh club became the first overseas camogie team to participate in Féile na nGael last June. They were graciously hosted by Castletown Geoghegan, Westmeath.

On home soil, the official opening of the new camogie grounds by Inniscarra Camogie Club in Cork was a notable achievement by a group of hard working and dedicated people. Inniscarra is the home club of the late Mary

O'Callaghan, Iar Uachtarán. Another heartening aspect of our centenary is the number of budding "Booker Prize" winners we have in the Association! They have produced wonderful accounts of our history at club and county level and provide an interesting insight into the lives of women in Irish society. Continuing on an historical note, visit the revamped Camogie display in the Museum here in Croke Park. Iar uachtarán Mary Moran and Pat Rafferty worked with Joanne Clarke and Deirdre Flood from the Museum to put the exhibition together. The AIB Lá na gClub Competition was another barometer of our strength. Well done to all entrants and congratulations to the winners announced today.

And there is more to come. The Coca Cola International Camogie Competition will involve Ireland, Britain, North America and Mainland Europe. The Irish team will be drawn from this year's Purcell Cup selection. The final will be played here in Croke Park on October 17th as a curtain raiser to the Ireland v Australia International Series. Also on the international front a Shinty/Camogie game between Scotland and Ireland will be played on October 16th alongside the Hurling/Shinty International. The Irish side will come from the Post Primary Schools All Stars 2004. The Centenary year will finish with a bang on December 4th with an All Stars Gala Banquet in CityWest Hotel. Hopefully it will even outdo the wonderful Centenary Banquet held last February.

Our thanks to all associated with our centenary year events and in particular our Centenary Committee. Our thanks too to all units of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Séan Ó Ceallaigh, Uachtarán, Liam Ó Maolmichill, Ard Stiúrthóir. Gabhaim buíochas ó chroí le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a bhí thar a bheith flaithiúl i leith Chomóradaí an Chéid.

Looking to the future, the path to Integration of the three Gaelic Games Associations has been laid and we look forward to the cementing of this process. Our Strategic Plan is well underway. The success of this plan is vital to the continued growth and development of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. Thanks to all those participating and facilitating in the process. I also wish to record my appreciation to the Irish Sports Council and thank them for their continued support.

My personal thanks to Síle de Bhailis, Sinéad O'Connor and Phil Clarke who worked night and day with the All-Ireland Day Committee led by Liz Howard. I wish to extend my appreciation to all who have helped to put today's programme of events in place. The assistance and support of Peter McKenna, Bainisteoir an Staid, and his team, the grounds staff and the GAA stewards is greatly appreciated.

Bainigi taitneamh as an lá agus go raibh rath ar an dara céad.

Miriam Uí Cheallacháin  
Uachtarán

## Tiobraid Árann agus Corcaigh ... ag triall ar an gCluiche Cheannais

### CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS NA SINSEAR - FORAS NA GAEILGE

Foras na Gaeilge

DÁTA	FOIREANN 1	SCÓR	SCÓR	FOIREANN 2
19.06.04	An Ghaillimh	0 - 08	4 - 08	Tiobraid Árann
26.06.04	Corcaigh	Walkover to Cork		Doire
03.07.04	Tiobraid Árann	4 - 27	1 - 04	Aontroim
10.07.04	Luimneach	1 - 06	4 - 16	Corcaigh
17.07.04	Cill Chainnigh	2 - 10	3 - 08	Tiobraid Árann
24.07.04	Loch Garman	0 - 08	1 - 14	Corcaigh
21.08.04	An Ghaillimh	1 - 04	3 - 09	Corcaigh
	Tiobraid Árann	1 - 10	2 - 05	Loch Garman

Top Right:- Yvonne Harris of Cork who won the RTE Player of the Match in the Cork v Galway Foras na Gaeilge All Ireland Semi-final in Navan Park on August 21st. Photo John Kelly

Bottom Right:- Cork's Una O'Donoghue gets away from Galway's Martina Carr in the Foras na Gaeilge Senior All Ireland Camogie Final.

Below:- Deirdre Hughes heads for goal in the Foras na Gaeilge Senior Semi-Final against Wexford.



### CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS FORAS NA GAEILGE PRÍOMH SCÓRAÍ 2004

This years top scorers.....

	CONTAE	SCÓR	IOMLÁN
Kate Kelly	Loch Garman	5 - 22	37
Sinéad Miles	Cill Chainnigh	3 - 21	30
Anne Marie Hayes	An Ghaillimh	7 - 7	28
Louise Kavanagh	An Ghaillimh	2 - 13	19
Jill Horan	Tiobraid Árann	3 - 09	18
Eimear Mc Donnell	Tiobraid Árann	4 - 05	17
Jennifer O'Leary	Corcaigh	3 - 08	17
Michelle Heame	Loch Garman	3 - 06	15
Orla Kilgarry	An Ghaillimh	2 - 05	11
Deirdre Hughes	Tiobraid Árann	3 - 01	10







Athlone IT, winners of the Purcell Cup 2004 hosted by Maynooth College



Maynooth College Camogie Team winners of the Purcell Shield Winners 2004 and hosts of the competition for 2005



Tipperary Senior Camogie Team, winners of the National League Division 1 Final played in Nowlan Park.



St. Flannan's Camogie Club, winners of the 2004 All Ireland Senior B Colleges Championship.



Antrim Minor B Team who won the All Ireland Minor B in Tallinn Park, Navan Co. Meath in August of this year.



Scottish Camogie College Camogie team winners of the 2004 All Ireland Colleges Junior B Championship.



Winners of the All Ireland Junior A Colleges Championship - Goldilocks Bride Union.



Goldilocks Brides (Senior) Camogie team, winners of the All Ireland Colleges Senior A Championship Final following a replay against St. Mary's of Charleville.



The Glenties Camogie Club, winners of the All Ireland Minor A Championship for the first time since 2000.



Douglas Camogie Club, All Ireland Féile na nGael winners 2004.



Stephanie Gannon, player, winner of the first Ladies' Póil Fada Competition. This was the first year that women formally participated in the competition. Stephanie is pictured with (L-R) Martin Donnelly (Sponsor), Miriam O'Connell (Uachtarán Cumann Camógachta na nGael), Brendan Cummins, winner of the men's Póil Fada Competition.



Camrose Camogie Club, Co. Laois, Gold Medal winners of the Community Games U14 Camogie Competition pictured at the presentation.



University of Limerick celebrate their victory in the Final of the Ashbourne Cup which this year was hosted by beaten finalists UCD.



Kildare Camogie team, winners of the 2004 National League Division



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# Cumann na mBunscol All-Ireland

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS GAME 2004

### Tiobraid Árann



**Stephanie Hyland**  
Killeigh NS  
**OFFALY**



**Terri Byrne**  
Scoil Náisiúnta Bhanáma  
Lourdes, Buncloidy  
**WEXFORD**



**Donna McKenna**  
Scoil na gCailíní  
Castleblaney  
**MONAGHAN**



**Marie Mulholland**  
Bunscoil Phobal Feirste  
**ANTRIM**



**Caislin Hynes**  
St. Patrick's PS,  
Newry  
**DOWN**



**Norma Brassil**  
Kilmoyley NS  
**KERRY**



**Grace Kelly**  
St. Mary's PS,  
Draperstown  
**DERRY**



**Karen Murphy**  
Lisnagry NS  
**LIMERICK**



**Enya Mulcahy**  
Scoil Eimear  
**LONGFORD**



**Aisling Ní Tuathail**  
Scoil an tSeachtar Laoch  
Br. Bhaile Múna  
**DUBLIN**



**Orla Leonard**  
Clonmellon NS  
**WESTMEATH**



**Caroline Kelly**  
St. Patrick NS,  
Carndonagh  
**DONEGAL**



**Olivia McCarthy**  
(Captain)  
Ballylooby NS  
**TIPPERARY**



**Dearbhail Kelly**  
Scoil Mhuire  
Newbridge  
**KILDARE**



**Niamh Donnelly**  
St. Brigid's NS  
Kilcoole  
**WICKLOW**



**Ciara Robinson**  
St. John's PS  
Coalsland  
**TYRONE**



**Niamh Dollard**  
Camross NS  
**LADIS**



**Lizzie Butterly**  
St. Colmcille's NS  
Dunleer  
**LOUTH**



**Joanne Casey**  
(Captain)  
Berrings NS  
**CORK**



**Siobhan Reynolds**  
Drumkilly  
**CAVAN**



**Emma Brennan**  
Scoil Molaise  
**CARLOW**



**Róisín McMahon**  
Newmarket-on-Fergus  
**CLARE**



**Julie Anne Stephens**  
Kilmessan NS  
**MEATH**



**Sarah Burke**  
St. John's Snr. School  
**KILKENNY**



**Ann Marie Starr**  
Scoil Náisiúnta Iomair  
Ballinasloe  
**GALWAY**



**Orlagh Curry**  
St. John's PS  
Middletown  
**ARMAGH**



**Catherine Carey**  
St. Mary's PS  
Maguiresbridge  
**FERMANAGH**



**Elaine Morris**  
Knockcrogher NS  
**ROSCOMMON**



**Niamh Cunnane**  
Tooreen NS  
**MAYO**



**Caoimhe Quinn**  
Aughawillan NS  
**LEITRIM**



**Marie Russell**  
Bunscoil Bothair na Naomh  
Lismore  
**WATERFORD**



# Cairde atá imithe uainn

## Síghle Nic an Ultaigh

Is mór-chailliúint do Chumann Camógáilochta na nGael é go bhfuair Síghle Nic an Ultaigh, Uachtarán lena Saol, bás.

The death of Síghle has closed a chapter in the history of the Association, a chapter which spans almost eighty years of a national organisation to which Síghle has made an inestimable contribution.

Síghle first played Camogie with the Betsy Gray Club in Warrenpoint, a club of which she first became Rúnaí at the age of nine in 1925. Síghle gave a long life of service to the game and, at the time of her death, was Life Uachtarán and an active trustee and member of Ardchomhairle. She was also an active member of the Central Management Committee.

Mar riarthóir den chéad scoth a bheidh cuimhne uirthi. Síghle brought her professionalism and business acumen to every office which she held, particularly in her leadership roles as Árd Rúnaí and Uachtarán, together with her great humanity, foresight, expertise and, above all, idealism.

The closing chapter of the last 100 years of our history, which is irrevocably bound to Síghle, looks to the future as much as it looks back because her contribution is of that shining quality which lights the way towards our next century.

Suimhneas siorrai go raibh ar an mbean uasal, cineálta, idéalach, Síghle Nic an Ultaigh.

## Neans Uí Mhuirí

Born Nancy Mulligan, the Belfast native served the game of camogie in many capacities.

As a player she was on the first Antrim side to win the O'Duffy Cup back in 1945, when they defeated Waterford in Cappoquin. Antrim retained the title for the next two seasons, with Nancy playing a leading role in midfield (1946) and in defence (1947). On her marriage, she gave up playing at inter-county level but she returned as the Antrim coach in the fifties, and she was at the helm in the next two All-Ireland victories of 1956 and 1967.

She also continued to play club camogie and was full-back on the great Deirdre side that captured 7 Antrim titles in succession in the mid sixties. Deirdre won the first 6 Ulster club titles and appeared in the first two All-Ireland club finals.

Nancy also had the distinction of refereeing 4 All-Ireland Senior deciders during the period 1958-70 – and probably would have been in line for more had not Antrim featured in

them so regularly during the period.

She had a long career in administration at local and national level and had the unusual experience in 1971 of presenting the Portglenone captain with the Cup for their first ever Antrim title – after spending an hour trying to deny them as Deirdre full-back.

After becoming President of the Association in the mid-seventies, she continued to serve her county in an administrative capacity, but her interest in sport competitive sport continued on the fairways, where she again performed with distinction.

Nancy took part in many of the festivities earlier this year to celebrate the centenary of the Camogie Association and just prior to her death attended a special function in Portglenone, when the Geraldine's club honoured the selection of Máiréad McAtamney-Magill on the Camogie team of the Century.

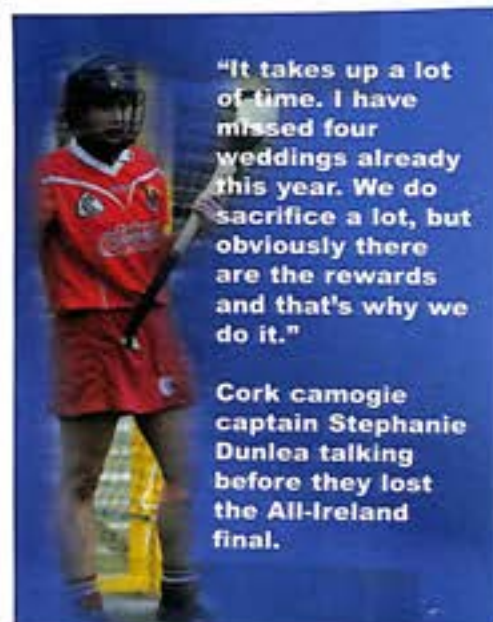
## Orla Ní Shiocháin Uí Riain

Orla, who sadly departed this life in December 2003 was a most elegant camogie player with her native Áth Cliath. Born into a most famous GAA family, her late father was the well-known former Ardstiúrthóir Seán Ó Shiocháin. A member of the famed Austin Stacks club in Dublin Orla won three consecutive senior All-Ireland medals with Áth Cliath. She went on to win two All-Ireland club medals with Austin Stacks. She also won National League medals.

She married Jack Ryan, it was the perfect GAA marriage as Jack's father Séamus Ó Riain was a former GAA President.

Their three children, Naoise, Shane, and Fergal are all involved in Gaelic Games. Shane is a dual Dublin player and daughter Naoise also wore the Blue and Navy of Dublin.

Earlier, this year Orla was selected on the Leinster team of the century. Her love of Gaelic Games and Irish culture was very strong. Orla once said "if our children can get as much enjoyment from playing the games as Jack and I got, we will feel we will have done something right". Orla certainly gave it her all, on and off the pitch.



"It takes up a lot of time. I have missed four weddings already this year. We do sacrifice a lot, but obviously there are the rewards and that's why we do it."

Cork camogie captain Stephanie Dunlea talking before they lost the All-Ireland final.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAMOGIE!



Camogie got their very own brand new stamps as well. The stamps show players from Antrim, Cork, Dublin and Kilkenny and were designed by Cork artist Finbarr O'Connor. We think they're cool so add them to your collection now! A team of the century was also picked to honour the greats of the game and this October will see the first International Camogie game when Ireland take on a combined team from the USA, England and Europe. The game will be played on the 17th of October in Croke Park as a warm up to the first International Rules game. If you like Camogie then go straight to [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie), there is loads of cool stuff there!

This year is the 100th birthday of camogie being played in Ireland and boy, are they celebrating! The 2004 Camogie Championship has been really exciting with Cork and Tipperary reaching another final and both Galway and Wexford showing that they can mix it with the big guns.



Top Camogie fans Róisín Ní Maolaláil, Sharon Ní Bheoláin and Áilmath Egan



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# Douglas have their eye on Grand Slam

Downey praises players' attitude

By JOHN COUGHLAN  
What they said



Douglas 3-8  
St Catherine's 1-11

**WITH four minutes remaining nobody at Mayfield could have forecast that Douglas would win this game.**

They trailed by five points at that stage of the final of the Cork County U16 Camogie League on Saturday. It was simply a breathtaking game that was enjoyed by a large attendance that were gripped from start to finish.

Injuries and stoppages played a major part in the second half but surely 13 minutes of added time was a bit over the top from the referee.

As the final whistle sounded the St Catherine's players sobbed openly on the field as they knew in their hearts that they left this game behind them.

Catherine's came into this game after losing previously to Douglas by eight goals but in the last few months they built up slowly for this game.

Douglas deserve a lot of credit in the manner that they won this final because most teams would have folded in a similar position.

The Douglas selectors of Carmel Downey, Michael Buckley and Eamonn Conway deserve a lot of credit for producing such a fine team.

Douglas came into this game as holders and indeed they had a clean sweep in Cork juvenile camogie last season.

On the eve of this game they defeated Inniscarra in the U15 final and their U12 team have yet to contest their final.

St Catherine's, amazingly, fielded two U11 players in their team, but, although they had three Cork minors in their squad also, their overall strength fell just below the Douglas squad.

One must give credit to the St Catherine's club for producing a quality team from a small catchment area.

St Catherine's came out of the traps very quick and when Deirdre Twomey soloed 30 yards and fired over their opening point their supporters knew that this team meant business.

Further points from Orla Cotter and Aileen Hogan surged the Conna/Ballnoe club into a three-point lead.

The Douglas players looked bewildered but, basically, they were being outthured by the more tenacious hurlers from St Catherine's.

Eventually Douglas's opening score did come and when Jenny O'Donovan pointed in the 11th minute it seemed to give them a new lease of life.

Scoring, however, remained a rarity for Douglas as their shooting was a bit off as they only managed another two points for the remainder of the half.



St Catherine's Orla Cotter and Douglas' Deirdre Murphy challenge for the ball during their U16 A League County final at Mayfield.

Picture: Gavin Browne

St Catherine's continued to battle hard and with Orla Cotter running the show at centre field they were well worth their five-point lead.

Cotter, a Cork minor this year, is an exceptional talent and she showed unbelievable flashes of brilliance in this game.

The half-time pep talk by the Douglas mentors worked wonders and the hard working Jenny O'Donovan fired over a classy point in the 33rd minute.

O'Donovan, another Cork minor player, played a major part in the Douglas revival and a stunning goal from her in the 40th minute brought the minimum between the teams.

Just when most of neutrals in the crowd thought that the underdogs would completely fold, back came St Catherine's.

The energetic Twomey latched onto a ball 30 yards from goal before unleashing an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

Douglas looked dead and buried and when Orla Cotter struck over a point from a free in the 56th minute St Catherine's looked home and dry with a five-point lead.

Two minutes later Jenny O'Donovan grabbed her second goal for Douglas and the game was set for another twist.

Few would doubt that there was an unbelievable amount of stoppages in this game but whether it demanded 13 minutes of added time is debateable.

All the Douglas winning scores were scored in added time beginning with a Rachael O'Sullivan point that brought her side to within a point of Catherine's.

The next score for Douglas proved to be the killer blow as Leanne O'Shea burst through the Catherine's defence to finish a great move that yielded the allimportant goal.

The incredible performance from O'Donovan was finished with a vital

point that truly ended the St Catherine's challenge.

The referee found more time that would have allowed St Catherine's an equalising goal but it was not to be as Douglas just held on for victory.

**Scorers for Douglas:** J O'Donovan 2-5 (0-4 free), L O'Shea 1-0, N O'Donovan 0-2, R O'Sullivan 0-1.

**Scorers for St Catherine's:** D Twomey 1-5, O Cotter 0-5 (all free), A Hogan 0-1.

**DOUGLAS:** C Conway, E Desmond, L Sheehan, K O'Driscoll, A Barrett, S O'Regan, L O'Shea, J Jackson, D Murphy, S O'Leary, N O'Donovan, J O'Donovan, L O'Mahony, E Heffernan, R O'Sullivan.

**Subs:** Z Dunlea for J Jackson 45.

**ST CATHERINE'S:** F Cotter, L Kearney, D Mulcahy, A Hartnett, M O'Keefe, O Neville, C O'Brien, P O'Brien, O Cotter, A O'Brien, A Hogan, F Neville, A O'Keefe, D Twomey, J Hurley.

**Referee:** C O'Mahony (St Finbarrs).

**CARMEL DOWNEY**  
(Douglas selector)

"I am so relieved and speechless after what I can only explain as one the best camogie games that I was ever involved in.

I knew these kids had great heart but today they have surpassed even that and all I can say is that I am proud to be involved with such a great team.

"When we had to substitute Jessica Jackson because of injury she was crying because she was apoligising to us that she could not play on.

"The St Catherine's effort was immense and deep down you have got to feel sorry for them because they tried their hearts out and only lost the game in the dying minutes.

"We achieved the grand slam in juvenile camogie last year and we are well on the way to having another great season.

"The attitude among our girls is top class and I would like to think that one day we will get a senior team from this squad of girls.

"Again, many thanks to St Catherine's for such a wonderful game and hopefully their day of glory will come soon."

**ANN GALVIN**  
(St Catherine's Chairperson)

"I am so disappointed for all of our players because it was so close and yet so far for us.

"I will still be wondering tomorrow how we managed to lose but we cannot fault the players on their efforts.

"The stoppages went against us in the end but that is life and all we can do is to regroup and give it another go next year.

"Douglas are a talented team and we congratulate them."



12.15pm – Junior Munster Club Final  
**ST. ANNE'S (WATERFORD)**  
 V.  
**KILNAMONA (CLARE)**  
*Referee: Kevin Creedon (Cork)*

2.00pm – Senior Munster Club Final  
**GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY (LIMERICK)**  
 V.  
**MILFORD (CORK)**  
*Referee: Eamonn Browne (Tipperary)*

# Heartbreak for gallant Milford

**Linda Mellerick**  
 Granagh-Ballingarry 2-8  
 Milford 2-6

## HEART stopping!

There was no place for the faint-hearted at Charleville yesterday as Granagh-Ballingarry of Limerick and Milford of Cork played out a pulsating Munster club camogie final in front of a large vocal attendance.

Granagh are the All-Ireland club champions. Milford reached their first county final this year and represented Cork in Munster for the first time.

After 68 minutes of enthralling action, Granagh remain on course for back-to-back All-Ireland titles after a two point victory in a game which neither side deserved to lose.

Both teams started well. Granagh played with the aid of a strong wind which predominantly blew across field but certainly favoured the team playing left to right.

Milford were the first to settle when a long range free by Regina Curtin was caught by Emer Watson and fired over after three minutes. Jean Cullinane had Granagh's first point three minutes later.

Granagh appeared to be that bit stronger than Milford. A fortuitous goal by Eileen O'Brien in the ninth after Aine Watson in the Milford goal appeared to be blinded by the sun led one to believe that Granagh might now begin to widen the gap between the teams. Not so.

Five minutes later Anna Geary won possession in the middle of the field. A great cross ball into open space was caught by Emer O'Friel and rocketed to the back of the net. Almost from the puck out Emer Watson pointed and suddenly the North Cork team were leading by a point and starting to run at the Limerick side.

Their confidence began to grow. Elaine O'Riordan was magnificent in at full-back for Milford. Marie Collins at centre field for Granagh was also doing trojan work, time and again falling back to help her under pressure defence.

Fiona Morrissey point in the 21st which was matched by O'Friel in the 22nd minute.

O'Brien pointed a free on the stroke of half-time and the teams went in at the break as evenly matched on the scoreboard as they were on the field, 1-3 apiece.

The second half started as the first had ended.

Joanne Clifford had Granagh's first point after 60 seconds. Emer



Granagh/Ballingarry celebrate after defeating Milford to win the Munster senior club camogie final at Charleville.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Watson replied. It was to be Milford's last score for 18 minutes however, during which time Granagh notch up a further 1-3.

Jean Cullinane and Vera Sheehan added points in the seventh and 14th minutes respectively.

Sheehan's score was a beauty from all of 45 metres on the run. You felt the final nail was hammered in Milford's coffin when O'Brien batted a high cross ball past Aine Watson for her second goal in the 15th minute.

It was a shrewd move by the Limerick mentors to move O'Brien in from half forward to full in order to get the vital scores.

Further points by Morrissey and O'Brien left the score reading 2-8 to 1-4 by the 19th minute and surely that was it.

Milford had other ideas and once again refused to lie down.

Marie Watson pointed a free in the 20th minute. Deirdre O'Reilly added another three minutes later. They drove forward like a team possessed and three minutes before the end were rewarded with a penalty.

Watson drove the ball low and hard. Ber Chawke blocked well in the Granagh goal but the ball shot back out to the in rushing Watson who pulled first time to the back of the net. A huge roar filled the air. The game wasn't over yet.

GRANAGH coach Mike Chawke, while delighted that his team were crowned Munster champions, once again could not hide his disappointment at what he felt was a poor performance on the day.

"We can't be happy with our display really. The way we've been going in training wasn't reflected out there today. A lot of our top players will look at their own performance and won't be too pleased."

"But we survived. Milford kept going to the very end and that's a credit to Ted Sheehan and Anne Watson. We've been saying for a while that they are the up

and coming team and they proved it today. They're going to be a force to be reckoned with in the future."

"On the other side Sheehan and his charges were once again on the wrong side of a magnificent final. We're very disappointed. When put to Ted that it was a great game he responded by saying, 'Yeah, well the county final was a magnificent game also, but we've still come away with nothing. But the game will stand to us.'"

"This was a very big week for a lot of the players. Elaine O'Riordan won an All-Ireland junior title last week while Emer

Watson and Anna Geary lost the senior All-Ireland. It was very hard for them to pick themselves up for today."

Ted felt that certainly Granagh's experience told in the end. "Granagh showed maturity. They were blocking us down, slowing down the play at the end and killing our momentum. Elaine was spectacular for us at full-back and centre-back. Maybe we should have moved her out sooner."

"We were struggling a bit when Granagh hit us for a goal and three points during the second half. We started going for goals then when we should have maybe gone for points."

## What they said

A couple of small stoppages plus a three minute stop for a facial injury to Ber Chawke resulted in extra time.

Two points separated the sides. It was non stop, backs to the wall stuff, as Granagh sought the point that would allow them to breathe again and Milford sought the illusive goal. The excitement was at fever pitch. Milford launched attack

after attack but couldn't break down a resolute Granagh defence.

The ref blew the final whistle after seven minutes of extra-time.

Jubilation for Granagh but heart-break for Milford.

**Scorers Granagh:** E O'Brien 2-2 (0-16), J Cullinane 0-2, F Morrissey 0-2, V Sheehan, J Clifford 0-1 each

**Milford:** E Watson 1-3 (1-0), E O'Friel 1-1, M Watson 0-1, D O'Reilly 0-1

**GRANAGH BALLINGARRY:** E O'Brien, B Molloy, B Chawke, M O'Gorman, K Burke, M Nash, D Sheehan, V Sheehan, M Collins, J Cullinane, E O'Brien, A Sheehan, F Chawke, F Morrissey, J Clifford.

**MILFORD:** A Watson, D Hayes, E O'Riordan, L Healy, S Sexton, B Curtin, C O'Gorman, A Geary, S O'Reilly, L Long, J Sheehy, D O'Reilly, M Watson, E Watson, Eimear O'Friel.

**Subs:** A Thompson for L Long, T McLoughlin for S Sexton.



# Tracton survive spirited challenge

Tracton 3-12  
Brian Dillon's 3-2

TRACTON had to call on all their resources before finally shaking off the challenge of a spirited Brian Dillon's in the O'Leary Brothers Junior B championship semi-final in Ballinacorney.

Tracton had opened up a five point advantage thanks to a Catriona Ginnane goal and points from Marion Jaego and Catherine Coughlan before two Joanne McGrath goals inside six minutes gave Brian Dillon's the lead. Tracton aided by the strong wind finished the half stronger to lead at the break thanks to three unanswered points from Janet Kind, Catherine Coughlan and Marion Jaego.

On the resumption it was Tracton who again made the early running as Marion Jaego and Nicola Lynch opening up a four point advantage inside ten minutes. Brian Dillon's worked hard and with Louise Fleming and Rose Ambrose exchanging points they kept in contention.

By the midway stage Tracton still maintained their four point advantage but a long range shot from Louise Fleming saw Dillon's grab a goal and now just one point separated the sides. Both side

strove to gain the upper hand and with Brian Dillon's throwing everything at them Tracton had to be at their best. Credit their defence, and in particular full back Eileen Collins, who cleared her lines with confidence, while at mid field the hard working Janet Kind and Julie Ann Kingston kept the ball moving quickly to the inside line. With five minutes remaining Nicola Lynch was quickest to react when she kicked to the net and Tracton had weathered the storm. A Catherine Coughlan goal and points from Catriona Ginnane and Nicola Lynch ensured Tracton booked their place in the final.

\* In the second semi-final Ballyhea proved too strong for Youghal on a 5-8 to 1-4 scoreline to book their place in the final which takes place on Sunday next.

**Tracton:** S. Corkery, G. McCarthy, E. Collins, A. Jaego, K. O'Sullivan, T. Harrington, O. Ambrose, J. Kind, J. A. Kingston, J. Lynch, M. Jaego, R. Ambrose, C. Coughlan, N. Lynch, C. Ginnane. Subs: A. Sinclair for J. Lynch.

**Brian Dillon's:** A. Finnegan, Y. Kelleher, A. Cotter, O. Laurence, A. O'Brien, D. Love, C. O'Mahony, E. Keane, T. Drummond, C. Hogan, G. Fleming, J. MC Grath, T. Deane, L. Fleming, E. Lane. Subs: A. Dilworth for A. Cotter, N. Ring for O. Laurence, L. O'Mahony for E. Lane, C. O'Mahony for C. Hogan.

Referee: K. Looney (Ballinacorney).

## Eire Óg march onwards

THERE was plenty of under age action over the past week as Eire Óg had four goals to spare over St Catherine's when the sides met in the under 16 A championship in Ovens on Saturday.

In the Under 14 B league final Millford took the title after proving too strong for Ballincollig. Ashling Thompson proved a handful for the Ballincollig girls who had good performance from Clare Ryan and player of the match Victoria St Ledger.

In the quarter-final of the under 12 B league Fr O Neills travelled to the Glen Field where an early first goal gave them an advantage they held right through to the closing 10 minutes of an exciting contest.

The home side battled hard and their work was rewarded with a Sinead O'Halloran

point. Seconds later, Sinead Fahy had the ball in the net to give her side the lead. A second Glen point ensured an exciting finish with the home side just hanging on.

In Ovens there was plenty of excitement as Eire Óg edged out Carrigaline by the only score of the game. Last years championship winners made no mistake as they defeated Ballincollig on a 6-1 to no score margin. Maebh Lynch, Ena Coughlan, Katie Richardson's and Emma O Mahony all impressed.

In the Under 12 C quarter finals Brian Dillon's had the upper hand through-out their meeting with Clonakilty as they advanced 2-1 to no score.

In the second quarter final Rockban recorded a 5-4 to 1-2 victory over Buttervant to advance to the semi final.

## KILNAMONA CAMOGIE CLUB

Cill na Mona Camogie Club was formed in 1989. Since then it has captured county titles at all grades, including All-Ireland Feile na nGael honours in 2000. We won our first senior title in 1999 beating Wolfe Tones. Cill na Mona have players and good representations on Schools, Colleges and County teams. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, particularly O'Halloran's Bar, James Lafferty and Associates and all our loyal supporters.

## KILNAMONA (CLARE)

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	Siobhan Commene	
2	3	4
Bernadette Mullins	Patricia Ryan	Ciara Cullinan
5	6	7
Niamh Commene	Anne Keane	Deirdre Hegarty
8		9
Siobhan Lafferty		Marie O'Halloran
10	11	12
Fiona Lafferty	Patricia Moloney	Stephanie Taffe
13	14	15
Ailish Cullinan	Catherine O'Loughlin	Jacinta O'Grady

Ballyhea 3-7  
Tracton 1-4

BALLYHEA, playing against the gale-force wind and driving rain, made all the running in the opening half of the O'Leary Brothers junior B championship final.

Two goals from Mary Colman inside the opening 15 minutes set the foundation while Sarah Douglas was on target with a point.

Janice Kind, Jennifer Lynch and Marian Jaego pointed for Tracton as they kept in touch.

A Catherine Ginnane goal two minutes from the break had the deficit down to a point but with Mary Colman and Jaego exchanging points, Ballyhea held the advantage which Rachel Waters stretched to two points by the half time whistle.

On the turnover Ballyhea continued to show their dominance and such was their strength that they managed to hold the Tracton attack scoreless.

Four points from Sarah Douglas and Colman ensured the title was on its way to Ballyhea long before Edwina Waters found the net with a long range shot.

Mary Colman was chosen as player of the match.

Scorers: Ballyhea: M. Colman 2-4, E. Waters 1-0, S. Douglas 0-2, R. Waters 0-1, Tracton: C. Ginnane 1-0, M. Jaego 0-2, J. Kind, J. Lynch 0-1 each.

**BALLYHEA:** F. Killane, O. Carroll, A. Morrissey, S. O'Leary, M. Walsh, E. Waters, V. Hennessey, K. O'Leary, S. Douglas, M. Walsh, H. O'Brien, R. Waters, R. Garvey, M. Colman, N. Morrissey. Subs: C. O'Doherty for H. O'Brien, S. McNery for R. Garvey.

**TRACTON:** S. Corkery, A. Jaego, E. Collins, G. McCarthy, O. Ambrose, P. Harrington, K. O'Sullivan, J. Kind, J. Kingston, R. Ambrose, M. Jaego, J. Lynch, C. Ginnane, N. Lynch, C. Coughlan. Subs: N. Hayes for A. Jaego, A. Sinclair for C. Ginnane.

Referee: B. Kirwan (Watergrasshill).

Valley Rovers 0-7  
Killeagh 1-2

DESPITE Marie Smiddy giving them a dream start with a goal inside two minutes, Killeagh failed to capture the junior A county championship crown as they had to give way to a stronger Valley Rovers.

Valley opened their account with a Liz Bugler point in the sixth minute and with Elaine Burke striking four points to Killeagh's one from Mary O'Connor, they had the upper hand to half time.

On the turnover, Elaine Burke and Angela Walsh swapped points as Valley Rovers kept their noses ahead.

With five minutes remaining, Marian Cottrell pointed to ease the Valley Rovers pressure and it was enough as her side held on for a deserved victory. Lucy Hawkes was named as player of the match.

Scorers: Valley Rovers: E. Burke 0-5, L. Bugler, M. Cottrell 0-1 each. Killeagh: M. Smiddy 1-0, A. Walsh, M. O'Connor 0-1 each.

**VALLEY ROVERS:** G. Harrington, E. Cottrell, S. Deasy, L. Davis, M. A. Hawkes, E. Burke, A. M. Murphy, L. Bugler (capt), L. O'Mahoney, D. Twohig, M. Cottrell, C. O'Riordan, L. Hawkes, E. O'Mahoney, C. Deasy. Subs: O. Deasy for C. O'Riordan, M. McCarthy for D. Twohig.

**KILLEAGH:** C. Deane, A. Hegarty, C. O'Brien, A. Manning, C. Harndy, A. Walsh, C. Walsh, K. Kelleher (capt), E. O'Connor, I. Rohan, M. Smiddy, A. Walsh, J. McCarthy, N. O'Donovan, N. O'Loughlin. Subs: S. Walsh for N. O'Loughlin, K. Walsh for J. McCarthy.

Referee: P. Downey (Inniscearra).

# Murphy on target for Aghabullogue

Aghabullogue 4-6  
Ballygarvan 2-5

by Mary Newman

A DETERMINED display from underdogs Aghabullogue saw them crowned O'Leary Brothers Cork senior B camogie champions in an exciting contest in Ovens yesterday.

Aided by the strong wind in the opening half, they made all the running and as early as the 10th minute, Mary Buckley and Louise Murphy had notched up 1-1 between them.

Ballygarvan worked hard with Catherine Kelly opening their account on 11 minutes with a point, but Louise Murphy pounced for goal number two to extend Aghabullogue's advantage almost immediately.

The hard working Emer Dillon pulled one back for Ballygarvan by the mid-way stage but in reply Mary Buckley had the ball in the net to leave the mid-Cork girls ahead 3-1 to 1-1 at the break.

Kelly and Emma Healy exchanged early second half points and three without reply from Sarah O'Donovan and Kelly (2) gave Ballygarvan a glimmer of hope.

Aghabullogue quickly cancelled out Ballygarvan's good work with a goal and a point from captain Deirdre Twomey and a point from Mary Buckley; then Amanda Murphy's long range shot ended up in the Aghabullogue net.

Aghabullogue were in no mood to let the title slip, cutting out the threat posed by O'Donovan and Kelly. Points from Louise Murphy and Mary Buckley sealed a tremendous victory for Aghabullogue with Louise Murphy being named player of the match.

Scorers: Aghabullogue: L. Murphy 2-1, M. Buckley 1-3, D. Twomey 1-1, E. Healy 0-1. Ballygarvan: C. Kelly 0-4, A. Murphy 1-0, E. Dillon 1-0, S. O'Donovan 0-1.

**AGHABULLOGUE:** E. Buckley, L. Ronan, J. Twomey, T. Murphy, N. O'Connell, T. Roche, S. Buckley, F. Buckley, B. Twomey, S. Crowley, L. Twomey (capt), E. Healy, M. Buckley, C. Murphy, L. Murphy, sub M. Twomey for B. Twomey.

**BALLYGARVAN:** M. O'Riordan, A. Moynihan, S. A. O'Halloran, A. O'Neill, M. Hallahan, J. Browne, D. Crowley, E. Dillon, A. Murphy (capt), N. Hallahan, C. Kelly, M. Ryan, M. Murphy, S. O'Donovan, C. Dillon, Subs: V. Browne for M. Ryan, Z. Forrest for C. Dillon, B. Brown for A. Moynihan.

Referee: C. Egan (Glen Rovers).

# Valley Rovers dig deep for semi-final replay triumph

by Mary Newman

Valley Rovers 4-6  
Rockban 1-5

It may have taken a replay for Valley Rovers to book their place in the O'Leary Brothers Junior A championship final but they made no mistake second time round as they set up a final meeting with Killeagh.

Valleys led 2-3 to 1-3 at the break thanks to goals from Elma O'Mahony and Liz Bugler after Sinead Keohane had given Rockban the early advantage with a goal. Showing no ill effects from the All Ireland final Elaine Burke showed her accuracy from placed balls through the first half while Elaine Casey, Sarah Coleman and Sile Burns were on target from play for Rockban.

Through the second half Valley Rovers proceeded to stamp their authority and began to dominate. Liz Bugler stretched their advantage to two goals early in the second half and with Clodagh Deasy and Elaine Burke pointing they held the upper hand. Rockban battled hard and an Elaine Casey point kept them in touch but they failed to find the killer instinct.

Lucy Hawkes found the target for goal number four and by now the result was beyond doubt. Rockban battled to the finish with Clare Conway adding a point, but on the day they never produced the same form as the previous game, but they'll be happy to have acquitted themselves well in their first year in the Junior A grade. Valley Rovers will meet Killeagh in the final

**Valley Rovers:** G. Harrington, S. Deasy, E. M. Cottrell, L. Davis, M. A. Hawkes, M. Cottrell, A. Murphy, L. Bugler, L. O'Mahony, C. O'Riordan, D. Twohig, E. Burke, L. Hawkes, E. O'Mahony, C. Deasy, Subs: M. McCarthy for D. Twohig, O. Deasy for C. O'Riordan, C. Mc Sweeney for

**Rockban:** E. Harter, A. Geaney, M. O. Keefe, M. Burns, C. Drinan, S. Burns, M. Foley, N. Keohane, L. Crowley, D. Foley, V. Mulcahy, C. Conway, S. Coleman, S. Keohane, E. Casey, Subs: D. Mulcahy for S. Keohane

Referee: C. Egan (Glen Rovers)

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# Centenary Camogie special for Killaloe

Unfortunately, except for the girls in Ballina Primary School, ladies interested in playing camogie must go to other clubs such as Burgess, Portroe, Clonlara, Trook etc. This was not the case in the forties when local lady, Mae Mulcahy founded the Killaloe Camogie Club in 1944. Now May Gough, wife of the late Paddy Gough, is quite willing to share her exploits on the pitch with young and old and still remembers that day, in Nenagh, August 18th, 1946 when she captained Clare in a Munster semi-final against Tipperary. The final score that day was, Clare 2-2, Tipperary 1-1 and both goals were scored by Mae. In the Munster final, she again scored 1-1 to lead Clare to Munster victory against Cork.

Let me share with you an excerpt from one of the many books of the great Sean Kierse, Killaloe: "The first recorded

camogie match at Killaloe was on Sunday, September 29, 1940 between Ballina and Castleconnell, on the occasion of the Killaloe Hurling tournament. Since no "parish rule" existed where camogie clubs were concerned, a number of the Ballina members were from Killaloe. The Ballina camogie team in their maroon costumes were first on the field. The Castleconnell girls wore rich green. Castleconnell was the more experienced team and held Ballina scoreless in the first half. Positional changes made by Ballina in the second half proved very effective. Present on the field on that day was Mick Mackey, Limerick's hurling hero."

It is quite fitting that in 2004, Camogie Centenary Year, we salute a great lady, May Gough (Mulcahy), who founded the Killaloe Camogie Club, sixty years ago.



Mae Gough (nee Mulcahy), founder of the local camogie club, relaxing at her home in Shantrand, Killaloe.

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## Milford edged out

**H**EARTBREAK for Cork representatives Milford who's brave bid for Munster championship honours failed as holders Granagh Ballingarry held on to retain their title.

An Emer O'Friel goal had Milford back in contention after Eileen O'Brien had given the champions an early advantage and it was nip and tuck throughout a close opening thirty minutes as the sides turned over level.

Twenty minutes into the second half Granagh had opened up a seven point lead but with Marie Watson and Deirdre O'Reilly pointing Milford reduced the deficit.

Emer Watson shot low past Bernie O'Brien and suddenly there was only two points between the sides.

Seven minutes injury time (all warranted) failed to produce the goal Milford so desperately sought but credit the Granagh defence who had to call on all their resources before holding onto their title against a spirited Milford.

## Under age competitions progress

**M**ILFORD took the Under 14 'B' league title defeating Ballincollig. Congratulations to Victoria St Ledger of Ballincollig who was named as 'Player Of The Match' following a superb display.

The under 12's were also busy with the quarter final in the 'B' and 'C' competitions decided.

Last years winners Valley Rovers again showed their strength as they defeated Ballincollig, while Eire Og held their nerve as they defeated Carrigaline in a thriller, one point enough to see the Ovens girls through.

Another thriller in the Glen Field as the home side came from behind to knock out Fr O Neills.

In the 'C' quarter finals Brian Dillon's were to strong for Clonakilty while Rockban always held the upper hand against Buttrvant to book their semi final places.

Another good result for Eire Og as they progressed to the semi final of the under 16 'A' championship following a victory over St Catherine's.

The Seandun Under-11 finals took place on Sunday with Glen Rovers captained by Sinead Fahy defeating Douglas to take the 'A' title for the first time while St Finbarrs, led by Sarah Browne, were victorious in the 'B' final where Douglas were the runners-up.

## 4 finals down for decision

**T**HE weekend is a busy one with four finals down for decision in the O'Leary Brothers Senior B final in Ovens at 2pm where Ballygarvan meet Aghbullogue.

The Junior A final in Ballinlough is 4.30pm. Valley Rovers meet Killeagh, while in the Junior B final Tracton play Ballyhea in Ovens at 12 noon.

Mallow at 5pm hosts Grenagh versus Castlemagner in the thirteen a side junior final.

On Saturday Douglas meet Inniscarra in the Under 12 'A' league final while in the Under 12 C semi-final its Brian Dillon's against Mallow while Eire Og meet Milford in the Under 16 'A' championship semi final.

## Non stop junior action

**V**ALLEY Rovers booked their place in the O'Leary brothers Junior 'A' championship final defeating Rockban in an exciting replay.

Goals from Elma O'Mahony, Liz Bugler and Lucey Hawke's proving crucial to the Innishannon girls.

In the Junior 'B' semi-finals Tracton with excellent displays from Marion Jaego, Eileen Collins and Catherine Coughlan secured their place in the decider at the expense of Brian Dillon's.

In the second semi-final Ballyhea proved much too strong for a fancied Youghal.

It was close in the thirteen-a-side semi-finals as Castlemagner edged out Enniskeane with just two points to spare while Grenagh edged out Bandon by two points to ensure their place in the final.



Killaloe camogie team - photograph taken at Ogonnellloe on July 13, 1947. Back row: Mary Hogan, Maura O'Rahilly, Mae Mulcahy, Virginia O'Rahilly, Nan Mulcahy, Gretta Condon. Centre: Bridie Mulcahy, Mary Costello, Peggy Hinchy, Ann Hogan, Eileen Corkery. Front: Lily Ryan, Peggy Mulcahy.

## Passing of Camogie Stalwarts

Camogie recently lost two great stalwarts with the passing of former Old Aloysius player Jos Maye (Nee O Grady) and Glen Rovers Nora Cronin.

### Jos Maye

**JOS MAYE** captained the Old ALS Club to senior county championship honours in 1961 and also wore the county colours with distinction as well as being the sister of another camogie great Lil O'Neill.

A great supporter of all sports, the recent victories of the Cork hurlers and junior camogie players would have been of huge satisfaction to a lady who always had the red and white flags flying proudly outside her home in Carrigaline.

### Nora Cronin

**NORA CRONIN** would have been known to most people in camogie circles as Denise Cronin's mum, but to all of us in the Glen she was our Nora... Always there supporting the club and county teams be it senior or under age, always words of encouragement and consolation and never slow to let you know just what she thought.

My memories from Cork and Glen matches are many but one will always stick in my mind, "Ah ref give us a break." Nora served as an officer and selector with our club and we were proud to accompany her remains to her beloved Blackpool church on Thursday. She will be fondly remembered by us all.



Cumann na mBunscol 2004, Under-11 'B' County Camogie Champions Ballylooby. Captain: Eimear Myles, Presenting the shield: Liz Howard.



# Poor return from camogie ladies

THE nights are getting darker, another season is almost over.

The intercounty scene has already reached its conclusion but there are still a few club championships left to play.

Three of these will be concluded this weekend when the Senior B county final, the Junior A county final and the Junior B county final all take place.

Ovens is the host for the Junior B and Senior B finals at noon and 2pm respectively.

Tracton and Ballyhea compete for the junior title. Tracton looked impressive against Brian Dillon's particularly in the last 10 minutes of the semi-final played last weekend.

Cork Junior All-Ireland medal winner Marion Jagoe is their trump card alongside Janet Kind and Catriona Ginnane.

Ballyhea had wins over Buttevant and a fancied Youghal side to reach the final and possess players such as Mary Coleman, Ann Marie Sheehan and Frances Kileen.

Ballygarvan must be hot favourites for the senior title.

Twelve of the team were on the Carrigdhoun panel which took the Senior A title for the first time two months ago.

What a year it will be for the club should they defeat Aghabullogue on Sunday, especially for players Jennifer Browne and Sarah O'Donovan.

An All-Ireland Junior medal with Cork, a Senior A county medal and a Senior B county medal all in one season is a very nice haul indeed.

But Aghabullogue will push Ballygarvan all the way.

Ex-Cork player Eileen Buckley is excelling in goal and Mary Buckley is also a member of the victorious Cork junior team. Murty Murphy, who was involved with the Cork minor hurlers this year, is with Aghabullogue as coach.

Valley Rovers and Killeagh meet in the Junior A final in Ballinlough at 4.30pm.

This will be close. Both teams boast inter-county players.

Senior Mary O'Connor will line out with Killeagh while Elaine Burke and Liz Bugler take to the field for the Rovers side.

The Glen U16 team play host to Douglas in



Tipperary's Eimear McDonnell puts the ball over the bar despite the attention of Cork's Mary O'Connor, Rena Buckley and Paula O'Connor during the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park. Picture: Dan Linehan



Linda Mellerick

the B championship at 3pm on Sunday.

The very best of luck to them.

Such is the strength of underage camogie in Douglas at the moment that they are also involved in the U12 'A' league final against Inniscarra on Saturday in Grenagh at noon.

So despite the fact that we have entered the first week of October there is still plenty of action for followers.

Looking back, has it been a good year for Cork camogie? One All-Ireland title out of a possible four? For a strong county like ours we would have to say that it is a poor return.

The minors were beaten by Clare in the Munster semi-final but to be fair their magnificent reign had to come to an end at some stage.

The intermediate team were defeated by Galway three weeks ago and the seniors as we all know by now lost out to Tipp.

The most disappointing of all was the senior loss. Winning that title is the ultimate prize.

The medals might not have come in floods this year but in my mind Cork are still the all round strongest camogie county in the Country. This year's county senior championship was also one of the best in years with more and more clubs now realistic title contenders.

You can't be winners all of the time but you can continue to put in the work.

It is this work by hundreds of volunteers which makes us what we are and we look forward to another year in 2005.

2004 is our centenary year and it is a proud occasion. To celebrate, Cork are having their own centenary banquet in the Rochestown Park Hotel on Friday, October 22.

The event has generated incredible interest and enthusiasm.

Many present and former players, coaches, selectors and officers of the board will attend.

Former players who are now living overseas are travelling home for the event and it promises to be one of Cork's greatest functions.

The banquet is open to the public. Tickets are limited however and are currently available from Marion McCarthy, Mary Moran, Sheila Golden, Mary Newman McCarthy,

Collette O'Mahony and myself.

Don't be disappointed and place your order early.

## Ballinhassig cheers junior camogie stars

THE Marion Hall in Ballinhassig was the place to be as members of the victorious Cork junior camogie team brought down the All-Ireland trophy for a reception in the hall, organised by the local camogie club.

Mairead Holland from Ballinhassig was a member of the Cork team and brought members of the team down to her native club for a reception and an opportunity to meet some of the officials and young fans who had travelled to Croke Park to cheer them on that particular day.

Speaking at the function, Kay McCarthy, chairwoman of the camogie club, welcomed the Cork team, managers and officials to Ballinhassig, giving a brief resume on Mairead's honours with the club, which included Scaith na Scoil, South East, County, Munster and now All-Ireland success.

"We are very proud of Mairead and her achievements, especially this year which included that unforgettable senior A County final match with the Carrigdhoun team, and now topping that with an All-Ireland medal" she said.

Mairead is only the second player from the Ballinhassig club to win an All-Ireland Junior medal, with Linda O'Sullivan picking up the club's first back in 1996, although Marion McCarthy's record of 8 All-Ireland senior medals will be very hard to beat!



Valerie O'Sullivan of Cork lifts the cup after victory in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final against Down.

### Camogie Fixtures

#### SATURDAY, OCT 2

U12 'A' League Final: Douglas v Inniscarra, Grenagh, 12 noon

U12 'C' League Semi Final: Brian Dillon's v Malin, Grenagh, 1.30pm

U16 'A' Championship Semi-final: Eire Og v Millford, Grenagh, 3pm

#### SUNDAY, OCT 3

O'Leary Brothers Senior 'B' County Final: Ballygarvan v Aghabullogue, Ovens, 2pm

O'Leary Brothers Junior 'A' County Final: Valley Rovers v Killeagh, Ballinlough, 4.30pm

O'Leary Brothers Junior 'B' County Final: Tracton v Ballyhea, Ovens, 12 noon

13-a-side Junior League Final: Castlemagner v Grenagh, Malin, 5pm

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# Intermediates hope to follow senior's All-Ireland success

After the senior team's great success in capturing their fifth All-Ireland in six years camogie followers around the county will be looking towards the intermediate side to continue the county's great run by defeating Galway in the All-Ireland final. The match takes place this Saturday October 2 in Semple Stadium at 2.30pm. Tipperary's management team of Stephen Fitzgerald, Biddy Philips, John Langton and trainer Brian Lawlor will have their arms full picking the team from a strong panel of 27 players who have been training hard in the last few months. After a convincing win over last year's champions Antrim Tipperary are looking forward to the challenge ahead against a strong Galway outfit who have beaten Limerick and Cork along the way to the final. It's promising to be an exciting game of camogie between two determined and skillful teams. It is hoped a big crowd will turn out to support the home-side.



Mairead Luttrell, Lorraine Bourke and Eimear Ryan, members of Tipperary Intermediate camogie panel.



Sarah O'Brien (Drom-inch), Ailish Langton (Slievenamon) and Ciara Johnston (Drom-Inch) at a training session in Semple Stadium.



Denise Ryan (Toomevara) enjoys a light hearted moment during a training session. Photos by Bridget Delaney.

## Tipp bid to emulate senior success

by Maire Uí Scolai

TIPPERARY are bidding to continue an amazing year in camogie by landing the All-Ireland intermediate title at the expense of Galway in Semple Stadium, Thurles today (2.30pm).

The senior side have set the benchmark this season, winning the national league along with the Munster and All-Ireland crowns. Tomorrow, they boast two of the starting fifteen from that senior All-Ireland victory in corner-back Julie Kirwan and corner-forward Jill Horan.

Saudi Arabia-born Jill is aiming to add further success to a remarkable season which included last month's Croke Park heroics along with a national intermediate soccer title with Wilton of Cork.

Their presence, along with captain

Deirdre McDonnell, gives Tipperary a strong advantage to continue their dominance of the code.

Galway have never won an intermediate title, but are enjoying a renaissance since capturing the junior championship and Division Two league titles last year and the minor in 2004.

Though without the talents of Therese Maher, Aine Hilary, captain Martina Carr, and Orla Kilkenny, the Connacht side will be able to field a number of the team that suffered defeat to Tipperary in the opening round of the senior championship in Ballinasloe earlier this year.

Susan Earnier, who won an All-Ireland Senior 'B' Colleges medal with her school St Rynagh's of Offaly, is named in goal, while the midfield pairing of Colette Glennon and Lorraine Lally should produce a inter-

esting tussle against Marie Luttrell and Julie Delaney.

Up front, Galway's full-forward line of Aoife Lynskey, Ann Marie Hayes, sister of county hurler David, and Emma Kilkelly could be their most potent factor. Hayes has hit 7-7 in the championship this season, and will aim to increase that tally today.

"A win would be a major stepping stone for us as we aim for senior success, hopefully in the not too distant future," Galway manager Noel Finn admitted.

**GALWAY:** S Earnier, C Moran, S Cahalan, L Flynn, N Gavin, R Glynn, S Keane, C Glennon, L Lally, B Kerins, B Hanney, A Lynskey, C Kelly, AM Hayes, E Kilkelly.

**TIPPERARY:** S O'Brien, D McDonnell, H Breen, M Looby, M Corcoran, J Kirwan, M Shortt, M Luttrell, J Delaney, G Kinnane, E Ryan, J O'Connor, M Ryan, S Ryan, D Ryan.

### CAMOGIE

#### Tribeswomen come good in second half

**Galway 1-10; Tipperary 0-4:** GALWAY claimed their first ever All-Ireland Intermediate championship title when they defeated Tipperary at Semple Stadium in yesterday's All-Ireland Intermediate championship final.

Playing against a stiff wind in the first half, the Tribeswomen only scored one point, from Emma Kilkelly and trailed 0-3 to 0-1 ahead at the break. However, the tables turned in the second period and Galway sent over 0-5 before their all-important goal from centre-forward Brenda Hanney. Victory was secured with a further three points from substitute Cathy Bowes (0-2) and Caroline Kelly (0-1).

**GALWAY:** SEarnier, C Moran, S Cahalan, L Flynn, R O'Connor, R Glynn, S Keane, C Glennon, L Lally, B Kerins, B Hanney, A Lynskey, C Kelly, A M Hayes, E Kilkelly. **Subs:** C Bowes for B Kerins, 35mins; S Keane for E Kilkelly, 52mins; M Flanagan for C Kelly, 59mins.

**TIPPERARY:** S O'Brien, D McDonnell, H Breen, M Looby, M Corcoran, J Kirwan, M Shortt, M Luttrell, J Delaney, G Kinnane, E Ryan, J O'Connor, M Ryan, S Ryan, D Ryan. **Subs:** J Horan for M Luttrell, 22nd mins; C Heiney for J O'Connor, 38mins; C Johnston for S Ryan, 54mins.

**REFEREE:** A Derham, Dublin.

## Colleges camogie underway

Colleges (secondary schools) camogie 2004/05 season commenced during the past week. Mercy Clonakilty overcame Coachford 4-0 to 1-6 in the senior league while Blarney overcame Nagle Rice Doneraile 7-14 to 1-4 in group C of the Intermediate B Championship. In Group A of the Intermediate C Carrignavar saw off Col Eoin Youghal on a scoreline 4-3 to 1-2. Meanwhile Kanturk who haven't participated in a Camogie competition for some years overcame Millstreet 2-6 to 1-2 in Cork intermediate B.

The following are asked to make their own way to O'Loughlin's GAA grounds behind Nowlan Park for U14 blitz on Saturday Oct 9 at 11.30am: E Crowley (St. Ails), N Haines (Ballyphehane), A Keane, K McCarthy, F Murphy (Bandon); A Sheehan, Y Horgan, G Doherty (Blarney); M Moran, G O'Kelle (Carrigaline); M Duncliffe, M Forde, C Walsh (Carrigrohane); K Curtin, R Finn, E Healy, O O'Mahony (Charleville); E Corkery, C O'Brien, N O'Carroll, J O'Connell, C O'Keefe (Coachford); A McCarthy, C Smith (Cobh); C O'Callaghan, N NIDhanain (C an Phiaraisigh); D Johnson (N. Rice).

Last Easter All Ir Colleges organised an inter provincial tournament. A panel of 25 has been selected from these teams to take part in a Camogie/Shinty compromise rules competition to take place

in Ratoath Co Meath on Sat Oct 16 at 2pm. The U21 mens game takes place beforehand and the mens Senior afterwards.

Last weekend A Geary, E O'Riordan (Charleville), D Twomey (Fernoy), B Corkery (Macroom) and Rena Buckley (St Ails) travelled to Dublin to familiarise themselves with the rules. Main points are you cannot kick the sliotar and only the goalie can handle the sliotar.

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### CAMOGIE RESULTS

**Under 16 A Championship semi-final:** Douglas 2-3 Ballygarvan 0-6  
**U16 B Championship:** Mallow 6-4 Valley Rovers 4-5 Glen Rovers 4-4 Bishoptown 0-2  
**U16 B League semi-final:** Butervant 2-2 Ballinacorney 1-7  
**U16 C Championship:** Newcestown 3-4 Ballyhea 1-2 Killeagh 2-5 Millstreet 1-2  
**U12 B League semi-finals:** Ballygarvan 1-2 Eire Og 0-0 Valley Rovers 2-1 Glen Rovers 1-0  
**U12 Twelve A side semi-final:** Ballinasloe 6-10 Trillick 0-0  
**U16 Twelve A side Championship:** Ballyhea 4-3 Cloughduv 1-1





# SLIOTAR AUS CAMAN



By **Séamas Mí**  
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## ALL-IRELAND MINOR B FINAL:

**Antrim 1-9  
Roscommon 0-3**

**Antrim cathaoirleach Catherine O'Hara** admitted that a shiver ran up her spine when she picked up one of the medals that the Antrim minors had won on Saturday by defeating Roscommon 1-9 to 0-3 in the All-Ireland B final in Navan.

Catherine was goalkeeper on the last Antrim side to reach a Minor All-Ireland final – 23 years ago, when they lost by a single point to Cork.

"It was the sight of Queen Maeve on the medal that did it," claimed Catherine, who is in her first year in the county chair.

"It is an unusual medal – quite different from all the others. We missed out narrowly in 1981 and I thought I had got over that defeat – but Saturday brought it all back."

"Back then there only was one competition – so you could say we played in the A final. Since then, Antrim – and the rest of the Ulster teams have been well off the pace in the A competition. We basically had lost that winning mentality."

"The B competition victory has lifted us again – and I'm hoping that it means we can get back to the top again in the future."

Only 3 of Antrim's starting line-out on Saturday are overage for next season and that certainly augurs well for underage camogie in the county, but Catherine does recognise that there is a big gap to cross.

"The physical presence of the players in the A decider after us – really we have a long way to go. Down beat us to win the Ulster A and were subsequently well beaten by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final. Then Kilkenny find themselves well-beaten by Galway on Saturday (3-16 to 2-6). So there is a helluva lot of work to do."

"However I do believe that we have taken an important step on Saturday and I congratulate the players and their mentors on their success."

13 year old Raquel McCarry was the

star of the show with 5 points, while her older sister and team captain Jolene was superb at the back.

Both are members of the Loughgiel club and five others from the club shared in the success, including excellent midfielder Joanne Campbell – a sister of county hurler Johnny.

Roscommon scored the opening two points in two minutes, but Antrim led by 0-5 to 0-2 at the break.

Raquel McCarry stretched the Antrim lead to a six point advantage during the third quarter with three fine points and then substitute Louise McAleese finished them off with a 58th minute goal.

**ANTRIM:** Shaunie McAuley, Mary McAuley, Róisín O'Boyle, Tammy Petticrew, Emma Connolly, Jolene McCarry (capt.), Emer Lavery, Claire Dallat, Joanne Campbell, Caoimhe Quinn, Michaela Convery, Orla McCaul, Raquel McCarry, Eilish Connor, Claire Lavery.

**Subs:** Selina McKillen for C. Lavery, Louise McAleese (1-0) for C. Quinn, Suzanne McKeown for E. Connor, Aileen Martin for M. Convery.

**Roscommon scores:** Joanne McDermott 0-1, Deirdre Sweeney 0-1, Elaine Daly 0-1.

**DOWN 1-14  
ROSCOMMON 0-3**

Down's 1-14 to 0-3 victory over Roscommon in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final means that they now play Cork in Croke Park in the final on September 19th.

More importantly it has given quite a few of the team the opportunity to emerge from the shadows cast by the achievements of brothers or fathers on the GAA pitches.

Wing half forward Cathy Mulholland is a younger sister of footballer Shane, who also played in the Down half-forward line and with several Irish League soccer clubs as well.

Team captain and midfield dynamo Jennifer Braniff is sister of Michael, who has been a regular with Down's hurlers for

a decade now, winning a National League medals earlier this year.

Her midfield partner Lisa McCrickard has seen older brother Colin establish himself in the past year or so in the Down football squad under Paddy O'Rourke.

One of the hurling stars of this year has been Brendan McGourty, whose point-scoring was a feature of both the drawn Ulster Senior final and replay.

Sister Catherine shot six brilliant points (5 from play) all from over 50 metres in the semi to help Down reach Croke Park. She also wears the Number 12 shirt, which seems to be a family favourite as dad Seán wore it with distinction on Antrim teams in both hurling and football during the seventies and eighties.

And of course full-forward Fionnuala Carr has grown up with All-Ireland medals and All-star awards that her father Ross picked up with the county at the start of the nineties.

Corner-forward Karen Gribbin is familiar with a slightly different spotlight as dad John Anthony has been an inter-county referee for quite a few years now.

All these girls will have plenty of advice close to hand on how to approach the biggest game of their careers to date – but two of their colleagues have been there and done that 13 years ago.

That was the last time a Down camogie team played in Croke Park in an All-Ireland final, and Pauline Greene and Máirín McAleenan were two of the stars in a 3-13 to 2-14 victory over a Tipperary side that included over half the team that went on to win four of the last five Senior All-Irelands.

They have experienced many highs and lows during their careers and have been tremendous role models for their current team-mates as they rose through the camogie ranks.

This year they are the leaders of a new generation of Red & Black camogie players hoping to leave their mark on Camogie finals day.

### MATCH REPORT :

Thirteen years on from their last appearance in Croke Park on All-Ireland Camogie finals day, Down will be back again this September after a comprehensive 1-14 to 0-3 semi-final victory over

Roscommon in Beann Dearg.

The two players who hold medals from 1991 orchestrated the latest victory.

Pauline Greene was solid at centre half-back, holding the dangerous Lizzie Glennon scoreless from play and at the same time encouraging the best from Annie Morgan, Karen Murray and Moya Maginn.

Up front, Mairín McAleenan contributed six points. However, it was the way that she brought Catherine McGourty, Cathy Mulholland and Mary McPolin into play with hand-passes that was most noticeable and productive for Down.

The midfield pairing of Jennifer Braniff and Lisa McCrickard was strong throughout against several Roscommon combinations.

Yet Down won by playing solid rather than expansive camogie against the sometimes over-physical Connacht champions.

However, Catherine McGourty at left half-forward brightened up the game with six excellent points – all from around 50-60 metres out.

Her three scores in the opening four minutes of the second half killed Roscommon off, expanding a 0-7 to 0-1 interval lead into 0-11 to 0-1.

Roscommon had first use of the diagonal breeze but never really got into the game, their only point in the first half coming from a free in injury time.

Annette McGeeney broke up quite a few Down attacks and Cait Kenny worked well with Fionnuala Carr but their attack lacked any real bite.

Scores came at five minute intervals during the opening half, the first six of them to Down – four for Mairín McAleenan and a point each for Catherine McGourty and Mary McPolin.

After Lizzie Glennon pointed that late Roscommon free, Catherine McGourty blasted over from 50 metres and her three scores from similar range roused the crowd at the start of the second half.

However, the game died soon after, punctuated by another McGourty long range effort in the 44th minute and then a goal five minutes later.

Mary McPolin chased a huge clearance from Jennifer Braniff and flicked home from close range.

Two late points for Mairín McAleenan and Down's planning for their visit to Croke Park was already in full swing.

**DOWN:** T McGowan, C McGovern, M Maginn, A Morgan, K Murray, P Greene, D Kellard, J Braniff (capt), L McCrickard, C Mulholland (0-1), M McAleenan (0-6, 4 frees), C McGourty (0-6, 0-1 free), M McPolin (1-1), F Carr, K Gribben

**Subs:** B Gallagher for K Gribben (44), O Maginn for F Carr (54)

**ROSCOMMON:** M Healy (capt), T Gately, C Kenny, C Glennon, C Morris, A McGeeney, C Moran, D Kelly, S Coyle, P Lennon, L Glennon (0-2 frees), N Coyle (0-1), F Connell, S Cooney, S Cooney

**Subs:** N Mulhern for C Morris (17) and C Rodgers for F Connell (half-time), K Hopkins for S Cooney (40), O Hughes for D Kelly (58)

## Antrim Senior Camogie Final

"It was too close for comfort," admitted Jim Nelson after watching his Rossa team dethrone Dunloy in an exciting Antrim Senior championship final in Corrigan Park on August 15th.

Rossa won by 2-12 to 1-13 in a seesaw game that could have gone either way.

Despite opening strongly, Rossa's challenge though seemed to be fading as daylight turned quickly to dusk.

However two pieces of magic from Jane Adams turned the game around.

With seven minutes remaining, last year's All-star midfielder reacted quickest in a goalmouth scramble to boot the sliotar high into the net.

"The goal gave us breathing space," claimed Nelson, whose daughter Ciara Gault returned from a long-term injury to play at full-forward for her dad's team.

"It put the onus on Dunloy to score at a time when we were under a lot of pressure."

Anne McKee knocked over her seventh and eighth point from frees over the next

few minutes, but Adams then grabbed the sliotar around midfield and raced through to shoot an insurance point for the winners.

"Even then you couldn't be sure of it. Dunloy were really up for it and fought hard in every sector of the field. It is the first game that has really tested us this year and I'm glad to have come out of it with a win."

Rossa opened strongly and went 0-5 to 0-1 up at the end of the first quarter, with three of the points coming from Jane Adams.

Dunloy rallied and drew level during the next five minutes of play, with Anne McKee (2), Elaine Dowds and Oonagh Elliott hitting the target.

Rossa then moved into a two point lead before a quickfire length-of-the-field move saw Elliott flash the sliotar to the Rossa net.

The Belfast side though produced a quick response within minutes when Catherine McMahon fired home from 20 metres, and the teams turned over with Rossa 1-9 to 1-8 ahead.

The scoring slowed a bit during the third quarter, but the intensity of the exchanges never slackened and the title-holders drew level at 1-11 each through a brilliant point from Brónagh Elliott.

However Adams produced the late magic to put Rossa on the trail for Ulster glory with a tie against the Derry champions on September 12th.

**ROSSA:** Theresa McGowan, Teresa Adams, Hannah Healy, Bróna Bell, Gráinne Connolly, Maureen Stewart (0-1), Ciara McGinley (capt), Seainín Daykin (0-2), Catherine McMahon (1-0), Fiona Kennedy (0-1), Colleen Doherty, Kerrie O'Neill (0-1), Shauneen McGourty, Ciara Gault, Jane Adams (1-6, 0-3 frees).

**Subs:** Orla McCaul, for S McGourty, Valerie Loughran for S Daykin, Laura Adams, Angela Devlin, Sinéad Sherry, Áine Lawlor, Deirdre Heatley.

**DUNLOY SCORERS:** Oonagh Elliott 1-1, Anne McKee 0-8, Brónagh Elliott 0-2, Elaine Dowds 0-2.

**REFEREE:** Úna Kearney (Armagh)



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Valley Rovers' Elaine Burke celebrates victory with nephews and nieces Jack, Tessa, Billy, and Jerry Crowley following the Junior A Camogie County Final. Picture: Larry Cummins

## Ballyhea play with weather to take title

Ballyhea  
Tracton

3-07  
1-04

By PJ AHERN

County Junior B final

BALLYHEA adapted better to the miserable conditions to win the O'Leary Brothers Builders Cork County Junior B title in Ovens yesterday.

Ballyhea were quick off the mark and goaled after two minutes through Mary Coleman.

Playing with the wind Tracton took over and enjoyed the majority of possession in the first half.

In the early stages, Ballyhea's back-line looked worryingly loose but Tracton failed to take full advantage.

Ballyhea lifted their performance at the back with Michelle Walsh adjusting well to the blustery conditions.

Tracton failed to take full advantage of the wind in the first half and their return of 1-4 was pretty measly and left them with a lot of work to do in the second half.

Ballyhea's last-ditch defending kept them at bay, and while Tracton did get two points, it was a poor return for the amount of pressure they applied in the opening 15 minutes.

Their task was made all the harder when Mary Coleman sailed a free all the way to the net on the 15th minute.

While Ballyhea hit the bar, Tracton did respond to score a crucial goal to lift them back into the match with half time approaching.

Catriona Guinane reacted the fastest to poke the ball home after a Catherine Coughlan shot squirmed its way into her path.

Tracton were goal-hungry in the first half and it proved to cost them in the long run when points were there for the taking.

Ballyhea continued to win the physical battle and reigned supreme in the 50/50 challenges, while both sides were guilty of more than a few stray pulls of the hurley.

The passion flowed in the second half as Ballyhea came to life.

Tracton defended bravely and limited Ballyhea as best they could.

When Tracton did attack, they could only find Francis Killeen in inspired form. Ballyhea's Rachel Waters

throughout the match worked herself into space, but her team mates time and again failed to pick her out.

It took until the ninth minute of the second half for Ballyhea to increase their lead to a goal, with a point from Sarah Douglas.

Despite the conditions, this Junior B decider was quality camogie and quality entertainment.

The Tracton defence shut up shop and made it hard for Ballyhea to produce quality ball in the forwards.

They were certainly left rueing their missed chances from the first half as they rarely ventured out of their own half due to their failure to get the ball up the field against the strong wind.

Eileen Collins was playing a stormer at full back for Tracton, while Jennifer Lynch went through the Ballyhea back-line — but instead of shooting for goal, she hand-passed it and the rare attack broke down.

Within 30 seconds, Ballyhea had the ball over the bar again as they tightened their grip.

The match was finished as a contest thanks to a goal from considerable distance by Edwina Waters, whose shot skidded off the surface and past the 'keeper.

Ballyhea were champions, but one can only feel sorry for the dejection and devastation felt by Tracton at losing their second Junior B final in succession. Mary Coleman was deservedly named player of the match.

**Scorers:** Ballyhea: M. Coleman 2-3, E. Waters 1-0, S. Douglas 0-3, R. Waters 0-1.

**Tracton:** C. Guinane 1-0, M. Jagoe 0-2, J. Kind 0-1, J. Lynch 0-1.

**BALLYHEA:** F. Killeen, V. Hennessey, A. Morrissey, S. O'Leary, O. Carroll, E. Waters, M. Walsh, K. O'Leary, S. Douglas, M. Walsh, H. O'Brien, R. Waters, R. Garvey, M. Coleman, N. Morrissey.

**Subs used:** C. O'Doherty and S. McInery.

**TRACTON:** S. Corkery, A. Jagoe, E. Collins, G. McCarthy, O. Ambrose, P. Harrington, K. O'Sullivan, J. Kind, J. A. Kingston, R. Ambrose, M. Jagoe, J. Lynch, C. Guinane, N. Lynch, C. Coughlan.

**Subs used:** N. Hayes, A. Sinclair.

**Referee:** B. Kirnan.

# Valley survive onslaught and take the title

Valley Rovers  
Killeagh

0-07  
1-02



PJ Aherne

IT MAY have been a low-scoring but it was still a thriller.

Valley Rovers won the O'Leary Brothers Builders Junior A County title after a nailbiting contest in Ballinlough yesterday.

Valley Rovers always looked the more dangerous in attack in the first half and throughout the entire course of the match as they always looked capable of scoring.

Whereas Killeagh lacked the cutting edge and creativity to push home any possession they may have had.

While the first half had the majority of the scoring it was pretty forgettable, but the second half had all the drama with excitement soaring fever pitch levels.

Killeagh goaled after only two minutes through Marie Smiddy after a very swift move.

But Killeagh failed to score again for another 16 minutes in the first half and again after that they didn't register till midway through the second half, despite having a large share of possession and chances in the game.

Valley Rovers, on the other hand, scored four unanswered points to take the lead.

Liz Bugler and Elaine Burke led by example with some sublime point-taking.

It was left to Mary O'Connor to score the equalising point for Killeagh in the 18th minute.

Killeagh enjoyed a period of dominance but the Valley Rovers back-line was dogged and resilient

and never let anything come easily

to the East Cork girls.

Killeagh might have had a second goal from Angela Walsh who came bursting through on goal but her great effort swung of target.

The game finally sparked to life with five minutes of the first half remaining.

Valley Rovers took a slender advantage in at the break after Elaine Burke pointed a free four minutes into stoppage time.

In the second half, Valley Rovers should have had a goal immediately but Carmel Deane scrambled the ball off the line.

Lucey Hawkes was superb throughout for Rovers as time and again she raised her game and lifted them to a higher level.

Nine minutes of the clock had passed before Elaine Burke found a gap and pointed for Valley Rovers.

Killeagh continued to struggle to find their stride but they still required one moment of magic to kick-start their challenge.

Killeagh's Angela Walsh used her pace to solo through to score a great point after 15 minutes in the second half.

She almost repeated the trick but her effort flashed wide.

Killeagh's Ciara Walsh, Marie Smiddy and Angela Walsh all came into their own with heroic displays.

Killeagh appeared to be bidding as they refused to panic, but were patient and hopeful their persistence would pay off.

Killeagh seemed sure to be rewarded for their pressure as they threw

everything at Rovers but still the equaliser wouldn't come.

Neither side seemed to bow to the intense pressure of the occasion but both sides hit two crucial wides each.

With both defences were on top, Valley Rovers Marion Cottrell pulled a crucial point out of the bag.

A two-point lead is a dangerous lead to have in GAA but Killeagh failed to produce a moment of magic as they came up against some excellent defending and bad luck.

After such an incredible contest it was gut-wrenching to see Killeagh lose in such a manner.

Valley Rovers were deserving winners: they took their chances when they came their way and now progress back to the Senior B championship after an absence of two years.

**Scorers:** Valley Rovers: E. Burke 0-5, L. Bugler 0-1, M. Cottrell 0-1.

**Killeagh:** M. Smiddy 1-0, M. O'Connor 0-1, A. Walsh 0-1.

**VALLEY ROVERS:** G. Harrington, E. Cottrell, S. Deasy, L. Davis, M. A. Hawkes, E. Burke, A. M. Murphy, L. Bugler, L. O'Mahony, D. Twohig, M. Cottrell, C. O'Riordan, L. Hawkes, E. O'Mahony, C. Deasy.

**Subs:** O. Deasy, M. McCarthy.

**Killeagh:** C. Deane, A. Hegarty, C. O'Brien, A. Manning, C. Harnedy, A. Walsh, C. Walsh, K. Kelleher, M. O'Connor, L. Roan, M. Siddy, A. Walsh, J. McCarthy, N. O'Donovan, N. O'Loughlin.

**Subs:** S. Walsh, K. Walsh.

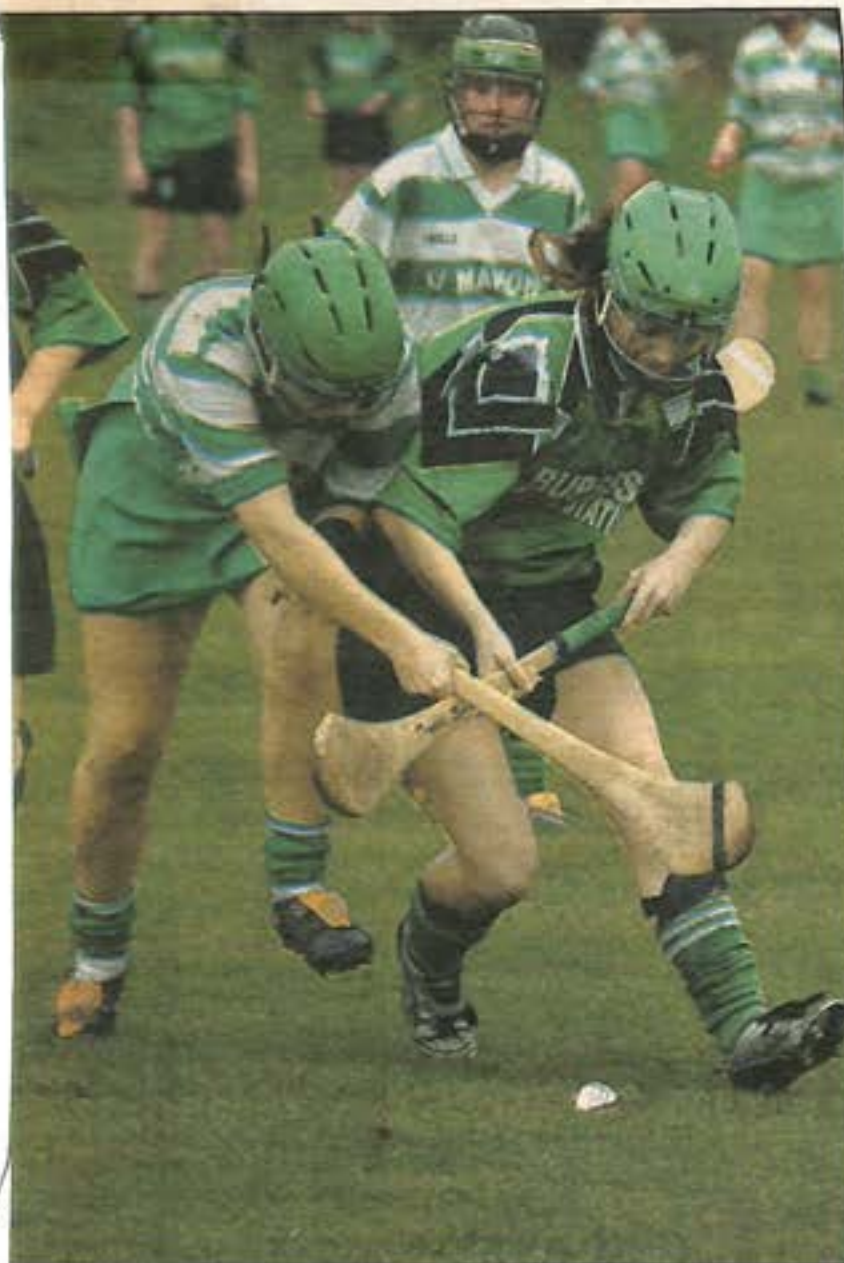
**Referee:** P. Downey.



Killeagh's Marie Smiddy and Valley Rovers at Ballinlough yesterday.



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lovers' Lisa O'Mahony compete for the ball in the Junior A camogie county final at Ballinlough. Picture: Larry Cummins

## What they said

**BRENDAN COLEMAN, manager of Valley Rovers**

"I'm over the moon, it's unbelievable. The team has performed extremely well. They have shown plenty of heart, courage and bravery to win out there tonight. Elaine Burke, Mary Anne Hawks, Lucy Hawks and Liz Bugler were excellent."

The team has worked so hard since March 6 up until last Thursday night training.

"Losing last year was hard but winning the under-18s made up for it and gave the girls belief."

Ten of the team tonight played on that under-18 side.

"We are looking forward to Senior B. We are ready to go on the final road. We have no fear of anyone so we will drive on."

**LIZ BUGLER, captain of Valley Rovers**

"I'm absolutely thrilled. This is the most important of all the trophies I've won this year and I've won a County Senior A and an All-Ireland medal this year."

"I feel my own performance was poor enough, I was fouling all over the place but the team was outstanding."

We were Senior B two years ago and after being beaten last year, we are ready to go back up."

**EDDIE HAYES, manager of Killeslagh**

"I'm so proud of our achievement. We are a very young team. They put in a great effort."

We thought the way we were playing the scores were going to come but they didn't, we missed two great goal chances."

We were unlucky but we'll be back next year."



Anxious moments as Valley Rovers await the final whistle in the Junior A final at Ballinlough yesterday. Picture: Larry Cummins

# Aghabullogue make most of weak defence

**Aghabullogue  
Ballygarvan**

**4-06  
2-05**

**By PJ AHERN  
In Ovens**

AGHABULLOGUE will dine at the top table of camogie as they capitalised on a nightmare first-half performance from Ballygarvan in Ovens yesterday.

Aghabullogue started well and looked the more lively as they won the early midfield battles.

Mary Buckley pointed to open the scoring after six minutes, before Ballygarvan granted Louise Murphy far too much space and she fired in a cracking goal.

It took 11 minutes for Ballygarvan to open their account, and that came from a Catriona Kelly free.

Restricting Ballygarvan to 1-1 in the first half was testament to the excellent defending by Aghabullogue. Ballygarvan on the other hand were in dire straits at the back, and once again they allowed Louise Murphy too much space as she easily rounded the goalkeeper to finish the ball to the net.

The Ballygarvan challenge then appeared to be back on track with Emer Dillon's long drive which sailed past Eileen Buckley in the Aghabullogue goal.

But it wasn't long before the Ballygarvan back-line was at it again, but enough was done to put Emma Healy off.

Aghabullogue's Mary Buckley took a harmless-looking shot from distance, but it caught the 'keeper off her guard and bounced all the way to the net.

Ballygarvan's Jennifer Brown and Emer Dillon raised their games while Sarah O'Donovan and Catriona Kelly struggled; they were marked ever so tightly, and never got the chance to stamp their authority on the match.

Dillon was superb throughout the first half and had it not been for Aghabullogue, may have been out of sight at half time.

For Ballygarvan, the half-time whistle couldn't come quick enough, but wholesale changes were not made and they started the second half as they lined out.

In the second half, Ballygarvan came straight out of the blocks as

O'Donovan raced through and was just about to bury to the net, but Aghabullogue's Aine Moynihan stuck a hurley out to deny her. Ballygarvan did get some reward with Catriona Kelly pointing out four minutes.

Ballygarvan narrowed the gap to five points with 17 minutes to go, and the match became a cracker. Ovens suddenly became a powder keg waiting to explode, but in one moment all that pressure was released as Aghabullogue effectively killed off the game.

Ballygarvan, chasing a seemingly lost cause, were buried as holes appeared in their back-line as they allowed Aghabullogue's Deirdre Twomey to goal with 14 minutes remaining.

With time running down fast, ten minutes passed before a score was registered and it came from Aghabullogue's Mary Buckley.

There was still time left for Amanda Murphy to goal for Ballygarvan as they launched one last final assault on the Aghabullogue goal, but efforts from Emer Dillon and Margaret Murphy flashed passed the post to sum up their side's miserable afternoon.

Overall Aghabullogue were more deserving of the victory, they were well up for the match and took full advantage of inept defending.

Aghabullogue have been waiting a long time for this crown and will relish the step up to the big stage next year; as for Ballygarvan, it remains to be seen if they can raise their game for next year.

**Scorers: Aghabullogue:** L. Murphy 2-1, M. Buckley 1-3, D. Twomey 1-1, E. Healy 0-1.

**Ballygarvan:** C. Kelly 0-4, E. Dillon 1-0, A. Murphy 1-0 and Sarah O'Donovan 0-1.

**AGHABULLOGUE:** E. Buckley, L. Rohan, J. Twomey, T. Murphy, N. O'Connell, T. Roche, S. Buckley, F. Buckley, B. Twomey, S. Crowley, D. Twomey, E. Healy, M. Buckley, C. Murphy, L. Murphy.

**Subs used:** M. Twomey.

**BALLYGARVAN:** M. O'Riordan, A. Moynihan, S. A. O'Halloran, A. O'Neill, M. Hallahan, J. Brown, D. Crowley, E. Dillon, A. Murphy, N. Hallahan, C. Kelly, M. Ryna, M. Murphy, S. O'Donovan, C. Dillon.

**Subs used:** B. Browne, V. Browne, Z. Forrest.

**Referee:** C. Egan.



Valley Rovers captain Liz Bugler raises the cup following victory in the Junior A Camogie County Final at Ballinlough. Picture: Larry Cummins



# WOMEN IN SPORT: Conference discusses how to improve the gender imbalance

## Working towards a level playing

by Brendan O'Brien

THE formation of a new female sports body was touted yesterday as the key to finally allowing women to emerge from the shadows of their male counterparts in Irish sport.

The proposed national body would be a coherent group to represent the needs of all female sports in Ireland.

That may not seem too significant, but such a move would be a major change in policy as the current approach of the Irish Sports Council (ISC) is to cater for all sports, whatever the gender or ability, under the one umbrella.

Fine in theory but the reality is that male sports dominate the landscape in most organisations. Females are seriously underrepresented at all levels of sport, both on and off the pitch and, consequently, in the media too.

The knock-on effect of that goes beyond the sporting sphere as it has major implications for the general health of Irish society. A change of tack is required, according to a Joint Oireachtas Committee report on women in sport.

"This inequality cannot be allowed to continue," said Fine Gael TD Jimmy Deenihan in Croke Park yesterday at the "Women in Sport" conference.

"Women are being marginalised and major work on policy must be done, perhaps through the establishment of a Women in Sport Committee, to ensure that women can meet their full potential in this area, as in all other walks of life."

Perhaps it's worth noting that the two biggest Irish female sports organisations — the Ladies Gaelic Football Association of Ireland and the Camogie Association of Ireland — already operate independently of their male counterparts.

Deenihan cited the Women's Sports Institute in the UK and pledged that he would be pushing for an Irish equivalent in the near future.

The report also calls for the ISC to appoint a full-time Women's Development Officer to implement the Brighton Principles, drawn up by 82 countries to develop a sporting culture that enables and values the full involvement of women in every aspect of sport.

Ireland is not yet one of the 82 signatories.

Much of the problem for women in sport, however, is a lack of exposure.

Bad in itself in the short-term, this also means that there is a shortage of female role models for young girls to look up to and dream of emulating.

It's a vicious cycle. To combat this, the report also suggests other initiatives such as a high-profile Annual Women's Sports Awards scheme, for which a prospective sponsor has already apparently been brought on board for an experimental three-year term.

Of greater concern is the lack of media coverage women's sport receives.

A recent study has shown that female athletes account for less than 3% of sports photographs in Irish newspapers.

"There is a media problem across the world when it comes to recognising women in sport," claimed Mr Deenihan.

"The UK, for example, has very poor coverage of women's sport,



At the conference, left to right: Camogie player Emer Brannigan, Olympian Eadaoin Ni Challarain and rugby player Fiona Steed.

Patrick Bolger Photography

## Women who exercise face less risk of osteoporosis and breast cancer

by Mark Gallagher

REGULAR exercise and physical activity can significantly reduce the risk of both breast cancer and osteoporosis, the keynote speaker told a women in sport conference yesterday.

From her research with DCU, Dr Catherine Woods said females who took up physical activity at a younger age were at far less risk of osteoporosis, a condition affecting one in four Irish women.

"From a study into two groups of women, one who did regular exercise over a year, the other which didn't, found there was a much higher rate of bone mass density among the girls who exercised," said Dr Woods.

"On average, they have a 5 to 10% higher bone density than sedentary females.

"Women who didn't exercise over the year lost 2% in bone density, while those doing regular exercise saw their bone density increase by 1%."

Regular exercise also reduces the risk of breast cancer.

"Ireland has a higher rate of breast cancer than the EU average," Dr Woods said.

"But we found that women doing just one to three hours exercise a week can see a 20 to 30% reduction in the risk of breast cancer. This rises to a 60% reduction in the risk for women doing four or more hours exercise a week."

However, participation in sport among young girls is falling in the country and it is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Results of another study into 15 to 17-year-olds in South County

Dublin found 32% of the girls in this age group were not physically active in any sport.

"There are a variety of barriers to young girls getting involved in sport," Dr Woods said.

"It is still a male-dominated arena, and the ratio of male to female coaches is 2:1. Sport is still feminised, finals are still known as ladies finals and some women teams feel the need to hire image consultants."

"In this age of obesity, we have to be careful not to link physical activity in with weight loss, but we have to look at ways of getting more young girls involved in sport. We have to get rid of this attitude where girls don't believe themselves to be the sporty type."

Fine Gael spokesman Jimmy Deenihan TD said the work

should start in primary school.

"The big issue from people on the ground is physical education in primary schools," he said.

"Teachers are saying that there are kids coming to them very unfit and uncoordinated and teachers are having to work on basic skills like walking and running properly with them before even getting them involved in sport."

"There is no onus on teachers to do PE, it is not obligatory and that is a factor. Another thing that bugs teachers is that when inspectors come around to schools they never ask them about their PE classes. It is vital to instill an attitude of fitness at a young age. Children might drift away from physical activity for a spell but they are far more likely to come back to it later in life if they were active as children."

Australia too where participation levels are far higher than many countries.

"Women's sports account for about 8% of all coverage there."

"In Ireland, for every 100 sports images in our papers only three of

them will be of women. Some of those will even be of a derogatory nature, alluding to something apart from the action or game in question."

"There has been no study done here about TV coverage but, apart from TG4's coverage of the ladies

football and camogie, it is fair to say that the coverage of women's sports is poor in this area too."

However, TG4 Head of Sport Ronan O'Coisdealbha emphasised the importance of a focused media strategy from women's sporting organisations

to help to raise the profile of their games.

"It is up to each sport to be proactive in generating media coverage, rather than waiting for the media to approach them looking for coverage," O'Coisdealbha said.

**Women are being marginalised and major work on policy must be done, perhaps through the establishment of a Women in Sport Committee, to ensure that women can meet their full potential in this area as in all other walks of life**



# Inniscarra win thrilling final

Inniscarra 42  
Douglas 31

by Mary Newman

A thrilling Under 12 A camogie county league final had supporters on a knife edge to the final whistle as Inniscarra gained the upper hand in injury time to take the title.

Catriona Mackey settled the holders with a point inside minutes of the start, but Inniscarra hit the front when Emma Kingston's 30 metres free deceived Aine O'Donovan in the Douglas goal and finished up in the net. Despite falling into arrears Douglas worked hard and with their defence holding the lively Inniscarra attack the grew in stature and confidence and a Catriona Mackey goal before the break gave them a slender advantage at the break to lead 1-1 to 1-0.

From the restart the determination of both sides was very evident. Clare Sheehan had Inniscarra on level terms early in the second half and from here to the full time whistle it was nip and tuck.

Inniscarra made a vital move bringing goalkeeper Joanne Casey outfield, and it paid dividends when she pounced for a goal to swing the game in her side's favour.

No sooner had the cheering died down when Aileen O'Donovan replied to level matters with a Douglas goal

from a 30 metres free.

With play swinging from end to end both defences had to be at their best, with Aine O'Donovan in the Douglas goal busy as she denied Inniscarra on numerous occasions, effective substitute Emily O'Donovan edged Inniscarra into the driving seat with a goal, but again Catriona Mackey came to the Douglas rescue blasting to the net. With full time looming the title was still up for grabs as both sides strove for a winner. Joanne Casey again showed her prowess outfield pointing to give the Mid Cork girls the lead, now entering injury time. Douglas still pressed but it was Emily O'Donovan who ensured the title was going to Inniscarra when she grabbed her second goal to end the Douglas hopes and inscribe a new name on the trophy.

Douglas goalkeeper 10-year-old Aine O'Donovan was named as Player of the Match following a superb display between the posts.

**Inniscarra:** J. Casey, E. Finnegan, A. Twohig, E. McCarthy, M. Collins capt, A. Ni Riain, L. Burke, E. Kingston, A. O'Connor, C. Sheehan, R. O'Mahony, L. McCarthy, C. Finnegan, G. Flynn, A. M. Healy Subs: E. O'Donovan for G. Flynn, S. Buckley for A. M. Healy

**Douglas:** Aine O'Donovan, S. Devlin, J. Kavanagh, R. Casey, L. Morgan, P. Mackey, E. O'Sullivan, C. Lynch, Aileen O'Donovan, L. Jackson, Dee Cotter, C. Peate, C. Mackey, Deirdre Cotter, A. McCarthy. Subs: C. O'Driscoll for C. Lynch, A. Twohig for C. Peate

**Referee:** Cathal Egan Glen Rovers

## Eire Óg shock Milford

Eire Óg 34  
Milford 15

COUNTY champions Milford going for a record six in a row of under 16 A county championship titles had to play second fiddle to a well coached Eire Óg side who on this performance will be tipped to take ultimate honours.

Eire Óg dominated the opening 30 minutes and were full value for their led of 3-2 to 0-1 at the break after goals from Clare Purcell, Erin Corkery and Margaret O'Herlihy had them a commanding position. In the opening half Erin Corkery

and Margaret O'Herlihy had points for the Eire Óg girls while Ashling Thompson had the Milford point.

From the start of the second half Milford showed more determination and with Ashling Thompson picking off four points they cut the deficit. Eire Óg held their composure despite coming under severe pressure and points from Erin Corkery and Margaret O'Herlihy helped them maintain their lead. Aine Watson grabbed a Milford goal but it was not enough to see off the strong Eire Óg side that ran out worthy winners.

## St Finbarrs on top

ST FINBARR'S proved too strong for Rockban in the Under 16 B championship on Saturday last. Linda Fitzgerald, Susan Kenefick and Niamh McKenzie excelled for the Togher side who ran up an impressive 6-5 to 1-8 victory margin. At the Glen Field the home side always held the upper hand as they recorded a victory over Douglas, Gerlyn Nolan, Laura Harris, Sarah Egan and

Roisin Foley were all on target for Glen in the tally of 4-11, while in defence captain Kelly Lynch, Jemma O'Regan and Zoe Buckley were excellent. For Douglas goalkeeper Danielle Boyce was superb while Moira O'Donovan, Julia White and Zoe Dunlea impressed.

In the Under 12 C league semi-final Mallow recorded a 2+2 to 1-1 victory over Brian Dillon.

# Aghabullogue worthy champs

AGHABULLOGUE shrugged off the tag of underdogs as they brushed aside the challenge posed by a strong Ballygarvan to take the O'Leary Brother's senior 'B' crown.

Coached by Mort Murphy Aghabullogue impressed from day one of what was a superb championship. A mixture of youth and experience proved invaluable to a club that has been one of the counties staunchest over a long number of years.

Louise Murphy, Sinead Buckley and Mary Buckley were amongst the players who wore their hearts on their sleeve as the Mid-Cork girls captured the crown.

Louise Murphy was named as player of the match following her contribution to Aghabullogue's victory, well done to all concerned.

## UNDER 16 PROGRESS CONTINUES

Milford were stopped in their quest for six in a row of under 16 'A' championship titles by a determined Eire Og side.

With Erin Corkery, Clare Purcell and Margaret O'Herlihy all prominent the Mid Cork girls now look ahead to a final meeting with either Douglas or Ballygarvan.

In Under 16 'B' championship St Finbarrs had good displays from Susan Kenefick and Linda Fitzgerald as they defeated Rockban.

Glen Rovers with Sarah Egan, Emer Mulcahy and Amy Murphy working hard defeated Douglas.

Plenty of games on the agenda this weekend on Friday Rockban and Blarney meet in the under 12 'C' championship. It's on to Saturday with the Under 16 'B' league semi-final Buttrvant meeting Ballincollig at 4pm.

In Under 16 'C' championship Ballyhea host Newcestown at 4pm.

In the under 12 'B' championship semi-finals Eire Og



Cork's Amanda O'Regan receiving the 'Player of the Match' award from the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final from Association President Miriam O'Callaghan

play Ballygarvan at 3pm in Carrigaline, while at 5.15pm in Riverstick, Glen Rovers take on last year winners Valley Rovers.

The semi-final of the Under 12 twelve a side league is in Carrigaline at 4.30pm where Tracton take on Ballinascorthy.

No let up on Sunday with Valley Rovers meeting Mallow in Brinney in the Under 16 'B' championship while out in Bishopstown the home club face visitors Glen Rovers in the same competition at 2.30 pm.

## Inniscarra take title

Well done to Inniscarra who defeated Douglas in an exciting under 12 A league final.

In a game where the lead changed continuously, a point from Joanne Casey and an Emily O'Donovan goal sealed a great day for the Inniscarra club.

## VALLEY ROVERS TAKE JUNIOR CROWN

IN a game where scores were at a premium Valley Rovers captured the junior 'A' crown with a victory over Killeagh.

A goal after just two minutes failed to boost Killeagh as Liz Bugler and Elaine Burke knocked

over the points to edge Valleys ahead. It was close to the final whistle with only three score's coming in the second half, however that will not trouble Valley Rovers who had Lucey Hawke's named as player of the Match.

## BALLYHEA CELEBRATE

DISAPPOINTMENT for the second year in a row for Tracton as Ballyhea fielding eight of their under 16 side defeated them to take the Junior B crown.

Former Cork minor Mary Coleman excelling for the Ballyhea side to be selected as the player of the match.

Castlemagner and Grenagh failed to come up with a winner and will have to do it all again after it finished 2-4 apiece in an exciting thirteen a side final.

## CENTENARY BANQUET

Again a word about the Cork Centenary Banquet which takes place on Friday October 22nd in the Rochestown Park Hotel, tickets are now available from Mary Moran, Marion McCarthy, Sile Golden, Colette O Mahony, Linda Mellerick myself

or any club secretary or county board officer. It's a night where many friends and foe alike will come together to celebrate one hundred year of our national game, don't wait for the call just pick up the telephone and reserve your tickets.

# Charleville regain colleges title

## Cork College Camogie

THE Cork Colleges First Year Camogie blitz took place at Inniscarra with 17 teams vying for the A, B and C titles.

The old order returned in the premier grade where Charleville defeated Coachford in the final. Both teams accounted for Christ the King in the round robin games.

Clara Curtin, Orlaith O'Mahony, Sarah Fitzgibbon and Aileen McAuliffe starred for St. Mary's whilst Jenny O'Connell, Eilise Corkery, Elaine O'Mahony and Martha Murphy tried hardest for the finalists.

The B blitz was highly competitive with surprise packet Carrignavar reaching the final following a 3-3 to 1-0 victory over arch rivals Fermoy, with Coláiste Choilm dethroning former champions Carrigaline in the other semi-final.

Margaret Dunccliffe, Maria Forde and Claire Walsh performed well for Coláiste An Chroí Naofa, but Sarah Buckley's Ballincollig outfit converted their chances in a tight game. Ballyphenane lost out to Kinsale in the C semi-final, but Nagle Rice caused a major upset when Helena Coughlan inspired her colleagues from the Doneraile school to turn over Coláiste Eoin in the other semi-final.

Lorraine Palmer, Michelle Buckley and particularly Orla Johnson played well in the final but Kinsale captain Ciara Hayes earned the honour of lifting the victory trophy with a 3-3 to 1-1 win.

### RESULTS

A Blitz: Coachford 3-2 Christ King 2-3; Coachford

1-1 Charleville 8-8; Charleville 8-6 Christ King 1-2. Final: Charleville 3-3 Coachford 0-3 B Blitz: Carrigaline 5-1 Cobh 0-0; Fermoy 6-0 Blarney 1-0; Carrigaline 2-0 Fermoy 3-2; Cobh 1-0 Blarney 4-2; Carrigaline 4-4 Blarney 0-0; Fermoy 2-0 Cobh 0-1; Col. Choilm 3-1 Carrignavar 0-3; Passage 1-1 St. Als 0-0; Col Choilm 3-1 Passage 0-0; Carrignavar 3-2 St. Als 2-1; Choilm 2-1 St. Als 0-1; Carrignavar 1-6 Passage 1-3. Semi-Finals: Col. Choilm 4-2 Carrigaline 0-1; Carrignavar 3-3 Fermoy 1-0. Final: Choilm 2-1 Carrignavar 1-0.

C Blitz: Ballyphenane 1-0 Nagle Rice 1-0; Coachford 8-13 Ballyphenane 6-1; Nagle Rice 5-6 Coachford 8-13; Col. Eoin 2-1 Charleville 8-12; Kinsale 4-3 Col. Eoin 2-0; Kinsale 4-5 Charleville 8-10. Final: Kinsale 3-3 Nagle Rice 1-1.

Munster Colleges Senior A 14 Final: Waterford 5-8 Coachford 1-6; Intermediate B Championship: Kinsale 7-6 Glanmire 4-0; Junior C Championship: St. Flannan's 6-8 Laurel Hill 1-1; Middleton 3-2 Kinsale 2-7; Cork Colleges Junior C: Glanmire 0-9 Carrignavar 2-2.

### FIXTURES

Cork Colleges Second Year B Blitz on Friday 5th Nov at Blackrock. 12 O' Clock.

# Camogie centenary banquet this month

CORK Camogie Centenary Banquet takes place at the Rochestown Park Hotel on Friday October 22.

I attended a similar dinner a few years ago to celebrate Cork's 100th All-Ireland title.

That was a great night mainly because it was a gathering of players and supporters from many generations who came together to celebrate their past achievements and involvement.

Next week's night promises to be just as good.

Cork have won 20 senior two

intermediate, seven junior and 13 minor All-Ireland titles.

The captains of these teams will be guests at the dinner as will the former coaches and officers of the County Board.

Pride of place will go to this year's Centenary All-Ireland junior winning team.

They will be led by their captain Val O'Keeffe and they will be presented with their All-Ireland medals on the night.

While Val O'Keeffe is Cork's latest captain, the 1935 All-Ireland

winning senior team captain, Josie McGrath (now Mrs Josie Young) is also expected to be among the attendance, (this was Cork's second senior title). Josie captained the side while still a school girl.

She played with St Aloysius School and later Old Aloysius Past Pupils. The night promises to be a celebration of camogie in the county.

It is hoped any person who played, coached, supported or was any way involved will make the effort to be part of this night for the sport.

It has been a huge task for the committee to spread word of the celebrations. Tickets for the function are available at €40 from any club secretary or county board officer or by contacting any of the following Mary Moran, Linda Mellerick, Sile Golden, Colette O'Mahony, Marion McCarthy or Mary Newman. Tickets will also be on sale next Monday night next.

October 18 before the camogie board's fortnightly meeting in Páirc Uí Chaoimh from 8pm.

Diarmuid O'Donovan



All-Ireland Junior Camogie captain, Val O'Keeffe.





Junior A players, Rachel Hyde and Elaine O'Sullivan at the recent Sars Camogie Reunion.

Picture: Gavin Browne



Sars U15 players, Dorris Murphy, Valerie O'Leary and Claire Holland.



Junior camogie player Eimear Farrell and Shirley Crowley, intermediate player with the Junior Camogie Cup.



Phil Crowley O'Shea and Mary O'Callaghan at the recent Sars camogie reunion, where the sporting stars reminisced about 35 years of Sars camogie.

# Sars reunion brings five top sporting sisters together

By EDEL O'CONNELL

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Lillian Twomey said: "It was a lovely evening. It was great to get together with all the other members of the team, and of course it was a good family get-together too."

A spokeswoman for the club said: "The club is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, and is still going strong."

"We wanted to mark this anniversary and also do something for the centenary celebrations. The night was a great success."

Vice-chairperson of the club, Eithne Allen, and her sisters, Maria and Sheila, also played for the club over the years, and won four county medals between them.

The reunion was held on Friday night at the Sars Pavilion.



SISTER ACT: The five Twomey sisters who attended the Sars celebration night were Olive, Eileen, Audrey, Valerie and Lillian.

## Superior goal scoring takes Douglas through

Douglas 2-3  
Ballygarvan 0-6

THE ability to get goals proved crucial as Douglas advanced to the Under 16 A camogie county final and set up a meeting with Eire Og.

Playing against the wind in the opening half Douglas turned over one point ahead thanks mainly to a super defensive display.

Two Rachel O Sullivan goals inside

two minutes helped Douglas settle after Suzanne Lynch and Caoimhe Dillon had given Ballygarvan an early lead with points. Despite being rocked by the Douglas goals Ballygarvan battled on and points from Lee Ann Ryan Suzanne Lynch and Caoimhe Dillon saw them just one adrift at the half time whistle 2-1 to 0-6.

Turning over aided by the strong wind, this time it was the Ballygarvan defence who excelled. Such was the

closeness of proceedings that it was four minutes from full time before there was a score and it came from a Deirdre Murphy 45 metre free. A minute later Enma Heffernan stretched the Douglas advantage to three points.

Despite Ballygarvan pressure, the Douglas defence held firm with goalkeeper Cliona Conway and defenders Louise Sheehan, Kim O Driscoll, Ashling Barrett, Jessica Jackson, Sarah

O Regan and Eibhlin Desmond magnificent as Douglas set up a county final meeting with Eire Og, which takes place on Saturday next.

**Ballygarvan:** B Keohane, C O Hea, D O Mahony, M Dunne, A Moynihan, A O Hea, R Byrne, V Browne, S Lynch, L Ryan, M Keohane, R O Shea, C Dillon, J Dunne, S O Mahony, Sub: E Lynch for S O Mahony

**Douglas:** C Conway, L Sheehan, K O Driscoll, A Barrett, J Jackson, S O Regan, E Desmond, N O Donovan, D Murphy, S O Leary, J O Donovan, E Heffernan, L O Mahony, R O Sullivan, L O Shea, Sub: Z Dunlea for S O Leary

## Ballygarvan and Valley Rovers in final

by Mary Newman

Ballygarvan 1-2  
Eire Og 0-0

A close contest saw Ballygarvan book their place in the Under 12 B final at the expense of Eire Og. With both defences on top there was little to choose between the sides and there was no score through the opening half.

Through the second half, play swung from end to end and ten minutes remained before there was a Rachel Keohane goal for Ballygarvan.

Eire Og enjoyed ample possession with Aoife Hennessy, Katie Mc Carthy Cliona Mc Carthy working tirelessly but they failed to get the vital scores. Ballygarvan finished stronger

with points from Alice Flynn and Rachel Keohane. They will meet Valley Rovers in the final.

Valley Rovers 2-1  
Glen Rovers 1-0

Valley Rovers remain on course to retain their County Under 12 B crown after they defeated Glen Rovers in in Riverstick. Ena Coughlan gave Valley Rovers an early advantage with a pointed free. Up front Glen Rovers enjoyed plenty of possession but sloppy shooting cost them dearly.

On the resumption Valley Rovers extended their lead with two goals from Emer O Regan's and Emma Crowley. Glen refused to give up and scored a goal from Donna Duggan.

## Bishopstown blown away by Glen

Glen Rovers 4-4  
Bishopstown 0-2

AIDED by the strong wind in the opening half Glen Rovers set the foundations as they advanced in the Under 16 B camogie championship. With Bishopstown keeper Laura Bowen denying Glen on at least four occasions Rosin Foleys dipping free finally opened the scoring 14 minutes into the opening half.

With the aid of the strong wind for the second half Bishopstown needed to get a fast score but it was the visi-

tors who did just that with a Roisin Foley goal inside 30 seconds of the resumption. By now the writing was on the wall for Bishopstown who were well beaten by the better team on the day.

Mallow 6-4  
Valley Rovers 4-5

Four goals inside the opening 20 minutes from full forward Michelle Brown helped Mallow advance at the expense of Valley Rovers in a high scoring Under 16b championship. Valley tightened up consider-

ably but found it a mountain to climb as Mallow with their opening half cushion.

\*In other under-age championship games Newcestown with Cliona Long impressing recorded a victory over Ballyhea on a 3-4 to 1-2 score line in the under 16 C championship while Killeagh had 2-5 to 1-2 to spare over Millstreet in the same competition.

In the 12 a side championship semi-final Ballinascarty beat Tracton to book a spot in the final. They'll be up against Blarney who had a good win over Cloughduv.

## Tracton too good for Sliabh Rua

Tracton 3-6  
Sliabh Rua 1-1

by Mary Newman

A POLISHED display from defeated county finalists Tracton ensures they will have another meeting with county champions Ballyhea after they defeated Sliabh Rua to book their place in the Junior B camogie league decider.

Two first half goal from Nicola Lynch and points from Karen O'Sullivan and Marion Jaego ensured Tracton led at the break 2-4 to 1-0. Ger Whitnell grabbing the Sliabh Rua goal.

On the turn over Tracton maintained the pressure and goals from Ann Sinclair and Catriona Guinnane ensured them of a place in the final.

Sweeney ensures Inniscarra of a place in the Junior Shield. Glen made the early running thanks to points from Trisha Murphy and Lorraine Kelly (2). Inniscarra were back in contention with three points from Sinead Ni Riann before Lorraine Kelly gave Glen a slender half time advantage.

On the turn Inniscarra put then Glen defence under pressure in search of the equaliser, but solid defending held them at bay. A pointed free from Fiona O'Connell had the sides level and with both sides battled for supremacy Inniscarra edged ahead with the goal. Sinead Ni Riann pointed a free to stretch it to four but Gerlyn Nolan replied with a similar score for the home side.

Sinead Ni Riann ensured no way back with a late Inniscarra point to ensure a four point advantage and a place in the semi-final against Aghabullogue.

Cloughduv 2-8  
Ballinacraig 1-5

Last year's junior shield winners Cloughduv remained on course to retain their title when they recorded a victory over Ballinacraig.

A close opening half saw the victory edge into 1-1 to 0-3 lead after a fortuitous goal. Despite the best efforts from Ballinacraig's Ann Crowley Brid Coleman and Sinead O'Callaghan Cloughduv built on their lead and advance to a semi-final meeting with St. Finbarrs.

**CAMOGIE**  
**Munster Colleges Senior A quarter-final:** Waterford 5-8 Coachford 1-6  
**Intermediate B Championship:** Kinsale 7-6 Glanmire 4-0  
**Junior C Championship:** St Flannan's 6-8 Laurel Hill 1-1; Middleton 3-2 Kinsale 2-7  
**Cork Colleges Junior C:** Glanmire 0-9 Carrignavar 2-2  
**U16 A Co final:** Eire Og 0-5 Douglas 1-2  
**JBL semi-final:** Tracton 3-6 Sliabh Rua 1-1; Ballyhea 3-10 Youghal 0-0  
**JB Shield quarter-final:** Cloughduv 2-8 Ballinacraig 1-5; Inniscarra 1-6 Glen Rovers 0-5  
**U16 B Championship:** Blackrock 5-10 Enniskeane 0-3; Blarney 6-7 Charleville 1-0  
**U12 12-a-side semi-final:** St Catherine's 6-7 Cloughduv 0-2  
**Under 16 "A" County Championship Final:** Douglas 1-2 Eire Og 0-5  
**Under 16 B Championship:** Blackrock 5-10 Enniskeane  
**Under 16 12 a Side Championship Semi Final:** Blarney 6-7 Charleville 1-0  
**Junior B League Semi Finals:** Tracton 3-6 Sliabh Rua 1-1; Youghal 0-0 Ballyhea 3-10  
**Junior B Shield Quarter Final's:** Glen Rovers 0-5 Inniscarra 1-6 Cloughduv 2-8 Ballinacraig 1-5  
**Under 12 Twelve a Side Semi Final:** St Catherine's 6-3 Cloughduv 1-6  
**U16 B Championship:** Blackrock 5-10 Enniskeane 0-3



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Gearoidine O'Sullivan and her boys, Diarmuid, Paudie, Domhnall, Eoin and Colm, at a training session ahead of the Cork County hurling semi-final.  
Picture: Gavin Browne



Bonnie Cusack with her sons, Victor, Conor and Donal Óg at a training session ahead of tomorrow's county semi-final against Newtownshandrum.  
Picture: Gavin Browne

## CAMOGIE

The Irish panel for the camogie/shinty compromise game in Ratoath, Meath, on October 16

The team will come from the second level colleges all-stars, which was announced earlier in the year. The game, which takes place before the men's hurling/shinty game, will be played on the 14 a-side basis.

### Second Level Colleges All-Stars Team

(Compromise Shinty/Camogie Rules): D. Twomey (Loreto Fermoy); E. O'Riordan (St. Mary's Charleville); P. Hayes (Mercy Woodford); D. Codd (Coláiste Brides Ennisecorhy); M. Leary (Coláiste Brides Ennisecorhy); R. Buckley (St. Aloysius Cork); C. Kelly (Mercy Woodford); K. McAuley (St. Mary's Magherafield); A. Geary (St. Mary's Charleville); S. McAuliffe (St. Mary's Charleville); U. Jacob (Coláiste Brides Ennisecorhy); C. McCloy (St. Patrick's Maghera); B. Hanney (Portumna Community School); B. Corkery (St. Mary's Macroom); Subs: C. Bewes (St. Brigid's Loughrea); M. Tynan (St. Raphael's Loughrea); M. Finnerty (St. Brigid's Loughrea); B. Convery (St. Patrick's Maghera); S. O'Kane (Cross and Passion Ballycastle); M. McGuigan (St. Patrick's Keady); J. Frisby (Mercy Callan); B. Furlong (Coláiste Brides Ennisecorhy); C. O'Connor (Coláiste Brides Ennisecorhy); M. Ryan (St. Mary's Nenagh); E. O'Doherty (St. Patrick's Maghera).

### Third Level Colleges: T. Maher (c), M. Flanagan, T. Kearns, A. Kassane, G. Kelly, D. Carey (Ashlona IT); A. Murray, J. Clifford, E. O'Brien, M. Keating, M. Wyre (Limerick IT); C. Ryan, A. Fahy, C. Doherty, G. Weston, F. Noonan (Carlow IT); L. Bugler, J. M. Keane (Garda College); E. Shorte (St. Mary's Belfast); A. McGearney (Sligo IT); E. Kilgally, C. Conroy (GMT); T. Maxwell, Y. Carney, S. Kennedy, (NUI Maynooth).

# Cloyne braced for the mother of all games

THE village of Cloyne will grind to a halt on Sunday afternoon as their senior hurlers bid for a spot in the county final.

Two local women — Bonnie Cusack and Gearóidine O'Sullivan — will have an extra-special interest in the game, as between them they have eight sons who will be wearing the Cloyne colours.

However, as Bonnie, who has five sons on the team, pointed out, both women are well used to the big occasion by now.

"I come from a big GAA background. My six sisters have 14 All-Ireland camogie medals between them and all of my seven brothers played for Cloyne," she said.

"My mother-in-law was a first cousin of the great Christy Ring, so you could say that hurling runs in the blood," added Bonnie.

The pride that she and her husband Domhall take in seeing their three sons take to the pitch is plainly obvious.

"We live right opposite to the local GAA ground which allowed the lads to nip across the road to train and practise whenever they wanted," said

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Bonnie.

"My father Patrick Cusack was a carpenter and he used to make the lads their hurleys. Naturally this saved a lot of expense when they were growing up," she added.

With three sports-mad young boys and a girl, Treasa, who plays camogie for Father O'Neill's, budgeting was an important consideration.

As it also was in the O'Sullivan household.

"We would often go through 35 litres of milk per week, at least four loaves of bread per day and huge amounts of meat," said Gearóidine who also has a one girl Martina, aged 28.

"On top of that my husband Gerry and I had to deal with countless smashed windows, broken lampshades and damaged hurleys," she added.

Probably biggest expense was that of washing clothes and kit.

Gearóidine would go regularly use ten packets of washing powder per week and the washing machine had to be changed every three years.

"We would have the machine working all day get-

## Family that plays together

### THE O'Sullivan Brothers:

- Diarmuid, aged 26 — Half-back.
- Eoin, aged 24 — Corner-back.
- Colm, aged 22 — Centre-forward.
- Domhnall, aged 19 — Half back.
- Paudie, aged 16 — Corner-forward.

### The Cusack Brothers:

- Donal Óg, aged 27 — Goalkeeper.
- Conor, aged 23 — Corner-forward.
- Victor, aged 22 — Full-forward.

ting kit ready for training or a match the following day. I often felt that I should be the star of a commercial for washing powder," she laughed.

"Mealtimes were also hectic as the lads had to keep to a strict diet. It took a lot of planning and hard work. Having said that I am extremely proud of everything that the lads have achieved and we have a house packed with medals and trophies to show for it," she said.

Both women have no doubt that their sons will be more than a match for the lads from Newtownshandrum.

"Everyone is looking forward to what promises to be a great game," said Bonnie.

"I think the lads are capable of giving as good as they get. No matter what the result we will be the two proudest women in Páirc Uí Caoimh on Sunday," she added.

# O'Donovan the hero for Douglas

Eire Óg 0-05  
Douglas 1-02

DOUGLAS battled bravely for 26 minutes of an absorbing second half, before finally nicking a point to send this U16 A championship final to a replay.

Eire Óg made the most of their early chances as they held a two point lead after ten minutes with points from Aoife Scally and Erin Corkery. But their advantage was wiped out as Rachel O'Sullivan hand-passed to the net for Douglas.

The sides went in at the break level at 0-4 to 1-1.

O'Herlihy pointed with a free on the resumption and from there until the finish Douglas attacked in packs but Eire Óg denied them.

Douglas continued to plug away and with 61 minutes played, Jenny O'Donovan bore down on goal and went for the win but the ball lifted high over the bar for a



Douglas' Aisling Barrett clears the ball during the U16 'A' camogie county final against Eire Óg in Ballinhassig.  
Picture: Richard Mills.

By PJ AHERN

U16 camogie

point.

After the match, Douglas selector, Carmel Downey spoke of her relief as she felt her side didn't play to their full potential but ultimately she was full of praise for their refusal to give up.

She said, "With five minutes to go I thought they had it. But then if I asked them to go to the

moon and back they would. They tried so hard to get that one score and they did their utmost. Nothing seemed to be going right, they were trying so hard. They were fantastic and were duly rewarded. But we live on and hopefully next day we will do it."

Scorers for Eire Óg: M O'Herlihy 0-2, A Scally 0-1, C O'Keefe 0-1, E Corkery 0-1.

Scorers for Douglas: R O'Sullivan 1-0, J O'Donovan 0-2.

EIRE ÓG: L M O'Mahony, C

O'Connor, S Gleeson, M Kelleher, K McCarthy, C McCarthy, S Donovan, E Kelleher, L Murphy, A Scally, M O'Herlihy, C Purcell, A McCarthy, C O'Keefe, E Corkery.

Subs Used: K O'Flynn.

DOUGLAS: C Conway, E Desmond, L Sheehan, K O'Driscoll, A Barrett, S O'Regan, L O'Shea, J Jackson, D Murphy, S O'Leary, N O'Donovan, J O'Donovan, L O'Mahony, E Hefernan, R O'Sullivan.

Subs Used: Z Dunlea.

Referee: P Downey (Iniscarra).



St Lachtain's Camogie players Marie O'Connor and Imelda Kennedy at the Hotel Kilkenny-Kilkenny People Sports Personality Awards Dinner in Hotel Kilkenny.



**CAMOGIE** with a difference will take place next weekend in Rathoath GAA club, County Meath.

It promises to be an action-packed weekend and a great thrill for all those involved.

An Irish 'Shinty' team has been chosen to represent Ireland to compete in a Shinty and Camogie compromise rules competition.

On October 16, an Irish team comprising of the second-level All-Star team announced earlier in the year will play Scotland at 2pm in Rathoath.

Shinty is a Scottish sport. It is in a lot of ways more similar to hockey than Camogie.

The stick is far longer than a hurley and very thin.

The game is extremely fast and played entirely on the ground.

As part of the compromise rules Ireland are not allowed to handle the ball (except the 'keeper') and are not allowed to kick it.

Lift and first-time striking is the only off ground skill allowed.

The action for the day begins at 12.30pm with an U21 men's game. After the ladies at 2pm, the senior men take to the pitch at 3.30.

A meal and entertainment is then provided for the evening.

It is a tremendous occasion and extremely exciting for these young girls to be involved in such an event.

Anna Geary of St Mary's Charleville captains the team.

The management committee have added 10 members to the All-Star squad and have promised each player part of the action on the day.

On Wednesday, October 13, the USA and England will fly into Ireland for an International Camogie rules competition.

All teams will be guests at a reception in Croke Park.

The following day in Parnell Park, Dublin, England will take on the USA at 1.45pm.

Almost 24 hours later it's Ireland v England at 2pm in Naomh Brid up in Blanchardstown, and at 4.00pm Ireland will play the USA.

The Irish selection is made up of members of the third-level Purcell cup teams.

At third-level colleges, the Ashbourne Cup is the ultimate prize. Those who are defeated in the first-round fight for the Purcell Cup.

It is these players who have been chosen to

# Camogie with a difference



**Linda Mellerick**

represent Ireland and once again it is a great honour for them.

This international series is played on a round robin basis and the final will go ahead as a curtain raiser to the Ireland/Australian Compromise first test in Croke Park the following day. Michael Cleary will manage the team.

Next month a senior All-Star selection will be announced and the results of that will no doubt be debated for many a week thereafter.

As far as I am aware, the All-Star selection in November is the final event in this, our Centenary year.

Since last February not a month has passed without some event taking place and well done to the Centenary Committee who put in trojan work over the past three years or so.

New ideas this year included events like La na gClub, a nationwide Camogie Golf Classic held in Kilkenny, the launch of Centenary stamps, a Shinty competition, an international tournament and an All-Star selection.

Certainly nationally there was more awareness this year of Camogie. Huge efforts went into the PR side of the game.

I'm still disappointed however that the All-Ireland final was poor. When all the fuss of Centenary year has passed over, it is the game alone which will draw the crowds.

This season, over 300,000 viewers watched the All-Ireland semi-finals and final live on RTÉ. There was the best part of 26,000 in Croke Park on final day. The semi-finals were broadcast live for the first time this year. I'm not sure if this is to continue.

If not, as I said before, we get one chance to really drive our game forward and we have to capitalise on it. Of course all the preparation in the world won't guarantee you a good All-Ireland final but at least give the players a chance and let the game flow.

On the local front, congratulations to Aghabullogue for capturing the senior B title last Sunday. Also to Valley Rovers and Ballyhea on winning the junior A and junior B titles respectively.

The Glen Under-11 A team took the Seandun title for the first time defeating Douglas. Well done to mentors Dave O'Connell, Mary O'Brien and Cathal Egan.

St Finbarr's won the Under-11 B Seandun title defeating Douglas B.

Cork's Centenary banquet is two weeks away and the tickets are being snapped up at a ferocious rate.

Finally best wishes to Donal O'Grady on his decision to retire as hurling manager this week. He truly did a magnificent job in two short years. I say 'short' years in jest as for Donal I'm sure they were very long.

The effort required by a manager is twice that required by a player.

Mentally there is no rest. The job isn't finished once you leave the training ground.

He put Cork back on top and he deserves nothing but our admiration and thanks.

## CITY DIVISION GAA FIXTURES

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Iarnród Éireann U21 BHC:** Whitechurch v Brian Dillon's, Killybegs, 5pm.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**MPFC Semi-Final:** Nemo Rangers v Douglas, Ballinlough, 12.15pm (extra time, if necessary).

**JHL (2) Semi-Final:** Redmonds v Crosshaven, Ballinlough, 11am (extra time, if necessary).

**Seandun Cup Semi-Final:** Lough Rovers v Brian Dillon's, Páirc an Lochs, 11.30am (extra time, if necessary).

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**Iarnród Éireann U21 AHC Semi-Final:** Blackrock v Glen Rovers, Páirc uí Rinn, 6.40pm.

**Quarter-final:** Na Píarsaigh v Bishopstown, Páirc uí Rinn, 8pm.

## CAMOGIE FIXTURES

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**U12 'C' League Semi-Final:** Rockban v Blarney, Inniscarra, 5.30pm.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Munster U18 Championship:** Cork v Limerick, Old Christians Limerick, 3pm.

**U16 'B' League Semi-Final:** Buttevant v Ballinacorney, Carrigrohane, 4pm.

**U16 'C' Championship:** Newcestown v Ballyhea, Ballyhea, 4pm.

**U12 'B' League Semi-Finals:** Eire Og v Ballygarvan, Carrigrohane, 3pm; Glen Rovers v Valley Rovers, Riverstick, 5.15pm.

**U12 Twelve A side Semi-Final:** Tracton v Ballinascarty, Carrigrohane, 4.30pm.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**U16 'B' Championship:** Valley Rovers v Mallow, Brinney, 12 noon; Glen Rovers v Bishopstown, Bishopstown, 2.30pm.

**Under 16 A championship semi-final:** Ballygarvan v Douglas Carrigrohane 5pm.

Hurling/Shinty Internationals Ireland v. Scotland



## FÁILTE GO LÉIR CHUIG AN COMÓRTAS SPEISIALTA SEO - CAMOGIE/SHINTY.

I welcome players and officials from the Camanachd Association to this our first Ireland v Scotland Camogie/Shinty game. Fáilte freisin chuig imreoirí agus oifigí foireann na hÉireann.

It is particularly significant that this inaugural Camogie/Shinty game is being held as we in Cumann Camógalocta na nGael celebrate our Centenary Year. The strengthening of the relationship between the Shinty and Camogie Associations creates a means of promoting Celtic culture and maintaining our unique identities through the medium of sport. There have been great efforts to promote camogie in Scotland this year with Glasgow participating in the Birmingham Camogie competition last March and recent initiatives to establish the game at third level colleges. Such developments will create a stronger bond between the Shinty and Camogie Associations.

The staging of this game here today in Rathoath alongside the under 21 and senior men's Shinty/Hurling games has been the culmination of preparations which commenced one year ago in Inverness. As part of their preparations the Scottish players travelled to Ireland last July and had a number of games against Dublin clubs. In this regard I would like to thank Naomh Mearnóg, Ballyboden and particularly Na Fianna whose club member Ann Ryan acted as "Tour Organiser" and has also greatly assisted in the hosting of this weekend's activities. Our thanks also to Aine Gibney who lent us her expertise in organising today's Camogie/Shinty game.

The Irish panel is drawn from the Post-Primary All-Stars selections for 2004. It is fitting that these players, who are the bright hopes for the future of Camogie, are participating in the first ever International Camogie/Shinty game. The Irish team manager Tom Ryan of Na Fianna, who



managed the Dublin Minor Hurling team this year, is no stranger to Shinty.

I look forward to this game here today as part of our wider international events being held this week. I hope today's game is the beginning of a long-term Shinty/Camogie partnership.

*Miriam Uí Cheallacháin*

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Uachtarán Cumann Camógalocta na nGael

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## IRISH LADIES

- Denise Twomey** Loreto, Fermoy Cork
- Elaine O'Riordan** St. Mary's Charleville Wexford
- Phyllis Hayes** Mercy, Woodford Galway
- Deirdre Codd** Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy Wexford
- Mary Leacy** Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy Wexford
- Rena Buckley** St. Aloysius, Cork Cork
- Caroline Kelly** Mercy, Woodford Galway
- Katie McAuley** St. Mary's, Magherafelt Derry
- Anna Geary (Captain)** St. Mary's Charleville Wexford
- Sinead McAuliffe** St. Mary's Charleville Wexford
- Ursula Jacob** Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy Wexford
- Claire McCoy** St. Patrick's Maghera Derry
- Brenda Hanney** Portumna Community School, Galway Galway
- Briege Corkery** St. Mary's, Macroom Cork
- Cathy Bowes** St. Brigid's Loughrea Galway
- Michelle Tynan** St. Raphael's Loughrea Galway
- Maureen Finnerty** St. Brigid's Loughrea Galway
- Briege Convery** St. Patrick's Maghera Derry
- Stephanie O'Kane** Cross & Passion, Ballycastle Antrim
- Michelle McGuigan** St. Patrick's Keady, Armagh Armagh
- Jacqui Frisby** Mercy, Callan Kilkenny
- Brona Furlong** Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy Wexford
- Ciara O'Connor** Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy Wexford
- Mary Ryan** St. Mary's Nenagh Tipperary
- Eilís O'Doherty** St. Patrick's Maghera Derry

## SCOTTISH LADIES

- Katie Walker** Glasgow Mid Drayle
- Jenny Black** Tir Conaill Gaels, London
- Elaine Cameron** Glencarry
- Karen Cameron** Glencarry
- Sarah Corrigan** Glencarry
- Gillian Currie** Glasgow Mid Drayle
- Katie Drain** Glasgow Mid Drayle
- Hilda Dooley** Tir Conaill Harps
- Marianne Grant** Edinburgh University
- Denise Gemmell** Oban Lorne
- Lucy Kenworthy** Edinburgh University
- Sarah Lopez** Oban Lorne
- Gemma Mackinnon** Glasgow Mid Drayle
- Laura Mackay** Glencarry
- Kirsten Munro** Glasgow Mid Drayle
- Jane Nicol** Kinaussie
- Lisa Norman**
- Katie Smith** Edinburgh University
- Cara Dallas** Kinaussie
- Elaine Wink** Glencarry

**2.00 Games - Referee Eamon Browne (Tipperary)**





## IRISH LADIES SHINTY PANEL

## DENISE TWOMEY

School: Lonsdale, Fermoy  
Club: St. Catherine's, Conna, Co. Cork  
Honours: 2 All Ireland Intermediate, Gael Linn junior and senior, Munster and All Ireland Colleges junior, 3 Munster junior championship, 3 Munster U18.

## ELAINE O'RIORDAN

School: St. Mary's, Charleville  
Club: Millford, Co. Cork  
Honours: 2 All Ireland Minor A, Munster Minor, U18, junior and Intermediate, All Ireland Colleges Senior, junior and Sevens, Gael Linn junior. Captained Cork to All Ireland Minor victory.

## PHYLLIS HAYES

School: Mercy, Woodford  
Club: Davitts, Co. Galway  
Honours: All Ireland Colleges junior B, Connacht Colleges Senior B, Connacht Colleges junior B.

## DEIRDRE CODD

School: Coláiste Bhríde, Enniscahill  
Club: Rathmore, Co. Wexford  
Honours: 2 All Ireland Colleges Senior, 1 All Ireland Colleges junior, Leinster club championship, Wexford county championship, U14, U16 and U18 Leinster. Captained Coláiste Bhríde to an All Ireland victory.

## MARY LEACY

School: Coláiste Bhríde  
Club: Oulart-the-Ballagh, Co. Wexford  
Honours: 2 Leinster and All Ireland Colleges Senior, 1 Leinster and All Ireland Colleges junior, National Féile na nGael and Pan Celtic, Wexford county championships from U10 to senior. Is the current captain of the Wexford senior team and daughter of Mary O'Leary-Leacy who was selected on the team of the Century.

## RENA BUCKLEY

School: St. Aloysius  
Club: Inniscarra, Co. Cork  
Honours: 2 All Ireland Minor, Munster minor, U18 and junior, Munster Colleges intermediate, Cork Colleges Senior B. Current member of the Cork senior team. An accomplished athlete, she holds a national medal at 1,500 metres.

## CAROLINE KELLY

School: Mercy, Woodford  
Club: Davitts, Co. Galway  
Honours: Connacht minor A, Connacht and All Ireland Colleges junior B, Connacht Colleges junior B, Galway medals from U10 to U18 with Davitts. On the Connacht Gael Linn team and captained Galway to the 2002 All Ireland minor A final.

## KATIE McAULEY

School: St. Mary's, Rathfriland  
Club: Castledawson, Derry  
Honours: Ulster Colleges senior (2), junior (2), U14 and Sevens, 3 Ulster minor, All Ireland Community Games, Ulster junior with Derry. Represented Ulster in Gael Linn at both junior and senior levels.

## ANNA GEARY

School: St. Mary's, Charleville

Club: Millford, Co. Cork  
Honours: 3 All Ireland minor A, Gael Linn junior, Munster minor, U18, junior and intermediate. Currently playing with the Cork senior team. Captained Cork to win the All Ireland minor A championship in 2003.

## SINEAD McAULIFFE

School: St. Mary's, Charleville  
Club: Ballygrain, Co. Cork  
Honours: All Ireland Colleges senior, junior and Sevens, All Ireland and Munster minor B, Munster and Cork Colleges with St. Mary's. Captained St. Mary's to win All Ireland Colleges junior championship and plays with the Limerick senior team.

## URSULA JACOB

School: Coláiste Bhríde, Enniscahill  
Club: Oulart-the-Ballagh  
Honours: 2 All Ireland and Leinster Colleges senior, 1 All Ireland and Leinster Colleges junior, National Féile na nGael and Pan Celtic, Wexford championship medals from U10 to senior. Captained Coláiste Bhríde to All Ireland Colleges victory this year. Daughter of Mick Jacob.

## CLAIRE MCCOY

School: St. Patrick's, Maghera  
Club: Lavey, Derry  
Honours: 2 Ulster Colleges senior, 1 Ulster Colleges junior, 2 Ulster Colleges Sevens, 1 Ulster Colleges U14.

## BRENDA HANNEY

School: Portumna Community School  
Club: Killmore, Co. Galway  
Honours: Connacht Colleges junior, Connacht Colleges senior, All Ireland junior with Galway, Connacht minor. Played centre-forward with the Galway senior team in 2004.

## BRIEGE CORKERY

School: St. Mary's, Macroom  
Club: Cloughduv, Co. Cork  
Honours: 2 All Ireland minor and 1 All Ireland intermediate, Gael Linn senior, 2 Cork senior championships. Has played all grades of Camogie for Cork from U14 to senior. Player of the Match in 2002 All Ireland minor final.

## CATHY BOWES

School: St. Brigid's, Loughrea  
Club: Cappastogie, Co. Galway  
Honours: Connacht Colleges senior medal. A member of the Connacht senior panel. Selected on Connacht junior and senior Gael Linn teams, National Féile na nGael skills winner in 1999.

## MICHELLE TYNAN

School: St. Raphael's, Loughrea  
Club: Davitts, Co. Galway  
Honours: Represented Galway at U14 inter-county colleges. Holds Connacht Colleges senior B medals and numerous Galway under-age medals with Davitts.

## MAUREEN FINNERTY

School: St. Brigid's, Loughrea  
Club: Mullagh, Co. Galway  
Honours: Connacht Colleges senior

medals and Connacht minor medals with Galway. Played U14 with Galway and has numerous Galway medals with her club, Mullagh.

## BRIEGE CONVERY

School: St. Patrick's, Maghera  
Club: Glen, Derry  
Honours: 3 Ulster Colleges senior, 1 Ulster Colleges junior, 2 Ulster Colleges 7s. Has represented Derry in the Ulster championship and Ulster in the Gael Linn junior Cup.

## STEPHANIE O'KANE

School: Cross & Passion, Ballycastle  
Club: Ballycastle, Antrim  
Honours: 1 Ulster Colleges senior B, 2 Ulster Colleges junior B, 1 Ulster junior C championship, played U18 for Antrim. Stephanie captained her school to Ulster junior Colleges victory.

## MICHELLE MCGUIGAN

School: St. Patrick's, Keady  
Club: Ballymacnab, Co. Armagh  
Honours: 1 Ulster Colleges junior B, 1 Ulster Colleges 7s, played U14 and minor for Armagh.

## JACQUI FRISBY

School: Mercy, Callan  
Club: Carrickshock, Co. Kilkenny  
Honours: 1 All Ireland junior, 1 Leinster junior, Kilkenny county championship medals at U14, U16 and U18. Captained Kilkenny to All Ireland junior victory in 2002 and has fielded with the Kilkenny senior team.

## BRONA FURLONG

School: Coláiste Bhríde, Enniscahill  
Club: Duffry Rovers, Co. Wexford  
Honours: 2 All Ireland Colleges senior, 1 All Ireland Colleges junior, Leinster U14 and minor. All Ireland Schools medals for athletics.

## CIARA O'CONNOR

School: Coláiste Bhríde, Enniscahill  
Club: Rathmore, Co. Wexford  
Honours: 2 All Ireland Colleges senior, 1 All Ireland Colleges junior, Leinster senior club championship, Wexford senior club championship, U14, U16 & U18 Leinster medals. Captained Coláiste Bhríde to All Ireland Colleges senior championship title.

## MARY RYAN

School: St. Mary's, Nenagh  
Club: Moneygall, Co. Tipperary  
Honours: Has represented Tipperary at U14, minor and U18. Holds Tipperary Community Games and Tipperary U12 championship medals. Played in Croke Park and Temple Stadium in Cumann na mBunscoil mini-sevens.

## EILIS O'DOHERTY

School: St. Patrick's, Maghera  
Club: Slaughtnell, Co. Derry  
Honours: 2 Ulster Colleges senior, 1 Ulster Colleges junior, Ulster Colleges 1st year, U14 & 7s medals.

## SCOTTISH LADIES SHINTY PANEL

## KATIE WALKER

Club: Glasgow Mid Drayle  
Age: 28  
Occupation: Engineer

## JENNY BLACK

Club: Tir Conaill Gael, London

## ELAINE CAMERON

Club: Glencarry  
Age: 26  
Occupation: Office administrator  
Honours: Played for the North team for the last 5 years. A sister of Karen also playing on today's Scottish team and of brother Steven playing on the men's senior team.

## KAREN CAMERON

Club: Glencarry  
Age:

## SARAH CORRIGALL

Club: Glencarry  
Age: 13  
Occupation: Student  
Honours: Played with North for 2004

## GILLIAN CURRIE

Club: Glasgow Mid Drayle  
Age: 24  
Occupation: Retail manager  
Honours: Played for the South team in 2000 and 2004. Other sports: Represented county at the Scottish Windsurfing championships

## KATIE DRAIN

Club: Glasgow Mid Drayle  
Age: 17  
Occupation: Student  
Honours: Represented the South of Scotland for the last five years. Played for the U15 Scottish Development Squad in basketball

## HILDA DOOLEY

Club: Tir Conaill Harps  
Age: 27  
Occupation: Horticulturalist  
Honours: Represented South of Scotland from 2000-2003. Played for Offaly County Camogie Team in 1995 and 1996. Hilda is a cousin of hurlers Joe, Billy and Johnny Dooley of Birr.

## MARIANNE GRANT

Club: Edinburgh University  
Age: 20  
Occupation: Student  
Honours: Played for South of Scotland in 2004 and represented the Scottish University Team that played Ireland earlier this year.

## DENISE GEMMELL

Club: Oban Lorne  
Age: 28  
Occupation: Teacher  
Honours: Played for the South for last five years. Captained the winning South Team in 2004. Numerous honours playing badminton.

## LUCY KENWORTHY

Club: Edinburgh University  
Age: 22  
Occupation: University graduate  
Honours: Represented the South of Scotland in 2004 and played for the Scottish University Team that played Ireland earlier this year.

## SARAH LOPEZ

Club: Oban Lorne  
Age: 18  
Occupation: Student  
Honours: Represented South of Scotland for the last five years

## GEMMA MacKINNON

Club: Glasgow Mid Drayle  
Age: 20  
Occupation: Student  
Honours: Played for South of Scotland in 2004

## LAURA MacKAY

Club: Glengarry  
Age: 22  
Occupation: Care assistant  
Honours: Represented North of Scotland for the last five years. Other sports: Played badminton for county U14.

## KIRSTEN MUNRO

Club: Glasgow Mid Drayle  
Age: 16  
Occupation: Student  
Honours: Represented South of Scotland for 3 years

## JANE NICOL

Club: Kinaussie  
Age: 33  
Occupation: Teacher  
Honours: Represented North of Scotland for 3 years

## LISA NORMAN

Club: Edinburgh University  
Age: 23  
Occupation: Research assistant  
Honours: Played for South team and captain of the Scottish University Team for 2004.

## CARA DALLAS

Club: Kinaussie  
Age: 29  
Occupation: Teacher  
Honours: Played shinty for North of Scotland. Other sports: Golf and hockey

## ELAINE WINK

Club: Glengarry  
Age: 18  
Occupation: Student  
Honours: Played for North of Scotland for the last five years

## Ireland far too good for England in curtain-raiser to international series

Ireland 10-18  
England 1-3

by Therese O'Callaghan

FOR ONCE, the scoreboard was not the important issue. Yesterday was all about the women of Britain and Ireland who never get the opportunity to play in GAA HQ. Girls from Offaly and Sligo, Brother Pearces and Croydon all came together in a celebration of

camogie in the final of the Coca Cola International tournament played as a curtainraiser to the International Rules Series.

Girls from the USA were involved too earlier in the week, but as expected the Irish ladies selected from Division Two of the third level colleges were far too strong for any opposition.

Managed by former Tipp hurler Michael Cleary, they were powered by inter-county stars Therese

Maher (Galway) who captained the side, Aoife Murray (Cork), Eileen O'Brien and Joanne Clifford (Limerick).

To mark a momentous day for Roscommon camogie, Annette McGeeney — a student in Sligo IT — was named player of the tournament.

The perpetual trophy that was presented by Eileen Duffy O'Mahony — goalkeeper from the team of the century — was

awarded to the winning captain Therese Maher.

Scorers Ireland: Y Carney 2-1, M Flanagan 2-0, E Kilkelly 1-3, M Keating 1-2, E O'Brien 0-5, C Ryan and A McGeeney 1-1 each, J Clifford and C Doherty 1-0 each, O Carey 0-3, M Wyre and L Bugler 0-1 each.

Britain: A Gleeson 1-0, A Donnelly, E Murphy and E Reale 0-1 each.

IRELAND: A Murray (Limerick IT), G Kelly (Athlone IT), S Kennedy (NUI Maynooth), C Conroy (GMIT), J Clifford (Limerick IT), T Maher (Athlone IT) (Capt), A Fahay (Carlow IT), O Carey (Athlone IT), L Bugler (Garda College), E O'Brien (Limerick IT), C Ryan (Carlow IT), A McGeeney (Sligo IT), M

Flanagan (Athlone IT), M Keating (Limerick IT), E Kilkelly (GMIT).  
Subs: T Kearns (Athlone IT), A Kissane (Athlone IT), M Wyre (Limerick IT), C Doherty (Carlow IT), G Weston (Carlow IT), F Noonan (Carlow IT), J M Keane (Garda College), E Shorte (St Mary's Belfast), T Maxwell (NUI Maynooth), Y Carney (NUI Maynooth).  
ENGLAND: M O'Connor, E O'Boyle, A M O'Dwyer (capt), K Forde, G Small, A Donnelly, L Woods, E Walsh, R O'Neill, A Gleeson, P Nihill, C Walsh, S Keatley, E Linnane, E Reale.  
Subs: M Hughes, R Harvey, S McNeela, E McDade, S Everard, B Keeshan, E Murphy, M McGrath, C Harrington, M Cahill.  
Referee: A Derham (Dublin).

The ladies game in between saw the first ever compromise Camogie/Shinty match go ahead with Ireland's second level Colleges All-Stars outsmarting the Scots girls in all sectors as they easily ran out winners 6-13 to Scotland's 0-0.

Within nine minutes of the opening half Ireland were two goals up thanks to player of the match Ursula Jacob of Wexford, sister of

Michael and Rory Jacob, who got the opening score and finished the day with a total of 2-3.

Two further first-half goals from Derry intercounty player Katie McAuley and Galway's Caroline Kelly gave the home side a healthy half-time lead of 3-6 to 0-0.

Despite the fact that Ire-

land changed their team around in the second half with their substitutes getting a chance to shine they still proved much too strong for the visitors.

Ireland got an early second-half goal through Kilkenny player Jacqui Frisby and when Jacob got her second goal, the home side were

well and truly out of sight. Briona Furlong added another goal for Ireland.

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Coca Cola International final:  
Ireland 10-18 (Y Kearney 2-1, M Flanagan 2-0, E Kilkelly 1-3, M Keating 1-2, C Ryan, A McGeeney 1-1 each, C Doherty 1-0, E O'Brien 0-5, O Carey 0-3 (0-2F), L Bugler, M Wyre 0-1 each)  
Britain 1-3 (A Gleeson 1-0, E Reale, A Donnelly, E Murphy 0-1 each)

Camogie/Shinty Compromise Game: Ireland 6-13 (U Jacob 2-3, C Kelly 1-2, K McAuley, J Frisby, B Furlong 1-0 each, B Hanney, A Geary 0-2 each, M Leacy, D Twomey, B Convery, M Ryan 0-1 each) Scotland 0-0.

All-Ireland Junior club championship semi-finals: Four Roads (Roscommon) 0-14 (N Coyne 1-0, L Glenon 0-3, C Kenny 0-2, P Lennon 0-1), St Laurence's (Kildare) 0-2 (A Treacy 0-2), Liscannore (Down) 1-16 (Kilmara (Clare) 1-8.

## A BRIT OF ALRIGHT FOR IRISH

IRELAND won the first ever Coca-Cola International camogie competition yesterday when they defeated Britain 10-13 to 1-3 in the final at Croke Park.

Managed by former Tipperary hurler Michael Cleary Ireland dominated the game and the tournament that also included a side from the USA.

The player of the final award went to Roscommon's Annette McGeeney who scored 1-1.

Ann Gleeson netted Britain's only goal as her side gamely battled throughout the match but it was not enough to prevent Irish captain Therese Maher lifting

the Eileen O'Dubhthaigh Uí Mhathúna Cup for the very first time after an enjoyable game.

IRELAND: A Murray, G Kelly, S Kennedy, C Conroy, J Clifford, T Maher, A Fahay, O Carey (0-3, 2Fs), L Bugler (0-1), E O'Brien (0-5), C Ryan (1-1), A McGeeney (1-1), M Flanagan (2-0), M Keating (1-2), E Kilkelly (1-3).  
SUBS (all used): T Kearns, A Kissane, M Wyre (0-1), C Doherty (1-0), G Weston, F Noonan, J M Keane, E Shorte, T Maxwell, Y Kearney (2-1).  
BRITAIN: M O'Connor, E O'Boyle, A M O'Dwyer, K Forde, G Small, A Donnelly (0-1), L Woods, E Walsh, R O'Neill, A Gleeson (1-0), P Nihill, C Walsh, S Keatley, E Linnane, E Reale (0-1).  
SUBS (all used): M Hughes, R Harvey, S McNeela, E McDade, S Everard, B Keeshan, E Murphy (0-1), M McGrath, C Harrington, M Cahill.  
REFEREE: A Derham (Dublin).





## Céad míle fáilte chuig Comórtas Camógaíochta Idirnáisiúnta

On behalf of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael it gives me great pleasure to welcome officials, players and supporters from our units abroad to this inaugural Coca Cola International Camogie Competition which is being staged as part of our Centenary Year celebrations. A welcome also to the members of the Irish team and their mentors. Our special guests today are members of the Shinty Scottish and Irish Ladies teams who participated in the inaugural Camogie/Shinty game yesterday in Ratoath. This has been truly an International week for followers of camogie and I have no doubt that it will help the development of the International dimension of our game greatly. Our units abroad have over the last 100 years been a tremendous support to young girls travelling abroad in difficult

times. The change evolving in the profile of members abroad can best be demonstrated by the participation in the Kilmacud Crokes 7's competition of an all American born team from the Washington and Milwaukee Camogie clubs. This year also saw Erin Go Bragh club Warwickshire participate in the Feile na Gael competition.

The staging of these games were greatly assisted by the generous grant received from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael's Overseas Committee whose Cathaoirleach Eugene Duffy and Runaí Áine Gibney were of tremendous assistance. Our thanks to MMI and sincere thanks to Eileen Duffy O'Mahony who has sponsored the Cup for today's winners and to MMI for the Centenary medals. Our major sponsor for this

competition is Coca Cola who have been very generous in their support of this event. Thanks must also go to all of the sponsors that helped each of the teams to participate in this competition.

Báinigi taithneamh as an gcomórtas agus as an lá iontach seo.

Miriam Uí Cheallacháin,  
Uachtarán,  
Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael

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## Coca-Cola fizzles up Camogie



Miriam O'Callaghan, President of the Camogie Association with Sean Kelly, President of the GAA, and Mo Durcan, Public Affairs and Communications Manager at the launch of the Coca Cola International Camogie Competition, Croke Park.

The fastest field game on grass. Well, that's what it says on the Milwaukee Hurling Club's web-site! Hurling is a phenomenal game to watch. So what are the basic ingredients of a good hurler or camogie player? Some would say madness. For those who know and love the game it's the speed, fitness and skill that are the basic ingredients. A little bit of madness probably helps! And what we are finding with time is that more and more people outside of Ireland have all of these ingredients in abundance.

In drawing up the plans to celebrate the Centenary Year the Centenary Committee wanted to include a fitting way of marking the contribution of all those women who have played Camogie abroad over the past 100 years. There are records of camogie played in places like New York as early as 1905. The committee, chaired by Therese O'Callaghan of Cork, wanted the year's celebrations to reflect the work done by all units of the Association, both at home and abroad.

Many girls travelled here this week from Britain and America to participate in the

inaugural Coca Cola International Camogie Competition, some with Irish connections, some with no Irish connections. For those with Irish connections playing Gaelic games comes naturally. For those without Irish roots it is a fascination with the fastest game on grass that has them here to represent their country in this international sporting event.

Coca Cola has a long relationship with Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael through its thirty year association with the highly successful Feile na nGael competition held every year for girls and boys under the age of 14. Coca Cola has become synonymous with Feile na nGael and its support for hurling and camogie has been invaluable.

In the Centenary Year of the Camogie Association we are delighted that Coca Cola has come on board to sponsor the Coca Cola International Camogie Competition. Three teams representing Ireland, the United States and Britain have travelled to Dublin and played in a "round robin" competition with the top two teams battling it out in the final today. It is the intention of the Camogie Association that this competition will extend beyond the

Centenary Year and grow into a bigger competition in years to come.

So how do we make this competition grow? Well, we will need to strengthen the rest of our units outside of Ireland. Camogie is played in many corners of the world. When camogie people travel they bring the love of the game with them, and usually their hurley sticks as well!

The Strategic Planning Committee is busy plotting and planning the future of Camogie in Ireland but realises the importance of the development of the game abroad also. The main aims of the plan are to increase participation in the game of camogie and to improve the standard of the game. We saw in the Foras na Gaeilge Senior All Ireland Final a few weeks just how high the standard of camogie is in the top counties of Cork and Tipperary. With Wexford, Kilkenny and Galway and other counties hot on their heels Cork and Tipperary have no room to become complacent as kingpins of camogie. With the way young people travel these days to every corner of the world, we have ready made worldwide ambassadors for the game of camogie. Many of the top inter-county camogie players will take off to Australia for a few months before settling back into the next camogie season. Maybe they can ignite an interest in camogie in the many countries they will visit on their travels.

And so to a prediction: in 100 years time what countries will participate in the Coca Cola International Competition? The Irish might well be facing the girls from Australia or Italy, the Americans might do battle with the Swedish and the Canadians and Britain might be meet the Asians and the French on the way to Croke Park. So what ideas will the bicentennial committee of 2104 come up with to commemorate 200 years of Camogie? No doubt they will look back at the first ever Coca Cola International Camogie Competition and marvel at how the game, and in particular the international dimension, has grown. Those of us here today will be keeping an eye on them from our lofty perches in Heaven, or Hell as the case may be!



## International Camogie Competition

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### Éire

Dathanna: Glas, bán agus ór



Therese Maher,  
Captaen Foireann na hÉireann

- 1 Aoife Murray (Limerick I.T.)
- 2 Therese Maher (Captain) (Athlone I.T.)
- 3 Maresa Flanagan (Athlone I.T.)
- 4 Tina Kearns (Athlone I.T.)
- 5 Amy Kissane (Athlone I.T.)
- 6 Gemma Kelly (Athlone I.T.)
- 7 Orla Carey (Athlone I.T.)
- 8 Joanne Clifford (Limerick I.T.)
- 9 Eileen O'Brien (Limerick I.T.)
- 10 Marie Keating (Limerick I.T.)
- 11 Mary Wyre (Limerick I.T.)
- 12 Caitriona Ryan (Carlow I.T.)
- 13 Aisling Fahey (Carlow I.T.)
- 14 Catherine Doherty (Carlow I.T.)
- 15 Grace Weston (Carlow I.T.)
- 16 Faith Noonan (Carlow I.T.)
- 17 Liz Bugler (Garda Coll.)
- 18 Julie May Keane (Garda Coll.)
- 19 Eilish Shorte (St Mary's Belfast)
- 20 Annette McGeeney (Sligo I.T.)
- 21 Emma Kilkelly (G.M.I.T.)
- 22 Claire Conroy (G.M.I.T.)
- 23 Therese Maxwell (N.U.I. Maynooth)
- 24 Yvonne Carney (N.U.I. Maynooth)
- 25 Susan Kennedy (N.U.I. Maynooth)



Manager:  
Michael Cleary, Tibraid Árann

### An Bhreatain

Dathanna: Glas agus Bán



Anne Marie O'Dwyer,  
Captaen An Bhreatain

- 1 Mary O'Connor (Croydon)
- 2 Maria Hughes (Ft. Murphy's)
- 3 Eileen O'Boyle (Green Isle)
- 4 Katie Forde (Croydon)
- 5 Lisa Woods (Bros. Pearse)
- 6 Aileen Donnelly (Croydon)
- 7 Grainne Small (Ft. Murphy's)
- 8 Róisín O'Neill (Bros. Pearse)
- 9 Rosita Harvey (Croydon)
- 10 Suzanne Keatley (Croydon)
- 11 Patricia Nihill (Bros. Pearse)
- 12 Ann Gleeson (Tara)
- 13 Anne Marie O'Dwyer (Captain) (Croydon)
- 14 Emma Linnane (Bros. Pearse)
- 15 Edel Reale (Ft. Murphy's)
- 16 Claire Walsh (Bros. Pearse)
- 17 Sharon McNeela (Croydon)
- 18 Elma Walsh (Croydon)
- 19 Emma McDade (Ft. Murphy's)
- 20 Sinead Everard (Croydon)
- 21 Bronwyn Keeshan (Bros. Pearse)
- 22 Edel Murphy (Bros. Pearse)
- 23 Marie McGrath (Croydon)
- 24 Criona Harrington (Bros. Pearse)
- 25 Mary Cahill (Bros. Pearse)



Manager:  
Martin Carroll, Londain

### Stáit Aontaithe Mheiriceá

Dathanna: Dearg, Bán agus Gorm



Christina Hanley,  
Captaen Stáit Aontaithe Mheiriceá

- 1 Carolyn Egan (Boston Éire Óg)
- 2 Caroline Hanley (Boston Éire Óg)
- 3 Christina Hanley (Captain) (Boston Éire Óg)
- 4 Mary Kirwan (Boston Éire Óg)
- 5 Laura Lavery (Boston Éire Óg)
- 6 Nuala McGowan (Boston Éire Óg)
- 7 Sharon O'Brien (Boston Éire Óg)
- 8 Louise Weste (Boston Éire Óg)
- 9 Joanne Crumme (DC Gael)
- 10 Doire Lucht (DC Gael)
- 11 Katy Nordenbrook (DC Gael)
- 12 Aisling Bryant (San Francisco Shamrocks)
- 13 Catherine Burke (San Francisco Shamrocks)
- 14 Triona Dolphin (San Francisco Shamrocks)
- 15 Ann McKiernan (San Francisco Shamrocks)
- 16 Ann Morrissey (San Francisco Shamrocks)
- 17 Lisa Tinkler (San Francisco Shamrocks)
- 18 Catherine Kenny (Chicago St. Mary's)
- 19 Claire McVeigh (Chicago St. Mary's)
- 20 Susan Nolan (Chicago St. Mary's)
- 21 Eleanor Brennan (Boston Emerald Isle)
- 22 Kathryn Brennan (Boston Emerald Isle)
- 23 Valerie Fitzpatrick (Boston Emerald Isle)
- 24 Marie McGreal (Boston Emerald Isle)
- 25 Tina Roche (Boston Emerald Isle)
- 26 Mary Brady (New York Naomh Padraig)
- 27 Deirdre O'Reilly (New York Naomh Padraig)
- 28 Rosie O'Reilly (New York Naomh Padraig)



Manager:  
Mickey Fitzpatrick, Boston







Annette McGeeney of Ireland in action against Roisin O'Neill of Britain during yesterday's final at Croke Park. Picture: Brian Lawless (Sportsfile)

## Irish girls dish out unmerciful hammering to battling Britain

IRELAND	10-18
BRITAIN	1-3
Máire Uí Scolai	
International Camogie	

BRITAIN achieved their goal in the first ever Coca Cola international competition when they qualified for yesterday's final at Croke Park, but alas for them, they were on the receiving end of an unmerciful hammering.

The Irish side — selected from the third level colleges and managed by the former Tipperary hurler and camogie boss Michael Cleary — were much too skillful for the visitors, with Roscommon player Annette McGeeney of Sligo IT particularly outstanding.

First-half goals from Limerick duo Joanne Clifford and Marie Keating, and Galway's Marese Flanagan (two) and Emma Kil-

elly killed off the game long before half-time.

**SCORES** — Ireland: Y. Kearney 2-1, M. Flanagan 2-0, E. Kilgely 1-3, M. Keating 1-2, C. Ryan, A. McGeeney 1-1 each, C. Doherty 1-0, E. O'Brien 0-5, O. Carey 0-3 (21), L. Butler, M. Wier 0-1. **Britain:** A. Gleeson 1-0, E. Rieble, A. Donnelly, E. Murphy 0-1. **IRELAND** — A. Murray, G. Kelly, Y. Kearney, C. Conroy, J. Clifford, Y. Maher, A. Flaherty, O. Carey, L. Butler, E. O'Brien, C. Ryan, A. McGeeney, M. Flanagan, M. Keating, E. Kilgely. **Subs used:** T. Keane, A. Keane, M. Wier, C. Doherty, G. Weston, F. Noonan, J. M. Keane, E. Shortle, T. Maxwell, Y. Kearney. **BRITAIN** — M. O'Connor, E. O'Sullivan, A. M. O'Dwyer, K. Forde, G. Small, A. Donnelly, L. Woods, E. Walsh, R. O'Neill, A. Gleeson, P. Nihl, C. Walsh, S. Keating, E. Linnane, E. Rieble. **Subs used:** M. Hughes, R. Harvey, S. McNeely, E. McDade, S. Everard, B. Keeshan, E. Murphy, M. McGaugh, C. Harrington, M. Cahill. **REF** — A. Dehan, Dublin.



One of the groups at the recent Carrigaline Camogie Fun and Skills Day, with Carrigdhoun camogie players Ellen Clifford, Marion Jagoe, Amanda O'Regan, Deirdre Coomey and Eimear O'Sullivan.

## Special guests at camogie fun day

A VERY successful camogie fun and skills day was held in Carrigaline over the weekend, where upwards of 60 girls took part in an eventful camogie camp, with some very special guests of honour paying a brief visit to the club, much to the surprise of the participants.

During the course of the afternoon, players from the victorious Carrigdhoun senior team and the All-Ireland junior team came to

Carrigaline along with their respective trophies, and signed jerseys, hurleys and autographs for the youngsters.

Visiting Carrigaline were Cork players Maria O'Connell of Inniscarra, Ellen Clifford, St Finbarr's, and Amanda O'Regan of Douglas along with Carrigdhoun players Marion Jagoe, Tracton, and Lucy Hawkes of Valley Rovers, who were also on the Cork team and had the distinction of holding

Cork senior camogie medals with Carrigdhoun along with the Ballinhassig pair of Eimear O'Sullivan and Deirdre Coomey.

The camp itself concentrated in skills such as lifting, soloing, batting and fitness.

Now that the girls have seen what can be achieved with a little hard work, expect players from Carrigaline to be included on the Cork and Carrigdhoun panels in the not too distant future.

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## Eir Óg and Douglas must do it all again

JENNY O'DONOVAN ensured Douglas will have another day after her point in the third minute of added time drew the Under 16 "A" county final.

The superb Ballinhassig pitch added to the occasion as two determined sides battled to put a new name on the trophy for the first time in six years.

Douglas with a superb record in under age competitions went into the game as raging favourite but Eir Óg showed determination from the throw in.

Points from Aoife Scally and Erin Corkery settled the Mid Cork girls but a Rachel O'Sullivan goal by the mid way stage put Douglas in the lead. Jenny O'Donovan added a point and one sensed Douglas were about to pull away, not so and with Eir Óg's Ciara O'Keeffe and Margaret O'Herlihy added points before the break it was level and all to play for in the second half.

### UNDER AGE COMPETITIONS CONTINUE

ST CATHERINES had to much strength for Cloughduv as they booked their place in the under 12 twelve a side championship final, in the Under 16 twelve a side championship Blarney advanced to the final at the expense of Charleville.

Blackrock showed their class as they defeated Enniskeane in the Under 16 B championship.

With tight marking defences scores were at a premium, Eir Óg edged ahead within four minutes thanks to a Margaret O'Herlihy point and this was a lead they held until the third minute of added time when Douglas showed their battling qualities to fight back and ensure another day out.

### TRACTON AND BALLYHEA SET UP ANOTHER MEETING

TRACTON and Ballyhea came through their respective Junior B league semi-finals to set up a repeat of the championship final.

Putting their championship final defeat behind them Tracton held the upper hand over Sliabh Rua as they led 2-4 to 1-0 at the break with Karen O'Sullivan, Marion Jaego and Nicola Lynch all on the score sheet, while Ger Whitnell found the net for Sliabh Rua.

Maintaining the pressure Tracton picked off further scores with Ann Sinclair and Catriona Guinnane prominent.

County champions Ballyhea had Mary Coleman, Rena Garvey, Helen O'Brien and Rachel Waters all in scoring form as they proved way to strong for a Youghal side that were minus some of their regulars.

Ballyhea always held the upper hand and never looked in danger as they advanced comfortably.

### INNISCARRA AND CLOUGHDUV ADVANCE

A CLOSE contest at the Glen Field saw visitors Inniscarra advance at the expense of the home side.

Glen got the better start and had three points on the scoreboard thanks to Trisha Murphy and Lorraine Kelly before Inniscarra's Sinead Ni Rinn and Fiona O'Connell got Inniscarra back into the contest with three points.

Glen led by the minimum at the break but a Noreen Mc Sweeney goal ten minutes from full time was enough to see Inniscarra through to a semi final meeting with neighbours Aghbullogue.

Cloughduv had too much strength for Ballinhassig in the second quarter final in Ballinhassig.

A goal minutes before the break from Catherine Corkery gave Cloughduv the half time advantage and grabbing the life line they proceeded to take control despite the best efforts of Ann Crowley and Sinead O'Callaghan. Cloughduv now meet St Finbarrs in the second semi final.

## Centenary banquet

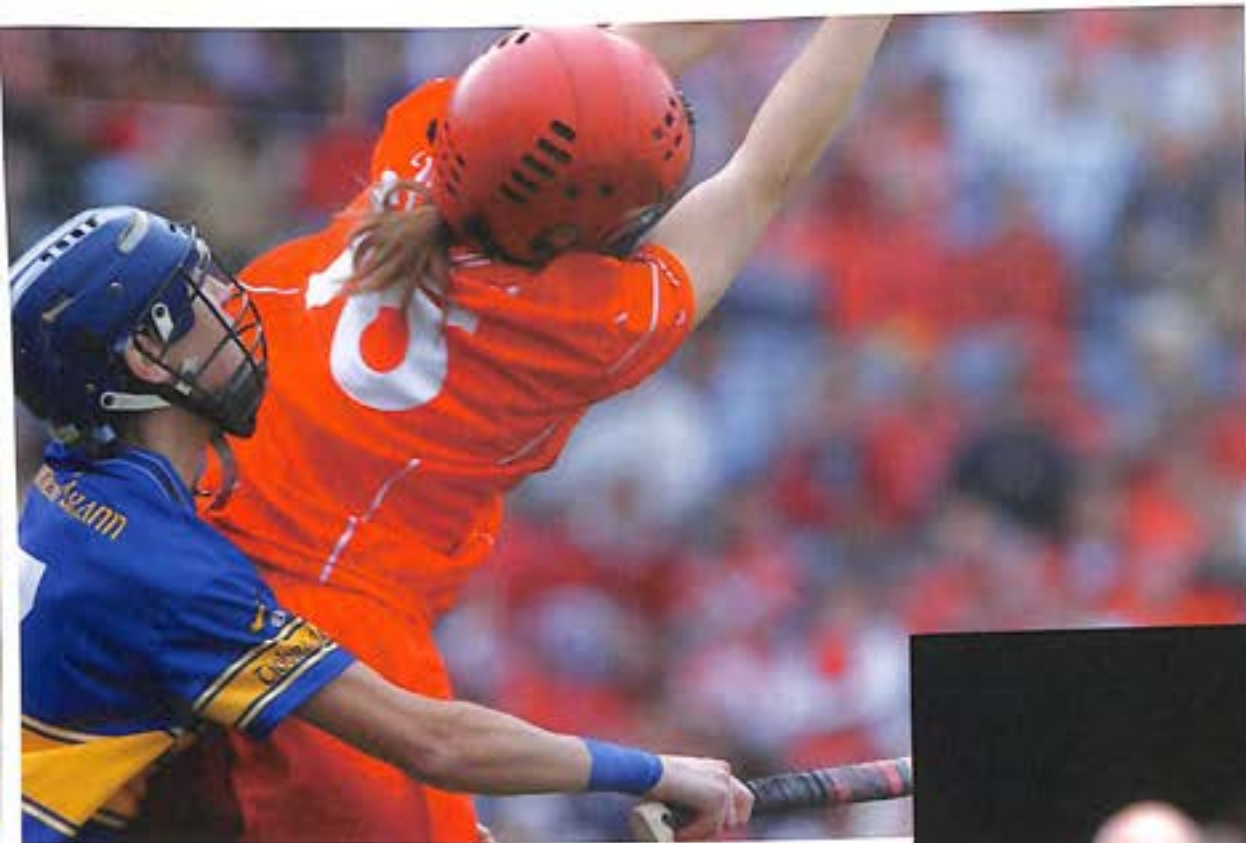
TOMORROW evening camogie players for the 1930's right down to 2004 will gather to celebrate one hundred years of camogie.

Amongst the guests will be Lord Mayor Cllr. Seán Martin and his wife Ann, President of the Camogie Association Miriam O'Callaghan and Ard Struithoir Sile Wallace it promises to be a night not to be missed.



At the presentation of Sports Scholarships and Bursaries at NUI Galway are past pupils of St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, Claire McMahon (left) Ennis, Camogie Bursary; and Laura Linnane, Shannon, Camogie Bursary. Laura is a third year Science student while Claire is in the third year of a Medical degree. Both are Ashfield Shield Winners with NUI Galway.





Una O'Dwyer ... rock solid at full-back ...

# ANOTHER FOR TIPP



Joanne Ryan ... raises the Cup in triumph.

much to boost Tipperary morale and really set them on the road to victory before an attendance of 24,567.

Hughes continued to play with flair and dash for the rest of the game to make a strong impact in orchestrating the win.

Joanne Ryan captained the side and led by example with her purposeful play. She also really sealed the title for Tipperary with a well-taken goal in the second half.

Ryan was put in possession by Emer McDonnell and went off on a brilliant solo run before sending to the net to give her side a six points lead.

However, Tipperary had many other outstanding players. Indeed, all eighteen players who appeared in the county colours

during the game could feel well pleased with their individual contributions to the success.

Tipperary have been so prominent in the sport of late that it is hard to credit they had to wait so long for their initial All-Ireland senior title. That history-making team, 0-12 to 1-8 winners over Kilkenny, included Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, who captained the side, Therese Brophy, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Angela McDermott, Noelle Kennedy, Emer McDonnell and Deidre Hughes.

All helped to fashion the latest success. Philly Fogarty, who went in as a substitute in 1999, was on from the start in the recent final. That was her third appearance in the starting line-up.

Top scorer for Tipperary in that historic first final win was Noelle Kennedy with six points, all from frees.

The latest outing was Tipperary's sixth successive final appearance since 1999 and their only defeat was to Cork in 2002. A really impressive record.

The Cashel club has solid grounds for extra special rejoicing at the modern success story nationally. The club provided four All-Ireland senior title winning captains- Meadhbh Stokes, Jovita Delaney in 2000, Emily Hayden, 2001 and Una O'Dwyer last year.

What of Cork? They battled gamely all through but were a well-beaten side at the final whistle. Left

half forward Jennifer O'Leary impressed in the attack and finished her team's leading scorer with four points, three from frees.

Vivienne Harris and Gemma O'Connor provided some bright features at midfield, while team captain Stephanie Dunlea, goalkeeper Aoife Murray, who saved a penalty early in the first half, and Paula O'Connor impressed at the back.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

Cork were bidding to "come of age" in terms of All-Ireland senior titles. They are second on the Roll of Honour with twenty championships.

Dublin are well out in front with 26 titles, but surprisingly have not captured the Blue Riband since as far back as 1984. The county's long absence from the title winners ranks is one of the most surprising feature of modern-day camogie.

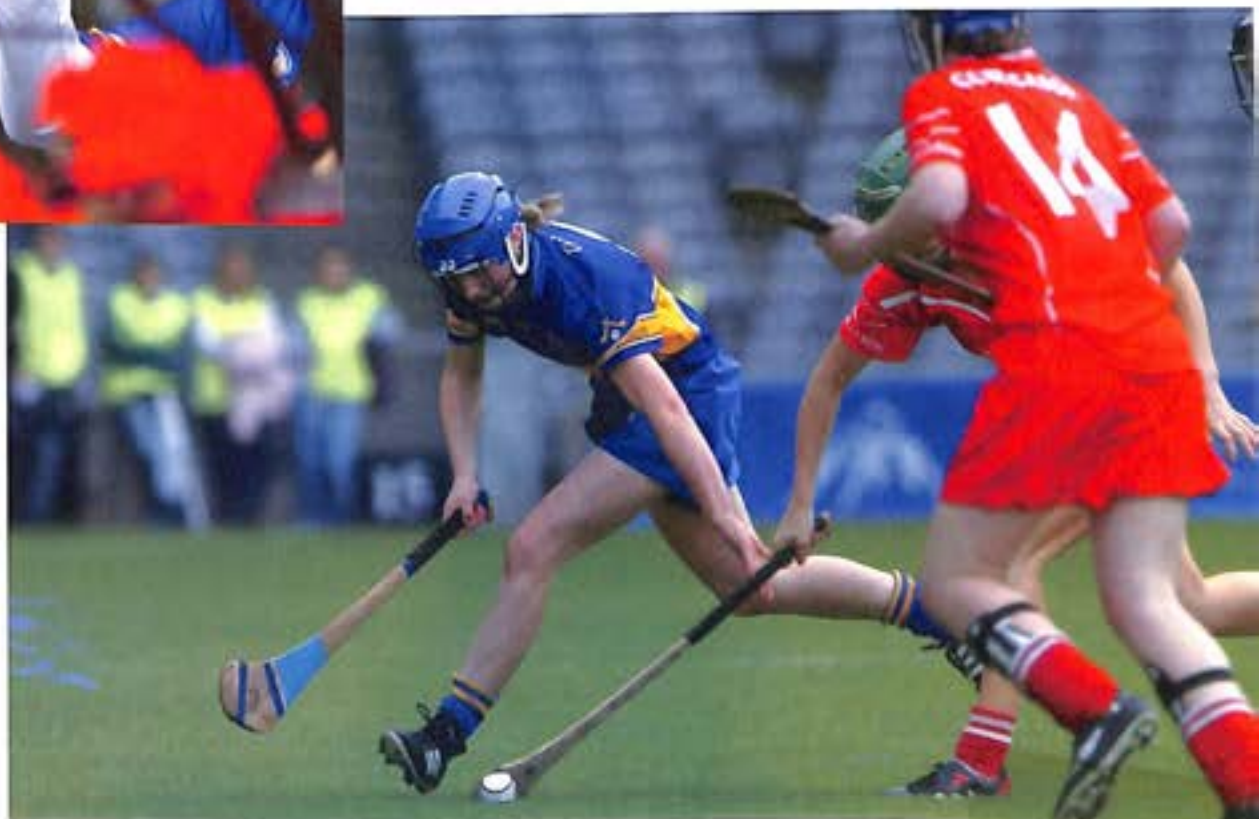
There was a time when Dublin were virtually unbeatable-they held the title without a break from 1948 to 1966 inclusive.

Tipperary became the seventh county to win the title when they chalked up that first triumph in 1999.

Third in the Roll of Honour after Dublin and Cork are Kilkenny with twelve crowns between 1974 and 1994. Wexford have three titles (1968, 1969 and 1975) and Galway won their only crown in 1996.

Cork did not leave Croke Park on All-Ireland finals day empty handed. Their juniors captured the All-Ireland crown for the seventh time by seeing off the challenge of a great-hearted Down side by 4-5 to 2-4.

Elizabeth Bugler was top scorer for Cork with two goals while Mairin McAleenan led the way for the Mourne County with 1-1.



Claire Coogan ... scored nine points in the final.

Little behind her, however, was Grogan at left half forward. She was a clever and creative attacker, who also demonstrated her ability to make the most of scoring opportunities.

Claire chalked up nine golden points, seven from frees, for the highest return by a Tipperary player in a winning All-Ireland senior final. Previous to that Deirdre Hughes led the way with 2-2 in the 2000 win over Cork and exactly the same score a year later against Kilkenny.

Grogan's eye-catching display brought her tally of All-Ireland senior medals to four.

An excellent return that for the young Cashel forward at just 18.

Hughes has been one of the brightest

stars of the Tipperary side since the Premier County made the long-awaited breakthrough as recently as 1999 by winning the coveted O'Duffy Cup for the first time.

It is an indication of the quality of the Toomevara club player's consistently high standard play since Tipperary's arrival on the All-Ireland Roll of Honour that earlier this year she was the only current player included in the Team of the Century.

An outstanding tribute that to Hughes! She also had a big say in getting

Tipperary into top gear in last month's show-down with Cork. The match was twenty minutes old when full forward Hughes collected the ball and in a flash had it in the back of the net for the opening goal.

That was a vital score, one that did

Una O'Dwyer, Claire Grogan, Deirdre Hughes, and Joanne Ryan are just some of the name that spring to mind from Tipperary's win over keen rivals Cork in the Foras na Gaeilge Centenary All-Ireland senior camogie final.

O'Dwyer was magnificent in a defence that was the real springboard for a 2-11 to 0-9 win that gave the Premier County their second successive title and their fifth since 1999.

She was a mighty bulwark at full back with her reliability, industrious play and well-directed clearances. A performance worthy of the rare occasion that was the Centenary final and one that left her really unchallenged for selection as the Player of the Final.



# TIPP LADIES CELEBRATE

Tipperary's stranglehold on the senior camogie championship was maintained last month with a 2-11

THE CENTENARY ALL-IRELAND WENT TO TIPPERARY AFTER THEY STAVED OFF A DETERMINED BID FROM RIVALS CORK.

to 0-9 All-Ireland final victory over Cork at Croke Park. As an added bonus, the win coincided with the centenary of the camogie association. Tipp, though, are very much a modern phenomenon. Having won their first senior title in 1999, they have since added four more - an impressive haul of five in just six years. Tipp captain Joanne Ryan claimed later that self-belief was what got them through.

"This is an historic year for camogie and for me to captain the team is beyond words. It was fitting that this year above all was such a team effort. We never worried, even when Cork stayed with us in the first half because we always give huge commitment. We have great respect for Raymie (Ryan). The variety in training ensures we are kept on our toes and how he has kept us fresh is amazing. He has done so much since taking over the mantle." Ryan, a native of Cashel and a former Tipperary hurler himself, took charge of the team and his careful husbandry paid rich dividends.

Losing Cork captain Stephanie Dunlea accepted the result without protest. "To be fair, the better team won on the day. But I'm very proud of everybody. We fought very well, but we just couldn't score. Goals win games and they got goals. They took their chances but we couldn't seem to get past them."

A record crowd of 24,569 watched Tipp gain control thanks to two crucial goals. Deirdre Hughes snatched the first in the 19th minute after a centre by Jill Horan and then skipper. Ryan goal sealed their win 14 minutes into the second half with a fine individual effort. Our pictures show Sinead Nealon and Clara Gaynor hugging at the final whistle, Nealon in action with Cork's Jennifer O'Leary, and Tipp's Claire Grogan being chased by Gemma O'Connor.



Poc Fada winners Stephanie Gannon of Galway and Tipperary's Brendan Cummins with Camogie Association president Miriam O'Callaghan

## POC FADA TITLE FOR CUMMINS



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# Camogie stars



Linda Mellerick

**IT CERTAINLY** was a night to remember.

Last evening's gala centenary Cork camogie banquet was a tremendous occasion.

Over 450 gathered in the Rochestown Park Hotel. The only crib was that there just weren't enough hours in the night.

Some approached the banquet with apprehension having spent the last number of years out of camogie. Within minutes it was like they had never left. Screams filled the air as comrades reunited.

Chairperson of the Cork board Marian McCarthy welcomed the large crowd and paid tribute to the many that helped Cork become the major camogie force they are today.

"Tonight's banquet will centre on the many people who have given distinguished service to Cork camogie both on and off the field over the past 100 years."

"Cork camogie is in a very healthy state and we want to thank every one of them for all their hard work and for the tradition they have handed down."

Cork's Lord Mayor Cllr Sean Martin expressed his delight at attending such an event and paid tribute to Cork camogie and its rise in stature over the past 100 years. These sentiments were echoed by Miriam O'Callaghan, Uachtarán Cumann Camogaiochta and Cork County Board chairman Jim Forbes.

As individuals and groups mixed the reminiscing began and events relived brought laughter and tears. Incredible wins, heartbreaking defeats, dressing room craic, trips away, the stories covered it all.

One of the most touching moments of the night was when Cork's longest living captain Josie McGrath who captained Cork to All-Ireland senior glory in 1935 cut the centenary birthday cake with Cork's latest All-Ireland winning captain Val O'Keefe, captain of this year's junior team.

The banquet went on into the early hours. Even when the music stopped nobody wanted to leave.

It really was a special night with many promising to keep in closer touch with their former friends.

We'll hardly be around for the next centenary banquet but wasn't it great to be here for one.

A fitting end to 2004!



Cork Camogie players Linda Mellerick, Liz O'Neill, Karen O'Leary, Liz Towler and Colette O'Mahony at the Cork Camogie Board Centenary Banquet at Rochestown Park Hotel on Friday 22nd October 2004.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Bishopstown ladies Sinead O'Callaghan and Rose Desmond at the Cork Camogie Board Centenary Banquet at Rochestown Park Hotel on Friday 22nd October 2004.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Finbarr McCarthy, who was MC for the banquet.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Margaret Tanner and Jo Doyle with their sister Claire Hackett and daughter Tara (both of whom travelled from Texas) to be at last night's banquet.

Picture: Larry Cummins



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# come out in force



Ann and Deirdre Christie, St. Finbarr's at the Cork Camogie Board centenary banquet at Rochestown Park Hotel last night to mark Cork's 100 years in camogie

Picture: Larry Cummins



Bernie Cleary, Ger and Eileen Collins and Miriam Deasy enjoying the Cork Camogie Board centenary banquet. Picture: Larry Cummins



Cork junior coach, Lilian Zinkant, goalkeeper Ellen Clifford, Emmet Fennell, Eimer O'Farrell and Michelle Hegarty at the Cork Camogie Board centenary banquet last night. Picture: Larry Cummins



National president of the Camogie Board, Miriam O'Callaghan (second from right); Marian McCarthy, chairperson, Cork Camogie Board (second from left); Bishop John Buckley, Jim Forbes, Chairman Cork County Board and Officers of the Cork Camogie Board at Rochestown Park Hotel for the centenary banquet last night.

Picture: Larry Cummins



# Cork camogie celebrates 100 years

by Mary Newman

**O**NE Hundred Years of camogie was celebrated in style on Friday last when the Cork camogie fraternity gathered at the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Over four hundred players, former players, mentors and supporters listened as county board chairperson Marion McCarthy paid tribute to the many people who have made the game what it is in the county.

"Centenary Year is special as we celebrate one hundred years of our national game and here tonight we in the Cork county Board will be honouring former county board officer and our All Ireland winning captains and trainers all of whom who have made huge contributions to

making us what we are today."

Many months of work had gone into organising the evening and indeed it was very evident with the many familiar names that were in attendance.

The committee made contact with the All-Ireland winning captains and they in turn made contact with their former team mates and from here the word spread.

Indeed the night was not all about former inter county players as was very evident by the attendance from many of the club going back to players from the 1940's to the present day.

MC for the evening was 96/103 FM sports Finbarr Mc Carthy while National President Miriam O'Callaghan was guest speaker. Ms O'Callaghan paid tribute to the con-

Margaret Tanner and Jo Doyle with their sister Claire Hackett and daughter Tara (both of whom travelled from Texas) at the Cork Camogie Board Centenary Banquet at Rochestown Park Hotel.

tribution that the county have made and continue to make to the game.

Amongst the many guests at the evening were Lord Mayor Cllr Sean Martin and Lady Mayoress Ann Martin. In his address Lord Mayor Martin compliments the Cork Camogie Board and the association on its centenary, he spoke about his own close involvement with gaelic games and pledges his and the councils continued support to the county board in their quest for pitch of their own.

He also spoke about the marvellous performance from the county junior team who took the All-Ireland title and he had special mention for the many unsung heroes, the back room people who were being honoured tonight.

Jim Forbes represented the county GAA board and also addressed the gathering. Amongst the guest list was Bishop John Buckley, championship sponsor Bob O'Leary from O Leary Brothers Builders and his wife Frances, Mary O Sullivan and Yvonne Lane from the County Juvenile Camogie Board, Sile Wallace Cumann Camogaiochta na N Gael, Marie Kearney and Rose Malone representing Munster Council, Derek Connolly and Donal O Connor from the City Division board who have been tremendous friends to the camogie board over many years.

A standing ovation was given to the longest surviving captain Josie

Mc Grath-Young who captained the All-Ireland winning team of 1935, accompanied by the captain of the All Ireland winning junior team Val O Keeffe Josie cut the centenary cake to huge applause.

Certainly it was a night when one could not but be proud of the contribution Cork has made to the Camogie association and a night that will never again be repeated. Old friends and foe met, embraced and reminisced about game lost won or indeed thrown away.

There were tears and hand shakes and promises made to meet once again and certainly the evening achieved its aim to celebrate one hundred years of Cork Camogie.



Theresa Murphy, Cork and Munster player with Lill O'Neill former president of Old Als from Douglas and Ballinlough at the Centenary Banquet to mark 100 years of Camogie for the Camogie Board in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork.



Tara O'Leary and Aoife O'Riordan at the Centenary Banquet to mark 100 years of Camogie for the Camogie Board in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork.



Cloyne sisters (seated) Marie, Bonnie and (at rear l to r) Bernie, Kathleen, Aisling and Ger Costine who were all members of the team that won the Intermediate County Final in 1976, at the Centenary Banquet.



Sinead O'Callaghan and Rose Desmond pictured at the Centenary Banquet.

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Cork Camogie Board Officers with guests Jim Forbes County Board Chairman and Bishop John Buckley at the Centenary Banquet in the Rochestown Park Hotel Picture: Gerard Bonus / B Photo 086 8130353



Joan Farrell, Mary Newman-McCarthy, Nora Newman and Mary Sheehan at the Centenary Banquet in the Rochestown Park Hotel Picture: Gerard Bonus / B Photo 086 8130353



Claire Hackett - O'Leary, Tara O'Leary, Margaret Tanner Innishannon and Jo Doyle, Grey-Stones at the Centenary Banquet to mark 100 years of Camogie for the Camogie Board in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork. (Camogie news Page 29) Pictures: Gerard Bonus



Ann O'Connell, Linda Melrick, Cork captain and Ger McCarthy at the Centenary Banquet to mark 100 years of Camogie for the Camogie Board in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork.



Mary Hegarty, Elen Clifford, Amanda O'Regan and Kim Hickey at the Centenary Banquet to mark 100 years of Camogie for the Camogie Board in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork.

## CENTENARY BANQUET

A BIG well done to the organisers of the Centenary Banquet on Friday last, it was a great night and a fitting celebration of one hundred years of camogie. It was wonderful to see so many faces from Cork Camogie no more so than the longest surviving captain Josie Mc Grath-Young who led the county to senior glory in 1935. It was a fitting tribute to all those who have made the game what it is today and certainly it was a great honour to be part such a wonderful night for Cork camogie.



Gemma Cadigan former player with the South Parish; Bishop John Buckley and Pat Cadigan at the Centenary Banquet to mark 100 years of Camogie for the Camogie Board in the Rochestown Park Hotel



# Giving kids a chance

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"THE best thing about all of this is that children are playing. You can't dismiss that."



Linda Mellerick

These are the words of one of Cork's unsung heroines, one of the many people who, behind the scenes, work tirelessly to develop our national game of hurling, Camogie and football at underage level.

Mairéad O'Callaghan of Glenville National School and Watergrasshill just recently retired as Secretary of Cork Sciath na Scol after a hectic four years, having previously served as Chairperson.

Her legacy is one of the most efficiently run competitions the association has at present and when one considers the volume of players and various grades the competition caters for it is all the more spell bounding.

Sciath na Scol, involving just hurling and football began 101 years ago. Camogie was never part of the original set up.

In 1983 'Cumann Camogalocht na mBunscol' began with Mairéad as chairperson, Liz Murphy of Scoil an Athar Maitiú, Togher, as Secretary and Nuala Healy, St. Mary's on the Hill, Knocknaheeny, as Treasurer. The three teachers saw the need for a primary schools Camogie competition and set about the task. Em-

phasis was purely on the promotion and enjoyment of the game. Only six teams took part the first year.

In the ensuing years the number of schools participating continued to increase so dramatically that in 1987, such was the demand, Cork Primary Schools Camogie came under the umbrella of Sciath Na Scol.

For Mairéad the workload over the past number of years significantly increased with the competitions spanning almost seven months of the calendar year. Indoor and outdoor football for both girls and boys, a 10-a-side mini football national competition, indoor hurling for 3rd and 4th class boys and 5th class girls, a 4th class boys blitz, a mini 7's hurling and Camogie, a primary Munster under 13 competition, it goes on and on.

The 'immense satisfaction' Mairéad took from her work made it all worthwhile.

Despite this consuming role Mairéad also found the time in her busy schedule to coach her pupils hurling, football and Camogie in Glenville.

"Every boy and girl plays in Glenville, and that's the way

we want it," she says.

One of Mairéad's proudest moments was when Glenville won their 5th Sciath na Scol girls football title in a row this year. "I was particularly delighted because I entered them this year in the top grade. When we won it was one of my proudest moments." She is quick to point out the effort and dedication her co-workers also put into Sciath na Scol.

Many present day Camogie stars had their love for the game enhanced while playing for their school in the competition. It gave them a sense of excitement and pride which undoubtedly drove them on to the bigger stage.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the games is the fact that each player, win or lose receives a medal. Hence, enforcing the idea that in participation we are all winners. Chants and songs on the bus home, sharing crisps and drinks, its all part of childhood memories and for many it will generate a beating in their heart that will make them want more.

Sile Burns, now a member of the Cork senior Camogie panel, had a glorious few years while playing with Scoil Oilibhéir. The highlight of her school career came in 1998 when she captained her team to win her fourth Roinn A medal in a row, a feat yet to be



Mairéad O'Callaghan.

repeated. Mary O'Connor, Vivienne Harris and Gemma O'Connor are just a few of the 'greats' who passed through the schools competition.

This year, Mairéad brought her knowledge and experience to a higher level when she became one of five selectors on the Cork senior Camogie team, defeated finalists in these years All-Ireland.

Having been involved in under age Camogie for the past 17 years there is no better scout to witness rising talent. Ensuring the necessary facilities/competitions are in place to keep these players playing is a must.

We have spoken numerous times and have paid tribute in general to the many volunteers who make our national game what it is today. The contribution Mairéad has made is undoubtedly hard to match.

## Vera looks to add another title to haul



Linda Mellerick

THE thought has crossed my mind many times over the years of how lucky I was to be playing for a county like Cork.

There were many magnificent players who graced the fields over the years, with far more skill than I, that never tasted success particularly at inter-county level.

That thought rose to the surface again the other day when I met the excellent Granagh Ballingarry and Limerick midfielder Vera Sheehan.

Small in stature, but a giant in heart Vera would walk onto any inter-county team in the country.

Her performances over the years have won her many admirers and while that's nice, it's medals Vera wants.

Vera has had more success than most when it comes to her club camogie, playing since the age of seven with the famous Granagh Ballingarry club.

Underage titles in every grade form part of her medal haul along with 10 senior county titles, seven Munster and three All-Ireland titles.

Throw in an All-Ireland Kilmacud Crokes seven-a-side title for good measure and you get an idea of the type of club career she has had.

Granagh Ballingarry set out to defend their All-Ireland crown tomorrow against Freshford of Kilkenny.

It could well be All-Ireland number four. So what about the Limerick intercounty side?

How can a county with such an excellent club record fail so miserably on the bigger stage?

An All-Ireland junior title in 1995 followed by an intermediate championship victory in '96 and the entire country was looking over their shoulder.

What went wrong?

Of course the step up to senior status is immense but Limerick began losing to teams they should have been beating.

2003 saw some spark of a revival but 2004 saw the county once again take a massive step backwards, not even qualifying from their group to reach the semi-final stage.

"I don't know," says a forlorn Vera.

"We only have three or four clubs in Limerick and that's a problem."

"Things just weren't right this year and our defeat against Wexford must be one of the worst defeats of my inter-county career."

"It's heartbreaking but at least I have Granagh. For us our club camogie is our inter-county camogie."

Vera is luckier than most. She is playing with one of the most successful clubs in the country during the last 10 years.

Granagh's first All-Ireland title

came in 1998 after two heart-breaking semi-final defeats in '96 and '97.

Vera was captain of the 1998 team and marks it down as her greatest moment.

Another title came her way in 1999 and 2003. Will there be another in 2004?

It is amazing to note that Pearse's of Galway and Granagh of Limerick have won the last eight All-Ireland club titles between them. Yet Galway at senior inter-county level are as far behind as Limerick.

The mind boggles! Without doubt the talent is in these counties. Maybe they don't have the selection Cork do, but that doesn't mean they can't strongly contest a championship title. With the right structure and organisation they can.

Vera feels that the camogie association is doing little to help the situation.

"We need full time officers in each province and full time coaches in each county, particularly the weaker ones. What's been done at present just isn't enough and we're losing players."

I agree! Tomorrow's club final between Kilkenny and Limerick is being played in Parnell Park in Dublin, behind closed doors as I like to put it.

I can guarantee you that the only people who will travel, particularly from Munster, to watch the game will be family and friends.

Thurles would have been ideal and would most certainly have drawn the crowds.

In 2001 Cork and Tipp met in the All-Ireland semi-final.

It was probably the best game the two counties ever produced together.

And where was it played? Mullingar, Co. Westmeath!

Why did two Munster teams have to travel to Leinster to play in a pre dominantly footballing county?

If there was a 100 people at the match it was a lot.

We have to play our big games in the most easily accessible venues to the public to draw the crowds.

For now Vera and her team mates will concentrate on the task ahead tomorrow. The mood in the camp is good and the girls "are really up for it."

Vera deserves her moment in the spotlight just like any other successful inter-county player because without doubt she is up there with the best of them.

## CamogieChat

With Mary Newman

THE weather played spoilsport on Saturday last forcing the cancellation of three under-age finals and the Junior B league final however some games did survive, with the under 16 'b' quarterfinals all taking place.

## GLEN ROVERS, MALLOW AND CLON THROUGH

ON Sunday at the Glen Field the heavy under foot conditions failed to dampen the enthusiasm of two determined side's as Erins Own and Glen Rovers battled it out for a semi-final place.

With Roisin Foley and Gerlyn Nolan hitting three goals between them the Glen girls held the half-time advantage.

Turning to play with the advantage of the strong wind Erins Own started the second half in determined fashion and three points from Niamh O'Keefe had cut the deficit before the same player's long range free went all the way to the Glen net.

Sarah Egan steadied the home side with a point before Amy Murphy put the game beyond Erins Owns reach with the Glens fourth goal.

Another close one in Clonakilty with the home side advancing at the expense of St Finbarrs with two points to spare.

Impressively Clon notched up ten points with Sharon Whelton, Wanita Brennan, Clare O'Leary and Hannah Coughlan all contributing. Clon led 0-5 to 0-1 at the break but two second half goals had the Barrs back in contention, however aided by their opening half cushion Clonakilty held on to book their place in the semi-final.

Mallow had to much strength as they advanced at the expense of Cobh, Kathleen O'Brien, Colette Roche Michelle Brown and Katie Buckley all getting on the scoresheet for the winners.

## BLACKROCK AND COURCEY'S MUST MEET AGAIN

BLACKROCK travelled to Courcey's on Monday and looked to be heading for a semi-final meeting with the Glen Rovers until an Ursula Quinn goal gave Courcey's a life line two minutes from full time.

The Rockies held a slender half-time advantage but within three minutes of the restart the lead had changed hands twice.

Courcey's hit the front thanks to a Melanie Hunt goal but the cheering had no sooner died down than before Blackrock were back in the lead.

Christine O'Neill had it all square before a goal looked to have secured victory for Blackrock, but Ursula Quinn had the final say and earned Courcey's a replay which will take place this evening under lights in Ballygarvan at 6.30p.m.



Michael and David O'Donovan from Churchfield at the Centenary Banquet to mark 100 years of Camogie for the Camogie Board in the Rochestown Park Hotel Picture: Gerard Bonus / B Photo

## Another busy weekend

SUNDAY is being kept a match free day in order to have plenty of help available at the county collection in Pairc Uí Chaoimh but Saturday is a busy one especially on the under-age scene.

The Under 12 B league final Valley Rovers and Ballygarvan meet in Ballinhassig at 10.30a.m. while the twelve a side final has St Catherine's and Ballinascarty in action the venue to be announced when available.

The Under 16 B county semi-finals will also be decided with Mallow and Clonakilty meeting in either Inniscarra or Mallow at 2.30p.m. Glen Rovers will meet the winners of the Blackrock/ Courcey Rovers replay at the Glen Field at 4p.m.

Monday is a church holiday and with the schools on a day off Mallow and Rockban meet in the under 12 C league final with Blarney meeting Carrigaline in the Under 16 twelve a side final on the same day, venues for both to be announced.



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# Magpies seek camogie joy

By JEROME O'CONNELL

REIGNING champions, Granagh/Ballingarry bid for their fourth All-Ireland club camogie crown this Sunday.

The West Limerick side play St Lachtain's of Freshford, Kilkenny in Dublin's Parnell Park at 2.30.

Despite the majority of the squad holding at least nine county, seven Munster and three All-Ireland medals, captain Deirdre Sheehan believes that they are just as resolute.

"An All-Ireland medal means a lot", she says.

The winning touch of the 17 times county senior camogie champions also seems to have rubbed off on Deirdre's fiancée — just two weeks ago Darren Moynihan played a starring role at full back as Dromin/Athlaca bridged a 27 year gap to win the county intermediate hurling title.

On Sunday Deirdre continues a proud family tradition — when Granagh/Ballingarry won their first provincial title in 1996, sister Maureen (O'Gorman) was captain and when they won their first All-Ireland title in 1998 another sister, Vera, was captain.

"We know that this is not going to last forever", said Deirdre of their continued success.

"It involves a lot of commitment, with

the year usually going from March to October/November — we train three nights a week from March."

She explained that many of the 21 girls in their squad are rarely away from camogie.

"Some are hurling all year round, some with LIT and UL and some still with colleges — some of the girls just don't put down their hurleys."

The final is all the more special as the camogie association commemorates its centenary and the camogie club championship celebrates its 40th anniversary.

"We know that it is going to be very tough and physical. We played them in a challenge game earlier this year, which was a draw and we beat them in last year's semi final — they will be out for revenge," said the Golden Vale employee.

Full back Laura Lesley broke a bone in her ankle in the Limerick county final win over Killeedy and is already back in training.

"Just to see her out on the training field is unbelievable, the determination she has shown just to get back running is unreal", said the 27 year old captain.

While Laura is back running in training, she is still short of 100 per cent fitness and will not be in line for a starting role.

Granagh/Ballingarry's attempts to

add back-to-back titles to those won in 1998 and 1999 are also hindered by the predicament of dual player, Meadhbh Nash.

The squad is back-boned by three sets of sisters — Sheehans; Maureen (O'Gorman), Deirdre, Vera and Aoife, O'Briens; Bernie (Molloy), Breda and Eileen, and Laura and Katryn Lesley.

Also in the squad is long serving and inspirational centre back Ber Chawke, wife of manager Mike, and daughter Fiona.

Ber's nieces on the panel are Laura and Katryn Lesley, Jean Cullinane and Christine O'Shea.

Others expected to play crucial roles are Aimee McCarthy, Kay Burke, Marie Collins, Joanne Clifford and Fiona Morrissey.

Mike Chawke remains at the helm, along with selector Eddie O'Brien, in Granagh/Ballingarry and despite disposing of Ahane, Ballyagran, Killeedy, Toomevara (Tipperary), Milford (Cork) and Rossa (Antrim) en-route to the final, he feels his side has yet to reach their potential.

"We have been a bit inconsistent and are not firing on all cylinders. One thing I can't doubt is the fire, determination and desire of the girls and I am just hoping we get it together", said the manager.



Imelda Kennedy, the captain of St Lachtain's, Freshford, leads the celebrations after their victory in yesterday's All-Ireland club final. Picture: Brian Lawless (Spartanfile)



Granagh/Ballingarry; (back) Breda O'Brien, Laura Lesley, Ber Chawke, Fiona Morrissey, Katryn Lesley, Meadhbh Nash, Jean Cullinane, Christine O'Shea, Aimee McCarthy, Edwina Boyce; (front) Bernie Molloy, Kay Burke, Fiona Chawke, Joanne Clifford, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan, Maureen O'Gorman, Marie Collins, Aoife Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien. Missing from photo Fiona Hickey

## Scene set for camogie classics

by Brendan O'Brien

CAMOGIE'S centenary calendar comes to a close on Sunday with all four provinces battling to capture honours in the senior or junior All-Ireland club finals at Parnell Park.

Down side Liatroim Fontenoy take on Roscommon's Four Roads in the junior decider while top billing goes to the latest duel between old sparring partners Granagh-Ballingarry of Limerick and Kilkenny representatives St Lachtain's.

Granagh bid to retain the title they won for a third time last year against a St Lachtain's outfit appearing in their first decider. The pair have met in two semi-finals in the past four years and, although Granagh won both, a bruising challenge match earlier this season ended all square.

"I suppose some people would see us as favourites," Granagh captain Deirdre Sheehan admitted yesterday. "We played them last year in the All-Ireland semi-final and we beat them by about seven points, but they're a very tough, physical side and we'll all have to stand up and be

counted on Sunday. It would be very special to win it in centenary year though. In '98 we were the last side to win it as a 12-a-side game and we were the first to win it as a 15-a-side game in '99. It'd be nice to add the centenary year to those two."

Whoever wins at the weekend, it has been a landmark year for the association, even aside from reaching the century of existence.

Staging a number of key games before male senior ties this summer raised the profile as did the decision to have the inaugural International Camogie final as a curtain raiser to the first Rules test at Croke Park last month.

Another first step will be taken next month when the first ever camogie Allstars selection is announced.

"It has been a fantastic year for us in Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael," said the association's PRO Maire Uí Scoláir at Croke Park yesterday.

"It is a year that has put camogie on the map, both here in Ireland and abroad. On Sunday we will bring the curtain down on the inter-county scene with what I hope will be two



Granagh-Ballingarry players Aoife Sheehan (left) and her sister Deirdre with the Bill Carroll Cup at a photocall ahead of the All Ireland Club senior camogie final against St. Lachtain's, Freshford, Kilkenny at Croke Park.

Picture: Ciara Lyster

cracking club finals. This year we have four provinces represented and that is a fitting way to end the year."

Talks are at an advanced stage to amalgamate the association and Ladies Football under the one umbrella with the GAA while a Strategic Development Plan that will guide them for the next four years is already in operation.

"We have almost 90,000 people playing the game here now," Uí Scoláir said. "This year we had almost 25,000 people at our All-Ireland final this

year, which was the third highest attendance for any senior final this year. Not only that, but it was the highest attendance for any female organisation in this country. We have a fantastic product to sell and we have to get out there and prove it is every bit as good as the men."

Sunday, All-Ireland club championship finals, Parnell Park, Dublin.

Senior: Granagh-Ballingarry, Limerick v St Lachtain's, Freshford, Kilkenny, 2.30pm Junior: Four Roads, Roscommon v Liatroim Fontenoy, Down, 5pm.



# St Lactain's power to first title

## All-Ireland Camogie

Brendan O'Brien

**St Lactain's (Kilkenny) 2-8**  
**Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) 0-7**

ST LACTAIN'S of Freshford captured their first All-Ireland senior club camogie title yesterday, defeating champions Granagh-Ballingarry at Parnell Park.

The Kilkenny ladies showed few nerves in their first ever final, asking searching questions of the champions' backline while staying resolute at the back under the steady influence of full-back Gillian Dillon Maher.

Granagh's Eileen O'Brien opened the scoring with a couple of well-taken frees as both attacks struggled against dominant defences. The Limerick side were settling well though and St Lactain's plainly needed a calming first score as reward for their early endeavours. That it was a goal was all the sweeter, with Imelda Kennedy poking the sliotar home under Breda O'Brien after 14 minutes.

That was the platform St Lactain's needed and, although Granagh responded with two quick points from Aoife Sheehan and O'Brien in the next eight minutes, the wind was very much in the challengers' sails.

Three points from Imelda Kennedy, Sinead Connery and Anne Dalton inched them into a deserved 1-3 to 0-4 lead approaching the break but the gap could, and should, have been a whole lot wider.

Granagh needed to take control after the interval but instead found themselves hanging on desperately against another sustained bout of direct attacking play through the centre.

Maire O'Connor again saw a goal chance slip away as her palmed effort hit the rigging after 35 minutes. But elsewhere, Imelda Kennedy was finding success easier to come by, adding two more points in the first ten minutes of the second half.

The Freshford skipper spent the entire afternoon tussling with Deirdre Sheehan and, well and all as the Granagh captain battled, Kennedy's tally of 1-4 – all bar one of the points coming from open play – tells its own tale.



St Lactain's players celebrate after their victory over game Granagh-Ballingarry All-Ireland senior club camogie final.

Picture: INPHO/Andrew Paton

You don't win three All-Irelands in six years without a bit of backbone though and Granagh had three white flags midway through the half to leave just a solitary point between the sides, 1-5 to 0-7.

With Granagh snapping at their heels again, Freshford went through the gears and kicked for the finishing

line in an impressive fashion. Kennedy set the tone with a pointed free while Dalton's second score of the afternoon with three minutes to go left a goal between them.

Any hope the champions had of drawing level were quashed in injury-time when O'Connor palmed the sliotar past keeper O'Brien and

seconds later Imelda Kennedy fittingly put the seal on the afternoon with the game's last point.

In the All-Ireland Junior final, Liatroim Fontenoys of Down enjoyed a 4-13 to 0-8 win over Roscommon's Four Roads.

**GRANAGH:** B O'Brien; B Molloy, M Nash, M

O'Gorman; K Burke, B Chawke, D Sheehan; V Sheehan (0-1), M Collins; J Cullinane, E O'Brien (0-4, 3f), A Sheehan (0-1); F Chawke, F Morrissey, J Clifford (0-1). Sub: A McCarthy for F Chawke, 44.

**ST LACTAIN'S:** S Costelloe; D Minogue, G Dillon Maher, M Lawlor; D Delaney, M Costelloe, A Connery; E Kennedy, A Fitzpatrick; M Kavanagh, S Connery (0-1), I Kennedy (1-4, 1f); A Dalton (0-1), M O'Connor (1-0), E Fitzpatrick. Sub: A Purcell for E Fitzpatrick, 50.

Referee: L Davitt (Westmeath).



Bernie Chawke is well surrounded in Granagh Ballingarry's defeat at Parnell Park

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# Fontenoys secure crown with late goal blitz

**ALL-IRELAND Junior Club Championship final:**  
Liatroim Fontenoys (Down) 4-13  
Four Roads (Roscommon) 0-8  
IN the light of the final scoreline, it is hard to believe that it wasn't until the 44th minute of this All-Ireland Junior Club final that a fine point from Kelly O'Higgins put Liatroim Fontenoys into the lead for the first time in the game. However, during the last quarter, Fontenoys were simply awesome. During that time, the Ulster champs shot 4-4 without reply, to claim the Phil McBride Cup for the first time. Their half-forward line really shone during this blitz with Sinead Brackenberry laying on two goals for Catriona McCrickard, before adding a third herself. However, the true test for the Fontenoys came during the opening half when a period of

early pressure yielded only a pointed free from Mairin McAleenan. In fact, during that opening half when the Roscommon side's defence was on top, Liatroim failed to score from open play. However, the introduction of Rosaleen McCann to midfield after the restart, curbed Cait Kenny's influence and the Fontenoys profited. Rosaleen set up McAleenan for a point inside 20 seconds, but the tough Roscommon defence held out until the 44th minute, when the onslaught began. **Liatroim Fontenoys:** J Brown, A Morgan (capt), D Mullan, S O'Prey, K McMullan, N Magee, C McGovern, L McCrickard, L Quinn, S Brackenberry, (1-1), M McAleenan (0-8), C McCrickard (2-1), K O'Higgins (0-2), C McGovern, M O'Reilly. **Subs:** R McCann (0-1) for L Quinn (half-time); B Gallagher for S O'Prey (55); D O'Prey (1-0) for K O'Higgins (59).

## Camogie Pitch

with Seamus McAleenan

**Four Roads:** S Finnenen, C Dowd, O Hynes, C Glennon, O Hughes, S Coyle, M Hoey, P Lennon, C Kenny (capt) (0-5), D Kelly (0-1), L Glennon (0-1), K Jones, B Mannion, N Coyle (0-1), S O'Brien. **Subs:** M Finnenen for S O'Brien (55), C Healy for C Dowd (55). **Ref:** E Browne (Tipperary).

**All-Ireland Senior Club Championship final:**  
St Lactain's (Kilkenny) 2-8  
Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) 0-7  
ST Lactain's of Freshford in Kilkenny freshened up the All-Ireland Senior Club final by becoming the 24th team to write

their name on the trophy in yesterday's 41st final in Parnell Park, Dublin. It took an injury-time goal from Maire O'Connor to secure the victory and her captain Imelda Kennedy added a late point to make it 2-8 to 0-7. Kennedy had an inspirational game finishing with a total of 1-6 and the player-of-the-match trophy. She bagged her team's opening score with a goal in the 14th minute. Sinead Connery should have had a second Freshford goal just before the

break but she blasted over the bar leaving it 1-3 to 0-4. During the second half, the scores came in pairs for each team with Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien and Joanne Clifford competing with Imelda Kennedy. However, that late flurry from the Kilkenny side ruined the script for the three-time champions in the centenary year final. **St Lactain's Scorers:** Imelda Kennedy 1-6, Ann Dalton 0-1, Sinead Connery 0-1, Maire O'Connor 1-0. **Granagh Scorers:** Eileen O'Brien 0-4, Vera Sheehan 0-1, A Sheehan 0-1, Joanne Clifford 0-1. **Ref:** Liam Davitt (West Meath).

■ **QUEEN'S** had an easier-than-expected victory over Sligo IT in the Higher Education Camogie League (6-8 to 0-5). Although Sligo opened the scoring with a pointed free from Stephanie Griffen, goals from

Sharon Coleman and Catriona O'Boyle and points by Niamh McGeown and Karen Gribben gave Queen's a comfortable interval lead of 2-3 to 0-2. Sligo began the second half with three unanswered points, but soon after Queen's settled and then the killed the game with four well-executed goals. St Mary's play University of Ulster Coleraine on Wednesday at 12.30pm in Coleraine.

■ **LONDON** selected three Ulster players in their camogie Allstar team announced at a gala dinner attended by camogie president Miriam O'Callaghan on Saturday. Roisin O'Neill and Lisa Woods are both originally from Armagh and now play for Brothers' Pearse, while Fr Murphy's star Grainne Small has worn the Tyrone colours in the past.



# Despite defeat Granagh/Ballingarry remain on plus side

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By JEROME O'CONNELL

St Lachtain's, Freshford 2-8  
Granagh/Ballingarry 0-7

GRANAGH/Ballingarry relinquished their All-Ireland club camogie title, when they lost to a hugely determined St Lachtain's side in Parnell Park.

The Limerick girls had travelled to Dublin hoping to add back-to-back titles to the pair they won in 1998-99, however on this occasion they were second best to the Kilkenny champions.

"I can't fault our girls, they have been at this for the last nine years and maybe that caught up with us today, but you can't take anything away from Freshford - they played really well and were very determined", said Granagh/Ballingarry manager Mike Chawke.

"You can't take a thing away from those girls, they have given it everything - their record speaks for itself. This is their fifth All-Ireland in nine years and we won three and lost two, so we are still on the plus side."

*Meadbh steps from helicopter to taste second defeat*



Aoife Sheehan on the move for Granagh-Ballingarry

The Limerick girls were backed by the wind in the opening 30 minutes, but trailed 0-4 to 1-3 at the break.

"We had been on top for the first quarter of an hour, but just didn't put the scores on the board and that has been a problem for us this year - not scoring in the first half - and that showed up again today. We needed a lead going in at half time and we didn't have it, although we came back within a point in the second half we just couldn't get it together and that was down to the opposition", explained the manager.

"I thought Freshford were tremendous today, very fast, very determined and first to every ball. We matched them

practically most of the way, we just couldn't get that score towards the end - we never looked like getting a goal, which we needed to get back into the game."

While the Limerick side were many peoples favourites to collect their fourth All-Ireland club title, St Lachtain's were more than worthy winners of their first O'Carroll Cup.

They were physically strong up the middle and had speed in abundance on the wings and clearly had their homework researched on the Limerick champions as the stop-start nature of the game never allowed the reigning champions to find their rhythm.

Much of this tight encounter was played in

the middle third of the field where the Limerick girls were out-shone and when Freshford did attack the space in their forward unit, they had the Limerick full back line in all sorts of trouble.

Meanwhile at the opposite end of the field, Granagh/Ballingarry failed to make any headway on a superbly marshalled Freshford full back line.

Granagh/Ballingarry were boosted 30 minutes before the start when dual player Meadhb Nash stepped from a helicopter in the car park.

Nash was flown to Parnell Park from Kiltroom in County Roscommon, where she had played with Atea in the All-Ireland intermediate club ladies football semi final

the Match. Imelda Kennedy regained the lead for the eventual winners before Eileen O'Brien equalised with a superb free on the left sideline.

However two points in the final five minutes of the half, saw the Kilkenny side lead, 1-3 to 0-4 at the interval.

The impressive Kennedy stretched the lead in a low key start to the second half.

The loyal Granagh/Ballingarry support had to wait 10 minutes after the resumption for their first score, but it was certainly worth the wait.

Vera Sheehan delightfully flicked possession from Margaret Kavanagh on the right sideline about 80 metres from goal and set off on a solo goalwards - then despite close attention she guided the ball between the posts from 25 metres.

The inspirational score left just two points between the sides, only for Granagh's nemesis Imelda Kennedy to return the advantage to one goal as the game entered the final quarter.

In an effort to hold onto their crown Mike Chawke and selector Eddie O'Brien restructured their side.

Marie Collins went to centre back in a swap with Meadhb Nash and in every position in the attack was alerted with main threat Eileen O'Brien positioned on the edge of the square.

The changes injected some urgency and an O'Brien free and a Joanne Clifford point cut the deficit to just one point.

Eleven minutes remained and it finally appeared that the Limerick champions had found form.

With the game hanging in the balance it was the Kilkenny girls that stepped forward to grasp victory.

Unfortunately the 21 year old failed to taste victory in either encounter.

Aided by the wind, the nine-in-a-row Limerick champions settled quickly.

Nonetheless they had to wait until the eighth minute to register the game's first score, when Eileen O'Brien pointed from a 45.

Indeed, the opening score could very well have been a goal, but for the heroics of the St Lachtain's goalkeeper.

A long delivery from captain Deirdre Sheehan broke from Joanne Clifford into the path of O'Brien and from 25 metres her low shot seemed destined for the bottom corner, until the intervention of the Kilkenny keeper diverted it out for a 45.

O'Brien stretched their lead two minutes later, when she scored from a free after Vera Sheehan had shipped a heavy tackle.

Gillian Dillon Maher at full back and Mairead Costelloe at centre back, continued to thwart attack after attack and then on 14 minutes the Limerick girls were rocked when Freshford captain Imelda Kennedy opened her sides scoring with a fortuitous goal.

When the ball broke inside the 21 metre line Breda O'Brien advanced to save Kennedy's initial effort, however the rebound fell kindly for the wing forward, who scooped it to an empty net.

Within a minute Aoife Sheehan supplied the perfect response to level the scoring, however the point was her sides' only score from play in the wind assisted first half, which saw them hit three wides.

A point from Player of

Imelda Kennedy pointed their first free of the game to settle nerves and Anne Dalton left a goal between the teams once more when he rifled over as the game ticked into the final five minutes.

Only a goal would now save Granagh/Ballingarry, and a goal did come but it was to be the goal that would seal St Lachtain's first ever All-Ireland title.

Ber Chawke was dispossessed by Marie O'Connor on the edge of the square and coolly palmed to the net to ensure victory which was copper-fastened seconds later by Kennedy.

Scores: St Lachtain's: I. Kennedy 1-5 (1 free), Marie O'Connor 1-0, E. Fitzpatrick, A. Dalton and S. Connery 0-1 each.

Granagh/Ballingarry: E. O'Brien 0-4 (3 frees, 45), A. Sheehan, V. Sheehan and J. Clifford 0-1 each.

St Lachtain's: Sinead Costelloe, Daniella Minogue, Gillian Dillon Maher, Mairead Lawlor, Deirdre Delaney, Mairead Costelloe, Anne Connery, Esther Kennedy, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Margaret Kavanagh, Sinead Connery, Imelda Kennedy (capt), Anne Dalton, Marie O'Connor, Eileen Fitzpatrick. Sub: April Purcell for E. Fitzpatrick (49mins).

Granagh/Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien, Bernie Molloy, Bernie Chawke, Maureen O'Gorman, Kay Burke, Meadhb Nash, Deirdre Sheehan (capt), Vera Sheehan, Marie Collins, Jean Cullinane, Eileen O'Brien, Aoife Sheehan, Fiona Chawke, Fiona Morrissey, Joanne Clifford. Sub: Aimee McCarthy for E. Chawke (43mins).

Referee: Liam Davitt (Westmeath).

## McCrickard goal sends Fontenoys on their way

LIATROIM F'NOYS 4-13  
FOUR ROADS 0-8

Máire Uí Scolai  
All-Ireland Junior Club final

FOR 44 minutes of the All-Ireland Camogie Junior final, Four Roads of Roscommon led the way but when Caitriona McCrickard got Liatroim Fontenoys' opening goal of the match it gave the Down and Ulster champions great heart and as a result they took home their first All-Ireland Junior Camogie title.

Player of the match, Four Roads' captain fantastic Cait Kenny, was causing many problems for the Down girls as she sent over a total of 0-4 in the opening

half which gave them a lead of 0-7 to Liatroim Fontenoys' 0-5 at the break.

But the introduction of Rosalenn McCann for Lisa Quinn at midfield at half-time proved to be a big lift for the Down champions who went on to a comfortable win.

SCORERS - Liatroim Fontenoys: C. McCrickard 2-1, S. Brackenbury 1-1, D. O'Reilly 1-0, M. McCann 0-5, K. O'Higgins 0-2, R. McCann 0-1. Four Roads: C. Kenny 0-5 (0-3), 1'45, N. Coyle, L. Lyring, D. Kelly 0-1 each.

LIATROIM FONTENOYS - J. Brown, A. Morgan, D. Mullan, S. O'Reilly, K. Mullan, N. Magee, C. McGovern, L. McCrickard, L. Quinn, S. Brackenbury, M. McCann, C. McCrickard, K. O'Higgins, C. McGovern, M. O'Reilly. Subs: D. O'Reilly for K. O'Higgins (59).

FOUR ROADS - S. Finnan, C. Dowd, O. Hynes, C. Glennon, O. Hughes, S. Coyle, M. Hony, P. Lennon, C. Kenny, D. Kelly, C. Kenny, K. Jones, B. Mannon, N. Coyle, S. O'Brien. Subs: M. Finnan for S. Coyle, C. Healy for C. Dowd (53), A. Fallon for E. Glennon (59).  
REF - E. Brovine, Tipperary.



Granagh-Ballingarry captain Deirdre Sheehan in despondent mood after yesterday's defeat in the All-Ireland club final. Picture: Brian Lawless (Sportsfile)



# VALLEY ROVERS RETAIN TITLE

VALLEY Rovers retained their under 12 B league title at the expense of a spirited Ballygarvan as the sides served up a thrilling final on Saturday last on a Ballinhassig pitch that was exceptionally good given the appalling weather conditions of the previous few days.

There was little between the sides in a close first half with Rachel Keohane and Emma Crowley grabbing a goal each as the teams went to the dressing room level. Ballygarvan edged ahead with a Rachel Keohane point but Clare Duggan gave Valleys the lead with a goal. With play swinging from end to end the lead changed hand several times Rachel Keohane and Mary Ellen O'Donovan getting on the scoresheet for Ballygarvan with Ena Coughlan and Maebh Lynch on target for Valleys.

Katie Richardson had a Valley Rovers point with ten minutes remaining and it was to prove crucial as her side hung desperately for survival. Ballygarvan worked furiously for an equaliser but the Valleys defence held firm with Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Fiona O'Sullivan and Louise Kelleher superb.

Captain Ena Coughlan was presented with the trophy by the chairperson of the juvenile board Tracy Sheehan while Ballygarvan's Mary Ellen O'Donovan was named as player of the match following a tremendous display.

## VALLEY ROVERS MAKE IT TO LEAGUE FINAL

JUST two points separated county champions Valley Rovers and Rockban in the junior 'a' league semi-final in Brinney.

It was level at the break 2-3 to 1-6, Sile Burns and Liz Bugler having exchanged goals coming up to the whistle.

On the turn over a more determined Valley Rovers took the lead thanks to points from Elaine Burke and Lucey Hawke's but back came Rockban with a Valerie Mulcahy goal, a second point from Lucey Hawke's was enough to put Valleys through but not before having to withstand severe pressure from a lively Rockban side.

The second semi final Killeagh versus Douglas fell foul of the weather and will be re fixed.

## Busy weekend ahead

IT'S a repeat of the Junior B county final as Tracton and Ballyhea meet in the league decider on Sunday, in the thirteen a side junior final Castleknock and Grenagh meet in Inniscarra at 2.30pm.

In the junior shield semi finals Aghbullogue travel to Inniscarra on Saturday while on Sunday Cloughduv make the journey to St. Finbarrs.

In the semi finals of the Under 16 B championship Mallow play host to Clonakilty on Saturday at a time to be confirmed.

In the second semi final Glen Rovers and Courcey Rovers meet on Sunday at the Glen field at 2.30, the final of the under 12 twelve a side is also down for decision on Saturday with St. Catherine's meeting Ballinascarty again a venue and time are to be announced.

## THANK YOU

COUNTY Board chairperson Marion McCarthy has asked me to convey the board's thanks to the many patrons who supported the collection on Sunday last in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

A reminder to clubs that as and from Monday November 15th the county board meeting will be held in Páirc Uí Rinn.

## Courceys get it right in replay

A GOAL by Ursula Quinn threw Courcey Rovers a lifeline with two minutes remaining in last week's under 16 b championship quarter final but they made the trip to Blackrock for the replay a winning one on Saturday last.

Four first half goals from Christine O'Neill, Elaine Ryan, Ashling Twomey and Fiona Hurley saw Courcey's make all the early running with Ursula Quinn and Elaine Ryan also contributing points.

Blackrock kept in touch with points from Roisin De Faoite and Linda Coughlan as they recovered from the early Courcey's onslaught. Blackrock came more into the game in the second half and with Grace Mulqueen, Cait Kelleher and Aoife Brohan working hard they began to eat into the Courcey's lead.

With the game delicately poised Blackrock did have a chance to draw level but the Courcey's defence stood firm, Fiona Hurley pointed to extend the advantage before two goals inside a minute from Ursula Quinn and Fiona Hurley booked them a semi-final spot.

## HISTORY OF MUNSTER CAMOGIE

ON Friday evening in the Ambassador Hotel former county board chairperson Mary Moran will launch her latest camogie book Munster Camogie Story.

Mary is no stranger to best sellers and amongst her publications on camogie are The History of Cork Camogie, Camogie Champions and Gym Frocks to Headbands.

I am sure the latest edition will be another best seller and we look forward to Friday's launch.

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## Ryan calls time on Premier role

Máire Uí Scoláil

ONE of camogie's most successful modern day managers Raymie Ryan of Tipperary has called it a day after two successful years of county management.

The Cashel club member, who still lines out with the senior hurling team, guided the Tipperary team to two successive All-Ireland victories, two Munster championship titles, and this year completed the hat-trick when they won their first National League title since 1977.

Replacement names have been mentioned, but it will not be known for some time yet who will guide the Tipperary team into the future.

Ryan, who took over from fellow county hurler Michael Cleary after the 2002 All-Ireland defeat by Cork, had very little knowledge of camogie before taking up the position.

However, in his first year he managed to win the first Munster title in 26 years, defeating the old enemy Cork in the Munster final, before going all the way to the All-Ireland final.

"My highpoint was the 2003 All-Ireland final," said Ryan. "That day the entire team in my opinion hurled exceptionally well."

"When I came into the position, I had very little background information on camogie but very soon I realised just how focused these girls were and it was a joy to work with them over the past number of years. But I now intend to take a well earned break, but my interest will always remain."

Whoever takes over from Ryan will have a tall order to follow, as the Premier County will be very determined to maintain their winning pattern that has seen them participate in every senior All-Ireland final since 1999 when they won their first ever title.

Meanwhile, last Friday the Munster Camogie Council launched Mary Moran's *Munster's Camogie Story* in the Ambassador Hotel in Cork, the first publication of the entire history of Munster camogie compiled in one.

The book details the many highs and lows of the six Munster counties over the past 100 years since the formation of the first Munster club in Cork in 1905 in the Blarney Street area of the city.

Not only has Moran touched on the intercounty scene but she has also paid much tribute to the second level schools and the huge contribution they made to both Munster and National Camogie over the years.

Munster's Camogie Story is available by calling: 086 3787421.

## Rovers make it back-to-back titles with narrow final victory

Valley Rovers 3-2  
Ballygarvan 3-1

By MARY NEWMAN

Under 12 B camogie county league goal from Rachel Kelleher restored their lead. Valley, with the experience gained from last year's success standing to them, failed to panic and they continued to work away and were back on level thanks to a point from Captain Ena Coughlan.

With excitement at fever pitch both side worked furiously to gain control and as a result both defences came under pressure.

Maebh Lynch gave Rovers the advantage with a well taken goal and when Katie Richardson pointed the gap was at four points. Mary Ellen O'Donovan had Ballygarvan back in the game with five minutes on the clock. Now it was Rovers who were under pressure as they defended their

slender lead, but credit their defence who through this campaign have been tremendous, Tessa Hawke's in goal, Julie O'Mahony, Fiona O'Sullivan, Marie Forde, Jessica Hawke's, Louise Kelleher and Rebecca O'Regan stood firm as Ballygarvan came in search of an equaliser. Both sides had a chance of a score but it was Rovers who held on to retain their title.

Credit also to the Ballygarvan youngsters who gave it everything in search of glory in a game where the real winner was camogie.

Valley Rovers coach Mary Crowley was relieved at the final whistle "We came under severe pressure as Ballygarvan pressed for the equaliser but all the girls worked tremendously and I am very proud of them, Ballygarvan gave it their all and in the end there

was only a puck of a ball between us.

"Ballygarvan's Michael Moynihan was disappointed his side lost but was never the less proud of his charges" It's hard to lose an U12 final and naturally all the youngsters are disappointed but they gave it their all and we could have asked for no more from them."

Mary Ellen O'Donovan was deservedly named as Player-of-The-Game following a spirited display for Ballygarvan.

**VALLEY ROVERS:** T Hawke's, J O Mahony, M. Forde, F O'M Sullivan, J Hawke's, L Kelleher, R O Regan, E O Regan, M Hayes, O Lehan, E Coughlan, E Crowley, C Duggan, K Richardson, M. Lynch.

**BALLYGARVAN:** Louise Mc Carthy, Laura Mc Carthy, L O Callaghan, A Walsh, M. E. O'Donovan, L Kenefick, A Keohane, M Moynihan, L Browne, S Quilligan, A Burns, A Flynn, R Keohane, M Quilligan, E Short.

**Referee:** Collette O Mahony St Finbarr's

## Run a marathon

THERESE  
O'CALLAGHAN  
(ex-camogie star)



"ALL my life I participated in team sports. I have seven All-Ireland senior camogie medals. Over the years, a lot of sweat and tears were lost on these journeys. But it was always a burning ambition to do

something for myself, by myself. I often wondered how many of these medals I would have won if it were based on individual merit — what about the days when I had to lean on other people? When I hung up my camogie boots I still did not know how good I really was. To elite athletes, the

marathon is the 'dance with death'.

Last year I decided to train for the Dublin marathon. It was intensely stressful. But I did it. Now, my eight medals are side by side. Seven of them won over an 11-year inter-county sporting career. The eighth was for peace of mind.



## BALLYHEA ON THE DOUBLE

COUNTY Champions Ballyhea added the Junior B league title to their championship crown as they confirmed their superiority over Tracton. Just a goal separated the sides at the break after Mary Coleman had edged Ballyhea ahead. Seven minutes into the second half two Ballyhea goals from Stephanie Mc Inerney and Niamh Morrissey set the champions on the road to the double.

Nicola Lynch got a goal Tracton and indeed it took a good save from

## GOAL ENOUGH TO GIVE ROCKBAN TITLE

JUST one score was enough to secure the under 12 c title for Rockban when they met Mallow in Ballyclough.

Katie Buckley had two Mallow points to send them into an early lead and this they held until ten minutes into the second half when Sinead Dilworth sent a long range free all the way to the net. Twice the post denied Mallow as they came forward in search of an equaliser however credit the Rockban defence who held out to be crowned champions. Mallow's Katie Buckley was named player of the Match and deservedly so.

## History of Munster Camogie

NATIONAL president Miriam O'Callaghan formally launched Mary Moran's latest gem on Friday last and it was great to all the counties well represented. Again it's a most interesting and very detailed publication and congratulations to Mary. It's a must for all camogie players and is available from Mary Moran or through your local camogie club.



Marie Santry, The Barrs; Marian McCarthy, chairman of Camogie Board and Toinette Santry, The Barrs at the launch of Munster Camogie Story Book in the Ambassador Hotel, Cork.

France Killen to deny them a second before Ballyhea again upped the pace with Mary Coleman and Stephanie Mc Inerney adding to their tally to seal the double, a tremendous achievement in Centenary Year for the progressive North Cork club.

## GIRLS CONTINUE ST. CATHERINES PARTY

THE titles continue to come St. Catherine's way, two weeks ago it was the turn of the Intermediate hurlers and on Saturday last the girls proved they were more than capable of flying the flag as the Under 12 side took the twelve a side title at the expense of Ballinascarty.

In a game where the lead changed hands at a furious pace Ciara Kearney was the heroine scoring three goals to secure the title by the narrowest of margins. Rachel Nyhan had Ballinascarty ahead at the break but Kearney quickly changed that with a goal inside minutes of the restart again Ballinascarty hit the front thanks to Laura Hegarty and Rachel Nyhan. With seven minutes to go the destination of the title was decided when Ciara smartly finished to the net to round off a wonderful day for herself and her club. Fiona Neville was named as Player of the Match following a wonderful performance in the St. Catherine colours.



Marie Jolly and Ann Ryan from Carrigaline and Dripsey at the launch of Munster Camogie Story Book in the Ambassador Hotel, Cork.



Aedin McCarthy, Old Als; Anne Pheolan and Mary O'Leary, South Presentation Past Pupils at the launch of Munster Camogie Story Book.

## U15 A Muskerry Camogie Blitz

Eire Og 3-3 Ballincollig 1-1

EIRE OG retained their u15A Muskerry Camogie crown and retained the Focus Developments Cup last Saturday in Ovens.

Eire Og's hunt to retain the title began when they overcame a strong challenge from Inniscarra in the first game. Inniscarra started well producing some great striking from Aoife Kavanagh, Niamh Dilworth, Sinead McCarthy and Sinead Ni Riain and led 2-1 to 1-1 at half time. Inniscarra failed to reproduce their first half form and Eire Og's Erin Corkery took her 2nd half two goal chances to give her side a 3-2 to 2-1 victory.

In the second game Inniscarra had to face Ballincollig and again produced a sparkling first half performance leading Ballincollig 5-0 to 0-5 at half time. Ballincollig rejigged their line out at half time and resumed with more purpose. Leah Weste won a lot of ball and three quick goals between the 9th and 12th mins from Denise Cronin, Lisa O'Callaghan and Victoria St. Ledger put Ballincollig in the driving seat. Going into the last minute the sides were level but Denise Cronin gave Ballincollig the edge with a well taken

point in virtually the last shot of the game which ended Ballincollig 3-8 Inniscarra 5-1.

The opening exchanges of the final between Eire Og and Ballincollig were of the close intense and physical kind. Eire Og managed to contain D Cronin very well and Lorraine Murphy did some great covering centre back. Eire Og had the half time advantage 1-1 to 1-0. In the second half it was a case of Ballincollig missing their chances with Lisa M O'Mahony Eire Og's keeper in good form and L Weste sending the ball over the bar when a goal opportunity was there for the taking. At the other end the story was different with Margaret O'Herlihy and Erin Corkery converting their chances aided by the very able Aoife Scally.

Farran and Ovens Community Alert in conjunction with the Gardaí sponsored the plaques and medals. Supt Vincent Duggan and Garda Denis Keane represented the Gardaí. Noel Twomey represented Farran Community Alert and Martina Hutchinson represented Ovens Community Alert.



Mary Moran author of Munster Camogie Story at the launch in the Ambassador Hotel, Cork.

Lillian Zinkant, of the Cork Team who won the All-Ireland This Year with Colette O'Mahoney who played for St. Finbarrs (The Barrs) at the launch of Munster Camogie Story Book in the Ambassador Hotel. Picture: Gerard Dwyer

## Championship revamp needed

A SUGGESTION that the format of the Cork County Senior Championship be revised resulted in a meeting last week.

Representatives from the clubs brought ideas to the table. On top of everyone's agenda was the fact there is no back door in the championship.

Many 'suggestions' were made. A round robin series was one such suggestion and initially I was of the opinion that this was the way forward.

We place little or no emphasis on the league in camogie. Clubs play if it suits them.

Very few clubs fulfil their league obligations. By combining the league and championship into one with each league game a 'must' win to ensure qualification for the championship.

I felt it would solve both issues. Each club would receive a minimum of four games, the league fixture would be treated with respect and you would still have your championship, albeit in the latter stages.

Those who finished at the bottom of the league would be demoted to intermediate status (were this re-introduced) and those who finished above bottom stayed put.

But reasons why this wouldn't work were voiced.

You would have to start the championship far sooner than we presently do. With so many involved in colleges and third level education this would prove a problem.

Cork is also very successful at inter-county level. It is almost impossible to find a spare week during peak championship season as it is, not to mind increasing the level of games.

Many felt that the championship would lose its 'excitement' were a league system introduced and I tend to agree with that. There were some great games this year with many going down to the wire.

Yet we must do something with the first and maybe second round losers. We must introduce a second chance for these teams.

It was commented that were the losers to go out and play again seven days later and lose for the second time they are still out at a very early stage. That's true but you have to draw the line somewhere. You can't just let teams con-

Linda Mellerick

tinue playing for the sake of playing. If you lose the first round after having a really 'off' day and go out and lose again seven days later well you've been given a fair chance.

The draw for the 'back door' should not be made until the first rounds have been completed to prevent clubs selecting the easiest route.

There were suggestions of finishing with the senior B competition and calling it the intermediate championship.

In all it was an interesting informal meeting with no decisions / proposals whatsoever taken.

The representatives were asked to return to their clubs and reconvene in the coming weeks with more 'formal' suggestions. These will then be analysed and either rejected or proposed. It is the clubs who will decide.

Friday last saw Cork's great camogie ambassador Mary Moran launch her fifth book.

Munster's Camogie Story is another excellent read with fantastic action photos of some of the game's greatest players.

The book tells the story of 70 years of Munster Camogie. It is an encyclopaedia of knowledge packed with facts and statistics.

Mary has had a long involvement with camogie covering every angle. From player to coach, to chairperson of the Cork board, chairperson of the Munster council and president of the Association there is very little Mary hasn't seen or done.

Throw in the fact that she is also a talented photographer and it isn't hard to see why her books are snapped up.

It was a very enjoyable evening with comrades from Tipperary, Clare and Limerick all making the journey to Cork to support the launch. The book is for sale from any county board officer and is the ideal Christmas present for any camogie follower.

Last but not least my under 16 team are playing the county 'B' final tomorrow against Clonakilty in Ballinhassig at 11.30am.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with them this year and win or lose I am extremely proud of them. The very best of luck girls!



Tess Moloney-Motes, Rossgea Co Tipperary, Ann Ryan, Dripsey, Marie Jolly Carrigaline, Lili O'Neill Ballinlough, Sheila Morgan Kanovee and Carmel Desmond, Douglas at the launch of Munster Camogie Story Book in the Ambassador Hotel, Cork. Picture:



Kathleen Coffey, Pauline McCarthy and Vera Mulcahey all played for Limerick at the launch of Munster Camogie Story Book in the Ambassador Hotel, Cork. (See Inside Camogie Page 30)

**Camogie**

**Una O'Dwyer**

The Tipperary full back becomes the second Tipperary player to win a Texaco award in as many years. The talented player was the cornerstone of the county's All-Ireland success over Cork in September, the county's fifth All-Ireland success in six years.

Having captured the National League and Munster championship, O'Dwyer and her team-mates set their sights on winning the O'Duffy Cup in the centenary year of the camogie association. That desire drove the county through to the All-Ireland final against arch-rivals Cork, who had denied them a four in a row two years previously.

However, the Cashel player gave a virtuoso defensive performance, restricting the Cork attack to just nine points while watching her own team accumulate 2-11.

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# Top 10 take Texaco gong in sporting year of plenty

## GOLF

AMONG the most enduring memories of Irish sport in 2004 were the wild celebrations around the 18th green following Europe's Ryder Cup victory at Oakland Hills, especially those pictures of **PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON**, **PAUL MCGINLEY** and **DARREN CLARKE** 'give me the Orange bit' **CLARKE** larking about under the tricolour.

This trio made an enormous contribution to Europe's record 18½ to 9½ massacre of the US, Harrington claiming four points out of five matches; Clarke three and a half in his five and McGinley taking two and a half out of three.

All three are great players but bring different gifts to the Ryder Cup table.

Clarke is one of the most naturally gifted golfers on the planet; Harrington has become the top-ranked player in Europe through trojan work, application and intelligence, while Belfry match-winner McGinley's passion, epitomised by his marathon quest for a place in the side, placed him at the heart of Bernhard Langer's team.



## BOWLING

**MARGARET JOHNSTON** has the twin forces of character and class in abundance, which explains why she has been a dominant figure in the world of bowling.

In a glittering career, Johnston has won gold in the Commonwealth Games and has won three World Pairs titles with Phyllis Nolan. Yet it is her remarkable record as a singles competitor which marks her apart.

Last year she overcame formidable opposition at Leamington Spa in England to win the World Singles title for the third time. A previous Texaco Award recipient in 1988 and 1992 and current All-Ireland champion in singles, pairs and fours, Johnston underscores her outstanding record in world bowling by winning her third Texaco Award.



## BOXING

**ANDY LEE**, the IABA's Boxer of the Year, has been national senior middleweight champion for the past two seasons. A tall, rangy southpaw from St Francis BC, Limerick, he won a bronze medal in the European Senior Championships in Pula, Croatia in February and followed up with a silver in the inaugural EU championships in Madrid in June.

His European bronze medal qualified him for the Athens Olympics in August when he was our lone boxing representative. 26-year-old Lee won his opening bout by defeating Mexico's Alfredo Angulo Lopez on points but lost his second contest when he was narrowly defeated on a countback by Cameroon's Hassan Njikam after both men were tied on 27-27.



## CAMOGIE

**UNA O'DWYER** was again the source of defensive power which helped Tipperary to a second successive All-Ireland title and in the process she is elevated to the status of Texaco Award winner.

In an historic year in which camogie celebrated its centenary, full-back O'Dwyer played a pivotal role in a Tipp team which won the National League, the Munster title and clinched the All-Ireland title with victory over Cork.

In what was their fifth title in six years, the young Cashel girl rounded off a wonderful season with a brilliant final display that ensured Tipperary cruised to an eight-point win. Una joins an elite band from her sport as she is one of only five camogie players ever to win a Texaco Award.



## GAELIC FOOTBALL

**COLM COOPER** followed in the footsteps of past greats by becoming 'an untouchable' in the course of the 2004 championship.

The Gooch built on the promise he showed when bursting onto the scene a few years ago by producing a remarkable body of work right through the year, triumphing in a Man of the Match performance in the All-Ireland final against Mayo.

In scoring 1-5 and leading Kerry to victory, he joined Sheehy, Spillane, Liston and Fitzgerald as an individual who had left an indelible stamp on the way to collecting the coveted Celtic Cross.

The Dr Crokes star wins the award for his capacity to gain possession, his excellent distribution and his wonderful scoring ability. And he has that other mark of genius — he makes it all seem so simple.



## RACING

IT PROVED to be a fantastic year for Offaly jockey **PAT SMULLEN** who won the Budweiser Derby riding Grey Swallow and then partnered Vinnie Roe to a remarkable fourth successive Irish St Leger success.

In the Derby, he showed great judgement and timing as he took Grey Swallow clear from a furlong out to beat the hot favourite and English Derby winner North Light at the Curragh. The 10/1 shot, trained by Dermot Weld, won by half a length from the odds-on favourite with rank outsider Tycoon in third place.

The celebrations continued in September when Smullen partnered another Weld horse Vinnie Roe to a record fourth successive Irish St Leger with a convincing success over 12 rivals at the Curragh.



## HURLING

WHEN Cork wing back **SEÁN ÓG Ó HAILPÍN** was seriously injured in a car crash a few years ago, he could hardly have envisaged not alone returning to hurling but to play to the level he attained in this year's campaign.

He was never less than outstanding in his contributions to the Cork cause as they went in search of the Liam McCarthy Cup, proving a defensive anchor and an attacking linchpin for Donal O'Grady in the heat of battle.

And he kept the best wine until last by putting on a fantastic display against Kilkenny in September's All-Ireland final. A member of the Na Piarsigh team, he hails from a talented hurling family. His ability to win possession, mark intelligently and hit quality ball underscored his achievement in winning his second All-Ireland senior medal.



## RUGBY

**GORDON D'ARCY** soared with the eagles in a series of breath-taking displays during Ireland's Triple Crown-winning year.

The 24-year-old Ireland and Leinster centre was first capped in the World Cup game against Romania in October 1999, but man seemed to be in danger of falling to the ground as he failed to make a lasting imprint in the squad.

But the last year has changed all that, so much so that Gordon was the only player from these islands nominated for the IRB Player of the Year Award.

His adventurous, attacking running, sleight of foot and hand and crucial try-scoring ability makes him a jewel in the green crown. Such was the impact of what he achieved, he was voted the outstanding player of the Six Nations tournament.



## SOCCER

REPUBLIC of Ireland international goalkeeper **SHAY GIVEN** has been one of the Premiership's top goalkeepers since first bursting into the Newcastle team seven years ago.

Since he was first capped against Russia back in 1996, he has become a vital cog as the last line of defence for Ireland. Following in the footsteps of another famed Irish goalkeeper, fellow Donegal man and former Texaco Award winner Packie Bonner, Given has the happy knack of pulling off saves at vital times in important matches.

This year, he has stepped up to the plate to become an inspirational performer for Brian Kerr, and there is no doubt his displays have helped the boys in green to achieve their position at the top of a tough World Cup qualifying group.



## SWIMMING

PARALYMPIC swimmer **DAVID MALONE** from Ballinteer in Dublin produced a magnificent performance to claim a silver medal for Ireland at the recent Paralympic Games in Athens.

Competing in the S8 100m Backstroke, Malone, 27, battled superbly over the last 15 metres of the final to take a deserved silver medal. A world record holder and former Paralympic gold medal winner from the Sydney Games, Malone felt going to Greece he would finish outside the medals after taking a break in the aftermath of his Australian exploits.

But, in the end, his hard work paid off when he was rewarded with a deserved silver medal at Athens and a proud place on the roll of honour of Ireland's Paralympic medal winners.





# Sending skirts hurlin' - Killanena style

A new book remembers the golden age of Killanena camogie, writes **Seamus Hayes**.

THE winning of eight senior camogie championship titles in succession is given due recognition in a new book to be launched on this Saturday night.

The culmination of two and a half years work will take place at the Lady Gregory Hotel in Gort when Clare native Rachel English, anchor presenter of Five-Seven Live, the popular current affairs evening programme on RTE, will perform the official launch.

A native of Shannon, Rachel played camogie with the local club.

"This is the centenary year of the camogie association and we set out to put together a history of the game in Killanena. It has proved to be a far bigger project that we first anticipated" according to Kathleen McNamara who, together with her husband Pat, have researched and edited this book which runs to two hundred pages.

"Skirts hurlin'" is the title of the book and the story of how the name was arrived at is told in the book. A male spectator attending one of Killanena's earliest games in Feakle in 1959 proclaimed that it was his first time to see skirts hurlin' and hence the name for the book.

"We give a little history on the origins of the game in Dublin in 1904 and a bit about the start of the game in Clare in the 1930's under Mick Hennessy. There is also a little of the social history of the times while there are a number of interest-

ing old school photographs in the book", according to Pat.

Incidentally, Clooney, the home parish of the late Mick Hennessy, was a camogie stronghold in the thirties and forties providing many players to county teams including the McNamara sisters, Teresa (Tesa), Kathleen (Dokie), Margaret Mary (Maisie), Marcella (Cella) and Eileen (Eily).

In this publication, the main emphasis, of course, is on the history of the camogie club in Killanena and the glory years from 1959 to 1967 when they won eight Clare senior camogie championships in succession.

"The club was founded by Fr Liam Murray, the current president of Clare camogie and he has a remarkable record as a camogie coach. He was instrumental in reviving the Ahane club when he was in that parish and they won eight titles in Limerick while he also helped with the formation of a club in Whitegate", explained Kathleen.

"There were at least eight or nine from Killanena on every Clare team that played in those years", added Kathleen before going on to say that the book contains many team and action photographs from those great years for the club.

The Killanena club fell on lean times in the seventies but was reformed again in the eighties and currently has a very strong and successful underage section. "We participated in the special centenary celebrations in Croke Park last

month and pictures from that event are carried in the book", according to Kathleen.

"It turned out to be a much bigger project that we first anticipated and we would like to say a special thanks to all who provided us with old photographs and material. We also want to thank Leader for their support and local businesses for providing finance towards the cost of the publication", she added before paying tribute to "Hillery Dully for all her help with this project.

Saturday's celebrations will commence with a special Mass in Killanena church at 6p.m. and its hoped that the majority of those who have been involved with the club over the years will be in attendance.

The book launch will take place at 8pm and he survivors of the eight in a row team will be paraded into the function hall by members of the Tulla Pipers band.

"Representatives of camogie's Central Council, Munster Council and Clare County board will be present for what promises to be a great occasion. The book will be on sale on the night and will also be available from club officers and shops in the locality during the coming weeks and its of interest to all in the parish and surrounding areas", said Kathleen.

Saturday's function promises to be a huge success with a big turnout of parishioners as well as camogie followers from across the county expected to attend.



(Clockwise from left)

■ The 1959 Clare camogie final between Killanena and Colaiste Muire.

■ The Munster champion Clare Camogie, 1944.

■ Flagmount-Dromindoora National Schools in Croke Park for the All-Ireland centenary camogie final. Thirty three girls, in the Killanena club colours, went on to the pitch to form part of a giant C-100 figure with 2,500 other primary school children from all over the country.

■ Killanena, winners of the Clare senior camogie title for the first time in 1959; Back (L to R) Kitty McInerney, Vera O'Brien, Frances Vaughan, Nonie Broderick (RIP) Mary Spelman, Josie Sammon, Crissie Moroney, Brid Hayes; Front (L to R) Celia Brady, Bridget McAllen, Nancy Collins, Marie Collins, Nancy Brady, Mary Walsh, Eileen McMahon(RIP), and Tessie Moloney.

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Vera Moloney, Kitty Keehan and Pauline Scully at the launch of "Skirts Hurlin" - the history of Killanena camogie" at the Lady Gregory Hotel in Gort on Saturday night.  
Photograph by Eamon Ward

## Killanena didn't skirt around the celebrations

IT was a gala occasion when Killanena launched their camogie club history and honoured the players who won eight senior championships from 1959 to 1967 at a function in Gort last Saturday night.

Over 300 people enjoyed a wonderful evening, recalling memories of great days and meeting old friends after a gap of almost 40 years in the Lady Gregory Hotel. A display of some rare photographs of times past in the hotel lobby set the tone for the evening.

There was a lovely moment when Patrick Murphy, a piper with the Tulla Pipe Band, led

the players into the function room where they received a rapturous reception. The players had often marched behind the band in their playing days. They were each presented with a beautiful hand painting of a camogie scene, painted by Killanena-based artist Julie Douglas.

Club chairperson Kathleen McNamara welcomed the attendance which included special guests Fr. Liam Murray, club founder; Bishop Willie Walsh; Sile Wallace, Ard-Stiúrthóir of the Camogie Association; Rose Malone, secretary of Munster Camogie Council; Tom Woulfe, chairperson of Clare Camogie Board; Brid

McNamara, secretary of Clare Camogie Board; Liz Howard, centenary organiser of the Camogie Association and Rachael English of RTE.

The chairperson reminded the attendance that the reunion and history launch was the club's way of celebrating the centenary year of camogie.

Fr. Liam Murray spoke eloquently of the time he founded the club and gave a very vivid picture of the club's earliest successes. A presentation was then made to the club's founding father.

The club history, called *Skirts Hurlin*, was launched by Rachael English who grew up in Shannon and has a great interest in sport,

particularly gaelic games in her native county. She praised the book which she said was a wonderful collection of stories of colourful characters, great players and a club that obviously means an awful lot to its community.

She also noted that the book contained valuable social and economic history of rural Ireland in a time of change. *Skirts Hurlin* was written and researched by the husband and wife team of Pat and Kathleen McNamara.

Seamus O'Sullivan, former Clare Camogie Board chairperson, was a very entertaining and efficient master of ceremonies.



## Irish to the fore in Camogie-Shinty

Ireland 6-13;  
Scotland 0-0.

**T**his was the first Camogie-Shinty international and was played at Ratoath as part of the programme of internationals there featuring Ireland and Scotland at under-21 and senior in Hurling-Shinty.



Ireland captain Anna Geary lifts the cup.

Ireland's team was composed of second level Colleges' All Stars and, as the score suggests, proved much too good for the visitors.

Ursula Jacob (Wexford), sister of senior hurlers Michael and Rory Jacob, starred for the home team with her clever play and finishing skills that yielded 2-3.

## County board honours minors

THE Clare Camogie Board is hosting a victory dance in The Auburn Lodge Hotel Ennis on Friday, November 26, to honour the minor team who won this year's Munster championship.

Clare defeated Limerick in Charleville to claim the crown and all members of that successful squad will be guests of the board at the presentation function.

It won't be the only presentation to take place on the night. All clubs who won county championship titles will also be presented with their rewards. The county board is appealing to all clubs to support

the function.

### Catherine an All-Star nominee

Kilnamona's Catherine O'Loughlin has been a model of consistency for Clare over the years, a fact that has been recognised at the highest level.

This week Catherine was named in the list of 45 nominees for the first ever camogie All-Stars.

She is nominated for a forward position and while 15 counties are represented, Tipperary, the national league and All-Ireland champions, as expected, top the

list with 11 nominees.

The All-Stars will be honoured on Saturday, December 4, at a banquet at the City West Hotel in Dublin.

### Camogie Board AGM

The AGM of the Clare Camogie Board will take place on Sunday, December 12, at 2 pm in the Auburn Lodge Hotel. All clubs have received the relevant nomination papers with regard to the meeting and are reminded to have them returned to the county secretary by Friday, November 26.



At the 1954 Glen Rovers' Hurling, Football and Camogie Anniversary Reunion is ex-camogie player Noelle Cronin (nee Deane).

## County Camogie news

## Waterford come up against top class Cork side

ON Sunday last, November 21st the Waterford U18 camogie panel travelled to Killarney to take on Cork in the Division A Munster Final. To reach this stage of the competition was a fantastic achievement for any Waterford side. Throughout their campaign they had overcome some of the best known Counties in the sport including Tipperary a couple of weeks previous.

Coming up against a side as talented as Cork was always going to be an

up hill battle. Their U18 side is made up of 8 Junior and 5 Senior players who have endless experience playing at top level. The Waterford girls seemed to feel a bit shell shocked at the side that Cork had fielded on the day.

From the throw in Cork never gave Waterford an inch, and continuously put the back line under severe pressure. After a very disappointing first half, it got harder for the Waterford girls to keep their heads up. This was undoubtedly one of the best U18

teams that Cork have had for a long time and this ensured that the Waterford girls never got the chance to play the kind of camogie that they had played earlier in the competition. Although the second half saw much of an improvement there was no recovering from the damage Cork had done in the first half and Cork walked away U18 Munster Champions by a convincing margin.

Despite this defeat there is a lot to be said for the progress being made

by camogie in Waterford. With an U16 All-Ireland under their belts from last year and coming out U18 Munster finalists in 2004, the future is bright. Twelve of the girls from this U18 panel are eligible for U18 again next year and they will be that little bit wiser as to the standard that is expected. As already mentioned it was a huge achievement to have made it this far in the competition and we hope that we will see this group of girls back on the field in the New Year.



Left to right: Pat Maloney-Linchon, Linda Mellerick, Marie Costine-O'Donovan and Sandie Fitzgibbon; the four Cork players chosen on the Camogie Team of the Century





Eire Óg, Cork County under 16A Champions who defeated Douglas in the Final

## DOUGLAS IN JUNIOR LEAGUE FINAL

**D**OUGLAS showed fierce determination as they booked their place in the junior league final at the expense of Killeagh.

Earlier in the season the sides met in the championship with Killeagh advancing but this time out Douglas ensured Mary Harrington's dream of winning a medal with her club is still very much alive.

Louise O'Regan had Douglas in the lead with an early goal and with Amanda O'Regan and Jenny O'Donovan adding points they made the early running.

Killeagh settled with a goal from a Mary O'Connor free and with Ann Marie Walsh adding a second just three points separated the sides at the break with Douglas ahead 1-6 to 2-0.

Niamh O'Loughlin finished to the net to level matters but the Douglas response was immediate with full forward Mary Harrington palming to the net to restore their advantage.

From here to the finish Douglas applied the pressure with Jenny O'Donovan and Zoe Dunlea pointing to which Mary

O'Connor replied for Killeagh but it was not enough as Douglas held on for a splendid victory. They will now meet County champions Valley Rovers in the final.

### Cloughdub book final place

**HOLDERS** Cloughdub remain on course to retain their junior shield title after they defeated St Finbarrs on Sunday last.

Cloughdub led at the break 1-6 to 0-2 Eileen Bradley grabbing an early goal.

Former senior player Catherine Corkery proved more than a hand full at full forward contributed five points with Jean Lucey adding a point. Another former senior star Colette O'Mahony showed she can still produce the goods as she kept the Barrs in touch with two points.

With Catherine Corkery stretching the Cloughdub lead they held their lead but Colette O'Mahony replied and throughout the second half the trend continued with both Corkery and O'Mahony picking off points as Cloughdub stayed in front.

Barrs worked hard to get the goal but good defensive play from Cloughdub ensured no way through, but it was thanks to their first half performance that they advanced to a championship final meeting with their Mid-Cork neighbours Aghbullogue.

## Junior Shield champs

by Mary Newman

Cloughdub 2-6  
Aghbullogue 1-8

**F**OR the second year in a row Cloughdub were crowned Junior Shield camogie champions but they had to call on all their resources before edging out their mid-Cork neighbours Aghbullogue in an exciting contest. They trailed at the interval 1-6 to 1-3 but a tremendous second half display which saw them hold Aghbullogue to just one point ensured victory.

Aghbullogue made the better start and had two points on the board from Marie Noonan and Louise Roche before an Eileen Bradley goal edged Cloughdub ahead, Marie Noonan replied with an Aghbullogue goal and her accuracy from frees was vital to Aghbullogue as she slotted over three inside the closing quarter of the half with Catherine Corkery and Jean Lucey contributing three between them for Cloughdub as Aghbullogue turned over in control.

From the start of the second half Cloughdub set about cutting the deficit and they had it down to just two points thanks to a Jean Lucey point before Eileen Bradley put them in the driving seat with her second goal. Aghbullogue continued to pressurise the Cloughdub defence and an Abbey Lehané point kept them in touch. Marie Noonan and Catherine Corkery exchanging points as both sides battled for supremacy. With the game heading into injury time extra time looked very much on the cards but a Catherine Corkery pointed free with seconds remaining was enough to see Cloughdub retain their crown but now before a close call.

**Cloughdub:** L. Nolan, F. Murphy, R. Sullivan, A. Dunne, N. Barrett, S. Corkery, S. Lucey, J. Lucey, A. Cronin, C. McSullivan, A. M. McCarthy, C. Corkery, M. Kelly, E. Bradley, Subs: A. Sullivan for M. Kelly, S. Buckley for A. Dunne.

**Aghbullogue:** M. O. Sullivan, S. O. Leary, M. Twomey, C. Kieley, J. Crowley, M. Ennequess, D. Murphy, S. Buckley, M. O. Leary, A. Lehané, M. McSweeney, L. Roche, M. Noonan, M. Twomey, A. Scully, Subs: M. Healy for D. Murphy.

**Referee:** Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs)

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O'Leary Bros. Builders  
Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship - Final  
Played in Pairc Uí Rinn 6/8/2004

Carrigdhoun 6-11 Milford 5-11

Teams:

**Carrigdhoun:** Gillian Harrington (Valley Rvs), Sally Ann O'Halloran (Ballygarvan), Mary Hallahan (Ballygarvan), Lucy Hawkes (Valley Rvs), Eimer O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig), Jennifer Browne (Ballygarvan), Mairead Holland (Ballinhassig), Eimer Dillon (Ballygarvan), Amanda Murphy (Ballygarvan), Deirdre Daly (Ballygarvan), Catriona Kelly (Ballygarvan), Capt. Liz Buglar (Valley Rvs), Elaine Burke (Valley Rvs), Sarah O'Donovan (Ballygarvan), Marion Jago (Tracton).

**Sub:** Deirdre Crowley (Ballinhassig) for Deirdre Daly

**Milford:** Noele O'Riordan, Deirdre Hayes, Elaine O'Riordan, Lisa Healy, Sarah Sexton, Regina Curtin, Christine O'Gorman, Anna Geary, Sinead O'Reilly, Lelia Long (Capt.), Julia Sheehy, Aine Watson, Mary Watson, Eimer Watson, Eimer O'Friel.

**Referee:** Cathal Egan (Glen Rvs)

### CAMOGIE

Senior - Tipperary

Intermediate - Galway

Junior - Cork

Minor - Galway

Minor 'B' - Antrim

Senior Club - St. Lactain's (Kilkenny)

Junior Club - Liatroim (Down)

Gael Linn Senior - Munster

Gael Linn Junior - Munster

## Seandun U13 finals

**GLEN ROVERS** hosted both under 13 finals on Sunday last with Brian Dillon's and Douglas in action in the 'B' final while the hosts met Douglas in the 'A' final.

The weather added to the occasion with two splendid games in the 'B' final Pamela Mackey, Aine O'Donovan and Cliona Meaney all got the vital scores as Douglas took the title.

In the 'A' final Douglas had a dream start with

### CORK EXPERIENCE LITTLE OPPOSITION

**W**ITH Waterford having recorded a splendid first round victory over Tipperary hopes were high that we would have a classic Munster under 18 final but it turned out not to be the exact opposite as Cork totally dominated from the throw in to retain the crown.

At half-time Cork led 6-9 to no score with Margaret McCarthy, Emer Watson, Mary Coleman, Sile Burns and Orla Coughlan all on the score sheet.

The second half continued in the same vein with Aine Lyng contributing a Waterford point in a totally one sided clash where Anna Geary, Breige Corkery, Marie O'Neill, Hazel O'Regan, Sile Burns and Edwina Waters all grabbing scores. Well done to the team and their mentors in retaining the crown.

early goals from Aileen O'Donovan, Karen Horgan, Jill Kelleher and Moira O'Donovan.

The home worked hard to get back into contention with Denise Luby, Alice Keating and Karen O'Connell leading the way but the bad start made it an almost impossible task and it was Douglas who went on to make it a double.

Well done to all concerned with the teams and to the Seandun committee on another successful day.

Outgoing chairperson Mairead Uí Mhaioleoin tells me that there are plans for an indoor under 10 day on the second Sunday in December and certainly over the last number of years this has proved a wonderful success.

## JUVENILE CONVENTION

**T**HE juvenile board held a very successful annual convention on Tuesday last. Outgoing chairperson Tracy Sheehan was returned unopposed, Kathleen Healy once again holds the position of vice chairperson.

There is a new secretary with Eileen O'Brien from Sliabh Rua taking over the position from Mary O'Sullivan who did not seek re election. Bina O'Callaghan continues as treasurer, Yvonne Lane is the registrar with Ann Marie Healy as PRO.

Mary Barrett Mayfield also joins the board as Child Welfare officer. Outgoing Secretary Mary O'Sullivan joined the board GPC as did All-Ireland winning junior goalkeeper Ellen Clifford, and Ester O'Leary with the outgoing Willie O'Regan, Andrew O'Farrell and Paddy Cullinane re elected.

On Thursday night next December 2nd the Senior Board will hold their convention in Pairc Uí Rinn starting at 7.30pm



Calvita Primary Game 2004, representing Tipperary at the Munster Hurling Final, (l-r): Emma Hickey (Ballina), Amy Kennedy (Nenagh), Eina Moran (Littleton), Aisling Butler (Inch), Mary Anne Hayes (Knockavilla), Olivia McCarthy (Ballylooby).



Camogie 'A' Winners 2004, St. Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh - Amy Kennedy, Aine O'Carroll, Aine O'Halloran, Aine Lucey, Siobhan Walkin, Edel McLoughney, Maria Daly, Jennifer Kelly, Laine Sheehan, Lisa Maher, Deborah Darcy, Emma O'Connor, Daniella Cummins, Catherine O'Connor, Brendan O'Sullivan, Claire Mahoney, Mary Claire Collins, Emma Kelleff.



# Clarke, O'Dwyer honoured

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by Brendan O'Brien

ANNETTE Clarke ended an historic season for the Galway ladies' footballers by picking up the Vodafone Player of the Year award in Dublin yesterday.

From the Kilkerrin-Clonberne club, Clarke is the first Galway woman to collect the award, yet another sign that the balance of power is gradually shifting away from its traditional base in Mayo.

Having helped to bring junior All-Ireland and national league titles to Galway in 2002, Clarke steered her side to its first senior All-Ireland last month, over a campaign where they saw off champions Mayo three times before beating Dublin in the final.

"A couple of months ago you could never dream of this happening to you," said the 23-year-old yesterday.

"After winning the All-Ireland in October and to come back six weeks later to collect this is just the icing on the cake.

"It's all about the team performance though. I wouldn't be accepting any award if it wasn't for the other girls. We've put a lot of work in over the last two years in particular, and we knew we had the capability because there's a great underage structure in Galway, there's great talent coming through and all the work we have put in is starting to pay off."

Tipperary's Una O'Dwyer was also in Dublin, picking up the award for camogie's player of the year.

It may have been the Cashel player's first time to receive the accolade, but she was in good company. Fellow teammates Jovita Delaney, Ciara Gaynor and Eimear McDonnell have all pre-



Galway's Annette Clarke, left, and Tipperary's Una O'Dwyer, who won the Vodafone Player of the Year awards in football and camogie at the Westin Hotel in Dublin yesterday. Picture: Brendan Moran / SPORTSFILE

viously collected the award.

O'Dwyer also received the Texaco award in Dublin last night, further recognition of what has been another superb season that culminated with a near-perfect display at full-back during the All-Ireland win over Cork as she collected her fifth senior All-Ireland title.

"I don't honestly know if this has been my best year or not," the 23-year-old claimed yesterday.

"You can be lucky because different games could work out differently and you wouldn't be

getting the awards.

"The fact that it's the centenary year for camogie makes it that bit more special. The extra trimmings like this are nice but they're not the most important thing."

Meanwhile the nominees for the first ever Camogie All-Stars were announced yesterday. They will be honoured on Saturday, December 4, at a banquet in the CityWest Hotel.

**Nominations:** Goalkeeper: A. Murray (Cork), J. Delaney (Tipperary), S. Eamer (Galway); Backs: U. O'Dwyer, S. Kelly, S.

Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, J. Kirwan (Tipperary), P. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, S. Dunlea, J. O'Callaghan (Cork), M. Harkin Carr, S. Keane, S. Cahalan (Galway), M. Leacy, A. Codd (Wexford), C. Tallon (Kildare), R. Collins (Limerick), E. Cuddy (Leois); Midfield: K. Kelly (Wexford), G. O'Connor (Cork), V. Shaahan (Limerick), T. Maher (Galway), L. O'Hara (Dublin), K. McAuley (Derry); Forwards: J. O'Leary (Cork), F. Carr, M. McAleenan (Down), C. Grogan, D. Hughes, J. Horan, E. McDonnell (Tipperary), A. Hayes, O. Kilkeny (Galway), S. Millea (Kilkenny), E. O'Brien (Limerick), S. O'Carroll (Kildare), E. Brannigan (Dublin), M. Hearne (Wexford), L. Glennon (Roscommon), A. Lyng (Waterford), C. O'Loughlin (Clare), E. Mason (Antrim).

**International player:** A. McGeeney (Eire), R. O'Neill (An Bhreatain), R. O'Reilly (USA). **Young Player:** S. Gannon (Galway), M. Leacy (Wexford), A. O'Regan (Cork).

## Productive All Ireland Colleges camogie AGM at Croke Park

THE All Ireland Colleges camogie AGM at Croke Park proved to be a very progressive event with many motions being discussed, along with a critical analysis of the existing competitive structures in the provinces.

Munster Secretary Rob Lotty, raised the issue of employ-

ing a servicing officer to arrange the venues and referees for Colleges, with particular emphasis on the weaker grades for beginner schools.

Munster's motion of raising the medal allowance from 20 to 25 for teams was passed, coming in line with the existing Ardchomhairle rule for

minors.

A further Munster motion recommending a Senior C and Junior C All Ireland also received the green light. The Ulster province was able to move the Sevens Final to before Christmas with a view to ensuring fewer competitions occur in the late season.

A strategic development plan committee was entrusted with the task of providing a template for the Provinces to follow. A further topic that merited special discussion, raised by a new teacher to camogie, was the inability of County Boards to finish their competitions within their sea-

son — some schools had girls still involved in club games in November when they had not hit a ball for the months of June, July and August.

The date for the senior semi-finals is Feb 26, the senior final is March 19, junior semi-finals March 5, junior finals April 16. The All Ireland U14 James Hurley blitz is on June 4 for inter county development squads.

## Majella's magic helps Valley to historic double

Valley Rovers  
Douglas

1-6  
1-2

by Mary Newman

VALLEY ROVERS rounded off a tremendous season taking the Junior A camogie league title with four points to spare over a gallant Douglas side.

Earlier in the year Valley Rovers took the county championship title and it they were very determined go to add the league title to their impressive haul.

A Majella McCarthy goal helped the county champions hold a slender one point advantage at the break. Elaine Burke replied to a Mary Harrington Douglas goal with two points while Amanda O'Regan pointed for Douglas as

they turned over 1-2 to 1-1 at half time.

In the second half, Douglas threw everything at the Valley's defence in quest of victory but with the experience of a successful championship cam-

paign behind them Valley Rovers held firm to record a historic double.

**Valley Rovers:** G. Harrington, E. Cottrell, L. Davis, C. Mc Sweeney, M.A. Hawke's, M. Cottrell, A.M. Murphy, L.O. Mahony, L. Hawke's, M. Mc Carthy, D.

Twohig, E.O. Mahony, E. Burke, L. Bugler, C. Deasy Subs: A. O'Donovan for E.O. Mahony, V. Meila for E. Cottrell, A. Coughlan for C. Mc Sweeney

**Douglas:** C. Conway, S. O'Regan, L. Sheehan, T. Buckley, A. Barrett, A.O. Regan, F. Mc Sweeney, A. O'Mahony, D. Murphy, L.O. Mahony, S. O'Leary, J. O.

Donovan, Z. Dunlea, M. Harrington, L.O. Regan, Subs: H. O'Connor for S. O'Leary, N. O'Donovan for Z. Dunlea, F. O'Donovan for M. Harrington.

**Referee:** Mr C Egan (Glen Rovers).



Tipperary Intermediate camogie team All-Ireland finalists - Back row (l to r) - Meabh Corcoran, Siobhan Ryan, Sarah O'Brien, Helen Breen, Mary Looch, Jackie O'Connor, Geraldine Kinane. Seated (l to r) - Eimear Ryan, Mairead Luttrell, Denise Ryan, Julie Kirwan, Mary Ryan, Michelle Shortt, Julie Delaney, Deirdre McDonnell (captain).



# International camogie players show real bottle

By Máire Uí Scolai

Just when it was thought the centenary celebrations could not get any better, along comes the very first International Coca Cola Camogie Competition.

It was always anticipated that there would be an International dimension to the year's festivities and what a great occasion it was when on October 13th both the USA and An Bhreatain jetted into Dublin Airport bright and early to take part with the Irish girls in this great event.

For a long number of years now the GAA have organised International events and earlier in the year Cumann Lúthchleas Gael through Uachtarán Séan Kelly gave the sum of 20,000 towards an International event.

The selected Irish team were the third level players chosen from the Purcell Combined Colleges team of this year. When it was announced that they were the chosen players there was much delight among the players and perhaps none more so than captain and Galway player Therese Maher.

The well-known senior Galway star, who holds two Minor All-Ireland titles, was over the moon when told she had been chosen to lead the Irish team. "When it was mentioned to me first, I got a big shock. I thought it was a joke as I could have thought of many other players who deserved of such an honour, but it certainly is the highlight of centenary year for me," commented Therese who played in Croke Park on losing All-Ireland sides in both 1997 and 1998.

## COCA COLA CAUGH UP....

Coca Cola came up with much needed sponsorship through Finance and Sponsorship Manager Sinéad O'Connor which enabled all three International teams to stay in the fine Citywest Hotel for the duration and also for Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael to be in a position to look after all players and mentors in a fitting manner.

The opening night in City West Hotel on the 13th saw all sides gather there for a reception given to the three teams by Central Council. Also there on the night was one Eileen Duffy O'Mahony who presented the beautiful Cup to the Association for the Competition. This was Eileen's second trip to the hotel this year as earlier on she was named as goal keeper on the team of the century, having won eight senior All-Ireland medals in her heyday with her native Dublin. An extremely popular guest, Eileen always delights her audience with the wonderful stories she comes out with in particular anecdotes from her playing days with the Dubs.

Parnell Park was the chosen venue for the opening Coca Cola International match between the USA and An Bhreatain. The honour of scoring the first 'International Camogie score' fell to An Bhreatain player Emma Linnane who added a goal to her tally deep in the second half. An Bhreatain were managed by Tipperary man Martin Carroll, a nephew of Tipperary hurler John Carroll, and his side were well in control by the break, leading by 1-8 to the USA's 0-1. The US's score having come from Louise Weste after just minutes of the half gone. The girls from across the broad Atlantic gave it their all in the second half with Ann Morrissey striking home the first USA goal midway through the half and then two minutes later Rosie O'Reilly struck what was probably the goal of the day from almost thirty yards out. It was a superb strike. However, further scores from the girls in green and white left them in front at the final whistle, 5-9 to the USA's 2-3.

So it was all to play for on the following day where Naomh Brid in Blanchardstown was the chosen venue. The welcome given to the visiting teams was second to none. The hard working committee comprised Collette Cody, Patsy Powell and her son



Therese Maher with the Coca Cola Cup for the International Camogie competition



The Irish squad which defeated Scotland in the Shinty/Camogie Compromise Rules game

Declan, John Peake, Herbie Hughes, Paddy Duffy, Eddie Murphy, Timmy O'Mahony and former Uachtarán of Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael Phyllis Breslin who is a member of the Blanchardstown club.

The mná na hÉireann ran out smartly on to the pitch in the playing gear supplied by O'Neill's. Captained by Therese Maher, they were much too strong for the girls from An Bhreatain who suffered a heavy defeat. However, the great spirit that these girls showed was just outstanding.

USA and Ireland took centre stage for the last of the opening games again with Ireland coming out on top, which meant that the girls from Ireland and An Bhreatain would meet in the final on Sunday in Croke Park before the opening game between Ireland and Australia.

## DREAM OF A LIFE-TIME

As we all know it is the dream of every playing member of the GAA and Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael to play on the hallowed turf of Croke Park. When it was first mentioned some time ago in some of the London clubs that there would be an international competition in Ireland this year and that the final would be played in Croke Park, instantly the interest shot up and it remained so until the goal of their journey, - to play in headquarters was achieved.

The scoreline of the final might have suggested that An Bhreatain did not try but it was totally the opposite as everyone of the girls in green and white played their hearts out until Dublin referee Aine Derham blew her whistle on the 2004 Coca Cola International Final.

Both Therese Maher and Ann Marie O'Dwyer, captain of An Bhreatain team spoke so well and it was most evident how much enjoyment the An Bhreatain girls took from the experience.

One would have had to be out with the teams during the week to really appreciate how much the mentors and players had put into this trip of a life time.

This is a competition with a great future, and while there are major travel and cost factors, it is most likely that other countries will be anxious to take part in the next outing, when ever that might take place. For Ardstiúrthóir Sheila Wallace the whole week was just marvellous, a long time ago she hoped that this event would form part of the centenary celebrations and with the assistance of many others she saw it through with great style and an assurance that it will grow from here.

## SHINTY/CAMOGIE COMPROMISE TOURNAMENT...

To make it a truly International week, the first ever Shinty/Camogie Compromise Tournament went ahead in Ratoath GAA Club in the Royal County of Meath. It formed part of the whole Shinty experience as the Irish U21's Men opened the day's activities against Scotland and then the Ladies in Green took on the Scottish lassies with the Irish colleens again proving just how much skill they have. The Irish were managed by Dubliner Tom Ryan, who was part of Dublin Minor selection committee that reached the All-Ireland Minor Final of 1983 with Niall Quinn on board.

The Irish team comprised of the second level colleges All-Stars and were captained by Cork senior player and second level colleges centenary Ambassador Anna Geary. She made history when she accepted An Corn Ceilteach from Uachtarán Miriam O'Callaghan.

It must be said that this was one of the highlights of the centenary celebrations and all the hard work put in by all four officers really put the game on a complete new pedestal. Already, there have been people talking about the event from afar, so now not only is it cool to play Camogie but it is now well fizzed up with Coca Cola! Here's to the next event.

Forthcoming events:  
December 4th: City West Hotel, Announcement of first ever All-Stars team. It will be a truly fitting finale to the 2004 season.





# SLIOTAR AGUS CAMAN



By **Séamas Mac Giolla Fhinnéin**

## The Ulster Under 14 Championship

**A**fter the Golden Cow games in May, won again by North Eastern and the under 14 blitz competition, in May won by Armagh, it looked as if standards were rising at that level.

I was approached in September to give Marie Doherty a hand with the Antrim team preparing for the under 14 championship during the autumn. It would be interesting to gauge the standard from inside the wire.

At that late stage there was little time for constructive training, but I was already aware from my club Bridini Óga's league games in north Antrim that there was a nucleus of players available with a high skill level.

A trial game was held but only players from the north Antrim clubs actually attended it. We selected a panel of 19 to face Tyrone at Toome and won by 11-8 to 1-3.

There was indeed quite a gap between the teams, but a number of the Saffron youngsters stood out as exceptional players.

Three of them - Loughgiel pair Raquel McCarry and Emma Connolly and Geraldine's Louise McAleese - had featured in the county minor team that had gone all the way to an historic first All-Ireland Minor B title back in August.

The forward line in particular had a high skill level. McCarry scored 5-2 before being replaced shortly after the break. Shannon Graham's penetrating runs, the midfield pairing of Cáitríona Hasson and 12 year old Emma Connor and the power of the latter's Ballycastle team-mates all augured well.

But a word about Tyrone - they did have a few impressive individuals - Emma McAliskey, whose mother Bernie Hasson is a former Antrim player, Niamh Hughes and Kathryn Campbell. Good individuals, but they hadn't enough to impose their game-plan on the Saffrons.

### ULSTER QUARTER-FINAL

#### SCORE-LINE:

**ANTRIM 11-8 TYRONE 1-3.**

**ANTRIM:** Catherine O'Kane, Orla O'Neill,

Siobhán McKendry, Ciara McGuckian, Sinéad Lavery, Emma Connolly, Sinead McKeown, Emma Connor, Caitríona Hasson, Louise McAleese (1-0), Kathy McGouran (capt.) (0-2), Shannon Graham (1-2), Katie McAleese (1-1), Raquel McCarry (5-2, 1-1 frees), Emma McMullan (2-1).

**Subs:** Ciara McNeill for K McGouran (h.t.), Brónagh McIntyre for E. Connor (h.t.), Rebecca Walsh (1-0) for R. McCarry (38), Natasha McGinn for E. Connolly (42).

**TYRONE:** Eimear O'Hagan, Sarah Donnelly, Emma Donaghy, Sarah McKee, Faustina Canavan, Oonagh O'Neill, Kathryn Campbell, Annette Jordan, Niamh Hughes, Sally McDonald (1-1), Joanna Fox, Emma McAliskey (0-3), Martha Campbell, Leona Daly, Emma McShane.

**Subs:** Rachel Canavan for S. Donnelly (26), Ursula Corey for O. O'Neill (37), Ciara McGrath for E. McShane (39), Nichorra McKenna for L. Daly (53), Lisa Mullan for E. Donaghy (55).

**Referee:** Malachy McToal (Derry)

Next stop a further trial game, that showed up new players including a quartet from St. John's, and the panel was extended to 25 for the semi-final visit to An Ríocht to play Down.

Midfielder Hasson was sick and couldn't play. We re-constructed the team and chose to play with the advantage of the breeze to build up the confidence. We need not have worried as the forward line began to buzz from the off.

This time Katie McAleese was on fire with 4-1 in the first half and another 2 goals from Emma McMullan - a niece of former great Grace. The game was wrapped up by half-time and good players such as Máire Mageean, Claire Coulter and Mary Jo Coleman could make no impression at all.

### ULSTER SEMI-FINAL SCORE-LINE

#### ANTRIM 7-7 DOWN 1-0

**ANTRIM:** Catherine O'Kane, Patrice Hardy, Niamh Kearins, Sinéad McAuley, Helen Wilson, Emma Connolly, Ciara

McGuckian, Emma Connor, Louise McAleese (1-0), Shannon Graham (0-2), Kathy McGouran (capt.) (0-1), Raquel McCarry (0-2), Katie McAleese (4-1), Claire Traynor, Emma McMullan (2-1).

**Subs:** Ciara McNeill for P. Hardy, Natasha McGinn for C. McGuckian, Tessa McDonnell for K. McAleese, Una Simpson for H. Wilson, Sinead McKeown for S. Graham.

**DOWN:** Joanne Killen, Sabrina McCullough, Jordan Hynds, Laura Brennan, Ciara Leigh Dynes, Máire Mageean, Claire Coulter, Lisa McPolin, Paula Gribben, Gráinne Kelly, Mary Jo Coleman (1-0), Caislin Hynes, Aoife King, Nicola O'Hagan, Ciara Murphy.

**Referee:** Paddy McQuillan.

By now Marie and I were hooked on the quality of the team. We took a look at the second semi-final between Armagh and Derry the following day in Newbridge. Now here were two dogged teams, neither prepared to allow the other much room, a fairly high level of skill, but neither able to open play out.

Armagh was the more forceful side. Laura Comiskey's early switch from mid-field to corner-forward worked. She shot a goal and a point and Amy Lavery added two goals.

Derry came back with a Keelin Bradley goal and pressed for long periods of the second half without looking like breaking Armagh down. Very few outstanding individual players here - both teams very good at closing down players and preventing constructive play.



### ULSTER SEMI-FINAL SCORE-LINE:

#### ARMAGH 3-1 DERRY 1-1.

**ARMAGH:** Armagh: Aisling Murphy, Corrine McKee, Hannah Hughes, Nicola Conway, Paula Mallon, Patricia Murphy (capt.), Connie Conway, Emma McParland, Laura Comiskey (1-1), Noleen McKenna, Laura McGennis, Aideen Canavan (1-0), Marie Fox, Amy Lavery (2-0), Lucy Conway.

**DERRY:** Alicia McGonigle, Nicola Farren, Ellis Bateson, Janine McNeill, Sara Louise Henry, Breige McErlaine, Aine Kelly, Jacqueline Farren, Keelin Bradley (1-1), Emma Mulally, Nicola McLoughlin, Lisa O'Neill, Emer Kealey, Susan McPeake, May Wilson.

**Referee:** Tommy McIntyre

Good news before the final with the availability of Rossa sisters Caoimhe and Maureen Quinn. Caoimhe was another minor medallist and a member of the club senior team that took the Ulster club title. We put her straight into the team at half-back. Back too was Cáitríona Hasson. Able at last to select what we believed to be Antrim's best under 14 team.

A bit worried about how the team would deal with opposition that refused to allow skilful players the room to perform. Chose to play with the strong breeze in

Middletown.

Emma McMullan delivered two goals within 10 minutes - the third game in a row she scored two goals. We were dominating play when suddenly the game is over from an Armagh point of view. Midfielder Laura Comiskey picks up a second yellow card and only 12 minutes gone.

Before Armagh has time to come to terms with the set-back, Raquel compounds it with the first of her five first half goals. Everyone showing aggression along with the skill we knew about. I doubt if Armagh could have handled us if it had remained 15 against 15. Our stick-work was much superior

and players such as Emma Connor and Raquel dancing around the tackles on a heavy pitch.

### ULSTER FINAL SCORE-LINE:

#### ANTRIM 10-1 ARMAGH 1-2

**ANTRIM:** Catherine O'Kane, Sinéad McAuley, Niamh Kearins, Ciara McGuckian, Caoimhe Quinn, Emma Connolly, Una Simpson, Emma Connor, Cáitríona Hasson, Louise McAleese, Kathy McGouran (capt.) (2-0), Shannon Graham, Emma McMullan (3-0), Raquel McCarry (5-0), Katie McAleese (0-1).

**Subs:** Claire Traynor for E. McMullan (46), Sinead McKeown for C. McGuckian (53), Brónagh McIntyre for C. Quinn (53), Siobhán McHenry for S. McAuley (55), Maureen Quinn for C. Hasson (55), Orla O'Neill, Patrice Hardy, Helen Wilson, Ciara McNeill, Natasha McGinn, Tessa McDonnell, Sinéad Lavery.

**ARMAGH:** Aisling Murphy, Corrine McKee, Hannah Hughes, Emma Mullan, Paula Mallon, Patricia Murphy (capt.), Nicola Conway, Emma McParland (0-1), Laura Comiskey, Noleen McKenna (0-1), Laura McGennis, Marie Fox, Aideen Canavan (1-0), Amy Lavery, Katie O'Brien.

**Subs:** Connie Conway for E. Mullan (12), Orla Murray for K. O'Brien (37), Lucy

Conway for N. Conway (43), N. Conway for H. Hughes (49), Cáitríona Cosgrove for A. Lavery (55).

**Referee:** Rosemary Hughes-Merry (Monaghan).



**Overall verdict:** Antrim were lacking a bit in team-play but their stick-work and skill level much superior to any other county. A lot of good work being done at club and inter-county level in most counties, but still too many young players striking every ball with a "long" hurl, and many still unable to vary their game to deal with differing types of marker.

Derry have dominated the under-age scene for a decade now - but strangely did not reach either the minor or under 14 finals this year.

It is good for Ulster camogie in general that there is change.

However based solely on the evidence of this under 14 competition, Derry's dominance could well give way to a period of Saffron sovereignty. Of the starting line-up, Emma Connor and the full-forward line of Emma McMullan, Raquel McCarry and Katie McAleese are all eligible at this level next season, as are a number of the substitutes.

Final point - and a nod to Ulster Council - try to bring this competition back to a summer schedule when there is a better chance of a drier sod.

