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# Star O'Brien leads Charleville girls into All-Ireland decider

St. Mary's, Charleville 1-12  
St. Raphael's College, Loughrea 2-4

MUNSTER champions St. Mary's, Charleville, due in large measure to Eileen O'Brien, won through to the All-Ireland Colleges senior camogie final after overcoming St. Raphael's College at Kilconiron, Co. Galway, yesterday.

There was high drama before the scheduled 3.00pm throw-in, when after an inspection it was decided that the original pitch was in an unplayable condition and posts were moved across to another field at the venue.

The victors, the defending All-Ireland Champions, aided by the breeze, established a 0-3 to 0-0 lead by the tenth minute, thanks to points from Eileen O'Brien (2) and Angela Sheehy.

St. Mary's kept up the pressure and had three more points between the 11th and 17th minutes through Sheehy, Caoimhe Harrington and O'Brien.

The Charleville side had their seventh point without reply after 18 minutes, scored by Sinead O'Callaghan.

St. Raphael's had their first point three minutes later through Claire Ann Spellman.

The last point of the half went to O'Callaghan, leaving the Charleville girls with a healthy 0-8 to 0-1 half-time advantage.

Both sides swapped points following the interval, through O'Brien and St. Raphael's best performer, Colette Nevin, in the opening minutes of the second-half.

St. Raphael's were then thrown a lifeline coming up to the midway point of the second half when Nevin had the Loughrea side's first goal of the match to make the scores 0-10 to 1-2.

However, St. Mary's struck back 11 minutes from the end with a goal by Jordana Dolan.

But St. Raphael's had not given up yet. Nevin had a point two minutes later, which was followed

quickly afterwards by a second goal for St. Raphael's, this time through Laura Burns, which left just a four-point difference between the rival colleges.

Then, however, Loughrea's hopes of a thrilling comeback were finally dashed by the Charleville girls.

O'Brien had two final points for St. Mary's to close out the game, although Nevin popped up again to have the final say for the Galway students with a point to secure their passage into the final.

Scorers for St. Mary's, Charleville: E. O'Brien 0-7, J. Dolan 1-0, A. Sheehy and S. O'Callaghan 0-2 each, C. Harrington 0-1.  
St. Raphael's, Loughrea: C. Nevin 1-3, L. Burns 1-0, C. A. Spellman 0-1.  
ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE: C. Lenihan, L. Leslie, C. Manton, M. O'Brien, C. Giltinan, C. Walsh, C. Harrington, J. Dolan, A. Sheehy, S. O'Callaghan (Captain), N. Bowles, E. O'Brien.  
ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA: A. Connolly, M. Spellman, C. Glynn, T. Maher (Captain), C. Forde, N. Healy, M. Maher, D. Kelly, C. A. Spellman, L. Burns, E. Connolly, C. Nevin, Substitute: T. Hogan for C. Glynn.  
Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary).



Jordana Dolan, St. Mary's College, drives towards goal with St. Raphael's Colette Nevin and Michelle Meehan in pursuit during the All-Ireland camogie semi-final.



■ The Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy, camogie team who have qualified for the All Ireland final.

## St. Mary's host Ulster champs

ST. MARY'S School, New Ross, the recently-crowned Leinster post-primary junior camogie champions, will be venturing into the unknown when they take on the Ulster champions, their namesakes from Maherafelt, Co. Derry, this Saturday.

But with the scalp of Loreto Convent, Kilkenny, under their belts, and a home game at O'Kennedy Park, it is unlikely they are duly perturbed by the reputation of the visitors. However, they are treating them with the utmost respect.

It took St. Mary's two games to see off

the challenge of their neighbouring rivals from Kilkenny, but they did so in emphatic style in the replay, having given an impressive performance and inflicting a comprehensive defeat.

The merit of that success was emphasised by the fact that Loreto Convent included nine of the team which helped Kilkenny win the Leinster u-14 championship last year.

The Rossonians have three members of that Kilkenny side of last year and they will not lack experience.

LOOKING at your Memory Lane photo of the late Tadg Crowley with the All-Ireland cup, brought back memories. A closer look will see that he is wearing a laurel wreath, made by my beloved Mum, Hannah O'Brien of Barrack Street (RIP). The Laurels were collected by sister, Nancy Hourihane (RIP) and UCC was the venue for the collection.

Again in 1973 Billy Morgan had the great honour of bringing the cup, and my sister Nora Newman collected the laurels and made a wreath for Billy.

Mary Higgins, (O'Brien)  
Lisfield,  
Lr Friars Walk, Cork.



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# Superstar burns out

Leading GAA player Sandra 'Sandie' Fitzgibbon, like DJ Carey, has decided on inter-county retirement. **Diarmuid O'Flynn** examines why the contrast between the two could not be more stark

**J**UST A FEW weeks ago, the GAA world was shattered with the announcement of the retirement of DJ Carey. There was uproar, and understandably so — it was a massive national news story. The retirement, still in his prime, of one of hurling's leading lights. In the last few weeks also, another leading GAA player decided on inter-county retirement. And the contrast between the two could hardly be more stark.

Sandra "Sandie" Fitzgibbon has won four senior All-Ireland club, six Munster club, and 10 senior county club medals with Glen Rovers; at inter-county level with Cork, she has six All-Ireland medals at senior, three at minor, one at schools, with North Pres; and, in her own words, "seven or eight" National Leagues, playing camogie.

Additionally, she represented Ireland at Basketball for six years; won "three or four" National Cups with three runners-up medals, and four National Leagues. Finally, for good measure, she also has a national soccer medal — played with Cork Rangers, won a Grattan Cup medal with them — "like a National League thing." A magnificent record, comparable almost with that other great Glen dual star, Christy Ring, and certainly comparable with that of DJ. And yet a record practi-

cally ignored. Ringey is an instantly-recognised household GAA name — Sandie? It really is unjust. More than unjust.

Like a lot of great sporting careers, Sandy Fitzgibbon began playing camogie almost by accident: "I started hurling at nine — my sister, Cecilia, was supposed to be minding me, but she was playing with the Glen, and used to bring me with her to training, and I'd puck around at the side." — a star is born. She took to it straight away — "I did actually — I was an awful tomboy, used to play everything — baseball, rounders on the streets — it kind of all combined then. I started playing with the U-14's when I was about 11, and I'm playing ever since!" Her progress was rapid — at 14, she played her first Senior League game with the Glen. However, though the Glen have been a dominant force in club camogie for a long time now, that was not the case in 1978, and Sandie waited a long time for Senior success — until 1982 in fact.

In that year, aged 18, and having already won three-in-a-row minor All-Irelands, she broke through onto the senior side, and duly went on to capture her first senior All-Ireland medal. Another followed in 1983, and Sandie must have felt this was going to be an annual event. It wasn't — after '83 the inter-county well ran dry, and stayed dry for a decade. It wasn't all bleak, how-

ever — in the meantime, the Glen started winning senior counties again, and Sandie had also turned her hand to basketball, winning championships galore with Blarney, and later, Tralee.

In 1986, her talent was recognised by the national selectors, and she went on to win 51 caps for Ireland, over a period of six years. Her basketball position was point-guard — the play-maker, the one who calls the shots. And that's Sandie alright — in camogie, it was centre-back, the pivotal position.

**T**HERE IS MUCH talk of the demands on amateur athletes these days — Sandie gave me a glimpse of how hectic her sporting life could be then: "Twice, I had to drive up to Mayo to play Ballina on a Saturday, then up to Donegal to play the following night, then across the North to play the camogie All-Ireland semi-final, then down to Dublin to fly off to the States on the Monday morning for a week to play for Ireland in basketball; back then on the following Wednesday, play the All-Ireland camogie club final on the Sunday." Twice! And won both All-Irelands!

The playing side was just one aspect;

you didn't get to reach the levels of competition at either camogie or basketball on which Sandie was operating, without training. A lot of training: "For camogie, we trained with our clubs Monday and Wednesday, then with Cork Tuesday and Thursday, and we nearly always had a weekend game then with either club or county." That was just camogie — sometimes, depending on how well the club was doing, the camogie season went well into the basketball season. Bearing in mind that at this stage, the camogie would be in the semi-final and final stages, fairly frantic. Not that Sandie is complaining — she enjoyed it all: "I did. I just enjoyed playing the game — it's very skilful, very fast. I just love playing the game. I'm very competitive — I like to win, I like to play well. If we lose but play well, I think it takes some of the edge of the losing. I enjoy learning — even still today, playing. I'm learning. You can never master it all. I also enjoy training, especially with the ball. I'm not too keen on just running, but when you use the ball, I feel you do a lot more anyway, you wouldn't complain as much! But running and sprinting without a hurley — I don't like that very much, and I don't think any hurler does!" None that I know of anyway.

So, now Sandie Fitzgibbon is calling it a day. Retired from international basketball





## Time-out

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Sandra Fitzgibbon

since 1992, she is now quitting the representative scene entirely. Though she'll continue to play club camogie and basketball — "Kind of weaning myself off it!" This retirement is going to mark a big change in her life. Why now? Still in top shape at 33 (34 this month), why retire? "Physically yes, I could play away, but it's just the commitment to training. Mentally, I just don't have the drive anymore." Are you just saying that? — "I'm not no — at training last year, sometimes I just felt like walking off and going home. Just got to me — I didn't want to be there." Was it the pain? Boredom? Bought the T-shirt? "I don't know, I don't know — it was my mind just telling me I'd had enough, like." The right time to retire. "I'm looking forward to the break" she says.

The pity of course is that most sports people in this country — even GAA people — will barely be aware of that break. The only reason I'm aware of it is that I was coerced into going to a camogie game in New York many years ago, and was confounded by the standard. And confounded is the word — I went with a preconceived notion, a notion that annoys the hell out of Sandie: "Sure they're only women — that attitude, and it's usually from men who never saw a game, bothers me. It really bothers me. Those kind of stupid comments — they annoy me..." Patronising — and I hate it my-

self. But I honestly, stupidly, never imagined women could play hurling to the same skill levels as men. Any man. They can, and of course they can. Camogie is a game much more about the skills than its male equivalent, which has more emphasis on the physical side. Having made her point though, Sandie added — "Mind you, we have a great men following in the Glen, and the Glen Hurling Club has given us great support."

**S**ANDIE IS NOT that happy about the support from her own gender either — "They'll go along with their boyfriends or brothers or whatever, and watch a men's game, but they won't come and watch a woman's game." It's the sex appeal, of course, but you can't mention that in the GAA. In fact, it's a dangerous topic generally, in this modern but backward PC world. I suggested that if men had any idea how skilful camogie was, then they would surely support it. And the sex appeal would just as surely follow. Quid quo pro.

Sandie has a very definite idea on how this could be done: "I'd like to see the Camogie Council get a PRO, to promote the

game. A full-time PRO — and not someone from within camogie. Someone from the outside, who comes in and learns about the game, with a fresh approach. That's what we need — someone to promote the game, full-time." Athletes, no matter what the sport, love recognition. It's a major part of competitive sport — do great deeds, get the appreciation. That appreciation of greatness is even more precious when it comes from your peers — for camogie players, hurling is a peer sport. Ask any camogie player to name the top hurlers — I guarantee you, they can reel them off. Reverse the question — the hurlers won't have a clue. I asked Sandie who was the greatest camogie player she saw — without an instant's hesitation, she answered: "Angela Downey. If she hadn't retired, she would still have Kilkenny winning All-Irelands." Was she that good? "Did you ever see her playing? She was a great player — she could turn a game in a matter of minutes. We played her club, St Paul's, in an All-Ireland final once. We were up by 11 points with about 10 minutes to go — they won by 5 points, because of her. She was the apex." Even I've heard of Angela Downey — but, apart from a few minutes on TV, I never saw her play. Wouldn't recognise her if she gave me a kick in the shins. Which she should.

The Recognition and rewards that the

modern hurler is getting is only right, and Sandie has no problem with it.

**B**UT SHE DOES wish some of the same for camogie, and for women's sport in general: "The hurlers, the U-21's and so on — they get to go on paid holidays, with spending money, expenses, and all that, where the girls don't. And that annoys me, more so now than when I was younger. And the longer I'm at it, the worse I'm getting." Because it's unjust. But the material rewards are only secondary: "I wasn't in it for that — I was in it for the enjoyment, and that's why I stuck it so long. But it would be nice to get more recognition, from the public, from television, from the papers. The skill levels are going up, fitness levels are going up, numbers going up. It would be nice now, to see more of the game on television."

The three most successful international athletes we have at the moment are Michelle Smith, Sonia O'Sullivan and Caitriona McKiernan. Time for our camogie and female football stars to join them. Way gone the time.

But, for Sandie Fitzgibbon, it's too late. Much too late. What a shame.



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Camogie

By Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin

## Ashbourne Cup

# A Much Sought After Trophy

The Ashbourne Cup, now 83 years old and showing signs of wear and tear after years of ecstatic celebrations, was presented by Edwin Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, Attorney General "for the purpose of encouraging the Irish game and Intervarsity social life among the Ladies of the N.U.I. Colleges. It received the sincere disapproval of the authorities!"

The Ashbourne Cup is the most sought after trophy on the Camogie circuit—almost equal to the All-Ireland Corn Ua Dubhthaigh!

College students spend countless hours, days and even nights in lights training, playing, fund raising, meetings, sponsorship seeking and often praying in preparation for this prestigious championship. The social sacrifice incurred is sensational and stupendous!

The Cup itself is a magnificent four handled silver trophy but what makes it of special historical and sentimental value is that the name of each player who ever won an Ashbourne Cup medal is inscribed

there on! An incredible piece of camogie history of immense value!

The names of many famous players appear on the now eleven tier teak base—there were only six tiers in my years. Each tier contains eight years of names of winners.

The medals too are unusual—made of silver in the shape of a camogie stick on which the provincial crests are mounted. The design has changed from time to time down through the years but as distinct from other medals it's a brooch! These are proudly worn on special camogie occasions.

Only the brave would call an Ashbourne or Purcell Cup winning team. Each College has a wealth of Inter-County players. Host College, W.I.T., has Sinead Nealon, an All-Ireland junior medal winner with Tipperary. Her Dad, Donie, has a Fitzgibbon Cup medal with U.C.D. for 1958 and is now, of course, Munster Council Secretary.

Bridget Mullally, of Glenmore Club, is a strong senior inter-county player with her native Kilkenny. Esme Murphy is an international Hockey player, who also plays with Wexford county very successfully—a formidable line-out.

University of Limerick has one Ashbourne success to its credit and with experienced Dublin inter-county stars such as Paula Carroll and Fiona Corcoran and some strong Cork players on board, the famous Cup might return to the Shannonside once more.

Queen's University, Belfast, have taken part in the Ashbourne series since 1934 and year after year display great grit and splendid spirit. I was proud to be present in Galway in 1991 when they proudly won the Ashbourne for the first time under the dedicated coach and manager Bernie McNally.

Antrim, always a strong camogie county, won the All-Ireland Junior championship last year and Queen's have several of that team included in the current

panel.

Elaine Dowds, of the famous "Cuchulainn" in Dunloy, Bronagh O'Neill, Deirdre club in Belfast, and Brid McCorry, winners of Purcell '97 hope for Ashbourne honours this year.

Incidentally, Brid, although quite deaf



Sheila O'Donohue ... organiser of The Ashbourne in Waterford.

after meningitis, also plays intervarsity handball for Queen's and hopes to represent Irish Colleges at the USA Collegiates in San Francisco.

University of Ulster, Jordanstown, are the current proud holders of the trophy. Last year's win was their third success.

They have a fair share of Antrim champions—Catriona Higgins will be going for her fourth Ashbourne with U.U.J. Edel Mason, of Down, Geraldine Connolly and Maureen Barry, of Antrim, and Armagh's Geraldine Haughey will also be difficult to hold in their quests for another medal each.

### MAGNIFICENT TROPHY

In the 'Seventies, the late, great Agnes Purcell, winner of three Ashbournes in the 'Thirties with U.C.D. and a former Uachtaran of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, presented a magnificent Cup for Third Level, now University Colleges. This championship was run on the same format as the Ashbourne and attracted entries from Colleges throughout the thirty two counties.

At present twenty-five Colleges vie for the highest accolade—the Ashbourne



The Big Prize ... the Ashbourne Cup.



now the First Division and Purcell as the Second Division, regardless of University status.

Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, host the Purcell Cup won in 1997 by Queen's. Mary I won C.C.I.A. League Division II in 1997 and will aim for the Purcell Cup this year.

Hosting the Ashbourne for the first time ever, Waterford Institute of Technology, having won the Shield, have launched this Ashbourne under the stewardship and guidance and direction of super organiser Sheila O'Donohoe, Commerce Graduate of U.C.D. and now lecturing in W.I.T.

Sheila is the proud possessor of three Ashbournes from the successful U.C.D. teams of the 'Eighties. She spends countless hours training and preparing W.I.T. camogie team—already very successful in the past—in the hope of emulating the W.I.T. hurlers in the Fitzgibbon Cup in 1992 and 1995.

Sheila is a former President of the C.C.I.A., the Governing body of Third Level Colleges, and it is refreshing to see former players involved in administration at such a high level.

Current Uachtaran, Fiona O'Driscoll, multi-talented All-Ireland senior camogie player with Cork, Ashbourne with U.L., All-Ireland junior football medal with Cork, O'Connor Cup Inter-Varsity football medal with U.L., Player of the Year award—no end to her playing talent and now a successful administrator!

Vice-President Catriona Higgins, of Antrim, has three Ashbourne medals and captained U.U.J. to victory in 1997. She crowned her year with an All-Ireland junior medal with Antrim.

Runai of this Governing Body—C.C.I.A. Comhairle Camogaiochta na hInstitiuidi—Camillus King, Lecturer in Athlone R.T.C., alas will not have the honour of winning an Ashbourne or Purcell medal, but trains the College team and keeps Ireland informed with C.C.I.A. NEWS.

U.C.D. have won the Ashbourne more often than any other College—35 occasions in all! However, there has been a dearth of medals in this College since 1988. It is hoped that this situation will be rectified this year.

Mary Coady, the U.C.D. captain, from St. Mullin's Club, Carlow, has every possible juvenile award—including Player of the Year for 1996. She is following in the footsteps of her father, Patsy, who played senior hurling for Carlow.

Mary is a champion Gaelic footballer

as well and was also selected on the Combined Universities team in 1997.

Treacy twins, Naomi and Ruth, who sadly lost their father at Christmas, are both Agricultural students at U.C.D. and are senior inter-county players with Kildare. They are also talented footballers and Naomi captains the U.C.D. Gaelic football club.

The twins are a formidable pair and will cause havoc wherever they are chosen to play.

Marie Brady, from the Lacken club, is a Cavan county player and an industrious U.C.D. club member. She is extremely versatile, strong and determined and could be instrumental in bringing the Ashbourne Cup back to Dublin.

U.C.D. have gained two valuable medal holders from U.C.C., Claire Murphy and Joanne Gaynor, who will be real assets to the Dubs.

Typical of College camogie or any College sport—you gain some and you lose some. Unfortunately for U.C.D. fortune is with U.C.C. as All-Ireland medal holder Eithne Duggan, former captain with U.C.D., has registered with U.C.C. for a post graduate course.

All-Ireland athlete Maeve Corcoran

Dedicated trainer for three years, Gerard Brady, of Mullahoran club in Cavan, nephew of Phil "Gunner" Brady, who won three All-Ireland senior football medals including one in New York in 1947, and brother of World Handball Champion, Paul, has done trojan work with U.C.D. He is the proud holder of three county championship hurling medals and also plays football and handball.

According to reliable sources U.C.D. have the distinction of achieving the almost impossible in 1918—they won the three most coveted Gaelic trophies, the Ashbourne, Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cups in the same year! Handball was not established at the University at the time.

Forty years later U.C.D. again completed the treble. Such prominent personalities as Munster Council Runai, Donie Nealon, and Michael O'Kennedy T.D., of Tipperary, won Fitzgibbon Cup medals that year. Former Ulster Cathaoirleach Jim McDonnell (Cavan), Dr. Felix McKnight (Armagh), Paudie Sheehy and Jerome O'Shea (Kerry)—father of Rugby star, Conor, collected Sigerson Cup medals.

Mary McKnight (Down), sister of



U.C.D. Ashbourne Cup panel for Waterford.

from Tipperary, daughter of Sean, minor All-Ireland champion, and Eileen, county and provincial camogie player, has stamina and skills necessary to compete in typical Ashbourne conditions.

U.C.D. is blessed in having Aine, daughter of famous Kit Codd—nee Kehoe—winner of three All-Ireland senior camogie medals. Aine is also related to Tom, Dempsey—with that super pedigree look out for her!

Felix and John, Susan Smith (Cavan), Eithne Neville (Limerick), Nuala Murney (Dublin) and yours truly won Ashbourne medals.

1988—forty years on—could U.C.D. be so lucky? Next issue will reveal all! Many dreams will be realised—many hopes dashed, many friendships forged and many ambitions shattered.

That's Ashbourne—Ashbourne forever—and there's no antidote!



# Camogie World

**Bord na Gaeilge**  
by PJ Fulham

## GOOD START FOR DUBLIN

**D**ublin got off to a good start in the National Senior league by securing their first victory when they had one point to spare over Down in this league game played at Bohernabreena. It was a sparkling encounter with little separating the sides at any time. The sides were level 1-4 each at half time. The accuracy of Dublin's stalwart Una Crowley who picked off some valuable points in the second half was enough to give her side victory. Final score: Dublin 2-8 Down 2-7.

Scorers: Dublin: Una Crowley 0-6, Eve Tolbot and Eimear Branagan 1-0 each, Pamela Byrne and Louise Lynch 0-1 each.

Down: Sinead McGovern 2-0, Jennifer Braniff 0-6, Edel Mason 0-1.

Referee: Jack O'Brien, Wexford

Wexford proved too strong for Dublin in a junior league match also at Bohernabreena. Final score: Wexford 4-9 Dublin 1-3

Scorers: Wexford: Bernie Higgins 2-5, Ailish Kavanagh 1-1, Aoife O'Connor 1-0, Joan Redmond, Michelle O'Leary and Rose Claire O'Brien 0-1 each.

Dublin: Paula Malcolmson 1-1, Louise Lynch and Eadoin Mulcahy 0-1 each.

Referee: Jimmy Donnelly, Kildare

League champions Cork got off to a good start when they recorded a three point win over Tipperary in a very enjoyable encounter. Tipperary were trailing by two points at the interval, 1-3 to 0-4 their scores coming from Triona Bonnar 0-1 and Jovita Delaney 0-1, Caitriona Hennessy 0-2.

Scores for both sides were hard to come by in the second half, as both sets of backs were playing brilliantly. Fifteen minutes had elapsed before Caitriona Hennessy opened the scoring with a point from a thirty metre free. Cork replied a minute later with a well taken point from play. Cork got the first of their two goals of the second half in the 18th minute to go five points ahead. Ciara Gaynor replied almost immediately with a brilliant goal from a low free taken by Caitriona Hennessy to cut the deficit to two points.

Eimear McDonnell, who replaced Triona Bonnar scored a point in the 20th minute and Caitriona Hennessy put the sides level two minutes later. However Tipperary failed to score in the last eight minutes. Cork scored the winning goal in the last five minutes. Tipperary had

chances to at least share the points had they taken the opportunities presented to them. However, this was a good performance by this Tipperary team, who were without the services of the experienced Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes. Final score: Cork 3-4, Tipperary 1-7.

Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 0-4, Ciara Gaynor 1-0, Eimear McDonnell, Triona Bonnar and Jovita Delaney 0-1 each.

Tipperary team: Nora Dwan, Emily Hayden, Sinead Nealon, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Meave Stokes, Una O'Dwyer, Therese Brophy, Triona Bonnar, Ciara Gaynor, Jovita Delaney, Caitriona Hennessy.

Subs: Eimear McDonnell, Helan Kiely Ulster Post Primary Schools junior final:

St Mary's, Magherafelt 1-6, St Patricks, Keady 0-3.

Scorers: Magherafelt: Noelle McMahon 1-0, Marie Therese McCann 0-4, Patricia Bateson and Lorna Mulholland 0-1 each.

Keady: Breige O'Farrell 0-2, Lisa Corrigan 0-1

On Sunday next in the National senior league Galway play host to Dublin. The home side are favourites to collect the points with experienced players such as Sharon Glynn, Martina Harkin, Ann Forde, Colette Nevin, Imelda Hobbins and Tracey Laheen. Dublin, fresh from their victory over Down, will be in good spirits and should put up a good fight. They will be looking for a good performance from Louise Lynch, Carmel O'Byrne, Carmel Gray, Una Crowley and Eve Tolbot.

In the only other senior league tie Kilkenny have the venue against Tipperary. This is a match that should produce lots of fire power. Tipperary, beaten by only three points by league champions Cork will be very anxious to secure the points here. However, they will come up against strong opposition in last year beaten league finalists, Kilkenny who are quietly confident of going one better this year. Never-the-less it should be close at the finish with the home side to collect the points.

There are some very interesting ties in junior. Two Leinster counties oppose each other. Leinster champions Carlow and Kildare in a repeat of the Leinster

final. Carlow have the venue. Both sides have not been doing well in the league so far. Wexford will entertain Armagh. This should be a cracker. The Orchard County are a well regarded senior team from last year and have many experienced players. They share the top of the table with Sunday's opponents. They are the only two teams in Zone C who have not lost a game. Wexford are a young side and could rob the Orchard of two points.

### CAMOGIE PLAYER FOCUS

Name: Glenda Fitzpatrick

Date of Birth: 11-05-78

Club: Teemore

County: Fermanagh

Notable sporting achievements: Winning Under 18 Ulster Championship medal and a Purcell Cup medal with Queen's University Belfast 1997. Being selected for the Combined Colleges team also in 1997.

Inter-county debut: 1993

Favourite Position: Centre forward

Favourite Players: Mickey Linden, Johnny Dooley

Favourite Grounds: Teemore

Toughest Opponents: Blaithin Melvor, Tyrone

Hobbies: Camogie and Swimming

Biggest Disappointment: Losing the Ulster minor championship final in 1994

Influences on career to date: Angela Downey, Kilkenny

Pat Hates: Vicious tackles



Glenda Fitzpatrick

## Wexford to host camogie congress

WEXFORD will play host to delegates from 29 counties - as well as London and North America - when the annual camogie congress is held in the Talbot hotel on the weekend March 28-29.

The congress was last held in the county back in 1982 when the late Jim Shields of Rathnure was the county chairperson. At that time Dorothy Kenny of Buffer's Alley was county secretary while Mag

Shields of Rathnure treasurer.

That congress all of 16 years ago dealt with seven motions which are still in force in the sport and its administration today. Current county chairperson Jimmy Bolger and his board decided to apply for the event again, to mark the '98 bi-centenary.

Wexford will be laying on a fine night of entertainment on the Saturday evening. On the bill for the

Talbot, during the congress banquet, are the Screen mummies, balladeer Martin Codd, the Kay Keely traditional dancers and a 1798 pageant presented by school children from Monamolin.

It will be a busy year for Wexford camogie, with the county due to stage the massive Feile na nGael tournament during the last weekend in June.

### MAGHERAFELT..... 2-8 NEW ROSS..... 3-3

ST MARY'S of Magherafelt qualified for the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Junior camogie final when they overcame St Mary's New Ross in yesterday's semi-final at New Ross yesterday.

Goals from Shauna Mulholland and Patricia Bateson gave the Derry school a 2-3 to 0-1 lead at the break. New Ross hit back with goals from Carrie Flood, Rosina Codd and Marie Doherty, but Magherafelt held on for a two point win.

Scorers - Magherafelt: M McCann 0-6, S Mulholland 0-1, P Bateson 1-0, L Mulholland 0-2. New Ross: C Flood, R Codd, M Doherty 1-0 each, G Keating 0-2, G Heams 0-1.

### SEAMOUNT KINVARA..... 0-6 CHARLEVILLE..... 0-6

ELAINE KEARNS was the star as Seamount from Kinvara came from 0-3 to 0-2 behind at half-time to beat St Mary's Charleville in yesterday's All Ireland Post Primary Schools Junior camogie semi-final at Newtownshandrum yesterday.

Scorers - Seamount Kinvara: E Kearns 0-4, S Kenny and P Huben 0-1 each. St Mary's Charleville: N Bowles 0-3, T O'Callaghan 0-1.



## UNLUCKY LOSERS



■ The St. Marys New Ross team which was narrowly defeated in the Post Primary Schools Junior camogie semi final.

### CAMOGIE *Post Primary Schools semi final*

# Ross lose out in battle of the Marys

St Marys of Magherafelt: 2-8, St Marys of New Ross: 3-3. St Marys of New Ross will consider themselves very unfortunate not to have reached the All Ireland Post Primary Schools Junior Camogie Final after losing by a two point margin at O'Kennedy Park in New Ross last Saturday.

They will undoubtedly look back to two soft goals that they conceded in the first half as to the reason they lost. But they nearly snatched a win with three second half goals but the experience of the Derry side won out in the end.

The Magherafelt side fielded five of the team that won the All Ireland title two years ago and settled much quicker than the New Ross team that seemed nervous at the outset and playing against a strong wind.

The opening 10 minutes were a disaster for the New Ross side as they found themselves 1-3 to 1 point behind.

After Lorna Mulholland had pointed from

play in the first minute, a long free from 60 metres by Shauna Mulholland sailed into the New Ross net, deceiving Joy Keating in goal.

Carrie Flood eventually put New Ross on the scoreboard with a 20 metre free after 11 minutes but Magherafelt raced to 2-4 to 0-1 half-time lead.

A goal and a point from Patricia Bateson and two points from Marie-Treasa McCann ensured that the New Ross would have to work hard to get back into the game.

McCann's goal brought the biggest controversy in the match as seconds before, New Ross were denied a blatant 30. The umpires had disagreed as to who had put the ball over the end line, but the Cork referee who hadn't given the New Ross team any favours all afternoon, signalled a puck out and McCann latched onto it for what turned out to be a decisive goal in the end.

New Ross started the

second half well with an excellent goal by Roisin Codd who finished off Grace Hearne's solo and lob into the goalmouth.

Marie-Treasa McCann pointed again for Magherafelt only to see another New Ross goal, this time by Marie Doherty, her strike from 15 metres just going in off the right post with 20 minutes remaining.

Both sides exchanged points with Grace Hearne from play and Geraldine Keating from a free for New Ross with Marie-Treasa McCann and Lorna Mulholland scoring for Magherafelt, leaving it 2-7 to 2-3 with time running out.

Just on the final whistle, Margaret Doherty's 30 metre free flying in over the head of the Magherafelt keeper straight into the net.

But it was to no avail as Marie-Treasa McCann scored from a 20 metre free to ensure that the Derry team made a happy return north.

St. Marys of New Ross

did themselves proud in the way they fought back. Carrie Flood, Roisin Codd and Marie Doherty all had good games for the home team but in truth they were always chasing the result they craved for.

**St. Marys of New Ross:** Joy Keating, Stacey O'Connor, Ann Walsh, Margaret Doherty (1-0), Sian Murphy, Marie Doherty (1-0), Lizzy Lyng, Angela Kennelly, Grace Hearne (0-1), Carrie Flood (1-0), Geraldine Keating (0-2), Roisin Codd (1-0), Geraldine Holohan for Ann Walsh.

**St. Marys of Magherafelt:** Aine O'Kane, Aileen Conway, Maureen McCann, Shauna Mulholland (1-0), Niamh Lafferty, Cerri Bradley, Lorna Mulholland (0-2), Niamh Gormley, Noelle Mulholland, Jeane Downey, Patricia Bateson (1-0), Marie-Treasa McCann (0-6). Subs: Una O'Neill for Noelle Mulholland.

**Referee:** Betty Joyce (Cork).

## Camogie double header is fixed for Tynagh

THE Galway senior and junior camogie teams will be in action on Sunday next at Tynagh in the National Leagues. The first game (1.30 p.m.) will see Galway's junior team take on Westmeath in which will be the first meeting between the teams at any grade in camogie.

Galway should come away with the two points to add to their 100% record already from their two previous national junior league games before Christmas. The home team will be looking to Aoife Connolly, Anne Dolan, Ailbhe Kelly, who made her senior debut last Sunday, along with Veronica Sweeney, Michelle Glynn, Lourda Kavanagh and Collette Nevin to lead the way.

The second game in Tynagh at 2.45 p.m. sees Galway seniors take on Dublin. Even though Antrim came close to Galway last Sunday they never looked in danger and should add another two points here on home ground against a struggling Dublin side.

Galway will be banking on repeat performances from Sharon Glynn, Pam Nevin, Anne Broderick and captain Olivia Broderick and may have more players available then for the Antrim game.

On the colleges scene Seamount, Kinvara will take on St. Mary's, Charleville in the All-Ireland junior colleges semi-final in Charleville on Saturday next. This will be a special occasion for Seamount as it will be their first time in a camogie colleges semi-final.

They will be looking to county minor players, Elaine Kerins, Sherry Mannion and Orla Curtin as well as the experienced Kinvara players Karen Hoban and Pamela Hoban.

### National Senior Camogie League:

Galway.....2-6 :: Antrim.....204

Galway travelled to Antrim on Sunday last for the opening round of the senior camogie league, and came away with a hard fought win. Galway led by 1-4 to 1-3 at half-time, with Sharon Glynn taking a Collette Nevin pass to score Galway's goal.

Glynn got her second goal early in the second half, and two well taken Collette Nevin points left Galway five points up with time almost up. Antrim struck for a late second goal, but it did not prevent a Galway victory. Sharon Glynn with 2-4, Collette Nevin 0-2, Pam Nevin, Tracey Laheen, last year's player Ailbhe Kelly and Anne Broderick all played well for

## Camogie

SINEAD, of Ballyagran, is a worthy winner. Born in July, 1979 she is a pupil of St Mary's Charleville, who have dominated schools camogie in the past decade.



Sinead O'Callaghan

She has won every honour in the game.

After playing three years with Limerick, she declared for her native Cork in 1996 and, since, has enjoyed tremendous success. She has nine All-Ireland medals to her credit, seven at college level, as well as a senior and junior title with Cork. She has also won all the Munster medals available to her: U18, junior, intermediate and senior as well as senior and junior Gael Linn medals.

She was most impressive in her first year on the county senior side last year for Cork, who defeated Galway in the All-Ireland decider. In doing so they avenged the defeat of the previous year. She is captain of her schools senior side, who are through to this year's All-Ireland schools final, and will be seeking her third success in this grade to add to her two junior All-Ireland schools medals.

An accomplished player and free scoring forward, she is destined to be on the Cork senior side for many years.

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Examiner Junior Sports Star Award recipients for 1997



## SPORT AND COMMUNITY AWARDS IN BANDON



Cora Keohane, getting a glass of punch from assistant manager Micahel O'Donoghue, at the Bandon Opinion/First National Sport and Community awards.

## Cora swings west Cork supreme sports award

THE punch was flowing at the Bandon Opinion/First National Sport and Community awards at the Munster Arms Hotel.

Stars from a whole range of sporting disciplines let their hair down and sampled some of local brew as they were honoured for outstanding achievement in sport in the West Cork area.

International rugby referee Bertie Smith helped to hand out the prizes.

Winners were picked from each season with Barryroe lass Cora Keohane scooping the camogie award for Autumn, Colm Hurley picked up the Winter award for his discipline

By KARL HANLON

rugby, Marie Murphy was best on the athletics track during the Summer and Sean Lynch found the back of the soccer net in Spring.

Camogie star Cora Keohane also walked away with the overall Supreme Sportstar award for efforts throughout the year.

Well known local man Paddy O'Sullivan was also honoured — he was awarded with the Community Service Award for his outstanding efforts at community level.

## Limerick triumph

Limerick 3-15  
Cork 0-5

A strong Limerick camogie side had little difficulty disposing of Cork in this rather one-sided Junior National League game at Mary Immaculate grounds Limerick yesterday.

However, as both teams had one all their previous games to date they both now go through to the quarter finals of the league.

Scorers: Limerick: E O'Brien 1-2, D Sheehan 2-2, P McCarthy 1-5, P Cronin, J Cullane, J Neville 0-2.  
Cork: C Harrington 0-2, T Roche, C O'Sullivan, U O'Donoghue 0-1.

## Pearses of Galway Camogie Camp With Sharon Glynn



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The Seamount College team from Kinvara who defeated St. Mary's, Charleville, to win the All-Ireland semi final of the Junior A camogie championship. They will meet Magherafelt in the All-Ireland final on April 4. Front row, left to right: Anne Duffy, Emma Birmingham, Linda Gill, Elaine Kerins, Lisa Bourke, Naomi Kingston, Siobhan Huban, Pamala Huban, and Sherry Mannion. Back row: Colette O'Connor, Anne Marie Lynch, Majella Hynes, Karen Huban, Captain; Orla Curtin, Siobhan Canny, Roisin O'Connor, Sharon Kavanagh, Claire Donohue, Linda Flaherty, Michelle Quinn, and Orla McCormack.



# Superb start for Seamount in junior colleges camogie

Seamount, Kinvara.....0-6  
St. Mary's, Charleville...0-4

SEAMOUNT, Kinvara, taking part in colleges camogie competition for the first time are through to the All-Ireland final of the junior competition on Saturday, April 4th by virtue of this hard fought contest against the current power in colleges camogie, St. Mary's, Charleville.

Played in Drumshandrum, Co. Cork on Saturday in fine conditions this was a low scoring game yet highly entertaining.

Charleville opened the scoring with two points from Cork county minor player Niamh Bowes, before Kinvara rattled and two points from Sherry Mannion and Pamela Hoban put the sides level halfway through the first half. Kinvara failed to score again before half-time and another point from Charleville's Niamh Bowes left the half-time score Charleville 0-3, Kinvara 0-2.

Playing against the breeze in the second half Charleville opened the scoring with a fine individual point from Trish O'Callaghan, but Kinvara now began to take control, with Roisin O'Connor extremely dominant at centre-back and Sherry Mannion and Orla Curtin doing well in the middle, county minor star Elaine Kerins, who was suffering from the flu, moved to full forward where she was supplied with good first time ball by wing

forward Pamela Huban.

Two fine saves from the Charleville keeper denied both Kerins and Hoban two excellent goal chances but Elaine Kerins stepped up and pointed the resultant 30's bring the sides level. But Kinvara were now in the driving seat and two pointed frees from Elaine Kerins saw Kinvara through by two points to the final where they will play St. Mary's, Magherfelt.

Kinvara had fine performances from those already mentioned as well as Karen Huban when moved to full back, goalie Sharon Kavanagh, Michelle Quinn and Siobhan Hoban.

Galway.....5-13  
Dublin.....2-11

GALWAY's ability to score goals was the difference between them and Dublin in the second round of the National Senior League played in Tynagh on Sunday.

Three goals in the first 15 minutes gave Galway a very valuable cushion they continued to hold onto despite a strong Dublin revival in the second.

Galway, fielding with some changes, saw Olivia Coen start in goals, and Colette Nevin at full-forward, and the fact that Nevin was fresh from a colleges semi-final on Thursday showed as she shot 2-2 for Galway in that opening half. Galway's other first half goal came from Olivia

Broderick.

Dublin did manage a goal on half time from Eve Talbot to add to the 6 points they had already registered. But Galway's half-time tally of 3-8, the other 6 points coming from Ann Forde 0-2, Sharon Glynn 0-3 and Tracey Laheen 0-1, left the half-time score Galway 3-8, Dublin 1-6.

Dublin tried hard in the second half but were always playing catch up. Two second half goals from Ann Forde to bring her tally to 2-2 before being replaced by Therese Maher was instrumental as Galway added a further 0-5, in that second half, 0-2 from Sharon Glynn, 0-1 Therese Maher, 0-1 College Nevin and an excellent individual score from Carmel Hannon. Dublin did manage 1-5 in the second half but it was not enough.

Galway.....5-17  
Westmeath.....3-8

GALWAY juniors recorded a comprehensive win over Westmeath in the National Junior League in Tynagh on Sunday before the senior game. Galway led by 3-12 to 1-4 at half-time, the scores coming from Michelle Glynn 1-8, Aoife Lynskey 0-3, Caroline Murray 1-1 and Sandra

victory, the Galway scores in the second half coming from Aoife Lynskey 0-2, Caroline Murray 0-2, Sandra Hannian 2-1 and Shauna Ward 0-1.

Galway juniors now travel to Cavan in two weeks time but are sure of a quarter-final spot now after this victory.



Rathnure, Junior 'A' camogie Co. champions. Back row (l to r): Una Barron, Bridget Howlin, Pauline O'Leary, Sehevelle O'Connor, Elouise Kavanagh, Anne Carty-Foley, Emma English, Ann Nolan, Roisin Codd. Front row (l to r): Rita Greene, Sinead Quigley, Orla Murphy, Avril O'Connor, Danielle Quigley, Louise Mooney, Mary Donnelly, Elaine Reddy.

## PLENTY OF ISSUES TO DEBATE AT NATIONAL CONGRESS

**C**ongress takes place this weekend on Saturday and Sunday. It will be hosted by the Model County in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford. It will as usual be largely attended with delegates from all over the country, Great Britain and The North American Board. There are 24 motions. Those most likely to create discussion are two motions tabled by the Connacht Council - that during 1999 all competitions under the auspices of Ardcomhairle, Provincial Councils and County Boards be run as a test series for 13 aside teams. They state a similar motion for 15 aside. Therefore delegates will have two to decide from if they vote for change at all.

Down are looking for a restructure of the National Leagues:

(A) The removal of the senior and junior leagues. (B) The creation of Four divisions numbered respectively 1,2,3 and 4. (C) The membership of each division should be decided initially be performance in existing the league structure and thereafter by promotion and relegation.

It is almost certain that there will be a good discussion on this motion. At the moment the junior league is drawn up in four divisions on geographical basis.

Tipperary recorded a historic win over Kilkenny in the National senior league tie played at Bennetsbridge. The home side were expected to secure the points after their victory over Clare, but the Premier County had other ideas in mind and played with great flair and determination that completely shocked the Noresiders.

Kilkenny were first to score thanks to Martina Maher. Tipperary's Noelle Kennedy equalised immediately from a

free. Tipperary went two points ahead after scores from Ciara Gaynor and Caitriona Hennessy. Kilkenny narrowed the gap in the 14th minute with a Margarte Hickey point. A goal by Deirdre Hughes gave the winners a 1-6 to 0-3 lead at the break.

Kilkenny threw all they had at the visitors in the second half but Tipperary were determined not to let their lead slip and defended well. Points from Caitriona Hennessy, Ciara Gaynor and Helan Kiely and a good goal by Caitriona Hennessy within the first fifteen minutes put the game beyond Kilkenny's reach. However, they did not give up and scored five good points. Their only goal came on the stroke of time from Ann Downey. Final score: Tipperary 2-12, Kilkenny 1-9.

Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy and Deirdre Hughes 1-2 each, Noelle Kennedy and Ciara Gaynor and Eimear McDonnell 0-2 each, Helan Kiely and Jovita Delany 0-1 each. Kilkenny: Ann Downey 1-0, Sinead Millea and Marina Downey 0-3 each, Margaret Hickey 0-2, Martina Maher 0-1. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford

Galway proved too strong for Dublin in the senior league tie at Tynagh. The winners had it much their own way in the first half and goals by Colette Nevin (2) and Ann Forde (1) gave them a 3-8 to 1-6 lead at the break with Dublin's goal coming from Carmel O'Byrne.

The second half was more closely contested.

Final Score: Galway 5-13, Dublin 2-11

Scorers: Galway: Colette Nevin 2-4, Ann Forde 2-2, Sharon Glynn 0-4, Olivia Broderick 1-0, Therese Maher,

Tracey Laheen and Carmel Hannon 0-1.

Dublin: Una Crowley 0-6, Eve Tolbott and Carmel O'Byrne 1-0 each, Denise O'Leary 0-3, Louise O'Hara and Germaine Noonan 0-1 each.

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath

Wexford secured a place in the quarter finals of the National Junior League with a comprehensive win over Armagh at Bunclody. The winners led 4-8 to 0-1 at the break.

Final Score: Wexford 5-18 Armagh 1-1

Scorers: Wexford: Lennie Holohan 2-3, Bernie Higgins 1-4, Rosemary Breen 1-3, Yvonne Quigley 1-1, Aoife O'Connor 0-3, Michelle O'Leary 0-2, Ita Kelly and Joan Redmond 0-1 each

Armagh: Mary Donnelly 1-1

Referee: Martina Kelly, Wicklow

Carlow collected their first brace of points with their win over Kildare in a Junior League tie at Carlow Hurling Ground, in a repeat of last year's Leinster final where Carlow came out tops. It was a power packed low scoring first half with neither sides inclined to give much away.

Kildare led 0-5 to 0-4 at the break. Two crackling goals by Valerie Crean early in the second half made the difference that gave Carlow a 2-6 to 0-6 victory. Scorers: Carlow: Valerie Crean 2-3, Nuala Quigley, Charmaine Gibson and Mary Coady 0-1 each.

Kildare: Melanie Treacy 0-4, Eileen Kavanagh 0-2

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Other Junior League results:

Galway 5-17 Westmeath 3-8

Tipperary 3-15 Kilkenny 2-4

Limerick 5-17 Clare 1-4

## Camogie champions



Mary Moran, Cork Securities Unit, has produced two books on camogie in recent months.

Mary has a lifetime of involvement in camogie and her two books entitled *Gymfrocks to Headbands* and *Camogie Champions* cover all facets of the game. They list winning teams, scores, records and her most recent book focuses on the top performers of all time.

Anybody interested in buying the books can contact Mary by allmail at IR.MORANMY.

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## CAMOGIE

# ASHBOURNE BY THE LEE FOR 27TH TIME

by PJ FULHAM



Fileas Ni Bhreastain, Uachtaran Cumann Camogaloichta na nGael on left with the Ashbourne Cup, Fiona Ni Dhrisceoil, Uachtaran C.C.I.A. on right.

The Ashbourne Cup is the oldest Camogie Competition and is now in its 83rd year. In 1915 Edwin Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, a Trinity College graduate who was prominent in Gaelic circles, presented the Ashbourne Cup for Camogie to encourage the Irish game in third level colleges and enhance the social life of third level students.

So began the close relationship, mutual support and admiration of the three major intervarsity sports:- Fitzgibbon, Sigerson and Ashbourne which has promoted the Gaelic ethos for so long. Sporting life in the Colleges for Camogie players in the early years revolved around the Ashbourne. As well as being a fiercely competitive Tournament it was a challengingly hilarious event.

All Colleges can now compete for the Ashbourne Cup, which is now the premier third level competition. More than that, it's the competition that all Camogie players dream of winning.

### Quarter-final results:

W.I.T. 2-6 U.U.J. 0-6

U.C.C. 3-4 U.C.G. 1-0

U.L. 1-5 Athlone I.T. 0-4

Q.U.B. 2-8 U.C.D. 2-3.

The quarter-final winners go into the Cup semi-finals and the runners-up go into the Shield semi-finals.

The scene was now set for the big weekend hosted for the first time by Waterford Institute of Technology. The semi-finals were played on Saturday February 21st.

### Cup Semi-final results:

University College Cork 1-8

Queens University Belfast 0-4.

Waterford Institute of Technology 1-6

University of Limerick 0-4.

In the final on Sunday at Walshe Park U.C.C. took the Ashbourne Cup title for the 27th time, their last win was in 1996. They defeated the W.I.T. by one point in a thrilling contest. U.C.C. opened the scoring with a Therese Brophy point four minutes into the game. The same player had stretched their league to two points by the ninth minute. A long delivery from centre field by Tina Roache deceived Michelle Fennelly in the Waterford goal and ended up in the net to stretch Corks lead further. Cork, playing with a strong wind advantage, were at this stage in total control and it was on the 13th minute that Ann Barry opened Waterford's account with one point. This was quickly cancelled out by Therese Brophy for Cork. Brigid Mullally pointed two frees for W.I.T. to keep her side in touch. U.C.C.'s Angela McDermott replied with a similar tally, to leave the half time score UCC 1-5 WIT 0-3.

WIT turning over with the strong wind



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## ST. IBAR'S - CO. SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS



Back row (l to r): Mandy Murphy, Mag Kelly, Emma Carroll, Kate Kelly, Sharon Carr, Deirdre Hearne, Angie Hearne, Michelle Stafford, Marion O'Leary, Michelle Murphy. Middle row (l to r): Aileen Gordon (capt.), Theresa Harding, Margaret Doyle, Michelle Hearne, Mag Doherty, Catherine Doyle, Assumpta Cullen, Therese Sheil. Front row (l to r): Laura Corrigan, Sandra Carr, Sinead Kelly, Edwina Roche, Ornagh Cullen, Bridget Curran (Photograph: Paddy Murphy)

## RATHNURE ST. ANNE'S - ALL-IRELAND FÉILE NA nGAEL FINALISTS



Back row (l to r): Debbie Nolan, Lizzie Lennon, Mary O'Connell, Laura O'Connell, Emma McHale, Laura Murphy, Grace Hearne. Middle row (l to r): Betty Hearne (selector), Tish Dreehan (selector), Aine Doran, Lisa Holohan, Helen Galavan, Aisling Quigley, Teddy O'Connor (selector). Front row (l to r): Sharon Kelly, Jenny O'Leary, Ciara O'Connor, Stacey O'Connell, Gene Hayden, Aisling Hogan.



# ST. IBAR'S IN FROM THE COLD

## CAMOGIE REVIEW

By Ann O'Brien, Co. Secretary

IT HAS been a very action-packed year for camogie in Co. Wexford, with a feast of top-quality games taking place both at inter-county and club level.

The Wexford Senior team beat Limerick at home in Enniscorthy in the quarter-final of the All-Ireland championship, but unfortunately they went down to a very strong Cork side in the next round. Hopes were high before the game as Wexford had played a draw with Cork in the league.

The Co. Seniors lost the Leinster final to Kilkenny in a brilliant game of camogie on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-7.

Our Co. Juniors had a very good league run, winning every match until the semi-final stages when we had to travel to Ballycran to play a very strong Down team. Our girls gave a very good display of camogie and acquitted themselves well in defeat.

The championship saw us pitted away to Carlow and we lost out in a game which I felt we should have won. However, with the wealth of talent we have at our disposal, I can see no reason why a Junior title shouldn't come to Wexford in 1998.

Leinster introduced an Under-18 championship this year, and Wexford were the proud winners, beating Kilkenny in the final. This team had won the Minor All-Ireland title in 1995.

Our Under-16 team lost their Leinster title to Dublin after a great run of four successes in a row. Likewise our Under-14 side were defeated after five years as champions, but I hope that the coming year will see us back on top in Leinster again.

Our club scene is looking very good, with four new clubs registered which brings the overall total to 24. Hopefully a few more will get involved in 1998.

The Senior championship got off to a flying start at the end of June, with the holders, Rathnure, beating last year's losing finalists, Oulart-The Ballagh, and Bunclody beating Monageer-Boolavogue.

With St. Ibar's and Buffers Alley waiting in the wings, our semi-finals produced two great games. The former defeated Bunclody, while the latter were beaten by old

rivals, Rathnure, setting up an eagerly-awaited final.

Victory went to St. Ibar's who were winning their first Senior title in 30 years, and they certainly celebrated in style on the field after the game.

The girls then set out in search of Leinster Club championship glory against Camross of Laois, playing a draw after a very hard battle in Hollymount. The replay was in Laois and things didn't go St. Ibar's way as they bowed out.

The Co. Junior 'A' championship saw Rathnure pick up the title, beating Oylegate in the final. Some very good games were played throughout the Junior 'B' championship, with the newer clubs giving a very good account of themselves.

The eventual winners were Blackwater who defeated Bunclody on a scoreline of 4-9 to 2-5 in a fine game.

At the time of writing Bunclody and St. Ibar's are due to meet in the Under-18 championship final. Rathnure took their second Under-16 title on the trot, beating Bunclody in a nail-biting match played in the Duffry Rovers grounds at Coolree.

It was nip and tuck all the way through - one of those games where you hate to see anyone lose out. However, that's the way it is in sport.

Once again Rathnure and Oulart-The Ballagh clashed in the Under-14 'A' final - a repeat of last year. This time the tables were turned, with the Rathnure girls taking the title.

Rapparees and St. Ibar's battled it out in the Under-14 'B' championship final, with the Enniscorthy town team coming out as winners. This team had taken the 'C' championship title in 1996, and it was no mean feat to go on and win the higher grade the next year. It showed that hard work does pay off.

The Under-14 'C' championship saw Faythe Harriers - runners-up in '96 - take on a new club in the

and league been

laney held in May, inners

in the Roisín Dubh Cup represent Wexford in Féile, this competition is very keenly contested. Rathnure defeated Oulart-The

Ballagh in the final and went on to do the county proud in Féile, reaching the decider where they were beaten by Athenry of Galway.

The Corn Bhríde final resulted in a win for Duffry Rovers over Rapparees. The Duffry and Buffers Alley also went to Féile as Waterford asked Wexford to help out with the hosting of some of the visiting teams.

The October Bank Holiday Monday saw our primary club blitz taking place in Oulart, and it was a great success once again. The 'A' competition had four teams who played each other on a round robin basis, with Oulart eventually getting the better of Rathnure in

the final.

Some fine players and games were witnessed in the 'B' competition, with Ferns beating Faythe Harriers in the decider.

The 'C' competition for beginners attracted such a big entry that we ran out of light, and the semi-final and final had to be played on the following Friday. Rathnure beat Faythe Harriers to take the title, with St. Ibar's and Buffers Alley the beaten semi-finalists.

Our year has been a memorable one, filled with good memories and also sad ones. The saddest occurrence was the loss of our much-loved Lily Furlong who is no longer with us. Lily was one of the greatest ambassadors for our game both on and off the field of play, and she will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace.

The County Board received a new cup from the Faythe Harriers club in memory of Lily which was presented to the Junior 'B' winners, Blackwater.

Camogie faces a very challenging year in 1998, with the All-Ireland Congress taking place at the end of March, and Féile in June. I am looking forward to the year and I hope the clubs are as well. May you all enjoy the action.



A moment to savour for the St. Ibar's contingent as Co. Chairman, Jimmy Bolger, presents the Senior championship cup to captain, Aideen Gordon.



Aine Codd and Michelle Stafford, two of the rising young stars of Wexford camogie.

form of Naomh Eanna, with the Wexford town team going one better this time to take the title.

Ferns reformed their camogie club after a number of years, and they had instant success, beating Blackwater in the Under-16 'B' championship final.

The Under-12 championship was run on a league basis, with the 25 teams divided into two groups which meant that this competition ran for 14 weeks before the quarter-finals were reached.

The final was played in St. Patrick's Park before the Senior decider, with Oulart-The Ballagh again beating Buffers Alley in a repeat of 1996.

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**Bord na Gaeilge**  
by PJ Fulham

## MOURNE GIRLS HAVE TOO MUCH CRAFT FOR ORCHARD COUNTY

**D**own picked up the points at Attical when they overcame Armagh in this National Senior League tie. It was a dazzling performance from Attical wingers Angeline Ferron and Ciara Cunningham that helped the Mourne girls to victory. Both sides fielded experimental teams with Down fielding only one player, Nuala McGee from their county champions Leitrim/Fontenoys. They dictated matters from start to finish. First half goals from Ciara Cunningham on her debut put Down firmly in the driving seat. Further scores from her Attical team-mate Angeline Ferron meant Down were always in control.

Mary Black, playing at midfield for the Orchard County, kept them in contention with four well taken frees. However, Down replied with points from play by Jennifer Braniff, Sinead McGovern and captain Deirdre Savage to leave the half time score Down 2-6 Armagh 0-4. Despite two goals for Armagh by Julie O'Neill and Joan Rice, Down continued to dominate the second half with the three McGovern sisters impressive.

Final score: Down 4-14 Armagh 2-4  
Scorers: Down - Ciara Cunningham 2-3, Angeline Ferron 1-3, Edel Mason 0-4, Ciara McGrath 1-0, Sinead McGovern 0-2, Jennifer Braniff and Deirdre Savage 0-1 each.  
Armagh - Joan Rice and Julie O'Neill 1-0 each, Mary Black 0-4.  
Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

Galway got off to a good start in the Senior League with a two point victory over a spirited Antrim side at Ahogill. It was a great display by Antrim, in fact the difference between the sides was Sharon Glynn. The Na Piarasigh player had a personal tally of 2-5. After an exciting first half the home side had the edge, 1-4 to 1-3 at the break. Galway rallied into the lead and with ten minutes to go, led by 2-6 to 1-4. Despite a Sinead McMullan goal, Galway battled to hold onto victory.

Final score: Galway 2-6 Antrim 2-4  
Scorers: Galway - Sharon Glynn 2-5, Colette Nevin 0-1.  
Antrim - Sinead McMullan and Oonagh Elliott 1-0 each, Anne McKee 0-3, Caitriona Higgins 0-1.  
Referee - Eithne Hanson, Derry.

Kilkenny made a successful debut in the Senior League with a comprehensive win over Clare at Bennetsbridge. Three first half goals by Ann Downey gave the winners a 3-3 to 2-3 lead at the break. However, the home sides stamped their authority on proceedings in the second half with Bridget Mullally notching some well taken points to give her side a well deserved win.

Final score: Kilkenny 3-14 Clare 2-3  
Scorers: Kilkenny - Ann Downey 3-1, Bridget Mullally 0-9, Marina Downey 0-2, Sinead Millea and Gillian Dillon 0-1 each.  
Clare - Catherine O'Loughlin 1-1, Amy Colleran 1-0, Noelle Cummins and Moira McMahon 0-1 each.

League champions Cork went on a scoring spree at Pairc Ui Rinn to crush Wexford and collect their second brace of points within a week. The Rebels led 1-10 to 0-3 at the break.

Final score: Cork 1-21 Wexford 0-4  
Scorers: Cork - Fiona O'Driscoll 0-7, Miriam Deacy 1-3, Lynn Dunlea 0-6, Irene O'Keeffe 0-2, Vivienne Harris, Mary O'Connor and Ursula Troy 0-1 each.  
Wexford: Kate Kelly 0-3, Aine Codd 0-1.

On Sunday next the National Senior League continues. Wexford have the venue against Clare. This should be a tough tussle as both sides need the points badly. Wexford put up a poor show against league champions Cork recently, and will have to improve if they are to topple the Banner County. Antrim host Armagh and this should be a thrilling affair. Antrim almost caused an upset in their first outing when they went under to Galway by just two points and Armagh gave way to Down. Antrim are strongly fancied to take their first brace of points.

In the junior league, Down and Tyrone cross swords at the latter venue. Down have full points in their zone and should add two more. Cork travel to Limerick. This one should be a cracker. The Rebels are strong enough to shade it. Offaly host Cavan. This should be a cliff hanger. The Breffni girls are fancied but the girls from the Faithful County will be no pushover.

## Galway juniors turn on style in second half to deny Cavan

**GALWAY.....1-8 :: CAVAN.....0-4**

THE Galway junior camogie team travelled to Cavan on Sunday last for their final game in the National League. With a 100% record in their group to-date, Galway were already through to the quarter-final so the outcome of this game was academic.

Cavan opened the scoring with a pointed free from Margaret Carolan. Galway put on pressure but failed to score in the opening 16 minutes—and recorded six wides. Carolan pointed two more free before Lourda Kavanagh pointed a free to open Galway's scoring. A further pointed 30 metre free from Cavan's Carolan gave the home side a 0-4 to 0-1 half-time lead.

Galway had the breeze on their backs in the second half, began well with the half-back line of Fiona Healy, Ailbhe Kelly and Rita Broderick on top. A long range effort from Aoife Lynskey deceived the Cavan 'keeper and ended up in the net to leave the sides level five minutes into the second half.

This goal was just what Galway required to ignite their game and two pointed frees from Lourda Kavanagh and Michelle Glynn put the visitors two points ahead. With the Galway defence in fine form and Veronica Sweeney doing well in the middle, they took control.

Lourda Kavanagh pointed two more close-in frees while Michelle Glynn pointed two from the middle of the field before Colette Nevin closed Galway's tally at 1-8 with a point from the corner.

Cavan failed to score in the second half which was more thanks to the Galway defence than the wind factor. Galway had fine performances from those already mentioned as well as Anne Dolan at full-back and Caroline Murray at centre-forward.

Galway: A. Connolly, A. Dolan, R. Broderick, A. Kelly, F. Healy, V. Sweeney, M. Glynn, A. Lynskey, C. Murray, L. Kavanagh, S. Tannian, C. Nevin. Sub: E. Earls for A. Lynskey.

Meanwhile, the annual camogie congress was held in Wexford over the weekend. Delegates from all over Ireland attended a successful congress, especially from a Galway and Connacht point of view as the two most important successful motions came from the West.

For the 1999 championships, the lineout will be a 15-a-side on the full size pitch. This is something Galway have been urging for a number of years. The second motion from Connacht—that the All-Ireland semi-finals be held at neutral venues—was also successful.



In attendance at the National Camogie Congress, held in Wexford's Talbot Hotel last weekend were (l-r): Gretta Carley, Rapparees and County Fixtures Committee, John Furlong, St. Ibar's and Wexford camogie selector, Anne O'Brien, Buffers Alley and County Secretary, Bernie Higgins, Rathnure and member of Féile na nGael and Congress Committees, Margaret Shiels, Rathnure and Assistant County Secretary. (Pic: Pat Hayes).



# Camogie rule changes passed

CAMOGIE CONGRESS, held over the weekend in Wexford Town, passed motions which will have a big impact on the game in the year beginning 1999.

The motion put forward by Connacht Council was: for the year beginning 1999, all games under the auspices of Ard Comhairle, Provincial Councils and County Boards be run as a test series on a 15-a-side basis.

This means the games will be played on full hurling pitches and the rules governing the pitch sides will be altered accordingly. The motion received overwhelming support.

For games at Under 12 and Under 14 level, the 12-a-side rule will still be enforced.

Two other motions which will be major talking points, and were put forward by the host county Wexford, were also passed.

These are: that the Senior All Ireland Open Draw Championship semi-finals both be played at the same neutral venue and on the same day as a double header.

The change in this is that the games will now be played together and at a neutral venue as was not previously the case.

From a financial point of view with regard to sponsorship, the size of the logo which can be displayed on a jersey has been increased from 100 sq. centimetres to 200 sq. centimetres on the maximum imprint area.

Courcey Rovers 9-13  
Watergrasshill 0-6

CORK county champions Courcey Rovers added the League title to their list of honours when they comprehensively defeated Watergrasshill at Innishannon yesterday.

The game, played in a torrential downpour, was dominated by Courceys from the beginning, when Clare Murphy found the back of the net one minute into the game. Rachel Moloney quickly added the second goal and they continued to dominate until the 18th minute when Watergrasshill had their opening score, a point from Jo Aherne.

After this they came more into the game and had added three further points by the half time. However at this stage Courcey Rovers had 3-7 on the scoreboard.

Any hopes of a Watergrasshill revival in the second half were quickly squashed by Sarah Hayes of Courceys with a goal from the throw-in.

Scorers: Courceys: Clare Murphy 2-2, R. Moloney 3-7, S. Hayes 2-0, N. Dowling 1-2, A. O'Regan 1-2. Watergrasshill: J. Aherne 0-3, S. Foley 0-2, M. O'Reilly 0-1.

COURCEYS: J. Hayes, C. Hannon, S. O'Regan, C. Murphy, S. Hayes, R. Moloney, A. O'Regan, A. M. Nolan, S. Moloney, C. Murphy, S. Harrington, N. Dowling.

WATERGRASSHILL: A. Barry, M. Cronin, L. O'Neill, M. Dorgan, M. Buckley, A. O'Donoghue, J. Aherne, S. Dorgan, M. O'Reilly, S. Foley, M. Lynch, A. M. O'Shea. Subs: T. O'Regan for M. Dorgan (injured).

Referee: O. Webb.

## LIVE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR FINAL WILL BE A MASSIVE BOOST TO THE ASSOCIATION

**T**he Camogie Association welcome the decision by RTE to give live coverage to the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final on September 6th.

This is a massive shot in the arm for the Camogie Association, whose membership exceeds 80,000. The televising of the game is a recognition of the popularity and entertainment value that the game produces.

On Saturday next, the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools finals in senior and junior take place. The senior competition has been dominated by the famous St Raphaels, Loughrea who hold a record of eight consecutive titles from 1985 to 1992. Since then St Brigids Callan, St Mary's Nenagh, Presentation Kilkenny and St Mary's, Charleville have shared the honours.

In the senior final, St Mary's Charleville are bidding for their third All-Ireland title in a row when they take on Colaiste Bhríde Enniscorthy who are taking part in their first All-Ireland final. In the semi-final Charleville defeated St Raphael's, Loughrea 1-12 to 2-4. Colaiste Bhríde overcame a strong St Patrick's, Maghera side 3-9 to 1-1.

Charleville will be depending on captain Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien, Caoimhe Harrington, Laura Leslie, Niamh Bowles and Angela Sheehy to secure the title, while Colaiste Bhríde will be looking to a good performance from the Holohan sisters Elaine and Bernie, Michelle O'Leary, Jennifer Codd, Rosemary Breen and Marie Dempsey to dethrone the champions.

In junior St Mary's, Magherafelt will be bidding for their second All-Ireland title when they take on newcomers to the scene Seamount Kinvara in the final. Over the past seven years St Mary's have represented Ulster six times and won the All-Ireland junior in 1996. In the semi-final they recorded a 2-8 to 3-3 win over St Mary's New

Ross. They have outstanding players in Mary Therese McCann (Capt), Maureen McCann, Patricia Bateman, Shauna and Lorna Mulholland, Niamh Lavery and Noelle McMahon.

Their opponents Seamount Kinvara will be making their debut and could be dark horses. In a low scoring semi-final they defeated St Mary's, Charleville 0-6 to 0-4. The finals will be played in O'Connor Park, Tullamore and spectators can be assured of a great afternoons entertainment.

Antrim secured their first brace of points in the National senior league with a comprehensive win over Armagh. The Glensiders gave a spirited display and by doing so gave notice of their intention for the remaining games in the Zone. They are sure to be a force to be reckoned with. Final score: Antrim 4-10 Armagh 1-2.

Scorers: Antrim: Ann McKee 1-3, Carla Doherty 1-1, Oonagh Elliott and Louise Owens 1-0 each, Caitriona Higgins 0-2, Kerrie O'Neill, Sinead McMullan, Grace McMullan and Mairin Barry 0-1 each. Armagh: Joan Rice 1-0, Helena Murray 0-2.

Referee: Grainne Ni Dhorchai, Tyrone

Clare had their first win in senior league when they accounted for Wexford at Bunclody. This was an excellent encounter and a great performance by both sides. The Banner County led 2-7 to 2-4 at the break. Final scorer: Clare 3-14 Wexford 3-10.

In the National Junior league Limerick are through to the quarter finals with a win over Cork which was played at Mary College. The winners were in great scoring form and a goal and some well taken points by Pauleen McCarthy gave Limerick a 1-10 to 0-3 lead at the break. The Limerick ladies continued to dominate the second half with goals by Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien. Final Score: Limerick 3-15

Cork 0-5.

Scorers: Limerick: Pauleen McCarthy 1-5, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien 1-2 each, Paula Cronin, Jean Cullinane and Marian Neville 0-2 each.

Cork: Caoimhe Harrington 0-3, Linda O'Sullivan and Una O'Donoghue 0-1 each.

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary

Offaly collected two valuable points when they got the upperhand of Cavan at O'Connor Park, Tullamore in a keenly contested junior league encounter. The Faithful County led 2-2 to 0-5 at the break. The second half was a ding dong battle with both sides scoring four points each. Final score: Offaly 2-6 Cavan 0-9.

Scorers: Offaly: Michelle Davis 1-4, Maureen Dooley 1-0, Maggie Lynch 0-2.

Cavan: Margaret Carroll and Louise Adams 0-3 each, Evelyn Smyth 0-2, Marie Brady 0-1.

Referee: Bernie Higgins, Wexford

Junior league: Down 9-14, Tyrone 1-2

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 3-6, Joan Henderson 3-5, Teresa Burns 2-0, Ciara Cunningham 1-1, Majella Murray and Jennifer Braniff 0-1 each. Tyrone: Catherine Jones 1-2.

Referee: Margaret Prior, Antrim

Fixtures for Sunday April 5th

National senior league:

Armagh v Dublin, Galway v Down  
Clare v Tipperary, Wexford v Kilkenny

National Junior league:

Antrim v Derry  
Westmeath v Roscommon  
Clare v Tipperary

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# Charleville's camogie champions aiming for All-Ireland hat-trick

by Brendan Larkin

ST. MARYS Convent, Charleville will hope to create their own bit of history on Saturday afternoon when they play Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland senior schools' camogie final at Tullamore.

It will be the fourth final appearance in a row for the North Cork school and having won the last two, St. Marys will be keen to make it a hat-trick of victories.

According to their coach, Vincent Harrington, however, the defending champions are ventur-

ing into the unknown on Saturday. The St. Marys coach said: "They are surprise finalists and we know nothing at all about them, but any team that gets to an All-Ireland final must be respected and our girls will have to be fully tuned in and play to their potential if they are to retain their title."

The Charleville side will be backboned by a number of current inter-county players from Limerick and Cork, many of whom were on the last two winning teams.

Captain of the side is Sinead O'Callaghan, who won a senior All-Ireland medal with Cork

in 1997 and was recently presented with the Examiner Youth Award for Camogie.

Cousins Laura Leslie and Eileen O'Brien are current members of the Limerick senior team having won intermediate All-Ireland medals in 1996. Caoimhe Harrington is a current Cork senior panellist, while Lisa Moloney and Angela Sheehy are looking for their third All-Ireland medal in a row.

With such experienced players available to them, St. Marys will start favourites, but according to the Colaiste Bride coach, Elva Moriarty, the Enniscorthy girls are not travelling up

to Tullamore simply to make up the numbers. "We know we are up against it on Saturday," said Moriarty. "St. Marys have all the talent, but we are not without our own stars, some of whom have been in All-Ireland finals before at club level with Rathnure."

"There is great excitement in the school about the match. It's our first ever final appearance, and while we may lack the experience of the big occasion, you can take it that we will give Charleville a good run for their money."

Colaiste Bride can call on the services of Helena Jacob, who is the daughter of former Wex-

ford stalwart Mick, the Houlahan twins Bernice and Elaine, nieces of Jimmy Houlahan, Claire O'Connor and team captain Michele O'Leary.

With the celebrations of the 1798 uprising very much in the minds of the people of Enniscorthy at the moment, an All-Ireland success would do nicely.

But the Colaiste Bride girls will have to produce something special if they are to dethrone the All-Ireland champions.

Curtain-raiser to the senior final will be the meeting of Kinvara (Galway) and Magherafelt (Derry) in the junior decider at 2.00pm.

## St. Mary's within reach of hat trick

ST. MARY'S, Charleville, will contest their fourth All Ireland senior colleges camogie final in a row in Tullamore on Saturday. Hopes are high that the Charleville School can bring about an elusive "Three in a Row" of titles by beating the Leinster contenders, Enniscorthy, in the final. On their way to the final, St. Mary's defeated Bandon and Cashel and accounted for a very talented and committed St. Mary's Templemore side in the Munster final.

They travelled to Loughrea and overcame old rivals St. Raphael's powered by current Galway Seniors, Therese Maher and Collette Nevin in the All Ireland semi final.

Three All Ireland titles would be just reward for this very talented St. Mary's team. Their commitment to training and their positive attitude is exemplary.

The St. Mary's team is backboned by a number of current intercounty players with both Limerick and Cork. The team is captained by Sinead O'Callaghan of Ballygran, who not only won an All Ireland senior medal last year with Cork but, also won the Examiner Youth Award for Camogie for 1998.

Cousins Laura Leslie and Marie O'Brien of Granagh are members of the Limerick Senior panel this year and won Intermediate All Ireland medals with Limerick in 1996. Eileen O'Brien (sister of Breda and Bernice), of Granagh is also on the current Limerick Senior team and also played with the Limerick Intermediate Champions of 1996. Caoimhe Harrington, last year's Seven a Side winning captain, played with Cork in the '97 Junior All Ireland final, holds many All Ireland Colleges medals and is on the current Cork Senior panel.

Lisa Moloney and Angela Sheehy of Ballygran were on the All Ireland Senior winning teams and of the last two years and holds many Seven a Side and Junior All Ireland Colleges medals. Caragh Manton, Caroline Giltinan, Sarah Reidy, and Brid Keane of Newtown won Cork County Senior B medals with Newtown in '97 to add to their colleges medals. Goalkeeper Claire Lenihan was one of the stars of last year's All Ireland Seven a Side winning team and she is joined on the panel by fellow Granagh players, Sandra O'Halloran, the ever reliable Georgina Frawley and Kathryn Leslie (sister of Laura) who was the outstanding defender in the St. Mary's junior Munster champions team of '98.

Midfielders Claire Walsh

and Jordana Dolan of Ballygran hold All Ireland Seven a Side, Junior All Ireland and Senior medals and play Senior Camogie with their club. Niamh Bowles of Newtown captained this year's junior team, won an All Ireland Community Games medal in 1996 and was a member of the Cork Minor Team of '97. Versatile Noelle O'Riordan of Milford captained her club to win the All Ireland Community Games title in '96 and played centre back on this year's Munster Championship winning team. Stylish defender Gemma Ronayne of Ballygran holds Munster First year medal and starred in last year's Junior team that was agonisingly beaten in the replay of the All Ireland junior final in Ennis.

The St. Mary's panel is very talented. Team selection will be a difficult task for the mentors. However, despite being installed as favourites the experience of these girls their undoubted skills and their indomitable will to win should see them win their third title in Tullamore.



**DOWN** Memory lane...

TODAY'S picture dates back 56 years, back to October 22, 1942. It shows the camogie teams of Cork and Dublin being led out before the All-Ireland final.

The match took place at the UCC grounds in Cork. Does this picture bring back any memories for you? Drop us a line and share your reminiscences with other readers. (Pic Ref: 744C)



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## MEET THE GIRLS FROM COLAISTE BRIDE



■ Sinead Stafford



■ Sandra Murphy



■ Lenny Holohan



■ Bernie Holohan



■ Fidelma Hogan



■ Sharon Farrington



■ Siobhan Gahan



■ Niamh Flynn



■ Bridget Heffernan



■ Grace Kelly



■ Claire O'Connor



■ Fiona Murphy



■ Rose Mary Breen



■ Jenny Codd



■ Helena Jacob



■ Laura Murphy

**CAMOGIE** David Medcalf previews the All-Ireland Schools Camogie Final in which Colaiste Bride (Enniscorthy) meet Charville (Cork) at Tullamore on Saturday next

# Underdog tag suits Colaiste Bride as they go in search of All-Ireland glory

CHAMPIONS of Leinster and conquerors of Ulster, the Colaiste Bride senior camogie team has never been better prepared. Yet they still head for Tullamore on Saturday as underdogs for the All-Ireland crown when they take on Charville of Cork.

The Munster girls are gunning for their third title in a row and the match at the weekend will be their sixth successive final. Their Enniscorthy rivals are under no illusions as to the magnitude of the task against such battle hardened opposition.

Coach Elva Moriarty headed a spying mission to the semi-final where they saw Charville beat Loughrea of Galway with some superb catching by a big, fast team.

They were also given a glimpse of Cork's wonder kid Eileen O'Brien who is going to require close attention in Tullamore.

'We are going into this as outsiders,' stresses the coach. 'Charville will be very, very confident. Their players have all been through the pressures of a final numerous times. Still, if we hurl as we have all season, we could still do very well.'

While there may be clear favourites, no-one should be writing off the chances of Colaiste Bride. Ms. Moriarty has been able to call her squad together three times a week during the season and the players have responded with enthusiasm.

She has a nucleus of ready-made talent at her disposal, honed by senior clubs such as Rathnure, Monageer and Oulart. It also helps that the school has its own pitch, right beside the classrooms, not to mention the superb facilities of the sports hall on wet days.

The reigning champs are not the only ones with big match experience either, of course.

Colaiste Bride captain Michelle O'Leary and defender Claire O'Connor both featured strongly on the Rathnure side which won the All-Ireland club title a couple of seasons ago.

The pair feature on the current Wexford junior side which is enjoying an unbeaten run in the National League at the moment. Others from Colaiste Bride in Noel Ryan's panel include the Holohan twins, Bernie and Elaine,



■ Miss Elva Moriarty, team manager.

Rose Mary Breen and Siobhan Gahan.

Helena Jacob lined out recently for the county senior team in a league game. Indeed, school captain Michelle O'Leary reckons that practically all of the first choice twelve have played county ca-

mogie together at some level or other.

On the other hand, they have never before reached an All-Ireland final together as a team. Indeed, the school has never attained such dizzy heights since camogie was first introduced during the 1960s by Sister Mary Critchley, though they won their first junior title in 1971 and first senior in 1972.

The current crop bridged a gap of over two decades when they captured the provincial title after a battle royal with Loreto Kilkenny.

This was followed by a confidence boosting success in the semi over St. Patrick's of Maghera in Derry, with Jenny Codd hitting the net twice as they won by a margin of 14 points.

Much of the credit must go to coach Elva Moriarty whose sporting background is not in Gaelic games at all, but rather in the demanding world of athletics.

Asked what her strong points are, her camogie squad immediately identified her ability to organise.

Being organised means more than having an impres-

sive clip-board. It means more than making sure that Charville have been watched. It also means arranging for top physio Pat Whitney to be available at training sessions in St. Patrick's Park.

The team have also had a session with hurler Tom Dempsey who briefed the girls on psychology of preparation for big games. As a result of Tom's session with them, they have adopted the song 'One Moment in Time' as their anthem, to be played all the way to Tullamore on Saturday.

Current Wexford hurling manager Rory Kinsella has come across the Charville college many times over recent seasons in his job as a teacher at the F.C.J. in Buncloody.

His impression is that St. Mary's has a great tradition in the sport, with top quality clubs feeding into the school from outside the town.

In fact, they sound just like Colaiste Bride who will be looking to match them every step of the way on Saturday.

There is certainly no lack of tradition in the Enniscorthy line up either.

For instance, full time Siobhan Gahan's mother is one of the Kehoe sisters from Clonleigh who brought the O'Duffy Cup to Wexford in the 1960s.

Defender Helena Jacob daughter of Oulart's Mick Jacob who was an All-Star less than three times.

Colaiste Bride (previously Antoinette Murphy (Monageer), Helena Jacob (Oulart), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Claire O'Connor (Rathnure), Noelle Murphy (Monageer), Sandra Murphy (Monageer), Rose Mary Breen (Monageer), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure), Marie Dempsey (Oulart), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure), Jennifer Codd (Duffry Rovers), Siobhan Gahan (Monageer).

Reserves: Bridget Stafford (Monageer), Patricia Breen (Monageer), Sandra Holohan (Monageer), Breda Bolger (Oulart), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Grace Kelly (Oulart), Fidelma Hogan (Oulart), Patricia Quigley (Oulart), Fiona Murphy (Monageer), Sharon Farrington (Monageer), Laura Murphy (Rathnure), Bridget Heffernan (Oylegate).



■ Noelle Murphy



■ Breda Bolger



■ Antoinette Murphy



■ Michelle O'Leary



■ Niamh O'Connor



■ Marie Dempsey



■ Patricia Breen



■ Sandra Heffernan





The Colaiste Bríde team who collected the Leinster Schools senior 'A' camogie championship title en route to this Sunday afternoon's All-Ireland final meeting with St. Mary's of Charleville, at Tullamore, County Offaly. (Pic: Thomas Sunderland).

# Introducing Colaiste Bríde's All-Ireland debutantes

**Antoinette Murphy, Goalkeeper (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Holds county championship and league honours at U-12 up to and including U-18 levels as well as a junior 'B' medal. The sound custodian also has two Leinster Schools minor and one senior medal together with a senior football colleges medal.

**Helena Jacob, Full-back (Oulart-The Ballagh):** Daughter of Wexford great Mick, Helena has clinched many honours during a fine career to-date, including two Leinster under-14 championships with Wexford, U-12, U-14 and U-16 county championships, and minor and senior Leinster Schools souvenirs.

**Bernie Holohan, Corner-back (Rathnure):** Niece of Jimmy Holohan, Bernie was a member of Rathnure's All-Ireland Club senior camogie championship winning side of 1995. Possesses two minor and senior Leinster Schools medals and one in senior football. Was a key member of Wexford's 1994 All-Ireland minor camogie championship winning panel.

**Claire O'Connor, Centre-back (Rathnure):** Daughter of former Wexford star Teddy, Claire has a vast array of camogie medals, including All-Ireland Club, All-Ireland minor, Leinster U-14, U-16 and minor championship and county U-14, U-16, U-18, junior and senior medals as well as numerous Schools plaquidts.

**Noelle Murphy, Corner-back (Monageer-Boonavogue):** The reliable defender was also on Wexford's history achieving

All-Ireland championship winning minor side of 1994. The daughter of County GAA Board PRO Pat, she has also won two minor and senior Leinster Schools medals and numerous other titles at county level, including U-16, U-18 and junior 'B'.

**Sandra Murphy, Midfielder (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Sandra's won various league and championship medals with her club while adding two minor and senior Leinster Schools medals to her collection while at Colaiste Bríde.

**Rose-Marie Breen, Midfielder (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Two minor and senior Leinster Schools medals also feature in Rose-Marie's collection which also houses Leinster U-14, U-16 and minor titles won with Wexford and a selection of county league and championship souvenirs.

**Michelle O'Leary, Captain, Midfielder (Rathnure):** A member of Rathnure's All-Ireland Club senior camogie championship winning side of 1995, Michelle's won a selection of county championships with her club. Also has Leinster U-14, U-16 and minor medals and Leinster Schools titles tucked away.

**Maire Dempsey, Corner-forward (Oulart-The Ballagh):** Leinster U-14 and U-16 medals are among the prized items in Maire's collection which also numbers county league and championship titles and Leinster Schools minor and senior titles.

**Elaine Holohan, Centre-forward (Rathnure):** Corner-back Bernie's twin, attacking ace Lenny holds All-Ireland

Club and an almost embarrassing array of county league and championship honours. Elaine has won inter-county medals with Wexford at U-14, U-16 and minor levels while picking-up Leinster Schools minor and senior championship medals also.

**Jennifer Codd, Corner-forward (Duffry Rovers):** Contributed two goals in the recent All-Ireland semi-final. Jennifer was a Schools Skills winner in the past and has also claimed a Rackard League runners-up medal together with county U-14 and U-16 championships, and Leinster Schools senior and minor titles.

**Siobhan Gahan, Full-forward (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Siobhan has proven to be a handful for many a defence. League and championship winner from U-12 right up to junior level, the full-forward also has Leinster U-14 and minor titles and two Leinster Schools minor and senior medals.

## SUBSTITUTES

**Bridget Stafford, (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Has minor Leinster Schools and county U-14, U-16, minor and junior honours in her collection.

**Patricia Breen, (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Holder of county U-12, U-14, U-16 and minor championship medals and Leinster Schools minor and senior titles.

**Sandra Hogan, (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Has won county U-16, minor and junior championships.

**Breda Bolger, (Oulart-The Ballagh):** Breda has won Leinster Schools senior, and

county under-16 league and under-14 championship titles.

**Niamh O'Connor, (Rathnure):** Member of Rathnure's All-Ireland Féile na nGael 1997 team who just missed out on success, but Niamh's collection features a Leinster U-14 medal.

**Grace Kelly, (Oylegate):** Grace, who is the holder of a Leinster Schools senior medal, is an important member of the panel.

**Fidelma Hogan, (Rathnure):** Holds county U-16 championship, Féile na nGael runners-up and Leinster U-14 medals.

**Patricia Quigley, (Oylegate):** Patricia possesses county under-14 championship, Rackard League and Leinster Schools senior championship medals.

**Fiona Murphy, (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Holds U-14, U-16, U-18 county championship as well as minor and senior Leinster Schools honours.

**Sharon Farrington, (Monageer-Boonavogue):** Together with Leinster Schools minor and senior awards, Sharon holds county U-14, U-16 and INTO GAA Mini-Sevens medals.

**Laura Murphy, (Rathnure):** An All-Ireland Féile na nGael runner-up in 1996, Laura has also won county under-14 and under-16 championships with Rathnure.

**Bridgette Heffernan, (Oylegate):** Last but not definitely not least, Bridgette has an abundance of skill. Holds a county under-14 championship medal which she won in 1996.

## All-Ireland Schools Senior Camogie Final

### All-Ireland medalists are lending their experience

YOU WOULD feel that with Colaiste Bríde appearing in their first-ever All-Ireland Schools senior 'A' camogie championship decider that nerves might be a problem - but they won't.

Look through the panel and you will find players who have already won major All-Ireland honours on the camogie fields.

Colaiste Bríde captain Michelle O'Leary along with sister act Bernie (defence) and Elaine Holohan (attack) were members of Rathnure's 1996 All-Ireland Club senior championship winning squad as was Claire O'Connor. The latter together with fellow defender Noelle Murphy helped Wexford claim their only national minor title in 1994.

"The fact that I won an All-Ireland medal should help me on Sunday," comments Noelle Murphy, whose aunt Mairead Darcy (nee Carthy) was the Colaiste Bríde captain in the 1972 and '74 All-Ireland semi-finals.

"Playing in an All-Ireland final is a big occasion, but the fact that so many of us have been there already should help us calm the nerves of those who haven't been there yet. It's just another game which we have to win," Noelle maturely added.

Proudly wearing the 'captain's arm band' in 1998 is Michelle O'Leary who says she will be delighted to have the privilege of leading out the first-ever Colaiste Bríde team to appear in an All-Ireland camogie final.

"It's a great honour to captain this team," Rathnure club star Michelle told the Sporting Echo. "We need to perform better than we have if we are to win this title, and I know we can improve."

Midfielder Jennifer Codd scored two great goals in Colaiste Bríde's All-Ireland semi-final win over St. Patrick's of Maghera in Derry last month. "It was brilliant to score one goal - but two," she exclaimed. "But it wasn't my goals which won that game for us - it was the fact that we played as a team."

"On Sunday we have to get even more scores. We have the skill to do so. Now it's just a matter of performing to our potential. That shouldn't be a problem seeing as we have the will-to-win," Jenny believes.

Colaiste Bríde full-forward Siobhan Gahan hopes that she and her fellow forwards can indeed manufacture scores by the ton at O'Connor Park on Sunday, while Maire Dempsey just hopes that "we play to our best".



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## CLÁR AN LAE

SÓISEAR

2.00 p.m.

### ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

(Clochar Naomh Muire, Machaire Fíolta)

V

### SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA

(Meán Scoil Árd na Mara, Cinn Mhara)

Réiteoir: BETTY JOYCE (Cork)

SINSEAR

3.15 p.m.

### ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

(Scoil Naomh Muire, Ráth Luirc)

V

### COLAISTE BRIDE, ENNISCORTHY

Réiteoir: BELLE O'LOUGHLIN (Down)

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## TODAY'S FINALISTS

#### ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

St. Mary's make their sixth successive appearance at All-Ireland Colleges Finals Day. St. Mary's have a very impressive record since Camogie was introduced to the school in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles, St. Mary's have 30 Munster Colleges titles.

St. Mary's have 13 All-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. In 1986, they collected their first All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship title and retained their crown in 1987. The Charleville girls claimed the Junior title again in 1994 and 1995. They won their first All-Ireland Senior title in 1996 and retained it in 1997. They have enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland Sevens winning in 1987, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Much of their success is due to the dedication and coaching ability of Vincent Harrington.

#### SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA

All-girls Seamount College, Kinvara (until recently a boarding school) is a new entrant to Colleges Camogie. Prior to 1974, when hockey was adopted as the main sport, the skills of Camogie were taught and promoted by Sr. de Lourdes Fahy and Sr. Dolores Fallon. Two students of those years, Kitty Carmody-Conroy and Bernie Larkin won Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.G. and played for the Combined Universities.

Seamount College owes a debt of gratitude to the committed trainers, Mary Callanan, Teresa Kavanagh and Eileen Keane, the Parents and the delighted and supportive teaching staff of Seamount.

#### COLAISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

Colaiste Bríde make their first ever appearance in an All-Ireland Post Primary School Final Day and with the skill and talent of many players it will hopefully not be their last.

The school has an impressive record since Camogie was first introduced in the Sixties by Sr. Mary Critchley. In February the school gained its first Leinster Junior Championship and won the Purcell Cup in Croke Park in 1971. Leinster Senior glory was achieved in 1972 when Colaiste Bríde reached the final and inflicted a sensational defeat on old rivals Mountmellick. However, Colaiste Bríde were defeated by St. Louis, Kilkeel in the All-Ireland semi-final. The Leinster title was retained in 1974 but again Colaiste failed at the penultimate hurdle.

Leinster glory returned in 1996 and again this year. Most of today's panel are following in the footsteps of their mothers and relatives in bringing Camogie glory to Colaiste Bríde. Much credit must go to Elva Moriarty, their manager, Mr. J. Guinan, Mr. T. Sheridan, our principal and members of the staff for their help and encouragement.

#### ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

St. Mary's is a co-ed Grammar School in South Derry with approximately 1060 pupils on roll. The pupils are drawn from Antrim and Tyrone as well as Derry.

Camogie has been played in the school since the late sixties. The school was officially affiliated to the Ulster Schools Camogie League in 1968. The first Ulster trophy was won in 1974 by a seven aside team. In 1989, St. Mary's won the Ulster First Year Competition. Since then the school has enjoyed great success including a record making five consecutive Junior titles.

St. Mary's hour of glory came in 1996 when a well-drilled and talented side won the All-Ireland Junior Championship. Today St. Mary's make their fifth appearance in an All-Ireland Junior Final. The present squad hopes to emulate the feat of the 1996 side.

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## FOCAL Ó UACHTARÁN

Fáilte arís go Pairc Uí Chonbhuir, Tulach Mhór to dtí Cluichí Ceannais na gColaistí. Is mór an lá é le haghaidh na gColaistí atá ag glacadh páirt sna Cluichí inniu.

Today sees the pinnacle of the Colleges Competitions being reached with representation from each of the Provinces participating in today's finals - some with a record of success, others participating for the first time. Irrespective of the outcome of the games, today's finalists will have made their own history.

In the Junior final St. Mary's, Magherafelt have graced the All-Ireland stage on a number of occasions, taking the ultimate honours in 1996, the only Ulster side to do so. Their opponents, Seamount, Kinvara are not only in their first All-Ireland final but this is their first year to participate in Colleges Camogie competitions.

In the senior final, St. Mary's, Charleville will be endeavouring to win their third title in a row whilst their opponents, Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy are contesting their first final.

To participate and reach All-Ireland finals not only requires the skill and commitment of players but also team mentors, and in general, school support. To all those who have involved themselves in the promotion of our National game in the Colleges, I say a heartfelt thanks.



Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na réiteoirí, na hoifigigh, cumann camógaíochta Tulach Mhór agus C.L.G. Tulach Mhór ar son a gcabhrach.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh lá taitheamhach agaibh uilig.

## DO YOU KNOW . . .

- That Helena Jacobs (Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy) is a daughter of Mick Jacobs who won an All-Ireland Hurling medal with Wexford in 1968 and was honoured with All-Star Awards in 1972, 1976 and 1977.
- That Orla Curtin (Seamount, Kinvara) is a sister of Veronica Curtin who won an All-Ireland Senior Camogie medal with Galway in 1996.
- That Marie O'Brien (St. Mary's, Charleville) is a daughter of Jim O'Brien who won an All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal with Limerick in 1973 and a niece of Geraldine and Bernie O'Brien who won a number of All-Ireland Camogie titles.
- That Rita Moran, coach of St. Mary's, Magherafelt, won an All-Ireland Senior Camogie medal with Antrim.
- That Siobhan Gahan (Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy) is a daughter of Josie Kehoe, one of the famous Kehoe family of Clonleigh. Her aunts, Kit, Bridget, Gretta and Annie, as well as her mother, won All-Ireland Senior medals with Wexford.
- That Mary Callanan, coach of Seamount, Kinvara, captained Galway in an All-Ireland Minor Final.
- That Sinead O'Callaghan was the first St. Mary's, Charleville girl to win an All-Ireland Senior Camogie medal on the field of play when she helped Cork overcome Galway last September.
- That Lennie and Elaine Holohan of Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy are twins. They are nieces of Jimmy Holohan who wore the Wexford colours with distinction for many years.
- That Claire and Niamh O'Connor (Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy) are daughters of Teddy O'Connor who wore the colours of Wexford and Leinster and travelled with the All-Stars to America.
- That Fidelma Hogan (Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy) is a niece of Bernie Higgins who won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with Rathnure.





JUNIOR FINALISTS – St. Mary's, Magherafelt

### Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

**Aine O'Kane** (Ballinascreen) holds an All-Ireland Junior, 4 Ulster Colleges and an U14 medal with Derry.

**Eadaoin Conway** (Ballinascreen) a strong defender, Eadaoin has an Ulster Colleges Junior medal.

**Maureen McCann** (Creggan) her collection of medals includes Ulster Colleges, Ulster Minor with Antrim, Antrim Féile na nGael and Antrim Junior Championship.

**Shauna Mulholland** (Castledawson) has an All-Ireland Junior Colleges, 4 Ulster Colleges, Ulster U14 with Derry and minor and U18 Championship medals with her club.

**Niamh Lavery** (Greenlough) holds 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Maeve Gormley** (Ballinascreen) plays wing midfield and has 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Lorna Mulholland** (Castledawson) is the holder of All-Ireland Junior Colleges, 4 Ulster Colleges, Ulster Championship with Derry and minor and U18 medals with her club.

**Ciara Bradley** (Ballinascreen) has an Ulster Colleges Junior medal.

**Noelle McMahon** (Bellaghy) plays at right forward and holds 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Gemma Downey** (Greenlough) features at centre forward and has 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Patricia Bateson** (Ballinderry) is positioned at wing forward and holds 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Marie Therese McCann** (Creggan) was on the St. Mary's team which won the 1996 All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship. She also has 4 Ulster Colleges medals, an Ulster minor with Antrim, an Antrim Féile and an Antrim Junior Championship.

**Mairead Hughes** (Bellaghy) a forward who has an Ulster Junior Colleges and an Ulster U14 medal.

**Trea Wylie** (Ardboe) plays in midfield and holds 2 Ulster Colleges medals and an U14 medal with her club.

**Oonagh O'Neill** (Magherafelt) is a midfield player who has an All-Ireland Junior Colleges and 3 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Eleanor McConville** (Creggan) a forward who has 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Paula Bell** (Ballinderry) plays in attack and has an Ulster Colleges medal.

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### JUNIOR ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT SCOIL MUIRE, MACHAIRE FÍOLTA

*Sky Blue and Navy*

(1)  
**Aine O'Kane**  
A. Ní Chathain

(2)  
**Shauna Mulholland**  
S. Ní Mhaolchalann

(3)  
**Maureen McCann**  
M. Nic Anna

(6)  
**Maeve Gormley**  
M. Ní Gharmaile

(9)  
**Patricia Bateson**  
P. Ní Bhéatsúin

(4)  
**Eadaoin Conway**  
E. Ní Chonbhuí

(7)  
**Lorna Mulholland** *Cady*  
L. Ní Mhaolchalann

(10)  
**Gemma Downey**  
G. Ní Ghiolla Domhnaigh

(12)  
**Maire Therese McCann**  
M. T. Nic Anna

(5)  
**Niamh Lavery**  
N. Ní Laibheartaigh

(8)  
**Ciara Bradley**  
C. Ní Bhrolcháin

(11)  
**Noelle McMahon**  
N. Ní Mhathúna

**Subs:** 13 Oonagh O'Neill 16 Mairead Hughes  
14 Eleanor McConville 17 Paula Bell  
15 Laura Close 18 Trea Wylie

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## JUNIOR FINALISTS



JUNIOR FINALISTS – Seamount College, Kinvara

### JUNIOR SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA MEÁN SCOIL ÁRD NA MARA, CINN MHARA

*Navy with White Trim*

(1)

**Sharon Kavanagh**  
S. Ní Chaomhánaigh

(2)

**Róisín O'Connor**  
R. Ní Choncubhair

(3)

**Linda Flaherty**  
L. Ní Fhlatharta

(4)

**Karen Huban (Captain)**  
K. Ní Úbáin

(5)

**Michelle Quinn**  
M. Ní Chuinn

(6)

**Siobhan Canny**  
S. Ní Chanaigh

(7)

**Sherry Mannion**  
S. Ní Mhainín

(8)

**Siobhan Huban**  
S. Ní Úbáin

(9)

**Pamela Huban**  
P. Ní Úbáin

(10)

**Elaine Kerins**  
E. Ní Chiaráin

(11)

**Lisa Burke**  
E. de Búrca

(12)

**Orla Curtin**  
O. Ní Chúirtín

**Subs:**

13 Majella Hynes	17 Anne Marie Lynch
14 Linda Gill	18 Orla McCormack
15 Colette O'Connor	19 Emer Bermingham
16 Claire Donohue	20 Anne Duffy

*Best Wishes to*  
**SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA**  
Fallons Spar Supermarket, Kinvara

### Pen Pictures: SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA

**Sharon Kavanagh** (Kinvara) has represented Galway at U14 level. She has 5 Co. medals, a Connacht Colleges Junior and Silver Community Games medals.

**Róisín O'Connor** (Kinvara) holds 5 County medals, 1 Connacht Colleges Junior and 1 Silver Community Games. She has worn the Galway colours at U14 level.

**Linda Flaherty** (Kinvara) has 3 County medals, 1 Connacht Colleges Junior and a Silver Community Games. She has played for Galway at U14 level.

**Karen Huban** (Kinvara) captains Seamount College today. She has played for Galway at U14 and Minor levels and holds 2 County medals and a Connacht Colleges Junior.

**Michelle Quinn** (Ballindereen) has 2 County medals and a Connacht Colleges Junior medal.

**Siobhan Canny** (Kinvara) holds a Connacht Colleges Junior and 2 County medals.

**Sherry Mannion** (Clarinbridge) is holder of an All-Ireland Minor medal with Galway. She also has 3 County medals, a Connacht Junior Championship and a Connacht Colleges Junior medal.

**Siobhan Huban** (Kinvara) has 3 County Medals, a Connacht Colleges Junior and a Silver Community Games.

**Pamela Huban** (Kinvara) has played for Galway at U14 level. She has 5 County, Connacht Colleges Junior and Silver Community Games medals.

**Elaine Kerins** (Clarinbridge) is the holder of 2 All-Ireland Minor, 3 County, Connacht Junior Championship and Connacht Colleges medals.

**Lisa Burke** (Ballindereen) has a Connacht Colleges Junior and 2 County medals.

**Orla Curtin** (Kinvara) Holds an All-Ireland Minor medal with Galway. She also represented her county at U14 level and holds a Connacht Colleges Junior medal.

**Majella Hynes** (Kinvara) has a Connacht Colleges Junior, a Silver Community Games and 2 County medals.

**Linda Gill** (Kinvara) holds Connacht Colleges Junior, Silver Community Games and 4 County medals.

**Colette O'Connor** (Kinvara) has a Connacht Colleges Junior and 2 County medals.

**Claire Donohue** (Clarinbridge) is the holder of a Connacht Colleges Junior medal and 1 County medal.

**Anne Marie Lynch** (Ballindereen) holds a Connacht Colleges Junior medal.

**Orla McCormack** (Kinvara) has Connacht Colleges Junior, Silver Community Games and 3 County medals.

**Emer Bermingham** (Kinvara) has 3 County, Connacht Colleges Junior and Silver Community Games.

**Anne Duffy** (Kinvara) has 3 County, Connacht Colleges and Silver Community Games medals.

*Best Wishes to*  
**SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA**  
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## SENIOR FINALISTS



SENIOR FINALISTS – St. Mary's, Charleville

### Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

- Claire Linehan** (Granagh) sub goalie on last year's team and played in goal for 1997 All-Ireland Seven aside team.
- Laura Leslie** (Granagh) captained All-Ireland Junior team in 1995. Holds 2 Junior, 2 7-aside and 2 Senior All-Ireland medals with school. Played in 1996 All-Ireland Club Championship Final.
- Caragh Manton** (Newtownshandrum) plays fullback with club and is a very reliable defender. Played on 1997 All-Ireland winning 7-aside team.
- Marie O'Brien** (Granagh) played fullback on Junior team of 1995. Holds 2 Junior, 2 7-aside and 2 Senior All-Ireland medals with school.
- Caroline Giltinane** (Newtownshandrum) is a very good defender. To date she has won All-Ireland 7-aside and Senior medals. Is a Cork minor.
- Jordana Dolan** (Ballyagran) plays in attack for her club. Played on last season's winning 7-aside team.
- Caoimhe Harrington** (Newtownshandrum) has won every colleges medal, 2 Junior, 3 7-aside and 2 Senior All-Irelands. She has played Senior and Junior inter-county with Cork.
- Claire Walsh** (Ballyagran) plays wing midfield. She has All-Ireland Junior 1995 and Senior 1997 medals.
- Niamh Bowles** (Newtownshandrum) captained this year's Junior team. She won All-Ireland Community Games medal in 1996 and was a member of Cork Minor team in 1997.
- Sinead O'Callaghan** (Ballyagran) has made the centre-forward position her own. She has 2 Junior, 3 7-aside and 2 Senior All-Ireland Colleges medals. She has won All-Ireland Junior and Senior medals with Cork. Won Examiner Youth Award 1998 for Camogie.
- Angela Sheehy** (Ballyagran) played on last year's successful Senior team. Holds 2 Junior, 1 7-aside and 2 Senior All-Ireland Colleges medals.
- Eileen O'Brien** (Granagh) is one of the top forwards of her age in the country. Holds Junior, 2 Senior and 3 7-aside All-Ireland Colleges medals. Played with Limerick Intermediate team in 1996.
- Lisa Moloney** (Ballyagran) played in goal for team in 1996 and 1997 but was injured at start of season. Holds 2 Junior, 1 7-aside and 2 Senior All-Ireland Colleges medals.
- Sarah Reidy** (Newtownshandrum) plays centrefield with both club and school and has won numerous Colleges medals to date. Member of 1997 All-Ireland 7-aside team.
- Noelle O'Riordan** (Milford) plays in midfield or in defence. Captained her club to win All-Ireland Community Games in 1996. Holds Munster Junior and First Year medals.
- Georgina Frawley** (Granagh) is a corner back with club and school. Holds numerous Colleges medals.
- Brid Keane** (Newtownshandrum) is a forward who holds numerous medals with school and club.
- Gemma Ronayne** (Ballyagran) is a very stylish defender. Holds Munster Junior and 1st Year medals.
- Kathryn Leslie** (Granagh) sister of fullback Laura, she is a tenacious defender who has won Munster 1st Year and Junior medals and an All-Ireland Feile medal with her club in 1996.
- Sandra O'Halloran** (Granagh) is a solid fullback who has All-Ireland Div 2 Feile and Munster Junior.

### SENIOR

### ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE SCOIL NAOMH MUIRE, RATHLUIRC

*Navy and Blue*

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|---|--|--|--|---|
| (1)<br><b>Claire Linehan</b><br><i>C. Ní Lineacháin</i> | (2)<br><b>Laura Leslie</b><br><i>L. Ní Lisigh</i>            | (3)<br><b>Caragh Manton</b><br><i>C. Ní Mhantáin</i>   | (4)<br><b>Marie O'Brien</b><br><i>M. Ní Bhriain</i>  | (5)<br><b>Caroline Giltinane</b><br><i>C. Ní Ghlóla tSeandáin</i>     |
| (6)<br><b>Jordana Dolan</b><br><i>J. Ní Dhóidín</i>     | (7)<br><b>Caoimhe Harrington</b><br><i>C. Níe Arrachtáin</i> | (8)<br><b>Claire Walsh</b><br><i>C. Bhreathnach</i>  | (9)<br><b>Angela Sheehy</b><br><i>A. Ní Shíthigh</i> | (10)<br><b>Sinead O'Callaghan (Capt)</b><br><i>S. Ní Cheallacháin</i> |
| (11)<br><b>Niamh Bowles</b><br><i>N. Ní Bhaoill</i>     | (12)<br><b>Eileen O'Brien</b><br><i>E. Ní Bhriain</i>        | <b>Subs:</b> 13 Lisa Moloney<br>14 Sarah Reidy<br>15 Noelle O'Riordan<br>16 Georgina Frawley<br>17 Brid Keane<br>18 Gemma Ronayne<br>19 Kathryn Leslie<br>20 Sandra O'Halloran |  |   |



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SENIOR FINALISTS - Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy

## SENIOR COLAISTE BRIDE, ENNISCORTHY

(1)  
**Antionette Murphy**  
*A. Ní Mhúrchú*

(2)  
**Helena Jacob**  
*H. Iacob*

(3)  
**Bernie Holohan**  
*B. Ní Uallacháin*

(4)  
**Claire O'Connor**  
*C. Ní Chonchubháir*

(5)  
**Noelle Murphy**  
*N. Ní Mhúrchú*

(6)  
**Sandra Murphy**  
*S. Ní Mhúrchú*

(7)  
**Rose-Marie Breen**  
*R. Ní Bhraoin*

(8)  
**Michelle O'Leary (Capt)**  
*M. Ní Laoire*

(9)  
**Marie Dempsey**  
*M. Ní Dhíomasaigh*

(10)  
**Elaine Holohan**  
*E. Ní Uallacháin*

(11)  
**Jennifer Codd**  
*J. Ní Chóid*

(12)  
**Siobhan Gahan**  
*S. Ní Eacháin*

**Subs:**

13 Bridget Stafford	19 Fidelma Hogan
14 Patricia Breen	20 Patricia Quigley
15 Sandra Hogan	21 Fiona Murphy
16 Breda Bolger	22 Sharon Farrington
17 Niamh O'Connor	23 Laura Murphy
18 Grace Kelly	24 Bridgett Heffernan

## Pen Pictures: COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

**Antoinette Murphy** (Monageer/Boolavogue) is holder of Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, numerous underage and Colleges senior football medals.

**Helena Jacob** (Oulart/The Ballagh) has 2 Leinster U14, Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor and many underage championship medals.

**Noelle Murphy** (Monageer/Boolavogue) holds All-Ireland Minor, Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Colleges football and several underage medals.

**Claire O'Connor** (Rathnure) won All-Ireland Club Championship and All-Ireland Minor medals. Also holds Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Wexford and Leinster medals.

**Bernie Holohan** (Rathnure) won All-Ireland Club Championship, Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Wexford League and Championship and Leinster underage medals.

**Rose-Marie Breen** (Monageer/Boolavogue) holder of Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor medals, Wexford and Leinster underage medals.

**Michelle O'Leary** (Rathnure) won All-Ireland Club Championship, Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Wexford and Leinster Championship medals.

**Sandra Murphy** (Monageer/Boolavogue) has Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor medals and Wexford League and Championship at underage and Junior.

**Elaine Holohan** (Rathnure) winner of All-Ireland Club Championship, Leinster Colleges Senior and Junior, Wexford and Leinster Championship medals.

**Marie Dempsey** (Oulart/The Ballagh) has Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Leinster underage and Wexford underage League and Championship medals.

**Siobhan Gahan** (Monageer/Boolavogue) has won Wexford League and Championship medal from U12 to Junior, Leinster U14 and U18 and Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor medals.

**Jenny Codd** (Duffrey Rovers) has Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Schools Skills Award and Leinster U14 and U16 medals.

**Patricia Breen** (Monageer/Boolavogue) has county underage titles and Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor medals.

**Sandra Hogan** (Monageer/Boolavogue) played U16, U18 and Junior with her club.

**Fiona Murphy** (Monageer/Boolavogue) has Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor medals and underage titles with her club.

**Niamh O'Connor** (Rathnure) has All-Ireland Feile runners-up medal and Leinster U14 medal.

**Bridget Stafford** (Monageer/Boolavogue) won U14, U16 and U18 and Junior titles with club and Leinster Colleges Minor medal with school.

**Fidelma Hogan** (Rathnure) has Leinster U14, All-Ireland Feile runners-up and U16 Championship medals.

**Laura Murphy** (Rathnure) has All-Ireland Feile runners-up and U14 and U16 Championship medals.

**Bridgett Heffernan** (Oylegate/Glenbrien) has an U14 county medal.

**Sharon Farrington** (Monageer/Boolavogue) has U14 and U16 INTO, Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor medals.

**Breda Bolger** (Oulart) won Leinster Colleges Senior and U16 League and U14 Championship with club.

**Grace Kelly** (Oylegate/Glenbrien) has Leinster Colleges Senior medal.

**Patricia Quigley** has Leinster Colleges Senior medal with school and Rackard League B and U14B Championship medals.



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**All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship**

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1974	Pres. Athenry	North Pres. Cork	3-0 to 0-0	Bernie Duffy
1975	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Terenure	4-0 to 1-0	Teresa O'Dwyer
1976	Pres. Athenry	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	4-2 to 3-2	Ann Delaney
1977	Pres. Athenry	Sacred Heart, Cork	4-1 to 1-3	Anne Burke
1978	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Voc. Bawnboy	2-3 to 0-1	Eithne Bonnar
1979	Mercy, Roscommon	Scoil Pol, Kilfinane	1-2 to 0-1	Paulien O'Connor
1980	Maryfield, Dublin	Pres de la Salle Hosp.	2-3 to 1-5	Siobhan Bryson
1981	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	4-0 to 0-2	Michelle Sleator
1982	Maryfield, Dublin	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	3-9 to 4-0	Carmel O'Bryne
1983	Mercy, Roscommon	St. Pauls, Kilrea	7-1 to 1-3	Elizabeth Lee
1984	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Shannon	6-8 to 2-1	Deirdre Costello
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Col. Muire, Ennis	3-4 to 1-0	Mary Dolphin
1986	St. Marys, Charleville	F.C.J. Bunclody	2-6 to 0-3	Frances Broderick
1987	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	2-3 to 1-4	Maire O'Sullivan
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Marys, Macroom	5-7 to 1-0	Emer Hardiman
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Maghera	5-0 to 0-1	Pamela Nevin
1990	St. Brigids, Callan	St. Patricks, Maghera	5-8 to 1-4	Sinead Millea
1991	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Cuans, Castleblayney	3-9 to 1-10	Aine Hogan
1992	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-6 to 0-8	Madeline Hayes
1993	F.C.J. Bunclody	St. Marys, Charleville	2-7 to 1-4	Katherine Kinsella
1994	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Marys, Magherafelt	3-6 to 1-5	Jean Cullinane
1995	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-12 to 1-1	Laura Leslie
1996	St. Marys, Magherafelt	F.C.J. Bunclody	1-10 to 0-4	Simone Forbes
1997	Holy Rosary, M'bellew	St. Mary's, Charleville	2-4 to 1-5	Mairead Meehan

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**All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship**

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1969	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Aloysius, Cork	3-2 to 1-2	Mary Tallis
1970	Pres. Kilkenny	Sacred Heart, Newry	2-3 to 1-1	Liz Neary
1971	Sacred Heart, Newry	Pres. Mountmellick	3-2 to 2-1	Anne McCone
1972	Pres. Oranmore	St. Louise, Kilkeel	6-1 to 4-4	Marie Murphy
1973	Pres. Mountmellick	Pres. Athenry	4-2 to 1-2	Carmel Cottrell
1974	Pres. Athenry	St. Louise, Kilkeel	3-1 to 1-0	Midge Ponard
1975	Pres. Athenry	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Ponard
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 0-2	Jacinta O'Brien
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 1-3	Cora Hennessy
1978	Pres. Athenry	Loreto, Coleraine	2-3 to 2-2	Anne Ponard
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	3-3 to 1-3	Majella Hallinan
1980	North Pres. Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	4-7 to 1-1	Imelda Cronin
1981	St. Patricks, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	1-3 to 0-5	Ann O'Mahony
1982	St. Patricks, Shannon	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-7 to 1-4	Caroline O'Meara
1983	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	2-6 to 2-1	Adele Campbell
1984	Maryfield, Dublin	North Pres. Cork	2-5 to 0-5	Roisin Brady
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Cork	4-7 to 3-3	Deirdre Costello
1986	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	F.C.J. Bunclody	3-5 to 0-4	Angela Cooney
1987	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Marys, Charleville	3-8 to 0-4	Brid Stratford
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	F.C.J. Bunclody	2-13 to 1-5	Imelda Hobbins
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Keady	5-9 to 2-10	Triona Dolphin
1990	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	3-11 to 2-0	Imelda Maher
1991	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Vocational, Thomastown	3-6 to 0-0	Siobhan Keane
1992	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Brigids, Callan	7-7 to 2-4	Pamela Nevin
1993	St. Brigids, Callan	St. Marys, Charleville	3-7 to 1-2	Sinead Millea
1994	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Patricks, Maghera	1-10 to 1-2	Noelle Kennedy
1995	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Marys, Charleville	3-4 to 2-4	Deirdre Phelan
1996	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-15 to 3-3	Deirdre Sheehan
1997	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-16 to 4-2	Vera Sheehan

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**All-Ireland Colleges Sevens**

1987	St. Marys, Charleville	4-0 to 1-4	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1988	St. Marys, Charleville	3-6 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	6-10 to 1-5	St. Patricks, Keady
1990	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	1-4 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1991	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-6 to 0-3	St. Brigids, Callan
1992	St. Marys, Nenagh	5-5 to 3-0	Scariff Community College
1993	St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-1	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1994	St. Marys, Charleville	12-8 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1995	St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1996	St. Marys, Charleville	5-4 to 0-2	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1997	St. Marys, Charleville	7-5 to 1-3	St. Patricks, Cork

**1998 All-Ireland Colleges Championships**

<b>Junior Semi-finals</b>			
St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-8	St. Marys, New Ross	3-3
Seamount, Kinvara	0-6	St. Marys, Charleville	0-4
<b>Senior Semi-finals:</b>			
St. Marys, Charleville	1-12	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	2-4
Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy	3-10	St. Patricks, Maghera	1-2



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# St Mary's win third consecutive title

## Cork girls have seven points to spare

St. Mary's (Charleville) 1-11  
St. Bridget's (Enniscorthy) 1-4

by Brendan Larkin

ST. MARY'S (Charleville) became the champion school in the champion county when they retained their All-Ireland schools' senior camogie championship title with a seven-point victory over St. Bridget's at The Ragg yesterday.

It was an historic occasion also for the north Cork school as they won their third title in-a-row.

For captain Sinead O'Callaghan it was a particularly joyous occasion as she was winning her third schools' All-Ireland medal to go with the senior she won with Cork last September.

Sinead recently won The Examiner Youths Award for camogie.

Fielding the bulk of last year's All-Ireland winning side, St. Mary's were given a severe jolt in the opening seconds of the match when Jennifer Codd touched home Michelle O'Leary's cross, and when Elaine Holohan added a point, the defending champions knew they had a battle on their hands.

However once they weathered the early St. Bridget's storm, not even the difficult underfoot conditions could prevent St. Mary's from taking complete control. Playing tremendous camogie from goalkeeper Claire Linehan to full forward Eileen O'Brien, the Char-

leville girls were on level terms after 10 minutes, when Jordana Dolan rounded off a magnificent move with a goal.

St. Bridget's had no answer to the delightful passing game of the champions and with Eileen O'Brien unerring from play and frees, St. Mary's were well worth their half-time lead of 1-6 to 1-2.

St. Bridget's tore into the Cork side on the change over and while they may have lacked the skills of their opponents, they enjoyed the lion's share of possession, but the scores failed to come.

A superb save by St. Mary's goalkeeper Claire Linehan denied Michelle O'Leary a goal, and a resolute defence in which Laura Leslie and Marie O'Brien, daughter of former Limerick senior stalwart Jimmy, defied the best the Enniscorthy girls threw at them.

St. Mary's were obviously content to soak up the pressure as they pulled players back to behind the ball at every opportunity and they had the uncanny ability to hit St. Bridget's on the break.

On at least three occasions, St. Bridget's looked to be in for scores, only to be denied some great defending, while up at the other end, Eileen O'Brien and Sinead O'Callaghan made it look so easy, picking off points at every opportunity.

Only good goalkeeping by St. Bridget's 'keeper Antoinette Murphy denied Jordana Dolan a second goal late in the game and at the final whistle, St. Mary's were worthy winners of an historic three titles in-a-row.

Scorers - St. Mary's: E. O'Brien 0-6 (0-3 frees, 0-1 30); J. Dolan 1-0; S. O'Callaghan 0-3; C. Walsh, C. Harrington 0-1 each. St. Bridget's: J. Codd 1-0; R. M. Breen 0-2; E. Holohan, S. Gahan 0-1 each.

ST. MARY'S: C. Linehan; L. Leslie, C. Manton, M. O'Brien, C. Giltinane, N. Bowles, C. Harrington, C. Walsh, A. Sheehy, S. O'Callaghan, J. Dolan, E. O'Brien.

ST. BRIDGET'S: A. Murphy; H. Jacob, B. Holohan, C. O'Connor, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, R. M. Breen, M. O'Leary, M. Dempsey, E. Holohan, J. Codd, S. Gahan.

Referee: B. Phillips (Tipperary).



St Mary's, Charleville, captain, Sinead O'Callaghan is carried by team-mates after the victory over St Bridget's, Enniscorthy yesterday.

Picture: Kieran Clancy

## Marie bows out a winner

By BRENDAN LARKIN

MARIE O'BRIEN ended her camogie career with St. Marys, Charleville on the best possible note yesterday.

The famous camogie convent retained their All-Ireland senior title, beating St. Bridget's from Enniscorthy 1-11 to 1-4 at The Ragg.

They completed an historic three-in-a-row and Marie was a member of all three winning teams.

She is a daughter of former Limerick stalwart Jimmy O'Brien who won a senior All-Ireland medal with Limerick in 1973.

Marie, who plays with Ballyagran, was outstanding in the heart of the St. Marys defence, particularly in the second-half when the pressure came.

"We knew going into the game that St. Bridget's would give us a hard match and that's how it turned out.

"They certainly rattled us in the opening seconds with that goal, but once we got going, I had little fears that we would be beaten.

"Most of us have been together for a couple of years and know one another's player well, and you see just how well in tuned the forwards were as the scores went up for us.

"I'm absolutely delighted at winning my third All-Ireland medal in a row. They will look nice next to Dad's one", she said.

Team coach Vincent Harrington said the victory was very important as it will continue to attract pupils to the convent in the coming years.

"We work very hard at the game, and it's a particular book to the four clubs who supply us with players.

"The great start they got caught our girls on the hop but I was always confident they would win.



The Charleville team who retained their All-Ireland camogie title, defeating St. Bridget's in the final.



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The St. Mary's, Charleville, team who won the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie title at the Raggs, Thurles.

# St Mary's make it three-in-a-row

By AIDAN CORR

HIGH-flying St Mary's of Charleville are certainly the tops when it comes to achievements on the camogie fields. Last week they took on favourites Enniscorthy from Wexford in the final of the All-Ireland Colleges championship and after a shaky start, romped home convincing winners on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-4.

It was their third All-Ireland success in a row and the win puts them high up in the annals of the game.

St Mary's supporters had to undergo a few tense moments before they eventually pulled away for victory. They went down to a

first minute Wexford goal that really rocked them back on their heels and when the Enniscorthy girls added a point almost immediately, shock waves began to track through the Charleville ranks.

Not for the first time in recent seasons, however, the influence of county stars Eileen O'Brien and Laura Leslie began to make an impression on the game. Charleville got more into the play and a goal from Jordana Dolan followed by three points by Sinéad O'Callaghan edged the Munster champions ahead for the first time.

Eileen O'Brien chipped in with a brace of points and a Claire Walsh point gave St Mary's an interval lead of 1-6 to 1-2.

Charleville really turned

on the style in the second half with Eileen O'Brien and Laura Leslie outstanding. Caoimhe Harrington popped over a point as St Mary's began to dominate the midfield. Eileen O'Brien contributed four nicely taken points and while Enniscorthy tried very hard to come back into the game, there was no doubting the Charleville girls' superiority.

St Mary's got a warm reception when they returned with the cup that evening to Charleville. It had been a long campaign for them and the victory compensated for the disappointment the previous Saturday when the match was called off due to adverse weather conditions.

Because of the Easter Week celebrations, festivities to mark this latest success by the Charleville camogie stars was held over until a later date.



Laurie Leslie, the St. Mary's, Charleville, fullback makes a clearance during the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie final which was won by St. Mary's. (H1)

## School wins third camogie title

CHARLEVILLE'S St Mary's School senior camogie team wrote themselves into the annals of the school's history when they won their third consecutive senior school's title by defeating Leinster champions, St Bridget's Enniscorthy, by 1-11 to 1-4 at The Raggs, Thurles.

A whirlwind start by the Wexford girls saw them race into a 1-1 lead in the opening minutes of the game but the locals never lost their composure and gradually wore their opponents down to be level in the 10th minute through scores from Jordanna Dolan who scored a great goal and a point from Eileen O'Brien. Then followed some great hur-

ling which saw the North Cork side score five more points to St Bridget's one to lead at half-time by 1-6 to 1-2.

St Bridget's started the second half as they did the first, piling on the pressure but try as they did they failed to breach the St Mary's defence for the all important scores and they could only manage two points in the second half to bring their total to 1-4 in the game.

Indeed it was the St Mary's girls who added to their tally with points from Eileen O'Brien, Sinéad O'Callaghan, Caoimhe Harrington and Ca-triona Walsh to give them a full-time score of 1-11.

So the girls of St Mary's have created their own piece of Charleville school's history by winning their third All-Ireland senior camogie championship and are to be congratulated on their wonderful sporting achievement. Great credit is also due to the background people concerned with the team and they too are deserving of the praise of the townspeople for guiding their charges to victory in the All-Ireland series.

The St Mary's team was: C Linehan, L Leslie, C Manton, M O'Brien, C Giltenane, N Bowles, C Harrington, C Walsh, A Sheehy, S O'Callaghan (capt), J Dolan, E O'Brien.



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Coláiste Bride's valiant fight not enough to clinch all-Ireland title

# Coláiste Bride's dream of glory is shattered

St. Mary's Charleville 1-11, Coláiste Bride 1-4: The Coláiste Bride camogie team was given a lesson at The Ragg last Wednesday as Charleville from Co. Cork claimed their third senior All-Ireland in a row.

## SENIOR CAMOGIE ALL-IRELAND

Elva Moriarty's team put up a valiant fight against the reigning champs and they made a great start in their efforts to create an upset. But in the end they were over-powered by a team which had the edge in every sector of a sodden field.

The tonic beginning was supplied by pocket rocket Jenny Codd who deflected a free into the Cork net shortly after the throw-in. When Leni Holohan added a point from a placed ball, it seemed that a genuine contest was in the offing, with every prospect of a Wexford win.

It was not to be. The Leinster representatives spent the rest of the first half struggling, despite having the assistance of whatever breeze was going.

St. Mary's rattled off three points and a goal without reply, to underline their pedigree and go ahead.

Their run of scores



■ The Coláiste Bride team whose all-Ireland glory dreams were shattered at the Ragg, Thurles, last weekend.

was broken by a free from Rose Mary Breen but the Enniscorthy girls were still 1-6 to 1-2 in arrears at the break. They rallied briefly after the break and captain Michelle O'Leary forced a good save from the goalie.

Unfortunately, they extracted no return from their pressure and were soon on the back foot once more. Goalkeeper Antoinette Murphy, who caught and cleared immaculately throughout, was not beaten again. However, in front of her, the Coláiste Bride de-

fenders were kept perpetually busy as the holders showed fine teamwork and athleticism.

Experienced backs such as the Rathnure pair of Benni Holohan and Claire O'Connor had their hands full with some classy opponents. Gutsy Holohan was posted on Eileen O'Brien, rated the best camogie player of her generation, and it proved a mammoth assignment.

The Cork girl top scored with half a dozen points but, it should be pointed out, many of

these strikes were from frees. The extent of the winners' dominance is reflected not only in the eventual seven points margin but also in the ratio of scoring attempts - Charleville 23, Enniscorthy 9.

At the end of a chastening day, there was still much to admire in the way that the losers stuck to their formidable task. Rose Mary Breen

struck a late free and Siobhan Gahan popped over their only point from play - a lovely one it was, too - as the spirit burned bright to the bitter end.

At the back, Helena Jacob put in some towering puck-outs and Michelle O'Leary hurled hard in a midfield sector where Coláiste Bride were always fighting a losing battle. Up front, Jenny Codd displayed great heart against her physically imposing opponents.

The end result was no disgrace against a school, on the Cork/Limerick border, which has missed just one senior final since 1993. Few teams have lived with them in recent years and fewer still can claim to have led them by four points, as the Wexford champions did briefly last Wednesday.

**Coláiste Bride:** Antoinette Murphy; Helena Jacob; Benni Holohan, Claire O'Connor, Noelle Murphy; Sandra Murphy; Rose Mary Breen (0-2 frees), captain Michelle O'Leary; Leni Holohan (0-1 free), Marie Dempsey, Jenny Codd (1-0); Siobhan Gahan (0-1). **Sub:** Patricia Quigley for S. Murphy.



■ Michelle O'Leary, Marie Dempsey, and Rosemary Breen comfort each other after the match. Photo by Tony Maher



■ Siobhan Gahan in action in the all-Ireland camogie final.



## FULL SIZED PITCHES AND 15 PLAYERS FROM 1999 ONWARDS

**T**he Annual Camogie Congress was recently held in Wexford and great credit must go to the organising committee for doing a fine job.

Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael Fileas Ni Bhreaslain in her address said the Association is proud of its 94 years in existence. It is the largest sporting organisation for women in Ireland. Camogie has a lot to celebrate as it approaches its Centenary. She spoke of her first year in office and highlighted various events that took place throughout the country. She was loud in her praise for all players who are the heart of the Association and also gave a lot of credit to her fellow officers.

An Runai Sile De Bhailis presented a very comprehensive report which induced a lot of discussion. (Extracts will be published at a later date)

Congress decided on a motion tabled by the Connacht Council: That for the 1999 season all competitions will be played on the full size GAA pitch with 15 players aside. This method was tried out six years ago at Inter-County level with the junior and senior league but, as all counties were not participating at the time a full evaluation could not be made.

This time the test series takes in all competitions ran under the auspices of Central Council, Provincial Councils and County Boards and could bring major changes to the Association as it approaches its Centenary.

It also decided on a Wexford motion that the All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals be played at the same neutral venue on the same day. This new development seems to be a good idea.

On foot of a Down motion Ardcomhairle are to set up a working committee to examine the structure of all competitions. The working party's membership should consist of at least one representative from each competition and should report back with recommendations to Ardcomhairle from which motions can be submitted to Annual Congress in 1999.

Ceol Caint agus Damhsa, the Association talent competition which has been lacking in interest for some

time is to be discontinued at All Ireland level.

Trinity College Dublin won their first ever Purcell Shield competition at the annual event hosted by Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.

In the final they came up against the holders Tralee IT who were considered by many to be favourites. Even after a good win over Maynooth on the previous day, Trinity were not regarded as real contenders for the title. Trinity settled very quickly and within minutes had their first score on the board, a point from Trish Doyle.

The first fifteen minutes were completely dominated by Trinity with a goal from Mona O'Neill and points from Marie Richardson, Siobhan Conmy and Trish Doyle. At this stage Tralee began to come into the game and scored a point leaving the half time score Trinity 1-4 Tralee 0-1.

In the second half, Tralee started the better of the two teams and put the Trinity defence under severe pressure. However, Tralee could not break through for a score. Niamh O'Mahoney, the captain at centre back was controlling the defence and Trinity managed to weather the storm. Trinity got themselves back in the game and scored a further 1-2 without a reply from Tralee. Final score: Trinity 1-6 Tralee 0-1.

This performance was about determination, commitment and great team spirit. Because of this it is impossible to pick out individuals as every player contributed to this victory.



The Trinity College, Dublin team that won the Purcell Shield. Front (L-R): Trish Doyle, Siobhan Conmy, Sarah Dowling, Ann-Marie McCarthy, Mona O'Neill, Rowena Naughton, Niamh O'Mahoney (Capt), Ann-Marie Fay. Back (L-R): Cathy Walsh (Trainer), Mary Peelo, Mary Stapleton, Caitriona Leahy, Siobhan Maxwell, Marie Richardson, Theresa Ryan

## Camogie gets a

GROWING up with the strong tradition of Tipperary hurling as I did, it is unsurprising that a camogie stick ousted the Barbie dolls from their snug place in my affections from an early age.

In primary school, we spent lunchtimes battling it out with the boys on the local GAA grounds and the concept of "lady-like" behaviour did not even come into it.

Imagine then our delight when, one day, it was announced that the GAA county board were to give extra coaching to the fifth and sixth classes, as part of a nation-wide plan to encourage the development of



SUSAN DALY

Gaelic Games.

Imagine my surprise and disgust when the master clucked disapprovingly at the cheering camogie players and told us we would be taking sewing classes at this time.

Many an evil plot, involving very sharp needles and good strong knitting wool, was hatched during those bitter sewing hours.

## decent shot in the arm

This anecdote is significant in that it is symptomatic of the tendency of the GAA, and of sporting organisations in general, to overlook the validity of women's sport.

Camogie is no pale imitation of hurling. The game has its own sporting heroines and legendary county achievements.

Consider the Dublin player Kathleen Mills, who picked up 15 All-Ireland Senior medals between 1942-61, or her team-mate Una O'Connor who holds 13 medals from the period between 1953-66.

I wonder if Cork-people are aware that they can be proud of 18 Senior

Camogie teams who have won the All-Ireland C'ships since 1934.

In this context, the rulings of the recent Camogie Congress which was held in Wexford go a little way towards rectifying the underplayed (no pun intended) status of camogie.

### Full

The introduction of a 15-a-side rule for those games played under the auspices of Ard Comhairle, Provincial Councils and County Boards from the year 1999, means that camogie matches can then be played on full hurling pitches.

If this measure leads to camogie

and hurling finals being played on the same day at the same venue it could mean enormous exposure for the game, and attract the interest of financial sponsors.

The televising of All-Ireland Camogie and Women's Gaelic Football in the last year and the Camogie Congress' increase in the size of logo that can be displayed on a camogie jersey from 100 sq. cms. to 200 sq. cms. should also get the change-purses jingling.

There is still much revision necessary on behalf of the attitudes of the GAA, but these at least are baby-steps; if not quite giant leaps.



Cork camogie star, Theresa O'Callaghan.



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# Camogie World

**Bord na Gaeilge**

by PJ Fulham

## THREE IN A ROW FOR ST. MARY'S

**S**t Mary's Charleville collected their third All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior camogie title on the trot when they got the upperhand on a gallant Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy in this All-Ireland final played before a large attendance at 'The Ragg' Thurles. Despite poor underfoot conditions both sides gave a brilliant display. Colaiste Bride was first to score when Jennifer Codd landed the ball in the Charleville net inside the first minute. However, this was soon cancelled out by a similar score by Charleville's Jordana Dolan. Some well taken points by Eileen O'Brien and Sinead O'Callaghan gave the winners a 1-6 to 1-2 lead at the break.

In the second half Colaiste Bride fought on bravely. However, the All-Ireland champions were always in control. Final score: St Mary's 1-11, Colaiste Bride 1-4.

Scorers: St Mary's: Eileen O'Brien 0-6, Jordana Dolan 1-0, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2, Claire Walsh, Angela Sheehy and Caoimhe Harrington 0-1 each.

Colaiste Bride: Jennifer Codd 1-0, Rosemary Breen 0-2, Siobhan Gahan and Elaine Holohan 0-1 each.

St Mary's team: Claire Linehan, Laura Leslie, Caragh Manton, Marie O'Brien, Caroline Giltinane, Jordana Dolan, Caoimhe Harrington, Claire Walsh, Angela Sheehy, Sinead O'Callaghan (Capt), Niamh Bowles, Eileen O'Brien.

Colaiste Bride: Antoinette Murphy, Helen Jacob, Bernie Holohan, Claire O'Connor, Noelle Murphy, Sandra Murphy, Rosemary Breen, Michelle O'Leary (Capt), Marie Dempsey, Elaine Holohan, Jennifer Codd, Siobhan Gahan.

Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary

Galway maintained their unbeaten record in the National senior league when they had a convincing win over Down at Moycullen. Mairin McAleenan opened Down's account with 0-1 from a free in the first minute, but almost immediately Galway's Sandra Tannian had the ball in the net. Down equalised but Galway settled down and went into a four point lead at the break 1-5 to 0-4.

In the second half Galway's experience proved too much for the Mourne girls as they ran out easy winners on a score of 5-11 to 0-8.

Scorers: Galway: Veronica Curtin 2-3, Ann Forde 1-2, Sandra Tannian and Helan Ryan 1-0 each, Denise Gilligan 0-3, Colette Nevin and Carmel Hannon 0-1 each.

Down: Mairin McAleenan 0-4, Jennifer Braniff and Edel Mason 0-2 each

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary

In National junior league Westmeath had a good win over Roscommon at St Loman's Park, Mullingar. First

half goals by Catherine Glynn, Eileen Smyth and Mary Henry gave the winners a 3-3 to 0-2 lead at the break.

Roscommon came more into the game in the 2nd half but the home side always kept matters in hand winning on a scoreline of 4-4 to 1-5.

Scorers: Westmeath: Annette Heffernan 1-3, Eileen Smyth, Catherine Glynn and Mary Henry 1-0 each, Celeste Dermody 0-1.

Roscommon: Maeve Healy 1-2, Karina Jones 0-3.

Referee: Maire Garvey, Galway

National Junior league result: Derry 3-11, Antrim 1-3.

Scorers: Derry: Claire Mulholland 1-3, Roisin Pickering 1-1, Emer Lee 1-0, Martina Mulholland 0-6, Roisin McCloskey 0-1.

Antrim: Jane Adams 1-0, Claire McGarry 0-3

On Sunday next Down host Antrim in a National senior league tie. Both have two points each. Down, although defeated by Galway recently were satisfied with their performance. Antrim were also beaten by Galway but the margin was just two points and will be going all out to secure the points here.

In National junior league Armagh and Carlow battle it out in the last match in Zone C at Tullysarron, 2pm. Wexford are number one team out of this division with full points, Armagh have four points and Carlow have three.

This is a very important tie. A draw will see Armagh through while a win is a must for Carlow if they are to advance to the quarter finals.

Kilkenny camogie star Ann Downey, holder of twelve All-Ireland senior championship medals and twin sister of Angela, is all in favour of the test series of fifteen players aside on the full size GAA pitch.

"I think it is a good idea," says Ann. "It will bring a new look to the game and may mean that camogie matches can be played as curtain raiser to a major hurling game. But the Lisdowney club player feels it may cause problems for clubs in some counties. Ann also favours the staging of the All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals at the same neutral venue on the same day. "When we were winning All-Irelands we played most of our semi-finals away."

The club championship semi-finals and final should also be played at neutral venues, said Ann. She also welcomes the fact that the All-Ireland final will be televised live this year.

Kilkenny have a new trainer Pat Treacy and Ann feels they have a tough assignment in the first round of the championship away to Tipperary, who defeated them in the league a few weeks ago.

## Cork minors start season

### CAMOGIE

THE Cork Minors open their Munster Championship campaign on Monday when they take on Clare in the first round of the Munster Championship at Cloughduv at 3 p.m.

Defeated by Galway in last year's All-Ireland final, Cork will undoubtedly be hoping to make amends this year and on Monday they will start as favourites to advance to the Munster semi-final.

However, despite being the current Munster champions, they will be forced to field without a number of last year's side who are over-age this season.

But they still have a very experienced panel to choose from. Amanda O'Regan, Ciara Healy, Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes are the only four players remaining and they will form the backbone of this year's line out.

Other players expected to be in the line out are Niamh Bowles, Newtownshandrum; Emer Dillon, Ballygarvan; Catherine Corkery, Joanne O'Callaghan and Aoife Murray, Cloughduv, and Elizabeth Bugler, Valley Rovers.

The Under-18 championship final, postponed last weekend because of the weather, has been re-fixed for Saturday, April 18 and will see Cloughduv and Aghabullogue in opposition. While on Sunday April 19 the Junior B League Final between Carrigaline and Ballygarvan is scheduled to take place.

The draws for the 1997 Under-16 A semi-finals took place at last Monday's Board meeting and are as follows: Cloughduv or Aghabullogue v St. Finbarrs; Ballygarvan v Newtownshandrum.

The draws for all championships for 1998 will be held at the next County Board meeting on Monday, April 20 at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

All clubs are earnestly requested to have a delegate present at this meeting.

## Cork minor girls in scoring spree against Clare

Cork 7-18  
Clare 0-1

IN truth, this Munster Minor Championship opening-round game was over as a contest after five minutes, with Cork 4-1 ahead, thanks to goals from Maria Noonan, Sarah Hayes and Ciara Healy.

The Cork dominance was evident throughout the field, with scores coming at will. The game served as no test for the Cork defence, who rarely had to contest the ball, such was the amount of possession the forward and centre-field players enjoyed. They led 6-11 to 0-1 at the half time break, the Clare point coming from Lorraine O'Loughlin.

Cork added 1-9 in the second half and ran out convincing winners. Clare, to their credit, are a young side; the majority will again play under 16 next year.

Speaking after the game, they said they were looking to the future and hoped to build on the team for next season.

Scorers Cork: R. Moloney 0-10 (10-5 frees, 0-2 30's), M. Noonan 3-1, C. Healy 1-3, E. Dillon 1-3, J. O'Leary, S. Hayes 1-0 each, C. Kelly 0-1; Clare: L. O'Loughlin 0-1.  
CORK: A. Murray, R. Holland, E. O'Herrilly, A. O'Regan, S. Hayes, C. Corkery, J. O'Callaghan, E. O'Neill, R. Moloney, E. Dillon, M. Noonan, C. Healy, Subs: N. Bowles for C. Corkery, J. O'Leary for M. Noonan, C. Kelly for E. Dillon.  
CLARE: S. Coleman, M. Hahir, M. Dinan, E. Tuohy, E. Wherley, A. O'Regan, D. Lynch, S. Twomey, L. Unan, L. O'Loughlin, C. McMahon, M. Middleton.

## Cork girls begin defence of crown

CORK begin their defence of their Munster minor camogie crown on Monday when they entertain Clare at Cloughduv in the opening round.

Cork lost out to Galway in the All-Ireland Minor final last year, and will be going all out to go one better.

Whilst their team is not as yet announced, the panel has several survivors from last season's victorious side, including Sarah Hayes, Ciara Healy, Amanda O'Regan and Rachel Moloney.

Clare have made little progress at minor level in the last few seasons, and a win would be a terrific boost. They have a strong camogie tradition with excellent schools, all promoting the game, while their senior side have progressed steadily.





**Butlerstown - Waterford Senior Camogie champions 1997.** Front row (left to right): Linda Bennett (captain), Jackie Collins, Audrey Hennessy, Sylvia Fan, Laura Collins, Tanya Kirwan, Margaret Barrow, Karen Kelly. Back row (left to right): John Collins (trainer), Elaine Maye, Laura Kelly, Trudy Collins, Aileen Barrow, Louise Matthews, Eileen O'Connor, Ruth Matthews, Sinead Kirwan, Fiona Murphy (first aid)



**The Waterford team that played in the 1989 Munster Junior camogie final.** Front row (left to right): Patricia Bulger, Gene Coughlan, Orla Flynn, Catherine Whitty, Catriona Caples, Sinead Sullivan, Gail Sullivan. Back row (left to right): Siobhan Laughlan, Catriona Hutchinson, Niamh McMahon, Mary Murphy, Ellen O'Toole, Trish Barry, Eileen O'Shea, Anne Marie O'Gorman, Geraldine Kennedy



**Tramore - Waterford Junior Camogie Champions 1997.** Front row (left to right): Gillian O'Halloran, Caroline English, Jackie Flanagan, Michele Doyle, Mandy Feehan, Joanna Clooney, Eileen Guiney, Elaine Clooney. Back row (left to right): Regina O'Byrne, Anne Piper, Susan Doohan, Kristen Farrell, Louise Walsh, Lisa Guirey, Chenelle O'Connor, Gwen Hulchusen, Janet Burns, Patrice Clancy



**Geraldine McMahon - Chairperson of the Waterford Camogie Board**



**Niamh McMahon of Waterford in action against Cork in the 1989 Munster Junior camogie final**



**Ciara Healy, Bishopstown, plays squash with Highfield, Munster and Ireland and camogie with Bishopstown.**

With Highfield she has won 2nd, 3rd and 4th division leagues over the past four years and represented Munster at junior since 1994 and senior in 97 and 98. She has also won 23 Ireland caps at junior.

including the U19 Ladies World Championships; U19 European Championships; U16 European Championships; Home Internationals; U14; U16 and U19 and played at No 1 in both U16 and U19 Home Internationals this year.

## Ballygarvan girls on the double

CORK County Junior B Champions Ballygarvan made it a League and Championship double yesterday on their home pitch at Ballygarvan when they took the County Junior B League title from their divisional rivals Carrigaline on a 2-10 to 2-1 scoreline.

In an exciting County Under 18 final played at Ballyanley on Saturday goals in either half by Mary Ennequess and Louise Murphy were the cushion Aghbullogue needed to secure a 2-7 to 1-5 victory in a closely fought contest.



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IF A schoolboy hurler in Ireland ever won a Senior Colleges All-Ireland medal, a Senior inter-county All-Ireland medal, both League and Championship, and a Senior and Junior (if there was one) Railway Cup medal, all in the same year, they would now be starting the foundations for the statue.

And yet, the equivalent of this has been done. Last year, Charleville schoolgirl Sinead O'Callaghan won Senior All-Ireland in both League and Championship with Cork, a Senior All-Ireland with her school, St. Mary's of Charleville, and Senior and Junior Gael-Linn inter-provincial medals with Munster.

For her achievements, she was recognised by The Examiner as one of their young Sports Stars of 1997. But apart from that, nothing. Zilch.

You'd pass her in the street tomorrow, and not know her from Eve – when I went to meet her in her school, St. Mary's, I had to have her pointed out to me. That's life.

And that's camogie.

Sinead O'Callaghan was born on July 1, 1979. A generation too early. And a generation too late. Every year now, women's sports are getting more recognition, and more women are taking part. Taking serious part.

Whether it's athletics, camogie, football, soccer, rugby, golf, basketball, even boxing, women are beginning to realise what men have known for years – sport adds a whole new enjoyable dimension to life.

But few will take it as seriously as young Sinead takes her camogie.

How seriously?

"Very seriously – there's a lot of commitment, especially around now. With the school, we're training two or three times a week, then there's the club, and there's also the county, now that the clock has gone forward. I'll be training with them at least once a week from now on."

So you'll be training almost every day of the week?

"It'll be tough, but I'll have to try and make my way around it."

**T**HAT'S THE price you pay for success in amateur sports. And this young star is willing to pay it. Trouble is, Sinead is playing a sport where, at the moment, there's very little recognition. A generation too early. And to compound matters, Sinead's day job, so to speak, is working as a full-time secondary school student, immersed this year in the pressure-cooker Leaving Cert points race. A generation too late. The remarkable thing is, she is handling it all with ease.

And it is remarkable – truly remarkable. Consider her on-field achievements, and then add the fact that she's taking eight honours in her Leaving Cert.

One person who isn't at all surprised at her achievements, however, is Spanish

teacher and camogie trainer, Vincent Harrington: "I always had great mass on her actually. She was very dedicated – even during short breaks here, she'd come over to me for a ball, would play it off the wall there. Permanently had a sliotar in her hands."

"Now, she'd often be ran out of the place, but she was like that. And a lot of the good ones are the same – they have that kind of interest, always with the sliotar in hand."

But it isn't just her camogie ability that has impressed Vincent:

"She's very good, very bright and all that. She's doing eight honours in her Leaving Cert this year, and with good prospects. So she's good all-round, both academically and physically. I don't know what she's going to do, but she'll get what she wants anyway. That's one thing."

That's one thing alright – this is one very single-minded individual. And one very talented.

Sinead O'Callaghan's leaning towards camogie is no accident. Her family is steeped in it: "I was always interested in hurling. The first All-Ireland final I was ever at was in 1986, and it's always a big weekend in our house. But we always followed the hurling, and that's where my interest started."

"I went to my first camogie All-Ireland Final when I was 14 – Limerick were in the Junior final, and there were a few of the girls from the school here playing with them."

Her father, Jim, and her mother (Maura Kelleher, originally from Buttevant), actively encouraged her interest, and long before she entered the St. Mary's camogie

nursery, she was learning the skills: "I used to puck around at home with my father and brothers – my brother Tadg and myself used to go out nearly every day, always pucking a ball."

She couldn't wait to get into St. Mary's then a growing camogie powerhouse. "There was no sport for girls down below (in primary school), so I always wanted to come here."

Sinead was lucky in the calibre of people she met at that time, people who would greatly influence her camogie career. In St. Mary's, there was Vincent Harrington, and later, Anne-Marie O'Keefe, two people who give freely and generously of their spare time, in the coaching and training of the hugely successful St. Mary's camogie girls.

And there was one other.



SINEAD O'CALLAGHAN  
one of the finest prospects  
in the new generation of  
camogie stars

# Camogie player, Sinead O'Callaghan, last year. Yet she remains almost an



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# For the love of the game



SINEAD O'CALLAGHAN: "A very heady player, with the kind of hurling instinct that you just can't teach."

won virtually every honour in the game unknown. **Diarmuid O'Flynn** reports

**A**T that time, there was no camogie in Charleville, and Sinead had no club of her own. But that was about to change: "I didn't start playing organised camogie til I came here, when I was 13. One of my best friends - Angela Sheehy - was from Ballyagran, where they had a strong club. She asked me to go with them and I did. I've been with them since, and I don't think I'd ever leave."

And there, she came under the influence of Ger MacNamara. Under the guidance of these three people, Sinead O'Callaghan steadily progressed, to the point where she is now one of the finest prospects in the new generation of camogie stars.

Camogie, however, is different to its male equivalent in that after finishing secondary school, there are far fewer outlets for the

girls. "There isn't a lot of senior competition in Limerick - there are only three senior teams, and it's a bit of a joke really. If we get beaten in the first round of the championship in May, that's it for the year at club level. In Cork, there are a lot of clubs, and even if you get knocked out in the championship, you still have the League, and there's also the inter-divisional competitions."

"So it will survive in Cork alright. But there's nothing like that in Limerick - lose in May, and that's it for the year."

In hurling, the boys are respected, looked up to by their peers, with hurling seen as an expression of their manliness. What is it like for a camogie player? Is it difficult to maintain the interest, the sacrifice?

"Well, it is different for the hurlers in the way they're treated. I know girls who were

very good at camogie, would be playing county, but they have no lift to go to training. The hurlers are picked up and fed and given expenses and all that sort of thing. In camogie, you get nothing out of it but the satisfaction of playing. I'm not complaining about that - it's just the way it is."

But isn't this lack of interest, lack of support, more the fault of women than of men?

"There is a barrier between hurling and camogie, and it's not the GAA's fault. It's on the part of women too - they have to do it for themselves. Even in the school here, you wouldn't really think we were in an All-Ireland final this week - there's no great atmosphere."

"I don't know how many supporters we'll have from the school for the final. But you do need support. Women - even the girls here - talk about women in sport, and how

they're not fairly treated, but they don't even go to support their own. You can even see it at the camogie All-Ireland finals - a lot of the support is from men. And it's the same at club level."

Though not sure how to effect a quantum change in the attitude to women's sport - from both men and women - Sinead does have a few ideas: "There are no All-Stars in camogie, and I think there should be."

"It would help to promote the game as well as recognising the 12 best players every year - the All-Stars is always a big night, gets a lot of publicity. Then, the fact that they're showing the All-Ireland finals live this year should help to promote the game as well."

Regardless of the attitude to camogie, Sinead O'Callaghan is staying with it: "Yeah I am. I'm doing the Leaving this year, and hope to go to UCC, doing Business Information Systems. That's the only College I want to go to."

Because of camogie?

"Yes. I could do Languages in Dublin, but it's too far away for training. And there's no camogie up there anyway, really."

Any Scholarship offer?

"I've just finished filling in the forms actually, just sent them off."

Such dedication will surely be rewarded. Already, in a school which has produced umpteen inter-county stars (in the Limerick Senior side of last year, 10 of the 12 were St. Mary's past pupils), Sinead O'Callaghan has made her mark.

**V**INCENT HARRINGTON again: "I'd always say Claire O'Callaghan (no relation - one of the great hurling families from Ballyhea) was the best I ever saw here. She had everything - tough, hard, but with great skill, great strength, and there was great go in her."

"She was a great hurler, a great hurler. But Sinead is a great team player, great vision on and off the ball. She's a very bright girl, and you only have to tell her something once. A very heady player, with the kind of hurling instinct that you just can't teach."

"But she's also a tremendously hard worker - she'd work all day for you, run all day. She's made the centre-forward position her own here, very much the leader of the team. She's captain this year now."

Will they miss her?

"Oh you would - you'd have to miss that kind of quality."

From next September, UCC will have the benefit of all that quality. Oh I know the Exams - the exams - are not even done yet. But on the impression I got during our brief meeting in St. Mary's, in the impression given by Vincent Harrington, this is one girl who surely knows what she wants, and surely knows the sacrifices required to get it. And just as surely, will make those sacrifices.

Winner all right.



## Mary Moran recalls the glittering career of one of Camogie's all-time great players

# SANDY FITZGIBBON

All Ireland Senior Champions, Cork face the new season without their star player of the past decade, Sandie Fitzgibbon. Sandie has worn the red and white with great distinction for twenty years. She was the first player to win three All-Ireland Minor medals. And also captained the successful minors in 1980 the same season that she won an All-Ireland Colleges Senior medal with North Presentation, Cork.

Sandie collected six All-Ireland Senior medals and was winning captain in 1992. A key figure with Glen Rovers as they captured four All-Ireland Club Championship titles she has been honoured with the National Irish Player of the Year Award on two occasions, 1992 and 1995.

Needless to say, Sandie's shoes will be extremely hard to fill. Her great attractive style of play has given great enjoyment to those who sit and watch. Her name has been added to the list of Camogie's All-Time Greats.

The 1998 season got off to an exciting start with a keenly contested Ashbourne Cup series in Waterford. Ulster sides have been very prominent in the Nineties but the balance of power swung to Munster this season. University of Limerick, U.U.C. and Waterford Institute of Technology reached the last four.

In a nail-biting final, U.C.C. hung on by a single point to secure their twenty-seventh Ashbourne Cup title. The standard of the final can be gauged by the number of All-Ireland medal-holders on both sides. The winners had Cora Keohane and Eithne Duggan, All-Ireland Senior medal-holders with

Cork. Therese Brophy, who was a member of Tipperary's Intermediate Championship winning side and Muireann Harrington, All-Ireland Senior Collages medal-holder with Charleville in their ranks.

Opponents looked to Michelle Fennelly and Bridget Mullally, All-Ireland Senior medal-holders with Kilkenny, Leinster interprovincial Esme Murphy and Tipperary's Sinead Nealon. It was the ability of the U.C.C defence to curtail the dangerous WIT forwards that decided the issue.



**SANDY FITZGIBBON**

Eithne Duggan will captain Cork as they seek to retain their All-Ireland title. They are away to Dublin in the opening round of the Senior Championship. Dublin have not been able to match the top rung counties in recent seasons and it would be a major surprise if they stopped Cork in the first round.

All-Ireland Intermediate Champions, Tipperary host Kilkenny in an attractive first round

clash of the All-Ireland Senior Championship. Kilkenny are team building at the moment. It takes time to find replacements for the super and highly successful side they had. However, improvement could clearly be seen from their League Final performance to their display against Galway in the Championship. Tipperary, on the other hand, are on the way up. They include several skilful players who are up to senior standard. It would be another feather in their cap to record a championship win over Kilkenny.

Another county, which is not far behind, is Limerick. The draw has presented them with quite a challenge in the form of a home tie with Galway. All-Ireland Champions in 1996, Galway narrowly surrendered their title to Cork last September. However, one wonders if the result would have been the same if a match fit Sharon Glynn had been available.

Clare and Wexford meet in the fourth first round pairing. Clare showed improvement last season and gave Cork some uneasy moments in the championship before going under. Wexford were a big disappointment last season. A major effort was put into the preparation of their team but they succumbed rather easily at Paire Uí Rinn in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The winners of Dublin v Cork meet the survivor of Wexford v Clare in the semi-finals. The second semi-final will see the winners of Tipperary v Kilkenny face the victor of the Limerick v Galway tie. It is possible to have Galway and Cork meeting in the final for the third year in succession but a lot may happen in the meantime.



## CAMOGIE

# ST. MARY'S WIN THREE IN A ROW

St. Mary's Charleville won their third All Ireland Colleges senior title in a row at the Ragg, the Tipperary County Camogie Grounds on Wednesday, 8th April. They went to the final as hot favourites and justified the tag of favourites with a determined and comprehensive win over a gritty Colaiste Bríd, Enniscorthy.

Due to the difficult underfoot conditions, this match was never destined to be a classic. However, both teams delighted their large following of supporters with determined play and no small level of skill. This skill was evident in the early exchanges when a high ball into the St. Mary's square was delightfully touched to the net by a deft overhead touch by Jennifer Codd of Colaiste Bríd. St. Mary's were under pressure at this stage and conceded a close in free that saw Colaiste Bríd leading by a goal and a point after five minutes. This whirlwind start shocked the St. Mary's girls. They raised their game and domination of midfield by Claire Walsh, Caoimhe Harrington and Niamh Bowles, who played very well all through the game on Michelle O'Leary the Enniscorthy captain, and provided the service for Sinead O'Callaghan to score three quick points. The decisive score that settled the Charleville girls was a great goal scored by Jordana Dolan. Sinead O'Callaghan won the ball in midfield, soloed through the Colaiste Bríd defence, drew the fullback and her deft handpass was finished clinically to the net by Jordana Dolan. Accurate long range free taking by Caoimhe Harrington released Eileen O'Brien and Angela Sheehy and their domination in the corners led to two more points for St. Mary's by Eileen O'Brien. The Charleville girls were very much on top as the first half drew to a close despite playing against a strong wind. A great point by Claire Walsh brought their total for half-time to a goal and six points. The Enniscorthy girls added only one point to make their score a goal and two points at the interval. There were many in both camps of supporters who thought that the game was over at this stage because St. Mary's had the benefit of a very strong wind in the second half. This was far from the case. From the throw-in,

Colaiste Bríd took the game to the Charleville girls with a vengeance. Two great points by midfielder Rose-Marie Breen lifted their spirits and they attacked the Charleville goal repeatedly. At this stage the St. Mary's defence was tested to the limit but they came through with flying colours. Laura Leslie, who was rock steady all through the game, cleared her line superbly time and time again. Caragh Manton and Caroline Giltinan defended tigerishly and Marie O'Brien's ability to shut down Colaiste Bríd's dangerous forward Elaine Holahan was vital to the St. Mary's victory. A superb save by goalkeeper Claire Linehan halfway through the second half was heartbreaking from Enniscorthy's point of view. Points from frees by Caoimhe Harrington (1) and Eileen O'Brien

(3) kept the Charleville girls in the driving seat and a further superb effort from play by Eileen O'Brien, Charleville's best forward on the day, put the game beyond the best efforts of the Colaiste Bríd girls. The winning margin of seven points reflected the superiority of the St. Mary's team. Their experience and winning tradition stood them in good stead. However, shrewd and indeed inspired sideline management by the three wise persons coupled with coaching expertise that brings the best out of these girls on the day is also a major factor in their success to date. It remains to be seen if St. Mary's can add the upcoming seven-a-side title to their tally of successes for '98 and lay the foundation for four-in-a-row senior titles. **St. Mary's:** Claire Lenihan, Laura Leslie, Caragh Manton, Marie O'Brien, Caroline Giltinan, Claire Walsh (0-1), Caoimhe Harrington (0-1), Niamh Bowles, Angela Sheehy, Sinead O'Callaghan (capt.) (0-3), Jordana Dolan (1-0) and Eileen O'Brien (0-6). **Colaiste Bríd:** Antoinette Murphy, Helena Jacob, Benni Holohan, Claire O'Connor, Noelle Murphy, Sandra Murphy, Rose Mary Breen (0-2 frees), captain Michelle O'Leary, Lenni Holohan (0-1 free), Marie Dempsey, Jenny Codd (1-0), Siobhan Gahan (0-1). Sub: Patricia Quigley for S. Murphy.



Eileen O'Brien, Charleville, pointing one of her frees in the All Ireland Senior Final.



Sinead O'Callaghan cheered off the field by St. Mary's team mates.

## All-Ireland PP School's Junior Camogie final Seamount College Kinvara 3-8 St Mary's Magherafelt 1-2

# Kinvara crush the hopes of Mary's

ELAINE KEARINS was the player who dented St Mary's Magherafelt dreams of a second All-Ireland title in three seasons.

The Kinvara centre-forward hunted around midfield and caused endless problems in both halves of the All-Ireland junior final at Clones on Saturday.

The brilliant goalkeeping of Aine O'Kane kept her at bay during the first half, but a goal from Orla Curtin a minute before the break had a big influence on the outcome.

It made the scoreline 1-3 to 0-2 and set Kinvara up for an attacking second half.

St Mary's competed well during the opening period

but Kearins was always a problem. She stroked over the three first half points and opened Kinvara's second half account.

Pamela Huban and Orla Curtin added further points before Elaine Kearins shot a decisive goal and St Mary's lifeline was gone. Curtin added her second goal shortly after.

Deservedly St Mary's through substitute Laura Close, managed a late consolation goal after good work from their best player Lorna Mulholland.

However, there can be little argument with the final result. Kinvara collected their first All-Ireland with Kearins the star and Karron

and Pamela Huban and Orla Curtin playing strong supporting roles.

Aine O'Kane, Lorna and Shauna Mulholland played best for St Mary's but their forward line found the going much too tough.

**St Mary's:** A O'Kane, S Mulholland, M McCann, E Conway, N Lavery, M Gormley, L Mulholland (0-1, Capt), C Bradley, P Baleson, G Downey, N McHahon, M McCann (0-1, Subs: P Bell for N Lavery, L Close (1-0) for M Gormley, O O'Neill for N McHahon.

**Seamount College:** S Kavanagh, R O'Connor, L Flaherty, K Huban (0-1) capt, M Quinn, S Canny, C Mannion, S Huban, P Huban (0-2), E Kearins (1-4), L Burke, O Curtin (2-1).

Referee: B O'Loughlin - Down

## Seamount girls make All-Ireland camogie history in great style

**Seamount Kinvara...3-8  
St. Mary's,  
Magherafelt.....1-2**

**SEAMOUNT** Kinvara, playing in their first All-Ireland Colleges camogie final, recorded a historic and comprehensive victory over the 1966 champions St. Mary's, Magherafelt on Saturday last in Clones.

Watched by a large crowd, the Seamount girls showed their skill and overall playing ability to defeat St. Mary's comprehensively. Magherafelt opened the scoring with a point from their best player on the day Lorna Mulholland.

But centre-forward for Kinvara and holder of two All-Ireland minor medals Elaine Kerins

replied almost immediately with a pointed free. Kinvara now began to settle and full-forward Orla Curtin looked extremely dangerous in front of goals and only for the good goal-keeping by Magherafelt's Aine O'Kane. Kinvara could have found the net earlier in the game.

A 30 metre froom from Elaine Kerins gave Kinvara their second point and Kerins pointed again to give Kinvara a 0-3 to 0-1 lead midway through the first half. Magherafelt never gave up and with a few minutes to half-time, full-forward Maire Therese McCann added their second point.

However, just on half-time the Kinvara pressure on goal paid off when Orla Curtin first-timed a great shot to the back of the Magherafelt goal to give Kinvara a 1-3 to 0-2 half-time lead.

Kinvara started off the second half where they left off with Karen Hoban now coming more into the game as did

Sherry Mannion at midfield and Pamela Hoban up front.

Elaine Kerins added another point before Pamela Hoban also put herself on the score sheet with a fine point from the right wing followed by an excellent second goal from top scorer Elaine Kerins.

Kinvara were now all over Magherafelt and the only thing in doubt at this stage was their winning margin. Another excellent individual score from Pamela Hoban on the run showed the complete dominance of Kinvara and when danger-woman Orla Curtin got half a chance she added her second goal and Kinvara's third.

With time running out and the Kinvara crowd making their way to the sideline captain and centre-back Karen Hoban got in on the act with a long range point from the half-way line and a pointed free from Elaine Kerins closed the Kinvara tally at 3-8. Magherafelt did, however,

claim a last minute goal to give the scoreline a respectable look.

Kinvara had fine performances throughout the field, Sharon Kavanagh in goals, the excellent Roisin O'Connor at full-back, centre-back and captain Karen Hoban 0-1, midfielder Sherry Mannion and up front Elaine Kerins 1-5, Orla Curtin 2-0 and Pamela Hoban 0-2.

Well done to team mentors Teresa Kavanagh, Mary Callanan and Eileen Keane and also to all the pupils, parents and staff of Seamount College who travelled in huge numbers on Saturday last for this historic win for Kinvara.

**Seamount:** S. Kavanagh, R. O'Connor, L. Flaherty, K. Hoban, M. Quinn, S. Hoban, S. Mannion, S. Canny, P. Hoban, E. Kerins, L. Burke, O. Curtin. Subs: M. Hynes, L. Gill, C. O'Connor, C. Donohue, A. M. Lynch, O. McCormack, E. Bermingham and A. Duffy.



## CAMOGIE

All good things come to those who wait and this was certainly true on Friday night last in Kilmallock when after a titanic struggle we captured the 1997 County Minor A title with a merited victory over arch rivals Granagh/Ballin-garry. Having won the toss we elected to play with the wind and so began the game. Exchanges were fast and hard fought in the opening spell as both teams tried to gain the upper hand. Our midfield trio of Noelle O'Riordan, Angela Sheehy and Claire Walshe

were winning good ball in this sector and soon Elaine Geary had our first score with a goal from a great shot. Granagh replied with a point from play. Claire Walshe added a point from a 30. Sinead O'Callaghan sent over a good ball which put the Granagh corner back under pressure from Gemma Roynane and Jordana Dolan and she conceded an own goal. Granagh got a further point from a free. Our defence of Lisa Maloney, Katie O'Shea, Laura O'Brien, goalie Denise O'Connor and Pauline Lynch were in majestic form and limited their opponents chances with some great play. At half time Noelle O'Riordan scored a point to leave us 2-2 to 0-2 in front.

With the wind at their backs Granagh came more and more into the game and soon had a point from play. The ball was going up and down the park at a ferocious rate. Granagh had another point. A superb save from Denise O'Connor prevented a certain goal at this stage. Katie O'Shea and Lisa Maloney were soaking up enormous pressure and great covering by Sinead O'Callaghan, Angela Sheehy, Clara Walsh and Pauline Lynch kept our lead intact. Noelle O'Riordan and Jordana Dolan set up Sinead for a point from play and we were looking good. Then with five minutes remaining Granagh found the net to leave only two points between us. The next ten minutes seemed to go on forever. Gemma was fouled and Claire sent us three points up. Granagh using the wind tried everything but our defense stood firm and it was left to Alison White to point a crucial free in injury time to allay all our fears. The large group of supporters greeted the final whistle with sheer delight and invaded the field to accalm the joyous but shattered players. The cup was presented among emotional scenes to Pauline Lynch, captain of a superb bunch of girls. It was also nice to see such graciousness in victory which should be a lesson to other teams and so we set off for the celebrations to the village and the place was rocking.

Other results during the week resulted in defeat by Granagh in Senior League - Victory in U/12 against Galbally, U/14 against Patrickswell, U/18 play-off against Bruff. We were defeated by St. Finbarrs, Cork in the Pan Celtic Camogie Festival at the semi-final stage by 0-5 to 0-4.



Mary Bugler, Chairperson Carrigdhoun Camogie Board, presenting the u-15 South East Camogie Shield to Aine O'Regan, captain Courcey Rvs, after her side had defeated Ballygarvan in the recent final at Ballygarvan. (Photo by John O'Sullivan)

## Camogie festival win for Davitts

OVER 60 teams participated in the weekend Pan-Celtic festival of camogie in Tralee, representing Galway, Clare, Tipperary, Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Kerry, Offaly and Wicklow.

The senior 'A' final was won by Davitts from Galway, who defeated St. Vincents (Dublin) by 4-10 to 0-5.

The senior 'B' decider was an all-Cork affair, with Eire Og defeating St. Finbarrs 2-4 to 3-3.

In U16, Templemore (Tipperary) beat Kinvara (Galway) 3-5 to 1-5 in the 'A' final, while the 'B' title went to Killeedy (Limerick) who beat Naomh Mearnóg (Dublin) 3-3 to 1-1 (after extra time).

A specially-organised U14 competition was won by Eire Og, who beat Kilcolman of Kerry by 1-0 to 0-0.

## UCC sports stars' awards

THE 15th annual UCC sports star awards were presented at a function in Jury's Hotel last night in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering.

The awards honour those 10 students who have achieved the highest in their particular sport during the preceding 12 months.

Guest of honour at the function was Minister for Education and Science, Michael Martin who assisted UCC president, Dr MP Mortell, with the presentation of the awards.

The attendance also included Guinness Group Ireland Ltd divisional sponsorship manager, Robert Daly, staff members from the different UCC departments, as well as parents and friends of the recipients.

Among the former winners are: Freda Davoren (athletics), Paul Wallace (rugby), Sarah Kelleher (ladies hockey), John Morris (golf), Rose Breen (basketball), Maurice Fitzgerald, (Gaelic football), Nicky English, Frank Lohan (hurling).

The following is the full list of winners: Boxing — Enna Falvey (Cork); Camogie — Eithne Duggan (Cork); Cricket — Mark Barriscall (Cork); Gaelic football — Donagh Wiseman (UCC); Golf — Patrick Collier (Limerick); Hurling — Joe Deane (Cork); Ladies Hockey — Michele O'Sullivan (Cork); Race Walking and Athletics — Gillian O'Sullivan (Kerry); Rugby — Michael O'Driscoll (Cork); Squash — Eleanor Laphorne (Cork).

## Kilkenny have a score to settle

OLD rivals Cork and Kilkenny clash in Ballymacoda at 2.30 tomorrow in what is a vital Senior National League game for both sides. With two rounds played in the League to date both counties are on full points and a win for either side will virtually assure them of a semi-final spot.

When the sides last clashed it was in the League Final last season at Paire Uí Rinn and on the day Cork ran out convincing winners.

Kilkenny at that stage were team building and introducing many new younger players to their panel and the extra twelve months experience is sure to have stood to them and this is probably reflected in their League results to date, having good wins over Clare and Tipperary.

Their side will be expected to be along the usual lines with Sinead and Treacy Millea, Gillian Dillon and Marina Downey forming the backbone of the side.

They have a new coach this year in Pat Treacy from the Ballycallan Club and he will be focusing on a good run in the League with a championship date with Tipp on July 4 in mind.

This season the Cork selectors, having introduced a few new faces to their panel for their games against Wexford

and Tipperary, will have been reasonably pleased with the team's performances to date. They welcomed back last year's captain, Linda Mellerick, for the team's last outing against the Combined Universities Tournament and her addition to the side is a major boost. Whilst the selectors had not named their team at the time of going to press, one would confidently expect to see Cora Keohane starting in goal.

Eithne Duggan captains the side and will be expected to do so from the full-back berth.

Denise Cronin, Maggs Finn and possibly Eileen Buckley would possibly form what would be a formidable defence.

Other key players on the Cork panel are Vivienne Harris, sharp-shooter Lynn Dunlea, and Irene O'Keeffe, whilst newcomers to the side this season, Ursula Troy and Hilda Kenneally have slotted in well. With home venue one would expect a Cork win, however, Kilkenny will not give up easily.

The Under 16A League semi-finals are also down for decision tomorrow Newtownshandrum travelling to take on Barrygarvan.

Clubs are reminded that the Under 12 League will be beginning on Friday, May 1.

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## SEAMOUNT, KINVARA WIN FIRST ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES TITLE

Seamount, Kinvara put in a great performance against a strongly fancied St Mary's Magherafelt to take their first ever Post Primary Schools junior title at St Tighearnach's Park, Clones. The first half was evenly contested. A goal by Orla Curtin just before half time gave Kinvara a 1-3 to 0-2 lead at the break. The Galway school showed their dominance in the second half and availed of every scoring opportunity, scoring further 2-5 in this half with the only reply from St Mary's being a goal by substitute Laura Close in the last minute. Final score: Seamount, Kinvara 3-8, St Mary's, Magherafelt 1-2.

Scorers: Seamount, Kinvara: Orla Curtin 2-1, Elaine Kerins 1-4, Pamela Huban 0-2, Karen Huban 0-1.

St Mary's: Laura Close 1-0, Lorna Mulholland and Marie Therese McCann 0-1 each.

Seamount: Sharon Kavanagh, Roisin O'Connor, Linda Flaherty, Karen Huban (Capt), Michelle Quinn, Siobhan Canny, Sherry Mannion, Siobhan Huban, Pamela Huban, Elaine Kerins, Lisa Burke, Orla Curtin.

St Mary's: Aine O'Kane, Shauna Mulholland, Maureen McCann, Eadaoin Conway, Niamh Lavery, Maeve Gormley, Lorna Mulholland, Clara Bradley, Patricia Bateman, Gemma Downey, Noelle McMahon, Maire Therese McCann.

Subs: Oonagh O'Neill for N McMahon, Laura Close for M. Gormley, Paula Bell for N Lavery. Referee: Belle O'Loughlin, Down.

### NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE

The national senior league is beginning to take shape but there are a number of important fixtures still remaining.

On Sunday next there are four ties: Galway travel to take on Armagh. The beaten All-Ireland finalists are having a great run in the competition and have reached the semi-final. It is not expected that the Orchard County will deprive them of the points. Galway star, Sharon Glynn did not play in the last outing against Down and she may still be out for Sunday's contest. Nevertheless they have prime performers in Colette Nevin, Ann Forde, Olivia Broderick, Tracey Laheen and Carmel Hannon.

Armagh, who have yet to collect their first points, will be depending on Mary Black, Mary Donnelly, Julie O'Neill and Joan Rice to cause an upset. However, Galway look set to stay on the winning trail.

National League champions Cork have the venue against old rivals Kilkenny. Whenever those two counties meet, it always creates a big interest. Cork head the table in Division Two. Kilkenny lost two points to Tipperary and they have quite a task on hand to overcome Cork who are playing very well.

Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll, Miriam Deacy, Vivienne Harris, Irene O'Keeffe and Mary O'Connor are in top form.

Kilkenny have brought in quite a lot of youth to the squad and they are blending in well. This will be their first outing under new trainer Pat Treacy. Nevertheless the Rebels look set to collect the points.

Tipperary, who are chasing a place in the semi-final, have the venue against Wexford. The Premier County will be quietly confident after their victory over Kilkenny. They

played exceptionally well that day. They parade players such as Cairiona Hennessey, Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Clara Gaynor, Helen Kiely and Jovita Delaney who will cause lots of problems for the opposition.

However, Wexford need a win and they will be hoping for a good performance from Kate Kelly, Aine Codd, Esme Murphy, Michelle O'Leary and Orla Hernan to secure victory. Tipperary are favourites.

Dublin show their hospitality to Antrim. This should be a thrilling encounter going down to the wire.

### RECOGNITION FOR LEINSTER TREASURER

Marie Woods, a hard working camogie officer is now in her 22nd year as Treasurer of the Leinster Council. To mark her 21 years of voluntary service, she was recently presented with a gold brooch by the council.

Marie (nee Cribbon) from Kildare is a member of Clane club where she coaches underage teams.

She has officiated at all levels on the Kildare County Board. Marie has also acted as Secretary and Central Council delegate for Leinster Council.

An active referee who has taken up the whistle at all inter-county levels, Marie is currently a Leinster junior Gael Linn selector, a position she has held for a number of years. Marie would like to see her province win a junior Gael Linn title which they last won in 1986.

Long may you continue the good work, Marie.



Marie Woods (left) wearing the gold brooch which was presented to her by Patricia Rafferty to mark 21 years as Treasurer of Leinster Council



**Memory Lane...**

HERE'S an impressive array of trophies, notched up by the girls from a well-known Cork school. It's the South Presentation Convent camogie team and was taken on December 1, 1952.

Are you a member of this title-winning team? Drop us a line and share your memories of these days with some of our other readers. (Pic Ref: 752E).

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# Unbeaten Cork too sharp for Kilkenny

Cork  
Kilkenny

2-15  
2-8

CORK continued their unbeaten run in the National Senior Camogie League when their finishing proved too good for Kilkenny at Ballymacoda yesterday.

The visitors opened the scoring in the first minute with a Margaret Comerford point but this was to be their only score until the 20th minute, as points from Mary O'Connor, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll and Sinead O'Callaghan enabled the dominant Cork to race to a 0-9 to 0-1 lead.

Brigid Mullaly pointed for the visitors but a Dunlea goal following an excellent hand pass from Irene O'Keefe put Cork in a comfortable 1-10 to 0-2 lead at the break.

Kilkenny, now with a strong wind behind them, opened the second half as the first — with a Margaret Comerford point. Cork answered immediately with a point from Linda Mellerick and Dunlea stretched their lead further with a second goal after hand-passing into the net.

Cork were now in total command, with centre back Vivian Harris and midfielders Mellerick and O'Connor playing well.

Points from Mullaly and Sinead Millea enabled Kilkenny to come more into the game before the elements decided to play their hand.

Thunder, lightning and hailstone forced Tipperary referee John Morrissey into the unprecedented step of taking the teams off the field for six minutes.

When the game resumed, Kilkenny



Lynn Dunlea scored a goal and led Cork to victory at Ballymacoda yesterday.

set about their task with more determination.

A Millea point was quickly followed by goals from Mullaly and Millea within two minutes of each other to cut the deficit to seven points.

But time ran out and Cork deservedly booked a place in the semi-finals.

Kilkenny will now depend on their last game, against Wexford, to try to force a league play-off.

Scorers: Cork: L. Dunlea 1-6, I. O'Keefe 1-1, M. O'Connor 0-3, S. O'Callaghan, F. O'Driscoll 0-2 each, L. Mellerick 0-1. Kilkenny: S. Millea 1-3, B. Mullaly 1-3, M. Comerford 0-2.  
CORK: C. Keohane; E. Duggan (capt), D. Cronin, V. Harris, M. Finn, L. Mellerick, M. O'Connor, U. Troy, I. O'Keefe, S. O'Callaghan, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll. Subs: M. Harrington for M. Finn; C. Harrington for U. Troy, S. Dunlea for D. Cronin.  
KILKENNY: M. Holland; S. Costello, K. Long, M. Hickey, T. Millea, M. Downey, M. Maher, P. Comerford, B. Mullaly, M. Comerford, S. Millea, M. Costello. Sub: S. Gleeson for P. Comerford; P. Comerford for M. Maher.  
Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary).

## CAMOGIE

Cork County Championships draws for 1998.  
Senior Championship: Glen Rovers v Carbery; Newtownshandrum v Carrigrohoun; Imokilly v Inniscarra; Fr O'Neills v Muskerry; Imokilly v Inniscarra v Bishopscourt; Newtownshandrum v Carrigrohoun; Fr O'Neills v Carbery; Seandun v Carrigrohoun. The semi final pairings: Fr

O'Neills or Muskerry v Seandun or Cloughduv; Newtownshandrum Carrigrohoun; Glen Rovers or Carbery v Imokilly; Inniscarra or Bishopscourt.

Senior 'B' Championship: Barryroe v Coursey Rovers; Valley Rovers v Na Piarasigh, Newtownshandrum v Aghabullogue; Valley Rovers or Na Piarasigh v Kilbrittain; Sarsfields v Eire Og; Newtownshandrum or Aghabullogue v Barryroe or Coursey Rovers; St. Finbarrs v Brian Dillons; St. Finbarrs or Brian Dillons v Sarsfields or Eire Og; Valley Rovers, Na Piarasigh or Kilbrittain v Barryroe, Coursey Rovers, Newtownshandrum or Aghabullogue.

Junior 'A' County Championship: Inniscarra v Watergrasshill; Killeagh v Douglas; Ballinhassig v Newtownshandrum; Castlemagner v Glen Rovers; Castlemagner or Glen Rovers v St. Vincent's; St. Finbarrs v Inniscarra or Watergrasshill; Ballinhassig or Newtownshandrum v Ballygarvan; Killeagh or Douglas v Tracton; Castlemagner, Glen Rovers or St. Vincent's v St. Finbarrs; Inniscarra or Watergrasshill; Killeagh, Douglas or Tracton v Ballinhassig, Newtownshandrum or Ballygarvan.

Junior 'B' Championship (1st Round): Ballinora v Sarsfields; Fr O'Neills v Coursey Rovers; Bandon v Carrigaline; Valley Rovers v Mayfield; Cloughduv v St. Catherine's; Watergrasshill v Ballinhassig; St. Finbarrs v Delany's; Aghabullogue v Carrigrohoun; Youghal v Brian Dillons; Gresham v Kildorrery; Milford v Enniskeen; St. Finbarrs v Killeagh; Newtownshandrum v Bishopscourt; Barryroe v Ballinhassig; Cobh v Kilbrittain; St. Vincent's v Eire Og.

2nd Round: Cobh or Kilbrittain v St. Finbarrs or Delany's; Bandon or Carrigaline v Cloughduv or St. Catherine's; Ballinora or Sarsfields v Newtownshandrum or Bishopscourt; Watergrasshill or Ballinhassig v Youghal or Brian Dillons; St. Vincent's or Eire Og v Aghabullogue Carrigrohoun; Valley Rovers or Mayfield v Fr. O'Neill or Coursey Rovers; St. Finbarrs or Killeagh v Barryroe or Ballinhassig; Gresham or Kildorrery v Milford or Enniskeen.

## Busy weekend in prospect for Cork teams

INTER-county games dominate a busy camogie weekend for Cork sides.

The seniors meet Clare in the last National League game in their section, the juniors go to Carlow tomorrow to contest their National League quarter-final, while the Minors meet Waterford in the Munster Minor semi-final on Monday.

The seniors have already qualified for the semi-final after wins over Wexford and Kilkenny. They have excellent players in Catherine O'Loughlin, Maura McMahon, Edel Arthur and goalkeeper Debbie McDonagh and a win today over the All Ireland champions would be just the boost they need to establish themselves in the senior grade.

Cork however will want to finish the group on maximum points and will start as favourites. The team will probably start as it did last Sunday against Kilkenny. Vivienne Harris started at centre back and acquitted herself admirably, whilst the switching of Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll to

centre forward and full forward respectively also worked well and the selectors may continue with that.

They also introduced the Harrington sisters, Muireann and Caoimhe, during that game and both face a busy weekend as they are also involved on the junior team who travel to Carlow.

Last year the juniors reached the National League semi-final and this time round hopes are high of going one step further.

The team has gained enormous experience from their All-Ireland junior final appearance and one would expect them to have too much strength for Carlow tomorrow, although home advantage will be a big asset.

Monday's minor game will also see Cork start as favourites to meet either Limerick or Tipperary in the Munster final.

Waterford have worked tremendously hard at developing camogie and the holding of the last two Feile na Gael All-Ireland competitions in the county has also boosted their game enormously.

## Cork keen to maintain record

THE coming weekend will be a busy one for the inter county scene with all three Cork teams involved in vital clashes.

Opening the programme on Saturday night will be the Cork Senior team when they take on Clare in the National Senior League at a Clare venue at 7 p.m. and here the Cork girls will be anxious to maintain their unbeaten record. With victories over Tipperary, Wexford and Kilkenny behind them victory on Sunday will ensure they qualify for the semi finals stages of the league which will be played on May 10.

### CAMOGIE

On Sunday the Junior team travel to Carlow to play the home county in the quarter final of the National Junior League. This game is scheduled for Dr. Cullen Park at 3 p.m. Like their senior counterparts the Juniors have also had a tremendous run in the league. With the exception of a defeat at the hands of Limerick they had great victories over Clare, Tipperary and Kilkenny to qualify for Sunday's game. They have a very strong and ex-

perienced panel to choose from including goalkeeper Leona Nolan, Enda Dineen, Sinead Buckley, the Harrington sisters Muireann and Caoimhe, Paul O'Connor, Una O'Donoghue, Tina Roche and Sinead Cahalane. If these girls play to form it is difficult to see them being halted and will be fancied to advance to the semi final stages which are scheduled for Sunday, May 17.

On Monday the Cork Minor team travel to Tramore where they will play Waterford in the semi final of the Munster Championship at 3 p.m.

## Double League wins for Cork girls

Cork 1-11  
Clare 0-8

CORK'S trip to Cratloe for the Senior Camogie League was a rewarding one as they came away with a six point victory.

Cork were 1-2 up after seven minutes, thanks to an early goal from Lynn Dunlea.

Maura McMahon had the Clare opener in the 13th minute. Sinead O'Callaghan quickly replied for Cork, while Catherine O'Loughlin added three further Clare points to Mellerick's one to leave Cork 1-3 to 0-4 points ahead at the break.

On the turnover Clare hit over three points in succession. With Mary O'Connor beginning to take

control at centre field, the Cork forwards were getting a plentiful supply and popped over four points.

Then Cork keeper Cora Keohane was forced to bring off a marvellous save from Catherine O'Loughlin. However, Anne Keane converted the resulting thirty to leave just two points between the sides.

Cork responded immediately and upped a gear with four points without reply.

Scorers for Cork: L. Dunlea 1-3, (1 from free, 2 from 30s), S. O'Callaghan 0-5, L. Mellerick, F. O'Driscoll 0-1 each, M. Harrington 0-1 from 30, Clare: C. O'Loughlin 0-3, (1 from free, 1 from 30), M. McMahon 0-3, D. Murphy & A. Keane 0-1 each.

CLARE: P. O'Brien, D. McDonagh, C. Hally, A. Keane, C. Lennon, E. Arthur, S. O'Brien, A. Col-

leran, F. Kinsella, M. McMahon, C. O'Loughlin, D. Murphy. Subs: M. Collins for A. Collieran, E. Murphy for F. Kinsella.  
CORK: C. Keohane, E. Duggan, D. Cronin, V. Harris, M. Finn, L. Mellerick, M. O'Connor, U. Troy, S. O'Callaghan, I. O'Keefe, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll. Subs: M. Harrington for M. Finn, C. Harrington for F. O'Driscoll, S. Dunlea for L. Dunlea.

Cork 4-13  
Carlow 3-4

THE Cork juniors continued their winning sequence when they qualified for the National Junior League semi final against Galway with a resounding victory over Carlow.

Leading at half time 1-4 to 1-2, Cork had second-half goals from Caoimhe Harrington, Elaine Burke and Una O'Donoghue.



# SASHA

## TEAMS UP WITH GALWAY CAMOGIE

**I**n the world of gaelic games, camogie has never been at the forefront of the public's consciousness. Slowly but steadily, however, it is creeping it's way forward.

As the seasons pass and the exposure increases, the game has become more and more popular - a fact aptly illustrated by RTE's recent decision to televise live this season's All-Ireland camogie final.

Galway, who have contested the last two All-Ireland finals, are testament to the new levels of popularity and trendiness which camogie has reached. They have just signed a new

sponsorship deal with one of Ireland's leading fashion retail chains, SASHA. Ladies fashion, of course.

Galway camogie manager, Tony Ward is delighted with the deal which provisionally will last for one year and entails a sum of money and a set of jerseys etc. "It is good to see camogie getting the recognition it deserves," he says. "There are 33 camogie clubs in Galway and each one is very dedicated to the sport. The deal with SASHA will further increase camogie's prominence."

"I think it's appropriate that a ladies fashion retailer is sponsoring the Galway camogie team," says Sasha MD, Terry O'Brien. "SASHA



**Galway senior camogie panel:** Front row (left to right): Michelle Glynn, Pamela Nevin, Carmel Hannon, Ann Broderick, Colette Nevin, Tony Ward (manager), Veronica Curtin, Denise Gilligan, Olivia Broderick (capt), Colette Deeley. Back row (left to right): Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillery, Imelda Hobbins, Ann Broderick, Louise Curry, Helen Ryan, Ester Martyn, Tracy Laheen, Olive Costello, Ava Kelly, Sandra Tannin, Olivia Coen, Ann Hardiman

gan Stand ~



**left to right:** Vice captain Pamela Nevin; captain and the victorious captain of 1996, Imelda Hobbins. It took it too seriously and suffered what in the early part of the championship, though we got to the All-Ireland final.

at sounds like twisted logic, so be it. Tony... sts it. Without a provincial campaign to contest, he argues. - provincial competitions run concurrently to a separate open draw championship - Galway suffer from a scarcity of competitive matches prior to the All-Ireland series. And so the quarter-final clash with Derry assumes added significance - the Westerners are building up for a serious tilt at the All-Ireland, seeking a third All-Ireland final appearance in a row.

Considering all those years of fruitless effort, it was refreshing to see Galway emerge from the shadows in '96. It was a dramatic turnaround. "When we beat Kilkenny in the '96 All-Ireland semi-final, it was the first time we had ever beaten them in the history of the championship. They had beaten us five times in the championship in the previous years. So it was a victory that gave the players a tremendous boost."

As for this season, "it's full steam ahead." "The sponsorship deal with SASHA has given us a great boost and if we can stay injury free," concludes Tony, "we should have a great season."

### Cork cruise into Munster final

MUNSTER champions Cork qualified for this season's Munster Minor Championship camogie final when, in a one-sided game at Tramore they ran out convincing 2-16 to 0-3 winners over Waterford.



Galway's Sharon Glynn



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# Aghabullogue surprise Cloughduv

CAMOGIE, like whiskey, matures with age. This fact was exemplified at Ballyanly last week when the deferred 1997 Under 18 camogie final was played. Towards the close of last year when these two teams were to meet in the final, the odds were on Cloughduv to take the title. Few, except perhaps Aghabullogue doubted the general opinion, though 1997 was viewed as an auspicious year for Cloughduv who had been showing great form at the game.

When the sides eventually met last week the few extra months seemed to show up better for Aghabullogue who got into their stride with fire and gusto from the opening whistle. Led by Máiréad Twomey, Aghabullogue were certainly the better side in this championship decider, and closed the issue with a tally of 2-7 to 1-5 for Cloughduv.

The Aghabullogue team was: Sheila Crowley, Linda Ronan, Marjorie Twomey, Trish Murphy, Sínead Buckley, Abbey Lohane, Mary Bridget Enne-guess, Deirdre Twomey, Tina Roche, Louise Murphy, Máiréad Twomey, Maria Noonan.

This column congratulates the team and selectors on taking this county championship title.

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**Bord na Gaeilge**

by PJ Fulham

### SILE DE BHAILIS' COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

**S**ile De Bhailis, Ardrunai Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael gave a very comprehensive report to Annual Congress recently. The following are some extracts:

In reviewing the past year, we may take heart from progress made in many areas, both on and off the field, and we may be disappointed in seeing the lack of progress in other areas. There are many opportunities for our Association to expand and develop and there are, undoubtedly, many challenges and obstacles in our way. That Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael can thrive on challenge is evident from almost a century of continuous growth. Generations of our members faced enormous changes in different eras since our association was founded. The players are at the centre of our organisation and, once again through their skills, dedication and months of training, they gave us many memorable matches.

It is evident from reports from Comhairlí na gColaistí continue to make progress. The establishment of the Gaelic Games Club in several Third Level Colleges augurs well for the future, as does the appointment of Gaelic Games Development Officers, some of whom are camogie players. Comhairle na n-Iarbhuiscóileanna faces the challenge of catering for increased numbers with the inclusion of Na Gairmscóileanna in its competitions. Apart from Na Gairmscóileanna, there is an overall increase in the number of Colleges playing at this level. It is a very welcome development that two schools are now playing in Leitrim and that Indoor Camogie is becoming very popular.

Indoor Camogie is now being organised on a competitive basis during the winter months in several counties and is becoming very popular. We are indebted to An Rannóg Turasóireachta agus Spóirt for funding sets of equipment for the clubs. Finance was made available under the special equipment Grant Scheme. This is separate to the Grant-Aid Scheme and covers special equipment only. Gabhtar fíor-bhuíochas leis An Rannóg Spóirt ina leith.

The coming year will bring a new development which will focus attention on strengthening our association as we face a new century and our own centenary. There will, undoubtedly, be major initiatives and, perhaps many changes required if we want to expand and develop and maintain our status as a leading organisation in sport for women and girls.

In the meantime there are certain practical measures which could be taken in order to be both better prepared for major development initiatives and to simply improve in some areas.

Each unit could implement at least some of the following:

- \* set up its own Development Committee
- \* set up a centenary committee to prepare for 2004
- \* write its history
- \* become fully involved in Coaching, Refereeing and Administration programmes
- \* support its Reiteoirí
- \* avail of Local Government schemes to employ people on a part time basis in the areas of coaching and administration
- \* improve the standard of internal communication
- \* improve the standard of presentation of our game
- \* co-operate with PROs in the area of publicity
- \* an Ghaeilge a labhairt, cuma mas ar bheagan Gaeilge ataimid no An Ghaeilge a bheith ar ar dtail againn

#### National League results

Senior League: Down 2-11 Antrim 3-8

Scorers: Down: Mairín McAleenan 2-6, Majella Murray 0-2, Edel Mason, Jennifer and Claire McGrath 0-1 each

Antrim: Sínead McMullan 1-2, Grace McMullan and Oonagh

Elliott 1-0 each, Ann McKee 0-3, Denise O'Boyle 0-2, Carla Doherty 0-1. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Junior league: Carlow 4-8, Armagh 0-7

Scorers: Carlow: Mared Hogan 2-0, Mary Coady 1-3, Nuala Quirk 1-1, Valerie Crean 0-4.

Armagh: Mary Black 0-7. Referee: Geraldine Clarke, Monaghan

Derry 6-15, Tyrone 1-6

Scorers: Derry: Claire Mulholland 2-2, Orla Downey 2-0, Roisin Pickering and Pauleen McGuigan 1-0 each, Martina Mulholland 0-8, Shauna McCaul 0-2, Roisin McCloskey, Grainne Maguire and Aileen O'Kane 0-1 each.

Tyrone: Brenda Burke 1-3, Julie Lagan 0-2, Brid McGarvey 0-1

#### Pan Celtic Finals Results:

Senior A: Davitt's, Galway 4-10, St Vincents, Dublin 0-5

Senior B: Eire Og, Cork 3-3, St Finbarr's Cork 2-4.

Under 16 A: Templemore, Tipperary 3-5, Kinvara, Galway 1-5

Under 16 B: Killeady, Limerick 3-3, Naomh Mearnog, Ath Cliath 3-1 AET

The following are the National Junior League quarter-final pairings which take place on Sunday next. First named have venue: Tipperary v Wexford ... Carlow v Cork ... Offaly v Down ... Galway v Derry

Mary Moran has compiled a complete handbook of camogie. It is a comprehensive record of results, teams etc. Titled 'Camogie Champions'. Every camogie enthusiast should secure a copy, available from: Mary Moran 'Uisneach', 16 Firgrove Gardens, Bishopstown, Cork.



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Members of St Mary's Secondary School in Charleville, winners of the senior colleges camogie All-Ireland for three years running, who were presented with special awards from their school, from left: Angela Sheehy, Caoimhe Harrington, Sinead O'Callaghan and Eileen O'Brien.

Pic: Mark Condon



All-Ireland Intermediate Cross Country Champions, St Mary's Secondary School of Charleville, from left: Ciara O'Shea, Mairead O'Callaghan, Barbara Myers, Broda Daly, Christine O'Gorman and Siobhan Lenihan.



# Clare force a three way play-off

**Clare have qualified for a three way play off with Kilkenny and Tipperary in the National senior camogie league. Having lost to Cork at Cratloe on Saturday, Clare beat Tipperary at Bodyke on Monday to force the play off.**

Cork .....1-11  
Clare .....0-8

While defeat was their lot in this National senior camogie league tie at Cratloe on

Saturday evening, Banner County officials have reason to be pleased with the team's performance.

The home side matched the All-Ireland champions for fifty minutes of the game but

in the closing stages Cork's Sinead O'Callaghan caused all sorts of problems for the home side.

Clare started well with early points from Moira Mc Mahon and Catherine

O'Loughlin before O'Callaghan opened Cork's account with a point from a free. Catherine O'Loughlin added another Clare point before Lynn Dunlead goaled for the winners. Points were exchanged leaving Cork ahead at the interval on a score of 1-3 to 0-4.

On the resumption Clare had the aid of a strong breeze and quickly drew level with points from Moira Mc Mahon and Deirdre Murphy. Cork again opened a two point lead but back came Clare for points from Moira Mc Mahon and Ann Keane to again draw level.

Clare didn't score again while Cork's Sinead O'Callaghan added five points in the remaining time to give her side the win.

Pauline O'Brien was outstanding between the posts for Clare while others to

impress were Cathy Hally, Debbie McDonagh, Edel Arthur, Moira Mc Mahon, Catherine O'Loughlin, and Deirdre Murphy.

Clare: Pauline O'Brien (Bodyke) Debbie McDonagh (Wolfe Tones) Cathy Hally (Truagh) Ann Keane (Kilnamona) Clodagh Lennon (Wolfe Tones) Edel Arthur (Newmarket) Sinead O'Brien (Bodyke) Amy Collieran (Clooney) Fiona Kinsella (Tulla) Moira Mc Mahon (Wolfe Tones) Capt. Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona) Deirdre Murphy (Clooney);

Subs.: Marie Collins (Bodyke) for Kinsella; Emer Murphy (Sixmilebridge) for Collieran;

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### NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS SHOULD PRODUCE INTERESTING FARE

**O**n Sunday next the semi-finals of the National senior league are down for decision. The league which commenced in March met with many problems owing to the bad weather, leaving some important fixtures outstanding.

In Division Two Cork are through. If Tipperary beat Clare they will also be through, but if Clare win there will have to be a play off. However, at the moment Tipperary are playing in top form and look set to go through to meet the All-Ireland senior championship beaten finalists Galway in a repeat of the 1994 league final when Galway emerged winners by 1-13 to 1-8.

The Connacht County have won all their matches convincingly and will be favourites to advance with players such as Sharon Glynn, Olivia Broderick, Therese Maher, Tracey Laheen, Colette Nevin and Ann Forde on parade.

Nevertheless, Tipperary will not be easily brushed aside. They have a determined squad which include goalkeeper Nora Dwan, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Jovita Delaney, Caitriona Hennessy, Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes and with home venue at 'The Ragg' they will provide stiff opposition.

All-Ireland senior champions and National League holders Cork, came through Division Two unbeaten. They travel to take on Antrim, the runners up from division one, having dropped just two points to Galway. This is a good spirited Antrim side who will be

looking to Anne McKee, Carla Doherty, Oonagh Elliott, Caitriona Higgins, Grace and Sinead McMullen to get the better of the champions.

Cork are a staunch side and have the experience. They will not be taking any chances and with players of the calibre of Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Vivienne Harris, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe and Miriam Deacy they must carry the tag of favourites.

Laois collected their third Leinster Minor Roinn B title on the trot when they accounted for Offaly in the final played at Killeigh. It was an exciting encounter with little separating the sides at any time. The winners led 0-5 to 1-1 at the break. The second half continued to be closely contested. Laois pulled away in the final stages to gain a two point advantage. Final score: Laois 0-12 Offaly 1-7.

Scorers: Laois: Louise O'Mahoney 0-5, Denise Quigley 0-4, Elaine Lanham 0-3. Offaly: Karen Nugent 1-2, Edel Corcoran 0-3, Elaine Dowling and Orla Carey 0-1 each.

Laois: Lorraine Hill, Jennifer Moore, Aoife Keenan, Bridget Cuddy, Elma Higgins, Denise Quigley, Catherine Downey, Yvonne Delaney, Elaine Lanham, Eilish Dowling, Anita Dooley, Louise O'Mahoney.

Offaly team: Margaret McDonnell, Jenny Walsh, Lisa Convery, Elaine Dermody, Emma Quinn, Mary Molloy, Orla Carey, Sharon Daly, Edel Corcoran, Tracey McGrath, Anne Marie Cuinan, Karen Nugent.

Sub: Lorna Byrne for T McGrath.

Aoife Cushen for Anne Marie Guinan.  
Referee: Aileen Lawlor, Westmeath

On Sunday next the semi-finals of the Leinster Roinn A championship takes place, when reigning champions Dublin are away to Wexford. The sides met at this stage of the competition last year when two goals separated the sides. Dublin 3-3 Wexford 1-3.

While Dublin are fancied to advance they are sure to meet with stiff opposition. Wexford won the Leinster U14 championship two years ago.

The other semi-final is also a repeat of last year's semi-final between Laois and Kilkenny. Laois have the venue and their victory over Offaly leaves them quietly confident. However, Kilkenny may prove too strong on the day.

Results:

National Senior League

Antrim 4-15 Dublin 4-10

Scorers: Antrim: Ann McKee 0-7, Jean Adams 1-2, Oonagh Elliott 1-1, Kerri O'Neill and Carla Doherty 1-0 each. Caitriona Higgins 0-4, Sinead McMullen 0-1.

Dublin: Denise O'Leary 1-5, Louise Lynch 1-3, Irene Kirwan 1-1, Emer Brannagan 1-0, Carmel O'Byrne 0-1.

Referee: Pat Reynolds, Louth

Tipperary 3-18 Wexford 0-7

Cork 2-15 Kilkenny 2-8

Galway 4-21 Armagh 1-10

National junior league quarter final:

Tipperary 2-15 Wexford 2-7

Dublin Feile Final:

Ballyboden St Enda's 3-1 Naomh

Mearnog 1-5



Kilnamona's Ann Keane helped Clare to a good win Tipperary last week-end.

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## Antrim offer tough challenge to Cork

CORK seniors make the long journey north this weekend to defend their Senior National Camogie League title when they take on Antrim in the semi-final.

For Antrim to be contesting a National semi-final at senior level is a marvellous achievement. The county were very prominent in the 70s, winning the senior All Ireland title back in 1979. They struggled at senior level for a number of years, however, since re-grading to junior have worked tirelessly and this bore fruit when they took last year's Junior All Ireland title.

The link with the team of 1979 remains with Mary Connolly still playing with the county side. They are coached by inter-county hurler Jim Nelson and having also won the Junior National League last season, they will not be over-awed in the Senior League.

They are a strong experienced side with many of their players also holding Ashbourne and CCLA medals as well as All Ireland League honours. Amongst those players

are Deirdre Heatley, Denise O'Boyle and Caitriona Higgins.

Having taken the scalp of Down in Dublin, Antrim will be anxious to add the All Ireland champions to their list, however Cork are renowned for rising to the big occasion and tomorrow's game will certainly be a big challenge. It's several years since the sides met at senior level and Cork will want to keep the upper hand.

A win tomorrow will help the selectors' preparations for the Championship where Cork will face Dublin on July 4. At this stage in the season the more competitive matches played the better. Last weekend saw Cork defeat Clare in a tough encounter. However, they came through well and the selectors must have been impressed by the display of Muireann Harrington when introduced in the second half. Sinead O'Callaghan's contribution of five points from play plus the excellent goalkeeping of Cora Keohane were pleasing aspects from the game.

National Senior Camogie League semi-final:  
Cork 5-15 Antrim 1-12

## Antrim lose out after super start

WHAT a pity for Antrim this game did not finish at half-time.

They produced one of the best displays of camogie from an Ulster side against the current All-Ireland senior champions and led by 1-8 to 0-5 at the midway point.

But that early effort took its toll during the second half as Cork found an extra gear and burst forward in waves, creating countless problems for the Salfron defence.

But then Antrim looked to have lead in their boots, as Cork set about overhauling that six points interval lead in the second half.

However Antrim shocked the champions in the first half. The visitors opened with two early points but their game plan was disrupted by the eager Salfrons who chased everything and pressurised the player in possession. Most of Cork's ten first half wides can be attributed to Antrim's effort in closing them down, rather than to wayward shooting.

Anne McKee and Denise

O'Boyle were the first half stars of a top class team effort. McKee shot five great points, while both were involved in the build-up to Caitriona Higgins' three points.

Then Denise O'Boyle cut a sideline into the square in the 29th minute for Grainne Connolly to crash to the roof of the net.

That score rattled Cork and Brendan McNeill and Karen Coyle's brought off brilliant scores in succession from Fiona O'Driscoll.

In the second half, Cork shuffled the pack with Lynn Dunlea moving to the edge of the square and O'Driscoll on the wing. The move paid off handsomely with Dunlea hitting seven unanswered points in the third quarter, while Ursula Troy's 12th minute goal gave Cork at 1-10 to 1-8 lead.

Sinead McMullan tried to rally her side with a pointed free from all of 70yds but Cork tore the home side apart with four goals in the last ten minutes - three of them scored by Irene O'Keefe.

Clare McGarry however

finished an excellent build up involving Carla Doherty and Oonagh Elliott with a late consolation goal.

Overall, Cork's technique was superior but it was seriously disrupted during the opening half hour. However they responded magnificently to the challenge while Antrim tired quickly as they saw the game slip away.

There are though many positive points from Jim Nelson and John Crossey to emphasise in their preparation for the All Ireland intermediate championship. Perhaps when September comes this game can be reviewed as an important learning exercise for the Salfrons.

**Cork:** C. Keohane, E. Duggan (capt), M. Finn, V. Harris (0-1), D. Cronin, L. Mellerick, M. O'Connor, U. Troy (1-1), I. O'Keefe (3-1), S. O'Callaghan (0-3), L. Dunlea (1-8), F. O'Driscoll (0-1).

**Antrim:** K. Coyle, B. McNeill, C. McGinley, S. McMullan (capt), (0-2), H. Healey, C. Higgins (0-3), D. O'Boyle, D. Brogan, A. McKee (0-5), G. Connolly (1-0), J. Adams, O. Elliott (0-4). **Subs:** G. McMullan (0-1) for J. Adams (36 mins), C. McGarry (1-0) for D. Brogan (48 mins), C. Doherty for C. Higgins (48 mins).

## Goals galore as minors hit their target

IT WAS a case of goals galore in the quarter finals of the Ulster minor camogie championship yesterday.

Fermanagh scored (7-4) in their defeat of Donegal with top class performances from Christy Curry, Colette Flannigan and Clara Owens.

Meanwhile Antrim travelled to Cavan and hit (8-10) to Cavan's (1-4). The Antrim goals came from Malread O'Connell (3), Catherine Scullin (2) and one each from Eleanor McConville, Roisin Convery and Louise Boyd.

Top scorer of the day though was Lorna Mulholland who scored (5-7) from Derry's total of (8-14) to Armagh's (3-4). The other goal scorers for the winners were Claire McColgan, Paul McCloy and Jane Kelly.

It was a busy weekend for Jane Kelly as she scored in Sloughneil's first ever victory in the Derry Feile na nGael final against parish neighbours Swatragh.

Briege McNicholl from Swatragh had the consolation of winning the skills award.

Meanwhile Down secured passage to the quarter-finals of the Ulster Junior Camogie Championship with a comfortable preliminary round victory in Ballymacnab yesterday.

Down were the better side but failed to really press home their advantage on the scoreboard. They did score 14 times but too often their moves were broken down by Briege Moore and Aine Marsden in the Armagh line.

Down will get more opposition on Sunday next when they tackle Tipperary in the National League semi-final.

**Down scorers:** Jennifer Braniff 0-5, Majella Murray 0-3, Coleen Hynds 0-2, Edel Mason, Deirdre Savage, Claire McGrath and Valerie Hynds 0-1 each.

**Armagh scorers:** Joan Rice 0-3.

Bodyke on Monday in determined fashion and dominated the first half to lead by two goals at half time (2-6 to 0-6). Catherine O'Loughlin was the home side's top scorer in that first half with 1-3 while Deirdre Murphy accounted for 1-1.

Early in the second half Clare had further points from O'Loughlin (2) and Moira McMahon and Clare now had an eight point advantage. The visitors bounced back with the help of an own goal and they stepped up a gear after this and added further points before Edel Arthur pointed for Clare as time ticked away and the home side held on for victory and a place in the play offs.

**CLARE:** P. O'Brien (Bodyke) D. Mc Donagh (Wolfe Tones) C. Hally (Truagh) N. Commanc (Kilnamona) A. Keane (do)

Clare ..... 3-11  
Tipperary ..... 2-12

Clare started this game in

Edel Arthur (Newmarket) N. Comyns (Kilnamona), M. Collins (Bodyke) S. O'Brien (do) D. Murphy (Clooney) C. O'Loughlin (Kilnamona) M. McMahon (Wolfe Tones) capt; Subs.: O. Slattery (Bodyke) for Commanc; Collieran (Clooney) for Hally (inj); O. Fitzgerald (Sixmilebridge) for Arthur.

## Clare v Tipp - again

Clare will renew rivalry with Tipperary on this Sunday when the Counties clash in the opening game in the play off for a league semi-final place. The draw was made on Tuesday and it resulted in Clare having to travel to the Ragg on Sunday with the winners qualifying to play Kilkenny.

## Champions Cork show their mettle

ALL-IRELAND champions, Cork, showed their mettle when they overturned a half-time deficit of six points to beat Antrim 5-15 to 2-12 and qualify for this year's Camogie League final with a superb second-half display in Casement Park, Belfast, yesterday.

Antrim, the reigning Junior All-Ireland champions, led at the break, 1-8 to 0-5 and were in a strong position to cause a shock. But Cork, with goals, from Lynn Dunlea and Irene O'Keefe, and Ursula Troy with one, looked and played like champions in the second period and long before the full time whistle, their place in the final was secure.



# Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry



Front Row (left to right) A. M. Horan, M. Britton, M. Brennan, L. Maher (capt.), J. Horan, J. Walsh, D. Teehan, C. Horan.  
Back Row: F. Daly (coach), S. Gleeson, M. Brennan, C. Croke, M. Connolly, A. Goldsboro, T. Ryan, T. Breen, N. Ivors, B. O'Neill.

## Ballingarry win county finals in schools camogie league

IT was a very determined Ballingarry Presentation Convent School who took to the field at The Ragg for the county finals of the Tipperary Schools Camogie League, under 18. They were determined to reverse the 1997 results, when they were beaten in the finals. And reverse it they did, in style, with a great victory over Roscrea V.S.

Only three minutes into the game a goal by Sarah Gleeson gave Ballingarry the lead that they never lost throughout the match. Roscrea shortly came back with a point only to be countered by a point by Lily Maher from a free.

Sarah Gleeson's second goal was followed by a goal from Maura Brennan, another point from a free

from captain Lily Maher; then a third great goal from Sarah Gleeson stretched the lead further.

A goal from Roscrea towards the end of the first half left Ballingarry with a comfortable 4-2 to 1-1 half-time score.

In the second half, Roscrea had the benefit of the strong wind, and they began to dominate the match. It was now the turn of the Ballingarry back line to swing into strong defence. Mary Connolly kept the line well marshalled while Mary Brennan at left full-back had an excellent game. Jill Horan did very well in goal and considering that Jill is only a first year student her performance augers well for the future of camogie in

Presentation, Ballingarry.

Roscrea totted up four points in the second half while Ballingarry increased their score by only one point - an excellent point from play by Maura Brennan.

On their way to the final, Ballingarry had already beaten Newport, Roscrea and Killenaule V.S. and were delighted to seal the year's success with a final score of 4-3 to 1-5 to give them the county title.

Team: J. Horan, M. Britton, M. Connolly, Mary Brennan, C. Croke, J. Walsh, L. Maher (captain), B. O'Neill, S. Gleeson, Maura Brennan. Subs: N. Ivors, A. Goldsboro, D. Teehan, A. M. Horan, T. Breen, T. Ryan, G. Costello, C. Horan.

## Cork meet Tipp in camogie decider

IT'S Munster Minor Championship time already in camogie and this afternoon the minors of Cork and Tipperary meet to decide the destination of honours for 1998.

Cork's path to the final has been a relatively easy one with big wins over Clare and Waterford.

Cork are captained by Cloughduv's Catherine Corkery and it also includes Bishopstown senior players Clara Healy, Amanda O'Regan and Shirley Moloney. Goalkeeper Aoife Murray will be hoping to make it the first of a weekend double for the Murray household as her older brother Kevin is a member of the Cork senior hurling panel.

Tipperary, beaten in the final last years have just three survivors, Niamh Harkin, Louise Ryan and Niamh Dwyer.

## MAJ 1998 Holders Cork forced into extra-time in a thriller

Cork 2-18  
Tipperary 3-12

IN a contest that was played in a welter of excitement and took extra time to decide, Cork retained the Munster Minor Championship crown on Saturday at The Ragg, Co. Tipperary.

Boosted by an early goal from Ciara Healy, Cork failed to take advantage and Tipperary with a goal from Denise Ryan led at the interval 1-8 to 1-5.

Cork added three points after the break but ten minutes into the half a Deirdre Delaney goal helped Tipperary to a three-point advantage. However, Cork showed tremendous character and with Rachel Moloney scoring some fabulous points they took the lead 1-14 to 2-10 with time almost up. A closing free from Tipperary's Norma Coffey took this exciting encounter into extra time.

One minute into extra time Tipperary got their third goal from Norma Maher to give them a lead of 3-11 to 1-15 but once again Cork showed their metal with Sarah Hayes and Eimer Dillon getting crucial points before Niamh Bowles' long delivery ended in the Tipperary net to put the champions back in front. Tipperary fought hard to recover but a superb save from Cork goalie Aoife Murray helped keep them at bay before Rachel Moloney's 11th point ensured a Cork win and a place in the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway on July 25.

Scorers — Cork: R. Moloney 0-11 (4 frees, 3 30's), E. Dillon 0-4, C. Healy, N. Bowles 1-0, S. Hayes 0-1. Tipperary: N. Coffey 0-8, T. Maher 0-4, N. Maher, D. Ryan, D. Delaney 1-0. Cork: A. Murray, R. Holland, A. O'Regan, J. O'Callaghan, S. Hayes, B. O'Neill, E. O'Halloran, C. Corkery, R. Moloney, E. Dillon, M. Noonan, C. Healy. Substitutes: N. Bowles for E. O'Halloran, C. Kelly for C. Corkery, A. Kelleher for B. O'Neill, J. O'Leary for N. Noonan.

TIPPERARY: B. O'Halloran, N. Harkin, N. O'Dwyer, P. Fogarty, M. R. Ryan, N. Harrington, L. Burke, T. Maher, N. Maher, D. Delaney, N. Coffey, D. Ryan.  
Referee: L. Davitt (Westmeath).

Cork 3-10  
Galway 1-9

CORK'S superior fitness and sharpness in front of goal plus a superb display from goalkeeper Leonie Nolan helped the county qualify for the first ever Junior National League final at the expense of Galway in an exciting game at sun-drenched Ballinacollig yesterday.

Four points without reply had the Leesiders ahead before Collette Neville got Galway on the scoreboard with an 18th minute point. This settled their side and they were on level terms by the 29th minute thanks to points from Michelle Glin and Lourde Kavanagh.

Emma Harte's 29th minute point edge Cork back ahead and then came the break Cork so desperately needed. Harte gained possession on the right wing and headed forward.

She seemed to stumble and loose possession but her pass found Caoimhe Harrington on the edge of the square and she gave goalie Aoife Connolly no chance from close range to leave just a goal between the sides before the break.

Three minutes into the second half a Galway point cut the Cork lead to two then came Cork purples patch.

Three Caoimhe Harrington points without reply saw the Galway side begin to lose their shape with Cork coming at them in waves.

A Michelle Glin point did relieve the pressure a little bit but Cork upped it once again and when Caoimhe Harrington rattled the net with 15 minutes remaining Cork were on their way.

Emma Harte added the third Cork goal to stretch their lead and with substitute Sinead Cahalane and Paula O'Connor now totally dominant at centre field Cork were rampant.

Michelle Glin's goal two minutes into injury time did nothing to lift her side and it was Cork with points from Sinead Cahalane and Valerie O'Sullivan who finished stronger and deservedly booked their place in the National final.

Scorers — Cork: C. Harrington 0-4 (frees, 1 30), E. Harte 1-2, E. Ryan, O'Sullivan, S. Cahalane 0-1. Galway: M. Glin 1-4 (1 30, 1 free), L. O'Connell 0-3, C. Nevan 0-2. Cork: L. Nolan, F. Burke, Dineen, E. Doyle, M. Harrington, Harrington, P. O'Connor, T. Roche, O'Sullivan, V. O'Sullivan, E. Ryan, Harte. Subs: S. Cahalane for Roche, G. Hannon for E. Ryan, O. O'Sullivan for E. Burke.  
GALWAY: A. Connolly, A. Doyle, Broderick, A. Kelly, F. Healy, Lynch, V. Sweeney, M. Glin, Kavanagh, C. Murray, C. Harrington.



# Glynn's goals prove decisive for Galway in National camogie league semi-final

**GALWAY.....3-11 :: KILKENNY.....1-14**

GALWAY senior camogie team booked a place in the final of the National Senior League with Cork this weekend when they had a hard fought three point victory over Kilkenny at Nowlan Park on Sunday last.

This was Galway's first victory over Kilkenny in Nowlan Park and they put a hesitant start behind them to do so. Galway always looked the better team but were unable to shake off Kilkenny, but a true grit performance from Tony Ward's side saw them hold on to the finish.

Kilkenny were 1-1 up before Galway scored. A mistake by Louise Curry in the Galway goals allowed Martina Maher in for Kilkenny's first and only goal and a pointed free from ace free taker Bridget Mullally gave the home side the early lead.

Carmel Hannon scored Galway's opening point after a fine run. Bridget Mullally and Sharon Glynn then exchanged frees before Mairead Costello added another for Kilkenny. Galway now entered their best patch.

Carmel Hannon pointed again from play, as did the ever alert Veronica Curtin, but it was a foul on Curtin and the resultant 15 metre free from Sharon Glynn which gave Galway their first goal.

Kilkenny rallied. Bridget Mullally and Marina Downey added points before yet again Sharon Glynn goalied from a close in free after Curtin was pulled down on route to goal. Two more Glynn frees gave Galway a 2-7 to Kilkenny's 1-8 half-time lead.

The second half also belonged to the free takers and from a throw in Glynn pointed for Galway but two Kilkenny frees from Bridget Mullally closed the gap. But Galway

pulled away again when Glynn found Ann Forde inside the defence and she handpassed to the Kilkenny net to put Galway five points up midway through the second half.

However Bridget Mullally pointed two more frees to bring Kilkenny back into the game again, but Glynn's accuracy over the placed ball added two more frees for Galway, to restore the five point lead.

Kilkenny never gave up and Ann Downey pointed two close in frees near the near to close Kilkenny's tally at 1-14 and Denise Gilligan added one

more point for Galway to bring their final tally to 3-11.

This was a good victory for Galway as these two teams should meet in the All-Ireland semi-final if all goes to plan in the first round games for both sides, with Galway having the easier of the two when they play Limerick. Kilkenny take on Tipperary.

Galway had good performances from captain Olivia Broderick at full-back, Tracey Laheen at centre-back and Sharon Glynn who hit 2-7 of the team's tally, while Anne Forde and Veronica Curtin looked dangerous upfront.

## Camogie World

**Bord na Gaeilge**  
by PJ Fulham

### NATIONAL LEAGUE NEARING A CLOSE

**T**ipperary carried the tag of favourites when they travelled to Bodyke to take on Clare in a National senior league tie. A win for Tipperary would have seen them through to play Galway in the semi-final. After a very exciting game Clare came out on top on a score of 3-11 to 2-12.

This result leaves Tipperary, Clare and Kilkenny on level points. Tipperary and Clare must meet again and the winners play Kilkenny.

Scorers: Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 0-5, Helan Kiely and Una Dwyer 1-0 each, Caltriona Hennessy 0-3, Jovita Delaney 0-2, Eimear McDonnell 0-1.

Clare: Deirdre Murphy 2-2, Catherine O'Loughlin 1-5, Marie Collins, Moira McMahon, Sinead O'Brien and Edel Arthur 0-1 each.

Galway booked their place in the semi-final of the National Junior League when they got the better of Derry in a quarter final tie played at Ballinasloe.

It was a keenly contested match. A goal by Ann Hardiman gave the winners a 1-6 to 0-3 lead at the break. The second half was a ding dong battle with each side scoring four points. Final Score: Galway 1-10 Derry 0-7.

Scorers: Galway: Lourda Kavanagh 0-6, Ann Hardiman 1-0, Colette Nevin 0-3, Sandra Tannian 0-1. Derry: Martina Mulholland 0-5, Grainne Maguire and Orla Downey 0-1 each. Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary

Cork will be Galway's opponents in the National Junior league semi-final after they won their quarter final convincingly against Carlow at Carlow Hurling ground. The first half was evenly enough contested with just two points separating the sides at the break. Cork 1-4 Carlow 1-2. Final Score: Cork: 4-13, Carlow 3-3.

Scorers: Cork: Caoimhe Harrington 2-9, Lisa Kelleher 1-1, Una Doyle 1-0, Valerie Sullivan, Emma Harte and Jill Hannon 0-1 each.

Carlow: Mairead Hogan 2-0, Valerie Crean 1-2, Mary Caody 0-1.

Referee: Jack O'Brien, Wexford

Down proved too strong for Offaly in their National junior league quarter-final played at O'Connor Park, Tullamore. Down led 2-5 to 0-6 at the break. Final Score: Down 2-12 Offaly 1-10.

Scorers: Down: Joan Henderson and Mairin McAleenan 2-3 each, Jennifer Braniff 1-2, Majella Murray, Edel Mason, Ciara McGovern, and Valerie Hynds 0-1 each.

Offaly: Maggie Lynch 1-6, Michelle Davis 0-2, Edel Corcoran and Majella Bergin 0-1 each.

Referee: Noeleen Cormican, Offaly

The All-Ireland Colleges Sevens were held on Saturday May 2nd at St Patrick's College, Drumcondra. In Group 1, St Mary's, Charleville overcame St Brigid's Loughrea, Kilcormac Vocational School and St Patrick's Maghera to qualify for the final. From Group 2 St Mary's Nenagh emerged with full points with victories over Holy Rosary, Mountbellew: Mercy, New Ross: and St Malachy's Castlewellan.

The all Munster final provided a superb game of camogie with great scores and a high level of skill. Nenagh led for much of the game but, once again, Eileen O'Brien proved a match winner. She won vital possession, carried the ball forward and picked off the winning scores. Siobhan Lenihan, Noelle O'Riordan, Niamh Bowles and Catherine Leslie stood out on the Charleville side as well as Eileen O'Brien.

For Nenagh, Eimear McDonnell, Anna Woods, Sheena Howard and

Deirdre McDonnell played very well. Final score: St Mary's Charleville 3-8, St Mary's Nenagh 2-7.

Teams: Charleville: Noelle O'Riordan, Niamh Bowles, Catherine Leslie, Ciara O'Shea, Siobhan Lenihan, Eileen O'Brien (Capt), Alison White, Aine Kelleher, Gemma Roynane and Aoife Sheehan.

Nenagh: Amy Kissane, Mary-Rose Ryan, Sheena Howard, Deirdre McDonnell, Anna Woods, Denise Ryan, Eimer McDonnell, Claire O'Sullivan, Aileen Forde and Siobhan McCarthy

On Sunday next the semi-finals of the National Junior league takes place. Last years All-Ireland junior championship finalists Cork, will host in what should be a sparkling encounter. Both sides came through the league campaign unbeaten. Cork were knocked out at this stage of the competition last year and will be hoping to go a step further this time. The only time they reached a junior league final was in 1994 when they were defeated by Armagh after a re-play. However they will meet with a formidable force in Galway who field a number of last year's All-Ireland minor team. They last won the title in 1995.

Tipperary travel to face last year's beaten finalists Down in what also should be a cracker. The 'Mourne girls will be looking for their ticket to the final for the fourth year in succession and have yet to win one.

Tipperary have never made it to a junior league final. Down are confident that this will be their year.

### CORK I.N.T.O./G.A.A. MINI-SEVENS

The Cork County Finals of the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Mini-Sevens were held recently in the St. Finbarr's GAA complex. The well appointed venue had six pitches buzzing with activity throughout the afternoon and, despite the inclement weather, the programme of activities was completed by late afternoon. In camogie the semi-final line-up was Milford against Coachford, the school where Cork senior star Lynn Dunlea teaches. Barryroe played Bunscoil Mhuire in the other semi-final. Milford and Barryroe qualified for the final with Milford emerging victorious for the second year running.



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## Camogie

# Tipperary to test the true worth of Down

THE season has to date followed a familiar pattern for the Down senior camogie team: A reasonable showing in the senior league, qualification for the knock-out stages of the Junior league with high-scoring victories and a comfortable, if unspectacular opening win in the junior championship.

It gets more difficult from here in, starting tomorrow with the visit of Tipperary in the National Junior league semi-final.

In the quarter-finals, Down travelled to Tullamore and came away with a comfortable enough victory over Offaly although they struggled during the first half.

Tipperary though scored an unexpected nine point victory over last year's semi-finalists Wexford and the manner of their victory has raised expectation of further success.

Tipp have accumulated a number of minor successes over the past 10 years. They have appeared in six All-Ireland minor finals since their first in 1989 and won three of them. That has provided a firm base to challenge for adult inter-county honours.

Two All-Ireland Junior finals in the early nineties have been followed by two appearances in the Intermediate final in the past three seasons. In 1994 they lost a National Senior league final by five points to Galway but strangely have never reached a Junior final.

Joan Tobin shared in many of the county's successes in the early 90s but transferred to Down at the start of last season. To date it has been a case of coming close with the adopted county.

In the Offaly game Joan hit 2-3 and Bernie McNally is hopeful she can keep

bagging scores and take the pressure of Mairin McAleenan who retired injured in the semi-final and is struggling to make tomorrow's line-out.

Also starting to hit form are the Hynds sisters while the Ards trio of Deirdre Savage, Edel Mason and Jennifer Braniff are beginning to take control of games, as they did a couple of seasons back.

Overall, things have been going quite well for Down. Two weeks ago, Bernie McNally demanded her players get it together against Offaly. They did.

Tomorrow, they will face their stiffest test to date. Grainne Shenaghan and Una Dwyer are only two of the opposition to watch but really it will boil down to the home side again getting their own game together and controlling the play.

They have the players to do it, but those same players need the consistency in their own game for the team to challenge for silverware.

Down should be strong enough to qualify for a fourth successive league final, while Cork look favourites to beat Galway in the second semi-final.

**Probable Down line-out:** T McGowan, D Greeran, P Greene, E Mason, D Savage, V Hynds, C Hynds, J Braniff, M Murray, M McAleenan, J Henderson, C McGrath.

**Subs:** Nicki Magee, Nuala Magee, Ciara McGovern, Claire McGovern, S McGovern, C Cunningham, A Gearon, T Burns, A Morgan, Seamus McAleenan.

**Fixtures:** Sunday (3.00) National Junior League semi-finals: Limerick - Down v Tipperary; Ballincollig: Cork v Galway.

(1.30) Ulster Minor Championship semi-final: Limerick - Down v Derry.

(7.00) Maguire Cup semi-final: Ahoghill - Antrim (holders) v Derry.



● MOURNE MAJESTY...Down's Colleen Hynds (right) will be looking to continue her run of good form against Tipperary tomorrow

**CAMOGIE — National Sen League**  
semi-final: Galway 3-10, Kilkenny 1-13  
Ulster JC quarter-finals: Cavan 3-15,  
Fermanagh 0-6, Antrim 6-17, Donegal  
0-0, Down 3-4, Monaghan 1-6, Derry  
3-14, Tyrone 3-3, Leitrim JC: Dublin  
2-8, Westmeath 1-9, Offaly 0-15, Louth  
2-5. Ulster MC semi-final: Antrim 7-11,  
Fermanagh 0-5.



### CORK MOVE ONE STEP CLOSER TO RETAINING THEIR LEAGUE CROWN

**T**itle holders Cork are through to the National Senior League final after they brushed aside a strong challenge from Antrim in their National league semi-final played at Casement Park, Belfast.

Antrim took the game to their opponents from the start and looked very good during the first half and lead by 1-8 to 0-5 at the break. However, Cork showed their class and championship style in the final half with three goals by Irene O'Keeffe and a goal and seven points by Lynn Dunlea. While Antrim never gave up, they could not stop the Rebel county's scoring ability. Final score: Cork 5-15 Antrim 2-12.

Scorers: Cork: Irene O'Keeffe 3-1, Lynn Dunlea 1-8, Ursula Troy 1-1, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-3, Vivienne Harris and Fiona O'Driscoll 0-1 each.

Antrim: Anne McKee 0-5, Caitriona Higgins 0-3, Grainne Connolly and Claire McGarry 1-0 each, Sinead McMullan and Grace McMullan 0-2 each.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Tipperary had six points to spare over a gallant Clare side when they met for the second time in a week in the play off stages of the National Senior League at The Ragg, Thurles. Tipperary had 1-3 on the scoreboard in the first ten minutes, the goal coming from Caitriona Hennessy in the seventh minute. The Premier County outclassed their opponents in the opening half and led by ten points at the break.

Clare got off to a brilliant start in the second half when a long range free by Marie Collins went straight to the Tipperary net. Catherine O'Loughlin added a point almost immediately to reduce the deficit to six points. The sides exchanged four points each during the remainder of the game. Final Score: Tipperary 1-15, Clare 1-9.

Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 1-6, Eimear McDonnell 0-3, Emily Hayden,

Helan Kiely and Deirdre Hughes 0-2 each.

Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 0-5, Marie Collins 1-1, Deirdre Murphy 0-3.

Ulster junior championship: Down 0-14 Armagh 0-3

Scorers: Down: Jennifer Branniff 0-5, Majella Murray 0-3, Colleen Hynds 0-2, Edel Mason, Valerie Hynds, Claire McGrath and Deirdre Savage 0-1 each.

Armagh: Joan Rice 0-3

Ulster minor championship quarter finals:

Derry 8-14, Armagh 3-4

Fermanagh 7-4, Donegal 0-0

Antrim 8-10, Cavan 1-4

Down 5-10 Tyrone 0-4

The pairings for the semi-finals: Antrim v

Fermanagh and Derry v Down

Munster minor championship semi-finals:

Tipperary 5-8 Limerick 0-7

Tipperary meet Cork in the final

Leinster Minor Championship semi-finals Wexford 2-10 Dublin 1-3

Scorers: Wexford: Noelle Lambert 0-7, Angelina Westnott and Aoife Druane 1-0 each, Grace Ahearne 0-3. Dublin: Donna O'Reilly 1-0, Karen Blood 0-3.

Kilkenny 3-4, Laois 1-6

Leinster under 14 championship: Wexford

4-9, Dublin 3-6, Westmeath 4-3, Kildare 3-3,

Offaly 3-6 Wicklow 1-1, Meath 4-3, Louth 1-

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On Sunday next the National Senior League semi-final takes place. Galway take on either Tipperary or Kilkenny who are involved in a

play off.

Galway will carry the tag of favourites to meet Cork in the final. However, either Tipperary or Kilkenny will provide stiff opposition.

Also on Sunday the Leinster Junior Championship commences with four games down for decision. Kildare, last year's beaten finalists host Wexford in what promises to be a tough tussle. Wexford had a good run in the league reaching the quarter final while Kildare secured just one point in their division. It should be close. However, Wexford may shade it.

Offaly travel to face Louth. The Faithful County also made it to the league quarter-finals, Louth did not take part. Offaly look set to make it to the next round. Meath and Laois cross swords at a Meath venue. This match should produce lots of flair and determination. It is the first outing for both sides this year as neither took part in the league. If Meath field at full strength they could advance.

Westmeath travel to Dublin. The home side secured two points in the league when they drew with Carlow and Kildare. Westmeath have a young squad and are hit by exams. They reached the semi-final last year but may find it hard to get over the Dubs. The Leinster minor championship final is also up for grabs when last year's beaten finalists show their hospitality to Wexford in what should be a very skilful game between two sides capable of producing excellent play. Home advantage may give Kilkenny the edge.



The Offaly minor team which was defeated by Laois in the Leinster Roinn B final. Front (L-R): Stephanie Higgins, Emma Quinn, Jenny Walshe, Lisa Convey, Denise McCourt. Back (L-R): Elaine Dermody (capt), Orla Carey, Edel Corcoran, Mary Molloy, Anne McGuinane, Sharon Daly, Tracey McGrath

### Limerick's camogie win

LIMERICK advanced to the next round of the Munster Senior Camogie Championship as a result of their deserved 5-3 to 2-0 win over Cork at Macroom where the visitors staged a strong finish to win well. The teams were - Cork: E O'Leary, C Murphy, M O'Shea, M O'Callaghan, T Lynch, J Murphy, M O'Connor, K O'Connor, K Riordan, M Murphy, E Long, M Kidney. Limerick: M Fitzgerald, M O'Brien, M Stapleton, T Hannon, K Ryan, J O'Loughlin, L Bracken, R O'Driscoll, M Murphy, N McMahon, P Sadlier, M Forde.

50 YEARS AGO

### Galway bid to turn tables on Cork

THIS year's National Senior League final brings together old rivals Galway and Cork on Saturday evening next in Duggan Park (7 p.m.). Last year's league and championship double holders will travel to Duggan Park on Saturday evening knowing that they will have their work cut out.

Cork overcame Antrim in the semi-final of the league three weeks ago and because of a play-off between Tipperary, Clare and Kilkenny, they have had to wait for three weeks to play a final which was fixed for two weeks ago.

Galway, however, played

a tough competitive match on Sunday last and whether this will be a hinderance or an advantage to them won't be known until Saturday evening. Galway do have injuries for that game.

Anne Forde broke her finger and it out for the final, while Tracey Laheen may have aggravated a hamstring. Galway could have Ann Broderick back after exams and of course this would be a boost as Therese Maher and Aine Hillary are unavailable. Therese is doing exams while Hillary is recovering from a broken collar bone.



# Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Cork got their ticket to the final of the National Junior League when they gained victory over Galway in this National Junior League semi-final. Played at Ballincollig, little separated the sides in the first half. A goal by Caoimhe Harrington gave the winners a 1-5 to 0-5 lead at the break. Two goals in the third quarter by Harrington and Emma Harte put the issue beyond doubt, despite some good scores by Colette Nevin and Michelle Glynn.

Final score: Cork 3-10 Galway 1-9

Scorers: Cork - Caoimhe Harrington 2-5, Emma Harte 1-2, Lynn Burke, Sinead Cahalane and Valerie O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Galway - Colette Nevin 1-1, Michelle Glynn 0-5, Lourda Kavanagh 0-3.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary.

Down have reached the final of the National Junior League for the fourth time on the trot with a comprehensive win over Tipperary in the semi-final played at Leitrim. The winners led 2-4 to 0-6 at the break.

Final score: Down 4-12 Tipperary 1-10

Scorers: Down - Mairin McAleenan 3-5, Jennifer Branniff 1-3, Coleen Hynes 0-2, Edel Mason and Joan Henderson 0-1 each.

Tipperary - Philomena Fogarty 1-1, Emer McDonnell 0-7, Fiona Butler and Maria Harkin 0-1 each.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

A new look Down side qualified for this year's Maguire Cup final with a good win over last year's finalists Armagh. In the absence of some prominent players, the younger squad on duty gave a good account of themselves. Three first half goals, two by Claire McGrath and one by Teresa Byrnes, gave then Mounie girls a 3-12 to 0-2 lead at the

break. The game was over as a contest at this stage.

Final score: Down 4-20 Armagh 1-8

Scorers: Down - Claire McGrath 3-5, Teresa Byrnes 1-0, Colleen Hynds 0-11, Deirdre Savage, Sinead McGovern, Cathy Mulholland, Valerie Hynds 0-1 each.

Armagh - Helena Murray 1-0, Mary Black 0-5, Karen Kelly 0-2, Julie O'Neill 0-1.

Ulster Minor Championship Semi-Final: Derry 4-12 Down 1-6

Leinster Under 14 Championship results: Westmeath 4-9 Meath 3-0

Scorers: Westmeath - Joanne Walshe 2-1, Tanya Kelly 0-6, Donal Loughlin 1-1, Roberta Harris 1-0.

Meath - Caitriona Quinn 2-0, Carol Massey 1-0.

Laois 7-9 Wicklow 1-0.

Scorers Laois - Louise O'Mahoney 2-5, Aoife O'Loughlin 1-1, Elaine O'Mahoney 1-0, Lisa Clancy 0-3.

Wicklow - Orla Darcy 1-0.

Kilkenny 5-7 Wexford 4-6

Offaly 4-14 Carlow 2-1

Kildare 12-12 Louth 2-2

This weekend the senior and junior national league finals take place. On Saturday Cork, the senior title holders are going for their fourth National Senior League title on the trot. Their opponents will be either Kilkenny or Galway.

The Leesiders are a strong outfit. They came through the campaign with full points and really showed championship style in the semi-final against Antrim. They trailed 1-8 to 0-5 at the interval, but their flair and determination in the final half got them a 5-15 to 2-12 victory.

Linda Mellerick and Vivienne Harris can be a handful for any

opposition at centre field. The backline of Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin and Mags Finn are very solid. Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keefe and Girl of the Match in the All-Ireland senior championship final year, Lynn Dunlea, all have great scoring power. Whoever their opponents will be, it is sure to be an excellent final.

If Kilkenny, they will be trying to go one better this year as the Rebel County defeated them in the final last season.

If Galway, it will be a repeat of last year's All-Ireland championship final. Both teams have also a host of stars. If it is a Cork v Kilkenny - Cork venue. If Cork v Galway - Galway have the venue.

On Sunday Cork have the venue against Down in the National Junior League Final. This one should be a thriller. No matter who wins, history will be made as neither sides have ever won An Corn De Burka. The sides have only met once before in a final at this level, that was in the inaugural All-Ireland junior championship final in 1968 when Down were victorious 2-3 to 1-1. This is the Mounie County's fourth junior league final appearance on the trot. While they have a good side and are hoping this will be their year, they will meet stiff opposition from last year's All-Ireland junior championship finalists, who are sure to be well served by Caoimhe Harrington, Lisa Kelleher, Una Doyle, Emma Harris, Jill Hannon and Valerie O'Sullivan.

Down will be looking to star forward Mairin McAleenan, Jennifer Branniff, Joan Henderson, Majella Murray, Edel Mason, Valerie Hynds and Ciara McGovern to deliver the title that has eluded them for so long.

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## ● CAMOGIE ●

Munster Senior Camogie Championship: Cork 1-27, Limerick 2-5.

## ● CAMOGIE ●

Cork panels for National Senior and Junior camogie League finals to be played to-morrow and Sunday. Senior (v Galway) to-morrow in Ballinasloe (7.00). C. Keohane, E. Duggan (capt), D. Cronin, V. Harris, M. Finn, L. Mellerick, M. O'Connor, U. Troy, F. O'Driscoll, S. O'Callaghan, I. O'Keefe, L. Dunlea, L. Nolan, C. Harrington, M. Harrington, M. Burke, S. Dunlea, L. O'Sullivan. Junior (v Down) Sunday in Ballincollig (1.00). L. Nolan, E. Dineen, T. Doyle, M. Harrington, S. Buckley, S. Cahalane, H. Kelleher, P. O'Connor, T. Roche, V. O'Sullivan, C. Harrington, E. Harte, G. Cessy, J. Hannon, U. O'Donoghue, R. Callanan, C. Murphy, D. O'Sullivan, L. O'Connell, E. O'Sullivan.

## ● CAMOGIE ●

Inniscarra 6-3

Newcestown 1-1

INNISCARRA qualified to represent Cork in the All-Ireland Camogie Feile na nGael competition in Wexford later in the month when they proved too strong for Newcestown at St. Finbarr's last night.

Four goals from full forward Michelle O'Regan paved the way for victory. In the skills competition Gemma O'Connor (St. Finbarr's) took first from Alison Burke Glen Rovers who was second and Claire Crowley Ballinacorney who took third.

INNISCARRA: C. Hogan, M. Cronin, S. Cronin, E. O'Mahony, A. Buckley, E. O'Keefe, K. Ryan, E. Forbes, G. O'Mahony, E. Hayes, T. McCarthy, M. O'Regan.

NEWCESTOWN: S. Murphy, L. Holland, E. Crowley, A. Coughlan, M. Deasy, H. Walsh, C. Desmond, M. O'Leary, E. Crowley, A. Holland, R. O'Donovan, B. Hurley.



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# Cork girls on threshold of senior and junior National League double

CORK camogie stands on the threshold of achieving a record this weekend if the county's aim of taking the senior and junior national league titles are attained.

The senior side are putting their title on the line in what is a repeat of the last two All-Ireland senior finals when they take on Galway at Ballinasloe today at 7 p.m. Galway recorded a three-point victory over Kilkenny last Sunday in what was a high-scoring semi-final clash.

Louise Curry will be expected to line out in goal, while Tracey Laheen, Imelda Hobbs, and last year's captain Martina Harkin will strive hard to put one over on the Cork girls, captained by Eithne Duggan from the

Bishopstown club. They recorded an exciting victory over last year's junior national league champions Antrim in their semi-final outing, coming from behind in what was one of the team's best displays this year. Since the sides last met in last year's All-Ireland final, Cork's Sandy Fitzgibbon has retired from inter-country camogie, and into the team comes Ursula Troy, who has played exceptionally well through the League campaign. Cora Keohane stands solid in goal fronted by captain Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin, Mags Finn, and Vivienne Harris at centre back.

Linda Mellerick, and Mary O'Connor will team up with Ursula Troy to form a strong centre-field, while Fiona O'Driscoll, Lynn Dunlea, Sinéad O'Callaghan and Irene O'Keeffe are all players who are well capable of getting the scores on the board, and have proved in the past that when the chips are down, they are more than capable of producing the goods. It is a dream line-up for a senior National League final.

For the juniors, it's the county's first appearance in a junior national league final, and they face a strong Down side who are the county's first-choice team. Cork are facing a tough encounter. With many of the Down side having had experience of being members of the UUJ and QUB university teams, they are a well-experienced side. They are coached by Bernie McNally and

with neighbours Antrim having taken last year's title North they will be anxious to continue that trend. Included in their side will be Theresa McGowan from the Beb Derg Club. Other players of note among the Down panel include Anna Morgan, Clare McGovern and Edel Mason.

Following defeat in last year's All-Ireland final, the Cork side has bounced back to qualify for tomorrow's National League final. They recorded excellent wins over Carlow in the quarter-final and Galway in the semi-final. Leonie Nolan, Enda Dineen and Tricia Doyle are all experienced players, having been on the Cork Junior side who won the All-Ireland in 1996. They form the backbone of the

side, while the newer members of the team, Emma Harte, Paula O'Connor and Val O'Sullivan have fitted in well and established themselves on the side. For the Harrington sisters Caoimhe and Mhuirean, it's a busy camogie weekend and one where they will be hoping to set a record. They both line out with the juniors tomorrow and are also members of the senior panel for tonight's clash with Galway. Were Cork to pull off the double, it would be an exciting achievement and one for the record books, as Cork would be the first county to achieve such a notable double.

Féile na Gael will reach its conclusion on Monday with the final down for decision at St Finbarr's at 6.15.

# Cork girls take League title again despite gutsy display by Galway

Cork 1-16  
Galway 2-9

**HOLDERS** Cork travelled to Ballinasloe on Saturday evening to take on Galway in a repeat of last year's Senior All-Ireland Camogie Final, to see who would draw first blood for 1998 and take home the Senior National League title.

By the eighth minute Cork were four points ahead thanks to the vigilance of Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll and

Sinéad O'Callaghan. Colette Nevin opened the scoring for Galway with an 11th minute point which was quickly cancelled out by Lynn Dunlea.

Going into the closing five minutes of the half Sharon Glynn began to come more into the game for Galway. But it was Cork who finished the half stronger with Galway trailing at the break 0-8 to 0-4.

If Cork thought their title was safe they were mistaken and were brought firmly back to earth by the third minute

of the second half by Galway's Ann Forde, who cut between two defenders to finish to the net.

Veronica Curtin and Dunlea pointed in the 11th and 15th minutes and at this stage it looked that every time Galway pointed Cork were quick to respond.

A long ball from Mary O'Connor looked to be going wide but substitute Caoimhe Harrington chased it and crossed to the waiting Dunlea who finished to the net and Cork were ram-

pant. Denise Gilligan cut Cork's lead to two points with a well-taken point but sensing danger Cork responded immediately and points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea secured their title.

**Scorers - Cork:** L. Dunlea 1-2 (0-8 frees), F. O'Driscoll 0-3, S. O'Callaghan 0-1.  
**Galway:** T. Maher and A. Forde 1-0 each, S. Glynn 0-4 (0-2 frees), C. Nevin 0-3, D. Gilligan and V. Curtin 0-1.  
**CORK:** T. Keohane, E. Duggan (Capt.), M. Finn, D. Cronin, V. Harris, L. Mellerick, U. Troy, M. O'Connor, S. O'Callaghan, F. O'Driscoll, L. O'Keeffe, L. Dunlea. Sub: C. Harrington for L. O'Keeffe.

**GALWAY:** L. Curry, O. Broderick (Capt.), A. Kelly, T. Laheen, P. Nevin, D. Gilligan, S. Glynn, C. Hannon, C. Nevin, L. Hobbs, A. Forde, V. Curtin, Sub: M. Glynn for M. Hobbs, T. Maher for C. Hannon.  
Referee: A. Durham (Dublin).

Down 0-20  
Cork 0-12

CORK'S ambition of a National League double were quenched by Down who travelled to Ballincollig yesterday to take their first Junior National League title. Cork, playing with the aid of a strong wind, found the Down defence hard to crack and were it not for the accuracy of Caoimhe Harrington, who scored eight points from frees, Cork were in more serious trouble.

**Scorers for Down:** McAleenan 0-4 (0-5 frees), A. Henderson 0-3, J. Branniff 0-2, E. Mason 0-2 (0-1 free), C. Hynds 0-2 (0-1 free) and N. McGee 0-2 each, C. McGrath, V. Hynds and M. Murray 0-1 each.  
**Cork:** C. Harrington 0-10 (0-1 free), S. Cahalane and T. Roche 0-1 each.  
**CORK:** L. Nolan, E. Dineen, T. Doyle, M. Harrington, S. Buckley, P. O'Connor, H. Kelleher, C. Cahalane, T. Roche, V. O'Sullivan, C. Harrington, E. Harte, Sub: E. O'Sullivan for V. O'Sullivan, U. O'Donoghue for H. Kelleher.  
**DOWN:** T. McGowan, D. Greeran, E. Savage, E. Mason, T. Greene, E. Hynds, N. Magee, C. Hynds, J. Henderson, J. Branniff, M. Murray, M. McAleenan, Sub: C. McGrath for N. Magee.  
Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary).

## Munster in defence of both Gael Linn titles

CAMOGIE players from the four provinces will meet in Dublin today to compete for the Gael Linn Trophies in the senior and junior grade. In an effort to create a bigger interest amongst the players it was decided two years ago to run the competition on the one day, with the final taking place later in the evening.

Holders, Munster will face strong opposition in both grades. In their opening game they face Ulster in both grades and in view of the strength of the game in the Northern counties at present, Munster are in for a tough opener.

On the Munster senior panel are Cork captain Eithne Duggan, Tipperary's Emily Hayden and Clare Madden, Lynn Dunlea, who was top scorer for Cork in last weekend's National League Final, and Vera Sheehan from Limerick.

The Munster junior side to face Ulster includes Cork goalkeeper Leonie Nolan, the Harrington sister, Mureann and Caoimhe, while from Tipperary and Waterford, Triona Bonner, Eimear McDonnell and Julie Delaney are listed.

In the second semi-finals Connacht, backed by players from Galway, will face Leitrim and in the senior game one a close game is expected in view of the strength of the Kilkenny and Galway sides.

**Munster senior panel:** C. Keohane, E. Duggan, F. O'Driscoll, M. O'Connor, L. Dunlea, L. Mellerick, U. Troy and M. Finn (all Cork), E. Harris, C. Madden, D. Hughes, N. Kennedy, C. Hennessy, C. Gurney (all Tipperary), C. O'Leary, M. Collins, M. McMahon (all Clare), V. Sheehan and P. O'Brien (Limerick).  
**Munster junior panel:** L. Nolan, M. Harrington, E. Dineen, C. Harrington, E. Harte, T. Doyle (all Cork), E. Bonner, A. Deane, J. Delaney, E. McDonnell, C. O'Donnell, N. Connelley, M. Corkery, S. Howard, P. Fogarty and S. Ryan (all Tipperary), C. Ewright, T. Collins, A. Drohan, C. Cahalane (all Waterford).  
**Panel:** Today: St. Vincent's GAA Grounds, Dublin - Gael Linn inter-provincial Championships Junior - Connacht v Leitrim 11.30 a.m.; Munster v Ulster 11.45 a.m.; Senior - Connacht v Leitrim 12.45 p.m.; Munster v Ulster 1 p.m. Final - Junior 2.15 p.m., Senior 3.45 p.m.

## Scene is set for Camogie inter-pros

ON Saturday next June 6th, the Interprovincial Gael Linn competition takes place in the St. Vincent's GAA Grounds, Dublin.

The following is the schedule of games - Junior semi-finals - Connacht v Leitrim at 11.30 a.m.; Munster v Ulster at 11.45 a.m.; Senior Semi Finals - Connacht v Leitrim at 12.45 p.m.; Munster v Ulster at 1.00 p.m.

The Junior Final is scheduled for 2.15 p.m. followed by the Senior Final at 3.45 p.m.

### Panel

The Cork players on the Munster Senior panel are Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Mary O'Connor, Lynn Dunlea, Ursula Troy, Mags Finn.

The following Cork players are on the Munster Junior Panel Leonie Nolan, Mureann Harrington, Enda Dineen, Caoimhe Harrington, Emma Harte and Tricia Doyle.





Aghabullogue recent winners of the under 18 camogie county championship. They defeated Cloughdun in the final.



Inniscarra will represent Cork in this year's Feile na Gael final in Wexford. They defeated Newcestown in the Cork final

## Galway girls in control

THE Galway under-14 girls football team won their first ever Connacht final at Ballymote on Friday evening by defeating Sligo on a scoreline of 6-11 to 3-3.

Conditions were good for football with only a slight shower of rain towards the end of the first half. Galway won the toss and played with the wind. They started well putting up a score of 2 goals and 4 points without any reply.

Sligo got into the game but could not put anything on the scoreboard due to a sturdy Galway defence. It was late in the first half when Sligo scored their opening goal but at this stage Galway had scored 4 goals and 9 points.

The second half was a closer contest with Sligo now having the slight advantage of the breeze behind them, but coupled with a good Galway defence and some poor shooting, they could not narrow the gap. Galway did score two goals in the half but also wasted some good opportunities. Galway now meet the Munsters champions on Saturday, June 13. On the way to winning the Connacht final, they beat Mayo in the first round and Leitrim in the semi-final.

Galway: L. Kinneavey, Kilian; B. Martin, St. Brendan's.

# Adare keep Feile title

ADARE retained their title as U.1 Feile na nGael Limerick champions after a tense and exciting final at the Feile Blitz at Mary Immaculate College.

Adare and Blackrock were the final pairing after a day of hard fought battles on the camogie field.

This final was a nail-biting affair with Adare trying with all their might to find their way through a very determined Blackrock defence.

With two minutes to half-time Adare finally managed to score a single point, thus shattered the Blackrock girls and in the dying moments of the first half Adare scored a goal to give them a comfortable lead at the break.

Adare were now on top of the game and playing at their best. Blackrock did all in their power to come back. However, Adare notched up another three goals while Blackrock replied with a goal and a point. The final score was Adare 4-1, Blackrock 1-1.

The Feile na nGael blitz was a great success for Limerick Camogie with 12 Under 14 teams taking part in the competition.

Adare, Blackrock and Ahane were group winners with Granagh/Ballingarry coming through on goal difference as the fourth team for the semi-final pairings.

Adare played against Granagh/Ballingarry, this was a cracker of a match with Adare just pulling through scoring a goal in the final few seconds. The score was Adare 3-2, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-4.

Blackrock played against Ahane in the second semi-final. Ahane were first to score a goal but Blackrock proved to be too strong for them on the day and finally won with a score of Blackrock 5-1, Ahane 1-1.

Other exciting games during the course of the day were Patrickswell v Bruff. Result a draw, Killeedy 0-2, Knockaderry 0-0, Murroe/Boher 1-0, Bruff 0-3, Croagh/Kilfinny v Na Piersaigh 1 point each and Newcastlewest 2-1, Croagh/Kilfinny 0-0.

The skills competition was played at 2pm, this proved to be an interesting affair with young Aoife Sheehan Granagh/Ballingarry winning with a score of 67 points.

Adare U/14 team and

Aoife Sheehan will now travel to Wexford at the end of the month to represent Limerick at the Feile na nGael All Ireland finals.

Results: U/12 League: Feenagh/Killeedy 2-0 Bruff 1-1, Murroe/Boher 4-0 Adare 0-1

Croagh/Kilfinny 2-0 Patrickswell 0-0 Patrickswell 9-1 Knockaderry 1-2 Blackrock 5-1 Bruff 2-0 Ballyagran 5-3 Blackrock 2-0

U/14 league: Granagh/Ballingarry 3-3 Blackrock 2-2 Patrickswell 6-0 Kilmallock 1-0 Blackrock 7-2 Killeedy 0-0

Fixtures: U/12 Thursday June 4. Murroe Boher v Na Piersaigh Galbally v Feenagh/Killeedy Blackrock v Adare Ballyagran v Bruff Croagh/Kilfinny v Adare Crecora v Killeedy Knockaderry v Newcastlewest Granagh/Ballingarry v Patrickswell Abbey Sarsfields v St. Patricks.