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Honours even in colleges semi-final

By RIBOARD LOTT

Colleges Camogie

Bandon	0-5
St Fergal's Rathdowney	0-5

THE CARBERY school can consider themselves fortunate to have earned a replay in the All-Ireland Colleges Junior B semi-final based on their lacklustre performance against a much more tenacious Laois team.

While the defence as a unit played well their forward division rarely threatened and the Cork scores came from midfielders Orla Coughlan and Deirdre Coomey with Danielle O'Sullivan, Bandon's only effective forward, contributing a point.

The home team led 4-2 at half-time. A shrewd switch by selector Fergal Ryan meant that Marian O'Grady swapped with midfielder Miriam Harrison and Eimear Delaney at centre forward also changed with the other midfielder Fiona O'Grady. Bandon relinquished their lead when Fiona O'Grady and Eimear Delaney scored three points but a marvellous solo run by Marguerite Nyhan rallied the home side. A late free converted by Orla Coughlan mean the sides meet again in Rathdowney this Saturday at 2pm.

BANDON: J O'Neill, S Walsh, L Hawkes, F Deasy, A Nyhan, M Nyhan, O O'Regan, O Coughlan (0-2), D Coomey (0-2), C Long, M Murphy, B Tuohy, A Holland, S Ryan, D O'Sullivan (0-1); Sub: T Hurley for Ryan.

RATHDOWNEY: M Fitzpatrick, S Sinnott, K Cuddy, S Delaney, M O'Grady, E Moynihan, L Moylan, M Harrison (0-1), F O'Grady (0-3), A O'Neill, E Delaney (0-2), S Bowe, M Sinnott, M Kelly, L Quinlan.

● THE Charleville senior squad travel to Enniscorthy on Saturday and, although reigning champions, will have to play exceptionally well to defeat favourites Enniscorthy. The Avondhu school will hope Anna Geary, Marie and Emer Watson and Shannon Brosnan play to form to keep the double an option for Vince Harrington's side. Borris, Carlow entertain Coachford who have talented players in Emma O'Keefe, Louise Roche, Emma Healy and team captain Joan Twomey while Borris can call on Fiona Byrne, Gillian Nolan and Ellis Meaney to lead the charge.

RESULTS

All-Ireland Junior A Semi-Final: St Mary's Charleville 1-13 Enniscorthy 2-5

All-Ireland Junior B Semi-Final: Bandon 0-5 Rathdowney 0-5

FIXTURES

All-Ireland Senior A semi-final: Enniscorthy, Saturday, 8th March, 2pm; Charleville v Colaiste Bríd, Enniscorthy.

All-Ireland Senior B semi-final: Borris, Carlow, Saturday, 8th March, 2pm; Coachford v Borris, Carlow.

All-Ireland Junior B semi-final: Rathdowney, Saturday 8th March, 2pm; St Fergal's, Rathdowney v Presentation, Bandon.

● **Cork Colleges U-14 Trial:** The following players are requested to attend at Carrignavar College for a 4pm Trial on Sunday, 9th March.

N Bradley, S Kennelick, C Ryan (Col Chollm), K Buttner, M O'Sullivan (Dunmanway), J Hurley (Kinsale), E Corkery, N Corkery (Macroom), A Flaherty (Youghall), G Cronin, B Crowley, T Hurley, C O'Neill, E Ryan, C Twomey (Bandon), A Madden, T O'Brien (Blarney), C Bouse, K Buckley, M Barry, M Dams (Carrigaline), R Byrne, C Conway, E Desmond, A Moynihan, E Heffernan, N O'Donovan, L O'Shea, (Christ King), J Brennan, S Whelton (Closakilly), M O'Connor (Charleville), S Daly (Carrignavar), E Murphy (Buttevant).

Colaiste na Toirbhíre, Bandon
{ Red jersey, Navy skirt } **Selector Sinead White**

1. Janice O'Neill
2. Sarah Walsh
3. Lucy Hawkes
4. Frances Deasy
5. Anna Nyhan
6. Marguerite Nyhan
7. Orla O'Regan
8. Orla Coughlan
9. Deirdre Coomey(c)
10. Colleen Long
11. Margaret Murphy
12. Breda Tuohy
13. Aoife Holland
14. Shelley Ryan
15. Danielle O'Sullivan
16. Lisa O'Sullivan
17. Marie Condon
18. Collette Hurley
19. Grainne Cronin
20. Elaine Ryan
21. Treasa Hurley
22. A-m O Mahony
23. Jacq. O'Donovan
24. Danielle Hegarty
25. Ella Ryan
26. Aoife Lee

Newcestown
Enniskeane
Valley Rovers
Newcestown
Enniskeane
Enniskeane
Killbrittain
Enniskeane
Ballinhassig
Newcestown
Col. Na Toirb
Ballinhassig
Newcestown
Coursey Rovers
Kilbrittain
Newcestown
Ballinascorthy
Newcestown
Bandon
Coursey Rovers
Newcestown
Kilbrittain
Kilbrittain
Kilbrittain
Ballinascorthy
Ballinhassig

Colaiste Fhearghail Naofa, Co. Laoise
{Green & Red } **Selector Fergal Ryan**

1. Mary Fitzpatrick
2. Sinead Sinnott
3. Karen Cuddy
4. Sinead Delaney
5. Marian O'Grady
6. Eimear Moynan
7. Linda Moylan
8. Miriam Harrison (c)
9. Fiona O'Grady
10. Amy O'Neill
11. Eimear Delaney
12. Sarah Bowe
13. Marie Sinnott
14. Margaret Kelly
15. Lisa Quinlan
16. Eimear O'Grady
17. Laura Fogarty
18. Treasa Whyte
19. Aine Mahony

Dublin make perfect start

Máire Uí Scolai

DUBLIN began their National League campaign with a hard fought 2-4 to 1-5 victory over Antrim in Naomh Mearnóg. The Blues played against a stiff wind in the opening half but were only two points in arrears at the break, 1-3 to 1-1.

Both sides played much better camogie in the second half, but with 15 minutes remaining, the all important goal for the Dubs came from super sub Karen Blood.

Meanwhile, National League champions Galway showed their class when they beat Limerick in Killimor 4-10 to 0-6. Orla Kilkenny was the hero with the opening Galway goal in the first half which saw the League champions ahead 1-7 to 0-5 at the break.

Galway were rampant in the second half once Aislinn Connolly got her side's second goal and further goals from Kilkenny, and Veronica Curtin sealed victory.

Naoise Ryan, brother of Dublin football Shane, was the top scorer with 0-5 for the Dubs in their Division two win against a poor Antrim side while Waterford scored an easy 1-6 to 1-0 win against Cavan.

CAMOGIE

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Div 1: Tipperary 2-7 (D Hughes 2-1, C Grogan 0-4, E Mc Donnell 0-2) Dublin 1-2 (G McCluskey 1-2)
Div 2: Tipperary 2-4 (T Maxwell 1-1, L Twomey 1-0, G Kinnane 0-2, B O'Neill 0-1) Dublin 0-6 (N Ryan, P Malcolmson 0-2 each, S Dillon, S Draper 0-1 each)
Clare 3-12 Laois 0-1
ALL-IRELAND A COLLEGES, Semi-final: St Patrick's Maghera 2-7 (C Mc Cloy 2-2, B Convery, A Ward 0-2 each, C Kearney 0-1) Portlanna Community Sch 2-5 (S Keane 1-4, B Hanney 1-1)

Bandon lucky to get second chance in replay

Presentation Bandon	0-5
St Fergal's Rathdowney	0-5

by Mary Newman

PRESENTATION BANDON lives to fight another day but they can consider themselves lucky to still be in contention for All Ireland Junior B honours after holding off the challenge of St Fergal's Rathdowney.

Bandon led 0-4 to 0-2 at the interval thanks to points

from Orla Coughlan, Deirdre Coomey (2) and Danielle O'Sullivan. It was thanks in the main to the excellence of their defence that Bandon led at the break as Lucy Hawks, Frances Deasy and Marguerite Nyhan broke up Rathdowney attacks, while their attack found the going tough against a strong Rathdowney defence where Marion O'Grady and Emer Moynihan dealt efficiently with any threatening situa-

tions while up front they kept in contention thanks to points from Fiona O'Grady and Eimear Delaney.

Rathdowney resumed the game with a changed line out switching Marion O'Grady and Eimear Delaney to centre field. Now aided by the elements and enjoying plenty of possession Rathdowney came at Bandon, Delaney and O'Grady soon had the visitors in front notching up three points without reply.

But Orla Coughlan tapped over a free to give her side a second chance. The replay takes place on Saturday next in Rathdowney at 2pm.

TEAMS

PRES BANDON J O'Neill, S Walsh, L Hawkes, F Deasy, A Nyhan, M Nyhan, O O'Regan, O'Coughlan (0-2), D Coomey (0-2) C Long, M Murphy, B Tuohy, A Holland S Ryan, D O'Sullivan (0-1) Sub T Hurley for S Ryan

ST FERGAL'S: M Fitzpatrick, S Sinnott, K Cuddy, S Delaney O'Grady, E Moynihan, L Moylan, M Harrison (0-1), F O'Grady (0-3), A O'Neill, E Delaney (0-2), S Bowe, M Sinnott, M Kelly, L Quinlan

St Marys triumphant

St Marys Charleville	1-13
Colaiste Bríd	2-5

by Mary Newman

HOLDERS St Marys Charleville had to call on all their resources before advancing to another All Ireland camogie colleges Junior A final against a determined Colaiste Bríd outfit.

The Wexford side led 2-1 to 0-6 at the interval after two goals from Una Lacey and Kelly O'Connor saw them take the game to the champions. Charleville kept in contention thanks to an Aine Watson opening point and the excellent free taking of Sinead Mc Auliffe who had five of her side opening six scores.

Through the second half neither side let up as play swung from end to end. Charleville were quickly back on level and now playing with

more confidence they matched Colaiste Bríd in every area and led by two points with fifteen minutes remaining thanks to points from Anna Geary and Mary Coleman. Captain Sinead McAuliffe shot for goal from a penalty, but the Colaiste Bríd defence stood firm and were back on level with points from Siona Nolan and Stacy Redmond.

The champions showed what they were made of with Fiona Morrissey grabbing a vital goal to regain their lead.

TEAMS

CHARLEVILLE: S O Connor, S O Leary, E Waters, F Chawke, S Sexton, S O Mahony, T Shanahan, A Geary, S Brosnan, M Mc Carthy, M Coleman, M O Mahony, A Watson, S McAuliffe (captain) F Morrissey, Subs A Thompson for M O Mahony, F Dore for M Mc Carthy

COLAISTE BRÍD: C Storey, S Cullinane, J Codd, T Breen, O Murphy, A Murphy, J Breen, S Redmond, E Moran, T Mc McCormick, S Darcy, S Nolan, A Devereaux, U Lacey, K O Connor Sub M Galan for J Breen.

REFEREE R Kelleher, Limerick.

Cork back in league action while Charleville and Coachford face schools semi-finals

IT'S back to National League action this weekend with both the senior and junior sides in action on Saturday and Sunday.

Limerick caused a major upset defeating Cork in the National League semi-final last year but this was avenged when championship came round. The sides now clash again on Saturday in Limerick and it will be an interesting meeting.

Cork will have just three days to recover from their trip to Lanzarote while Limerick will be still hurting following their defeat at the hands of Galway last weekend.

A late point from Rachel Moloney helped Cork secure a share of the points in their first outing against Galway and while concern was expressed with the result it must be remembered that it was the opening game of the season with little or no training behind them.

While a little disappointing the manner in which Cork grabbed a point when starting defeat in the face showed that the determination is still very evident in this side.

Selector Sandie Fitzgibbon told me after the game that she was reasonably pleased with her side's performance.

"We were slow to get off the mark but that is only probably to be expected given that it's the first game of the season. It's our plan to keep trying out players during the league with our aim on being ready for championship and while it's a little disappointing not to have won the first league game we, nevertheless, came away with a share of the spoils and showed spirit to snatch a draw."

The week in the sun will stand to the side who will hopefully return refreshed and ready for action. Paula O'Connor was a notable absentee last time out and she will be expected to return to the side.

Limerick will be without the service of Sinead McAuliffe and Aoife Sheehan, both who will be on colleges duty with St Mary's Charleville. However, Maebh Nash, Moira Dooley and Grace McNamara should all be included in a starting fifteen that will need to improve on their display against Galway.

For the Cork junior side, it's a long journey to Offaly on Sunday for their second game in the league and given the disappointing display against Galway the selectors will be expected to make change.

Selector Tracy Sheehan, defending some of the decisions made by her backroom team in that clash, said:

"At half time we trailed by five points and made changes to try and redress the situation. We failed to avail of chances that came our way and as a result paid the price."

"I think it is harsh to level criticism at the girls and selectors who are still finding their feet in this campaign. Most of the side are playing in their first year at inter county level and given that several of last year's panel won Intermediate medals and are not available we must be patient and give the new players a chance."

"We certainly are not too happy with the bashing we got in the wake of the defeat but we will continue to work at it and hopefully followers and media alike will give us the support we deserve and come championship hopefully we will be a force to be reckoned with."

In that outing against Galway, Amanda O'Regan shone at centre-back but, as Sheehan said, it's up front the selectors will need to make changes as they strive to gain their first set of points against an Offaly side who have also been defeated by Galway.

for the Sarsfields' stalwart. They will face a strong challenge from a very motivated Carlow side that will look to Gillian Nolan and Fiona Byrne to guide them to the final.

Bandon had a last minute point to grab a replay against St Fergal's on Saturday last and they will not relish the trip to Rathdowney for the replay as improvements will have to be made if a final place is to be attained.

FIXTURES:

Saturday, March 8:
All-Ireland Senior A Colleges semi-final — St Mary's Charleville v Colaiste Brid at Enniscorthy 2pm.

All-Ireland Colleges Senior B semi-final — Coachford Community v Borris Carlow at Borris 2pm.

All-Ireland colleges Junior B semi-final — St Fergal's Rathdowney v Pres Bandon, Rathdowney 2pm.

MATCH ROUND-UPS:

ST MARY'S C'ILLE 1-13
COLAISTE BRID 2-5

HOLDERS St Mary's Charleville advanced to the All-Ireland Colleges Junior A final, defeating a determined Colaiste Brid outfit on Saturday at Feenagh.

Goals from Una Lacey and Kelly O'Connor rocked the Charleville girls in the opening half but, keeping their cool, they stayed in contention thanks to an Aine Watson opening point and the excellent free-taking of Sinead McAuliffe who had five of her side's opening six scores to see Colaiste Brid lead 2-1 to 0-6 at the break.

Charleville were quickly back and, playing with confidence, they matched Colaiste Brid in every area and led by two points with fifteen minutes remaining as Anna

Camogie round-up with Mary Newman

Geary and Mary Coleman were confidently on target with points.

Charleville looked to be in command as captain Sinead McAuliffe shot for goal from a penalty but the Colaiste Brid defence saved well and, boosted by this, they were back on level terms within minutes with points from Siona Nolan and Stacy Redmond.

It was all or nothing now as both sides strove for success and it was here the champions showed what they were made of. Fiona Morrissey grabbed a vital goal to regain their lead as again McAuliffe and Nolan swapped scores and, with time running out, it was McAuliffe with two well-struck points who ensured the champions stayed on course to continue the defence of their title.

Teams:
Charleville — S O'Connor, S O'Leary, E Waters, F Chawke, S Sexton, S O'Mahony, T Shanahan, A Geary, S Brosnan, M McCarthy, M Coleman, M O'Mahony, A Watson, S McAuliffe, F Morrissey.

Subs: A Thompson for M O'Mahony, F Dore for M McCarthy.

Colaiste Brid — C Storey, S Cullinane, J Codd, T Breen, O Murphy, A Murphy, J Breen, S Redmond, E Moran, T McCormick, S Darcy, S Nolan, A Devereaux, U Lacey, K O'Connor.

Sub: M Gahan for J Breen.
Referee: R Kelleher (Limerick).

COLLEGES:

Charleville will renew rivalry with Colaiste Brid Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland senior A colleges semi-final while Coachford meet Borris from Carlow in the Senior B semi-final and Presentation Bandon and St Fergal's Rathdowney will meet again to find a winner in their Junior B All-Ireland semi-final.

Charleville and Colaiste Brid had to go to a replay two years ago before the Wexford side stole it in added time, it will be practically the same players who again face each other as they vie for a place in the senior decider.

Charleville are the holders and will not give up their title easily, boosted by a victory over the same opposition in last weekend's junior semi-final, they will want a repeat performance.

Cork senior Marie Watson heads up an impressive line that is captained by Limerick's Aoife Sheehan. Emer Watson, Elaine O'Riordan, Lisa Healy, Mary Coleman and Anna Geary are all inter-county players who know what is required and they will be determined not to relinquish their title.

For their part, Colaiste Brid will be motivated by the loss of their junior side to Charleville. Mary Lacey, Clara Storey, Deirdre Codd and Clare Sinnott will give a good hour's hurting in quest of a final spot in a side that is captained by Ciara O'Connor.

Coachford enjoyed a tremendous victory in their Munster final over Bandon and they will look to captain Joan Twomey, Emma Healy, Mairead Ennaguess and Louise Roche to lead them to their first All-Ireland final.

Coach Rob Lott has put in a tremendous effort promoting the game in the Mid Cork College and a place in the final would be just rewards

MILFORD 6-8 AGHABULLOGUE 0-4

Holders Milford advanced to the Under 18 A county final when they defeated Aghabullogue in a semi-final where the contribution of 4-2 from the effective Emer Watson was a major difference between the sides.

Having played against the strong wind in the opening half, Milford led 3-1 to 0-3 at the interval as Emer Watson, Sinead Carroll and Regina Curtin contributed to their scoreline.

Mary Buckley did trojan work for Aghabullogue notching up their three points as her side played with determination through an opening half where a strong Milford defence with Marie Broderick, Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan playing well, absorbed the pressure.

From the restart, Milford upped the tempo and, now with the elements in their favour, showed the form of champions. Emer Watson, Marie Watson and Sinead Carroll grabbed goals while Anna Geary and Regina Curtin were also on target adding points.

Aghabullogue tried to the finish and had a Mary Buckley point but they never looked like having enough strength to stop the Milford girls' advancement to a final meeting with Newcestown.

Teams:
Milford — E Linehan, M Roche, E O'Riordan, M Broderick, S Sexton, A Geary, L Healy, R Curtin, D Hayes, J Sheehy, M Watson, T Mc Loughlin, A Watson, E Watson, S Carroll.

Subs: E Curtin for A Watson, A Hehir for S Carroll, A Thompson for S Sexton.

Aghabullogue — M O'Sullivan, M O'Leary, K O'Leary, J Twomey, O McSweeney, N O'Connell, F Buckley, L Roche, M Buckley, E Healy, M Crowley, C Murphy, J Crowley, R Crowley, M Twomey.

Referee: M O'Halloran.

St Mary's looking to complete the double

ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE, set out in search of the first leg of an All-Ireland double when they travel to Enniscorthy tomorrow to take on Colaiste Bride in the senior A camogie semi-final, writes *Therese O'Callaghan*.

They journey following a thrilling win last weekend in the junior grade against the same opposition with four of that side — Edwina Waters, Anna Geary, Mary Coleman and Sinead McAuliffe — again lining out.

With ten of last season's successful team on their side, they showed no weaknesses in their Munster final victory over Loreto Fermoy. However, there is a healthy rivalry between the Wexford and Cork schools. They know each other well, having met on and off over the past few years.

Coach Vincent Harrington says this is a huge game for his side: "Enniscorthy will be anxious to atone for the defeat last Saturday. They are a very good side, and travelling up there will make it much harder for us with their home support," he said.

"We beat them last season and they beat us two years before that. So, there should not be too much in it."

St Mary's are a well-drilled team headed up by Waters at centre-back. Midfield will be dictated as usual by Geary and Elaine O'Riordan. But, it is in their attack that they hold the ace cards. The Watson sisters Maria and Emer, captain Aoife Sheehan, Coleman and McAuliffe are part of a sharp-shooting sextet.



Seal of approval for UCC camogie

UCC'S camogie stars have been feted by the President of the College, Gerry Wrixon.

The side won the Ashbourne Cup on their home soil recently.

"They have brought great honour to the college, and I congratulate them heartily," said Wrixon.

Above Lorraine Bourke and Eimer McDonnell at a reception. Right: Una O'Donovan shows off the cup with Gerry Wrixon.



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Enniscorthy coach Alva Moriarty did not hide her disappointment after the junior loss. This will be do-or-die for them. They will have six of that team, but there will have to be a marked improvement in performance especially from the likes of Una Leacy. The current Wexford minor and junior player has won five Féile titles with Oulart-the-Ballagh and can be a match winner on her own.

Joining her will be her older sister Mary who is a member of the county senior side, Ciara O'Connor and Ursula Jacob.

Meanwhile in the B semi-final Coachford make the trip to Carlow where they will take on Borris. Once again coach Rob Lott will look to the players that saw him through the Munster campaign — Emma O'Keeffe, captain Joan Twomey, Louise Roche and Emma Healy.

Elsewhere Presentation Bandon journey to Rathdowney for their replay in the All-Ireland Junior B semi-final against St Fergal's. The sides drew five points a piece in Bandon last Saturday.

Cork prepare for vital clash with Limerick

ROUND TWO of the National League takes place on Sunday with Limerick at home to Cork at either Na Piaras or Kildimo in Division One, while in Division Two Cork's second string make the long journey to Rath where they will be entertained by Offaly. The Division One match venue will be finalised today.

The Cork/Limerick clash should go the Leesiders way, but with the Cork girls having just returned from a week's holidays in Lanzarote, their fitness level is sure to have

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie National League

dropped a few notches during their seven days in the sun. Before they left they shared the spoils with Galway in their opening game. Half of that team was made up of college students, and it is likely that Pa Finn will go along the same lines with his selection for this tie.

Although he was not overly pleased with that display there is unlikely to be too much

change — Joanne O'Callaghan, Stephanie Dunlea, Mary O'Connor, Rachel Moloney, Sara Hayes, Caoimhe Harrington and Fiona O'Driscoll should hold down their usual spots.

Meanwhile, Limerick lost out heavily to Galway in their first outing last weekend. However, they had a very young team and for the Cork game will have the St Mary's students available for selection.

There was good news for manager John Leacy during the week with Breda O'Brien coming out of retirement to fill the goalkeeping

position. Newcomers to the team Clare Mulcahy and Joanne Clifford filled the wing-back posts and with a bit more experience these players will be big championship contenders come summer time.

Cork's second team will be hoping to collect their first points of the league when they meet Offaly.

The selectors who are still in experimental mode will look to Ellen Clifford, Róisín Corcoran, Amanda O'Regan, Catriona Kelly and Miriam Deasy to see them through.

Charleville bow out as Coachford celebrate success

COACHFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL celebrated, while St Mary's Charleville had to endure disappointment in All-Ireland colleges camogie fixtures.

Defending All-Ireland champion St Mary's bowed out of the senior A championship after a poor opening half cost them against Colaiste Bríde Ennis-corthy in the penultimate stage at Belfield on Saturday.

The six-point difference (3-10 to 5-4) was all the more painful for the Cork girls considering that they did not do justice to themselves.

"We just never got going," said a dejected coach Vincent Harrington.

"However, I cannot take from Ennis-corthy. They were the better team, but we are more disappointed because we never played to our potential."

The Leinster champions ran in three goals in the opening half, which effectively proved to be insurmountable.

Only for an Emer Watson goal close on half-time the visitors would have been in deeper trouble.

They were already finding it difficult to curtail the influence of the outstanding Jacqui Codd and Una Leacy who had supplied their three first-half goals.

After the change-over Charleville had high hopes of a revival, but with goalkeeper

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

All-Ireland camogie

Clara Storey, daughter of Martin, not in any mood to relent, scores were hard to come by.

However, they did eventually wear down a resolute Ennis-corthy defence with goals from Sheehan and Anna Geary.

But it was too little too late as time ran out, as did their quest of an All-Ireland double.

Their junior team have already qualified for the All-Ireland final.

Elsewhere in the senior B grade manager Rob Lott brought Coachford Community School to an historic first-ever All-Ireland final after his side defeated Borris Vocational School of Carlow in Borris on Saturday on a scoreline of 3-7 to 0-5.

Able led by midfielder Fiona Buckley, the Munster champions forged ahead with two first-half goals from Ciara Murphy and Marie Cosgrave.

It was all one-way traffic for the closing 30 minutes despite the best efforts of Eiblish Meaney who fired over three points for Borris.

They will meet either Presentation Athenry or St Louis on April 5 in the All-Ireland final.

The Junior B semi-final replay between Presentation and St Fergal's was postponed.

Cork make changes and still win easily

Cork
Limerick

5-14
3-5

CORK showed no ill effects from their recent break in Lanzarote, having things more or less their own way in this Division One National League encounter yesterday at Kildimo.

Showing a few changes from the side that drew with Galway two weeks ago, namely Aoife Murray, Vivienne Harris and Brieghe Corkery getting starting slots, they were quickly into their stride.

After 15 minutes they led 2-3 to 0-2 and by 20 minutes it was 4-5 to 0-3. However, despite the apparent one-sided nature of the game, Limerick coach John Lacey was able to pick out some positives from their second-half comeback.

"We left in terrible soft goals in the first-half and were chasing the game from early on, so I do not think that we were as bad as the interval score of 4-10 to 1-3 portrayed us," he said.

"The league is a learning experience and I was delighted with the way the girls applied themselves after the change over.

"I was impressed with Deirdre



Sports
Writer

Theresa
O'Callaghan

Fitzpatrick, who came on at corner-back, and I thought Claire Mulcahy did well at wing-back.

"If we can build and learn I will be happy."

Limerick have two games remaining — away to Kilkenny and home to Wexford.

For these clashes they should have a more stable selection with Mairéad Kelly, Meadhbha Nash and Aoife Sheehan available.

Cork, who played with the gale in the first half, had a pair of goals each from Jennifer O'Leary and Una O'Donoghue.

Their back line was in control too, with Stephanie Dunlea filling her new position at full-back quite well.

Outside her Mary O'Connor and Sara Hayes were in superb form, while midfielders Corkery and Harris did well.

Limerick faced a mammoth task taking the field for the second half but

they never surrendered.

Eileen O'Brien, who had a fine game at wing-forward, poached a lovely goal a minute after the re-start, while Vera Sheehan and her sister Deirdre never gave up the chase.

At full-back Rose Collins had another fine game, even though Ciara Healy did beat her for Cork's fifth goal.

The Leesiders meet Kilkenny at home next weekend in a vital tie. The Cats have two points from one game and with Galway and Cork on equal points, both sides will need to win to keep their hopes alive.

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary and U O'Donoghue 2-2 each, C Healy 1-2, F O'Driscoll 0-4 (0-26), E Burke 0-2, C Harrington and O O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Scorers for Limerick: E O'Brien 1-4 (0-48), M Keating and A White 1-0 each, V Sheehan 0-1.

CORK: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, S Dunlea, L O'Connell, S Hayes, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, V Harris, B Corkery, E Burke, C Harrington, J O'Leary, U O'Donoghue, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

Subs: O O'Sullivan for U O'Donoghue, C Corkery for F O'Driscoll, C Desmond for J O'Leary (all 48 mins).

LIMERICK: B O'Brien, G McNamara, R Collins, A O'Reilly, C Mulcahy, D Sheehan, J Clifford, V Sheehan, M Casey, A O'Connell, A White, E O'Brien, P Cronin, M Keating, M Sheehan.

Subs: D Fitzpatrick for A O'Reilly (24 mins), J Dolan for A White (35 mins), S McAuliffe for A O'Connell (39 mins), N Collins for M Sheehan (53 mins), M Fleury for P Cronin (55 mins).

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

between Cork and Offaly was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Refreshed Cork see off Limerick challenge

Cork
Limerick

5-14
3-5

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork returned refreshed and ready for action from their recent trip to Lanzarote when they took two valuable National League points at the expense of Limerick on Sunday last.

Jennifer O'Leary opened the scoring with a Cork point inside two minutes and quickly established her side's superiority, adding two goals in the seventh and ninth minute as Cork took control. Picking off their points with ease Cork had excellent

performers in Fiona O'Driscoll, Ciara Healy and Jennifer O'Leary. Limerick's reply was points from Eileen O'Brien and Vera Sheehan, but by the midway stage Una O'Donoghue had increased Cork's lead adding further goals in the fifteenth and 17th minute. Alison White had a Limerick goal a minute from the interval as Cork turned over 4-10 to 1-3 ahead.

From the restart Limerick looked as if they would rally and were boosted by a fast Eileen O'Brien goal, two points by the same player cut the deficit, but Cork simply

upped the pace with Fiona O'Driscoll replying with a point. Any hoped Limerick had of rallying were quickly quashed when Ciara Healy grabbed goal number five on the 12th minute and now it was simply a case of playing out the time such was the superiority of the All Ireland champions.

In what will be a double header with the junior sides Cork and Kilkenny will meet in the third round of the League on Sunday next at a Cork venue. Kilkenny lost out their opening game to Wexford and had their second game post-

poned last weekend, they will certainly come to Cork fired up and determined to take their opening brace of league points while a win would put Cork in a comfortable position with three points already secured out of four.

Cork

A Murray, J O'Callaghan, S Dunlea, L O'Connell, S Hayes, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, V Harris, B Corkery, E Burke, C Harrington, J O'Leary, U O'Donoghue, C Healy, F O'Driscoll
Subs: C Desmond for J O'Leary, C Corkery for U O'Donoghue, O O'Sullivan for F O'Driscoll, S Buckley for J O'Callaghan

Thrilling Coachford book place in All Ireland Senior B final

Coachford Comm College
Vocational School Borris

3-7
0-5

by Mary Newman

A SUPERB team performance saw Coachford Community College advance to their first All Ireland Colleges senior B final.

With the strong wind to their back Coachford made all the running in the opening half as Mary Buckley and Margaret McCarthy opened the scoring with two

points. Eiblish Meaney replied for Borris with a pointed free, but a 13th minute goal from Ciara Murphy stretched the Cork side's lead.

Continuing to keep the pressure on the Borris defence Emma Healy pointed, and minutes later Margaret Cosgrave had Coachford's second goal to which Eiblish Meaney replied with a pointed free.

On the resumption Coachford had to face into the strong wind and the strong Borris challenge, but

their defence was able for the challenge with Captain Joan Twomey, Mairead Enneguess and Niamh O'Connell thwarting many a Borris attack.

Twice the sides swapped points as Borris continued to search for the vital goal they desperately needed to get back into the game. Mary Buckley extended the Coachford lead with a point before the same player struck for a vital goal that now put the game outside of the Carlow

sides reach. Eiblish Meaney did have a Borris point — their only score from play — but there was no denying Coachford their moment of glory and a historic place in their first All Ireland final.

Teams

Coachford

E O Keefe, M Healy, M Enneguess, C Cosgrave, N O Connell,

J Twomey, M O Leary, M O Regan, F Buckley, C Murphy, M Mc Carthy, E Healy, M Cosgrove, M Buckley, L Roche

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SENIOR (A)

COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

(1) Ciara Storey		
(2) Ruth Walsh	(3) Aisling Hogan	(4) Karen Atkinson
(5) Stacey Redmond	(6) Mary Leacy	(7) Tracey McCormack
(8) Brona Furlong	(9) Ciara O' Connor (capt)	
(10) Louise Codd	(11) Ursula Jacob	(12) Sarah Darcy
(13) Anna Murphy	(14) Jacqui Codd	(15) Una Leacy

SUBS:

16Deirdre Codd	22Siona Nolan
17Olivia Murphy	23Jenny O'Leary
18Tracey Breen	24Aideen Doyle
19Johanna Breen	25Ann-Marie Foley
20Aine Devereux	26Mary Breen
21Emma Moran	27Karen Murphy

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

(1) Natasha Murphy		
(2) Amy Morrissey	(3) Amy McCarthy	(4) Catriona Noonan
(5) Lisa Healy	(6) Edwina Waters	(7) Karen O'Leary
(8) Anna Geary	(9) Elaine O'Riordan	
(10) Mary Coleman	(11) Maria Watson	(12) Aisling O'Brien
(13) Aoife Sheehan	(14) Emer Watson	(15) Sinead McAuliffe

SUBS:

16Leonie Boyce	22Sarah O'Mahony
17Fiona Geary	
18Christine O'Shea	
19Fiona Chawke	
20Fiona Morrissey	
21Aine Watson	



DAD'S PRIDE: Tadhg Cosgrave with his daughters Christine and Margaret, who played for Coachford against Borris in the All-Ireland semi final last Saturday.

Borris have no answer to Coachford onslaught

Coachford College
Borris, Carlow

3-7
0-5
By RICHARD LOTT
Colleges Camogie

COACHFORD have qualified for their first All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie final by virtue of their comprehensive victory over Borris at Kilkenny on Saturday.

Points from Margaret McCarthy and Mary Buckley put Coachford ahead after ten minutes with Ellis Meaney converting a free for Borris. Ciara Murphy, who had been tormenting the Carlow defence, scored her team's first

goal. Indeed, Emma Healy added another point for the Muskerri side after good approach play from Maire O'Leary and Christine Cosgrave. Margaret Cosgrave scored the second goal with Fiona Byrne converting a '45 in the swirling breeze for Borris. The home side tried to redress the balance after the resumption and had scores from Meaney and a free by Byrne but Coachford kept cool. Margaret McCarthy added another before Buckley soloed through to give the hapless Mary Foley no chance with a hand-passed goal. Ellis

Meaney scored the last point but the Coachford side, for whom Fiona Buckley, Mairead Ennaguess, Edel O'Sullivan, Niamh O'Connell and Murphy excelled, qualify for the final to be played on Saturday, 5th April.

COACHFORD: E O'Keefe, M Healy, M Ennaguess, C Cosgrave, N O'Connell, J Twomey, M O'Leary, M O'Regan, F Buckley, C Murphy (1-0), M McCarthy (0-2), E Healy (0-1), M Cosgrave (1-0), M Buckley (1-4), L Roche. Subs: E O'Sullivan for Roche, C O'Connell for E Healy, A O'Mahony for M Healy, C Hogan for M Cosgrave.
BORRIS: M Foley, J Brennan, K Dalton, A Murphy (1); G Nolan, B Doran, C Kavanagh; F Byrne (0-2), A Ralph; S Canavan, E Ryan, D O'Neill; L Smith, E Meaney (0-3), N Murphy.
St Mary's Charleville 2-4
Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy 2-10
REIGNING All-Ireland champions were dethroned by a hungrier Wexford out-

fit at Enniscorthy on Saturday. Ciara O'Connor scored seven points from midfield with Jacqui Codd netting two vital goals. Una Leacy scoring 1-1 and Louise Codd contributing the other two points from wing forward. Anna Geary played well for St. Mary's, scoring 1-2 with Emer Watson and Aoife Sheehan responsible for their goals. Sinead McAuliffe and Marie Watson registered a point each.

Fixtures:
All-Ireland Junior B Replay, Thursday, Rathdowney, 2pm
Presentation, Bandon v Rathdowney

Cork Colleges U14 Trial:
The following players are asked to attend at Charleville school on Monday 17th March, 3.30pm:
G Cronin, C O'Neill, (Bandon), N Bradley, C Ryan (Col. Choilm), J Hurley (Kinsale), E Corkery, N Corkery (Macroom), A Madden, T O'Brien (Blarney), C Bourne, M Barry, M Dunne (Carrigrohane), R Byrne, C Conway, E Desmond, E Heffernan, N O'Donovan, L O'Shea (Christ King), J Brennan, (Clonakilty), M O'Connor, J Herlihy, F

O'Connell (Charleville), S Daly (Carrigrohane), M McCarthy, M Ronan, A Twomey (Coachford), A Flaherty (Youghal), K Buttiner, M O'Sullivan (Dunmanway), A Cullen, E Murphy (Buttevant), K O'Brien (Davis), N Curran, M Walsh, H O'Brien, S Sheehan (Doneraile), G Carr (Fermoy), S Coleman, M Foley (Glennmole), S Lenihan, R O'Leary (Mercy Malloy), D O'Leary (Midleton), M O'Herlihy, R O'Riordan, R O'Sullivan (St. Ais).

● The following players are asked to attend at Charleville school on Monday March 17, 4.30pm:

S Kennelick (Col. Choilm), B Crowley, T Hurley, E Ryan, C Twomey, O Twomey (Bandon), K Buckley, L Fitzgerald (Carrigrohane), S McCarthy, E O'Callaghan, L Bergin, C Herlihy, A O'Connor (Coachford), M Lee, E Lenihan (Buttevant), S Daly, S Foley (Carrigrohane), M Jones (Charleville), L O'Brien, A O'Rourke (Davis), N Walsh (Doneraile), C Coakley, N O'Callaghan (Mercy Malloy), E Ryan (Midleton), E Collins, A Crowley, D Crowley, E Foyle (Mount Mercy), D O'Regan, K Duane (Mitchelstown), S Ni Riain (St. Ais)

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Cork off to a flier in league

On colleges scene there's mixed news as St Mary's lose their crown

CORK 5-14
LIMERICK 3-5

Camogie scene

with Mary Newman

STRONGER in all departments Cork recorded their first win in the senior National league when they travelled to Kildimo to face Limerick.

Jennifer O'Leary had a Cork point inside two minutes and when the same player added two goals in the seventh and ninth minutes Cork were dictating.

Cork had excellent performers in Fiona O'Driscoll, Ciara Healy and Jennifer O'Leary as they picked off points from play and frees and with their defence superbly marshalled by Stephanie Dunlea and Mary O'Connor Limerick found the going tough.

Points from Eileen O'Brien (two) and Vera Sheehan brought Limerick into the game but by the mid way stage Una O'Donoghue had increased Cork's lead adding further goals in the 15th and 17th minute.

Allison White had a Limerick goal a minute from the break as Cork led 4-10 to 1-3 at the break.

Limerick were boosted by an Eileen O'Brien goal inside seconds of the restart and two points by the same player cut the deficit but it mattered little as Cork continued their dominance as Fiona O'Driscoll replying with a point.

Any hope Limerick had of rallying were quickly quashed when Ciara Healy grabbed goal number five on the twelfth minute and now it was simply a case of playing out the time such was the superiority of the All-Ireland champions.

On Sunday next Kilkenny come to town as the Senior and junior sides clash in the national round three at a Cork venue yet to be announced.

Kilkenny lost their opening game to Wexford and had their second game postponed last weekend, they will certainly come to Cork and determined to take their opening brace of league points under the guidance of Ann Downey while a win would put Cork in a comfortable position with three points already secured out of four.

The Cork junior team will be anxious to record their first win against the All-Ireland champions who have already defeated Wexford.

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Junior 'B' Colleges semi-final in Rathdowney, Leola:
St. Fergal's, Rathdowney 1-7 (F O'Grady 1-3, E Delaney 0-03, M Harrison 0-1) Presentation Bandon 0-8 (O Coughlin 0-7, C Long 0-1).

CAMOGIE

National League: Division One:
Cork 1-9 Kilkenny 0-7; Galway 3-8 Wexford 2-5; Tipperary 2-7 Dublin 1-2.
Colleges All-Ireland senior 'A' Championship semi-final:
St. Patrick's Maghera, Derry 2-07, C. Mc Cloy 2-02, B. Convery, A. Ward 0-02 each, C. Kearney 0-01 Portumna Community School, Galway 2-05, S. Keane 1-04, B. Hanney 1-01.
Division Two:
Tipperary 2-04 Dublin 0-06; Cork 5-09 Kilkenny 0-03; Galway 1-08 Wexford 1-08; Roscommon 3-05 Kildare 3-05; Clare 3-12 Laois 0-01.
Challenge matches: Cork seniors 1-14, Ashbourne Combined Colleges 4-2.

Teams — Cork: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, S Dunlea, L O'Connell, S Hayes, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, V Harris, B Corkery, E Burke, C Harrington, J O'Leary, U O'Donoghue, C Healy, F O'Driscoll. **Subs:** C Desmond for J O'Leary, C Corkery for U O'Donoghue, O O'Sullivan for F O'Driscoll, S Buckley for J O'Callaghan.

Limerick: B O'Brien, R Collins, A O'Reilly, C Mulcahy, D Sheehan, J Clifford, V Sheehan, M Casey, A O'Connell, A White, E O'Brien, P Cronin, M Keating, M Sheehan. **Subs:** S McAuliffe for P Cronin, M Fleury for A O'Connell, D Fitzpatrick for A White, J Dolan for A O'Reilly. **Referee:** E Browne (Tipperary).

COACHFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3-7
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BORRIS 0-5

COACHFORD Community College qualified for their first All-Ireland Colleges senior B final when they outclassed Borris Vocational School in Carlow on Saturday.

Aided by the strong wind, Coachford set the founda-

tions for victory in the opening half as Mary Buckley and Margaret McCarthy opened the scoring with two points. Eiblish Meaney replied for Borris with a pointed free, but when Clara Murphy struck for the game opening goal in the 13th minute Coachford were firmly in the driving seat.

They continued to keep the pressure on the Borris defence and an Emma Healy point saw them hold the upper hand when Margaret Cosgrave struck for Coachford's second goal. Borris could only muster an Eiblish Meaney pointed free in response.

On the restart Coachford had to face into the wind and needed to work twice as hard. This they did with captain Joan Twomey leading by example.

"We led at the break and I told them the job was only half done," said coach Rob Lott. "We worked extremely hard through the second half and our defence was superb."

Mairead Ennaguess and Niamh O'Connell were two defenders who stood firm as Borris worked hard for the vital break they needed to get back into the game.

However Mary Buckley extended the Coachford lead with a point before the same player struck for the goal that put the result beyond doubt.

Eiblish Meaney did have a Borris point — their only score from play — but there was no denying Coachford their moment of glory and a historic place in their first All-Ireland final.

Coach Lott was under-

standably ecstatic following the win but is keeping his charges firmly focused on the task ahead.

"We will have to improve again if we are to take the title, a final is 50/50 and we will be watching the second semi anxiously to see who our opponents are."

"It's great to be in an All-Ireland final and we are looking forward to hopefully doing the business and bringing back the honours."

Teams — Coachford: E O'Keeffe, M Healy, M Ennaguess, C Cosgrove, N O'Connell, J Twomey, M O'Leary, M O'Regan, F Buckley, C Murphy, M McCarthy, E Healy, M Cosgrove, M Buckley, L Roche.
Borris: M Foley, J Brennan, K Dalton, A Murphy, G Nolan, B Doran, C Kavanagh, F Byrne, A Ralph, M Kelly, E Ryan, D O'Neill, L Smith, E Meaney, N Murphy.
Referee: J O'Brien (Wexford).

COLAISTE BRID, ENNIS-CORTHY 3-10
ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE 3-4

HOLDERS St Mary's, Charleville relinquished the All-Ireland Colleges Senior A title at semi-final stage to Colaiste Brid, Enniscorthy in Belfield on Saturday last.

Colaiste Brid were stronger and more determined but indeed trailed Charleville 1-1 to 0-2 in the early stages as the Cork side played against the strong wind in the opening half. Colaiste Brid with the excel-

lent Jackie Codd struck for two first half goals to lead the champions 1-3 to 1-1 interval advantage.

From restart the Wexford side continued to hold the upper hand and despite Charleville giving it their all they met with resistance from a Colaiste Brid defence which was superbly marshalled by goalkeeper Ciara Storey and defenders Karen Atkinson and Stacey Redmond.

Goals from Anna Geary and Emer Watson gave St Mary's light at the end of the tunnel but it was simply a case of too little too late as by now Colaiste Brid held an unusable lead thanks to a Una Lacey goal and points from Clara O'Connor and Louise Codd.

While Charleville will be disappointed to lose out they have been a credit to their school and counties and complements must go to Coaches Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe who have brought so much glory to the North Cork School.

Teams — St Mary's, Charleville: N Murphy, A Morrissey, A McCarthy, C Noonan, L Healy, E Waters, K O'Leary, A Geary, E O'Riordan, M Coleman, M Watson, A O'Brien, A Sheehan, E Watson, S McAuliffe.

Colaiste Brid: C Storey, R Walsh, S Redmond, A Hogan, K Atkinson, M Lacey, T McCormick, B Furlong, C O'Connor, L Codd, U Jacob, S Darcy, A Murphy, J Codd, U Lacey.
Referee: M Curran (Carlow).



Fiona O'Driscoll starred in Cork's 5-14 to 3-5 victory over Limeirck.

Pic: Sportsfile

O'Sullivan's goal puts Cork on road to victory over Kilkenny

Cork
Kilkenny

1-9
0-7

by Therese O'Callaghan

CORK remain joint-leaders with Galway in Division One of the national camogie league after a powerful closing 10 minutes in Castlemartyr yesterday. A goal from Orla O'Sullivan followed by four points turned their one-point deficit into a five-point win. Leading by the minimum at the

break, they were challenged by a very determined Kilkenny outfit upon the changeover with points from Aoife Neary, Elaine Aylward and Mairead Costello.

However, the introduction of Vivienne Harris, Ciara Healy and Sara Hayes helped steady the ship and when O'Sullivan raced through for the all-important score, the home side played with renewed enthusiasm.

Scorers for Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-4 (0-3f), O O'Sullivan 1-0, C Harrington 0-2, B Corkery, C Healy

and V Harris 0-1 each.

Kilkenny: A Neary 0-3 (freest), A Dalton, M Ryan, E Aylward and M Costello 0-1 each.

CORK: G Casey, J O'Callaghan, N Ahern, S Dunlea (capt), P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, R Moloney, B Corkery, E Burke, C Harrington, J O'Leary, U O'Donoghue, O O'Sullivan, F O'Driscoll.

Subs: V Harris for J O'Leary, C Healy for R Moloney (both h/t), S Hayes for P O'Connor (45mins).

KILKENNY: C Ryan, C Kinahan, G Maher, E Lyng, E Aylward, M Lawlor, C Delaney, L Lyng, P Comerford, M Ryan, M Costello, A Neary, C Doherty, E Maher, J Frisby.

Subs: K Long for M Ryan (50 mins), T Miles for E Maher (55 mins).

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

Cork
Kilkenny

5-9
0-3

AMANDA O'REGAN and Sarah O'Donovan powered Cork to their first set of league points in Division Two of the national league yesterday in Castlemartyr. Three goals from O'Donovan and eight superb points from centre-back O'Regan killed off the Kilkenny challenge.

Scorers for Cork: S O'Donovan 3-0, A O'Regan 0-8 (0-7f, 0-1 45m), M Deasy and B Maher 1-0

each, R Corcoran 0-1.

Kilkenny: E Fitzpatrick 0-2, M O'Keeffe 0-1.

CORK: A Kieley, M Hallahan, M O'Donovan, E Foley, C Foley, A O'Regan, V O'Keeffe, M O'Connell, R Buckley, M Jagoe, R Corcoran, L Bugler, S O'Donovan, M Buckley, M Deasy.

Subs: M Holland for M O'Connell (45mins), B Maher for M Buckley (47 mins inj), J O'Keeffe for E Foley (48 mins), S Kelly for R Buckley (55 mins), J Duffy for M Jagoe (56mins).

KILKENNY: L Dempsey, N Tynan, L Comerford, A Fahey, G Brennan, C Fennelly, D Minoque, L Crennan, S O'Gorman, E Fitzpatrick, H Murphy, M O'Keeffe, A M Moloney, A Dalton, D Delaney.

Subs: L Murphy for A Dalton, C Gunner for A M Moloney (both h/t), K A Cottrell for N Tynan, P Heffernan for H Murphy, G Daly for D Delaney.

Referee: J Stapleton (Tipperary).

Winning double for Cork teams

by Mary Newman

BOTH Cork teams took valuable national league points when they entertained Kilkenny in Castlemartyr on Sunday last.

For the junior side it was their first win in the league while the senior's were recording their second league win.

Cork	1-9
Kilkenny	0-7

A close opening half saw Cork turn around leading by one point after opting to play against the elements. Points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Caoimhe Harrington (2) saw Cork enjoy and early lead as Lizzie Lyng replied for the visitors.

Marie Ryan and Aoife Neary were on the mark for Kilkenny with points to leave it 0-4 to 0-3 in favour of Cork at the break.

Twice inside 10 minutes the sides exchanged points with Aoife Neary, Fiona O'Driscoll and Elaine Alward ensuring it remained deadlocked.

Kilkenny showed fierce hunger and came at the Cork defence in search of the lead and it came courtesy of Mairead Costello who pointed in the 13th minute. Now the pressure was on the All Ireland champions, and as Kilkenny began to gain the upper hand it was the Cork defence who kept them in the game with goalkeeper Ger Casey, Mary O'Connor and captain Stephanie Dunlea superb.

Working to get back on level Cork shot three wides before the hard working Orla O'Sullivan grabbed the game only goal when she finished well from close range.

Cork then went on a points spree to open up a five point advantage.

Teams

Cork G Casey, J O'Callaghan, N Ahern, S Dunlea, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, B Corkery, R

Moloney, E Burke, C Harrington, J O'Leary, U O'Donoghue, O O'Sullivan, F O'Driscoll Subs C Healy for J O'Leary, V Harris for R Moloney, S Hayes for P O'Connor.

Kilkenny C Ryan, K Kenetton, G Dillon, E Lyng, E Alward, M Lawlor, C Delaney, P Comerfort, L Lyng, M Ryan, M Costello, A Neary, C Doherty, E Maher, J Frisby.

Referee E Browne Tipperary.

Cork	5-9
Kilkenny	0-3

The accuracy of Amanda O'Regan from place balls and the contribution of three goals from Sarah O'Donovan ensured the Cork junior side took their first brace of Nation league points in a one sides division 2 meeting in Castlemartyr.

Cork played against the strong wind in the opening half, but led 0-6 to 0-2 at the half time whistle with all their scores coming from Amanda O'Regan. Miriam O'Keefe and Eileen Fitzpatrick got on the score sheet for Kilkenny.

On the turn over Sarah O'Donovan increased Cork's lead with a fourth minute goal to which Eileen Fitzpatrick replied with a Kilkenny point, but from here on the home side dominated. Amanda O'Regan had again showed her accuracy pointing twice from places balls before a four goal blitz within five minutes from Sarah O'Donovan (2) Miriam Deasy and Ber Maher gave Kilkenny no way back.

Teams

Cork A. Kiely, M. Hallihan, M. O'Donovan, E. Foley, C. Foley, A. O'Regan, V. O'Keefe, M. O'Connell, R. Buckley, M. Jaego, R. Concoran, L. Bugler, S. O'Donovan, M. Buckley, M. Deasy, Subs J. O'Keefe for R. Buckley, J. Duffy for M. Jaego, M. Holland for M. O'Connell, B. Maher for M. Buckley, S. Kelly for E. Foley.

Kilkenny L. Dempsey, N. Tynan, L. Comerfort, A. Fahey, G. Brennan, C. Fennelly, L. Crennon, D. Minogue, E. Fitzpatrick, H. Murphy, M. O'Keefe, A. M. Maloney, A. Dalton, D. Delaney Referee John Stapleton Tipperary

Skilful Emer helps Milford take title

Milford	4-14
Newtownshandrum	1-4

by Mary Newman

MILFORD retained their Under 18 A championship title at Carrigrohoid on Saturday. The contribution of Emer Watson, who scored 4-7 of her side's total, helped to ensure the title stayed in north Cork.

The victors led 1-8 to 0-3 at the break, Emer Watson notching up 1-4 as sister Marie Watson added four points to the tally. For Newtownstown, Lorraine Holland with two pointed frees and Colette Desmond were on target.

Through the second half Milford upped the pace and with a steady supply from her outside line Emer continued to cause Newtownstown defence problems. Colette Desmond grabbed Newtownstown goal but thanks to the skilful Emer and a Regina Curtin point, Newtownstown comfortably retained their crown.

Teams Milford: E. Linehan, E. Roche, E. O'Riordan, S. Carroll, S. Sexton, A. Geary, L. Healy, R. Curtin, D. Hayes, J. Sheehy, M. Watson, A. Thompson, T. Mc Loughlin, A. Watson, E. Watson. Subs: J. Lynam for J. Sheehy, A. Hehir for A. Thompson. **Newtownstown:** J. O'Neil, E. Horgan, A. Holland, G. Horgan, C. Nyhan, L. Holland, M. Barron, E. Crowley, R. Donovan, C. O'Mahony, C. Collins, F. Deasy, C. Desmond, C. Long, A. Coughlan.



Above: Emma O'Driscoll captained Whitechurch NS to victory. Above right: Martin Lyons captain of 4th class St Anthony's NS, Ballinlough, proudly shows off the trophy.

Innishannon and Whitechurch made it to the camogie fifth class finals with victory over Carrignavar and Douglas. A late goal gave Whitechurch the title and amidst great excitement Emma O'Driscoll accepted the trophy.

Coachford have the edge in thriller

Coachford College	1-11
Loreto, Fermoy	3-4

by Therese O'Callaghan

COACHFORD COLLEGE received a timely boost ahead of their All-Ireland senior B final in two weeks when they edged out Loreto in the Munster Colleges Senior A camogie league final at Coachford yesterday.

Played at championship pace, this game turned out to be an enthralling battle. From the throw-in, the home side shone, with free-taker Mary Buckley punishing persistent fouling by the Loreto defence.

However, with Noreen Mulcahy, Marie O'Neill and Denise Twomey coming more into the game, Loreto began to assert themselves.

However, the real drama was to follow. First, Twomey grabbed a Mulcahy free and buried from close range and minutes later sub Patricia Carroll kicked to the net. But the all-important winner came from midfielder Michelle O'Regan who slotted over in between Loreto's two late goals.

Scorers Coachford: M Buckley 0-6, J Twomey 1-2 (frees), F Buckley, L Roche and M O'Regan 0-1 each. Loreto: D Twomey (0-1) and M O'Neill 1-2 each, P Carroll 1-0. **COACHFORD:** E O'Keefe, M Healy, M Ennequess, C Cosgrave, N O'Connell, J Twomey (capt), M O'Leary, M O'Regan, F Buckley, C Murphy, E Healy, E O'Sullivan, M Cosgrave, M Buckley, L Roche. Subs: C O'Connell for M Cosgrave (4 mins in), A O'Mahony for M O'Leary (45 mins) C Hogan for L Roche (47 mins). **LORETO:** V McCormack, A Cotter, M Twomey, C Lynch, A Mangan, N Mulcahy, N Barry (capt), M McAseer, M O'Neill, O Cotter, S Moroney, N O'Farrell, H O'Neill, D Twomey, C O'Driscoll. Subs: P Carroll for H O'Neill (13 mins in), L Cronin for S Moroney (47 mins). Referee: T Sheehan (Mayfield).

Great action in U16 camogie blitz

WEATHER conditions improved greatly allowing the U16 Camogie Divisional blitz go ahead as planned.

This is a most important event as it allows each division to show its talent to the Cork minor selectors who were at hand to watch the girls to play competitively and in a position suited to their ability.

Teams drawn in Section 1 of the blitz were Imokilly, Avondhu and Muskerry.

Imokilly	4-4
Avondhu	0-0

Without the services of the Milford or Ballyhea players Avondhu fielded a very much understrength side. Imokilly ran out easy winners with Shona Cunningham (Youghal) dominating centre field for Imokilly and Orla Cotter and Orna Neville (both St. Catherine's) capably dealing with any attack. Marian Ahern (Fr. O'Neills) scored 3-0.

Muskerry	4-10
Imokilly	1-0

Avondhu decided to give Muskerry a bye for the 2nd game. So the game to decide the section winners became the last game between Muskerry and Imokilly and despite the scoreline it turned out to be a cracker of a game.

There was nothing soft in the first half but Muskerry managed to put 4 points on the scoreboard without reply from Imokilly.

The 2nd half started in similar fashion but Muskerry became more clinical adding 3 further points in 4 mins. Erin Corkery (Eire Og) was in for a goal in the 5th min and when Susan Donovan (Ballincollig) got 2 goals there was no way back.

Teams drawn in section 2 of the blitz were Carrigdhoun, Seandún and Carbery.

Carrigdhoun	2-2
Seandún	1-2

This was a very closely contested game with never more than one score between the sides. Carrigdhoun were on top for the first 15 minutes but only managed to score one point from Aisling O'Riordan (Ballygarvan) in the 2nd minute. Seandún went into the lead with 2 points on the 19th and 20th mins of the half from Lynda Coughlan (Blackrock).

Carrigdhoun again started the second half stronger with a goal from Suzanne Lynch (Ballygarvan) in the first minute. Seandún replied with a goal from Jenny O'Donovan (Douglas). Carrigdhoun finished the half stronger with a goal from Laura Thompson (Carrigaline) and a point from Caoimhe Dillon (Ballygarvan). Carrigdhoun had a lot of chances but the Seandún goalie, Cáit Kelleher made some excellent saves.

Carbery	5-8
Seandún	2-1

A very even contest saw the sides end the 1st half 2-1 a piece with Rachel O'Sullivan (Douglas), Lynda Coughlan scoring for Seandún. The 2nd half saw Carbery surge ahead adding 3-7 without reply from Seandún. Hannah Coughlan, Lisa Hennessy (Ballinacorney), Danielle O'Sullivan, Hazel O'Regan (Clonakilty) Marion Murphy and Sharon O'Donovan all contributing to the scoreboard for Carbery.

Carrigdhoun	6-3
Carbery	3-2

Carbery started the game in a blistering pace with 2 goals in the 1st five mins from Marian Murphy (Kilbrittain) but Carrigdhoun replied quickly with a goal each from Katie Doherty and Laura Thompson (both Carrigaline). Carrigdhoun took over completely in the 2nd half with 3 goals from Laura Thompson.

CAMOGIE

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP - Semi-final: Presentation Athlery 6-14 (S Donohue 3-7, D Coen 1-2, N Coen 1-1, J Greene 1-0, J Gail 0-2, F Gilligan, C Ruddy 0-3 each), St Louis, Ballymena 0-1 (E McCann 0-1).

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Camogie

Sun shines on Muskerry girls as they storm to fourth title

Muskerry 4-6
Carrigdhoun

3-2

MUSKERRY were in great mood having won a fourth inter-divisional juvenile Camogie blitz on a sunny St Patrick's morning in Ballincollig. The event is running since 1996.

Muskerry were first into the fray when Susan Donovan (Ballincollig) received a good pass from Erin Corkery (Eire Og) and had the ball in the Carrigdhoun net in the first minute. Denise Cronin (B'collig) added a point in the fourth minute.

Then Katie Doherty (Carrigaline) sent in a long speculative shot that went all the way to the back of the net to give Carrigdhoun their only score of the half. But a minute later Ballincollig's Susan Donovan was at the end of a good passing movement to goal again for Muskerry.

Then Erin Corkery added a point and Susan Donovan scored another goal on 25 minutes, making it 3-5 to 1-0. Muskerry finished the half strongly with points from Louise Roche (Aghabullogue) and Denise Cronin (0-2). Half-time score: Muskerry 3-5 Carrigdhoun 1-0.

This was a hard working, well bal-

anced and spirited Muskerry side. In centre-field Rena Buckley (Innis-carra) they had the best player on the pitch and together with Grenagh's Jenny Vaughan they were a tower of strength. This was also a comprehensive win for direct Camogie.

Muskerry were at their most dangerous when driving fast ball into the forwards and the Carrigdhoun backs found it very hard to perform effectively and in fact were hunting this game from start to finish.

Louise Roche (Aghabullogue) kept up the pressure for Muskerry with a goal two minutes from the restart.

This hectic pace couldn't last and Carrigdhoun began gain a grip on the game with Caoimhe Dillon (Ballygarvan) goaling in the 15th minute. This was quickly followed by two points from Suzanne Lynch in the 17th & 18th minutes. And even though Sarah O'Keefe (Carrigaline) goalied in the dying minute of the game for Carrigdhoun Muskerry's lead was never really in danger.

Muskerry: M. O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue); N. Moynihan (Aghabullogue); E. Dunne (Cloghduv); M. Twomey (Aghabullogue); M.

O'Donoghue (Ballincollig); S. Lucey (Cloghduv); M. Corkery (Eire Og); R. Buckley (Innis-carra); J. Vaughan (Grenagh); C. Bradley (Ballincollig); E. Healy (Aghabullogue); D. Cronin (Ballincollig); E. Corkery (Eire Og); L. Roche (Aghabullogue); S. Donovan (Ballincollig); C. McSwiney (Ballincollig); M. Lucey (Cloghduv); M. O'Herlihy (Eire Og); C. Moloney (Innis-carra); M. Buckley (Innis-carra); D. Hourigan (Ballinora); M. O'Connor (Cloghduv); A. Lovette (Ballincollig); M. Herlihy (Aghabullogue); A. Cronin (Cloghduv); C. Donovan (Ballincollig); E. Vaughan (Grenagh); N. Hurley (Grenagh).

Carrigdhoun: A. Moynihan (Ballygarvan); S. O'Keefe (Carrigaline); D. Coomey (Ballinhas-sig); D. O'Mahoney (Ballygarvan); V. Brown (Ballygarvan); L. Hawkes (Vale Rovers); J. Kind (Tracton); S. Downing (Courcy Rovers); A. O'Riordan (Ballygarvan); S. Lynch (Ballygarvan); K. Doherty (Carrigaline); C. Broderick (Slisah Rual); O. O'Riordan (Ballygarvan); C. Dillon (Ballygarvan); L. Thompson (Carrigaline); B. Keoghane; M. Keoghane; D. Kiely (Ballygarvan); U. O'Farrell; V. O'Grady (Carrigaline); K. O'Sullivan (Tracton); L. Kelleher (Slisah Rual); C. O'Donovan; A. Quinn (Courcy Rovers).



CARRIGDHOUN sporting their new set of Camogie gear sponsored by Neville Jewellers before the recent U16 camogie championship inter-divisional blitz final at Ballincollig. From left: Jack McGrath Chairman Carrigdhoun Camogie Division, Sarah Downing (Courcy Rovers), Captain Carrigdhoun U16 team; Andrew O'Farrell U16 Coach, Sarah O'Keefe (Carrigaline), vice captain Carrigdhoun U16 team and John Neville of Neville Jewellers sponsors, Ballincollig.

Ballyhea comeback

Ballyhea
Valley Rovers

2-4
1-2

by Mary Newman

DESPITE trailing by five points in the opening quarter, Ballyhea recorded a tremendous victory, taking their first U18B county championship title at the expense of Valley Rovers.

Two Clodagh Deasy points settled Valley and when Marion Cottrell stretched that lead to five with a well taken goal, it looked as if Ballyhea were in trouble.

Calmly they battled on and three points without reply from Edwina Waters (2) and Mary Coleman soon had them back in contention. They grabbed the lead after Mary Coleman's free was deflected to the net by a Valley Rovers defender to give

Ballyhea a slender 1-3 to 1-2 interval advantage.

On the resumption Ballyhea stretched their lead to two points and now it was their turn to defend as Valley came in search of scores.

Stephanie McInerney struck for the insurance score for Ballyhea after an exciting final by two committed sides. Ballyhea's defence led by Amy Morrissey, Michelle Walsh and goalkeeper Helen O'Brien were superb under pressure, while Mary Coleman and Edwina Waters excelled.

BALLYHEA: H. O'Brien, S. O'Leary, A. Morrissey, M. Walsh, A. M. Rea, E. Waters, C. O'Doherty, K. O'Leary, S. Douglas, M. Coleman, V. Hennessy, N. Morrissey, AS O'Brien, D. Dwane, S. McInerney; subs: R. Waters for A. M. Rea, M. Walsh for D. Dwane, M. Dwane for A. O'Brien
VALLEY ROVERS: J. Harrington, M. O'Mahony, E. Cottrell, L. Davis, MA Hawks, L. Hawks, A. Lynch, C. Deasy, L. O'Mahony, D. Twohig, M. Cottrell, M. McCarthy, O. Deasy, E. O'Mahony, C. Twohig; sub: M. Finn for O. Deasy.

Kildorrery finally have their day in U18C championship

Kildorrery
Dungourney

4-6
1-1

by Mary Newman

KILDORREY'S victory in the inaugural U18 C championship heralded a first success for the club at this level and for a group of players who have soldiered on relentlessly through thick and thin.

Goals from Laura Hanley and Ciara Lynch in each half ensured victory was secured long before the final whistle. These early goals plus three points from Orla Murphy and one apiece from Ciara Lynch and Gillian O'Brien saw

the winners lead 2-5 to no score at the interval.

"Despite leading at half time we knew it was not going to be easy and that we would have to continue to keep the pressure on for the second half," said club official Maura Coughlan.

This Kildorrery did with Laura Hanley and Ciara Lynch repeating their opening half feats, each grabbing another goal. Nicola Nagle had one back for Dungourney as Eileen McCarthy and Caroline Motherway swapped points but there was no denying Kildorrery their day and they finished worthy winners.

Coachford clinch title with a deserved win

ALL-IRELAND Senior B finalists Coachford won the Munster Senior A colleges camogie league title by the narrowest of margins in an enthralling tussle against Loreto, Fermoy, on Friday.

The home side, without the services of Margaret McCarthy, Orla McSweeney and Margaret Cosgrave, led with three points from Mary Buckley before Fermoy responded with a point from Denise Twomey.

Valerie McCormack made two impressive saves early in the game, denying Louise Roche and Caitriona O'Connell from close range before Roche added a point for the Muskerry side.

Impressive midfielder Marie O'Neill began to assert herself as half time approached and narrowed the deficit to two points. An incisive pass from Niamh Barry allowed O'Neill to exchange points with Fiona Buckley before Mary Buckley collected Niamh O'Connell's clearance to put a goal between the sides at half time.

After the resumption, Coachford missed a plethora of scores and Fermoy began to gain control at mid-field. Denise Twomey fired over a free but Coachford Captain Joan Twomey converted a '45 to keep her side a goal ahead. Edel O'Sullivan, Mairead Ennequess and Ciara Murphy were well on top for Coachford with Buckley and Joan Twomey adding points.

Fermoy thundered into the game when Twomey scored a goal after good approach play from Sharon Moroney and Orla Cotter. A Joan Twomey '45 went all the way to the Fermoy net, but Marie O'Neill responded immediately with a fabulous goal. Mary Buckley converted a free and her teammates were delighted to see Michelle O'Regan score another on the run under immense pressure with two minutes remaining.

Fermoy rallied valiantly with Patricia Carroll handpassing to the net three minutes into extra time but time beat the Avondhu side.

Coachford: M. Buckley (0-6), J. Twomey (1-2), F. Buckley (0-1), M. O'Regan (0-1), L. Roche (0-1)

Fermoy: M. O'Neill (1-2), D. Twomey (1-2), P. Carroll (1-0)

MILFORD 4-14 NEWCESTOWN 1-4

A CLASS display from Emer Watson who scored 4-7 out of her side's total ensured Milford retained their under 18 A county championship title on Saturday.

With Marie Watson contributing four points in the opening half, Emer Watson notched up 1-4 to leave their side ahead by 1-8 to 0-3 at the interval. Lorraine Holland with two pointed frees and Colette Desmond were the Newcestown scorers as they worked hard to try and contain the lively Milford outfit.

Milford continued to dominate from the restart and, with Emer Watson continuing to cause the Newcestown defence problems, the scores came. To their credit Newcestown worked hard but did not have anyone capable of matching Emer Watson.

Colette Desmond grabbed Newcestown's goal but thanks to the skillful Emer Watson and a Regina Curtin point Newcestown comfortably retained their crown.

Teams:
Milford — E. Linehan, E. Roche, E. O'Riordan, S. Carroll, S. Sexton, A. Geary, L. Healy, R. Curtin, D. Hayes, J. Sheehy, M. Watson, A. Thompson, T. McLoughlin, A. Watson, E. Watson.

Subs: J. Lynam for J. Sheehy, A. Hehir for A. Thompson.
Newcestown — J. O'Neill, E. Horgan, A. Holland, G. Horgan, C. Nyhan, L. Holland, M. Barron, E. Crowley, R. Donovan, C. O'Mahony, C. Collins, F. Deasy, C. Desmond, C. Long, A. Coughlan.

KILDORREY 2-0 BISHOPSTOWN 1-0

KILDORREY will meet Ballyhea in the inaugural Under 18 C county final after a late goal from Orla Murphy ensured their passage to the final.

Five minutes into the game Orla Murphy was on target for the game's opening score and through the opening half Bishopstown continued to work hard to get back on level terms.

With Dolraann Murray and Miriam Crowley superb, the city side kept the pressure on and were rewarded with a Lisa O'Hea goal three minutes from half time to level matters.

With both teams working furiously to gain the lead, defences at either end were under constant pressure as play swung from end to end. Three minutes from full time Orla Murphy was on hand to finish well to the net to ensure her side's victory.

Superb Susan belts in three

Muskerry
Carrigdhoun

4-6 By TIM BUCKLEY
3-2 Juvenile Camogie

ST PATRICK'S weekend is inter-divisional blitz weekend for Juvenile Camogie.

This competition provides a good hunting ground for the Cork Minor Selectors. Great credit must go to the Juvenile Board to accede to the numerous requests from clubs to bring back this highly entertaining competition. Since its inception in 96 this is Muskerry's 4th time winning the competition.

Muskerry and Carrigdhoun came out of their respective sections last Saturday to face each other in the final played in beautiful sunshine and excellent conditions in Ballincollig on Patrick's morning.

Muskerry were first into the fray when Susan Donovan (Ballincollig) received a good pass from Erin Corkery (Éire Óg) and had the ball in Carrigdhoun's net inside the first min. Denise Cronin (Ballincollig) added a point for Muskerry in the fourth min. Then

against the run of play Katie Doherty (Carrigaline) sent in a long speculative shot that went all the way to the back of the net to give Carrigdhoun their only score of the half. But a minute later Ballincollig's Susan Donovan was at the end of a good passing movement to goal again for Muskerry. E Corkery added a point in the 20th minute and Susan Donovan was in for another goal on 25 minutes, making it 3-5 to 1-0 in Muskerry's favour. Muskerry finished the half strongly with 3 points 1 from Louise Roche (Aghabullogue) and 2 from D Cronin. Score at half time Muskerry 3-5 Carrigdhoun 1-0.

This was a hard working well balanced and spirited Muskerry side. In centre field Rena Buckley (Inniscarra) they had the best player on the pitch and together with Grenagh's Jenny Vaughan they were a tower of strength. This was also a comprehensive win for direct Camogie. Muskerry were at their most dangerous when driving fast ball into the

forwards and the Carrigdhoun backs found it very hard to perform effectively and in fact were hunting this game from start to finish.

Louise Roche (Aghabullogue) kept up the pressure for Muskerry with a goal 2 minutes from the restart. The pace couldn't last and Carrigdhoun began gain a grip on the game with Caoimhe Dillon (Ballygarvan) goaling in the 15th min. This was quickly followed by 2 points from Suzanne Lynch in the 17th & 18th minutes. And even though Sarah O'Keefe (Carrigaline) goaled in the dying minute of the game for Carrigdhoun Muskerry's lead was never really in danger.

Scorers: Muskerry: S Donovan 3-0, L Roche 1-1, D Cronin 0-3, E Corkery 0-1.

Carrigdhoun: K Doherty, C Dillon

1-0 each, S Lynch 0-2 (0-1 free).

Muskerry: M O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue), N Moynehan (Aghabullogue), E Dunne (Cloghduv), M Twomey (Aghabullogue), M O'Donoghue (Ballincollig), S Lucey (Cloghduv), M Corkery (Éire Óg), R Buckley (Inniscarra), J Vaughan (Grenagh), C Bradley (Ballincollig), E Healy (Aghabullogue), D Cronin (Ballincollig), E Corkery (Éire Óg), L Roche (Aghabullogue), S Donovan (Ballincollig), C McSwiney (Ballincollig), M Lucey (Cloghduv), M O'Herlihy (Éire Óg), C Moloney (Inniscarra), M Buckley (Inniscarra), D Hourihan (Ballinora), M O'Connor (Cloghduv), A Lovette (Ballincollig), M Herlihy (Aghabullogue), A Cronin (Cloghduv), C Donovan (Ballincollig), E Vaughan (Grenagh), N Hurley (Grenagh).

Carrigdhoun: A Moynehan (Ballygarvan), S O'Keefe (Carrigaline), D Coomey (Ballinhassig), D O'Mahoney (Ballygarvan), V Brown (Ballygarvan), L Hawkes (Valley Rovers), J Kind (Tracton), S Downing (Courcey Rovers), A O'Riordan (Ballygarvan), S Lynch (Ballygarvan), K Doherty (Carrigaline), C Broderick (Slabh Rua), O O'Riordan (Ballygarvan), C Dillon (Ballygarvan), L Thompson (Carrigaline), B Keoghane, M Keoghane, D Kiehy (Ballygarvan), U O'Farrell, V O'Grady (Carrigaline), K O'Sullivan (Tracton), L Kelleher (Slabh Rua), C O'Donovan, A Quinn (Courcey Rovers), S Casey (Ballinhassig).

A delighted Rena Buckley (Inniscarra and captain of Muskerry) celebrates after receiving the County Inter-Divisional Cup.



Camogie Chat with Mary Newman

THE Senior and Junior teams recorded national league victories over Kilkenny at the superb Castlemartyr venue on Bank Holiday Sunday.

The junior's got the day off to a good start with Amanda O'Regan's impressive free taking ensured Cork led 0-6 to 0-2 at the break, on the resumption Cork continued to dominate with Sarah O'Donovan grabbing three goals while Ber Maher and Miriam Deasy also found the net as Cork notched up an impressive 5-9 to 0-3 victory.

Good to see Catriona Foley back to her old self and hurling with confidence, best wishes to Catriona's Brother Daniel, its nice to hear he is back on the road to recovery and our thoughts are with him.

The senior game was a much closer affair as Cork held a narrow one point interval lead.

Backed by the wind in the second half Cork had to pull out all the stops before Orla O'Sullivan's goal eleven minutes from full time gave the home side the vital edge.

Points from Breige Corkery, Fiona O'Driscoll, Ciara Healy and Vivienne Harris ensured Cork prevailed.

With just one game left against Wexford the senior's are now level on five points with Galway and are certain to make the play-offs.

For the juniors it's a different story, they must travel to both Wexford and Offaly and having lost out to Galway in their opening round victories are vital to ensure qualification.

Congratulations to Stephanie Dunlea who will captain the senior side in their quest to retain the O'Duffy Cup.

It was a good weekend for Milford who retained their under 18 'A' County title at the expense of a gallant Newcestown side. Emer Watson's contribution of 4-7 to the Milford scoreline helped in no small way as the North Cork side coasted to victory with Regina Curtin, Marie Watson and Elaine O'Riordan to the fore.

Orla Murphy had a goal in each half as Kildorrey booked their place in the inaugural under 18 'C' county final at the expense of Bishopstown.

Their opponents in Saturday's final will be Dungourney in a game which is timed for 4-30p.m in Coachford and with both sides aiming for their first title at under 18 a close encounter looks on the cards.

In Junior 'A' league action Douglas and St Catherine's meet in Douglas on Sunday morning in a section play off, while out in Carrignavar the home side Rockham will entertain Tracton in the junior 'B' league quarter final.

Congratulations this week to Muskerry who took the inter-divisional under 16 blitz with a victory over Carrigdhoun on St. Patrick's Day.

At colleges level Presentation Bandon had to give way to St. Fergal's Rathdowney when they replayed their All-Ireland Junior 'B' semi-final.

Coachford reached the Cork Colleges senior final after recording an eight point victory over Carrigaline.

Thanks to Professor Wrixon and his team at UCC, who on Thursday last hosted a pleasant function to honour the college's players who played leading roles in Corks All Ireland success.

Good to see Tipperary's Emer Mc Donnell and Una O'Dwyer present.

The Cork minor selectors are busy finalising their panel to play Limerick on March 30 while the Cork Colleges continue their preparations with a trial game against Kilkenny in Mullinavat on Saturday next.

Next Mondays night's County Board lotto is at €1,600, while on Monday night registrar Kay Dunne will remind clubs to get in their registrations for the meeting.

Cats licked as Cork do the double in National League ties

IT was a good day on the inter-county scene on Sunday as Cork teams took valuable National League points at senior and junior level, defeating Kilkenny in Castlemartyr.

For the junior side, it was their first win in the league having lost their opening game to Galway while the seniors added to their points tally with five out of six recorded going into their last game versus Wexford in April.

CORK 1-9 KILKENNY 0-7

BOTH sides were evenly matched in an opening half that had Cork ahead at half time after playing against the strong wind. Fiona O'Driscoll and Caoimhe Harrington had points as Cork took an early lead while Lizzie Lyng replied for Kilkenny.

With both defences working hard, scores were hard to come by through the opening half. Fiona O'Driscoll edged Cork further ahead with a pointed free as Marie Ryan and Aoife Neary replied for Kilkenny with points to leave it 0-4 to 0-3 in favour of Cork at the break.

With the strong wind in their favour for the second half, many expected Cork to edge ahead early in the half but as the strong Kilkenny defence continued to hold a tight reign Aoife Neary levelled matters after just four minutes.

Fiona O'Driscoll and Elaine Alward exchanged points to ensure stalemate and with Kilkenny showing fierce hunger the Cork defence was under pressure.

Máiréad Costello pointed in the 13th minute to give Kilkenny the lead and now the pressure was on. Credit to the Cork defence who responded superbly with goalkeeper Ger Casey, Mary O'Connor and Stephanie Dunlea leading the way.

Orla O'Sullivan grabbed the game's only goal when she finished well from close range 19 minutes into the half and now, with their lead restored, Cork rallied.

Three points without reply saw them open up a five point advantage as Kilkenny replied with an Aoife Neary pointed free. Vivienne Harris pointed in injury time ensuring a five point victory after a tough contest.

Teams:
Cork — G Casey, J O'Callaghan, N Ahern, S Dunlea, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, B Corkery, R Moloney, E Burke, C Harrington, J O'Leary, U O'Donoghue, O O'Sullivan, F O'Driscoll.

Subs: C Healy for J O'Leary, V Harris for R Moloney, S Hayes for P O'Connor.

Kilkenny — C Ryan, K Kenetton, G Dillon, E Lyng, E Alward, M Lawler, C Delaney, P Comerfort, L Lyng, M Ryan, M Costello, A Neary, C Doherty, E Maher, J Frisby.

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

CORK 5-9 KILKENNY 0-3

THE contribution of eight points by Amanda O'Regan plus three Sarah O'Donovan goals saw the Cork junior side take their first brace of National League points in a one-sided Division 2 meeting in Castlemartyr.

Cork played against the strong wind in the opening half but led 0-6 to 0-2 at the half time whistle thanks to the accuracy of Amanda O'Regan who pointed six frees in the opening period. Miriam O'Keefe and Eileen Fitzpatrick replied for Kilkenny.

Sarah O'Donovan increased Cork's lead with a fourth minute goal and again Eileen Fitzpatrick replied with a Kilkenny point. As Cork gained the upper hand, Kilkenny began to show the pressure and Amanda Regan again showed her accuracy, pointing twice from placed balls.

The result was put beyond doubt when Cork hit a purple patch, recording four goals inside five minutes. Sarah O'Donovan with two, Miriam Deasy and Ber Maher effectively finished the game as a contest.

Cork must now travel to Offaly and Wexford where two victories would put them back into contention for a play-off spot.

Teams:
Cork — A Kiehy, M Hallihan, M O'Donovan, E Foley, C Foley, A O'Regan, V O'Keefe, M O'Connell, R Buckley, M Jaego, R Corcoran, L Bugler, S O'Donovan, M Buckley, M Deasy.

Subs: J O'Keefe for R Buckley, J Duffy for M Jaego, M Holland for M O'Connell, B Maher for M Buckley, S Kelly for E Foley.

Kilkenny — L Dempsey, N Tynan, L Comerfort, A Fahy, G Brennan, C Fennelly, L Crennon, D Minogue, E Fitzpatrick, H Murphy, M O'Keefe, A M Maloney, A Dalton, D Delaney.

Referee: John Stapleton (Tipperary).

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Camogie round-up with Mary Newman

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Ar Aghaidh Linn Le Chéile

Photos: In-House Photography

A Pilot Scheme with the aim of establishing the best framework for the integration of the Ladies Football and Camogie Associations with the GAA itself was launched at Croke Park on February 25th by Mary McAleese, President of Ireland. The scheme, which will run from March until October in eight counties, will aim to highlight the various challenges which integration poses and provide solutions ahead of closer liaisons between the three Associations in a national context. The eight counties taking part in the initial scheme are: Galway, Roscommon, Limerick, Tipperary, Tyrone, Down, Laois and Wexford.

Speaking at the launch, President McAleese said, "Gaelic Games have entered an era of sophistication, composure and confidence which is truly remarkable. An unashamedly proud amateur sport, it is driven by the highest professional values and its aspiration is to keep getting better and better. Naturally it now looks to areas where fresh synergies can be released and this obvious alliance is one of those."

Mr Sean Mc Cague, GAA President welcomed the initiative saying that all three Associations had expressed their desire to go forward as a united entity in the promotion of their shared ideals. He said: "The potential of all three Associations and their effectiveness in promoting Gaelic Games can best be achieved through a concerted effort on all our parts. We share common goals and ideals and there is already significant crossover in our activities on the ground in terms of shared facilities and coaching and games promotion strategies". He further stated that integration had already effectively taken place in many clubs around the country. The integration process will be monitored by a steering committee appointed in each county. This committee will consist of two representatives from each Association and will have responsibility for formulating an integration framework suitable to each county with emphasis on areas such as membership and the shared use of resources and facilities.

Cumann Camógalocta na nGael was founded in 1904 and will celebrate its centenary next year. The Ladies Gaelic Football Association (Cumann Peil Gael na mBan) was established in 1974 and has experienced phenomenal growth since its inception.



Down GAA & Camogie representatives (top) and Laois GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football (below) representatives with President McAleese & husband Martin at the launch of the pilot scheme for the integration of the Ladies Football and Camogie Associations with the GAA.



The GAA's Strategic Review Committee made the following recommendations:

1. Formal integration of the Ladies games into the GAA
2. Profile of female intercounty players needs to be increased
3. Audit of facilities required for the Ladies games
4. Availability of facilities for training and playing for female sports
5. Representation of women in its decision making structures

Benefits to all three Associations

- Increase in membership
- Increase in numbers of voluntary workers
- Additional skills and expertise
- Additional experience
- Encouraging the family ethos
- Good PR (all inclusive Association)

Overall Objectives of the Pilot Scheme

- To examine the most suitable framework for the establishing of a formal integration between the three Associations at Club and County Level
- To highlight the various challenges with the integration and to find solutions

Reasons for this Undertaking

- All three Associations have expressed the desire to go forward as a united entity in the promotion of our shared ideals
- Integration has already taken place in many clubs around the country
- The potential of all three Associations and their effectiveness in promoting Gaelic Games can best be achieved through a concerted effort

Proposed Modus Operandi

- Each of the 8 participating counties to appoint a Committee comprising of 2 representatives from each Association
- The committee to appoint a Chairperson, Secretary and Club liaison officer
- On-going meetings to focus on strategies to integrate all three Associations

Proposed Time Lines

- March 2003 - October 2003
- Feb '03 - Launch Pilot
- June '03 - Mid term review
- Nov '03 - Report to be presented
- Full integration framework for full implementation for Congress 2004



Mr Sean Mc Cague, GAA President

View from the ground - Therese O'Callaghan

As a player I have been involved in camogie for almost 20 years. In 2001 I was drafted on to a committee to help the Camogie Association with its Centenary celebrations next year. So, I have seen at ground level and now as an administrator how difficult it is to get recognition for our national game. However, I have suddenly become a happy person once more, and it is all because of February 25th (not February 14th!). This was the day that we all came together as one in Croke Park. The date that President Mary McAleese announced to the nation that "it was such a lovely joy to be part of this historic day," as she launched a pilot scheme for the full integration of the Ladies Football and Camogie Associations with the GAA. I did not know what to expect as I sat and pondered on my train journey to Dublin that morning. It was only on my arrival at GAA headquarters that the stark reality began to sink in. There was a press-launch at 11.30am followed by lunch at 1.30pm. There were many dignitaries including GAA President Sean McCague, Camogie President Pat Rafferty, Walter Thompson, President of Ladies Football, and in-coming GAA President Sean Kelly.

The media were rich in numbers - Micheál Ó Mhuircheartaigh, Brian Carthy, Cliona Foley and many more journalists from the national newspapers. Suddenly, the ladies were centre stage. For camogie it was a fantastic PR job, people departed knowing that next year is our 100th birthday. We would never have got that sort of publicity on our own. Mrs McAleese said it would be nice to see the Camogie All-Ireland staged before the Hurling in 2004. Up to now, I would have said YES to this idea straight away but as I sat on the train back home later in the evening I thought NO. Why? Because in 2004 I want Camogie to have its own day out in Croke Park, and for it to be very special. We should celebrate all day long. Have our Junior and Senior finals as we normally do, but in a more spectacular fashion. Include more parades and give as many people as possible an opportunity to have their day in the sunshine of Croke Park. The GAA will help us, but we have to also believe in ourselves, and see the glass as half-full rather than half-empty.

Minors begin defence of All-Ireland crown with emphatic win

CORK 5-10
LIMERICK 1-4

Camogie

with Mary Newman

DESPITE a shaky start Cork minors opened the defence of the provincial and All-Ireland crowns with an emphatic victory over Limerick in Ballingarry.

Captain Anna Geary led by example turning in a top class performance while others to impress included Rena Buckley and Mary Coleman.

Orla Coughlan gave Cork an early lead pointing just four minutes into the contest but that lead changed hands quickly with Lisa Kelly's goal three minutes later giving the home side a boost but never panicking Cork responded in the form of a Rena Buckley pointed free.

With play swinging from end to end both defence had to work hard and it was Cork who got the vital break when Limerick goal keeper Ciara Kelleher's initial save was smartly finished to the net by Aine Watson in the twelfth minute.

Three unanswered points from Mary Coleman (two) and Tina Shanahan saw Cork take control and when Mary Coleman struck for two goals in a three minutes spell Limerick were in trouble.

Battling for survival they worked hard but for some erratic shooting could have been closer, three points before the break from Sinead Mc Auliffe, Fiona Morrissey and Shannon Brosnan narrowed the gap as Cork led 3-5 to 1-3 at the break.

Orla Coughlan again had the first say of the second half with an early point and when Mary Coleman finished to the net for her third goal seconds later Cork were well on the way to a Munster semi-final meeting with Waterford.

Captain Anna Geary goaled before Aine Watson and Geary pointed a late Sinead McAuliffe point was Limerick's only response in a second half where Cork were totally dominant.

Selector Ann Watson was pleased with her sides performance and is now looking to a semi final clash with Waterford: "We found it hard to settle but once we did we played well. With a victory under our belts we now must get ready for a semi final meeting with Waterford."

Despite the shaky start Cork played well and when Limerick put them under pressure they responded to the challenge and on their performance will go in a favourites to make it to another Munster final.

Teams — Cork: M Murphy; L Hawkes, M Nyhan, E Dunne; E Waters, R Buckley, O Cotter; A Geary (captain), S Downing, M Crowley, H O'Regan, O'Coughlan; M Coleman, T Shanahan, A Watson.

Subs: S Cunningham for H O'Regan, M Corkery for E Dunne, C Dillon for M Crowley, A M Sheehan for L Hawkes, S Sexton for O Cotter. **Limerick:** C Kelleher; F Chawke, S Mahony, K Sheedy; F Dore, N Foley, M Stack; C Lane, N Heffernan; M O'Connell, K Fitzgerald, S McAuliffe (captain); F Morrissey, S Brosnan, L Kelly. **Subs:** E Potter for K Sheedy, S Hayes for F Dore, S Collins for K Fitzgerald. **Referee:** Eamonn Browne (Tipperary).



The Cork minor camogie panel which began their championship campaign with a 5-10 to 1-4 win over Limerick.

ON Saturday next Coachford Community College meet Presentation Athenry in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior B final.

It's a first for the Mid Cork school who have prepared well under the guidance of former Sarsfields footballer Rob Lott. The Galway side will provide tough opposition and with four titles under their belts will go in favourites however this is something that will not worry the Cork side.

Coachford recorded a Munster final victory over fellow Cork school Bandon before going on to a comfortable 3-7 to 0-5 All-Ireland semi-final victory over Vocational School Borris.

In their games to date Coachford have shown fierce determination and commitment to the cause and an All-Ireland title would be a fitting tribute to the side who

recently took the Cork colleges title with one point to spare over last year All-Ireland B Colleges champions Loreto, Fermoy.

Mary Buckley, Margaret McCarthy and Clara Murphy are experienced forwards who are not afraid to take on the opposition. In defence the Coachford side are not lacking either where the reliable Emma O'Keeffe in goal marshals fronts a strong defence that included former All-Ireland winning Cork minor Joan Twomey, who has led by example in all their outings, performing superbly at centre back.

Niamh O'Connell, Mairéad Ennaguess and Christine Cosgrave are solid defenders who will keep a tight reign on the Athenry forward division. Up front Coachford have potential match winners in Louise Roche, Mary Buckley and Emma Healy. Athenry had a big semi-

final victory over St Louis, Ballymena, where they recorded 6-14 to 0-1 win. They boast a host of inter-county players including Darrell Coen, Krystal Ruddy and Fiona Gilligan and while all are experienced on the big stage Coachford will not be overawed by this.

Vocational School Athenry were defeated in the Connaught final before they totally outclassed Ballymena to book their final spot. They will once again look to full forward Sarah Donoghue who scored 3-8 against Ballymena and no doubt she will pose a huge threat to the Coachford defence while others who have impressed to date include Fiona Gilligan, Catherine Moran, and Mary Ward.

Athenry are aiming to take their fifth title while the Cork side are aiming for their first, it promises to be

an exciting finale to what has to date been a fairytale for the Coachford side. The game is fixed for Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath with throw-in at 2.30pm.

Coachford panel: E O'Keeffe, M Healy, M Ennaguess, C Cosgrave, N O'Connell, J Twomey (captain), M O'Leary, M O'Regan, F Buckley, C Murphy, M McCarthy, E Healy, M Cosgrave, M Buckley, L Roche, E O'Sullivan, C O'Connell, A O'Mahony, Clare Hogan, O'Sweeney, Christine Hogan.

NATIONAL league action resumes on Sunday as both senior and junior teams travel to Wexford for vital games.

The senior side have good victories over Limerick and Kilkenny under their belt while it was honours even with Galway. A win on Sunday would almost cer-

tainly guarantee a place in the play off stages while for the junior team the story is a little different.

Losing their opening game to Galway they got back to winning ways with a good win over Kilkenny with a meeting against Offaly still to come they will need to pick up the points next Sunday if qualification is to be ensured.

Wexford ran Kilkenny to just one point and while they lost out to Galway results over the last fortnight have seen Kilkenny defeat Galway whom Cork were lucky to snatch a last minute draw with therefore another tough clash is in prospect.

Without doubt the main focus will be championship but the Cork backroom team of Pa Finn, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Kathleen Healy will be anxious to maintain their winning ways and take a league title in the run up to championship.

The selectors have continued to introduce new faces and with Linda Mellerick and Eithne Duggan retired from the inter-county stage the side will certainly be a change on to the All-Ireland winning team.

Among the young players who have shown well are Orla O'Sullivan and Breige Corkery and no doubt they will be pressing for next weekend inclusion.

The junior selectors rung the changes last time out against Kilkenny and it worked well as they recorded their first win.

However one bright aspect was the presence of Amanda O'Regan at centre back where she played a leading role in defence for the side, but up front the improvement will have to continue if a semi-final place is to be won.



MINOR SUCCESS: The Cork Minor Camogie team which defeated Limerick in the first round of the Munster minor camogie championship in Ballingarry.

Brilliant Barrs blitz Glen Rovers

St Finbarr's
Glen Rovers

5-1
0-1

By TIM BUCKLEY
Juvenile camogie

DESPITE the score line this was a tough game for the Barrs in their first game of the U16A league. The Glen found it difficult to penetrate the St. Finbarr's back line ably led by Aoife McCarthy and Linda Fitzgerald.

Rachel O'Regan and Pauline Murphy scored two goals each and Dara Banks scored the Barr's only point. Gerlyn Nolan was the scorer of the

Glen's point.

● Newtown got off to a great start in their U16C league campaign, beating Fr. O'Neill's 7-6 to 0-1 with Denise O'Flynn in great form scoring 4-1, Kim O'Connor 2-1 and Cork minor Tina Shanahan 1-2. Eileen O'Mahony and Michelle O'Connor scored 0-1 each.

● Enniskeane beat Newtown 1-4 to 1-0 in a very closely contested game with never much between the sides in

their first game of the U16B league.

The difference between the sides was a lucky deflection from a free taken by Orla Coughlan which went all the way to the Newcestown net.

● Enniskeane beat Courcy Rovers 3-5 to 3-1 in a game which was won and lost in the last 15 minutes.

There was nothing soft in the first half and Courcy Rovers managed to build a lead of 2-1 to 1-2. The second half started in similar fashion with never more than one score between the sides. En-

niskeane became more clinical in the final quarter to run out winners.

Scorers: Enniskeane: Anna Nyhan 1-1, Aoife Connolly and Noelle Buttner 1-0 each, Orla Coughlan 0-4.

Courcy Rovers: Andrea Quinn 2-0, Sarah Keohane 1-0, Sarah Downing 0-1.

● In their first match in the 12-a-side league Glenagh were on top against Kildorrery for the first half and went in at half time leading 1-5 to 1-2, only to lose out by 6-2 to 2-7.

Glenagh kept up the pressure facing the breeze and

were in fact leading 2-7 to 2-2 with 15 minutes remaining. But then two puck outs dropped short for Glenagh resulting in two goals for Kildorrery and the game was changed utterly. For Kildorrery Orla Murphy in goals made save after save and gave long clearances and puck outs that went all the way into Glenagh's 13 metre line.

Scorers: Kildorrery: C Lynch 4-2, C Smyth and E Coughlan 1-0 each.

Glenagh: A Murphy 2-1, J Vaughan 0-3, N Hurley 0-2, E Vaughan 0-1.

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Millstreet honours camogie champs

THE flourishing Millstreet Camogie Club put together a rousing welcome for the O'Duffy Cup and members of the All-Ireland winning Cork senior camogie team at a special American Tea Party, hosted in Millstreet GAA Community Hall.

Incorporated into the function was a special family night to allow young and old convene to acknowledge one of the town's most active clubs.

Chairperson D J Golden outlined the remarkable progress of the club from its initiating in the Sciath Na Scoil competition.

He commended the enthusiasm of the participating girls and the support of their parents with particular thanks extended to the club's sub-committee.

Special guests from the Cork camogie team, captain Una O'Donoghue and Joanne O'Callaghan, were given a special welcome. Una addressed the gathering and commended all involved on promoting camogie within Millstreet and wished the club every success on the playing fields.

The Cork stars presented medals to the club's indoor camogie winning team. And the Millstreet community support to camogie was evident on local businessman Jerry Pat O'Leary presenting a new set of jerseys to club secretary Veronica O'Callaghan.



Millstreet camogie players with Cork Captain Una O'Donoghue and Joanne O'Callaghan when to O'Duffy (all-Ireland) Cup was brought to the town.

Coachford girls eye All Ireland title

SATURDAY next will be the biggest day in the sporting history of Coachford Community Colleges female pupils when they contest their first ever Senior B All Ireland Camogie Colleges final in Kilbeggan Co Westmeath.

The Coachford side, coached by Sarsfields stalwart Rob Lott, will face tough opposition in Presentation Athenry as they aim to create history.

In their path to Saturday's decider Coachford recorded a Munster final victory over Bandon before going on to record a comfortable 3-7 to 0-5 All Ireland semi-final victory over Vocational School Borris. Amongst the players to shine for Coachford were Mary Buckley, Margaret McCarthy and Ciara Murphy who have all shown their capabilities in front of goal.

In defence the Coachford side are not lacking either where the reliable Emma O'Keeffe in goal marshals a strong defence that included captain Joan Twomey who has led by example in all their outings performing superbly at centre back. Niamh O'Connell, Mairead Ennequess and Christine Cosgrave will defend to the end while up front Coachford have potential match winners in Louise Roche, Mary Buckley and Emma Healy.

Athenry will go into the game as favourites following their emphatic semi-final victory over St. Louis Ballymena where they recorded a 6-14 to 0-1 win.

Their ability to pick off points is something worth noting and this is something which the Coachford defence will have stopped if they hope to succeed.

Darrell Coen, Krystal Ruddy

and Fiona Gilligan are all experienced inter-county players and their experience will be vital.

In their path to taking the Connaught title they accounted for Vocational School Athenry before totally outclassing Ballymena to book their final spot.

They will once again look to full forward Sarah Donoghue to work the oracle. Having contributed 3-8 to their total against Ballymena she will pose a huge threat while others who have impressed to date include Fiona Gilligan, Catherine Moran, and Mary Ward.

Athenry are aiming to take their fifth title while the Cork side are aiming for their first. It promises to be an exciting finale to what has to date been a fairy-tale for the Coachford side. The game is fixed for Tullamore with throw in is at 2p.m.

Cork minors in action St Finbarrs crush Glen Rovers

SUNDAY next will see the inter-county championship action begin, and first into the fray are the county minor side who last season made it back-to-back All Ireland titles.

Now that is all forgotten as counties set out on the glory trail in Ballingarry on Sunday at 12.30.

Cork's opponents will be last year's All Ireland "B" winners Limerick, and having themselves taken back-to-back All Ireland honours they will be determined to do well.

The successful Cork backroom team of John Cronin, John Quinn and Ann Watson have been together now for five years and they will have their side well prepared for the fray.

Eight players remain since last year's campaign: Edwina Waters, Anna Geary, Marguerite Nyhan, Marion Murphy, Emma Dunne, Sarah Downing, Mary Coleman, and Rena Buckley, and their experience will be crucial as Cork go in search of glory.

Limerick will not be overawed by the minor A champions as they approach the clash they will call on eight of last year side. Eight of the Limerick side have lined out with St Marys Charleville senior or junior teams, amongst them Sinead McAuliffe who will captain the Limerick team.

St Finbarrs 5-1
Glen Rovers 0-1

DESPITE the scoreline this was a tough game for the Barrs in their 1st game of the U16A league. The Glen found it difficult to penetrate through St. Finbarr's back line ably led by Aoife McCarthy and Linda Fitzgerald. Rachel O'Regan and Pauline Murphy scored 2 goals each and Dara Banks scored the Barr's only point.

Newtownshandrum 7-6
Fr. O'Neills 0-1

NEWTOWN got off to a great start in their U16C league campaign with Denise O'Flynn in great form scoring 4 — 1, Kim O'Connor 2 — 1 and Cork minor Tina Shanahan 1 — 2. Eileen O'Mahony & Michelle O'Connor scored 0-1 each.

Enniskeane 1-4
Newcestown 1-0

THIS was a very closely contested game in the U16B league.

Rockban 3-3
Tracton 0-5

Youghal 1-7
Sliabh Rua 1-2

Rockban and Youghal had com-

The difference between the sides was a lucky deflection from a free taken by Orla Coughlan which went all the way into the Newcestown net.

Enniskeane 3-5
Courcy Rovers 3-1

THIS game was won and lost in the last 15 minutes. In the first half Courcy Rovers managed to build a lead of 2-1 to 1-2.

Scorers: Enniskeane: Anna Nyhan 1-1, Aoife Connolly and Noelle Buttimer 1-0 each, Orla Coughlan 0-4.

Courcy Rovers: Andrea Quinn 2-0, Sarah Keohane 1-0, Sarah Downing 0-1.

Kildorrery 6-2
Grenagh 2-7

In their first match in the 12 a side league Grenagh were on top for the first half, but Kildorrery roared ahead in the second half.

Scorers: Kildorrery: Ciara Lynch 4-2, Ciara Smyth and Emma Coughlan 1-0 each.

Grenagh: Aine Murphy 2-1, Jenny Vaughan 0-3, Noreen Hurley 0-2, Elaine Vaughan 0-1.

Rockan in charge

fortable victories as they booked their places in the junior B league semi finals. Rockban had seven points to spare over Tracton when the sides met at the Rockban venue on Sunday while in Riverstick the visitors advanced with five points to spare.

Watson on form as Cork triumph

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Minor camogie

Cork 5-10
Limerick 1-4

IT WAS all one-way traffic yesterday in Ballingarry as All-Ireland minor champions Cork got this season's campaign off to a brilliant start with a decisive victory over last year's All-Ireland B winners Limerick.

In what was a disappointing showing from Limerick, the Rebel County very much signalled their intent on holding on to their crown.

After a hesitant start, Cork set the machine in motion with their opening goal from corner-forward Aine Watson. Shortly after, the switch of the outstanding Mary Coleman to full-forward helped further sway the tide in their favour, with the Ballyhea player supplying her side's next brace of goals.

Manager John Cronin was clearly happy with the nature of their triumph.

"When we got going we did well," Cronin said.

"We were a bit rusty for the first 10 or 15 minutes but that is expected as it was our first game together."

The visitors held a 3-5 to 1-3 lead at the break, with the Limerick goal coming from Lisa Kelly.

Cork emerged for the second half in determined mood. With Marguerite Nyhan lording it at full-back and Sarah Dowling moving to the half-back line to curb the influence of McAuliffe, the red and white began to pile on the scores.

Coleman completed her hat-trick with Geary adding 1-3 in the closing 30 minutes of play. It was left to Watson to finish as she started — supplying the last score.

Cork are at home to Waterford in the semi-final in three weeks' time, while Clare and Tipperary meet in the other decider.

Scorers for Cork: M Coleman 3-2, A Geary 1-3, A Watson 1-1, O Coughlan 0-2, R Buckley and T Shanahan 0-1 each.

Scorers for Limerick: L Kelly 1-0, S McAuliffe 0-3 (0-2 frees), S Brosnan 0-1.

CORK: M Murphy; E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawks; E Waters, R Buckley, O Cotter; A Geary (capt), S Dowling; O Coughlan, H O'Regan, M Crowley; M Coleman, T Shanahan, A Watson.

Subs: S Cunningham for H O'Regan, M Corkery for E Dunne, A M Sheehan for L Hawks, C Dillon for M Crowley, S Sexton O Cotter.

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

Camogie takes centre stage with hosting of congress

CAMOGIE will take centre stage this weekend with the staging of the National Congress in the county for the first time ever.

The Congress, which will be attended by up to 120 delegates from London, Scotland and US as well as the 32 counties, is being held in Arklow, the birth place of camogie in Co. Wicklow with the first team being formed there in 1904.

Planning for the Camogie Congress has been going on in the county for the past seven or eight months with the preparations being spearheaded by a fifteen member organising committee headed by Breda Byrne as the chairperson.

The Congress is being held in the Arklow Bay Conference and Leisure Hotel over two days, starting on Friday evening at 6pm with an address of welcome by the Wicklow county chairperson Winnie O'Hanlon from the Ballinacor Club and climaxing on the Saturday night with a Congress Banquet to be attended by close on 250 who will include people from camogie and GAA clubs in Co. Wicklow in addition to the Congress delegates.

GAA county secretary Jimmy Dunne, who organised some of the most memorable GAA banquets in the county, was drafted in by the Camogie Board to help them with organising the Congress, and also on the organising committee are: chairperson, Breda Byrne, Mary O'Brien, Kathleen Cullen, Mary Mills, Maxine Kelly, Suzanne Pearson, Mary Byrne, Ann Sweeney,

Margaret Byrne, Maire Uí Scolai, Winnie O'Hanlon, Anne Dowling, Patricia Whelan and Victor O'Shaughnessy.

A highlight of the Congress on the Saturday, which will resume at 10am, will be the election of a new president to succeed the present incumbent, Pat Rafferty. The contest for the Presidency is between Helen McAlevey from Down and Miriam O'Callaghan from Offaly.

Shops in Arklow are putting on special promotions for delegates attending the Congress, which is scheduled to end its deliberations at 5pm on Saturday. A Congress Mass will follow and it will be celebrated in the hotel by Fr. Liam Dunne from Arklow.

Tickets for the Congress Banquet at €30 can still be booked through camogie county secretary Patricia Whelan (0508-81024) or from Ann Dowling Glenmalur (0404-46188), secretary of the organising committee.

A feast of traditional Irish entertainment is being laid on for the Banquet and it will feature Aughrim Comhaltas, the Breda O'Connor School of Irish dancing and Kiltegan ballad group and the curtain will finally come down on Congress with cello dancing to the music of Katherine Kinsella's Green Isle Band.

The Organising Committee succeeded in securing a lot of sponsorship the Congress led by Wicklow County Council.

New president of camogie association

MIRIAM O'CALLAGHAN was elected president of the Camogie Association at annual congress in Arklow over the weekend.

Defeating Down's Helen McAlevey, 39 votes to 27, she became the first Offaly person to take up the post. O'Callaghan is a former president of second-level colleges and succeeds out-going president, Pat Rafferty. There was no election of a Treasurer as Jo Golden's placement has now become a paid position and is due to be filled over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, a recommendation from Kilkenny that the post-match All-Ireland function on the Monday be discontinued was passed. Instead, there will be an informal reception in Croke Park immediately after the game.

There was much debate too about the proposed alliance between the GAA and Camogie Association - the scheme of which was launched in February and an interim report is to be delivered by October.

CAMOGIE: Offaly's Miriam O'Callaghan has been elected to succeed Pat Rafferty as the new National President of the Camogie Association, writes Maire Uí Scolai.

At the Camogie Congress in Arklow on Saturday, O'Callaghan defeated Helen McAlevey, Co Down, by 39 votes to 27 to become the first Offaly woman to be elected president of the association which celebrates its centenary next year.

During her term of office O'Callaghan hopes to be able to forge the strategic alliance with the GAA and the Women's Football Association which has been under discussion for some time.

A pilot project is taking place in eight counties this year, from which the Camogie Associations hopes have recommendations by October 31st which will then be put to the Congresses of the three bodies in 2004.

Congress yesterday heard that it is costing the Camogie Association a lot of money to stage its All-Ireland final in Croke Park as the event only attracts 15,000 spectators when 35,000 is needed for Croke Park to break even.

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Offaly Woman Becomes President Of National Camogie Association



Liam and Miriam O'Callaghan with daughters Orla and Aine pictured arriving at Tullamore GAA Social Centre last Sunday evening.

by Jane Last

Miriam O'Callaghan has become the first Offaly person to be President of the National Camogie Association in its 100 year history.

The announcement was made on Saturday at the annual congress of the association. The other candidate was Helen McAlevey of Co Down who received 27 votes to Miriam O'Callaghan's 39.

On Sunday night, was welcomed home to a reception held in her honour in the GAA hall in Tullamore.

Meanwhile congratulations were extended to Miriam O'Callaghan, who is a local Councillor, from her fellow colleagues on the VEC Committee on Monday evening.

Mrs O'Callaghan is a founder member of Tullamore Camogie and has carried out numerous roles in the committee. She has contributed to the Camogie scene as a player, referee and administrator. On a county level, she has served as PRO, Development Officer, delegate to the Leinster Council, Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson of Offaly Camogie.

She has also served as Vice-Chairperson to the Leinster Council and delegate to Central Council. Before her recent appointment to the top post in Irish Camogie, she was the association's Anti-Doping Officer and national referees' committee chairperson. She has also refereed in many of Camogie's high profile matches such as All-Ireland finals.

The three year term on which she is about to embark upon will oversee the association's centenary anniversary and celebrations which will begin in February 2004.

Speaking to the Offaly Independent, Mrs O'Callaghan said she hoped her appointment will encourage the game further in the county. She added that Offaly is a very young county in relation to Camogie. Although the game has been played in the county since the 60s, it experienced some dry patches before the establishment of a committee in 1979. As a result, the game in Offaly has gone from strength to strength.

Among some of the activities which Mrs O'Callaghan will be overseeing as part of her term is the finalising and implementation of a development strategic plan being put in place. The plan involves schools, clubs and counties who "are finalising details of that plan and I will be helping put structures in place in bringing it about" added Mrs Callaghan.

It is highly important that these plans are put in place continued Mrs O'Callaghan. "I am also very much looking forward to the full time appointment of a Financial Director," said Mrs O'Callaghan. She believes that such an appointment will relieve time given by volunteers who work in the financial end.

She is also hoping to encourage hurling and camogie matches to take place as double-headers although she knows that it won't be possible to do it all the time. Various other programmes will also be part of her remit during her term as President of the Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael. Although she realises her position will be time-consuming, she knows that she has reached the pinnacle within the organisation and is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Miriam's ambitious programme

by Therese O'Callaghan

MIRIAM O'CALLAGHAN, the newly elected President of the Camogie Association has a detailed programme of aims and ambitions during her term in office.

The development and expansion of camogie and the integration with the GAA are integral to her plans as she leads the association through one of its most exciting phases.

"Coaching, attracting more publicity and expansion are all roads forward for us. I worked with GAA President Sean McCague on a Development Committee for camogie and intend seeing these results through," the Offaly native said yesterday.

"Next year's Congress and Banquet will be at the Citywest Hotel. This will be a huge undertaking for us, but already we are anticipating a splendid occasion.

"The integration of the Gaelic Games Associations is vital to us moving forward - we would be more formidable and with joint resources would greatly benefit from their expertise. For instance, a few weeks ago, referee/co-ordinator Jimmy Darcy delivered a fitness programme to camogie referees. I believe if they have the means we should avail. I intend working with Central Council to maximise the possibility of staging camogie and hurling/football games as double-headers.

"Finalising the Strategic Plan is another priority. A draft is already prepared in consultation with the National Sports Council. Second and third level colleges are high on my list too - they need more support," she said.



Miriam O'Callaghan: the newly elected President of the Camogie Association.

Her election as President of the Camogie Association at last weekend's Congress came as no great surprise and that is in no way to detract from Down's Helen McAlevey who lost out by a slender 12 votes.

With the Association approaching such an important milestone in its history - celebrating its centenary in 2004 - the Tullamore native brings a vast amount of experience and administration skills to such a prestigious position.

Her credentials are exemplary. She is former inter-county player who refereed an All-Ireland senior final along with holding numerous positions at club, county and provincial level. She was also President of Colleges' Council for a four-year term.

Never one afraid to voice her opinion, she holds the distinction of being the first female to speak at GAA Congress when as a freckled 19-year-old she displayed her oratory skills as an Offaly Youth delegate.

Joan's girls ready to make history

THE senior squad at Coachford College are busy preparing for the school's first All-Ireland Colleges final in its 51 year history.

Their opponents are Presentation, Athenry who have four National titles and, based on their emphatic 6-14 to 0-1 semi-final win over St Louis, Ballymena, will be favourites to add to their total.

The game is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday in Kilbeggan with the Senior A final at 3.30pm.

The Muskerry school is captained by Joan Twomey who won All-Ireland minor medals with Cork along with Margaret McCarthy, Clara Murphy and Niamh O'Connell.

Mary Buckley is currently playing with the Cork juniors and Fiona Buckley, Mairead Enneguess, Louise Roche and Emma Healy have represented the school in the Cork Colleges U14 team.

Coachford defeated Carrigaline, Ursulines, Thurles, Kilfinane and

By **RIOBARD LOTT**
Colleges Camogie

Bandon to win the Munster title before easily accounting for Borris, Carlow in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Presentation, Athenry beat the Vocational School, Athenry in their Connaught decider and boast inter-county stars such as Darelle Coen, Catherine Moran, Krystle Ruddy, Emma Coughlan, Fiona Gilligan, Mary Ward, Cathy Coen, Shauna Coll, Jessica Gill and full forward Sarah Donoghue who scored 3-8 in the semi-final.

Selector Tina Carroll anticipates a titanic struggle but her side are well prepared and eager to win.

COACHFORD: E. O'Keefe, M. Healy (Vc), M. Enneguess, C. Cosgrave, N. O'Connell, J. Twomey (C), M. O'Leary, M. O'Regan, F. Buckley, C. Murphy, M. McCarthy, E. Healy, M. Cosgrave, M. Buckley, L. Roche, E. O'Sullivan, C. O'Connell, A. O'Mahony, Claire Hogan, O. McSweeney, Christine Hogan.



The Coachford team, with coach Rob Lott and captain Joan Twomey after they beat Bandon in the Munster Colleges Senior B Camogie final at Coachford.

Picture: Richard Mills

Coachford girls determined to make history

WHEN the girls of Coachford College run out onto the hallowed turf of Kilbeggan shortly before 2pm tomorrow, they will endeavour to do something that never has been achieved before.

They will attempt to bring back a first All-Ireland title to the Muskerry School. Standing between them and their day of destiny is Presentation School, Athenry.

In what is undoubtedly the biggest date in their sporting calendar, it would be a fitting end to a marvellous season if the All-Ireland senior B camogie cup, was to become domiciled in mid Cork.

Rich reward it would be too for manager Rob Lott and se-

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**
Camogie

lector Tena Carroll, who have nurtured this team all the way to this ultimate stage. Understandably, the books will be put aside this weekend, as they travel in their numbers to the Westmeath venue.

"Yes, there is a lot of excitement these few days," admitted Lott. "Last Saturday our junior footballers were unlucky to lose in the All-Ireland semi-final, so now it is up to us. Our school is 51-years-old and we have never triumphed at All-Ireland level."

"But, we know that we have a big game to overcome. I watched Athenry in the

semi-final and was very impressed. Their full-forward Sarah Donoghue scored a whopping 3-8 that day, so we are certainly aware of the task we are facing."

"We will travel in confidence and having won the Munster A league against Loreto a couple of weeks ago is a major boost to our self-belief."

That one-point victory against Fermoy was a marvellous contest and should be a massive psychological enhancer, as they had to pull on all their reserves to hold out.

Captain Joan Twomey at centre-back is the rock that this side is built on. She is a huge striker and driving force from the pivotal position. Reli-

able goalkeeper Emma O'Keefe is another vital cog in the side, as are the two Cosgrave sisters' Christine and Margaret — although there is a worry about the latter and a decision will not be made on her fitness until today.

In fact, it could be an unforgettable few days for the Cosgraves, Catriona O'Connell and Fiona Buckley, as all four have delayed a school trip to France 24 hours and instead will leave on Sunday.

Other players Coachford will be looking for big games from are Mary Buckley, Clara Murphy, Emma Healy, Michelle O'Regan and Margaret McCarthy.

The Galway team have an

even sprinkling of inter-county stars. Fourteen-year-old Jessica Gill is fast making a name for herself both within the Athenry club and at county level.

O'Donoghue is from a strong hurling pedigree while twin brothers Shane and David are key players on the Athenry senior hurling side.

Coachford: E. O'Keefe, M. Healy (v-capt), M. Enneguess, C. Cosgrave, N. O'Connell, J. Twomey (capt), M. O'Leary, M. O'Regan, F. Buckley, C. Murphy, M. McCarthy, E. Healy, M. Cosgrave, M. Buckley, L. Roche, E. O'Sullivan, C. O'Connell, A. O'Mahony, Claire Hogan, O. McSweeney, Christine Hogan.

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Camogie Chat with Mary Newman

THE county minor side got the defence of their provincial and All-Ireland crowns off to a winning start as they defeated Limerick. Lisa Kelly gave the home side an early lead with a fourth minute goal but Cork responded well with a similar score from Aine Watson to take a lead they never relinquished. Ballyhea's Mary Coleman helped herself to three goals while captain Anna Geary, Sarah Downing and Tina Shanahan also impressed. Interesting to see Bishopstown's Miriam Crowley making her inter-county debut following in the footsteps of father Johnny.

Waterford will provide the sides semi-final opponents in three weeks time and while the score line of 5-10 looks impressive there is room for improvement if the titles are to be retained.

Offaly's Miriam O'Callaghan was elected as National President to succeed Pat Rafferty at last weekend's congress in Arklow. Reports are that it was a quiet congress with the only major decision taken being the one which decided to dispense with the post All-Ireland function on the Monday after the Senior and Junior finals. It was always a nice function as the four teams gathered away from the match atmosphere, however such is progress.

Plenty of action in the week ahead with the senior and junior teams making the journey to Wexford on Sunday as the National league's resume. A victory for the seniors would almost certainly guarantee a semi-final spot having already defeated Limerick and Kilkenny and drawing with Galway.

A win is vital for the junior team who lost their opening game to Galway before bouncing back with a win over Kilkenny, and Offaly still to play victory is a must on Sunday.

Saturday is a big day for Coachford Community College when they meet Presentation Athenry in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior B final. Coachford are aiming for their first title while Athenry already have four to their credit. Joan Twomey captains Coachford and in their path to Saturday's clash they defeated Bandon to take provincial honours before accounting for Vocational School Borris.

Former Sarsfields stalwart Rob Lott is the driving force behind the Mid Cork side and the good wishes of camogie followers go to them in their quest for glory.

St Catherine's and Sarsfields clash in the semi-final of the Junior A league in Conna with Killeagh awaiting the winners in the final.

This evening the Juvenile Board get together in Blarney for their monthly meeting and main item on the agenda is the grading of clubs for under 14 competitions so delegates are asked to attend.

A reminder about the Inniscarra 'Night at the Dogs' which is on April 9 contact Joan O'Leary for further details.

Monday night next the Senior and Junior Championship draws take place at the county board meeting in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. As usual they will be broadcast on 103 FM after 9.30 so tune in and hear your opposition.

The Lotto is worth €1,700 and will also be drawn at next Monday's meeting so make sure your tickets are in.

Juvenile Camogie

Ballinora find going too tough

Killbrittain/Timoleague 3-7
Ballinora 1-0

Killbrittain/Timoleague, aided by a strong wind, built up a half time lead 1-6 to no score with Orla O'Regan, Danielle O'Sullivan and Cork minor Marion Murphy in scoring form in their first game of the U16C league.

Ballinora started the second half well with a goal from Jemma Hourihane. Killbrittain/Timoleague backs, however, dug deep, especially Jacqui O'Donovan, Anne Marie O'Mahony, Tara O'Sullivan and Danielle Hegarty, and with further scores from Elaine Cronin and D O'Sullivan won.

Ballygarvan 5-8
Douglas 4-2

This was a close and well contested

game with Ballygarvan starting the better putting away vital scores. Ballygarvan led 3-6 to 1-0 at half time. Douglas came within 2 points of Ballygarvan who then regained control and pulled away to take the points in the U16A league.

Scorers: Ballygarvan; Orlaith O'Riordan 3-1, Caoimhe Dillon & Jessica Dunne 1-1 each, Susan Lynch 0-3, Valerie Browne & Aine Moynihan 0-1 each.
Douglas; Jenny O'Donovan 3-2, Olivia Tobin 1-0.

Barryroe 3-2
Brian Dillons 1-2

On Saturday last Barryroe overcame Brian Dillons in the U 16 League (12 a side). At half time Barryroe were leading by 3-1 to 0-1. Brian Dillons were on top for the first 10 minutes until Barryroe

got into top gear and scored a goal. They built on this effort to lead 3-1 to 0-1 at half time. The second half was keenly contested and despite a goal by Brian Dillons good defensive work resulted in a Barryroe victory.

Sliabh Rua 4-3
Blarney 2-0

Sliabh Rua took to the field in their first U16 C league game of the season against Blarney. Sliabh Rua found themselves 2 goals to 2 points down at half time. However, with the aid of the wind in the second half they scored goals from Ciara Cotter, Elaine Horan and Sandra Hallissey and a point from Christina Broderick. Sliabh Rua scorers: Ciara Cotter 2-0, Christina Broderick 0-3, Elaine Horan and Sandra Hallissey 1 goal each.



Elva looks for a repeat show

Ronan Fagan

AS IF beating the might of St. Mary's of Charleville once in a campaign was not enough, Coláiste Bríde's senior camogie title chasers are being asked to do just that again - but thankfully it's only in a psychological sense.

For the third time within the space of six years, high achieving coach Elva Moriarty has the Enniscorthy school on the verge of landing the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' championship crown.

And, while she acknowledges the strengths of Saturday's opponents Maghera, Elva is determinedly guarding against her girls thinking a long awaited senior title is now a formality just because they are playing a supposedly inferior Ulster team.

"I have been telling the girls to imagine we are playing Charleville in this final so as to ensure they are properly focussed for the challenge Maghera will provide, which I am sure is going to be quite considerable," Elva explains.

"I haven't actually investigated Maghera that much," she admits, "because any team that gets to an All-Ireland final has to be high quality. Our girls simply have to try produce the sort of performance which won the semi-final against Charleville."

While Coláiste Bríde field quite a youthful team, their coach does not see any reason why they should not be thinking in terms of achieving ultimate glory.

"All of the first-15, with the exception of Louise Codd, are available again next year, so our girls' lack of experience is a worry, but this is something they make up for in terms of skill, which they have in abundance."

"The girls have been improving throughout the campaign, but now we are asking them to push themselves one extra tiny bit and become All-Ireland champions."

Elva would be gutted if, having ousted holders Charleville, that the Cathedral town side failed to finish off the job. "Charleville were the big obstacle for us this year, and while Maghera cannot be treated lightly, the girls must appreciate the great position they have put themselves in on Saturday to finally win this title - that would be terrific for this school and the county too."

ALL-IRELAND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SENIOR 'A' CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

The queens of Leinster now aim for All-Ireland glory

Ciara Storey. Goalkeeper. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Has won three All-Ireland Féile and numerous underage medals with club. Played in Croke Park in the Mini-Sevens. Represents county at U-14.

Ruth Walsh. Corner-back. (Monageer-Booleavogue): A member of the 2000 All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' winning team, has also won three junior Leinster Schools medals and one senior Schools. Represented county at underage levels, winning an U14 Leinster medal in 2000, and numerous underage medals with her club.

Aisling Hogan. Full-back. (Rathnure). Member of the 2000 All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' winning team, and has two junior Leinster Schools medals, plus one senior. Represented county at all levels, winning two Leinster underage medals, and numerous medals with club.

Karen Atkinson. Corner-back. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Winner of three All-Ireland Féile medals, plus U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 championship and league medals with club. Several Rackard League medals, Mini-Sevens medal, and was chosen to play in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day. Senior league medal with club. Won senior All-Ireland Pan-Celtic medal with club. Also captured U14 Leinster medals with Wexford, in which she was captain for one of the teams, and two U16 Leinster medals. Won one Leinster medal with the school.

Stacey Redmond. Wing-back. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Several underage county league and championship medals, four All-Ireland medals, two Leinster medals with county U14 and U16. Played in Croke Park for Mini-Sevens.

Mary Leacy. Centre-back. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Two Féile All-Ireland medals in 1998 and '99. Won numerous medals with her club from U12 up to U18. Won All-Ireland Pan-Celtic title with senior club. Played in Croke Park twice. Won two U14, one U16 and one

senior Leinster medal with county. Member of senior and junior county teams. Holder of a junior All-Ireland Schools medal from 2000, plus two junior Leinster Schools medals, captaining junior team in 2001, and one Leinster Schools senior medal. In football, Mary holds two junior Leinster Schools medals.

Tracey McCormack. Wing-back. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Four Féile All-Ireland medals, as well as many underage honours from U10 up to U18. County U14 and U16 Leinster medals. Member of junior county team. Won All-Ireland Pan-Celtic competition with senior club. Two Schools junior Leinster medals.

Brona Furlong. Midfielder. (Duffry Rovers): Has numerous underage medals, plus Community Games, and she is a Slaney Festival winner with club. Holds two Leinster junior 'A' Schools camogie medals and an All-Ireland junior 'A' medal from 2000. Also U14 and U16 inter-county medals, and three All-Ireland medals in athletics with the school.

Ciara O'Connor. Captain. Midfielder. (Rathnure): Member of the 2000 All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' camogie winning team, and has won two junior Leinster Schools medals, one senior Leinster Schools medal, numerous club and county medals in underage, one senior 'B' club medal, together with one Leinster senior Club medal with the club, one junior Leinster Schools football souvenir.

Louise Codd. Wing-forward. (Duffry Rovers): Has won several county underage league and championship medals, Community Games and Slaney Festival souvenirs. Won county intermediate league and championship in 2001. Has captured U14 and U16 inter-county provincial medals. Runner-up in U16 All-Ireland semi-final against Galway last year. Won All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' camogie final in 2000, plus Leinster junior 'A' football final the following year.

Ursula Jacob. Centre-



A few of Coláiste Bríde's All-Ireland hopefuls celebrate their recent semi-final dismissal of holders, St. Mary's of Charleville, at Bellefield. (Pic: Jim Campbell).

forward. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Has numerous underage medals, including two Féile All-Ireland medals, and an All-Ireland Pan-Celtic title with her club. Holds inter-county Leinster medals for U14 and U16. Won one All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' medal, a senior Leinster and two junior Leinster medals, plus one football Leinster medal with the school.

Sarah Darcy. Wing-forward. (Monageer-Booleavogue): Was a member of the 2000 All-Ireland Schools junior winning team, and holds four junior Leinster Schools medals plus one senior. Represented county at underage level, and holds one Leinster medal. Sarah also has numerous underage medals with her club.

Anna Murphy. Corner-forward. (Monageer-Booleavogue): Won U16 championship and league finals with club, and a Leinster medal with the county. Was a member of junior School camogie team which won two Leinster finals while also bagging a senior Schools

medal this year. Plays football with the school.

Jacqui Codd. Full-forward. (Duffry Rovers): Achievements include one Rackard League medal, two U14 Leinsters with the county, an intermediate county medal with Duffry Rovers, U14, U16 and U18 and junior county football medals from 1999-2002. U14 county Leinster medal, two U14 Féile medals, two Leinster football medals with the school. Captained this year's junior team to the All-Ireland Schools camogie semi-finals, and has a senior Schools souvenir.

Una Leacy. Corner-forward. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Has captured five All-Ireland Féile medals. Represents county at all levels. Won five Leinster medals with Wexford plus three Leinster medals with the school and two football medals. Played in Croke Park, and has numerous underage medals with her club.

SUBSTITUTES
Deirdre Codd. (Duffry Rovers): Has won several

underage county league and championship medals. A Community Games winner and Slaney Festival medal holder. Intermediate league and championship winner with the Duffry, and has enjoyed U14 and U16 inter-county Leinster glory. Won football and camogie junior medals in 2001.

Olivia Murphy. (Monageer-Booleavogue): Won numerous underage medals with club, two Leinster Schools junior medals and one senior. Represents county at U16 level, won Leinster medal in 2002. Leinster junior football medal winner too.

Tracey Breen. (Rapparees): Won U14 Leinster medal with the county team, and has two junior Schools provincial medals. Has also won a senior colleges medal. This is her first year on the senior panel and has won numerous other medals with her club.

Johanna Breen. (Monageer-Booleavogue): Won numerous underage championship and league titles with her club. Won Rackard League medal

too.

Aine Devereux. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Won three Féile medals, and numerous underage medals from U12 to U18. Has represented her county and won U14 and U16 Leinster medals. She also won a senior colleges medal this year.

Emma Moran. (Oulart-The Ballagh): Holds Mini-Sevens and Rackard League souvenirs, together with numerous underage medals, and was an All-Ireland Pan-Celtic winner with her club. Emma won U14 and U16 inter-county Leinster medals, and has three Leinster medals for camogie and two Leinster medals for football with the school.

Siona Nolan. (Monageer-Booleavogue): Won a junior and senior Schools medal in 2003. Siona has also won an U14 medal with her county and numerous other medals with her club.

Jenny O'Leary. (Rathnure): Was a member of the 2000 All-Ireland Schools junior winning team, and now has two junior Leinster medals, and one senior. Won U14 and U16 Leinster medals with Wexford, plus numerous underage medals with Rathnure and a senior 'B' championship.

Aideen Doyle. (Rapparees): Won two junior Leinster medals and one senior with Coláiste Bríde. This is her first year on the senior panel and she is also a talented footballer who won a Leinster championship with the school last year.

Ann-Marie Foley. (Duffry Rovers): Has captured several underage county leagues and championships, plus Community Games and Slaney Festival titles. Intermediate league and championship winner with the Duffry in 2001. Has U14 and U16 inter-county Leinster medals, and was a Leinster Schools junior 'A' winner in 2001 and 2002.

Mary Breen. (Monageer-Booleavogue): Won U16 championship and league with her club, as well as other numerous medals with the school. Won two county medals in football with the club.

Karen Murphy. (Cloughbawn): Karen has won a senior Leinster Schools medal, and a junior Leinster medal. Represented Wexford at underage, winning a Leinster medal last year. Numerous underage medals with club. Won All-Ireland Sevens competition with club also.

Well, here's some interesting facts

• **DID YOU KNOW** that Mary and Una Leacy of Coláiste Bríde are daughters of one of camogie's finest exponents, Margaret (nee O'Leary). Margaret was honoured with a Gaelic

All-Stars Award, won three All-Ireland senior medals with Wexford and five All-Ireland Club championship medals, four with her home club Buffers Alley and one with Eoghan Ruadh in

Dublin. She was an automatic choice for Leinster for over a decade. • That Sarah Darcy's grandfather, John Darcy, played for Wexford. Her aunt, Mairead Darcy won an All-Ireland senior

camogie medal with Wexford in 1975.

• That Ciara O'Connor, Coláiste Bríde's captain, is a daughter of former Wexford hurler, Teddy.

• That Ciara Storey is

daughter of former Wexford hurler and three-time All-Star winner, Martin.

• That Coláiste Bríde have two sets of sisters and three first cousins on the panel.

FINAL 2003 on SATURDAY NEXT, AT KILBEGGAN, COUNTY OFFALY AT 3.30p.m.



Coláiste Bríde's Ursula Jacob, on the charge against Charleville in the All-Ireland semi-final. "It was our team work which carried us through that day. Every member of the team gave their all."

Ulster says 'Yes' for Maghera to end wait

Ronan Fagan

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, Maghera are keen to end Ulster's long wait for the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship title, when they tackle Coláiste Bríde in next Saturday's decider.

Sacred Heart of Newry in County Down were the last school from the northern province to land said title, when they triumphed in the 1971 showpiece.

Maghera opened a few eyes with their semi-final victory over Portumna Community College on a scoreline of 2-7 to 2-5.

The Galway school was, indeed, strongly fancied for the championship, particularly given the fact that they had in their ranks some members of the Galway minor team which reached last year's All-Ireland final, including Susan Keane and Breda Haney.

Maghera's success over Portumna serves to illustrate how well equipped the County Derry outfit is to tackle major challenges, and they are reported to be "very hopeful" for their chances of upsetting Coláiste Bríde in the final.

St. Patrick's, who travel with a 34-strong squad, are coached by Catriona Scott (nee Higgins), who was a member of the Antrim team which won the All-Ireland junior championship in 1997, while she also holds three Third Level Ashbourne Cup medals won with University Jordanstown.

The co-selector is Anne Quinn, who also achieved some notable feats in her college days, when assisting St. Mary's of Belfast to the Purcell Cup.

The team, which is led from centre-back by captain Ceara Cushman, is backed by some highly regarded talent, such as Breige Convery at midfield, Claire Quinn at left wing-forward, Jane Kelly at full-back as well as Aileen Mullan at no.5.

St. Patrick's College, Maghera
 Eilis O'Doherty, Niamh Bradley, Jane Kelly, Michelle McManus, Aileen Mullan, Ceara Cushman (capt.), Ceire Quinn, Breige Convery, Alana Ward, Andrea O'Kane, Gemma Brennan, Claire Quinn, Breda Kidd, Claire McCloy, Colleen Kearney.

Subs: Anita McNicholl, Anne Kelly, Orla Carey, Cathy Fullerton, Catherine Kennedy, Joan Quinn, Catriona Kelly, Edelle Henry, Shauna McCrystal, Maire Kearney, Anne-Marie Kieft, Joanne Quinn, Judette O'Hagan, Michaela Hegarty, Oonagh McMullan, Bronagh Scullion, Carla Scullion, Oonagh Carmichael, Claire McPeake.

Magnificent trio are not treating Maghera lightly

Ronan Fagan

FOR THREE girls with an All-Ireland on their minds, they are remarkably relaxed, just days before Coláiste Bríde's senior camogie charges attempt to make amends for previous setbacks in the school's search for the Holy Grail.

Ciara O'Connor, the team's calm but focussed captain, star attacker Ursula Jacob and her Oulart-The Ballagh colleague Mary Leacy, recognised as the foremost centre-back in Schools camogie, have their thoughts firmly fixed upon next Saturday's Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie final at Kilbeggan in County Offaly, where Maghera of County Derry will provide the challenge.

"We cannot wait," Ciara announces, while Ursula is delighted "to be back in contention for the All-Ireland", as her thoughts wind back to when St. Mary's of Charleville left Coláiste Bríde empty handed, and heavy hearted following the finals of 1998 and '99.

While the opposition this time round may not boast the outstanding pedigree of Charleville, their Wexford challengers are nonetheless readying themselves for a "searching test."

"I never wrote-off Maghera," Ursula declares, when one reasons that Portumna were surely red-hot favourites for the recent semi-final against the Ulster girls.

This Coláiste Bríde trio are keen to stress their

respect for Maghera, and having gained a valuable insight into the northerners, such belief is only strengthened, as Ciara says: "This final could go either way. The coach of Portumna was telling us that Maghera are tough, strong and very physical, with an impressive level of skill, and that they are very fit too."

"Any team which gets to an All-Ireland final is never a 'soft touch', and we cannot afford to treat Maghera lightly, or else we could end up paying a heavy price next Saturday."

Mary, a the daughter of camogie legend Margaret, agrees. "Our preparations for this game are top notch, and really we have put in too much work at this stage to allow complacency cost us a title

we crave," says a girl whose sister Una is another key member of the team.

But the Slaneysiders have reason to be hopeful of finally etching Coláiste Bríde's name onto the roll of honour. "This school has figured in All-Irelands for a number of years now, and that proves how close we are to finally winning this senior championship," Ursula reckons.

Well, this bunch are no strangers to national glory, with the majority of this squad having captured the All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' crown two years ago, while it also contains a fair sprinkling of members of some of the Oulart-The Ballagh teams that have dominated the premier section of the Féile na nGael ever since 1998.

"And it is great to have

the likes of Ursula and Mary on board," adds Ciara, "because the experience the Oulart girls bring to this team having contested so many All-Irelands is of obvious benefit."

"But, we have a very well-balanced squad overall, and really I wouldn't attempt to single out anybody for special mention. This is a real panel effort."

On that note, Ursula recalls last month's semi-final victory over holders Charleville, and the centre-forward concludes that "it was our team work which carried us through that day. Every member of the team gave their all, and I am sure the selectors found it very difficult to take anyone off."

Another factor behind that victory surely was the pain of previous losses to

the Munster school. "Definitely," Ciara replies. "We have shown determination in all our games, and we really started to believe in ourselves once we defeated Loreto (Kilkenny) in the Leinster final. I felt there was again an improvement in our performance against Charleville, and we will need to step it up again against Maghera."

Mary and her colleagues are in agreement that coach Elva Moriarty "has done wonderful things for Coláiste Bríde. From an early stage, Ms Moriarty recognised the potential in this team to actually win the All-Ireland."

On Saturday, let's just hope that potential realises a richly deserved day in the sun.

Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna sa Chamógaíocht



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Tá an-áthas orm fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Is lá an-mhór é dár foirne mar is acusan an onóir bheith amuigh ansin ar an bpáirc ar thóir na glóire.

I am delighted to welcome you all to our Senior Finals day. Most of all I greet the players who are the stars of today's programme. You have won the right to challenge for the top prize. I hope that you all perform to the pinnacle of your ability. I welcome also families and school friends who have travelled to support.

Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy come to the Senior A Final with a very high reputation. They captured the All-Ireland Junior A title in 2000. A large number of that squad return today in search of senior honours. These players have developed their skills considerably in the meantime. On semi-final form, Colaiste Bríde will make a bold bid to bring Corn Sceilg to County Wexford for the first time.

Ulster standard-bearers, St. Patrick's, Maghera contested the All-Ireland Junior Final in 1989 and 1990 and the All-Ireland Senior Final in 1994. St. Patrick's have a proud record in Ulster. As seen in the semi-final, they are noted for their never-say-die qualities. I look forward to an excellent contest.

The name Presentation, Athenry recalls glory days of the Seventies when the County Galway school won three All-Ireland Senior Colleges and three All-Ireland Junior Colleges titles. The present side were very impressive in the semi-final and will make a determined effort to bridge the gap to the days when Presentation, Athenry were top of the class in colleges camogie.

I welcome Coachford College to their first All-Ireland Final. The Mid-Cork school received a timely boost in recent days when they won the Munster Colleges Senior A League. Tremendous work has been put into the game at the school in the past decade. This game has the ingredients for an outstanding encounter.

I pay tribute to the coaches who have worked so hard to bring today's finalists to such a high level. Elva Moriarty (Colaiste Bríde), Caitriona Scott (St. Patrick's, Maghera), Eoin McGillacuddy (Presentation, Athenry) and Rob Lotty (Coachford College) have given unselfishly of their time to organise and prepare their panels. They have handed over a wonderful pastime to the girls.

I thank those who foster camogie at colleges levels. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na hoifigigh, na réiteoirí, na múinteoirí agus le achán duine ar son a gcabhrach. Guím gach ráth ar na himreoirí uile atá ar pháirc na himeartha inniu agus oraibh go léir.

Máire Ní Mhoráin
Uachtarán



CLÁR AN LAE

SINSEAR B

2.00 p.m.

COLÁISTE ÁTH A' CHÓISTE

Coachford College

V

MEÁNSCOIL NA TOIRBIRTE, BAILE ÁTHA AN RÍ

Presentation Secondary School, Athenry

Réiteoir: ÚNA NÍ CHEARNAIGH (Ard Mhacha)

SINSEAR A

3.30 p.m.

COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

Inis Córthaidh

V

COLÁISTE PHÁDRAIG, MACHAIRE RÁTHA

St Patrick's College, Maghera

Réiteoir: EIBHLÍN UÍ LEATHLOBHAIR (Iarmhidhe)

TODAY'S FINALISTS (Senior A and B)

COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

Colaiste Bríde is situated at the foot of Vinegar Hill, in the town of Enniscorthy. It is an all-girls school, with over 700 students and 50 teachers. The school has a very impressive record since the game was introduced in the sixties by Sr Mary Critchley. The School won the Purcell cup in Croke Park in 1971 and Senior success was achieved in 1972, when Colaiste Bríde defeated old rivals Mountmellick in the Leinster final. However, they had to concede to St. Louis, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland semi-final. They retained their Leinster crown in the following year.

Colaiste Bríde have been at the top in Junior over the past few years, after winning the Leinster title in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. They also won the Junior All-Ireland in 2000 and reached it again last year.

The School contested the Senior final in 1998 and 1999 but unfortunately were beaten on both occasions by St. Mary's, Charleville. En route to today's final, Colaiste Bríde defeated St. Fergal's, Rathdowney, Loreto, Kilkenny, Callan and Charleville. All but two of today's panel are eligible for this grade next year.

ST PATRICK'S, MAGHERA

St Patrick's Maghera won their first Ulster Senior title in 1987, beating neighbours St Mary's Magherafelt by 4-4 to 0-0 in the final. They retained the Ulster title in 2003 again defeating their neighbours on a score line of 2-4 to 2-2. They now hold the Ulster title a record nine times. They have appeared at All-Ireland Final level on previous occasions with Junior (1989 and 1990) and Senior teams (1994) under the guidance of Ann Kelly, although they have been unsuccessful in capturing the elusive All-Ireland Title. Trainers Anne Quinn and Caitriona Scott have guided numerous school teams to Ulster success before joining forces for the 2001-2002 campaign. In their first year together they secured the Ulster title but were heavily defeated in the All-Ireland Semi-Final by St Mary's Charleville. The present team has claimed their All-Ireland Final spot by defeating Portumna Community School in an exciting and hard fought game on a scoreline of 2-7 to 2-5. Many of the panel have already gained Ulster medals under the guidance of Mrs Goretti McKenna and Mrs Majella Taggart.

PRESENTATION, ATHENRY

Presentation College Athenry has a long history in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship, stretching back to 1974 when they won the first of two-in-a-row. They won again in 1978 but haven't held the Cup since then. Camogie has remained strong in the school at all levels throughout this time. The Camogie team won the Connacht Senior in 1986, 1987 and 1998.

Today's Senior team defeated St. Louis Grammar School, Ballymena in the All-Ireland semi-final, to take its place in the Final. The girls also defeated New Inn Vocational School, Gort Community School, Athenry Vocational School, St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney and then Athenry Vocational School in the Connacht final. The team is coached by teacher Eoin McGillacuddy. The girls have all worked and trained very hard all the year and hope to make this a memorable day for everyone involved. Go n-éirí an t-ádh leo!

COACHFORD COLLEGE

This is the first All-Ireland Colleges Camogie final in the College's 51-year history. There are five Camogie teams in the school: Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Second year and First year.

Nine out of the ten past winners of the school's annual Academic award played on the Senior Hurling or Camogie team.

SENIOR B

COLÁISTE NA TOIRBHIRTE, BAILE ÁTHA AN RÍ Presentation College, Athenry

Maroon and White

1 Madelene Nic Dhonnacha Madelene McDonagh		
2 Fiona Ní Ghiolla Pháid Fiona Page	3 Emma Ní Chochláin Emma Coughlan	4 Máire Nic an Bhaird Mary Ward
5 Amy Ní Chadhain Amy Coen	6 Caitríona Ní Mhoráin Catherine Moran	7 Jessica Ní Ghoill Jessica Gill
8 Shauna Ní Cholla Shauna Coll		9 Krystle Ní Rudaigh Krystle Ruddy
10 Emma Ní Choisteala Emma Costelloe	11 Darelle Ní Chadhain Darelle Coen	12 Fiona Ní Ghiollagáin Fiona Gilligan
13 Jessica Ní Uaithne Jessica Greene	14 Sorcha Ní Dhonnchú Sarah Donohue	15 Nóirín Ní Chadhain Noreen Coen

Ionadaithe:

16 Cara Ní Ghloinn	:	Cara Glynn
17 Aoife Ní Ghrada	:	Aoife O'Grady
18 Emma Ní Riain	:	Emma Ryan
19 Elaine Ní Riain	:	Elaine Ryan
20 Cáit Ní Chadhain	:	Cathy Coen
21 Siobhán Nic Dhonnacha	:	Siobhan McDonagh
22 Stefanie Ní Dhuibhne	:	Stefanie O'Dwyer

Pen Pictures: PRESENTATION COLLEGE, ATHENRY

- EMMA COUGHLAN** (Craughwell) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-12, U-13, U-14, U-18 and Senior County U-14, 2000. Minor 2002.
- SARAH DONOHUE** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-12, U-14, Intermediate. Féile U-14, County U-14, minor and Junior. All-Ireland minor 2000.
- DARELLE COEN** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal 1998. '03 Club U-12, U-14, Intermediate. Féile U-14, Galway U-14 minor, Junior, All-Ireland minor 2002.
- NOREEN COEN** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. All-Ireland Community Games. U-10, U-12, U-14 club. Croke Park mini-sevens 2002.
- AMY COEN** (Kilimordaly) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-12, U-14, U-16, minor, intermediate and county medal.
- CATHY COEN** (Kilimordaly) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-12, U-13, U-14, U-18, intermediate. County U-14 2000. 2001 Croke Park mini-sevens.
- SHAUNA COLL** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U18, junior and senior. County U-14 A.
- FIONA GILLIGAN** (Kilimordaly) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U18. Intermediate county U-14 team.
- JESSICA GREENE** (Craughwell) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18 and senior player of the year.
- CARA GLYNN** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18. All-Ireland Féile na nGael, Intermediate and county and Connacht final.
- MADELENE McDONAGH** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. All-Ireland Community Games medal. Club U-13, U-14, U-16, U-18 and senior.
- AOIFE O'GRADY** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-13, U-14, U-16, U-18 Junior and senior.
- SIOBHAN McDONAGH** (Kilimordaly) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-13, U-14, U-16. Intermediate. County U-14 2000, 2001. Croke Park mini-sevens.
- STEFANIE O'DWYER** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14 and U-16. Minor. All-Ireland Community Games medal.
- MARY WARD** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-13, U-14, U-16, U-18, senior. All-Ireland Community Games medal. County U-14.
- EMMA COSTELLOE** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18, intermediate. All-Ireland Féile medal. Won intermediate, county and Connacht final.
- CATHERINE MORAN** (Clarinbridge) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18. Féile na nGael, Galway U-14, Galway minor '99, '00, '01. All-Ireland minor medal 2000. Intermediate, county and Connacht.
- FIONA PAGE** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18, Connacht intermediate and senior.
- KRISTLE RUDDY** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18, Connacht intermediate and senior. County minor 2002.
- ELAINE RYAN** (Craughwell) Connacht Colleges Senior medal. Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18, senior team. Galway U-14.
- JESSICA GILL** (Athenry) Connacht Colleges Senior medal, Club U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18. All-Ireland Community games medal.

SENIOR B

COLÁISTE ÁTH A' CHÓISTE, CO CHORCAIGH

Black tops and skirts

1 Emma Ní Chaoimh Emma O'Keeffe		
2 Máire Ní Éalaigh Mary Healy	3 Máiréad Ní Aonasa Mairead Ennequess	4 Christine Ní Chosgraibh Christine Cosgrave
5 Niamh Ní Chonaill Niamh O'Connell	6 Siobhán Ní Thuama Joan Twomey	7 Máire Ní Laoire Mary O'Leary
8 Michelle Ní Riagáin Michelle O'Regan		9 Fiona Ní Bhuachalla Fiona Buckley
10 Ciara Ní Mhurchú Ciara Murphy	11 Máiréad Nic Cárthaigh Margaret McCarthy	12 Edel Ní Shuilleabháin Edel O'Sullivan
13 Máiréad Ní Chosgraibh Margaret Cosgrave	14 Máire Ní Bhuachalla Mary Buckley	15 Emma Ní Éalaigh Emma Healy

Ionadaithe:

16 Orla Nic Suibhne	:	Orla Sweeney
17 Louise de Róiste	:	Louise Roche
18 Aine Ní Mhathúna	:	Ann O'Mahoney
19 Caitríona Ní Chonaill	:	Caitríona O'Connell
20 Christine Ní Ógáin	:	Christine Hogan
21 Clár Ní Ógáin	:	Claire Hogan

Pen Pictures: COACHFORD COLLEGE, CO CORK

- EMMA O'KEEFFE** (Inniscarra) The 'Elder lemon' of the team. County Junior medal winner with Inniscarra. Loves to eat fish and watches 'Friends'.
- MARY HEALY** (Inniscarra; V.Capt.) Cork Colleges Intermediate A medal, 2000 and Senior B, 2002. Listens to the Band 'Black Rose' and has a soft spot for Mel Gibson. All-Ireland Bowling champion.
- MÁIRÉAD ENNEGUESS** (Aghabullogue) Played with the Cork U-14 team in 2000. An excellent Mathematician and quite an accomplished equestrian competitor. Inter-Divisional medal with Muskerry U-16 2000.
- CHRISTINE COSGRAVE** (Inniscarra) Her favourite food is Chicken Risotto and she dislikes smokers! Very speedy defender, who listens to Eminem.
- NIAMH O'CONNELL** (Aghabullogue) All-Ireland minor medal 2001 and the most stylish hurler on the panel. Plans to marry a wealthy man and live in luxury.
- JOAN TWOMEY** (Aghabullogue; Capt.) Cork minor 1998, 1999, 2000. All-Ireland Intermediate medal 2002. Inter-Divisional medal with Muskerry U-16, 2000.
- MAURA O'LEARY** (Aghabullogue) Cork Colleges Senior B champions' medal 2002. Munster Senior A league medal 2003. Recently passed her driving test and loves chicken.
- FIONA BUCKLEY** (Aghabullogue) All-Ireland Club Senior football medal with Donoughmore. Cork U-14 dual star 2000. Favourite actor is Miley, from Glenroe.
- MICHELLE O'REGAN** (Inniscarra) Cork Colleges Intermediate A medal, 2000. Inter-Divisional medal with Muskerry U-16, 2000. Plays on the school's Senior Basketball team and also studies Applied Math.
- CIARA MURPHY** (Aghabullogue) The 'character' of the team, with shares in a local landscaping company! Ciara eats Lasagne but has given up Jaffa cakes for Lent.
- EDEL O'SULLIVAN** (Inniscarra) Cork Senior footballer with an All-Ireland club football medal, representing Donoughmore. Listens to Daniel O'Donnell and wants to be a PE Teacher.
- LOUISE ROCHE** (Aghabullogue) Cork U-14 player 2001, whose favourite subject is Gaelge. She gets confused about which side to strike the ball from. Also likes Daniel O'Donnell.
- CLAIRE HOGAN** (Inniscarra) Cork Colleges Intermediate A medal 2000. Cork Colleges Senior B medal 2002. Her favourite teacher is Mr Gaul.
- MARGARET COSGRAVE** (Inniscarra) Half of a twin, who wants to go into a career involving Technical Graphics. She wears strange T-shirts and is brilliant at computers.
- MARGARET MCCARTHY** (Inniscarra) Recently went to France with a band, for two weeks, playing the violin and singing with a folk group. All-Ireland Javelin medal and medals galore in athletics.
- CHRISTINE HOGAN** (Aghabullogue) Hozzy passed the Driving test and her favourite subject is Biology. Plans to become a Major-General in the Irish Army if her pugilistic career allows!
- ANN O'MAHONEY** (Inniscarra) Loves farming, ham sandwiches and Ben Affleck. Cork Colleges Intermediate medal 2000 and sings the song about 'traffic lights' on the bus.
- EMMA HEALY** (Aghabullogue) Cousin to Niamh and inherited the stylish flair - from the Cork side of her family! Excellent free-taker. Cork U-14 2001.
- ORLA MCSWEENEY** (Aghabullogue) All-Ireland Senior football medal with Donoughmore. Cork Colleges Intermediate A medal 2000. A real character who is always cracking jokes.
- CAITRÍONA O'CONNELL** (Donoughmore) All-Ireland Senior club football medal with Donoughmore. She wants to study more French and fancies a career that involves very few hours with huge pay.
- MARY BUCKLEY** (Aghabullogue) Captain of the Basketball team. An excellent songster who watches Prime Time and has the uncanny knack of hitting frees from both sides.

SENIOR A

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAGHERA, CO. DERRY

Dark blue with 2 white bands around jersey

1 Eilís Ní Dhochartaigh Eilish O'Doherty		
2 Niamh Ní Bhrolcháin Niamh Bradley	3 Éadaoin Ní Mhaoláin Aideen Mullan	4 Michelle Nic Mhánaís Michelle McManus
5 Sinéad Ní Cheallaigh Jane Kelly	6 Ciara Ní Chosnacháin Ceara Cushnahan	7 Ciara Ní Choinn Ceire Quinn
8 Brid Nic Ainmhíre Breige Convery		9 Alana Nic an Bhaírd Alana Ward
10 Andrena Ní Chatháin Andrena O'Kane	11 Géime Ní Éanna Gemma Heaney	12 Clár Ní Choinn Clare Quinn
13 Breanda Ní Úid Brenda Kidd	14 Clár Ní Luaidh Clare McCloy	15 Cailín Ní Chearnaigh Colleen Kearney
Ionadaithe:		
16 Caitríona Ní Chinnéide	:	Catherine Kennedy
17 Anita Nic Niocail	:	Anita McNicholl
18 Áine Ní Cheallaigh	:	Aine Kelly
19 Caitríona Nic Luaidh	:	Cathy Fullerton
20 Orlaith Ní Chiara	:	Orla Carey
21 Edele Nic Énrí	:	Edele Hendry
22 Seána Nic Críostail	:	Shauna McCrystal
23 Siobhán Ní Choinn	:	Joan Quinn
24 Michaela Ní Éigeartaigh	:	M. Hegarty
25 Judette Ní Ágáin	:	J. O'Hagan

Pen Pictures: ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAGHERA

EILIS O'DOHERTY (Slaughtneil) Age: 16. Position: Goals. Honours: 2 Senior, U16 (7-a-side), U14, 1st Year

NIAMH BRADLEY (Swatragh) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior, U16 (7-a-side).

AIDENE MULLAN (Vice-captain) (Swatragh) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 2 Senior, 1 Junior, 2 U16 (7-a-side)

MICHELLE McMANUS (Swatragh) Age: 16. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior, U16 (7-a-side), U14, 1st Year

JANE KELLY (Slaughtneil) Age: 18. Position: Defender. Honours: 2 Senior, 2 U16 (7-a-side), 2 Junior, U14, 1st Year

CEARA CUSHNAHAN (Captain) (Lavey) Age: 18. Position: Defender. Honours: 2 Senior, 2 U16 (7-a-side), U14, 1st Year

CEIRE QUINN (Randalstown) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior

BRIEGE CONVERY (Glen) Age: 17. Position: Mid-field. Honours: 2 Senior, 2 U16 (7-a-side), 1 Junior

ALANA WARD (Lavey) Age: 18. Position: Mid-field. Honours: 2 Senior, 2 U16 (7-a-side), 2 Junior, U14, 1st Year

ANDRENA O'KANE (Banagher) Age: 18. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior, U14

GEMMA HEANEY (Castledawson) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior

CLAIRE QUINN (Swatragh) Age: 16. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior, 1 U16 (7-a-side), 1 Junior, U14

BRENDA KIDD (Ballinascreen) Age: 18. Position: Forward. Honours: 2 Senior, 2 U16 (7-a-side), 1 Junior, U14, 1st Year

CLARE McCLOY (Lavey) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 2 Senior, U16 (7-a-side), 1 Junior

COLLEEN KEARNEY (Swatragh) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior, U16 (7-a-side)

CATHERINE KENNEDY (Ballinascreen) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior

ANNITA McNICHOLL (Glenulín) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior

AINE KELLY (Slaughtneil) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior, U16 (7-a-side), U14

CATHY FULLERTON (Slaughtneil) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 2 Senior, U16 (7-a-side)

ORLA CAREY (Randalstown) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior

EDELE HENRY (Lavey) Age: 18. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior, 1 Junior, 1st Year

SHAUNA McCRYSTAL (Lavey) Age: 18. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior, 1 Junior, U14, 1st Year

JOAN QUINN (Swatragh) Age: 18. Position: Forward. Honours: 2 Senior, 2 U16 (7-a-side), 1 Junior

MICHAELA HEGARTY (Ballinascreen) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior

MAIRE KEARNEY (Slaughtneil) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior

JUDETTE O'HAGGAN (Ballinascreen) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior

BRONAGH SCULLION (Lavey) Age: 16. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior, 1 U16 (7-a-side), U14, 1st Year

CATRIONA KELLY (Portlone) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior, 1 U16 (7-a-side)

ANN MARIE KIELT (Slaughtneil) Age: 18. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior

JOANNE QUINN (Swatragh) Age: 18. Position: Defender

OONAGH McMULLAN (Castledawson) Age: 17. Position: Defender. Honours: 1 Senior

CARLA SCULLION (Randalstown) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior

CLARE McPEAKE (Greenlough) Age: 17. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior, 1 U16 (7-a-side)

OONAGH CARMICHAEL (Lavey) Age: 18. Position: Forward. Honours: 1 Senior

SENIOR A

COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

Green and Yellow

1 Ciara Storey Ciara Ní Staraidh		
2 Ruth Walsh Rút Bhreatnach	3 Aisling Hogan Aisling Ní Ógáin	4 Karen Atkinson Karen Nic Aidicín
5 Stacey Redmond Stáise Ní Réamonn	6 Mary Leacy Máire Ní Laitheasa	7 Tracey McCormack Treasa Ní Chormaíic
8 Brona Furlong Bróna Furlong		9 Ciara O'Connor (Capt) Ciara Ní Chonchúir
10 Louise Codd Labhaoise Nic Oda	11 Ursula Jacob Ursula Nic Iacób	12 Sarah Darcy Sorcha Ní Dhorcháí
13 Anna Murphy Áine Ní Mhurchú	14 Jacqui Codd Jacqui Nic Oda	15 Una Leacy Úna Ní Laitheasa

Ionadaithe:		
16 Deirdre Codd	:	Siona Nolan
17 Olivia Murphy	:	Jenny O'Leary
18 Tracey Breen	:	Aideen Doyle
19 Johanna Breen	:	Ann-Marie Foley
20 Aine Devereux	:	Mary Breen
21 Emma Moran	:	Karen Murphy

Pen Pictures: COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

CIARA STOREY (Oulart the Ballagh) Played in Croke Park Mini-sevens, 3 All-Ireland Féile, many u-age, 3 Junior, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges and Leinster with county medals. The youngest member of the team, but has proved popular with the male contingency of Monageer.

RUTH WALSH (Monageer/Boulavogue) On the 2000 All-Ireland Junior winning team. Many under-age, Junior, 1 Senior Colleges, 1 U-14 county medals. Represented county at under-age level. Ruth has been known to use other tactics than her hurl to psyche her opposition.

AIKLING HOGAN (Rathnure) On 2000 All-Ireland Junior winning team. Leinster -2 underage, 2 Junior & 1 Senior Colleges medals and many with club. Represented county at all levels. Known affectionately as "The Hog" by her team mates. Also has been said to resemble Ger Cushe!

KAREN ATKINSON 3 Féile, Croke Park Mini-sevens, many U-10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and Rackard League medals. Senior league and Pan-Celtic medals. 2 U-14 Wexford county medals, on one occasion of which Karen was team Captain. 1 Leinster Colleges medals. She may be the quietest but also the scariest - so watch out, Karen's about!

STACEY REDMOND (Oulart/the Ballagh) Croke Park Mini-Sevens, several u-age county league and championship, Leinster U14 and 16 with county and 4 All-Ireland medals. Runner-up in All-Ireland schools, 2002. Stacey is Raley Pacey.

MARY LEACY (Oulart/the Ballagh) Féile medals in 1998, 99. Many medals with club U12 to U-18 and also Pan-Celtic Senior. Two U-14, 1 U-16 and 1 Senior, 2 Junior Leinster with county, one as Captain of Juniors in 2001. All-Ireland Colleges Junior medal in 2000. She is by far the best dancer on the team - watch out, boys!

TRACY McCORMICK (Oulart/the Ballagh) 4 Féile and many underage medals from U-10 to to U-18. U-14 and U16 Leinster and Senior Pan-Celtic. On Junior county team. Leinster Colleges medal 2003. Tracy AKA Tractor (beep, beep! Here comes tractor!).

BRONA FURLONG (Duffry Rovers) Many under-age, Community games and Slaney festival medals. 2 Leinster and 1 All-Ireland Colleges Junior medals. U-14 and U-16 inter-county medals. All-Ireland schools medals in Athletics. Brona enjoys step-dancing and ballet. Can be spotted running around Vinegar Hill at lunchtime with a sandwich.

CIARA O'CONNOR (Rathnure) On 2000 All-Ireland Junior winning team. 2 Junior, 1 Senior Leinster and many under-age club and county medals. Ciara's ambition in life is to become Junior Minister for Agriculture!

LOUISE CODD (Duffry Rovers) Several u-age county league and championship, Community games, Slaney festival U-14 and U-16 inter-county Leinster medals. Junior All-Ireland Colleges 2000.

URSULA JACOB (Oulart/the Ballagh) Many under-age, 2 Féile, Pan-Celtic, inter-county Leinster U-14 and U16 medals. Also All-Ireland Junior, 1 Senior and 2 Junior Leinster medals. Ursula keeps the faith alive within the team; enjoys slow classical music "God bless!"

SARAH DARCY (Monageer/Boulavogue) Was on the 2000 All-Ireland winning team; has 4 junior and 1 senior Leinster Colleges medals. Has many under-age medals with her club. Will be looking for a transfer to Oulart any day. Wink, wink, Keith!

ANNA MURPHY (Monageer/Boulavogue) On her club team which won Championship and league finals 2 Leinster Junior and 1 Senior College medals. Anna enjoys scuba-diving, knitting and comes from South Africa.

JACQUI CODD (Duffry Rovers) Achievements: 1 Leinster senior, 1 Rackard League medal, 2 U-14 Leinster finals, Intermediate county, U-14 county and 2 Féile and medals. She has impressive Macra na Feirme talent, so watch out Eddie Doyle.

UNA LEACY 5 Féile, 3 Leinster medals with school and 5 with county. Played in Croke Park represented her county, all levels. Una does a better job on the field than at minding her hens.

SENIOR A FINALISTS



SENIOR A FINALISTS – Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy



SENIOR A FINALISTS – St. Patrick's College, Maghera

SENIOR B FINALISTS



SENIOR B FINALISTS – Coachford College



SENIOR B FINALISTS – Presentation Secondary School, Athenry

DO YOU KNOW . . .

- That Mary and Una Leacy of Coláiste Bride are daughters of one of Camogie's finest exponents, Margaret O'Leary. Margaret was honoured with a Gaelic All-Stars award, won three All-Ireland Senior medals with Wexford, five All-Ireland club championship medals with her home club, Buffers Alley and one with Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin. She was an automatic choice for Leinster for over a decade.
- That Ursula Jacob is a daughter of Mick Jacob who won an All-Ireland Senior hurling medal with Wexford in 1968 and was honoured with All-Star awards on three occasions.
- That Sarah Darcy's grandfather, John Darcy, played for Wexford. Her aunt, Mairead Darcy, won All-Ireland Senior camogie medal with Wexford in 1975.
- That Ciara O'Connor, Coláiste Bride, is a daughter of former Wexford hurler, Teddy O'Connor.
- That nine of today's Coláiste Bride panel won All-Ireland Féile na nGael medals in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- That Ciara Storey is a daughter of former Wexford hurler and three-times All-Star winner Martin Storey.
- That Coláiste Bride have two sets of sisters and three first cousins on the panel.
- That the actress Siobhán McKenna - go ndéana Dia trócaire uirthi - played for University College, Galway. She had many Camogie tales to relate:
- Once, during a match on a very wet and muddy pitch, there was a tackle involving (too!) many players. They never got the ball!
- Another time, Siobhán was in bed with flu when U.C.G. had a game. Her parents went out for the afternoon, leaving Siobhán in bed. She got up, played the match and was back in bed before her parents came back!
- Ballymena for Camogie!? Well, from near there - Broughshane - come Karen Humphreys, who plays Hockey for her club, Pegasus, and for Ireland. Karen was part of the Irish squad who worked with such dedication for us up to and in the course of the World Hockey Championships in Australia. And, of course, her well-known brother, David Humphreys, who plays Rugby for Ulster and for Ireland.
- In June of his year 7000 athletes from 160 international delegations, 28,000 family members and friends and 500,000 spectators will enjoy the 11th Special Olympics World Summer Games. This is the first time for these games to be held outside U.S.A., so it is a very Special Occasion for us and for our country. 30,000 volunteers will help out with the visitors and events - so many more have offered that there is a waiting list!
- 2004 is our Centenary Year! Not all of us can remember that far back, but we certainly have links with that time. After all it's only 100 years! Do get ideas for the occasion to Provincial Colleges Secretaries, bring them along to your A.G.Ms. and start some action. Well done to those who have already done so!
- Michelle O'Regan, Coachford, has not missed a day from School since starting school at the age of four.

Provincial Results and Scores 2003

CONNACHT

Senior A	Portumna Community School	2-11	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	3-07
Senior B	Presentation, Athenry	2-03	Vocational, Athenry	1-03
Junior A	Portumna Community School	3-05	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-05
Junior B	Holy Rosary, Mountbellew	3-07	Seamount, Kinvara	2-00

ULSTER

Senior A	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	2-02	St. Patrick's, Maghera	2-04
Senior B	St. Louis, Ballymena	9-03	St. Malachy's, Castlewellsan	0-00
Junior A	St. Patrick's, Dungannon	2-00	St. Patrick's, Maghera	11-03
Junior B	St. Patrick's, Keady	0-01	Cross and Passion, Ballycastle	3-07

MUNSTER

Senior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	6-09	Loreto, Fermoy	0-05
Senior B	Coachford College	4-07	Presentation, Bandon	0-07
Junior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	4-13	St. Mary's, Nenagh	3-02
Junior B	Presentation, Bandon	1-10	Borrisoleigh	2-01

LEINSTER

Senior A	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	St. Brigid's, Callan
Senior B	Vocational School, Borris	St. Rynagh's
Junior A	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	Loreto, Kilkenny
Junior B	Presentation, Wexford	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney

All-Ireland Semi-Finals 2003

SENIOR A	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	3-10	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-04
	St. Patrick's College, Maghera	2-05	Portumna Community School	2-02
SENIOR B	Presentation College, Athenry	6-13	St. Louis Grammar, Ballymena	0-01
	Coachford College, Co. Cork	3-07	Vocational School, Borris	0-05
JUNIOR A	Portumna Community School	3-05	St. Patrick's College, Maghera	0-05
	St. Mary's, Charleville	1-13	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	2-05
JUNIOR B (Replay)	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	0-05	Presentation, Bandon	0-05
	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	1-07	Presentation, Bandon	0-08



Coláiste Bríde captain Ciara O'Connor becomes the first girl from County Wexford to raise the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship Cup, following last Saturday's famous final win over St. Pat's of Maghera in Kibbegan in County Westmeath. (Pic: Adrian Melia).



Coláiste Bríde's All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie champions celebrate last Saturday afternoon's historic final win over St. Pat's of Maghera at Kibbegan in County Westmeath. Back row (l-r): Elva Moriarty, coach, Anne-Maire Foley, Jenny O'Leary, Louise Codd, Mary Leacy, Karen Murphy, Ursula Jacob, Aisling Hogan, Mary Breen, Ruth Walsh, Stacey Redmond, Aine Devereux, Jacqui Codd, Siona Nolan, Tracey Breen, Deirdre Codd, Jimmy Guinan. Front row (l-r): Clara Storey, Karen Atkinson, Emma Moran, Aileen Doyle, Anna Murphy, Olivia Murphy, Bróna Furlong, and Tracey McCormack. Missing are captain Ciara O'Connor and Sarah Darcy. (Pic: Adrian Melia).

'We never gave up on the All-Ireland dream'

Ronan Fagan

"BRILLIANT. EXCELLENT. I am so proud of the girls," beamed Coláiste Bríde's championship winning coach, Elva Moriarty, as she lapped up Saturday's success.

The All-Ireland triumph represented the culmination of six years hard work by Moriarty, who never wavered from the challenge of ensuring the Enniscorthy school would win its way onto the roll of honour.

Elva has "learned a lot along the way. We have had our setbacks, including the All-Ireland final defeats in 1998 and '99, but I, or the various players involved down through the years were never prepared to give up on this dream.

"When I started with the camogie teams six years ago, we were playing a far different style to what we are now - we have developed stronger skills in the last two or three years, and it was during that time that we really began to believe we could win the All-Ireland."

She pinpoints the victory in the 2000 junior All-Ireland as a crucial factor in last weekend's breakthrough. "Ever since we won that championship, our players, and everybody else involved with camogie in Coláiste Bríde, have approached competitions with greater confidence.

"The junior win gave the girls a taste of big-time success, and after having their appetites whetted they were determined to achieve similar glory in senior. I feel that was quite evident in our performances on the way to winning this title."

Given the fact that Coláiste Bríde will retain all but maybe two of the current squad, Elva sees no reason why they cannot aspire to becoming back-to-back champions.

"I was even looking at the age profiles of the Maghera team, and there are a lot of their players around the 17 mark, and on the basis of what I saw of them today, I am sure they are going to feature prominently in this championship for many years to come.

"I would be very surprised and extremely disappointed if Coláiste Bríde do not contend strongly for All-Ireland in years to come, considering the wealth of underage talent which is coming through, plus the fact we have basically the very same senior team available to us again next year.

"These girls are very proud and committed. They will be keen to hold onto this championship, and I will be determined to help ensure Coláiste Bríde succeed in doing so."

'Elva's army'

SUPER COLÁISTE BRÍDE END WEXFORD'S

COLÁISTE BRÍDE are finally sipping from the cup of senior All-Ireland champions, after producing a determined show in last Saturday afternoon's sun scorched final at Kibbegan, County Westmeath, to land the Post-Primary Schools 'A' camogie title.

The Enniscorthy side's star troopers were comfortably on course to earning a place in the annals of camogie history after accumulating a ten-point interval advantage (3-5 to 1-1), and while Maghera lifted themselves to challenge strongly in the third-quarter, Coláiste Bríde never looked likely to relinquish their firm grip on the tie.

And so, "Elva's army", of which the boisterous Slaneyside support proclaimed themselves members even before the start of this ultimate test, charged to glory, as they became the first-ever Wexford school to capture their championship, and the first from Leinster to achieve same since 1995.

Coláiste Bríde had threatened to strike gold twice during the intervening eight years, only to unfortunately come up against the might of St. Mary's of Charleville in the finals of '98 and '99, which were victories that formed part of the Cork side's phenomenal run of six outright championship victories between '96 and 2002.

Ursula Jacob was the only remaining link between the challengers of '99 and Coláiste Bríde's newly-crowned champions, and so Saturday's victory was all

**COLÁISTE BRÍDE 5-7
ST. PAT'S, MAGHERA 1-3**

Ronan Fagan

the more satisfying for the centre-forward.

It was also a source of tremendous satisfaction for coach Elva Moriarty, who over a six year period had toiled hard as she diligently worked towards achieving this very goal, and never allowed a series of setbacks diminish her drive to help elevate Coláiste Bríde to the senior title.

Her efforts, and indeed those of a talent-laden crew, brought about a major breakthrough in 2000, when basically the same set of players brought home the All-Ireland junior crown.

The confidence gained from that success was a key factor in Coláiste Bríde's eventual ascension to the senior throne. Given the fact that they retain all except two of the current set-up, it remains entirely possible that with the proper focus and appetite again next year, they may well manage to compound this achievement by achieving back-to-back titles 12 months down the line.

But, let's just celebrate the present, and pay tribute to a performance full of passion, and no small amount of skill, especially from a top rating half-back line, where either side of the irrepressible Mary Leacy at centre-back, Oulart-The Ballagh colleagues Stacey Redmond and Tracey McCormack helped to

keep Coláiste Bríde on the front-foot for much of the game.

In attack, Ursula Jacob, who fought on despite sustaining a heavy knock in the first-half, provided priceless experience, an honest performance, and three fine points to boot, while Sarah Darcy was a thorn in Maghera's side, with her darting runs causing them endless problems, while she had a hand in a number of the scores.

Jacqui Codd posed plenty of problems on the inside-line, where Una Leacy too was brilliant, as the multi Féile na nGael winner delivered a hat-trick of goals to crush the spirited Ulster girls.

That's not to forget the likes of goalie Clara Storey, who was unlucky with the goal that got past her, or a solid full-back line, hard working midfield, where captain Ciara O'Connor operated, Anna Murphy at right corner-forward, or Louise Codd at right half-forward, who is due to leave the ranks of Second Level education this summer.

But, what a dream way to end her sporting days at the Shannon Hill school, as one of the magnificent 27.

Maghera, in their first appearance in the final since 1994, buzzed into action, and corner-forward Brenda Kidd shot them in-front with a third



Coláiste Bríde centre-forward Ursula Jacob is challenged by Ceara Cushman of Maghera in the All-Ireland Schools senior 'A' camogie final at Kibbegan, County Westmeath on Saturday. (Pic: Adrian Melia).



Stacey Redmond gathers the ball for Coláiste Bríde in last Saturday's All-Ireland Schools camogie final. (Pic: Adrian Melia).



Coláiste Bríde's left corner-forward Una Leacy on the way to scoring part of her hat-trick against St. Pat's of Maghera in last Saturday's All-Ireland Schools senior 'A' camogie final at Kibbegan. (Pic: Adrian Mella).



Martin Storey, who assisted Coláiste Bríde coach Elva Moriarty, celebrates last Saturday's All-Ireland Schools camogie success at Kibbegan with his daughter Ciara, the team's goalkeeper. (Pic: Adrian Mella).

All-Ireland heroines

CIARA STOREY

'I have won All-Irelands with Oulart-The Ballagh, but winning with the school is very special, because it was down to players from different clubs bonding together and aiming for the same target. We deserve this'

RUTH WALSH

'This means the world to us. To have beaten Charleville was brilliant, but this tops everything. Maghera are strong, but they lack the confidence we have built up. They'll be back - and so will we'

AIKLING HOGAN

'After winning the junior (All-Ireland) in 2000, and now the senior, I can't believe it. This feels like a club team, because everybody gets on so well, and we had the confidence to go for it'

KAREN ATKINSON

'This is my first year on the team, and to share in an All-Ireland success is beyond my wildest dreams'

STACEY REDMOND

'It is unbelievable. We were so determined, and the team was excellent; we knew we all had a job to do, and we met that challenge very well'

MARY LEACY

'We were under big pressure before the game, so it is really special to have won the All-Ireland. This is fantastic, and it was all down to a great team effort'

TRACEY MCCORMACK

'This was a big game, and Maghera didn't make it easy. We're thankful to our supporters - they were great throughout the year, and now all our hard work has paid off. It's great'

BRÓNA FURLONG

'It is a great feeling, especially when you can share in a success with a team. We trained so hard, and played so well that you really could not single out a player for special mention'

CIARA O'CONNOR, CAPTAIN

'It took us a while to get going, but while Maghera were quite physical, we outclassed them with our skill, and our defence was particularly brilliant'

LOUISE CODD

'Beating Charleville in the semi-final was terrific, and after achieving that result we knew we were going to do it. Now we are the best in Ireland'

URSULA JACOB

'Over past number of years we have been so close to winning this All-Ireland, and now that we've actually achieved it, I just cannot believe it. This is a tribute to a superb squad effort'

SARAH DARCY

'This is the best feeling. We were so determined to win today, and Maghera challenged strongly, but we were firmly focussed'

ANNA MURPHY

'When you start playing camogie you dream of days like this. It is unbelievable. Most of the team are there again next year, so hopefully we can do it again'

JACQUI CODD

'This is everything we were hoping for. After beating Charleville (semi-final) we were so anxious not to slip up. My first-half goal was a bit of DJ job!'

UNA LEACY

'It is brilliant. The Féile wins (with Oulart-The Ballagh) were great, but to win with the school is something special, and it took a lot of effort'

DEIRDRE CODD

'This was a wonderful team effort. I was nervous even though I couldn't start (injury), but I was thrilled to get on. Hopefully we can win it again, and make 'Mr G' and Ms. Moriarty very happy'

JENNY O'LEARY

'It is great to be involved this year, and especially with such a fine group. Everybody is available again next year, except myself and Louise (Codd) - but we'll definitely be on the sidelines cheering on the girls'

march into history

LONG WAIT FOR ALL-IRELAND SCHOOLS CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP



Full-forward Jacqui Codd on the attack for Coláiste Bríde against St. Pat's of Maghera in last Saturday's All-Ireland Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final at Kibbegan. (Pic: Adrian Mella).

minute point.

They had caused problems during that time, but that score seemed to steel the Enniscorthy defence, and over the next 21 minutes the "girls of Wexford", as their magnificent support chanted, responded when shooting 3-4 without reply.

Una Leacy offered a perfect response to Maghera's opening score, when 49 seconds later she profited from a neat pass by Jacqui Codd to palm the sliotar to the net.

Following a number of wasted opportunities, and with Una Leacy having had a shot deflected at the expense of what proved a fruitless '45, the

Slaneside cheers grew louder when Ursula Jacob and Ciara O'Connor (free) bisected the uprights, before Jacqui Codd goaled from a tight angle in the 18th minute.

Three minutes later Una Leacy latched onto a clearance by her sister Mary, and raced in from the left wing to bang home a second personal major, and make it 3-2 to 0-1, before Ciara O'Connor and Ursula Jacob extended the gap to 12 points after 24 minutes.

The fact Maghera's attack was starved of possession saw their selectors switch dangerous full-forward, Clare McCloy, to midfield, and she certainly caused problems for Coláiste

Bríde, although when she found the net in the 26th minute it was quite fortuitous, as her long range shot hopped on the rock hard square and beyond the grasp of the hapless Ciara O'Connor.

It served as a warning to Coláiste Bríde, and Maghera had three wides, while Mary Leacy effected a key challenge to deny St. Pat's another goal scoring opportunity, before Ciara O'Connor settled her colleagues when pointing another free (seven minutes into injury time!) to extend the margin to 3-5 to 1-1 at the break.

After Colleen Kearney hit back with a point three minutes into the new half, there was plenty of goal

mouth action, and Maghera were twice denied, while Jacqui Codd and Una Leacy each came very close for the pacesetters.

Midfielder Alana Ward struck from long range for Maghera in the 41st minute, with what proved their closing score - a point - while Coláiste Bríde proceeded to wrap up victory when supplementing their lead with the addition of a further 2-4.

Una Leacy completed her hat-trick in the 42nd minute, when she was sent clear with a ball over-the-top from Karen Atkinson, before doing what she does best - finishing in style.

Six Enniscorthy wides later and Ursula Jacob knocked over another point, while there was time for Ciara O'Connor to finish the day in particularly memorable style as she closed out with 1-1, all from frees.

The point arrived a couple of minutes before the Rathnure lass's shot from a dead ball on the left, after Jacob was fouled, evaded the attentions of the Maghera defence as it sailed all the way to the town-end net.

There was time for Jenny O'Leary to be introduced, and somewhat poignantly it was in place of Louise Codd, whom she partners into "retirement" once they both hopefully achieve top marks in the forthcoming Leaving Cert.

Their contribution to this marvellous feat will never be forgotten, and nor will that of their 25 colleagues, or the likes of Jimmy Guinan and

Wexford great Martin Storey, all of whom put their shoulders to the wheel along with Elva Moriarty in one helluva push to finally get the school into the Champions' Club.

Well done, and thanks for a multitude of golden memories.

Now, roll on '04.

Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy - Ciara Storey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boilavogue), Aisling Hogan (Rathnure), Karen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Stacey Redmond (Oulart-The Ballagh), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Tracey McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh), Bróna Furlong (Duffry Rovers), Ciara O'Connor (Rathnure, capt., 1-4, 1-3 frees), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers), Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-3), Sarah Darcy (Monageer-Boilavogue), Anna Murphy (Monageer-Boilavogue), Jacqui Codd (Duffry Rovers, 1-0), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh, 3-0).

Subs: Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers) for Anna Murphy; Jenny O'Leary (Rathnure) for Louise Codd; Olivia Murphy, Johanna Breen, Síona Nolan and Mary Breen (Monageer-Boilavogue), Tracey Breen and Aileen Doyle (Rathnure), Aine Devereux and Emma Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ann-Marie Foley (Duffry Rovers), Karen Murphy (Cloughbawn).

St. Patrick's College, Maghera - Eilish O'Doherty, Niamh Bradley, Aileen Mullan, Michelle McManus, Jane Kelly, Ceara Cushman, Ceire Quinn, Breige Convery, Alana Ward (0-1), Andrena O'Kane, Gemma Heaney, Clare Quinn, Brenda Kidd (0-1), Clare McCloy (1-0), Colleen Kearney (0-1).

Referee - Evelynn Latimer (Westmeath).

COLÁISTE BRÍDE - *All - Ireland schools senior 'A' camogie champions 2003*



Coláiste Bríde's All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie champions celebrate last Saturday afternoon's historic final win over St. Pat's of Mighera at Killebeggan in County Westmeath. Back row (l-r): Elva Moriarty, coach, Anne-Maire Foley, Jenny O'Leary, Louise Codd, Mary Leacy, Karen Murphy, Ursula Jacob, Aisling Hogan, Mary Breen, Ruth Walsh, Stacey Redmond, Aine Devereux, Jacqui Codd, Siona Nolan, Tracey Breen, Deirdre Codd, Jimmy Guinan. Front row (l-r): Clara Storey, Karen Atkinson, Emma Moran, Aileen Doyle, Anna Murphy, Olivia Murphy, Bróna Furlong, and Tracey McCormack. Inset: on left, captain Cúra O'Connor and, on right, Sarah Darcy. (Pic: Adrian Mella)

Coachford and Coláiste Bríde grab All-Ireland colleges

Coachford College
Presentation Athenry

1-5
0-7

COACHFORD COLLEGE are the new All-Ireland Senior B Colleges camogie champions. Showing tremendous heart and determination — hallmarks of their never-say-die approach — they came from behind with eight minutes left on the dial to clinch in dramatic fashion their first-ever title in Kilbeggan on Saturday.

After a poor opening half during which Athenry were by far the most

industrious of the two sides, with centre-forward Sarah Donoghue particularly impressive, the Cork side kept in touch with frees from full-forward Mary Buckley. They were fortunate to trail at the break by a mere three points, 0-6 to 0-3.

In a grandstand finish, Ciara Murphy found herself unmarked in front of goal with only one thing on her mind. She obliged, and with Emma Healy and Edel O'Sullivan playing their hearts out, substitute Louise Roche won a crucial free, which

Buckley duly converted for the match winner.

Scorers - Coachford: C Murphy 1-0, M Buckley 0-5 (0-4 frees), Athenry: S Donoghue 0-4 (0-1 45m, 0-1 pen, 0-1 free), N Coen 0-3.

COACHFORD: E O'Keefe, M Healy, M Ennagness, C Cosgrave, N O'Connell, J Twomey (capt), M O'Leary, M O'Regan, F Buckley, C Murphy, M McCarthy, E O'Sullivan, M Cosgrave, M Buckley, E Healy. Subs: O McSweeney for M Healy (35 mins), L Roche for M O'Leary (53 mins).

ATHENRY: M McDonagh, F Page, E Coughlan, M Ward, A Coen, C Moran, J Gill, S Coll, K Ruddy, E Costelloe, D Coen (capt), F Gilligan, J Greene, S Donoghue, N Coen. Subs: C Coen for A Coen (39 mins).

Referee: U Kearney

Coláiste Bríde Enniscorthy
St Patrick's, Maghera

5-7
1-3

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

UNA LEACY was in a class of her own at Kilbeggan on Saturday and her hat-trick ensured Coláiste Bríde Enniscorthy of their first-ever All-Ireland Senior A Colleges camogie title.

But to suggest this was a one-woman show would be an injustice to a team that showed no weaknesses whatsoever — thanks to mentors

Colaiste bag crown

COLAISTE Bríde Enniscorthy picked up their first ever All-Ireland Schools' Senior camogie title in Kilbeggan on Saturday denying St Patrick's Maghera.

Enniscorthy, who featured Ciara Storey, the daughter of 1996 Wexford All-Ireland hurling winning captain Martin, in goals, were much the better side and deserved their 5-7 to 1-3 victory, but some bizarre refereeing decisions, clearly upset the Ulster champions.

Brenda Kidd shot an early Maghera point, but joy was short-lived as the ever-dangerous Una Leacy replied with a goal, and further goals from Jacqui Codd and Leacy left Enniscorthy in control.

Claire McCloy was switched to centre-field and produced an unexpected goal from 50 yards to lift Maghera's spirits, but the superb Ciara O'Connor pointed for a half-time score of 3-5 to 1-1.

Maghera had several goal chances at the start of the second half, but Ciara Storey kept them at bay and only had two points to show for their effort when Leacy bagged her third goal to kill the game. Ciara O'Connor twisted the knife with her side's fifth goal in the last minute direct from a free.

St Patrick's: P O'Doherty, N Bradley, A Mullan, M McManus, J Kelly, C Cushman, C Quinn, A Ward (0-1), B Convery, C Quinn, G Heaney, A O'Kane, B Kidd (0-1), C McCloy (1-0), C Kearney (0-1).

Subs: C Kennedy for C Kearney.
Colaiste Bríde: C Storey, R Walsh, A Hogan, K Atkinson, S Redmond, M Leacy, T McCormack, B Furlong, C O'Connor (capt.) (1-5, 1-3 frees), L Codd, U Jacob (0-2), S Darcy, A Murphy, J Codd (1-0), Una Leacy (3-0).
Subs: D Codd for A Murphy, Devereux for L Codd.

CAMOGIE

Colleges senior All-Ireland finals:

Senior A: Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy 5-07 U Leacy 3-0, C O'Connor 1-05, J Codd 1-0, U Jacob 0-02 St Patrick's Maghera 1-03, C Mc Cloy 1-0, B Kidd, C Kearney, A Ward 0-01 each Senior B: Coachford Community School, Cork 1-05, C Murphy 1-0, M Buckley 0-05 Presentation College Athenry: 0-07 S Donoghue 0-04, N Coen 0-03 National league, Div. 1: Cork 1-10, U O'Donoghue 1-03, E Dillon 0-04, J O'Leary, O O'Sullivan 0-03 each, F O'Driscoll 0-02 R Moloney, C Healy, M Watson 0-01 each Wexford: 1-03 J Murphy 1-01, K Kelly 0-02 Kilkenny 2-12, M Costelloe 1-02, E Dermody 1-01, A Neary 0-07, C Doherty 0-02 Limerick 1-05 E O'Brien 1-03, M Keating, V Sheehan 0-01 each Dublin 0-13 S Elliott 0-05, K Blood 0-03, G Mc Cluskey, J Dwyer 0-02 each, A Cullen 0-01 Derry 1-04, M Comer 1-01, G Mc Goldrick 0-02, C O'Kane 0-01 Div. 2: Offaly 7-10 M Davis 3-04, M Lynch 2-01, S Daly, E Dermody 1-0 each, E Corcoran 0-03, J Pelghery 0-02 Kilkenny 0-02, D Delaney, A Hogan 0-01 each, Carlow 1-13, V Creen 1-03, M Cody 0-05, O Maye 0-03 F Byrne 0-02 Waterford 1-01 P Clancy 1-0, C Phelan 0-01, Down 3-09 M Mc Aleenae 2-07, M Gilmore 1-0, J Brennan 0-02 Roscommon 0-05, U Hussey 0-02, L Gleeson 0-01 Armagh: 5-09 P Mc Evoy 2-05, E O'Farrell 1-01, D Mc Cusker, M O'Kane 1-0 each, M Black 0-02, S Gray 0-01 Antrim: 3-01 M O'Connell 2-01, D Clarke 1-0, Cork 2-14 S Donovan, M Deasy 1-02 each, A O'Regan 0-09, A Corcoran 0-01, Wexford 1-01, N O'Connor 1-0, G Heffernan 0-01, Cavan 3-08 Tyrone 4-05 Clare 1-04 Kildare 1-04. Leinster minor championship

Camogie

Armagh are close to qualification for the Junior National League semi-finals for the second year running after yesterday's 5-9 to 3-1 victory over Antrim at Loughiel.

Better in most positions on the field Armagh led by 2-4 to 1-1 at half-time, with goals from Emma O'Farrell and Donna McCusker, while Patricia McAvoey scored all four points. McAvoey shot two goals and a point after the break, while Mairead O'Kane got the fifth. Armagh have an outstanding game against Dublin, which should take place at the weekend, but they certainly have enough to go through. Elsewhere, Mairin McAleenan made a big impact in only her second game back for Down. The Liatroim Fontenoys' player bagged 2-7 in Down's 3-9 to 0-3 victory over Roscommon. Down led by 0-5 to 0-1 at half time, but weren't really sure of the points until the 50th minute when Mairon sparked a late scoring blitz, with a goal direct from a thirty-metre free. In the Senior league, Derry lost out by 0-13 to 1-4 in Newbridge, despite Michelle Comer's goal after just 13 seconds.

In truth Dublin dominated the game and Claire O'Kane kept Derry in the game with four brilliant saves just before half time.

Dublin shot 17 wides and despite their dominance, only led by three-points with six minutes remaining. However three late points from Karen Blood, Gillian McCluskey and Sinead Elliott gave the visitors the league points.

camogie glory

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industrious of the two sides, with centre-forward Sarah Donoghue particularly impressive, the Cork side kept in touch with frees from full-forward Mary Buckley. They were fortunate to trail at the break by a mere three points, 0-6 to 0-3.

In a grandstand finish, Ciara Murphy found herself unmarked in front of goal with only one thing on her mind. She obliged, and with Emma Healy and Edel O'Sullivan playing their hearts out, substitute Louise Roche won a crucial free, which

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Coláiste Bríde Enniscorthy
St Patrick's, Maghera

5-7
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by Therese O'Callaghan

UNA LEACY was in a class of her own at Kilbeggan on Saturday and her hat-trick ensured Coláiste Bríde Enniscorthy of their first-ever All-Ireland Senior A Colleges camogie title.

But to suggest this was a one-woman show would be an injustice to a team that showed no weaknesses whatsoever — thanks to mentors

Colaiste bag crown

COLAISTE Bríde Enniscorthy picked up their first ever All-Ireland Schools' Senior camogie title in Kilbeggan on Saturday denying St Patrick's Maghera.

Enniscorthy, who featured Ciara Storey, the daughter of 1996 Wexford All-Ireland hurling winning captain Martin, in goals, were much the better side and deserved their 5-7 to 1-3 victory, but some bizarre refereeing decisions, clearly upset the Ulster champions.

Brenda Kidd shot an early Maghera point, but joy was short-lived as the ever-dangerous Una Leacy replied with a goal, and further goals from Jacqui Codd and Leacy left Enniscorthy in control.

Claire McCloy was switched to centre-field and produced an unexpected goal from 50 yards to lift Maghera's spirits, but the superb Ciara O'Connor pointed for a half-time score of 3-5 to 1-1.

Maghera had several goal chances at the start of the second half, but Ciara Storey kept them at bay and only had two points to show for their effort when Leacy bagged her third goal to kill the game. Ciara O'Connor twisted the knife with her side's fifth goal in the last minute direct from a free.

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CAMOGIE

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Leinster minor championship

Camogie

Armagh are close to qualification for the Junior National League semi-finals for the second year running after yesterday's 5-9 to 3-1 victory over Antrim at Loughgiel.

Better in most positions on the field Armagh led by 2-4 to 1-1 at half-time, with goals from Emma O'Farrell and Donna McCusker, while Patricia McAvooy scored all four points. McAvooy shot two goals and a point after the break, while Mairead O'Kane got the fifth. Armagh have an outstanding game against Dublin, which should take place at the weekend, but they certainly have enough to go through. Elsewhere, Mairin McAleenan made a big impact in only her second game back for Down. The Liatroim Fontenoy's player bagged 2-7 in Down's 3-9 to 0-3 victory over Roscommon. Down led by 0-5 to 0-1 at half time, but weren't really sure of the points until the 50th minute when Mairin sparked a late scoring blitz, with a goal direct from a thirty-metre free. In the Senior league, Derry lost out by 0-13 to 1-4 in Newbridge, despite Michelle Comer's goal after just 13 seconds.

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To their great credit, Coachford never panicked and worked hard to try and keep the Athenry defence under pressure.

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Murphy had the sides level when she hand-passed to the net and now the tension was fierce as both sides strove for success.

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Coachford took the lead with seconds remaining.

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Seniors book semi final spot as juniors record second victory

Camogie Scene

By Mary Newman

Cork . . . 1-18
Wexford . . . 1-3

THE Cork seniors ensured themselves a national league semi final place by virtue of their victory over Wexford on Sunday last, but it was not a similar story for the junior side who, despite only losing one game in the group, find that it's Galway who will go through.

In the senior game, Cork led from start to finish and showed great passages of hurling. It was 0-8 to no score by the mid way stage as Orla O'Sullivan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon all pointed. Jenna Murphy responded for Wexford with a 20 minute point to open their account. But Cork continued to dominate adding points from Una O'Donoghue, Emer Dillon and Clara Healy.

The visitors finished the half stronger thanks to an Orla O'Sullivan point two minutes from half time after good approach play from Clara Healy. This left Cork leading 1-12 to 0-1 at the interval.

Cork stretched their advantage from the restart as Orla O'Sullivan, (2) and Jennifer O'Leary added further points. Jenna Murphy availed of a mix up in the Cork defence to grab Wexford's opening goal nine minutes into the half. Kate Kelly swapped points with Emer Dillon and Rachel Moloney as Wexford continued to work hard, but a solid Cork defence with Captain Stephanie Dunlea, Paula O'Connor and Sarah Hayes held them at bay. Rachel Moloney and substitute Marie Watson had late Cork points to seal victory for the All Ireland champions who will now contest the national league semi final on April 20th.

Through the league the side have continued to show improvement and on Sunday last one had to be impressed with their direct hurling and no nonsense approach. This is something that augurs well for the championship season ahead.

Cork: G Casey, J



Action from the All-Ireland B Camogie Final.

O'Callaghan, S Buckley, S Dunlea, M O'Connor, P O'Connor, S Hayes, R Moloney, G O'Connor, U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary, O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll. Subs: C Desmond for C Healy, C

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Cork . . . 2-15
Wexford . . . 1-1

CORK ran out easy winners against a weak home side in the day's opening game. Niamh O'Connor had Wexford ahead seven minutes into the game with a goal, but it failed to help her side, who were totally swamped by Cork.

Sarah O'Donovan pointed early for Cork and with Amanda O'Regan unerring from frees, Cork held all the aces. This helped Cork to an interval lead of 1-9 to 1-1 — the Cork goal coming five minutes from the break thanks to a Miriam Deasy hand pass.

Cork had opened up a 13-point gap by the three quarter stage thanks to points from Sarah O'Donovan, Amanda O'Regan, Roisin Corcoran and Deasy (2). Sarah O'Donovan's goal two minutes from full time was followed by an Anna Corcoran point to give Cork the points.

Cork: E Clifford, M Hallihan, M O'Donovan, A Foley, C Foley, A O'Regan, V O'Keefe, M O'Connell, R Buckley, M Jaego Corcoran, L Bugler, S O'Donovan, M Deasy, B Maher. Subs: K Buckley for M. Hallinane, M Hegarty for R Buckley, L Burns for L Bugler, M Holland for B Maher, A Corcoran for R Corcoran. Ref D Noble, Dublin

Championship draws

CLUBS gathered in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Monday last to hear the championship draws for 2003 and they were not disappointed with some interesting games to come during what promises to be another hectic season.

The draw that attracted most interest sees senior county champions Cloughduv — who are going for three in a row — meeting UCC who have entered the championship for the first time in over 20 years. In the 60s the college were a force to be reckoned with and took several county senior titles.

With the players opting to play with their own club teams, the club scene in UCC faded, but this year it has been revived with Tipperary's Una O'Dwyer one of the driving forces behind the team.

Other interesting games to come will be the meeting of newly promoted Milford and Barryroe. Many years ago the sides met in a Senior B championship final with Barryroe taking the spoils will it be different this time out? Only time will tell.

The full championship draws are as follows:
Senior Championship draws: Milford v Barryroe, Imokilly v Glen Rovers, Bishopstown v Inniscarra, Courcey Rovers v St Finbarr's, Cloughduv v U. C. C, Fr O Neills v Carbery, Carrigdhoun v Seandun, Muskerry v winners of Bishopstown/Inniscarra

Senior B Championship: Kilbrittan v Ballygarvan, Eire v Aghbullogue, Newtownshandrum v Ballinhassig, Carrigaline v Newcestown.

Junior A Championship: St Vincent's v Sarsfields, Valley Rovers v Watergrashill, Douglas v St Catherine's, Killeagh v winners Valley Rovers/Watergrashill

The junior B and under 18 championship draws will be made at the next county board meeting.

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Camogie sides face Cork

John Furlong

THE ALL-IRELAND senior camogie champions Cork are on their way to Wexford for the next round of the National Senior League on Sunday next, at Cushinstown (2.30p.m.)

Wexford are without a victory in this year's campaign and still without a team manager.

Having lost their two games to-date, to Kilkenny by 2-6 to 1-1 and Galway on a scoreline of 3-8 to 2-5, Wexford face a Cork side who, having drawn with Galway in their opening game, won their other two games when scoring victories over Kilkenny (1-9 to 0-7) and Limerick (5-14 to 3-5), and the Leesiders are well placed to progress to the semi-finals.

Wexford were due to play Limerick last weekend, but the game was postponed, and this fixture is expected to be played on Sunday week, April 13th.

The juniors, meanwhile, also face Cork in their concluding game of the National Junior League, in what is a 1p.m., curtain-raiser to the senior game, and it's a clash each is hoping to win in order to end their campaign on a winning note.

With Galway having already qualified as group winners for the semi-final stages of the league, both Wexford and Cork will be using this concluding league game as an opportunity to finalise teams for their respective provincial championships, with Wexford hosting Laois in their Leinster first round game on Saturday 17th May.

Cork keep record going

Cork . . . 1-18
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THERE was no challenge for the Leesiders in Cushinstown yesterday as they remain unbeaten in division one of the National League.

The visitors went in at the break leading 1-12 to 0-1.

Their half-forwards Una O'Donoghue, Emer Dillon and Jennifer O'Leary supplied 1-10 of their tally.

Scorers for Cork: U O'Donoghue 1-3, E Dillon 0-4, J O'Leary and O O'Sullivan 0-3 each, F O'Driscoll 0-2, C Healy, R Moloney, M Watson 0-1 each.
Wexford: G Murphy 1-1, K Kelly 0-2.

Meanwhile, Cork's second string recorded a landslide 2-14 to 1-1 victory over their Wexford counterparts when they took another two points in Division Two of the National League.

With Sarah O'Donoghue and Miriam Deasy grabbing 1-2 each and Amanda O'Regan adding eight points, this game was more or less wrapped up at 1-9 to 1-1 at half time.

Scorers for Cork: S O'Donoghue and M Deasy 1-2 each, A O'Regan 0-8, A M Corcoran 0-2.
Wexford: N O'Connor 1-0, G Heffernan 0-1.

Coachford reach new heights with win

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By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN
At Kibbegan

ALL-IRELAND titles do not come much sweeter than this one.

On Saturday in Kibbegan Coachford College produced a sprint finish to capture their first ever All-Ireland senior B colleges title.

And what euphoria it created.

Foremost, though, the emotions were of relief, and then of unbridled joy as outstanding captain Joan Twomey accepted the Mary Moran Cup.

This was an amazing game — the Cork side looked dead and buried at half-time.

Granted, they only trailed by three points, but they never got to grips with the pace of the game.

Athenry, in contrast, looked far hungrier but were denied time and time again by a tenacious defence brilliantly directed by goalkeeper Emma O'Keefe, Christine Cosgrave, Mary Ennaguess, Christine Cosgrave and Twomey.

The Cork school pulled all the masterstrokes. They introduced Orla McSweeney early in the second-half and her arrival had a telling effect.

She helped an exhausted rearguard, and when Margaret McCarthy transferred from centre-forward to centre-field, she negated the influence of Krystle Ruddy.

Then Coachford took over. They were camped in the Galway half of the field, but scores were at a premium.

However, 17 minutes after the resumption Mary Buckley scored their fourth point and the momentum picked up considerably.

The next 10 minutes were packed with excitement.

Margaret Cosgrave (one of twin-sisters on the side) rattled the net but her goal was denied as the referee had already blown for a penalty.

Twomey stepped up to the task but her rising shot was saved and cleared. However, the ball broke back down

field and when Ciara Murphy found herself at the edge of the square with sliotar in hand, she fired past Madeleine McDonagh in the Athenry goal to level the game.

Then came Coachford's second substitute Louise Roche. Winning a difficult ball, she was fouled as she preyed on goal.

As Buckley stooped to take the free, many of the nerve-wracked crowd had to look away.

But the loudest cheer of the day followed, telling the story that all Cork people wanted to hear.

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Subs: C Coen for A Coen (29 mins).

Referee: U Kearney (Armagh).

ROB LOTT: (manager): "Athenry were far more tenacious in the first-half. We were too lethargic after a four-and-a-half hour bus trip."

"So we were delighted to be only a goal down at half-time. I felt we had a great chance."

"Our vice-principal Diarmuid Hickey was on the line today as selector. He is very shrewd and he and Tena Carroll made some vital changes."

"When Orla McSweeney came on she tightened up the defence."

"Our goalkeeper Emma O'Keefe was absolutely fabulous. Mairead Ennaguess was excellent."

"She kept their full-forward scoreless. Joan (Twomey) led from centre-back. It took us the best part of 35 minutes to keep Krystal Ruddy quiet."

"Eventually Margaret Mc-

Carthy did the job for us. When Mary Buckley converted the last free I knew we had it won."

"We dropped back two half-forwards to the half-back line then to stop them from scoring and that move moved a treat."

"There aren't many teams that can come back in each championship match."

"We were behind in every game, but we never panicked."

"We have not conceded a goal either in the whole championship."

"Experienced heads like Niamh O'Connell, Mary Buckley, Joan Twomey, Ciara Murphy and Edel O'Sullivan came to the fore when it was really needed."

"I am losing 11 players in June but I am sure they will remember this day for a long time to come."

"We are up A now and want to stay there."

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Cork seniors and juniors defeat Wexford

Cork
Wexford

1-18
1-3

Cork
Wexford

2-15
1-1

THE trip to Wexford proved no distance as the county senior and junior teams recorded good victories in the national camogie league.

The All Ireland champions led 0-8 to no score by the mid way stage of the opening half with Orla O'Sullivan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon all on target. Jenna Murphy opened Wexford's account with a 20 minute point, but Cork responded instantly with points from Una O'Donoghue, Emer Dillon and Ciara Healy.

Two minutes from the break Orla O'Sullivan had the games opening goal when she finished from close range, with O'Sullivan adding a point Cork led 1-12 to 0-1 at the interval.

From the restart Cork stretched their advantage with points from Orla O'Sullivan, (2) and Jennifer O'Leary. Jenna Murphy availed of a

mix up in the Cork defence to fire home Wexford's opening goal nine minutes into the half. Twice Kate Kelly swapped points with Emer Dillon and Rachel Moloney as Wexford continued to work hard. However, they met with strong resistance from a solid Cork defence where Captain Stephanie Dunlea, Paula O'Connor and Sarah Hayes excelled. Rachel Moloney and substitute Marie Watson had late Cork points to seal victory for the All Ireland champions who will now contest the national league semi-final on April 20.

CORK: G Casey, J O'Callaghan, S Buckley, S Dunlea, M O'Connor, P O'Connor, S Hayes, R Moloney, G O'Connor, U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary, O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll subs C Desmond for C Healy, C Corkery for U O'Donoghue, N Ahern for M O'Connor, L O'Connell for J O'Callaghan, M Watson for F O'Driscoll

THE junior game which preceded the senior game also had Cork run out easy winners against a weak home side. A Niamh O'Connor goal seven minutes into the game failed to lift Wexford as they took an early advantage. Cork had started well with a Sarah O'Donovan point

but it was the impressive striking of Amanda O'Regan that was the main feature of the opening half. The Cork centre back was unerring as she struck seven pointed frees, three from the half way line, which helped her side to an interval lead of 1-9 to 1-1 the Cork goal coming five minutes from the break from a Miriam

Deasy hand pass. Cork had opened up a 13 point gap by the three quarter stage thanks to points from Sarah O'Donovan, Amanda O'Regan, Roisin Corcoran and Deasy (2). Sarah O'Donovan's goal two minutes from full time was followed by an Anna Corcoran point to give Cork the points. It now looks cer-

tain that Galway will be the side to go through to the semi-final stages.

CORK: E Clifford, M Hallihan, M O'Donovan, A Foley, C Foley, A O'Regan, V O'Keefe, M O'Connell, R Buckley, M Jaego Corcoran, L Bugler, S O'Donovan, M Deasy, B Maher, subs K Buckley for M Hallinane, M Hegarty for R Buckley, L Burns for L Bugler, M Holland for B Maher, A Corcoran for R Corcoran

Minors crush Limerick despite a hesitant start in Ballingarry

Cork
Limerick

5-10
1-4

DESPITE a shaky start Cork minors opened the defence of the Provincial and All Ireland crowns with an emphatic victory over Limerick in Ballingarry.

Captain Anna Geary led by example turning in a top class performance while others to impress included Rena Buckley and Mary Coleman.

Orla Coughlan gave Cork an early lead pointing just four minutes into the contest. The lead changed hands quickly with Lisa Kelly's goal three minutes later giving the home side a boost, but never panicking Cork responded in the form of a Rena Buckley pointed free. With play swinging from end to end both defence had to work hard and it was Cork who got the vital break when Limerick goal keeper Ciara Kelleher's initial save was smartly finished

to the net by Aine Watson in the 12th minute.

Three unanswered points from Mary Coleman (2) and Tina Shanahan saw Cork take control and then Mary Coleman struck for two goals.

CORK: M Murphy, L Hawkes, M Nyhan, E Dunne, E Waters, R Buckley, O Cotter, A Geary, S Downing, M Crowley, H O'Regan, O Coughlan, M Coleman, T Shanahan, A Watson; subs: S Cunningham for H O'Regan, M Corkery for E Dunne, C Dillon for M Crowley, A M Sheehan for L Hawkes, S Sexton for O Cotter

St Mary's aim for national title

THE camogie academy of St Mary's, Charleville are preparing for Saturday's All-Ireland Junior A final against Portumna College in Nenagh (3.30p.m.)

Team captain Sinéad McAuliffe has been one of the many inspirational players in the side in the campaign. She will lead the side from centre forward with Fiona Chawke, Sinéad O'Connor, Mary O'Mahony, Anna Geary and Sarah Sexton expected to perform.

Portumna will draw on experienced Galway players like Triona Byrne, Rachel O'Brien, Serena O'Brien and Martina Conroy but are expecting a monumental battle to determine the experienced Avondhu school, that has made this competition its own recently.

By RIOBARD LOTT
Colleges Camogie

Loreto, Youghal

5-8

Árd Scoil, Bruff

0-2

Youghal won the inaugural Munster Colleges Junior C plate on Friday last with Claire O'Brien scoring 2-5 in a one sided tussle.

Katie Coakley, Catherine Mason and Cork minor Shona Cunningham also scored for Loreto with Una Foley adding two points. Youghal have also qualified to meet Middleton in the Cork Colleges Junior C final.

Coachford College defeated Presentation, Athenry in the Senior B All-Ireland final by virtue of a late Ciara Murphy goal and an expertly

converted free on the stroke of full time by top scorer Mary Buckley. Athenry dominated the first half yet Coachford battled well in the second period and when Buckley got on form the travelling Muskerry side began to dominate. Joan Twomey, Margaret McCarthy, Niamh O'Connell and in particular Edel O'Sullivan — now acting as a third midfielder to curtail Krystal Ruddy — started to assert themselves. A missed penalty, three disallowed goals and some irregular refereeing decisions failed to disrupt Coachford and when Murphy scored the equalising goal, the roar from the considerable crowd was immense. Christine and Margaret Cosgrave, Louise Roche, Emma Healy and Fiona Buckley played well for Coachford.



FIONNULA DORE: Can play a major part in final.

National Congress held in style

Successful camogie congress in Arklow

Mark KENNEDY

RIVERDANCERS from the Breda O'Connor school, Comhaltas musicians from Aughrim, and balladeers from Kiltegan sent camogie delegates home from their annual Congress in Arklow in a jubilant mood at the weekend.

The dancers from Arklow and Wicklow, the musicians and singers were performing at the concluding banquet of the weekend Camogie Congress in the Arklow Bay Conference and Leisure Hotel and they were a fitting finale to what was a superbly organised Congress by Wicklow County Camogie Board.

Ms. Breda Byrne, chairperson of the Congress organising committee, said that staging the Congress in Co. Wicklow was something that she had in her heart for many years; now she was glad that they finally did it and did it in some style too.

Miriam O'Callaghan, the new National President of the Camogie Association of Ireland, thanked Wicklow County Board on behalf of the Congress delegates for the marvellous welcome they had received and for the organisation that Wicklow had put into this year's annual Congress, the County Board making sure that it was a truly memorable occasion for all of them.

The contest for the Presidency was between Miriam O'Callaghan from Offaly and Helen McAleeve from Co. Down with the Offaly woman being elected by a 39 votes to 27 margin. During her term of office Miriam O'Callaghan will lead the Camogie Association in celebrating its centenary next year and then in forging a strategic alliance with the GAA and the Women's Football Association which has been under discussion for



■ Arklow Mayor Pat Sweeney with Breda Byrne, Pat Rafferty, Miriam O'Callaghan and Winnie O'Hanlon at the National Camogie congress in the Arklow Bay Hotel.



■ Catriona O'Brien, Susan Breslin and Melissa Kavanagh who danced at the camogie ball in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

some time.

Congress heard that it is costing the Camogie Association a lot of money to stage its All-Ireland final in Croke Park as the event only attracts 15,000 spectators when 40,000 is needed for Croke Park to break even.

Civic reception

Mr. Victor O'Shaughnessy was the master of ceremonies for Saturday's night Congress Banquet in the Arklow Bay Hotel, while earlier in the evening the Town Council hosted a civic reception for their guests with presentations being made to outgoing President Pat Rafferty and incoming president Miriam O'Callaghan, and Fr.

Liam Dunne led in the Celebration of Mass in the hotel for the delegates on Saturday evening.

Mr. Victor O'Shaughnessy said that they were extremely honoured indeed to have been able to host the Camogie Congress in County Wicklow for the first time ever. It was fitting that the Congress was being held in Arklow, the town where camogie had its roots in Wicklow and was introduced to the county nearly 100 years ago. Camogie had thrived in Co. Wicklow ever since.

Breda Byrne, chairperson of the organising committee, expressed thanks to all involved with the successful running of the Congress, thanking

particularly their many sponsors led by Wicklow County Council and RKL. Ten Past Presidents of Camogie attended the Banquet including Sheila McNulty from Co. Down who is 87 years old. Wicklow Camogie Board made presentations to outgoing President Pat Rafferty and incoming president Miriam O'Callaghan, as well as to a number of honorary Presidents including Molly Hollingsworth from Co. Wicklow.

The banquet was also addressed by Cllr. Vincent Blake, chairman of Wicklow County Council, and attended by Donal McGillicuddy, chairman of the County Board GAA.



■ Winnie O'Hanlon presents flowers to Molly Hollingsworth at the camogie ball in the Arklow Bay Hotel.



■ Sinead and Margaret O'Toole were at the camogie ball in the Arklow Bay Hotel.



■ Helen Farrell and Mary Kelly were at the camogie ball in the Arklow Bay Hotel.



■ Patricia Whelan and Anne Dowling were at the Camogie ball in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

College Colleens

The month of April traditionally belongs to the colleges and this year several new names have popped up on the scene. By Máire Uí Scoláir

St. Mary's Charleville will not feature in the All-Ireland senior 'A', a first since 2001 and prior to 2000 they appeared in and won four consecutive senior All-Irelands. Charleville were going for their seventh overall title this season until Coláiste Bride of Enniscorthy put paid to that in the semi-final while St. Patrick's Maghera overcame Portumna Community School of Galway in the second semi-final. Whether it is Maghera or Enniscorthy who put their name on Corn Sceilge, it will be history as neither school have ever won the title.

Back in '98 and again in '99 the girls from the sunny south east met up with Charleville in the final but victory went down South on both occasions. However, the burning question is who's year will 2003 be? While Charleville and Portumna are out of the senior final they will battle for the junior 'A' title, while St. Fergals of Rathdowney will try and capture a first junior 'B' title from Holy Rosary School of Mountbellew. Coachford Community School of Cork and either Presentation Athenry or St. Louis Ballymena will capture the senior 'B' title.

St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's of Maghera have certainly hit the headlines so far this year with the girls having won the senior Ulster title and likewise the boys defeated old rivals St. Mary's Magherafelt in the McRory Cup Final. Unfortunately their hurlers were defeated in the Ulster Final thus denying the school of a hat-trick of Ulster titles this season. It could be Maghera's marvels this season but camogie wise the Enniscorthy girls stand in the way.

With such success it is easy to see that extra curricular activities are an important aspect of this Derry school. Each year eighteen different teams compete in Gaelic Football, Camogie and Hurling, no mean achievement. The 'Back Pitch' became the scene of many great training sessions over the years and it brings back many sporting memories to a lot of past pupils. The School also has a big interest in Athletics.

Back in 1994 St. Patrick's reached their first and only senior All-Ireland Camogie final, but on the day St. Mary's Nenagh were triumphant. Coaching the team that day were Anne Quinn and Ann Kelly who know a thing or two about camogie teams. Vice principal Ann Kelly summed it all up very neatly when she said "If you could win an All-Ireland this year I would retire happy!"

Nurturing of Sport

Maghera is no ordinary school catering for approx. 1400 pupils, 50% of which are girls. They have many famous Gaelic games teachers among the staff, Dermott McNicholl of Derry football fame, as well as Sean Marty Lockhart and Camogie coach Caitríona Scott (nee Higgins) who among her souvenirs has a precious All-Ireland junior medal from '97. Assisting Caitríona on this occasion is Anne Quinn who while teaching in the MLD Unit in St. Patrick's for thirteen years still has time for

camogie. Like her counter part she too played and was lucky enough to win a Purcell Cup Medal with St. Mary's of Belfast in 1982. She is now a member of the well known Derry club Michael Davitts of Swatragh. St. Patrick's College, Maghera, Principal Sean McElwee is delighted with the progress of the team as he explained: "It is indeed an outstanding achievement for our girls to have reached this All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final. At St. Patrick's we are very proud this year of the successes in camogie, hurling and football, where five provincial trophies are on display in the college trophy cabinet. I salute the commitment of team members and their coaches and the support of parents of our players which has made these successes possible. We warmly welcome today our many supporters once again, hopefully in full voice, and cheering on our senior camogie team. In wishing our girls success it is my hope that the final will be an enjoyable occasion for them and for all of our school community and supporters."

Sponsorship plays a big part

No sporting organisation can reach great heights these days without the invaluable assistance of sponsorship. Maghera, have received great support from both within the school, starting with Principal Sean McElwee, the many clubs in the county and Antrim clubs as well. However, their main sponsors to whom they are very grateful are Super Valu who are providing the polo shirts for the girls while Emerald Sportswear have seen to it that the girls will be well kitted out on the day in smart track suit tops.

Other sponsors are Cloane Fireplaces and Granaghan Fire Places, who can be visited at: www.Fireplacesni.com as well Brian Mc Nicholl & Sons who both have been very generous to Maghera. To carry all the necessary gear Bob Mullan Motors will provide the gear bags. Other sponsors are: Lomic Manufacturing, Roger A Quinn Garages, T Mackle Building Supplies, Diamond & Hughes Architects, Glassnevin Developments Ltd.

According to P.E. teacher Caitríona Scott: "People have been so good with sponsorship, I am deeply grateful to all of them, it means a lot to us," commented the teacher who is hoping that Maghera can become the second ever Ulster School to bring the



The St. Patrick's Maghera camogie panel

Corn Sceilge to Ulster. Like their opponents in Enniscorthy, some of the girls that go to play in this final have strong Gaelic connections. Claire Quinn is a niece of Sarah Ann Quinn who won a junior All-Ireland medal with Derry in '78. Sarah, who also played colleges camogie was a most skillful player to watch.

It was a joy to see her take a sideline ball, because she knew exactly what to do with on almost each occasion. It was often said that Sean O'Connell was one of Derry's finest footballers never to have won a senior All-Ireland medal, well his niece Breige Convery who also plays with the county will try for her first All-Ireland medal this month. For the 34 strong panel it would be a dream come true, but win or lose the teachers, parents and supporters who have given so much of their time will have given a huge gift to these young girls, a love of sport.

The entire panel is: Éilís O'Doherty, Niamh Bradley, Jane Kelly, Michelle Mc Manus, Aileen Mullan (Vice capt), Ceara Cushnahan (capt.), Ceire Quinn, Breige Convery, Alana Ward, Andrea O'Kane, Gemma Heaney, Claire Quinn, Brenda Kidd, Claire Mc Cloy, Colleen Kearney, Anita Mc Nicholl, Anne Kelly, Orla Carey, Cathy Fullerton, Catherine Kennedy, Joan Quinn, Catriona Kelly, Edel Henry, Shauna McCrystal, Anne Marie Kiehl, Joanne Quinn, Judette O'Hagan, Michaela Hegarty, Oonagh Mc Mullan, Bronagh Scullion, Oonagh Carmichael and Claire Mc Peake.

The sunny south east, Enniscorthy girls

The sun shone very bright recently one day in Belfield, Enniscorthy when Coláiste Bride of Enniscorthy pulled off a stroke of magic when they overcame that fine camogie nursery called St. Mary's of Charleville in the All-Ireland semi-final. However, they very much like Maghera want to carve a special slice of history for their school by becoming the first team from the school to win a senior All-Ireland Camogie title.

An all girls school of 750 pupils they cater for all sports and to date they have captured the Leinster senior title on nine occasions as well as six junior titles. They have also added two Leinster football titles at both senior and junior. The P.E. teacher behind this Coláiste Bride team is Elva Moriarty who has been on the school staff since the mid nineties. However, recently she has got some good advice from that well known hurler Martin Storey who hopes that his young thirteen year old daughter Ciara has a good story to tell in years to come.

'68 Wexford's year

Back in '68 Wexford Camogie and Wexford hurlers made history when the camogie team on their first ever visit to Croke Park brought the O'Duffy Cup back Slaney Side, while the hurlers also won the McCarthy Cup. On that hurling team were the likes of Mick Jacob, who's daughter Ursula will see action in the final as well as Ciara O'Connor, daughter of the well known Teddy O'Connor who was also on the famous '68 team. On the camogie team of '68 was Margaret O'Leary, (now Leacy) whose daughters Una and Mary are expected to play an important part in the final.

Riverside Hotel

As you drive through picturesque Enniscorthy a fine hotel called The Riverside Hotel always looks appealing where the manager Jim Maher and co have certainly looked after these young girls. As their main sponsor they have provided almost all the needs of the girls and also supply them with meals after matches and should Corn Sceilge rest in Enniscorthy in 2003 the celebratory meal will be supplied. Not bad. It is great to see camogie getting this great recognition from all sponsors and in particular with Cumann Camógahta na nGael celebrating one hundred years next season, it would be marvellous to see more sponsorship coming on board to all aspects of the Association.

Ciara O'Connor

The responsibility of captaincy falls lightly on the shoulders of Ciara O'Connor of Teddy O'Connor fame and when you talk to this young camogie player the enthusiasm for the game comes through very quickly. "It would be something very special to capture the first senior camogie title, it would be great for all the girls who have put so much into training in the last while," commented a confident Ciara. "I think it would be an unreal feeling to bring that cup back here, it would be great for the county, and for our teacher Elva who tried to instill in us that we could win a senior title." Make no mistakes about this team, they have a lot of talent on the panel. This included some of the players who have won Feile na nGael medal with the famous Oulart the Ballagh team of the past few years. Players like Karen Atkinson, are hoping that they can capture what her sister Colleen was not lucky enough to win. In her very first year on this team she has so far managed to win a Leinster senior medal but would like to add one more this year to that collection. Like their opponents, Maghera, the Enniscorthy deputy head teacher Mr. Guinan is full of praise for the support from the clubs around the county. "They have been great to us as has our school management who are fully behind this great team and we will hope they can do their best on the day," commented Mr. Duignan.

For the record the entire Coláiste Bride panel is: Ciara Storey, Ruth Walsh, Aisling Hogan, Karen Atkinson, Stacey Redmond, Mary Leacy, Tracey McCormack, Brona Furlong, Ciara O'Connor (capt), Louise Codd, Ursula Jacob, Sarah Darcy, Anna Murphy, Jacqui Codd, Una Leacy, Deirdre Codd, Olivia Murphy, Tracey Breen, Aine Devereux, Emma Moran, Siona Nolan, Jenny O'Leary, Aileen Doyle, Ann-Marie Foley, Mary Breen, and Karen Murphy.

Fixtures:

Sat. April 5th: Colleges senior 'A' All-Ireland final: Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy v St. Patrick's Maghera

'B' Coachford Community School, Cork v Presentation Athenry /St. Louis Ballymena Sat. April 12th: Colleges Junior All-Ireland finals: Junior 'A' St. Mary's Charleville v Portumna Community School

Junior 'B' St. Fergal's Rathdowney v Holy Rosary School, Mountbellew.

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A FIRST FOR OFFALY

WICKLOW, the Garden of Ireland, a county well known through the Irish Patriot Charles Stewart Parnell, and singer Thomas Moore went on the map for a major camogie first the hosting of Congress 2003 in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

Back in the year 1998 Cathaoirleach of the Congress Committee Breda Byrne was at Congress in neighbouring Wexford when the idea came to her how great it would be if Wicklow could host the prestigious event and so the seed was sown.

The Arklow Bay Hotel was the place where Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael elected a new Uachtarán, Miriam O'Callaghan, who will see us into the next camogie century. Pádraicín Ní Raifeartaigh, the outgoing Uachtarán had been very fortunate to have held office in a very enlightening three years, a time where many major decisions and changes occurred. A former Dublin All-Ireland winner Pat over saw major changes such as the adoption of the fifteen a-side game, playing rules changes and a major restructuring of the senior championship.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR AN TUACHTARÁN

The highlights for the Uachtarán were many, but without a doubt the changes to the playing aspect were a big thing "it was a very historic move for us from the twelve a-side to the fifteen a-side game but many other events were very memorable for me too" commented Pat. Féile na nGael in Ulster made a big impression personally on the Uachtarán, "it was great to see so many young people walking in Belfast heading for Casement Park --- the players of tomorrow". The Uachtarán further went on to say "for me the memories are many, days such as the unveiling of a plaque down in the Croagh Kilfinny club in Limerick dedicated to the late Helen Sheehy Fitzgerald, who years previously set the seed for a camogie pitch in Kilfinny and the emergence of minor teams such as Laois and Limerick".

"While I saw a great many matches during my three years a particular match that stood out for me was the Minor All-Ireland 'B' semi-final between Laois and Clare in 2000. The Banner County looked most impressive in the opening half scoring three goals, but the young Laois lions did not let it get to them, they settled, came back into the game and took the necessary scores to beat Clare and eventually put Laois on the All-Ireland podium for the first time ever."

"Last September's All-Ireland Junior Championship Final between Cork and the winners Kilkenny had some great passages of camogie. I could not forget the great Tipperary team of the last few years, they certainly put camogie on the map in a fine



Miriam O'Callaghan ... new president

way", while the Uachtarán mentions certain counties she has been to a huge number of events large and small and learnt something different from each occasion.

The challenges facing the new Uachtarán are many as we face into our next century, it is certain to be one of major change particularly the integration with our sister organisations, Cumann Luthchleas Gael and Cumann Peil na mBan. The new President is likely to have one of the busiest years ever next season as the celebrations for the centenary come on board.

It is most likely that hot on the agenda will be the integration of the three Gaelic organisations under one umbrella and the recently launched Pilot Project scheme which gets under way this month in the eight chosen counties, Tyrone, Down, Galway, Roscommon, Wexford, Laois, Tipperary and Limerick.

Miriam, has played for her county, was very much behind Offaly making their first ever All-Ireland final trip in 2001. She is also a former intercounty referee who is now spearheading the Referee's committee. She also served the Faithful County as a most efficient P.R.O.

CONGRESS GETS GAA ASSISTANCE

With so much talk at present regarding the

integration of all three sporting Gaelic organisations it is great to see the close co-operation that has gone into this Congress with the Wicklow GAA Board.

DELIGHTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE

Wicklow camogie, a small county in terms of camogie are delighted with the assistance they have received and indeed I saw that for myself when I visited this committee one night down in Baltinglas, with Jimmy Dunne, Wicklow GAA secretary and Leinster Official giving his help to the meeting.

August 2002 Wicklow camogie secretary Patricia Whelan canvassed all twenty one Wicklow County Councillors, and the result was that Wicklow County Council became the main sponsor. Mildred Fox, a Wicklow County Councillor, T.D. and a former camogie player, Billy Timmins and Jimmy O'Shaughnessey were among those who learnt their support.

While the GAA have given great assistance Patricia Whelan and the committee have set a first for Congress with the setting up of a Web Site. Aimed initially at the Congress, however it is there to bring Wicklow camogie into the real 21st century and can be found at: WWW.wicklow-camogie.ie

Camogie Chat with Mary Newman

WITHOUT doubt pride of place must go to the ladies of Coachford College who created their own piece of history by capturing the All Ireland Colleges Senior 'B' title at the expense of Presentation Athenry.

They showed great determination as they came from behind to snatch victory with four minutes remaining. Ciara Murphy hand passed goal levelled matters and Mary Buckley duly obliged with a pointed free to bring the title to Mid Cork. Well done to all concerned but in particular to former Sarsfields hurler Rob Lott who has given trojan service to the game in his beloved academy.

The journey to Wexford was a winning one as the senior and junior teams took national league points. The seniors have improved with every game and on Sunday anybody present will agree that their striking and general play was superb. By virtue of the victory the senior's will now contest the league semi final on Easter Sunday when either Tipperary or Dublin will provide the opposition.

Another display of superb free taking from Amanda O'Regan helped the junior team in no small way on the road to victory. As only one team go forward from this section to the play off stages, Galway who are undefeated secure that spot, its tough on a Cork side that only suffered one defeat in their campaign. The junior team have a back game to play against Offaly but as both are out of contention it remains to be seen if it has to take place this weekend.

St Catherine's secured their place in the junior 'A' league final when they proved to strong for Sarsfields on Sunday last. It was a big surprise that the Conna side were up and able to face Sars early on Sunday morning after the great success at Aintree on Saturday. Certainly when I made contact with the club secretary Rena O'Leary's home that evening the village was in full swing, well done to all concerned the connection is strong in the camogie club as John Mangan is one of their leading lights.

Sad to hear of the death of Inniscarra president Paddy Keohane always one to air his views Paddy was a regular attendee at all Inniscarra camogie games and on hand in Ballyanley to greet visiting teams, sympathy is extended to his wife, family and to his beloved Inniscarra.

Championship draws were on the agenda on Monday night and they went as follows: Senior, Milford v Barryroe, Imokilly v Glen Rovers, Bishopstown v Inniscarra, Courcy Rovers v St Finbarr's, Cloughduv v UCC, Fr O'Neills v Carbery, Carrighoun v Seandun, Muskerry v winners of Bishopstown v Inniscarra. Certainly plenty of ties here to whet the appetite with the game of the championship surely the meeting of county champions Cloughduv and UCC, College are back in the championship after a lapse of over twenty years while the champions are going for three in a row, many of the Cloughduv players have lined out with UCC in their Ashbourne campaign and that promises to be one not to be missed.

The senior 'B' draw is as follows Kilbrittan v Ballygarvan, Eire OG v Aghabullogue, Newtownshandrum v Ballinacorney, Carrigaline v Newcestown.

In Junior 'A' St Vincent's v Sarsfields, Valley Rovers v Watergrasshill, Douglas v St Catherine's, Killeagh v winners Valley Rovers / Watergrasshill.

A celebration night will be held at St Finbarr's on Saturday night for the victorious Cork teams who won Munster Intermediate, Junior and Minor honours, earlier in the year the senior side enjoyed a great celebration and no doubt the younger teams will do likewise tickets at €10 are still available from the county chairperson Marion Mc Carthy or any county board officer.

No winner of the lotto numbers drawn 20.21.23.24

Until next week.....

UCC Sports Star Awards

Una O'Donoghue (Camogie)
Lissarda, Physiology IV. During last 12 months Una has captained Cork to all Ireland Senior Championship, her home club Cloughduv to Cork Senior Championship and was a prominent member of this year's Intervarsity League and Ashbourne Cup winning team.

Una O'Dwyer (Camogie)
Cashel, Food Technology IV. During last 12 months captained her home club Cashel to All Ireland final, Tipperary to All Ireland Senior final (losing to Cork) and was captain of this year's double viz UCC camogie team. Holder of UCC Sports Scholarship.

DO YOU KNOW . . .

- That Mary and Una Leary of Coláiste Bride are daughters of one of Camogie's finest exponents, Margaret O'Leary. Margaret was honoured with a Gaelic All-Stars award, won three All-Ireland Senior medals with Wexford, five All-Ireland club championship medals with her home club, Buffers Alley and one with Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin. She was an automatic choice for Leinster for over a decade.
- That Ursula Jacob is a daughter of Mick Jacob who won an All-Ireland Senior hurling medal with Wexford in 1968 and was honoured with All-Star awards on three occasions.
- That Sarah Darcy's grandfather, John Darcy, played for Wexford. Her aunt, Mairead Darcy, won All-Ireland Senior camogie medal with Wexford in 1975.
- That Ciara O'Connor, Coláiste Bride, is a daughter of former Wexford hurler, Teddy O'Connor.
- That nine of today's Coláiste Bride panel won All-Ireland Féile na nGael medals in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002
- That Clara Storey is a daughter of former Wexford hurler and three-times All-Star winner Martin Storey.
- That Coláiste Bride have two sets of sisters and three first cousins on the panel.

CLÁR AN LAE SÓISEAR B

2.00 p.m.

COLÁISTE NA CORÓINE MUIRE, AN CREAGÁN

Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew

V

COLÁISTE FHEARGHAIL NAOFA, RÁTH DOMHNAIGH

St Fergal's College, Rathdowney

Réiteoir: RITA MHIC CRAITH

SÓISEAR A

3.30 p.m.

SCOIL NAOMH MUIRE, RÁTH LUIRC

St Mary's Secondary School, Charleville

V

POBALSCOIL PORT OMNA

Portumna Community School

Réiteoir: RÓISÍN MHIC GABHANN

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FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

Is breá ar fad liom é fíor-chaoi fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógafocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Imreoirí den chéad scoth a bheidh ar an bpáirc, agus táimid ag trúth le sár-chluichí idir Portumna Community School agus St. Mary's, Charleville agus idir Holy Rosary, Mountbellew agus St. Fergal's, Rathdowney.

I am delighted to welcome you all to this afternoon's All-Ireland Colleges Junior Finals. I extend a special welcome to St. Fergal's, Rathdowney who are contesting their first All-Ireland final. The three other contestants have previously savoured the atmosphere of All-Ireland Day. All four schools will bring colour, enthusiasm and flair to the occasion.

Portumna Community School and St. Mary's, Charleville renew acquaintance in the Junior A Final. These sides have met at various stages and grades in the past. So far Charleville have had the edge. Both sides impressed in the semi-finals and will, no doubt, treat us all to an exhibition of top class camogie.

Holy Rosary, Mountbellew won the All-Ireland Colleges Junior title in 1997. Today will be a new experience for the girls of St. Fergal's. Tremendous strides have been made in the development of the game in County Laois in recent years culminating in lifting the All-Ireland Minor B crown in 2000.

The Colleges Finals mark a special day on the camogie calendar. The games are played in a wonderful sporting manner and the high level of skill and fitness is a tribute to the coaches who give so unselfishly of their time in organising and training the teams during the busy school year. In this regard I congratulate Pat Kelly (Portumna), Vincent Harrington and Ann-Marie O'Keefe (Charleville), Orla Mannion (Mountbellew) and Fergal Ryan on guiding their teams to today's finals.

To all the teachers who coach our game throughout the country, I say a sincere Thank You. The Camogie Association is heavily indebted to you. Ba mbaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na hoifigigh, na réiteoirí, na múinteoirí agus le gach duine ar son a gcabhrach.

Guím gach rath ar na himreoirí uile atá ar pháirc na himeartha inniu agus oraibh go léir.

Máire Ní Mhóráin
Uachtarán

TODAY'S FINALISTS

PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Camogie success is a relatively recent phenomenon in Portumna Community School who won their first Connacht Senior A title in 1999. The school has appeared in the four subsequent finals, winning in 2001, 2002 and 2003, giving a historic three-in-a-row. The Connacht 1st year A-title was won for the first time in 2001, and retained in 2002. The bulk of today's team comes from these first-year winning teams.

The Connacht Junior A title was added in 2002 and retained in 2003. The Connacht 7-side title was won in 2001. This is a second All-Ireland Final appearance for the School and a first for our Junior team.

Past and present students have worn the Maroon and White of Galway with distinction.

ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Camogie was introduced to St Mary's in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork County titles, St Mary's have won 47 Munster Colleges A titles and have 25 all-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. The first of these was in 1986 when they collected their first All-Ireland Junior title and retained their crown in 1987. They won the Junior title in 1994, 1995, 1999, 2001 and 2002. St Mary's have enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland Sevens Competition, claiming the title on twelve occasions.

Charleville are indebted for much of their success to their local clubs, namely Ballyagran, Ballyhea, Charleville, Granagh-Ballingarry, Kilmallock, Milford and Newtownshandrum.

Much credit is due to trainers Anna Marie O'Keefe, Vincent Harrington and Gerard O'Donovan.

ST FERGAL'S, RATHDOWNEY

Camogie first appeared at St Fergal's in 1991. Although new to the scene, St Fergal's have been successful both in Laois championships and at Provincial level.

Having been beaten in a number of finals, St Fergal's finally made the breakthrough in 2001 when the Senior B team defeated Birr to win their first Leinster final. Later they were defeated by Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe in the All-Ireland semi-final.

This year the school went one better by reaching their first All-Ireland final. The school's success has been built on the success of local clubs, St. Brigid's and The Harps.

HOLY ROSARY COLLEGE, MOUNTBELLEW

Holy Rosary College already hold an All-Ireland Junior 'A' title and make their third appearance in an All-Ireland Post-Primary School's Final. With the skill and talent of many players it will hopefully be a successful one.

The School has a very impressive record since camogie was first introduced in the late sixties with numerous Junior Colleges Championships and two Senior Colleges Championships to date.

Holy Rosary has produced over the years some fine Inter-County players including Martina Harkin, Orla Kilkenny, Paula Carrick, Rebecca Lally and Lorraine Lally.

Much credit must go to Orla Mannion, the Manager, Michael Nee, Sr Assumpta and Mr John Fahey, our Principal, for their help and in particular to Orla Mannion for all her dedication and encouragement.

Provincial Results and Scores 2003

CONNACHT

Senior A	Portumna Community School	2-11	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	3-07
Senior B	Presentation, Athenry	2-03	Vocational, Athenry	1-03
Junior A	Portumna Community School	3-05	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-05
Junior B	Holy Rosary, Mountbellew	3-07	Seamount, Kinvara	2-00

ULSTER

Senior A	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	2-02	St. Patrick's, Maghera	2-04
Senior B	St. Louis, Ballymena	9-03	St. Malachy's, Castlewellsan	0-00
Junior A	St. Patrick's, Dungannon	2-00	St. Patrick's, Maghera	11-03
Junior B	St. Patrick's, Keady	0-01	Cross and Passion, Ballycastle	3-07

MUNSTER

Senior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	6-09	Loreto, Fermoy	0-05
Senior B	Coachford College	4-07	Presentation, Bandon	0-07
Junior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	4-13	St. Mary's, Nenagh	3-02
Junior B	Presentation, Bandon	1-10	Borrisoleigh	2-01

LEINSTER

Senior A	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	St. Brigid's, Callan
Senior B	Vocational School, Borris	St. Rynagh's
Junior A	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	Loreto, Kilkenny
Junior B	Presentation, Wexford	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney

All-Ireland Semi-Finals

SENIOR A	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	3-10	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-04
	St. Patrick's College, Maghera	2-05	Portumna Community School	2-02
SENIOR B	Presentation College, Athenry	6-13	St. Louis Grammar, Ballymena	0-01
	Coachford College, Co. Cork	3-07	Vocational School, Borris	0-05
JUNIOR A	Portumna Community School	3-05	St. Patrick's College, Maghera	0-05
	St. Mary's, Charleville	1-13	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	2-05
JUNIOR B	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	0-05	Presentation, Bandon	0-05
	(Reply) St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	1-07	Presentation, Bandon	0-08

JUNIOR A ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE, CO. CORK

Navy and Sky Blue

1 Sinéad Ní Chonchúir Sinead O'Connor		
2 Fiona de Cailce Fiona Chawke	3 Sorcha Ní Mhathúna Sarah O'Mahoney	4 Siobhán Ní Laoire Siobhan O'Leary
5 Máire Ní Mhathúna Mary O'Mahoney	6 Edwina Ní Thuairisc Edwina Waters	7 Sorcha Ní Sheasnáin Sarah Sexton
8 Sionnan Ní Bhrosnacháin Shannon Brosnan		9 Áine Ní Ghadhra Anna Geary
10 Tina Ní Sheanacháin Tina Shanahan	11 Máire Ní Cholmáin Mary Coleman	12 Michelle Ní Chárthaigh Michelle McCarthy
13 Áine Ní Uait Aine Watson	14 Sinéad Ní Amhlaoibh Sinead McAuliffe	15 Fiona Ní Mhuireasa Fiona Morrissey

Ionadaithe:

- 16 Elaine Potter
- 17 Sinead Carroll
- 18 Marie Broderick
- 19 Lisa Fitzgerald
- 20 Aisling Thompson
- 21 Emma Kelly
- 22 Eileen O'Mahoney
- 23 Michelle O'Connor

Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE

SINEAD O'CONNOR (Mallow) is a very dependable goalie and was a member of the Cork Colleges U-14 team last year. Is capable of pulling off match winning saves.

SIOBHAN O'LEARY (Ballyhea) is a no-nonsense corner back who concedes very little while she is also a very good hurler.

SARAH O'MAHONY (Ballygran) is a very talented player and represents Limerick at Minor level. Is one of the most committed players on the team and drives her team forward time and time again.

FIONA CHAWKE (Granagh) is a very reliable defender and plays with Limerick Minor team. Daughter of the famous Bernie. Fiona is following in her mother's footsteps with her stylish displays on the field.

MARY O'MAHONY (Newtown) is a player of undoubted quality. Was an important player on last year's successful First Year team and also last year was on the Cork Colleges U-14 team.

EDWINA WATERS (Ballyhea) played Centre back on last year's Junior All-Ireland winning team. Edwina is a commanding presence in our back line and has represented Cork at county level.

SARAH SEXTON (Milford) is a skilful and stylish player. Is a key member of the all-conquering Milford team. Has improved throughout the year.

***ANNA GEARY** (Milford) is a very fast, skilful and hard-working midfielder. She has won All-Ireland medals at county and school level. Determined and always gives 100% for the team.

SHANNON BROSINAN (Kilmallock) is a hard-working and athletic midfielder. She plays both football and camogie at Inter-County level with Limerick. The one you can rely upon.

MICHELLE MCCARTHY (Granagh) is a younger sister of Amy who plays full back on the Senior team. Michelle is a very fast and talented forward. An unselfish player who sets up many scores.

MARY COLEMAN (Ballyhea) is a daughter of Geraldine who played inter-county camogie with Limerick. Mary has represented Cork and is considered a very fast, dangerous and elusive forward.

TINA SHANAHAN (Newtown) is a very committed player who can play in a number of positions and still play well. Already holds two All-Ireland Junior Medals.

AINE WATSON (Milford) is following in her sister's footsteps in being another dangerous attacker. Possesses an excellent first touch and has great vision. One to watch!

SINEAD McAULIFFE (Ballygran) captains the side. Has immense talent and skill. Will definitely be a danger to any defence. Is a current Limerick. Watch and learn!

FIONA MORRISSEY (Granagh) is an excellent corner forward who has an eye for goal. A member of the Limerick Minor team and capable of scoring when given half a chance.

ELAINE POTTER (Granagh) is a good tight back who won't make life easy for any opposing forward. Was a member of last year's Junior All-Ireland winning panel.

***SINEAD CARROLL** (Milford) is a very reliable defender. She holds numerous County Medals with her club. Was a member of last year's Junior All-Ireland winning panel.

***MARIE BRODERICK** (Milford) played corner back on this year's Junior Munster winning side and is a very important member of the panel. She has numerous County Medals with her club.

LISA FITZGERALD (Ballygran) is a very skilful defender who possesses excellent stickwork. One of the most talented performers, who continues to improve.

***AISLING THOMPSON** (Milford) is a very talented and exciting young forward and plays with the Cork Colleges U-14 team.

EMMA KELLY (Granagh) She is a very dedicated member of the panel. Is a tough defender who can make life difficult for the opposing forward.

EILEEN O'MAHONY (Newtown) was a key player in last year's First Year team and has continued to develop as a good player. Was on last year's Cork Colleges U-14 team.

MICHELLE O'CONNOR (Newtown) comes from a famous hurling family and is carrying on their proud tradition of good hurlers. Is a tough player who played very well in last year's successful First Year side.

* (4 times) Milford

JUNIOR A PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Green and White

1 Sinéad Ní Dhonnachadha Sinead Donoghue		
2 Donna Ní Chormacáin Donna Cormican	3 Máiread Ní Mhaonaigh Mairead Mooney	4 Amanda Ní Bhruadair Amanda Broderick
5 Serena Ní Bhriain Serena Brien	6 Miriam Ní Eidhin Miriam Hynes	7 Louise Ní Lorcáin Louise Larkin
8 Julie Ní Bhriain Julie Brien		9 Triona Ní Bhroin Triona Byrne
10 Sorcha Ní Chodhlaigh Sarah Kiely	11 Richael Ní Bhriain Richael O'Brien	12 Yvonne Ní Dhonghaile Yvonne Donnelly
13 Eimear Ní Ábhartaigh Emer Haverty	14 Martina Ní Chonraí Martina Conroy	15 Stephanie Ní Ógáin Stephanie Hoga

Ionadaithe:

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| 16 Orla Hayes | 20 Lorraine Keary |
| 17 Megan Moran | 21 Linda Moloney |
| 18 Helena Treacy | 22 Sinead Whyte |
| 19 Stacey Coen | 23 Anita Burke |

Pen Pictures: PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MIRIAM HYNES (Davitts) Connacht Colleges-2 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-14, 16, 18, Junior Community Games, Played for Galway U-14.

YVONNE DONNELLY (Davitts) Connacht Colleges-2 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-16, 18, Junior.

MAIREAD MOONEY (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-2 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 16, 18, Junior Community Games, Played for Galway U-14.

TRIONA BYRNE (Portumna) Connacht Colleges-2 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club Junior. Played for Galway U-14 and Minor.

RICHAEL O'BRIEN (Portumna) Connacht Colleges-2 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club Junior. Played for Galway U-14 and Minor.

SARAH KIELY (Portumna) Connacht Colleges-2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club Junior.

SINEAD DONOGHUE (Davitts) Connacht Colleges-2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 12, 13, 14.

DONNA CORMICAN (Portumna) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club Junior.

AMANDA BRODERICK (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 13, 16, Junior.

SERENA BRIEN (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 13, 16, Junior Community Games, Played for Galway U-14.

LOUISE LARKIN (Davitts) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior Club U-10, 12, 13, 14 Community Games.

JULIE BRIEN (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 13, 16, Junior Community Games, Played for Galway U-14.

EMER HAVERTY (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 13, 16, Junior.

MARTINA CONROY (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Senior, 2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 13, 16, Junior Community Games, Played for Galway U-14.

STEPHANIE HOGAN (Portumna) Connacht Colleges-2 Junior and 1 First Yr.

ORLA HAYES (Portumna) Connacht Colleges-2 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club Junior.

MEGAN MORAN (Portumna) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior.

HELENA TREACY (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10, 13, 16, Junior.

STACEY COEN (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior.

LORRAINE KEARY (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior and 1 First Yr.

LINDA MOLONEY (Davitts) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior.

SINEAD WHYTE (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges-1 Junior and 1 First Yr. Club U-10.

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JUNIOR B

ST. FERGA'S COLLEGE, RATHDOWNEY

Green and Red

1 Máire Nic Giollaphádraig Mary Fitzpatrick		
2 Sinéad Ní Shionaid Sinead Sinnott	3 Karen Ní Chuaigh Karen Cuddy	4 Treasa de Faoite Teresa Whyte
5 Máiréad Ní Ghráda Marian O'Grady	6 Eimear Ní Mhuineacháin Eimear Moynan	7 Linda Ní Mhaoileáin Linda Moylan
8 Fiona Ní Ghráda Fiona O'Grady	9 Miriam Ní Earchaí Miriam Harrison	
10 Amy Ní Néill Amy O'Neill	11 Eimear Ní Dhubhshláine Eimear Delaney	12 Máiréad Ní Cheallaigh Margaret Kelly
13 Sorcha Ní Bhuaigh Sarah Bowe	14 Áine Ní Mhathúna Aine Mahoney	15 Sinéad Ní Dhubhshláine Sinead Delaney
Ionadaithe:		
16 Lisa Ní Chuinleáin	Lisa Quinlan	
17 Máire Ní Shionaid	Marie Sinnott	
18 Eimear Ní Ghráda	Eimear O'Grady	
19 Lara Ní Fhogairt	Laura Fogarty	

Pen Pictures: COLÁISTE FHEARGHAIL NAOFA

- MARY FITZPATRICK** (St Brigid's) Usually plays in the backs but has made a smooth transition to the goals. She played brilliantly in the semi-final. Has won two county and two Leinster medals with St Fergal's.
- SINÉAD SINNOTT** (St Brigid's) Injured for the semi-final. Has won two county and two Leinster medals with St Fergal's.
- KAREN CUDDY** (St Brigid's) Plays full-back; very determined player. Has won two medals with her county and has represented Laois at Féile na nGael.
- TERESA WHYTE** (St Brigid's) Has won one county medal and has played in the All-Ireland Féile na nGael. Plays corner-back.
- MARIAN O'GRADY** (St Brigid's) Can play at mid-field also. Has won two Leinster medals with both school and county. Very competitive player.
- EIMEAR MOYNAN** (St Brigid's) Plays centre-back. Epitomises the character of this team. Has won two Leinster senior medals with St Fergal's.
- LINDA MOYLAN** (St Brigid's) Plays half-back or half-forward. Won U-14 Leinster medal with Laois and a Leinster medal with St Fergal's.
- FIONA O'GRADY** (St Brigid's) Won two U-14 Leinster, one Junior schools' football, one Senior Leinster medal and one Junior Leinster medal with St Fergal's. Fiona is free-taker and engine of the team.
- MIRIAM HARRISON** (St Brigid's) Inspirational captain all year. Very hard-working. Won four Leinster U-14 medals with Laois and has two Senior medals with St Fergal's.
- AMY O'NEILL** (St Brigid's) Plays half-forward. Has won one county medal and represented Laois at Féile na nGael.
- EIMEAR DELANEY** (St Brigid's) Talented centre-forward and very competitive. Has U-14 Leinster medal with county and Leinster senior medal with St Fergal's.
- MARGARET KELLY** (St Brigid's) Plays half-forward. Has won one county medal and one Leinster senior medal with St Fergal's.
- SARAH BOWE** (St Brigid's) Has won an U-16 county and Leinster medal with the school. Has played half-forward also.
- ÁINE MAHONEY** (Harps) Áine has shown great determination in recovering from a serious knee injury to take her place on the team. Has two All-Ireland club medals and three county medals.
- SINEAD DELANEY** (St Brigid's) Very versatile player who has played in the backs also. Has won U-14 shield and represented Laois at the All-Ireland Féile.
- LISA QUINLAN** (St Brigid's) Plays in the forwards. Won one Leinster senior medal with the school and represented Laois at All-Ireland Féile.
- MARIE SINNOTT** (St Brigid's) Plays in the forwards. Has won U-14 shield and represented Laois at All-Ireland Féile.
- EIMEAR O'GRADY** (St Brigid's) One of three sisters on the panel. Has won U-14 shield and represented Laois at the All-Ireland Féile.
- LAURA FOGARTY** (St Brigid's) Plays in the backs. Won U-14 shield and represented Laois at the All-Ireland Féile.

JUNIOR B

HOLY ROSARY COLLEGE, MOUNTBELLEW

Brown and Yellow

1 Aisling Ní Chonaill Aisling Connell		
2 Sinéad de Bride Sinead Briggs	3 Jenny Nic Giolla Mhuire Jenny Gilmore	4 Elaine Ní Fhlannabhra Elaine Flannery
5 Emma Nic Giolla Mhuire Emma Gilmore	6 Aisling Ní Cheallaigh Aisling Kelly	7 Aoife Ní Ghiollacheannaigh Aoife Kilkenny
8 Carmel Ní Fhlannabhra Carmel Flannery	9 Elaine Ní Shúilleabháin Elaine O'Sullivan	
10 Niamh Ní Ghiollacheannaigh Niamh Kilkenny	11 Tara Bhuinn Tara Wynne	12 Aoife Ní Dhíomasaigh Aoife Dempsey
13 Máire Ní Dhíomasaigh Mary Dempsey	14 Laura de Búrca Laura Burke	15 Ciara Misteall Ciara Mitchell

Ionadaithe:		
16 Máirín Nic Raghnaill	:	Marion Reynolds
17 Celine Ní Fhinn	:	Celine Finn
18 Aisling Ní Fhuilín	:	Aisling Fallon
19 Edel Ní Chordhuibh	:	Edel Cuniffe
20 Claire Nic Gabhann	:	Claire Smyth
21 Treasa Nic Gabhann	:	Therese Smyth
22 Martina Ní Aogáin	:	Martina Egan
23 Aisling Ní Ráin	:	Aisling Ryan

Pen Pictures: HOLY ROSARY COLLEGE

- CARMEL FLANNERY** (Peases) Centre Field. Connacht Title. U-18 Finalists. Junior finalists. U-14 Galway.
- NIAMH KILKENNY** (Peases) Forwards. U-10 County Final 1999. National Schools Mini Sevens 2001. Connacht Schools Title 2002 - 2003. Under-14 County Blitz with Galway.
- MARTINA EGAN** (Skehana/Menlough) Forwards. U-10 County Final 1998. Junior County Final Runners-up 2002. Junior Connacht Final 2003.
- AISLING CONNELL** (Peases) Goals. U-16. Ballymacward N.S. for 4 Years. Connacht Title with H.R.C. U-10 Runners-up. Schools Runners-up 1998.
- CLARE SMYTH** (Ahascragh) Forwards. Paddy Morton Cup 2000. Won the County Final 1998 Hurling.
- MARION REYNOLDS** (Moylough/Mountbellew) Forwards/Mid Field. Two Runner-up under age medals for club. U-14 Two county final medals. Two county final medals at Intermediate Level. Connacht Medal representing Galway. U-14 Connacht Colleges Medal.
- MARY DEMPSEY** (Moylough/Mountbellew) Forwards. U-10 Runners-up in 1997. U-13 Runners-up in 1997. U-14 Winners in 2001. U-14 County 'B' Team Runners-up 2001. Intermediate 'W' League winners in 2002.
- TARA WYNNE** (Peases) Forwards. Galway County U-14 All Ireland Comp 2001. County 'W' Championship Senior 2002. All-Ireland Club Championship Senior 2002. Junior Colleges Connacht Champions 2003. U-18 Finalists 2001. Junior Club Finalists 2002.
- AISLING RYAN** (Skehana/Menlough) Backs. 1997 Mini Sevens. 1997 Schools County Final. 1998 U-10 County Final. U-14 Connacht Blitz 2002.
- EDEL CUNIFFE** (Peases) Forwards. Connacht Title with H.R.C. U-10 Runners-up 1998. U-13 Runners-up 2000. School Runners up 1999 and 2000. Won Mini Sevens out. Mini Sevens Representing Galway.
- CELINE FINN** (Peases) Forward. Connacht Title with H.R.C. U-10 and U-13 County Runners-up in 1998 and 2000. School Runners-up in 1999 and 2000.
- SINEAD BRIGGS** (Moylough/Mountbellew) Right Half Back. Runners-up U-10 County Final. Winners of U-14 County Final. Winners of Intermediate League 2001/2002.
- AISLING KELLY** (Menlough/Skehana) Backs. U-10 Title 1998. Won out National School 7-a-side Hurling 2001. U-14 County Blitz 2002 with Galway. Runners-up National School 7-a-side Final 2001. Connacht Title with H.R.C.
- CIARA MITCHELL** (Menlough/Skehana) Forwards. 3 All-Ireland (County Camogie 2002). Connacht camogie (H.R.C. 2003). U-10 (Skehana 94-98). U-13 'B' (Skehana 98). Runners-up Camogie na mBunscoile 1995. Winners Camogie na mBunscoile 1997. Mini Sevens 97.
- ELAINE FLANNERY** (Peases) Backs. Connacht Title with school 2002/2003. 4 Runner-up County medals.
- JENNY GILMORE** (Mountbellew/Moylough) Backs. U-10 County Runners-up medal. U-13 County Runners-up medal. U-14 County Winners medal. Connacht Schools Title 2002/2003.
- EMMA GILMORE** (Mountbellew/Moylough) Backs. U-10 County Runners-up medal. U-13 County Runners-up medal. U-14 County Winners medal. Connacht Schools Title 2002/2003.
- LAURA BURKE** (Skehana/Menlough) Full Forward. Connacht Title H.R.C. 1997 Mini Sevens School. 1997 Schools County Final. U-10 County Final 1998. County U-14 Connacht Blitz 2002.
- AISLING FALLON** (Mountbellew/Moylough) Forwards. U-10 'B' Club Runners-up 1997. U-13 'B' Club Runners-up 2000. U-14 'B' Club Winners 2001. Intermediate and League Winners 2002. Won Carnival Cup with N.S. Won Mini Sevens with N.S.
- ELAINE O'SULLIVAN** (Mountbellew/Moylough) Midfield. U-10 'B' Club Runners-up 1997. Camogie na mBunscoile Winners 1997. Played with Mini Sevens in Croke Park 1997. U-13 'B' Club Runners-up 2000. First Year Camogie Player of the year. U-14 'B' club Winners 2001. Galway County U-14 Blitz Winners 2001. Intermediate 'W' League Winners 2002.
- AOIFE DEMPSEY** (Peases) Forward. 1 Connacht Title with H.R.C. 1 County medal. Junior Club Finalists 2002/2003. Runners up U-18 County Final.
- AOIFE KILKENNY** (Peases) Backs. Connacht Schools Title 2002/2003. Played with Galway in N.S. Mini Sevens. Runners-up County Final Medal Senior Club finalists 2002/2003. Runners-up U-18 'N' County Final 2001.
- THERESE SMYTH** (No club) Forward. 1 Connacht Title with H.R.C.

JUNIOR A FINALISTS



JUNIOR A FINALISTS - St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville



JUNIOR A FINALISTS - Portumna Community School

JUNIOR B FINALISTS



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Rob paid tribute this week to his players — who he described as a 'strong unit' with plenty of individually talented members.

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"I never saw them except in tracksuits or camogie gear," he said, "they looked lovely."

When the party adjourned to Hogan's in Coachford, the leaving certificate boys turned up and joined in the party.

"It was a great night and a great way of saying Thank You," said Rob.

"There are some other people we have to thank as well, and they are our sponsors: Macroom Credit Union, who sponsored our tracksuits; Ross Oil, who sponsored the jerseys and Margaret Griffin of Griffins Garden Centre, in Dripsey so they were all there too."

Coachford are now looking forward to three seasons in the Senior 'A' league. They had a minor setback on Tuesday, however, as they lost 2-7 to 5-7 to Charleville in the Senior A final.

Still, Rob had earlier in the day described Charleville as the best team in the country and he was happy with the performance.



Sinead Ni Riain, PE teacher at Coachford College makes a special presentation to Margaret McCarthy, a member of the schools All-Ireland camogie team at the special celebration dinner in the Castle Hotel, Blarney.



Coach of the Coachford College camogie team, Robert Lott, who brought an All-Ireland title to the school shows his delight.

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2003

All-Ireland champions

CORK 2-15
DUBLIN 0-1

By Mary Newman

DUBLIN provided little opposition as the All Ireland camogie champions comfortably advanced to a league final meeting with Tipperary.

Cork introducing Denise Cronin to the full back and the Glen Rovers players acquitted herself well. Cronin who missed last season's All-Ireland campaign through injury and illness and she could be the answer to the Cork defensive problem.

Cork were will in con-

trol and led at the break 0-8 to 0-1 with Orla O'Sullivan, Ciara Healy and Fiona O'Driscoll all performing well as Cork picked off their points.

Mary Hannon had one back for Dublin and indeed it was to be their only score of the game as the All Ireland champions closed down the Dublin attack totally through the second half.

Cork kept the pressure on through the second half and increased their lead thanks as points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Emer Dillon.

Any hopes of a Dublin revival were quashed

eighteen minutes into the second half when Orla O'Sullivan had the games opening.

Cork were now rampant with Una O'Donoghue, Gemma O'Connor, Elaine Burke and Fiona O'Driscoll firing over points.

Deep in injury time Sarah Hayes had Corks second goal as her side advanced with ease to a May 11 National League final meeting with Tipperary who recorded a 3-13 to 1-3 winning margin over Kilkenny in the second semi-final.

Teams — Cork: G Casey;

Big wins set up unbeaten Cork and Tipp for League decider

Cork
Dublin

2-15
0-1

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

CORK and Tipperary's unbeaten run in the National League means a repeat of last season's All-Ireland championship decider.

After both sides had comprehensive victories in yesterday's semi-finals, the final in two weeks time promises to be another titanic affair.

Cork met Dublin in the first of the double-headers at Mountrath and were in a good position at half-time

when they turned over leading by seven points.

For the Rebels the second-half picked up where the first left off with points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Emer Dillon before O'Sullivan flashed Cork's opening goal to the net. And when a Sara Hayes free went all the way to the net four minutes into injury time, the Cork girls were fair measure for their 2-15 to 0-1 victory.

Scorers for Cork: O'Sullivan 1-3, C. Healy 0-5 (0-1 free), S. Hayes 1-0, F. O'Driscoll 0-3 (0-1 45m 0-2 free), G. O'Connor, E. Dillon, U. O'Donoghue, E. Burke 0-1 each.
Dublin: M. Hannon 0-1.
CORK: G. Casey, J. O'Callaghan, D. Cronin, S.

Dunlea (capt): P. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes; G. O'Connor, V. Harris; J. O'Leary, E. Dillon, U. O'Donoghue; O. O'Sullivan, C. Healy, F. O'Driscoll.

Subs: R. Moloney for M. O'Connor (44 mins), E. Burke for U. O'Donoghue, L. O'Connell for J. O'Callaghan, C. Desmond for J. O'Leary, K. Corkery for F. O'Driscoll (all 47 mins).

DUBLIN: E. Butler; S. Byrne, S. Young, G. Flynn; A. McCluskey, L. O'Hara, S. Hanks; V. Reaney, M. Hannon; C. Burgess, S. Elliott, J. Draper; K. Blood, G. McCluskey, J. Donnelly.

Subs: C. Lucey for C. Burgess (20 mins), S. McNeale for V. Reaney (41 mins), S. Dillon for J. Draper (45 mins), P. Malcolmson for K. Blood (49 mins).

Referee: A. Lawlor (Westmeath).

Tipperary
Kilkenny

1-13
1-3

In the second semi-final Tipperary held all the aces.

They were quicker out of the blocks and had 1-3 inside the opening quarter. Aoife Neary had Kilkenny's first point on 19 minutes but they failed to score again until 11 minutes into the second-half. In between the Premier County had excellent points from Emer McDonnell, Joanne Ryan, Michelle Shortt and Louise Young.

Scorers for Tipperary: N. Kennedy 1-5 (0-1 45m,

0-4 frees), E. McDonnell 0-1, M. Shortt 0-3, J. Ryan 0-2, L. Young 0-2.

Kilkenny: M. Costello 1-2, A. Neary 0-1 (free).

TIPPERARY: D. O'Connell; S. Howard, C. Gaynor, M. Corcoran; S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, T. Brophy; P. Bullfin, P. Fogarty; M. Shortt, N. Kennedy, J. Ryan; E. McDonnell, C. Grogan, L. Young.

KILKENNY: C. Ryan; E. Lyng, G. Maher, C. Kinehan; M. Lawlor, E. Aylward, T. Miles; L. Lyng, P. Comerford; C. Doherty, A. Neary, M. Ryan; E. Dermody, M. Costello, J. Frisby.

● The Junior A Camogie Final between Killeagh and St. Catherines will take place at Castlemary today at 12 noon and not Castlelyons as previously advised. The Senior League Final between Milford and Cloughduv takes place at Mallow at 4 p.m.

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Cork meet Tipp in league decider

Cork
Dublin

2-15
0-1

by **Mary Newman**

THE Easter Sunday trip to Mount Rath provided little difficulty to All Ireland champions Cork who comfortably advanced to a league final meeting with the side they defeated in last September's final, Tipperary.

The Cork selectors rang the changes by introducing Denise Cronin to the full back position which had proved a problem spot. She performed well there.

Cork advanced with ease to a May 11 national league final meeting with Tipperary who recorded a 3-13 to 1-3 winning margin over Kilkenny in the second semi final.

Minor's win no easy victory

Cork
Waterford

1-12
0-1

by **Mary Newman**

DESPITE the scoreline, Cork were made to work hard before ensuring their place in the Munster Minor final. The holders and All Ireland champions led at the break 1-4 to no score having found the strong Waterford defence a handful.

Mary Coleman's goal was the cushion Cork needed. Points from Anna Geary, Aine Watson, Mary Colman and Orla Coughlan helped Cork to their interval lead. From the resumption of the second half, Cork extended their lead with points from outstanding captain Anna Geary, Emma Healy, Hazel O'Regan and Mary Coleman.

Waterford worked hard and showed great resistance, particularly in defence where Emma Hannon, Tanya Morrissey and goalkeeper Ashling O'Brien were superb. Aine Lyng point for Waterford but Cork maintained their control and ran out comfortable winners to book their place against a Tipperary side who recorded a 3-13 to 2 goal victory over Clare.

Cork will face a tough task if they are to retain their title against the strong Tipperary outfit and selector John Cronin was quick to point this out to his charges. "To be honest, we were not good today. Waterford were a big strong team particularly in defence and some of our side just did not want to know. We will have to improve enormously if we hope to retain our provincial crown. Tipperary are another strong physical side who will not be easily defeated," he warned.

Cork: M. Murphy, L. Hawke's, M. Nyhan, E. Dunne, E. Waters, R. Buckley, O. Cotter, A. Geary, S. Downing, E. Healy, H. O'Regan, O. Coughlan, S. Cunningham, A. Watson. Subs: M. Crowley for S. Cunningham, M. Corkery for S. Downing, D. Coomey for O. Coughlan, A. O'Riordan for O. Cotter, S. Donovan for E. Healy.
Referee: E. Browne, Tipperary



LEFT: Members of the Coachford College camogie team, winners of the All-Ireland Colleges senior 'B' final and the Munster Senior 'A' league pictured at their celebration dinner in the Castle Hotel, Blarney.

Cork demolish Dublin to reach league decider

J. O'Callaghan, D. Cronin, S. Dunlea (captain), P. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, G. O'Connor, V. Harris, J. O'Leary, E. Dillon, U. O'Donoghue, O. O'Sullivan, C. Healy, F. O'Driscoll. Subs: R. Moloney for M. O'Connor, E. Burke for U. O'Donoghue, L. O'Connell for J. O'Callaghan, C. Desmond for J. O'Leary, K. Corkery for F. O'Driscoll. Dublin: E. Butler; S. Byrne, S. Young, G. Flynn, A. McCluskey, L. O'Hara, S. Hanks, V. Reaney, M. Hannon, C. Burgess, S. Elliott, J. Draper, K. Blood, G. McCluskey, J. Donnelly. Subs: C. Lucey for C.

Burgess, S. McNeale for C. Reaney, S. Dillon for J. Draper, P. Malcolmson for K. Blood.
Referee: A. Lawlor (Westmeath).

CORK 1-12
WATERFORD 0-1

A TOUGH strong Waterford side made Cork work hard to book their place in the Munster minor final. The All-Ireland champions led at the break 1-4 to no score having found the strong Waterford defence a handful to break down. Mary Coleman had the Cork goal and it proved to

be a timely boost added to by points from Anna Geary, Aine Watson, Mary Colman and Orla Coughlan as Cork lead at the break.

Cork were determined from the resumption and extended their lead with points from captain Anna Geary, Emma Healy, Hazel O'Regan and Mary Coleman. Still Waterford battled on and should have had more to show for their efforts, but weakness up front was to prove costly against a Cork defence who were solid and determined.

Waterford showed great resistance in defence

Emma Hannon, Tanya Morrissey and goalkeeper Ashling O'Brien were superb. Aine Lyng point for to open their account but Cork maintained their control and ran out comfortable winners to book their place against a Tipperary side who recorded a 3-13 to two-goal victory over Clare.

Despite their winning margin Cork will face a tough task if they are to retain their title against the strong Tipperary outfit and selector John Cronin was quick to point this out to his charges.

"Waterford were a big

strong team particularly in defence and I was impressed by them. It was lucky for us that they were not as strong up front. We will have to improve enormously if we hope to retain our provincial crown as a performance such as today will not be good enough against Tipperary.

"They are another strong physical side who will not be easily defeated," warned Cronin.

Teams — Cork: M. Murphy; L. Hawkes, M. Nyhan, E. Dunne, E. Waters, R. Buckley,

O'Cotter, A. Geary, S. Downing, E. Healy, H. O'Regan, O'Coughlan, S. Cunningham, A. Watson. Subs: M. Crowley for S. Cunningham, M. Corkery for S. Downing, D. Coomey for O'Coughlan, A. O'Riordan for O'Cotter, S. Donovan for E. Healy. Waterford: A. O'Brien; P. Broderick, O. Heffernan, M. Heffernan, E. Hannon, T. Morrissey, R. Delahunty, J. Simpson, A. Lyng, S. Finn, R. Heelan, C. Keogh, A. Walsh, N. Bradley, L. O'Dowd.

Referee: E. Browne (Tipperary).

Rampant Rebels are too good for Dublin

Cork
Dublin

2-15
0-1

CORK were expected to win in this National League semi-final yesterday in Mountrath, but a victory of this lopsided nature no one could have predicted.

All Manager PJ Donoghue could offer as an explanation was that the Dublin clubs are in the middle of their championship and as a result, have not released their players for county training.

However, I believe that for this sudden decline there must be other internal dilemmas that need airing.

That is not Cork's problem — other than the fact that they are now in a National League final against Tipperary (who beat Kilkenny in the other semi-final) without a penultimate game.

Denise Cronin wore the number three shirt — a problematic post for the selectors since the de-



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parture of Eithne Duggan — and looked quite at home there. She had a fine game but is sure to receive a more testing hour against Tipperary in a couple of weeks.

Claire Grogan played at full-forward yesterday as Deirdre Hughes was unavailable, but she is certain to return to the fold for the final.

Sara Hayes lined out at wing-back, scoring Cork's second goal from an injury time free. Her start released Gemma O'Connor to midfield where she enjoyed a great hour with the ever-versatile Viv Harris.

Ciaira Healy filled the full-forward role, but it was St Finbarr's Orla O'Sullivan who came out on top in this area. Her goal was a sublime hit high to the net and



Vivienne Harris in top form for Cork.

she also returned three points.

Meanwhile, there is no doubt the Tipperary challenge will tell a lot.

Sheena Howard excelled at corner-back and up front, Michelle Shortt, Joanne Ryan and Louise Young all had very good games. In defence, Ciara Gaynor is gone to full-back and Una O'Dwyer was out on the 40 — both did extremely well.

Throw in Hughes, and from the bench you can take former captains Jovita Delaney, Emily Hayden, and Sinead Nealon.

There is no denying that Tipperary appear to have their hunger back and whether the Red and White have the appetite for another All-Ireland campaign will be seen when the two counties

meet.

Scorers Cork: O O'Sullivan 1-3, C Healy 0-5 (0-1 free), S Hayes 1-0, F O'Driscoll 0-3 (0-1 45m 0-2 free), G O'Connor, E Dillon, U O'Donoghue, E Burke 0-1 each.

Dublin: M Hannon 0-1.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunleavy (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, S Hayes; G O'Connor, V Harris; J O'Leary, E Dillon, U O'Donoghue; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

Subs: R Moloney for M O'Connor (44 mins), E Burke for U O'Donoghue, L O'Connell for J O'Callaghan, C Desmond for J O'Leary, K Corkery for F O'Driscoll (all 47 mins).

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Referee: A Lawlor (Westmeath).

What they said

Rebels boss Finn just relishing a final battle

CORK boss Pa Finn is thrilled to be back in another league final after losing out at the penultimate stage last year. But he is not so pleased from the point of getting a competitive match, as yesterday's clash was of little use to his preparations.

"I am happy with the win of course, but it was a bad result as we did not get a game of any sort. We played well enough and never looked like losing and were on top all of the time."

"2-15 to 0-1 is a crazy score line and it is very hard for us to judge our team on this display. However, I have to say that we are still trying to find the correct championship format. We were missing a few players today - Caoimhe Harrington and Briege Corkery - and they have to come back in."

"But at the same time we are motoring along nicely. We have a powerful panel and that is where our strength lies. We proved that today when we were able to take off five players and put on five players and it did not change the way we perform."

However, he highlighted the fact that his charges do need tough matches. He was also quick to point out that Denise Cronin had slotted in very well to the full-back position.

"Denise is tough and uncompromising. She is very fast and has no fear coming out to meet the ball. She has vast experience, which also means that we are not upsetting our back-line."

He admitted too that a strong panel goes a long way to filling any vacant posts. "We have about 25 players for 15 positions," he said.

"We are now looking forward to the final against Tipperary. We'll get a match from them, and in the process we will find out more about ourselves. We were on different sides of the league so it will be an interesting game."

Cork need big improvement despite big win over Decies

Cork
Waterford

1-12
0-1

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Minor camogie championship

IT'S hats off to Waterford after their display in the Munster minor camogie championship semi-final played at Bishopstown on Saturday.

Although, still a tad off the mark to complete at the top level, they gave a laid-back Cork side more than a match and were far more advanced their one-point tally suggests.

The red and white were sluggish right through — in fact only Marguerite Nyhan, Rena Buckley, Anna Geary and Mary Coleman will be entirely pleased with their

showing. In what must be a concern for the sideline mentors, selector Ann Watson was unable to pinpoint what exactly went wrong.

"We were very scrappy," she revealed. "We will have to up our performance considerably if we are to have any chance of winning a Munster title. Maybe the girls were a bit complacent not expecting Waterford to come at them like they did. Either way we need a vast improvement."

It was very apparent after the final whistle, which were the happier team. Although having lost, it is almost an eternity since a Waterford side only conceded one goal to

any Rebel outfit. Even referee Eamon Browne called the team together afterwards congratulating them on how well they had done and urged them to stick at it as they have a decent chance of winning the B competition.

As for Cork, they know only too well themselves that things did not go anywhere near their way. Their goal came after 12 minutes from Mary Coleman and from the rest of their total only seven of their points came from play. There was no fluency to their game and much too often they were closed down too easily.

They now have two weeks to get it right with the Munster final in Charleville on Saturday week May 3 against

Tipperary. The Premier County were comfortable winners over Clare, also on Saturday.

Scorers Cork: M Coleman 1-2, A Geary 0-5 (0-4 frees), A Watson 0-2, O Coughlan, E Healy and H O'Regan 0-1 each.

Waterford: A Lyng 0-1 (free).

CORK: M Murphy; E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawkes; O Cotter, R Buckley, S Downing; E Waters, A Geary (capt); O Coughlan, E Healy, H O'Regan; S Cunningham, M Coleman, A Watson. **Subs:** M Crowley for S Cunningham (38 mins), D Coomey for E Healy, S O'Donovan for S Downing (both 40 mins), M Corkery for L Hawkes, A O'Riordan for O Cotter (both 44 mins).

WATERFORD: A O'Brien; P Broderick, O Heffernan, M Heffernan; E Hannon, T Morrissey, R Delahunty; J Simpson, A Lyng; S Finn, R Heylin, A Kehoe; A Walsh, L Buckley (capt), L O'Dowda. **Subs:** K Heneghan for P Broderick, D Walsh for L O'Dowda (both 37 mins), C Gaffney for A Walsh (42 mins), A Moore for C Kehoe (50 mins), C Hartery for S Finn (55 mins).

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).



Rena Buckley was one of the better performers in was a sluggish Cork display.

Camogie Chat
with
Mary Newman

A reminder that next week's county board meeting is on Tuesday because of the bank holiday. The lotto is at €1,800 so don't forget your tickets...

At the end of the day everybody was a winner with medals presented to all participants to remember the occasion. The visit from the Mazade Sports team was also greatly appreciated by the youngsters, sincere thanks to Elaine for the gesture.

3-1
2-0

Douglas swept aside St Catherine's

Buttevant edged out Na Piarsaigh by the narrowest of margins in the

At the other end, Megan Kelly proved to be an ace poacher, convert-

Three Ballinhassig points, one from Deirdre Coomey and two frees

Glen Rovers pressed hard for a equaliser but were beaten by the clock.

LEINSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP:
Wexford 6-16 (B Gordon 2-7, N Keogh
1-2, A Devereaux, T Nolan 1-1, T Breen 1-0,
L Murphy, N McDonald 0-2 each, A Doyle
0-1), Offaly 1-0 (J Lawless 1-0).

Aine Watson scored a goal, with Emer adding another for

At Newtownshandrum, 11am: Munster Colleges first year A and B blitz

Cork Minors and Juniors defend Munster titles

by Mary Newman

INTER-COUNTY action at minor and junior sides level this weekend as both teams defend their provincial titles.

The minors are bidding to make it three in a row when they face Tipperary in Charleville on Saturday in the Munster final. In their path to Saturdays encounter Cork defeated Limerick and Waterford while Tipperary had a good victory over Clare on a 3-12 to 2-0 margin.

Cork as All Ireland champions will start as favourites, but have not been overly impressive to date.

Against Waterford Cork struggled to come to terms with their physically stronger opponents and they will need big improvement against an equally strong Tipperary defence as John Cronin explained to me. "We need to get our act together and take on the challenges. I will be expecting a huge improvement on Saturday from our girls if Tipperary are to be defeated. Hopefully, we will have got it right and retain our crown."

Tipperary will have seven of last season's side available

for selection. Coach Sean Johnson is confident of toppling the champions. The side is captained by goalkeeper Rosanna Johnson and will include plenty of hurling talent with Noreen Ryan, a sister of former All Star hurler, Declan, and Noreen Flanagan, daughter of former Tipperary great John, both prominent in the Tipperary colours. Cork will look to the experience of Rena Buckley, Anna Geary Mary Coleman Edwina Waters and Orla Cotter, veterans of last season's campaign to lead their challenge for glory.

The Junior side face Waterford in the Munster semi-final, and given their league performances will be expected to overcome the first hurdle. Cork were considerably unlucky not to have made it to the second stages of the national league given that they only lost their opening game to Galway.

From there on they settled well. Cork will be very aware that as champions everybody is out to knock them. Amanda O'Regan has been performing superbly aided by the Marion Jaego, Sarah O'Donovan and captain Ellen Clifford.

Cloughdun best in extra time

Cloughdun 4-12
Milford 0-13

by Mary Newman

IT took extra time to separate county champions Cloughdun and Milford in an entertaining senior league final.

Milford made all the early running and aided by the strong wind led at the break 0-8 to 0-2 with Marie Watson notching up five points as Emer O'Friel, Aine Watson and Anna Geary all contributed to the score line. The county champions kept in touch with points from Una O'Donoghue and Catherine Corkery.

Aided by the wind in the second half Cloughdun set about cutting the deficit. Stephanie Dunlea and Catherine Corkery had points with Marie Watson notching up three for Milford. Cloughdun Stephanie Dunlea showed her accuracy from placed balls popping over vital frees as did Marie Watson.

Catherine Corkery grabbed a Cloughdun goal and it looked to be enough, but young Aine Watson had other ideas pointing almost on the full time whistle to take the game to extra time on a 1-9 to 0-12 scoreline.

In the added time the county champions showed their strength and held Milford scoreless. Una O'Donoghue had an early point before adding a vital goal. From here on Cloughdun dominated with Catherine Corkery putting the game beyond Milford with two superb goals before the same player added two further points to see the county champions record a league championship double.

Cloughdun: A Murray, J Lynch, S Corkery, J O'Callaghan, O McCarthy, S Dunlea, A Buckley, M Corkery, J Lucey, C Corkery, S Buckley, B Corkery, C Cronin, U O'Donoghue, E Dunne.

Milford: E Linehan, S Sexton, E Riordan, T Mc Loughlin, D Hayes, A Geary, L Healy, D O'Reilly, R Curtin, L Long, E Watson, M Watson, A Watson, E O'Friel, J Sheehy.

Ballincollig prove too hot to handle

Ballincollig 4-7
Inniscarra 1-2

By TIM BUCKLEY

Juvenile Camogie

INNISCARRA found themselves outclassed by Ballincollig in their U14A league game played in Ballynaly on Saturday.

Ballincollig's half back line excelled and all their forwards registered on the scoreboard.

Scorers for Ballincollig: D Cronin 2-3, E Hogan, L West 1-0 each, C Ryan 0-2, J Walsh, M O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: R O'Riordan 1-0, N Dilworth 0-2.

St Catherine's were 4-3 to 3-3 winners over Glen Rovers in an U-14B league game played at Glen Rovers.

St Catherine's saw good displays from Grace Carr, Deirdre Twomey and Maeve O'Keeffe.

Scorers for St Catherine's: D

Twomey 2-3, F Neville 2-0.

St Finbarr's ended level at 2-0 each with Sliabh Rua in the U14 league.

Both teams started well but it St. Finbarr's who netted first with a goal in the 10th minute.

Sinead Hallissey for Sliabh Rua levelled matters in the 20th minute to leave the half time score at one goal apiece.

Both sides battled hard in the second half but again it was the home side that scored first with a goal in the 10th minute.

After a determined save from Laura Walsh with 10 minutes remaining it was Donna O'Sullivan who put the ball in the back of the Barrs net to again level matters with only minutes left on the clock.

Buttevant were 5-1 to 1-5 victors over Ballygarvan, who

were playing their first match of the competition in the U14A league.

With most of the play in the Buttevant half, Ballygarvan dominated but failed to turn their possession into scores and had a lead of just one point at the break.

Buttevant playing with a stiffening breeze in the second half turned the tables, scoring two goals and a point in quick succession.

Ballygarvan replied with a goal in the 20th minute to cut the deficit to three points but Buttevant tacked on a further two goals to take the points.

Sliabh Rua travelled to Whitechurch to meet Rockbawn in the U16 league and came away 5-1 to 3-1 winners.

It was Rockbawn who started the better before Sliabh Rua responded to leave the half time scores at 3-1 apiece.

Sliabh Rua dominated the

second half with most of the possession and hit the target with a goal each from Fiona O'Brien and Teresa Walsh.

Scorers for Sliabh Rua: Clara Cotter, Laura Walsh, Lia Kelleher, F O'Brien, T Walsh 0-1 each, Christina Broderick 0-1.

Rockbawn: Laura Ryan, Sinead Dilworth 1-0 each, Sarah Coleman 1-1.

In the U16A league St Finbarr's were 6-1 to 2-8 winners over Douglas, who after a great start and leading 2-5 to 1-0 at half time, seemed to lose their way in the second half.

The Barrs played with great conviction in the second half, adding 5-1, with 0-3 reply from a young Douglas side.

Scorers for St Finbarr's: R O'Regan, P Murphy 2-0 each, V Hosford, Y O'Driscoll 1-0 each, D Banks 0-1.

Douglas: J O'Donovan 2-5, L O'Mahony, R O'Sullivan, S O'Leary 0-1 each.

Minors bid for three-in-a-row of Munster titles against Tipperary

CORK team will contest provincial finals and semi-final this weekend as the junior and minor teams meet Waterford and Tipperary.

The minors, bidding to make it three-in-a-row, face Tipperary in Charleville on Saturday in the Munster final. To reach the final Cork defeated Limerick and Waterford while Tipperary had good victories over Clare on a 3-12 to 2-0 margin.

Cork will start as favourites but have impressive to date despite advancing to the final. Cork struggled to come to terms with the bigger stronger Waterford in their semi-final clash and they will need big improvement against an equally strong Tipperary defence.

As Ann Watson explained to me: "We need to improve a lot,

the forwards are not performing well but we will work on it this week and hopefully get it right."

"We will be expecting a huge improvement from our girls if Tipperary are to be defeated hopefully we will have got it right and retain our crown"

Tipperary will have seven of last seasons side available for selection coach Sean Johnson is confident of toppling the champions. The side is captained by goalkeeper Rosanna Johnson and will include plenty of hurling talent with Noreen Ryan a sister of former All-Star hurler Declan and Noreen Flanagan daughter of former Tipperary great John both prominent in the Tipperary colours.

Cork will look to the experience of Rena Buckley, Anna Geary Mary Coleman Edwina

Camogie scene with Mary Newman

Waters and Orla Cotter, veterans of last season's campaign, to lead their challenge for glory.

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From there on they settled well, and recorded wins over Kilkenny, Offaly and championship is where you get just one chance and Cork will be very

aware that as champions everybody is out to knock them.

Amanda O'Regan has been performing superbly aided by the Marion Jaego, Sarah O'Donovan and captain Ellen Clifford. While Waterford camogie has shown improvement Cork will be favoured to continue their winning ways.

CLOUGHUV 4-12

MILFORD 0-13

IT had to go to extra time before county champions Cloughdun defeated Milford in an entertaining senior league final.

Milford led at the break 0-8 to 0-

2 with Marie Watson notching up five points with Emer O'Friel, Aine Watson and Anna Geary adding one apiece Cloughdun had points from Una O'Donoghue and Catherine Corkery.

Aided by the wind in the second half Cloughdun cut the lead. Stephanie Dunlea and Catherine Corkery had points with Marie Watson replying for Milford. Cloughdun Stephanie Dunlea also showed her accuracy from placed balls popping over vital frees as did Marie Watson.

Catherine Corkery had the game's first goal for Cloughdun and they looked set to seal the title but young Aine Watson had other ideas pointing almost on the full time whistle to take the game to extra time by 1-9 to 0-12.

In the added time the county

champions set about upping the pace Una O'Donoghue had an early point before adding a vital goal. Cloughdun were dominant with Catherine Corkery adding two superb goals, the same player added two further points to see the county champions record a league championship double.

Teams — Cloughdun: A Murray, J Lynch, S Corkery, J O'Callaghan, O McCarthy, S Dunlea, A Buckley, M Corkery, J Lucey, C Corkery, S Buckley, B Corkery, C Cronin, U O'Donoghue, E Dunne.
Milford: E Linehan, S Sexton, E Riordan, T McLoughlin, D Hayes, A Geary, L Healy, D O'Reilly, R Curtin, L Long, E Watson, M Watson, A Watson, E O'Friel, J Sheehy.

Cumann Camógaíochta Na nGael Comhairle Na Mumhan

Munster Minor "A" Camogie Final in Charleville on Sat 3rd May 2003 @ 3:30pm

Referee: Joe O'Donnell (Luimneach)

Corcaigh

Vs

Tiobraid Arann

(Cork)

(Tipperary)

(Red & White)

(Blue & Gold)

1

Marian Murphy
(Kilbrittain)

1

Rosanna Kenneally
(Drom-Inch) (Captain)

2

Emma Dunne
(Cloghduv)

4

Lucy Hawkes
(Valley Rovers)

2

Siobhan Bourke
(Templemore)

5

Orla Cotter
(Saint Catherine's)

7

Edwina Waters
(Ballyhea)

5

Katie Kennedy
(Lorrha)

8

Anna Geary
(Milford) (Captain)

9

Sarah Downing
(Courcy Rovers)

8

Mairead Lutterell
(Slievenamon)

10

Orla Coughlan
(Enniskeane)

12

Aine Watson
(Milford)

10

Ciara Johnston
(Templemore)

13

Tina Shanahan
(Newtownshandrum)

15

Susan O'Donovan
(Ballincollig)

13

Deirdre Dunne
(Slievenamon)

11

Hazel O'Regan
(Clonakilty)

11

Joanne Nolan
(Silvermines)

14

Mary Coleman
(Ballyhea)

14

Mary Ryan
(Moneygall)

15

Susan O'Donovan
(Ballincollig)

13

Deirdre Dunne
(Slievenamon)

Subs:

16 Jenny O'Donovan
(Douglas)

17 Emma Healy
(Aghabullogue)

18 Shauna Cunningham
(Youghal)

19 Miriam Crowley
(Bishopstown)

20 Muireann Corkery
(Éire Óg)

21 Sarah Sexton
(Milford)

22 Deirdre Coomey
(Ballinhassig)

23 Cait Kelleher
(Blackrock)

24 Aisling O'Riordan
(Ballygarvan)

25 Michelle Browne
(Mallow)

26 Caoimhe Dillon
(Ballygarvan)

27 Sharon Donovan
(Barryroe)

28 Ann Marie Sheehan
(Buttevant)

26 Enda Coughlan
(Blackrock)

27 Valerie Browne
(Ballygarvan)

Coach / Selector:

John Cronin

Selectors:

Ann Watson & John Quinn

First Half Score

Second Half Score

Final Score

Cork 1/5 Tipperary

Subs:

16 Ciara Heffernan
(Slievenamon)

17 Fiona Ryan
(Kilruane Mac Donaghs)

18 Michelle Dunne
(Kilruane Mac Donaghs)

19 Siobhan Mc Grath
(Drom-Inch)

20 Marie Ryan
(Templemore)

21 Therese Shortt
(Drom-Inch)

22 Elaine King
(Burgess)

23 Patricia Mc Grath
(Drom-Inch)

24 Eileen Harty
(Drom-Inch)

Coach / Selector:

Seanie Johnston

Selectors:

Sheila Delaney & Tommy Ryan

First Half Score

Second Half Score

Final Score

MAY 2003

Coleman the ace as Cork girls make it three titles-in-a-row

Cork 6-13
Tipperary 4-4

by Therese O'Callaghan

CORK, led by hat-trick hero Mary Coleman, captured the Munster minor camogie title for the third successive year against Tipperary at Charleville on Saturday.

The gulf in standard was apparent from the start and Coleman operating at full forward, had nabbed two goals by the break, helping her side to an

interval lead of 3-5 to 1-3. Although, never willing to relent, Tipperary, with full-forward Mary Ryan roaming outfield, cut the deficit to five points soon after the restart, but with the home team applying the pressure they were never able to force a breakthrough.

Despite notching two further goals from Ryan and Deirdre Dunne, the Premier County found it impossible to overcome the winner's midfield pairing of captain Anna Geary and Sarah Downing. Further goals from Cole-

man, Aine Watson and substitute Susan O'Donovan ensured Corn Tailteann returned to Leaside for an unprecedented 13th time.

Scorers Cork: M Coleman 3-1, A Geary 0-6 (0-3 free), J O'Donovan 1-2, S O'Donovan and A Watson 1-0 each, O Coughlan 0-2, S Downing and T Shanahan 0-1 each.
Tipperary: M Ryan 2-0, D Dunne and J Nolan 1-0, C Johnston 0-3 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45m), and N Flanagan 0-1 each.

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TIPPERARY: R Kenneally (capt); S Bourke, A

Langton, M Kirwan; K Kennedy, C O'Sullivan, N Ryan; M Lutterell, C Hennessy; C Johnston, J Nolan, N Flanagan; D Dunne, M Ryan, A Loneragan.

Subs: C Heffernan for K Kennedy (h/t), T Shortt for J Nolan (55 mins inj).

Referee: J O'Donnell (Limerick).

Waterford

Clare

3-9

4-5 (aet)

In the minor B final which was also played at Charleville, Waterford recorded their first Munster win at any grade in 44 years when in a thrilling contest they defeated Clare after extra

time.

Playing against a strong wind Áine Walsh with two goals helped the Decies to a half-time lead of 3-3 to 0-3. With the sides deadlocked 3-5 a piece after 60 minutes, 20 minutes of extra time was required to finally decide the issue.

Scorers for Waterford: A Walsh 2-0, R Heylin 1-0, A Lyng 0-5, E Hannon 0-2, L Buckley and J Simpson 0-1 each.

Clare: F Lafferty 3-3, S Quinn 1-0, S Lafferty and A Craughan 0-1 each.

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

Kinsale Community School take Cork Colleges Junior C camogie title in fine style

Kinsale 3-4
St Mary's, Midleton 1-0

KINSALE Community School were crowned Cork Colleges Junior C camogie champions at the expense of Intermediate A champions, Midleton. Kinsale led at half time with a goal by Sinead Corcoran and points from Sarah Downey and Ursula Quinn.

Midleton's goalscorer was Ann Marie Hennessy and, although Brid Cullinane, Yvonne O'Keefe and Ella Ryan battled gamely for St.

Mary's, Sinead Corcoran and Andrea Quinn converted goal chances to ensure a comfortable victory for Kinsale. Best for Kinsale were Christine Broderick, Sarah Downey, Niamh Reilly and Jenna Hurley whilst Evelyn Ronayne, Carolyn Motherway and Karen Fitzpatrick tried hardest for Midleton.

In the Intermediate B semi-final, Buttevant defeated Pres, Mitchelstown 4-4 to 0-4. Orla Murphy accounted for the Mitchelstown points

with Caitriona O'Connell [2-0], Eimear Murphy [1-2], Kim Carroll [1-0] and Ann Marie Sheehan [0-2] responsible for the Buttevant contribution.

They now meet St. Mary's, Macroom in the final scheduled for Monday, 12th May at Buttevant, 12.30pm.

Results

Cork Colleges Junior C final: Kinsale 3-4 St. Mary's, Midleton 1-0 Cork Colleges Intermediate B Semi-final: Buttevant 4-4 Pres, Mitchelstown 0-4 Cork Colleges First Year A semi-final: St. Mary's, Charleville 5-4 Coachford College 1-4 Munster Colleges Junior B Plate Se-

mi-final: Roscrea 0-9 Templemore 2-0

Fixtures

Munster Colleges First Year Blitz: Wed 7th May @ Newtownshandrum, 11am Cork Colleges Intermediate B Final: Mon 12th May, 12.30pm @ Buttevant. Buttevant v St. Mary's, Macroom Cork Colleges First Year Blitz: Wed 14th May @ Coachford, 11am Intercounty U14 Blitz: Sat 24th May, Noon @ Inniscarra.

Revised Draws: First Year A Final: Charleville v Christ King First Year B Semi-finals: Colaiste Choilm v Glanmire St. Als v Carrignavar



Anna Geary impressive for Cork against Tipperary.

Three-in-a-row of Munster titles as Cork brush Tipperary aside

by Mary Newman

Cork	6-13
Tipperary	4-4

CORK made it three-in-a-row of Munster minor titles defeating old rivals Tipperary in Charleville on Saturday last.

Cork led at the interval having played against the strong wind in the opening half. Inside a minute of the start the impressive Mary Coleman had the holders in the lead when she had the ball in the net. Ciara Johnson and Anna Geary exchanged points and when Joanne Nolan goaled for Tipperary in the 12th minute it was all square. Cork led at the interval having played against the strong wind in the opening half. Inside a minute of the start the impressive Mary Coleman had the holders in the lead when she had the ball in the net. Ciara Johnson and Anna Geary exchanged points and when Joanne Nolan goaled for Tipperary in the 12th minute it was all square. Cork led at the interval having played against the strong wind in the opening half. Inside a minute of the start the impressive Mary Coleman had the holders in the lead when she had the ball in the net. Ciara Johnson and Anna Geary exchanged points and when Joanne Nolan goaled for Tipperary in the 12th minute it was all square.

Again the sides had exchanged points before Jenny O'Donovan had Cork's third goal and again Noreen Flanagan and Orla Coughlan swapped points. Despite playing against the elements Cork finished the half stronger with a Jenny O'Donovan point to lead 3-5 to 1-3 Tipp had it all to do in the second half as Cork turned to play with the advantages in their favour. By the three quarter stage it was 3-9 to 2-4 after Mary Ryan had a Tipperary goal in then

sixth minute of the half, but despite this Cork had added four points via Tina Shanahan Sarah Downing and Anna Geary.

Inside two minutes Mary Coleman and Mary Ryan had goals as Cork continued to dominate, Ryan at this stage having made the move to centre forward was troubling the Cork defence. Anna Geary had extended the Cork lead 4-10 to 2-4 before Mary Ryan goaled again. Geary pointed, but the spirited Tipp fought back with a Deirdre Dunne long range shot to the net. Cork's Aine Watson rallied her side with an impressive goal and now in total control Cork added further points from Jenny O'Donovan and Mary Coleman before substitute Susan O'Donovan had an injury time goal to seal an impressive display from the All Ireland champions who will now meet the Leinster champions as they continue the defence of their titles on July 13.

Cork: M Murphy, E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawkes, C. R. Buckley, E. Waters, A. Geary, S. Downing, O. Coughlan, H. O. Regan, A. Watson, T. Shanahan, M. Coleman, J. O'Donovan, Sub S. O'Donovan for T. Shanahan.

Tipperary: R. Kennaally, S. Burke, A. Lornegan, M. Kirwin, K. Kennedy, C. O'Sullivan, N. Ryan, M. Luttrell, C. Hennessy, C. Johnson, J. Nolan, N. Flanagan, D. Dunne, A. Lornegan Sub C. Heffernan for N. Ryan.

by Mary Newman

CORK and Tipperary will once again come head-to-head as they meet on Saturday in the Senior National league decider at a Cork venue.

Cork the All Ireland champions are chasing their 12th title while remarkably Tipperary are going for their second, their only success having come back in 1977 when they took the inaugural senior league title.

Followers will only have to cast their minds back to last September to remember the classic served up in Croke Park when Tipperary going for a record four in a row of championship titles and were stopped in their tracks by an impressive Cork outfit who had been starved of All Ireland glory for too long. Now the sides come head-to-head on the national league stage, and while both will acknowledge league titles are only secondary, the pride and status attached to winning a national title is something not to be taken lightly. One only has to cast the mind back to five years ago when Cork handed out a hammering to a Tipperary side struggling to make an impact in the senior grade, three months later the sides again met again and it was a revamped and resurgent Tipp who advanced in championship and went on to take their first All Ireland title.

Saturday's final is an important one in that it will once again give the victors the upper hand and this is important when one looks ahead to the new format championship which will begin the last weekend in June and be played on a league basis. One slip up here and you could live to regret it.

Sliabh Rua in full control over Ballinascorthy

Sliabh Rua	5-1
Ballinascorthy	1-0

Sliabh Rua travelled to Ballinascorthy in the U16 league. The 1st half was closely contested with both teams battling hard, but it was Sliabh Rua who emerged on top at half time on a score line of 2-1 to 1-0. The second half saw Sliabh Rua hold Ballinascorthy scoreless and widen the score margin between the two sides.

Scorers: Sliabh Rua: F. Kidney 2-0, F. O'Brien, E. Horan, C. Cotter 1-0 each, C. Broderick 0-1. Ballinascorthy: Marie Condon 1-0.

St Catherine's	7-2
Inniscarra	5-7

A high scoring tough game all the way through with St. Catherine's winning by the narrowest of margins in the U16A league. Half time score was 4-4 to 3-2 in favour of Inniscarra. St. Catherine's went on to score 4-0 in the second half to 1-3 for Inniscarra, Deirdre Twomey snatching the winner a goal in the dying minute.

Scorers: St. Catherine's: D. Twomey 4-1, G. Carr 1-1, O. Cotter 2-0. Inniscarra: R. Buckley 2-6, R. O'Riordan 2-0, N. Dineen 1-1.

Ballinhassig	4-0
Millstreet	0-0

In a highly entertaining close contest Ballinhassig's 2nd team snatched victory in the last 10 mins in the U16C league. Millstreet with good performances from Louise O'Connell and Ciara Moore were trailing Ballinhassig by a goal with 10 mins to go when they seemed to lose their concentration and Ballinhassig ran in 3 goals in quick succession.

Scorers: Ballinhassig: L. Bracken, A. Coakley, H. Cull-

Champions Cork chasing 12th All-Ireland

Tipperary to provide stiff test for Cork

Since September there have been changes and through the league Cork continued to introduce new faces to an already strong line out. Eithne Duggan and Linda Mellerick have called time on their inter county careers while Caoimhe Harrington is presently unavailable due to studies. The introduction of Orla O'Sullivan to the forward line has been a huge success with the St. Finbarrs player getting on the score sheet in every outing and proving more than capable. Another who has looked impressive has been Colette Desmond who has notched up the scores when called

upon. The selectors introduced Denise Cronin at full back in their semi-final against Dublin and the Glen Rovers star acquitted herself well and could be the one to fill the spot left vacant by the departure of Eithne Duggan. Cork had little difficulty advancing against weak opposition against Dublin while Tipperary did likewise to a Kilkenny side that had been making impressions up to semi-final stage.

So what of Tipperary, Ramie Ryan this season has taken over the reins from Michael Cleary and his charges have responded well shaking off the disappointment of losing their All Ireland crown to make it to the league final. Jovita Delaney, Noelle Kennedy, Una O'Dwyer and Emer McDonnell will be determined to turn the tables on Cork and will be coming in search of what would be for this group of players their first national league medal, however, Cork on home ground will not give way easily and another classic is guaranteed.



Una O'Dwyer, camogie and Sinead Connery, hockey at the recent UCC awards presentation at Jurys Hotel.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

nane, A. McCarthy 1-0 each.

Milford	5-15
Inniscarra	4-7

Milford had the edge in a closely contested first half leading 1-10 to 2-3 in the U16A league. Milford maintained the same margin for the 1st quarter of the second half. Then between the 17 and 20th min Milford turned on the style with 3 goals in quick succession.

Scorers: Milford: Aisling Thompson 3-5, Anna Geary 2-6, Aine Watson 0-4. Inniscarra: Rena Buckley 3-5, Mgt Cosgrave 1-1, Mary Buckley 0-1.

Sliabh Rua	5-1
Rockban	3-1

Sliabh Rua travelled to Whitechurch to meet Rockban in the U16 league. It was Rockban who started the better before Sliabh Rua responded with late scores to leave the

half time score at 3-1 a piece. Sliabh Rua dominated proceedings in the second half with most of the possession and

hit the target with a goal from Fiona O'Brien and Teresa Walsh.

Scorers: Sliabh Rua: Ciara Cotter, Laura Walsh, Lia Kelleher, F. O'Brien, T. Walsh 0-1 each, Christina Broderick 0-1. Rockban: Laura Ryan, Sinead Dilworth 1-0 each, Sarah Coleman 1-1.

St Finbarrs	6-1
Douglas	2-8

After a great start and leading 1-5 to 1-0 at half time Douglas seemed to lose their way in the second half of this U16A league game. The pep talk at the interval did wonders for the Barrs who played with great conviction in the 2nd half adding 5-1 with 0-3 reply from a young Douglas side.

Scorers: St Finbarrs: R. O'Regan, P. Murphy 2-0 each, V. Hosford, Y. O'Driscoll 1-0 each, D. Banks 0-1.

Douglas: J. O'Donovan 2-5, L. O'Mahony, R. O'Sullivan, S. O'Leary 0-1 each.



CUTTING IN: Cork's Jenny O'Donovan gets inside the tackle of Tipperary's Mairead Luttrell in the Munster minor camogie final at Charleville on Saturday.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Cork
Tipperary

6-13
4-4

Cork make it three in-a-row

AFTER a fortuitous route to Saturday's Munster minor camogie final, reigning champions Cork produced another top-class show to defeat a tough Tipperary side and claim their third consecutive provincial title.

Having overcome indifferent form against Waterford in the semi-final, the Rebels relished the opportunity to turn on their finest display in this campaign at Charleville.

Once Mary Coleman rattled the net after just 60 seconds it was clear that their focus was geared towards one result — winning.

While full-forward Coleman and her corner colleague Jenny O'Donovan grabbed the headlines, it would have to be emphasised that their good work was made possible by their outfield ball winners and heroic defenders.

In particular the red and white were most dependable in the half-back line where Orla Cotter, Rena Buckley and Edwina Waters were unyielding.

At midfield captain Anna Geary

did Trojan work alongside her hard-working partner Sarah Downing.

And at wing-forward Orla Cotter was also in top form.

Manager John Cronin, who is linked to all three successive wins and his fifth in all, was pleased to be associated with yet another quality delivery.

"The display was top-class," Cronin said.

"We got the goals when it mattered — three in the first half and three more in the second.

"Tipperary never gave up and if I have to be negative about any aspect of our play it would have to be the goals that we conceded.



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"However, we are through to another All-Ireland series and we can work on that area."

Despite the weighted nature of the scoreline, Tipperary did not make life easy for the home side and their play of bringing their forwards outfield in the closing stages momentarily upset the winners' momentum.

There was eight points between the sides at half-time and a few minutes after the re-start the visitors had trimmed it down to five. But that was as close as they got — 3-6 to 2-4.

However, the sizeable attendance were entertained right up to the final whistle with four more quality goals arriving in the final quarter. In fact, many of the scores over the hour would do justice to any playing field.

Coughlan sailed over a smashing point in the first half, O'Donovan volleyed over and Aine Watson's goal came at the end of a lovely movement.

Cork play the Leinster champions

in the semi-final in July.

Scorers for Cork: M Coleman 3-1, A Geary 0-6 (0-3 frees), J O'Donovan 1-2, S O'Donovan and A Watson 1-0 each, O Coughlan 0-2, S Downing and T Shanahan 0-1 each.

Scorers for Tipperary: M Ryan 2-0, D Dunne and J Nolan 1-0, C Johnston 0-3 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45m), and N Flanagan 0-1 each.

CORK: M Murphy; E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawkes; O Cotter, R Buckley, E Waters; A Geary (capt), S Downing; O Coughlan, H O'Regan, A Watson; T Shanahan, M Coleman, J O'Donovan.

Subs: D Coomey for H O'Regan (49 mins), S O'Donovan for T Shanahan (51 mins).

TIPPERARY: R Kennelly (capt); S Bourke, A Langton, M Kirwan; K Kennedy, C O'Sullivan, N Ryan; M Luttrell, C Hennessy; C Johnston, J Nolan, N Flanagan; D Dunne, M Ryan, A Loneragan.

Subs: C Heffernan for K Kennedy (47), T Shortt for J Nolan (55 mins inj).

Referee: J O'Donnell (Limerick).

● Meanwhile in a thrilling Munster minor B final Waterford fashioned an incredible victory over Clare (3-9 to 4-5), after extra time.

Cork aim to Tipp balance as camogie giants clash

CORK and Tipperary in camogie are a bit like Tipperary and Kilkenny in hurling — the two top teams of the moment.

At the outset of the National Camogie League it did not take a mathematical genius to decide what teams would come out of each section.

Cork, Galway, Kilkenny, Wexford and Limerick were heavily grouped on one side, while Tipperary had little worries from the likes of Derry, Antrim and Dublin.

On Sunday at Páirc Uí Rinn — weather permitting — Cork will lure Tipperary into the lion's den for the 2003 league final.

And given the great intensity that has de-

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie preview

veloped between these two thriving counties since the turn of the Millennium this is undoubtedly a fixture not to be missed.

Tipperary won their first All-Ireland in 1999 — the same year that Cork travelled to Semple Stadium and thrashed them in the league final.

That game was to have been a spectacle ahead of a Tipp/Kerry senior hurling game. Needless to say, neither of the matches remains etched in the memory.

But more importantly, the drubbing and humiliation that the Tipperary girls received that day was later to be transformed into three-in-a-row All-Ireland titles.

New names emerged — Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre Hughes, Jovita Delaney, Meadhbh Stokes, Emily Hayden, Emer McDonnell and Claire Grogan — and an old head arrived in the form of fresh motivation. Michael Cleary became the Tipp manager and it was he who steered the Blue and Gold to heights they never thought they would reach back on that May evening in '99.

Cork has always been a proud and traditional camogie county, winning their first All-Ire-

land senior title in 1934 and 19 more since.

After being out of the limelight for a couple of years they announced their return in Croke Park last September — remember the thrilling final between themselves and Tipp?

Nothing has changed since then. This weekend's league final will be treated with championship fervour.

Player-of-the-year Fiona O'Driscoll, captain Stephanie Dunlea, Mary O'Connor, Vivienne Harris, Una O'Donoghue and Paula O'Connor are as hungry as ever.

Regrettably, the game did not get the nod to be staged ahead of today's National Hurling League final.

Louise, Aisling hit the spot for Blarney

Blarney
Rockbawn

2-0
0-3 By TIM BUCKLEY
juvenile camogie

AS with most local clashes, this U16C league match turned out to be a cracker, with every ball being hotly contested.

Rebecca Campbell played a stormer for Blarney and Sarah Coleman excelled for Rockbawn.

Louise O'Sullivan and Aisling Madden were the Blarney scorers, netting a goal apiece, while Elaine Casey and Coleman were Rockbawn's scorers, with Casey scoring a brace of points while Coleman tacked on a point.

Scorers for Blarney: Louise O'Sullivan, Aisling Madden 1-0 each. **Rockbawn:** Elaine Casey 0-2, Sarah Coleman 0-1.

● St Finbarr's, despite being 6-3 to 0-3 winners over Ballinhassig, found it difficult to put this U16A league game away against determined opponents.

The game turned over with the Barrs leading 2-1 to 0-3. They exerted their authority in the second half and added 4-2 without reply.

Scorers for St Finbarr's: G Fitzgerald, P O'Regan 2-0 each, P Murphy, Y O'Driscoll 1-0 each, J Punch 0-2, D Banks 0-1.

● Sliabh Rua met Clonakilty in their last game of the U16 league and came out 2-3 to 1-1 winners to secure a place in the league play-offs.

Clonakilty started well and were rewarded with an early goal and a point from Catherine McCarthy and Hazel O'Regan.

It was a free late in the half that finally gave Sliabh Rua a scoring opportunity, bringing the half time score 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of Clonakilty.

Sliabh Rua upped a gear after half time and before long Teresa Walsh hit the back of the Clon net to level matters.

Both teams battled hard, but it was Sliabh Rua who went ahead when Christina Broderick converted two close range frees.

Claire McSweeney hit the target in the 25th minute to put the game out of Clon's reach.

Scorers for Sliabh Rua: T Walsh,

C McSweeney 1-0 each, Christina Broderick 0-3. **Clonakilty:** C McCarthy 1-0, H O'Regan 0-1.

● Inniscarra were 3-6 to 1-4 winners over Douglas in the U16A league in Douglas.

A very even first half saw Douglas, with the elements to their backs, edging the half thanks to a goal in the ninth minute and two points from 45s minutes from Jenny O'Donovan.

Inniscarra stayed in contention thanks to a goal from Maeve Buckley and two points from Rena Buckley.

Sinead O'Leary added the other point for Douglas, making it 1-3 to 1-2.

Douglas, now against the breeze, started the second half in blistering fashion and J O'Donovan had a point on the board in the fifth minute.

Then in the 12th and 14th minutes Buckley lobbed two shots on top of the Douglas goal that went all the way to the back of the net. This settled Inniscarra who went on to add four more points and run out comfortable winners.

Scorers for Inniscarra: R Buckley 2-6, M Buckley 1-0. **Douglas:** J O'Donovan 1-3, S O'Leary 0-1.

● In the U14 Cork Co. Camogie Leagues it finished level at 1-2 all between Glen Rovers and Ballyhea in the U14 B league.

With a goal from Aoife Copps and points from Marie Walsh, Ballyhea made the early running.

Rosin Foley's late Glen Rovers points helped her side to share the spoils after a tough contest.

● A classic game of two halves saw Valley Rovers overcome Clonakilty by 8-2 to 6-0 in this U14C league game.

Aided by a stiff breeze, Valleys set the pace, turning over 6-1 to 0-0 ahead. Clonakilty did all their scoring in the second half but it wasn't enough as Valleys replied with 2-1.

Scorers for Valley Rovers: A O'Sullivan 3-1, E Butler 2-0, O Lehan, P Morrissey, A Lynch 1-0 each, A O'Donovan 0-1.

Clonakilty: C Barry, N Hayes, A Lynch, J Whelton 1-0 each, C Desmond 2-0.

● Rockbawn emerged victori-

ous 4-3 to 3-3 over St Catherine's in a very evenly matched game.

St. Catherine's did not give in easily, with good performances from G. Carr and M. O'Keeffe.

The St. Catherine's chief scorer, Deirdre Twomey went on to score 2-2 in the second half, but Rockbawn held on.

Scorers for Rockbawn: Sarah Foley 3-3, Laura Ryan 1-0.

St Catherine's: D. Twomey 3-3.

● Glen Rovers ran out 2-2 to 1-1 winners in an exciting U14 B league game at the Glen field.

Douglas made the better start with an Aileen O'Donovan goal followed by a point from Cleanna O'Driscoll.

The Glen girls worked hard and a Roisin Foley goal had them back in the game.

Foley pointed for the second time and an Amy Cotter goal ensured the home side came away with the points.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: R Foley 1-2, A Cotter 1-0.

Douglas: A O'Donovan 1-0, C O'Driscoll 0-1.



Mary Moran presenting her own Cup to Anna Geary captain of the victorious Cork Minor Camogie team after Cork's win over Tipperary.

Kinsale claim colleges crown

Kinsale
St Mary's, Middleton

3-4
1-0 By RIBBARD LOTT
Colleges camogie

KINSALE Community School were crowned Cork Colleges Junior C champions at the expense of intermediate A champions, Middleton.

Kinsale led at half time through a goal by Sinead Corcoran and points from Sarah Downey and Ursula Quinn.

Middleton's goal-scorer was Ann Marie Hennessy and, although Brid Cullinane, Yvonne O'Keeffe and Ella Ryan battled gamely for St. Mary's, Sinead Corcoran and Andrea Quinn converted goal chances to ensure a comfortable victory for Kinsale.

Best for Kinsale were Christine Broderick, Sarah Downey, Niamh Reilly and Jemma Hurley, while Evelyn Ronayne, Carolyn Motherway and Karen Fitzpatrick tried hardest for Middleton.

In the intermediate B semi-final, Buttevant defeated Pres, Mitchelstown 4-4 to 0-4. Orla Murphy accounted for the Mitchelstown

points with Caitriona O'Connell (2-0), Eimear Murphy (1-2), Kim Carroll (1-0) and Ann Marie Sheehan (0-2) responsible for the Buttevant contribution.

They now meet St. Mary's, Macroom in the final, which is scheduled for Monday, May 12 at Buttevant, 12.30pm.

RESULTS

Cork Colleges Junior C final: Kinsale 3-4 St. Mary's, Middleton 1-0.

Cork Colleges Intermediate B semi-final: Buttevant 4-4 Pres, Mitchelstown 0-4.

Cork Colleges First Year A semi-final: St. Mary's, Charleville 5-4 Coachford College 1-4.

Munster Colleges Junior B Plate semi-final: Roscrea 0-9 Templemore 2-0.

FIXTURES

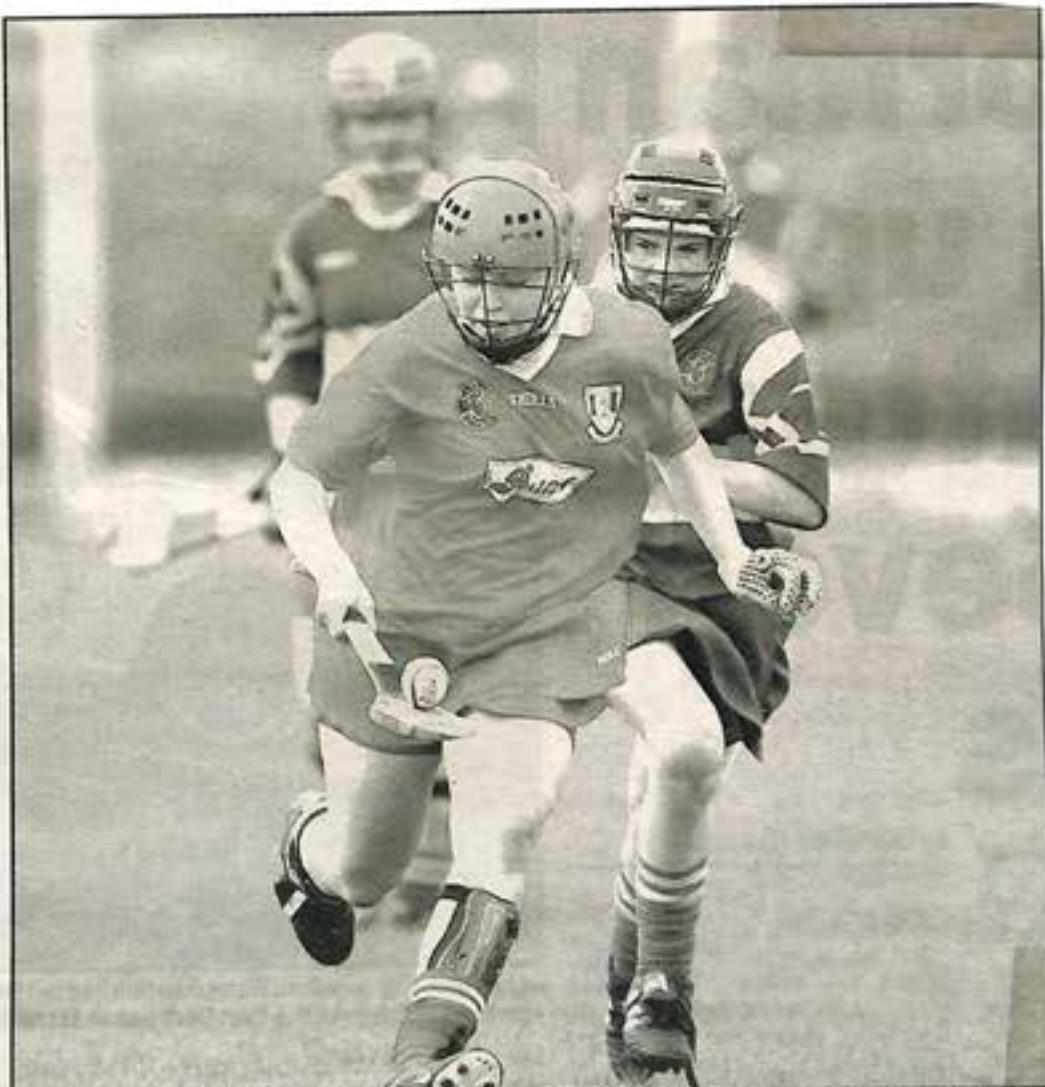
Munster Colleges First Year Blitz: Wed May 7 at Newtownshandrum, 11am.

Cork Colleges Intermediate B Final: Mon May 12, 12.30pm at Buttevant. Buttevant v St. Mary's, Macroom.

Cork Colleges First Year Blitz: Wed May 14 Coachford, 11am.

Inter-county U14 Blitz: Saturday May 24, noon at Inniscarra.

Revised Draws: First Year A Final: Charleville v Christ King; First Year B semi-finals: Coláiste Cholm v Glanmire; St. Al's v Carrignavar.



MINOR MAGIC: Cork's Anna Geary races away from Tipperary's Mairead Luttrell during the Munster Minor 'A' camogie final at Charleville on Saturday.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Coachford camogie girls conquer all

Impressive array of silverware greets players

by Catherine Ketch

Coachford Community School honoured its camogie heroes on Saturday night last at the Castle Hotel in Blarney when medals were presented to the girls who recently won the All Ireland B Colleges Camogie final. An impressive array of silverware greeted players, coaches, selectors, teachers and parents on what was a very special night celebrating their first ever win of the title.

Team Selector, Tina Carroll presented the medals. A number of special presentations were made by Janet Ryan, PE teacher, including Player of the Year, which went to Emma O'Keeffe and overall sports person for the year — Margaret McCarthy.

A booklet presented to all the girls entitled 'Thanks for the Memories' recalled the golden moments of the past few years in the lead up to their first ever national success. These included Claire Hogan's double save against Kinsale in the Cork Intermediate Final, Orla McSweeney's block in the Munster final and Niamh O'Connor's display at wing-back against Borrisoleigh.

With a total of 51 outings the team were All Ireland Colleges Senior B Champions, Munster Colleges Senior B and Senior A League Champions, Cork Colleges Senior B Champions in 2002 and 2003. Top scorers in 2003 were Mary Buckley (16-79) and Mag Cosgrave (13-4). Niamh O'Connell had the distinction of being present for every training session, meeting and match. Ten of the side are in Leaving Cert this year,



Fiona Buckley and Ciara Murphy - two of the stars of the team.

they will certainly be missed from next year's panel.

The girls are drawn from Aghabullogue and Inniscarra Clubs and it was their first time winning the All Ireland, attributed by many commentators to their 'never say die approach'. In the final they beat Presentation Athenry 1-5 to 0-7, after Athenry made a better start in what was a thrilling game. However, Coachford came from behind with just eight minutes left to clinch victory.

The celebration was organised by Rob Lotty the school's camogie trainer, who received a token of appreciation from the girls in the form of a 'top of the range' golf bag. Rob has worked extremely hard in promoting the game in the college. The girls also made a presentation to Tina Carroll, team selector. Also receiving a presentation was a man who provided a very vital service for the team, coach driver John O'Brien.



Top: Emma O'Keeffe, Coachford College Camogie Player of the Year with team coach Rob Lotty and the cup. Below are 10 of the Leaving Cert players who were on the team.



Reigning champs keep title

St. Mary's, Charleville 5-7
Coachford College 2-7

IN the Cork Colleges senior A final, reigning Munster Colleges Senior A champions Charleville gained their 11th title in recent years at the expense of reigning Munster Colleges Senior B champions at Inniscarra.

The Coachford girls started with a flourish. Mary Buckley scored three points and Ciara Murphy added a goal. Charleville responded after 15 minutes when Marie Watson blasted the net from close range.

The Muskerry school were unfortunate not to increase the lead when Mary Healy, Mary Buckley and Margaret Cosgrave spurned goal scoring opportunities, allowing Charleville to regain the initiative.

Emer Watson scored a goal with Marie converting three frees. Mary Buckley responded with two points from play to leave the minimum between the sides at half time.

A few shrewd switches by Vince Harrington after the resumption yielded Charleville's most fruitful period with Edwina Waters, Anna Geary and Mary Coleman beginning to win vital ball at midfield. Aine Watson scored a goal with Emer adding another.

Impressive Niamh O'Connell coped well under pressure but, along with Mairead Ennaguess, Ann O'Mahony and Maire O'Leary was unable to prevent Marie Watson from converting the fifth goal. Mary Buckley added a point with Margaret McCarthy finishing the scoring when Amy Morrissey, deflecting a goalwards, shot over.

Charleville: E. Riordan, A. McCarthy, A. Morrissey, L. Healy, A. Geary, E. Waters, A. O'Brien, F. Chawke, S. O'Mahony, A. Watson (1-0), M. Coleman (0-1), L. Boyce, E. Watson (2-0), M. Watson (2-4, 3 frees), S. McAuliffe. Sub: F. Morrissey.

Coachford: E. O'Keeffe, O. McSweeney, N. O'Connell, M. Ennaguess, E. Healy, J. Twomey, M. O'Leary, M. O'Regan, F. Buckley, C. Murphy (1-0), M. McCarthy (0-1), E. O'Sullivan, M. Cosgrave, M. Buckley (1-6, 2 frees), M. Healy. Subs: A. O'Mahony, C. O'Connell, C. Hogan, M. Twomey.

St. Mary's, Charleville 7-10
Pres, Bandon 2-5

Charleville completed the Cork double for the season by virtue of a landslide victory over Bandon at Bishopstown. Mary Coleman (3-0), Aine Watson (2-5), Anna Geary [1-3] and Fiona Morrissey [1-2] were on form with Orla Coughlan [0-4], Deirdre Coomey [1-1] and Danielle O'Sullivan [1-0] scoring for the Bandon side.

FIXTURES: Wed 7th May, @ Newtown, 11am: Munster Colleges First Year A & B blitz Wed 14th May, @ Coachford, 11am: Cork Colleges First year A & B blitz

LEONARD O'KELLY (Dublin) — May 4, 2003 (peacefully), at home, Catherine (Iney), relict of Dr. Gordon Leonard, daughter of the late J.J. O'Kelly, Seelga, Valentia Island; deeply regretted by her loving nieces, nephews, sister-in-law, relatives and friends. Removal this (Thursday) evening from the Bon Secours Hospital Mortuary Chapel to the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Glanevin, arriving at 5.30 o'clock. Funeral tomorrow (Friday) after 10 o'clock. Mass to Glanevin Cemetery. "Ar dheis Dé go raib a b-anam uasal".

CAMOGIE

Munster junior championship semi-finals:

Clare 2-13 (C.O'Loughlin 1-2, L.Linnane 1-0, D.Murphy 0-6, C.McMahon 0-4, A.Keane 0-1)
Tipperary 1-11 (M.Harkin 1-3, G.Kinnane 0-3, E.Ryan, J.O'Connor 0-2 each, J.Kirwan 0-1)
Cork 5-22 (M.Deasy 1-6, M.Buckley 1-5, R.Corcoran 1-3, C.Kelly 1-2, M.Jago 1-1, A.O'Regan 0-2, B.Maher, M.O'Connell, L.Bugler 0-1 each)
Waterford 0-0.

MAY 2003

Magnificent camogie treble

Mary Coleman the star of the show as Cork overwhelm Tipperary in minor final

CORK 6-13

TIPPERARY 4-4

SHOWING tremendous skill and determination, Cork minor camogie team captured their third Munster championship title in a row at a windy Charleville on Bank holiday Saturday.

Old rivals Tipperary came in determined mood, hoping to dethrone the provincial and All-Ireland champions, but, under the guidance of John Cronin, Ann Watson and John Quinn, Cork were in no mood to relinquish their crown.

Leading at the interval having after playing against the strong wind, Cork were reasonably happy. As selector John Cronin explained: "Our defence had to work hard to contain the Tipperary attack right through a tough opening 30 minutes."

"Having played against the elements and to turn over leading by eight points we were reasonably happy but instilled into our side that only half the job was done, to their credit they were superb in the second half and we are delighted to retain our crown."

Indeed Cork impressed with Mary Coleman the star of the show completing a good day's work with to her credit. Coleman had Cork in the lead with the games opening goal in the first minute. Clara Johnson and Anna Geary swapped points but Joanne Nolan had a 12th minute Tipp goal to level matters.

Anna Geary restored the Cork lead with a point a minute later and they never subsequently relinquished their hold on the game. Mary Coleman then struck for her second goal as Cork worked tirelessly against the elements.

Again the sides exchanged points before Jenny O'Donovan had Cork's third goal with Noreen Flanagan and Orla Coughlan then swapping points. Cork finished the half stronger with a Jenny O'Donovan point to lead 3-5 to 1-3.

The second half was always going to be an uphill battle for Tipp playing against the wind they had

Mary Newman says that tremendous skill and determination lay at the heart of another great Munster c'ship victory for the Cork minor camogie team.

it all to do. By the three-quarter stage it was 3-9 to 2-4 Mary Ryan striking for an early Tipperary goal in then sixth minute but despite this Cork added four points from Tina Shanahan, Sarah Downing and Anna Geary.

Inside two minutes Mary Coleman and Mary Ryan swapped goals as Cork continued to dominate, Ryan at this stage having made the move to centre forward was troubling the Cork defence.

Anna Geary had extended the Cork lead 4-10 to 2-4 before Mary Ryan goaled again Geary pointed but Tipp fought back with determination thanks to a Deirdre Dunne long range shot which went all the way to the net Aine Watson rallied Cork with goal and now rampant Cork added further points from Jenny O'Donovan and Mary Coleman before substitute Susan O'Donovan had an injury time goal to seal an impressive display from the All-Ireland champions who now meet the Leinster champions on July 13.

Teams — Cork: M Murphy; E Dunne, M Nyhan L Hawks Cotter, R Buckley, E Waters, A Geary, S Downing, O Coughlan, H O'Regan, A Watson, T Shanahan, M Coleman, J O'Donovan. Sub: S O'Donovan for T Shanahan.

Tipperary: R Kenneally; S Burke, A Lornegan, M Kirwin, K Kennedy, C O'Sullivan, N Ryan, M Luttrell, C Hennessy, C Johnson, J Nolan, N Flanagan, D Dunne, A Lornegan. Sub: C Heffernan for N Ryan.



A proud moment for Cork captain, Anna Geary, as she accepts the Munster minor camogie championship trophy from Mary Moran (donor) after leading her team to victory over Tipperary at Charleville on Saturday last. On left is Rose Malone, Secretary of the Munster Camogie Council.

Cork and Tipperary renew their rivalry on Sunday in the Senior National league final at Páirc Uí Rinn at 12noon.

Cork are chasing their twelfth title while Tipperary's only title was won in 1977 as they took the inaugural senior league title.

Both sides served played their part in what was without doubt one of the classic All-Ireland finals last September in Croke Park as Cork stopped Tipperary bid for a record four-in-a-row of championship titles and were stopped in their tracks by an impressive Cork outfit who had been starved of All-Ireland glory for too long.

Now the sides meet again on the national league stage and, while both will acknowledge that the championship is the priority, a national title is something not to be taken lightly.

Five years ago, when Cork handed out a league final hammering to a Tipperary side struggling to make an impact in the senior grade, it served as a wake-up call for Tipperary camogie and the huge efforts put in since has brought the game to a new

level in the county yielding three All-Ireland titles.

Saturday's final is an important one that will give the victors the upper hand and this is important when one looks ahead to the new championship format which begin the last weekend in June and be played on a league basis — one slip up here and you could live to regret it.

A lot of changes have taken place since that balmy September evening in Croke Park with the league serving as a good stage to introduce new blood.

Two players who have given tremendous service to Cork have called it a day on the inter-county stage with Eithne Duggan and Linda Mellerick retiring Caoimhe Harrington is presently unavailable due to studies.

Orla O'Sullivan has fitted in well to the Cork forward line and has been most impressive and proving more than capable. Another who has looked impressive has been Colette Desmond who has notched up the scores when called upon.

The selectors introduced Denise Cronin at full back in their semi-final against Dublin and the Glen Rovers

star acquitted herself well and could be the one to fill the spot left vacant by the departure of Eithne Duggan.

Cork had little difficulty advancing against weak opposition against Dublin, while Tipperary did likewise to a Kilkenny side that had been making a good impression up to the semi-final stage.

Ramie Ryan is now in the driving seat in Tipp, taking over from successful coach Michael Cleary, and the side have responded well, shaking off the disappointment of losing their All-Ireland crown to make it to the league final.

Jovita Delaney, Noelle Kennedy, Una O'Dwyer and Emer McDonnell will be determined to defeat Cork and will be coming in search of what would be for this group of players their first national league medal.

However, Cork, on home ground, will not give way easily and under the guidance this year of Pa Finn, Kathleen Healy and former great Sandle Fitzgibbon, they are determined not to let their arch rivals get one over on them.

It's a clash not to be missed.

ROCKBÁN 6-5
BALLYHEA 4-3

ROCKBÁN took the Junior 'B' league title defeating Ballyhea in an exciting final where Ballyhea fought back in the second half to cut his big Rockbán lead.

Sile Burns gave the victors a dream start with two quick goals, and with her side settling quickly they continued to put the Ballyhea defence under constant pressure.

Burns added a third goal before Clare Conway extended the lead with a point before Julianne Whooley pounced for Rockbán's fourth goal. Valerie Mulcahy adding a fifth and a point a minute later there looked to be no way back for Ballyhea as they trailed 5-3 to no score at the interval.

From the restart it was a different Ballyhea who took the field and, showing great determination, they were quickly on the scoreboard with Mary Coleman hitting two points as Elaine Harte got one back for Rockbán.

Now it was Ballyhea who were putting the pressure on and the Rockbán defence had to work hard to contain the resurgent Ballyhea front line.

Mary Coleman had two Ballyhea goals which were

quickly followed by a Sarah Douglas point and when Vera Hennessy had Ballyhea's third goal the deficit was now down to seven points.

With play swinging from end to end both sides strove for supremacy and to their credit Ballyhea battled hard but the Rockbán defence began to gain the upper hand.

Valerie Mulcahy extended the lead to eight points with a Rockbán point but, battling on, Mary Coleman struck for a Ballyhea goal to cut deficit to four points. However, Rockbán's Clare Conway had the final say with a point to seal a memorable day for the club to take their first adult title.

Teams — Rockbán: S Keohane; M Twomey, N Cashman, C Drinan, C Foley, M Cronin (captain), A Geaney, N Keohane, L Crowley, V Mulcahy, T Howard, C Conway, S Burns, E Harte, J Whooley. Sub: E Casey for J Whooley.

Ballyhea: G Coleman; S O'Leary, A Morrissey, H O'Brien, M Walsh, E Waters, C O'Doherty, S Douglas, K O'Leary, N Morrissey, J O'Leary, M Coleman, V Hennessy, D Dwane, S McInerney. Sub: M Walsh for D Dwane, R Waters for J O'Leary.



The Cork minor camogie team who completed a great Munster championship three-in-a-row by beating great rivals, Tipperary, by 6-13 to 4-4 at Charleville on Saturday last.

Inniscarra seal victory with three goals

**Inniscarra Douglas 3-6
1-4**

A very even first half with Douglas, with the elements to their back, edging it thanks to a goal in the 9th minute and two points from 45s in the 21st and 26th minutes from Jenny O'Donovan last Monday in the U16A league in Douglas.

Inniscarra stayed in contention thanks to a goal from Maeve Buckley and 2 points from Rena Buckley. Sinead O'Leary added the other point for Douglas making it 1-3 to 1-2 in favour of Douglas. J O'Donovan had a point on the board in the 5th minute. Then in the 12th and 14th minutes Rena Buckley lobbed 2 shots on top of the Douglas goal that went all the way to the back of the net. This settled In-

Camogie: u-16 leagues

niscarra who added 4 more points.

Scorers- Inniscarra: R Buckley 2-6, M Buckley 1-0. Douglas: J O'Donovan 1-3, S O'Leary 0-1.

**Milford Douglas 8-10
9-6**

In their second match of the week in the U16A league Douglas lead Milford 7-4 to 3-5 at half time. About 2 mins to go Milford had reduced the deficit to 1 point when Anna Geary pointed from a free. From the puck out Sarah Sexton won the ball, soloed in, passed the ball into Anna Geary who found the back of the Douglas net to put Milford 2 points ahead — the first time they lead in the game. From the next puck out Jenny O'Donovan won the ball but was brought down soloing through the Milford defence. From the resulting free Jenny O'Donovan went for goal but the ball went barely over the bar and Milford snatched victory by the minimum.

Scorers- Milford: A Watson 4-2, A Geary 3-6, T O'Mahony 1-0, A Thompson 0-2. Douglas: C Hussey 3-0, N O'Donovan 2-2, O Tobin 2-0, J O'Donovan 1-3, E Heffernan 1-0, D Murphy 0-1.

Clubs get ready for camogie Féile na nGael

EIGHTEEN clubs will set out on Saturday next in search of the honour of representing Cork in the National Féile na nGael All-Ireland competition in June.

Féile is, without doubt, the highlight for all under 14 players, be it hurling football or camogie, and it will continue to weave its magic spell come Saturday morning when youngsters throughout the city and county ready themselves for it.

Six venues will host the tournament in sections of three teams, one of which will emerge from each section to participate in the quarter-finals next Tuesday evening.

The semi-finals are on Thursday and the final on Sunday evening, followed by the skills competition.

So, an exciting few days ahead for all concerned.

The sections and games are as follows:

Section A: at Cloughduv: Fr O Neills, Cloughduv and Inniscarra. Section B: at Douglas: Killeagh, Douglas and Courcy Rovers. Section C: at Ballincollig: Ballincollig, Charleville and Erins Own.

Section D: at Ballinhassig: Ballinhassig, Éire Óg and Aghabullogue. Section E: at Glen Rovers: Glen Rovers, Ballygarvan and Buttevant. Section F: at St. Finbarrs: St Finbarrs, Blackrock and Bishopstown.

Games will begin at 2.30 and continue at 3.30 and 4.30.

Quarter-final arrangements as follows:

At Ballincollig on Tuesday, May 17: Winners of Section B v winners of Section D, 7pm; winners of Section E v winners of Section A.

Semi-finals on Thursday night at a venue to be confirmed and final on Sunday, May 25, at St. Finbarrs, 6pm.

CAMOGIE

Cork Colleges First Year 'A' Blitz SF - Christ the King 2-3, Coachford 2-2; Charleville 0-5, Bandon 1-1. Final: Charleville 2-4, Christ the King 1-3.
Cork Colleges First Year 'B' Blitz SF - Middleton 4-4, Davis College, Mallow 1-1; Ballincollig CS 2-3, Carrignabhear 1-3. Final: Ballincollig CS 1-1, Middleton 0-3.

Gradings announced

THE third board meeting for 2003 of the Cork Juvenile Camogie Board took place in Blarney recently.

The main business of the meeting was grading of teams for the under 12 league. League games will start on May 20.

Grading of teams was as follows; Grade A: Ballincollig, Ballinhassig, Buttevant, Carrigaline, Douglas 1, Inniscarra, Rockban and Milford.

Grade B, Section 1: Aghabullogue, Bishopstown, Ballygarvan, Clonakilty, Courcy Rovers, Newcestown, Valley Rovers and Sliabh Rua.

Grade B, Section 2: Blackrock, Cobh, Erins Own, Fr O'Neills, Glen Rovers, Killeagh and St. Finbarrs.

Grade C, Section 1: Blarney, Ballinora, Bandon, Cloughduv, Éire Óg and St. Vincents. Grade C, Section 2: Ballyhea, Bride Rovers, Charleville, Mallow, Newtownshandrum, St. Fannahans and Watergrasshill. Grade C, Section 3: Brian Dillons, Douglas 2, Na Piarasigh, Passage West, Sarsfield and Youghal. Grade 12 a Side, Section 1: Castlelyons, Dungourney, Kildorrery, Kilshannig, St. Catherine's. Grade 12 a Side, Section 2: Ballinascorthy, Barryroe, Enniskeane, Kilbrittain/Timoleague, Tracton. 7 a side blitz: Castlemagner, Grenagh, Mayfield and Millstreet.

Rockban edge out Ballyhea

**Rockban Ballyhea 6-5
4-3**

ROCKBAN took the Junior B league title defeating Ballyhea in an exciting final where Ballyhea fought back in the second half to cut the big Rockban lead.

Sile Burns gave the victors a dream start with two quick goals and with her side settling quickly they continued to put the Ballyhea defence under constant pressure.

Sile Burns added a third goal and Clare Conway had extended the lead with a point before Julianne Whooley pounced for Rockban's fourth goal. Valerie Mulcahy adding a fifth and a point a minute later there looked to be no way back for Ballyhea as they trailed 5-3 to no score at the interval.

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Ballyhea: G. Coleman, S. O'Leary, A. Morrissey, H. O'Brien, M. Walsh, E. Waters, C. O'Doherty, S. Douglas, K. O'Leary, N. Morrissey, J. O'Leary, M. Coleman, V. Hennessy, D. Dwane, S. McInerney, Sub M. Walsh for D. Dwane, R. Waters, J. O'Leary.

CAMOGIE

Leinster MBC final: Kildare 4-9 (S O'Carroll 3-4, M. Murtagh 1-0, L. Bowler, L. Kestley 0-2 each, S. Donnelly 0-1) Wicklow 2-2 (Katie Cullen 1-1, T. McDonald 1-0, Kelly Cullen 0-1)

Ulster JC 1st round: Derry 3-13 London 1-3; Tyrone 1-16 Cavan 3-3; Antrim v Down PP

Leinster JC 1st round: Offaly 1-6 Kilkenny 1-4.

Cork Féile na nGael: Teams who qualified from Saturday's Féile na nGael Camogie Blitz are: Inniscarra, Douglas, Ballincollig, Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan, St. Finbarr's. The pairings who qualified for Tuesday's Quarter-Finals at Ballincollig are: Douglas v Ballinhassig at 7pm, Ballygarvan v Inniscarra at 8pm. Semi-Finals on Thursday: Venue to be arranged. Ballincollig v Ballygarvan or Inniscarra, St. Finbarr's v Douglas or Ballinhassig.

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Congress 2003

Wicklow's great success

Last month Wicklow hit the camogie headlines when they hosted Annual Congress for the very first time. However, this was another step into the history books for Wicklow as in the inaugural year 1904, Arklow had its first team formed by a Mrs. Catherine O'Toole writes Máire Uí Scolaí.

Another major step for the county was in 1953 when a Glenealy lady MRS.C.M. Byrne became the first lady from Wicklow to become Uachtarán of Cumann Cam ga ochta na nGael. It was somewhat ironic that at this year's Congress an Offaly lady, Miriam O'Callaghan would become the first person from the Faithful County to hold the highest seat in Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael.

Last summer the hard working Wicklow committee set about putting the Congress in place, the venue already booked was the Arklow Bay Hotel where the staff were extremely courteous to all over the weekend and nothing became too much for them at any stage.

CO-OPERATION FROM WICKLOW GAA

With much talk of the GAA, Cumann Cam ga ochta na nGael and Ladies Football coming under one umbrella Congress 2003 was a wonderful opportunity to see the

close co-operation that exists between both organisations in county Wicklow.

Earlier on in the season I met with this dedicated committee one night down in Baltinglass and there among the camogie

committee was the GAA county secretary and Leinster official, Jimmy Dunne.

At the Banquet on the Saturday night it was great to see so many of Wicklow's GAA clubs taking a table, this was probably largely due to the hardworking Jimmy Dunne. No event of this size can go ahead without sponsorship and to this end Congress secretary Patricia Whelan certainly did her homework. Last summer she targeted many companies and to her credit the evidence was to be seen by all the delegates in The Arklow Bay Hotel.

SPONSORSHIP

As each delegate sat at her or his table in the Conference room they were presented with a lovely scarf from the world renowned Avoca Hand Weavers. While the Wicklow committee were fortunate to receive much sponsorship it was Wicklow County Council who became their major sponsor along with the Wicklow GAA Board. Cathaoirleach of the County Council, Vincent Blake who attended the Banquet was more than delighted to be associated with this wonderful event.

Side by side with the Avoca Hand Weaver's scarf was a beautiful gilt edged folder with the camogie crest on the front, sponsored by Dominic Mc Leech of R.K.L. Services. They are a sport's company who specialise in embroidery and printing on club, school sport's and leisure needs.

ARDSTIÚRTHÓIR'S REPORT

The main Congress work was done on the Saturday and arising from the Ardstiúrthóir, Sheila Wallace's excellent report many questions were asked regarding the forthcoming alliance with the GAA. Also high on the minds of delegates was next year's centenary, which promises to be a year long of celebration beginning in October of this year with a launch at the club All-Ireland finals.

KILKENNY MOTIONS

A motion from Kilkenny regarding the wearing of shorts was defeated in light of the new camogie skirt which will shortly be on the market. Designed by O'Neill's Sport's Wear Company it has already been tried out by Cork and Dublin teams. So far the teams seem very happy with it. The new skirt is a combination of both a skirt and shorts and it is expected that most players will go with it in the near future.

A recommendation from Kilkenny that the post match

All-Ireland final lunch on the Monday be discontinued was passed. Counties in future will be able to hold their own function and thus present their All-Ireland medals on that night instead of the Monday.

While discussions come and go the main item of interest on delegates minds was probably the election of the new Uachtarán. Two people put their names in the race, Helen McAleevy of Down and Miriam O'Callaghan of Offaly. A close contest, Miriam won with twelve votes to spare.

NEW UACHTARÁN

Miriam brings a wealth of experience to the Association. She has played for Offaly, refereed at intercounty level, was president of the second level colleges and was a wonderful P.R.O for the Faithful County. Miriam is very aware of the wonderful honour bestowed on her and Offaly as she leads the Association into its next centenary. A very progressive lady, the Association will certainly reap her expertise. High on her agenda would be items such as the Pilot Project scheme, involving eighth counties who are pioneering the integration of all Gaelic Games at Club/County Board level, raising the profile of the game would be a major item with Miriam too. She certainly will not find too much time to sit around. All in Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael wish her the very best in her next three years.

The outgoing Uachtarán Pádraighín Ní Raifeartaigh was very fortunate to hold office in a very exciting time in the history of the game. She oversaw major changes such as the move from the twelve a-side to the fifteen a-side game, playing rule changes and the launch of the Pilot Project Scheme. A former All-Ireland medal winner with the Dubs she certainly got to know many at grass roots level by a huge amount of functions she attended.

Congress 2003 saw another milestone when the treasurer's position was not up for election. In the very near future this will become a fulltime paid position and thus bring the number of fulltime employees at National level to two. The wonderful work done over the years by the present treasurer Jo Nic Uaidrich of Kilkenny was warmly acknowledged by many delegates. Jo will remain in the position until the new employee is appointed. The only other position up for election was that of National P.R.O., as nobody stood for election Máire Uí Scolaí was re-elected.

CITY WEST

February 2004 will see the Centenary Congress go ahead in the very attractive City West Hotel in Dublin. This has the hallmarks of a unique occasion and all in Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael will warmly look forward to what will be hopefully a gala night to remember.



Padhraighín Ní Raifeartaigh (above) was replaced by Offaly's Miriam O'Callaghan

May 2003

Ryan says Tipp charges ready for Cork challenge

by Therese O'Callaghan

WHILE tomorrow's National camogie league final between Cork and Tipperary will showcase some of the outstanding talent in the country, it is also a big occasion for new Tipperary boss Raymie Ryan — a name more identified with hurling within the county.

Ryan, who took over the managerial post from former inter-county player Michael Cleary, was a member of the Tipp panel between '92 and '99. During that spell he contested an All-Ireland final in '97.

While he acknowledges that Cork are a very strong side, particularly after their semi-final win over Dublin, he is enthusiastic about his new role and is looking forward to seeing how his charges will react to the challenge.

"Cork were mighty impressive that day, but regardless of who you are playing in a final you have to be prepared. We are delighted to be involved because we were pretty slow to get going between a run of injuries and holidays."

However, he will have to wait until nearer the game before confirming his

final line-up: "We have two major doubts and will have to do a late fitness test on Deirdre Hughes and Michelle Shortt," he said.

Cork, on the other hand report a clean bill of health — the only uncertainty is centre-forward Emer Dillon.

However Ryan believes that by now most counties are eyeing the bigger prize — the O'Duffy cup. "All you really want to do is get back to an All-Ireland final. Whatever the outcome tomorrow it will have no bearing whatsoever on September. Championship is another matter altogether."

Tipperary have soared to amazing heights over the past number of years with Cleary responsible for the county claiming the Blue Riband of camogie on three occasions. Last Autumn Cork avenged earlier defeats, showing real class when taking the 2002 title.

Ryan looked on from the stand as Tipperary's dream of four in-a-row disappeared. Last Monday he watched aghast as the Tipp men agonisingly leave the National hurling league title behind them in Croke Park.

"The lads got caught," he says. "You have to hurl the full 70 minutes. The

game is not ended until you are sitting down afterwards in the dressing room. While every contest is different you have to stay hurling right to the end."

The Tipperary hymn sheet is certain to be along those lines tomorrow.

TIPPERARY: P Ryan; M Corcoran, C Gaynor, S Howard; S Nealon, U O'Dwyer (capt), S Kelly; A McDermott, T Brophy; M Shortt, N Kennedy, J Ryan; E McDonnell, D Hughes, C Grogan.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; R Moloney, V Harris; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

● Chorus Sports will show highlights of the game on Wednesday at 6.30pm and 8pm.

Cork and Tipp name strong sides for decider

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

BOTH Cork and Tipperary have dealt strong hands for Sunday's National League final at Páirc Uí Rinn (noon).

Tipperary manager Raymie Ryan has sprung one or two surprises in his selection — mainly with Paula Ryan taking over in goal from Danielle O'Connell.

Sinead Nealon gets the nod to start at the expense of Paula Bulfin, and Deirdre Hughes comes in at full-forward replacing Louise Young.

Ryan, who is from the Toomevara club, was on their intermediate team last season and has won promotion to the first 15. Long-serving keeper Jovita Delaney, who captained them to All-Ireland success in 2000, is on the recovery list from a car accident.

Nealon was on the bench the last day against Kilkenny and her promotion to the half-back line releases Therese Brophy to the middle of the field where Bulfin is still hampered by a leg injury that forced her off in the semi-final.

Angie McDermott will join Brophy in a formidable partnership at number eight and nine. As expected ace attacker Deirdre Hughes returns to the full-forward slot alongside Emer McDonnell and Claire Grogan.

Interestingly, captain Una O'Dwyer continues to fill the centre-back position while Clara Gaynor has reverted to the number-three shirt.

Meanwhile, Cork boss Pa Finn has made one change to his line-up.

Sara Hayes from the Courcsey Rovers club makes room for her club colleague Rachel Moloney who comes into the team at midfield, thus releasing Gemma O'Connor to her more favoured position at left-half back.

As expected Ger Casey is in goal, and once again is fronted by Denise Cronin who is named at full-back.

Mary O'Connor will be at centre-back despite suffering the huge disappointment of missing out on captaining the Cork ladies football team in their Division Two league final also on Sunday.

There is a conflict in starting times with the football game going ahead at 1.30pm as a curtain raiser to their Division Three final in Ennis. But O'Connor has opted to stay in Cork giving camogie her first allegiance.

Up front an attack that scored 2-15 against Dublin in the penultimate round have been rewarded for their strong form — the only worry that Cork have is a slight doubt over the fitness of Emer Dillon at centre-forward.

However, the Ballygarvan girl is almost certain to make it through.

Cork and Tipperary clashes always have a ring about them and Sunday's final will be no different as these two counties are treating each other with the utmost respect. Tipp will also feel that they owe the Rebels one, after they denied the Premier girls four-in-a-row All-Ireland titles last September.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; R Moloney, V Harris; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

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Late flourish sees Cork home after titanic battle

Cork 3-13
Tipperary 2-12

by Therese O'Callaghan

THIS was another titanic struggle between two of the greatest teams in the country. In a terrific National Camogie League final which was level on six occasions in Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday the outcome failed to be decided until the closing 10 minutes when Cork romped home with four unanswered points. Up to then, this scintillating game could have gone either way.

The Rebels in particular had forceful contributions from Ger Casey, Mary O'Connor, Vivienne Harris, Una O'Donoghue and Fiona O'Driscoll, while Tipperary quickly impacted with Sinead Nealon, Angie McDermott, Therese Brophy, Eimear McDonnell and Ciara Gaynor showing the way.

The Premier County piled the pressure straight from the throw-in when McDonnell was on hand to push home a fifth minute goal.

However, O'Driscoll immediately negated this score and with points

from Harris and Orla O'Sullivan the sides were on parity after 15 minutes.

A marvellous solo goal effort from Una O'Donoghue nosed Cork into the lead just moments after Tipperary had lost Brophy with a hand injury. But they regained their composure with Claire Grogan hitting two wonderful points and Deirdre Hughes tapping over after soaring highest to collect a Philly Fogarty delivery.

The scoreboard at the break could not have been closer, 1-8 to 2-5.

The second-half continued at such frantic pace. The home side introduced Sara Hayes for Paula O'Connor and within a minute O'Driscoll was busy netting Cork's third goal — albeit after taking a deflection off Tipperary captain Una O'Dwyer. However, the fight was far from over for the Blue and Gold and when Hughes flashed an unstoppable shot to the net, the visitors went back in front, 2-10 to 3-5.

O'Driscoll and O'Sullivan worked hard to erase the Rebel deficit. They succeeded, thus converting the closing 10 minutes into a period of great anticipation for the enthusiastic crowd.

However, Cork finished with



Tipperary's Ciara Gaynor is tackled by Cork's Una O'Donoghue and Colette Desmond during the league final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

greater resolve firing over four points — two real beauties from O'Sullivan and late replacement Colette Desmond who lined out after Emer Dillon failed a late fitness test. While Tipperary may have lost this fight, manager Raymie Ryan has every right to be hopeful of another long summer.

Scorers Cork: F O'Driscoll 2-5 (1-1 45 metre, 0-4 frees), U O'Donoghue 1-1, O O'Sullivan 0-3, C Healy, J O'Leary, C Desmond and V Harris 0-1 each. **Tipperary:** N Kennedy 0-6 (frees), D Hughes 1-1, E McDonnell 1-0, C Grogan 0-2, J Ryan, M Shortt and C Gaynor 0-1 each.

CORK: C Casey; J O'Callaghan; D Cronin, S Dun-

lea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; V Harris, R Moloney; C Desmond, U O'Donoghue, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

Subs: S Hayes for P O'Connor (h/t), P O'Connor for C Healy (52 mins).

TIPPERARY: P Ryan; M Corcoran, C Gaynor, S Howard; S Nealon, U O'Dwyer (capt), S Kelly; A McDermott, T Brophy; M Shortt, N Kennedy, J Ryan; E McDonnell, D Hughes, C Grogan.

Subs: P Fogarty for T Brophy (22 mins in), L Young for M Shortt (47 mins).

Referee: J O'Brien (Wexford).

Corcaigh

1 Gearóidín Ní Chathsaigh Ger Casey Inniscarra			Dearg agus Bán		
2 Siobhán Ní Cheallacháin Joanne O'Callaghan Cloughdun			3 Denise Ní Chróinín Denise Cronin Glen Rovers		
5 Paula Ní Chonchubhair Paula O'Connor Newtownshandrum			6 Máire Ní Chonchubhair Mary O'Connor Killeagh		
8 Béibhíonn Ní Earchai Vivienne Harris Bishopstown			9 Rachel Ní Mhaolomhnaigh Rachel Moloney Courcy Rovers		
10 Una Ní Dhonechú Una O'Donoghue Cloughdun			11 Eimhear Ní Dhioláin Emer Dillon Ballygarvan		
13 Orla Ní Shuilleabháin Orla O'Sullivan Naomh Fionnbharr			14 Ciara Ní Éalaithe Ciara Healy Bishopstown		
16. Aoife Ní Mhuiri Aoife Murray, Cloughdun			21. Colette Ní Dheasúnaigh Colette Desmond, Newtown		
17. Sorcha Ní Aodha Sarah Hayes, Courcy Rovers			22. Lynda Ní Chonaill Lynda O'Connell, Naomh Fionnbharr		
18. Leán de Burca Elaine Burke			23. Sinéad Ní Shuilleabháin Jean O'Sullivan, Bishopstown		
19. Caitríona Ní Chorca Catherine Corkery, Cloughdun			24. Brid Ní Chorca Breege Corkery, Cloughdun		
20. Sinéad Ní Bhuachalla Sinéad Buckley, Aghabullogue			25. Nóra Eathirín Nora Aherne, Fr. O'Neills		
Ionadaithe			Bainisteoir		
			Pádraig Ó Finn (Pa Finn)		
			Roghnóirí Sandy Ní Giobúin (Sandy Fitzgibbon) Caitlín Uí Cheallaigh (Kathleen Kelly)		

Tiobraid Árann

1 Paula Ní Riain Paula Ryan Toomevara			Gorm agus Órga		
2 Meadhbh Ní Chocráin Meadhbh Corcoran Moycarkey/Borris			3 Ciara Nig Fhionnbhair Ciara Gaynor Kilruane McDonagh		
5 Sinéad Ní Niallín Sinéad Nealon Burgess			6 Úna Ní Dhuibhir Una O'Dwyer Cashel Captan		
8 Aingeal Ní Diarmada Angie McDermott Annacarty/Donohill			9 Treasa Ní Bhróithe Therese Brophy Burgess		
10 Michelle Ní an Gheairr Michelle Short Drom/Inch			11 Noelle Ní Chinnéide Noelle Kennedy Toomevara		
13 Eimhear Ní Domnaill Eimear McDonnell Burgess			14 Deirdre Ní Aodha Deirdre Hughes Toomevara		
16. Danielle Ní Chonaill Danielle O'Connell, Cashel			21. Pádraighín Ní Allúráin Trish O'Halloran, Portroe		
17. Filimín Ní Fhógartaigh Philly Fogarty, Cashel			22. Leán Ní Bhraoin Helen Breen, Cashel		
18. Paula Bhuilín Paula Biffin, Cashel			23. Eimil Ní Eideáin Emily Hayden, Cashel		
19. Louise de Síon Louise Young, Toomevara			24. Áine Ní Mhaolchathaigh Aine Mulcahy, Burgess		
20. Lorraine de Búrca Lorraine Burke, Templemore			25. Pádraighín Ní Riain Trish Ryan, Toomevara		
Ionadaithe			Bainisteoir		
			Réamann Ó Riain Ramie Ryan		
			Roghnóirí Marion Uí Ghreagháin (Marion Graham) Conchúr Ó Riain (Conor Ryan)		

Cork clinch 12th National League crown Camogie

CORK 3-13
TIPPERARY . 2-12

CORK won their 12th Camogie National League when scoring a great four-point victory over old rivals, Tipperary, in Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday. Tipperary took an early lead thanks to an Emer McDonnell goal in the fifth minute and a point followed from Michelle Short. It was not exactly the best of starts for Cork, but they didn't panic and they got a lucky break fifteen minutes into the game when a long-range free by Fiona O'Driscoll deceived Tipperary goalkeeper, Paula Ryan, and dipped into the net. Swapping points on three occasions, the sides were clearly evenly matched, but Una O'Donoghue gave Cork the lead when she waltzed past the Tipperary defence and finished low to the net with nine minutes of the opening half remaining. Ciara Gaynor and Jennifer O'Leary exchanged points before Clare Grogan again gave Tipp the lead with two well-taken points as the interval loomed.

However, Cork drew level through Ciara Healy and it was level at the break (1-8 to 2-5). Cork hit the front within four minutes of the re-start thanks to a Fiona O'Driscoll goal, but two points without reply from Noelle Kennedy had Tipperary back in touch. Eight minutes into the second half, Deirdre Hughes gave a big boost to Tipperary when she goaled after the Cork defence hesitated in clearing what looked like a harmless attempt at goal. But Cork responded with Fiona O'Driscoll point from a long-range free. The game was entering the final ten minutes and it was all to play for. Twice, Noelle Kennedy swapped points with Fiona O'Driscoll and Orla O'Sullivan. O'Driscoll again pointed a long-range free before repeating the feat a minute later to edge Cork two points ahead. With one minute remaining, Cork, proving themselves very worthy champions, added a point through Orla O'Sullivan and Colette Desmond followed with another point, to clinch a victory that will offer a big boost to Cork as they continue their championship preparations. After the game, Cork's Jim McCarthy and Pa Finn were very happy with the victory. "It was an important one for Cork," said McCarthy. "We have not got going fully yet and to give such a performance today is very heartening." Finn, celebrating his first League title with the side had this to say: "I am delighted with the result today because winning a national title is always pleasing."

Camogie Chat

Páirc Uí Rinn played host to Sunday's National league final where Cork and Tipperary once again duly obliged and served up an exciting contest. Level on six occasions the sides were evenly matched right through before Cork gained their second wind with ten minutes remaining hitting over five points without to secure the counties twelfth league crown. Fiona O'Driscoll continues to be the big player up front notching up seven points while Una O'Donoghue's inspirational solo run which split the Tipperary defence nine minutes from half time was the score that helped turn the game in Cork's favour. Denise Cronin is settling in well to her new role at full back, while Colette Desmond playing in her first senior league final performed well. Congratulations to captain Stephanie Dunlea on leading her side superbly, an honour richly deserved for a player who has served her county so well. Jim McCarthy was on hand to inform us that this Cork side are only beginning to get back training so roll on July 5 and the first of three championship clashes starting with Galway. League titles are sometimes looked on as second best and certainly championship will be the priority but one could not help thinking that last Sunday's clash had a lot more than

"Last year, we lost out at the semi-final stage to Limerick and the girls were anxious to do well this year. While the retention of our All-Ireland is, without doubt, our main aim, you never say no to a trophy and I am delighted to again put one over on our friends from Tipperary. We have introduced some new faces and I am pleased with how the season has gone so far. We will now look ahead to the championship with confidence and I am sure that Tipp will be only anxious to have another cut off of us when that time comes."

CORK CAPTURE 12TH LEAGUE CROWN

just the league crown at stake. The win ensured Cork continue to hold the upper hand on the old enemy while for Tipp it was a second consecutive defeat at the hands of the Rebels. On Bank Holiday Monday the junior side scores an emphatic 5-24 to 0-0 Munster semi-final victory over a weak Waterford side. While you can only play to the best of your own ability games such as this do little to promote the game or for the opposition who will have learned very little about their own teams abilities. Interesting to note that Cork's Munster final opponents on July 5 or 6 will be none other than Clare who on dropping down to junior grade from senior recorded a big win over Tipperary and they will certainly put it up to a Cork side bidding to retain their provincial crown. Congratulations to the St. Marys Charleville girls who continued their dominance in the All-Ireland Colleges sevens by taking their eleventh title in a row. Overcoming the challenges of Loughrea, Magherafelt and Loreto Kilkenny they progressed to meet fellow Cork side Loreto Fermoy in the final. With Captain Elaine O'Riordan superb in defence and Aine Watson and Sinéad McAuliffe on form up front Charleville took the title on 12-5 to 3-4 score

line. Well done to Christ the King Turners Cross inspired by Niamh O'Donovan, Leeann O'Shea, Roseanne Byrne, and Kate O'Sullivan who recorded a historic victory over a Charleville side bidding to make it six in a row to take the Munster colleges first year 'A' title. Congratulations also to Glanmire Community College who edged out Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig by just one point to take the first years 'B' crown. The Cork Feile na Gael takes place at six venues this weekend Cloughdun host Fr O'Neills and Inniscarra, Douglas will welcome Killeagh and Courcy Rovers, Charleville and Erins Own travel to Ballincollig, Eire Og, Ballinhassig and Aghabullogue are in action in Ballinhassig, while in the Glen Field the home side welcome Ballygarvan and Buttevant, and out in Toghbar Barrs host neighbours Blackrock and Bishopstown. One winner will emerge from each venue to contest the quarter finals at Ballincollig on Tuesday next, May 17th at 7pm and 8 p.m. with the semi-finals on Thursday, May 22nd and the Final on Sunday, May 25. Two players from each club will contest the skills competition after the final on May 25 at St Finbarr's. Until next week.



Cork's Una O'Donoghue, leaves Tipp's Angie McDermott, in her wake during the National Camogie League Final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Picture: Brendan Moran /

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DOUBLE WHAMMY: Tipperary's Ciara Gaynor is tackled by Cork's Una O'Donoghue and Colette Desmond in the National League final at Páirc Uí Rinn.
Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Cork
Tipperary

3-13
2-12

CORK and Tipperary will have left Páirc Uí Rinn after yesterday's National League final wondering when these sides will meet again.

Everybody in the large gathering will be hoping that it will be next September in Croke Park — such was the top-class fare on offer.

It was predicted beforehand that there would be very little between these two great rivals, and that proved correct.

Level three times in the first half, the interval scoreline of 2-5 to 1-8 ensured the followers did not move from their seats during the break.

During the opening 30 minutes patrons were served up the best in hooking, blocking and endeavour. Before any sliotar was thrown in Emer Dillon lost her battle for a starting spot, giving way to a niggling hamstring injury.

Into the side came Newcestown's Colette Desmond and after her outstanding performance she will not relinquish her spot easily.

She was one of a hard-working forward line where last season's player of the year Fiona O'Driscoll was proving why she is a star.

Rebels Tipp the balance



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Her contribution of 2-5 over the hour was crucial to the Rebel cause. Granted her two goals were a trifle accidental — the first went all the way from a 45 metre free while her second took a deflection from Tipperary captain Una O'Dwyer.

Una O'Donoghue was another to impress and instantly warmed to her switch onto the forty, forcing Tipperary to move full-back Ciara Gaynor out to mark her, with O'Dwyer going back to the edge of the square.

Her goal on the run-up to

half-time was sublime.

At the outset the Blue and Gold were winning in the forward area with Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes and Claire Grogan causing problems, but Cork stuck with the task and slowly their defence grew in stature.

At midfield the balance was evenly poised between Therese Brophy/Angle McDermott and Vivienne Harris/Rachel Moloney.

However, when Brophy was forced off with a hand injury 10 minutes before the break, the home side came more into their own.

Their fitness and ball carrying was crucial to an ample supply being sent in to the Cork attack.

The second half was just more of the same — two unrelenting sides keeping sight of the finishing tape. However, with the teams again level as they prepared for the home

stretch it was the final 10 minutes that decided this enthralling game. This was when Cork were at the best with exceptional points from O'Driscoll, O'Sullivan and Desmond giving them the honours.

Scorers for Cork: F. O'Driscoll 2-5 (1-1 45 metre, 0-4 free), U. O'Donoghue 1-1, O. O'Sullivan 0-3, C. Healy, J. O'Leary, C. Desmond and V. Harris 0-1 each.

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Subs: S. Hayes for P. O'Connor (147), P. O'Connor for C. Healy (152 mins).

TIPPERARY: P. Ryan; M. Corcoran, C. Gaynor, S. Howard; S. Nealon, U. O'Dwyer (capt), S. Kelly; A. McDermott, T. Brophy; M. Shortt, N. Kennedy, J. Ryan; E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, C. Grogan.

Subs: P. Fogarty for T. Brophy (22 mins inj), L. Young for M. Shortt (47 mins).

Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

AFTER such an epic it took Cork manager Pa Finn a few quiet moments to reflect on this latest win.

Happy with the triumph, he quickly acknowledged that there is very little between these two magnificent sides.

"There is only a puck of a ball between us," Finn said. "Just the same as last year's All-Ireland. Today we happened to come good in the

WHAT THEY SAID

last quarter of an hour.

"They put it up to us on several occasions today and at times we were found wanting. But I thought we did really well in the second half with our forwards in particular coming more into the game.

"Our wing-forwards played very well, played wide open

especially in the open space of Páirc Uí Rinn and sprayed the ball around the forward area.

"In particular I was delighted with Colette Desmond, who got some beautiful scores.

"To see her out there in a National League final was inspirational considering that she was drafted into the team

because of injuries.

"And I would have to mention Fiona (O'Driscoll) as well. She came out in the second half, won a great ball that fell short from their puck-out, turned and struck it over the bar.

"She reads the game very well. Vivienne (Harris) and Mary (O'Connor) were outstanding and I was pleased with Denise Cronin at

full-back. She was marking a very dangerous player in Deirdre Hughes.

"Stephanie Dunlea closed down their attack.

"In the first quarter, we were under pressure there. We must remember too that places are still up for grabs. Emer Dillon was a big loss to us. Caoimhe Harrington and Elaine Burke must also come back into the equation."

Cork's late points douse Tipp's gallant challenge

CORK 3-13 TIPPERARY 2-12

Report: Gerry Slevin Pictures: Bridget Delaney

Just as there is an air of expectancy in regard to the dominance of Tipp and Kilkenny hurlers in this year's championship, so too with the camogie players of Tipp and Cork, who on Sunday in Pairc Ui Rinn, set the scene with a very entertaining and competitive performance in the National League final, Cork's better fitness levels proving the dividing line with a late quartet of points.

Level on six occasions throughout the hour, the match showed just how little there is between these present day queen pins of the game. Cork were the better balanced side and seemed to adapt better to the greasy ground conditions. They also had the advantage of a superb Fiona O'Driscoll, personally responsible for 2-5 of the Cork total and a constant thorn in the Tipp defence.

It was Tipp who got off to the more encouraging start with a Michelle Shortt point in the 3rd minute, Eimear McDonnell's shot coming back off the upright. Strangely, Noelle Kennedy had gone low with a close-in free after only one minute. The ball was saved but in the 5th, Noelle's shot from play was parried by Cork keeper Ger Casey straight to the path of intruding Eimear McDonnell who lashed it home.

Tipp barely had time to savour this score when Cork struck for their first goal, a Fiona O'Driscoll free dipping into the Tipp net. Joanne Ryan soloed through for a Tipp point in the 8th minute but Cork were level by the 10th only for Noelle Kennedy to again raise Tipp hopes with two points, the first from a free.

BROPHY INJURED

Una O'Donoghue's goal in the 21st minute gave Cork the lead for the first time and it coincided with the departure of Therese Brophy with a hand injury, to be replaced by Philly Fogarty.

Some positional switching in the Tipp attack was effective with Claire Grogan lofting over two points from the centre forward berth and the half time whistle saw parity for the third time on a score line of 1-8 to 2-5.

Anyone's game, though Cork would have advantage of a slight breeze. While Cork set the scoring scene with another Fiona O'Driscoll goal four minutes into the second half, Tipp didn't let them out of sight with two Noelle Kennedy points from frees and a Deirdre Hughes goal reclaiming the lead by the 9th minute.

It was tit for tat on the scoring front, the defences placed under severe pressure and after a Fiona O'Driscoll pointed free had evened up matters for the sixth time with ten minutes remaining, Eimear McDonnell was very unlucky at the other end, when her goal attempt was foiled by a fine save from Ger Casey.

Noelle Kennedy's pointed free in the 17th minute was to be Tipp's final score and the closing minutes saw Cork thrive on possession, Fiona O'Driscoll in particular prominent in its use and four great points gradually saw the distance between the teams extended.

POSITIVES

While disappointment at the hands of Cork was to be Tipp's fate for the second time in less than a year, there were several positives which Raymie Ryan and co. could take from the game. There was certainly no shortage of effort and it is likely



Maedhbh Corcoran breaks away with Sinead Nealon in support.



Angie McDermott clears with Sheena Howard on left.



Tipp camogie mentors at Sunday's final - Marion Graham, Conor Ryan, Ramie (capt.). Photos

that Cork have more preparatory work done at this stage of the season. For fifty minutes Tipp gave as good as they got, matching their opponents in all the game's skills. In defence Ciara Gaynor and Una O'Dwyer reverted to their normal centre and full back roles respectively, each equally at home in either position. Sinead Nealon and Sheena Howard also impressed in defence.

Therese Brophy's loss was huge, although Philly Fogarty who replaced her did very well for one who has been concentrating her attentions on academic success.

Up front Eimear McDonnell was a constant threat, and though well policed Deirdre Hughes sent shivers among the Cork defence when in possession. Angie McDermott, Claire Grogan and Noelle Kennedy also played very well.

It was Cork's 12th league title, their 8th in nine years. Tipp have to go back to the very first league in 1977 for their only success to date.

Interestingly though, since 1999 when Tipp came good in championship fare for the first time, they have met Cork in the league final on two occasions. Those defeats were followed up with Tipp All Ireland wins.

An omen for next September? Hopefully!

SCORERS AND TEAMS

Scorers for Cork were F. O'Driscoll 2-5 (1-4 frees, 1-1), U. O'Donoghue 1-1, O. O'Sullivan 0-3, V. Harris, J. O'Leary, C. Healy and C. Desmond 0-1 each.

Tipp's replies came from N. Kennedy 0-6 (5 frees), D. Hughes 1-1, E. McDonnell 1-0, C. Grogan 0-2, M. Shortt, J. Ryan, C. Gaynor (free) 0-1 each.

Tipp had no wide at all during the hour, Cork had five, four of them in the first half. Cork were awarded a total of twenty one frees to Tipp's fourteen, with Cork forcing a 45 in each half.

CORK - Ger Casey, Joanne O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, Stephanie Dunlea captain, Paula O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Gemma O'Connor, Vivienne Harris, Rachel Mooney, Colette Desmond, Una O'Donoghue, Jenny O'Leary, Orla O'Sullivan, Ciara Healy, Fiona O'Driscoll.

Subs - Sarah Hayes for Paula O'Connor, Paula O'Connor for Healy.

TIPPERARY - Paula Ryan (Toomevara), Maedhbh Corcoran (Moynacarty-Borris), Una O'Dwyer captain (Cashel), Sheena Howard (Burgess), Sinead Nealon (Burgess), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Angie McDermott (Annacarty/Danohill), Therese Brophy (Burgess), Michelle Shortt (Drom-Inch), Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara), Joanne Ryan (Drom-Inch), Eimear McDonnell (Burgess), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara), Claire Grogan (Cashel).

Subs - Philly Fogarty for Brophy, Louise Young for Shortt.

Referee - Jack O'Brien, Wexford.