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Exciting Times Ahead in the Championships

By P. J. Fulham

The All-Ireland camogie finals day in Croke Park, which is usually the third Sunday in September, will be the first Sunday in September this year. This is as a result of alterations in the G.A.A. calendar of inter-county events.

The Open Draw for this year's Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship is one of great interest. Eight counties will take part—Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford, Armagh, Clare, Dublin and Limerick.

In the opening round Wexford, All-Ireland finalists in 1993, will have a home venue against newcomers to the senior ranks, Limerick.

Galway, who won the title last year for the first time, would appear to have an easy passage in their opening encounter against Armagh in Armagh.

Kilkenny look set to make it to the semi-finals when they host Dublin, while last year's runners-up, Cork, have Clare as visitors.

In the semi-finals Galway or Armagh will meet Kilkenny or Dublin. A clash against Kilkenny would certainly prove a big test for the champions.

Cork or Clare will face Wexford or Limerick. Cork will be hoping to get back on the winning trail but will be without goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, who was married recently and intends to stand down from the inter-county scene. Paula Goggin and Theresa O'Callaghan, last year's captain, have also decided to end their inter-county careers.

The loss of these prominent players will prove a major set-back to Cork. However, trainer Tom Nott and selectors Angela Sheehan and Rose Mackey may well talk these players into staying on with the hopes of the O'Duffy Cup returning to the Banks of the Lee.

The 1997 All-Ireland Intermediate championship is sure to produce good fare. Eight teams will take part: Down, Dublin, Tipperary, Galway, Cork, Armagh, Clare and the reigning champions Limerick.

This will be Cork's first time to compete in the championship. They gained entry by winning the All-Ireland junior championship. Down were the first county to be graded intermediate and are last year's beaten finalists.

The first round draw with the first named team having home advantage is:

Down v Galway, Dublin v Armagh, Limerick v Clare, Cork v Tipperary.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The National Senior League will get under way on March 2 and the Junior League will resume on the same day.

All-Ireland intermediate champions Limerick will make their debut in the Senior League and have a home game against Clare. The Banner County are a strong squad but Limerick may continue to ride the crest of the wave and secure the points.

Cork have a home game against Tipperary in the opening round and Galway will travel to meet Dublin. The All-Ireland champions will be strongly fancied to make a winning start.

Two Ulster counties will be in opposition when Armagh have Down as visitors. The Mourne County girls will be hard to defeat.

The March 2 fixtures in the Junior League are: Cavan v Roscommon, Cork v Tipperary, Armagh v Down, Dublin v Kildare. The first named team has home advantage.

CORK CONVENTION

At the Cork County Convention at Shandon Court there was no change in personnel.

The following officers were returned unopposed:

President: Mary Moran, Chairperson: Shiela Golden, Vice-Chairperson: Marion McCarthy, Secretary: Tracey Sheehan, Treasurer: Kay Dunne, Registrar: Lily O'Sullivan, P.R.O.: Mary Newman-McCarthy.

There was also no change in personnel at the Galway Convention in Loughrea. The following are the officers for 1997:

Chairman: Michael Kennedy, Vice-Chairman: Des Coen, Secretary: Carmel Gilligan, Treasurer: Donal Burke, Registrar: Martin O'Dhuill, P.R.O.: Colette Walshe.

Tipperary Convention was held in Sarsfields and the following officers were elected: Chairperson: Padraig Mulling, Vice-Chairperson: Bernie O'Dowd, Secretary: Marion Collins, Treasurer/Registrar: Biddy Phillips, P.R.O.: Shiela Delaney.



Cork... All-Ireland Bord Na Gaeilge Senior Championship Runners-Up in 1996 who may be short some of that side this year.

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CONVENTION TIME AROUND THE COUNTRY

The Leinster Convention takes place on Saturday January 25th in Aras Laighean, Portlaoise commencing at 1.30pm. Secretary Mairin Fulham in her report deals with all the happenings in the province during the last year. She congratulates the winners of the various competitions and compliments the delegates for their good attendance at meetings throughout the year. She highlights problems with fielding teams in Gael Linn Inter-Provincial competitions and hopes that Convention will come up with a solution.

All outgoing officers will be returned unopposed. A new Registrar will be elected due to the death of long serving Officer Sophia Brack last year.

The Ulster Convention takes place on Sunday January 26th at the Rural College, Draperstown at 1.30pm. The Munster Convention also takes place on the same day in the Annagh Hotel, Thurles.

Wicklow held a very successful Convention in Lawless's Hotel recently. Secretary Billy Cullen in his report states that he is very pleased with the steady progress in the county. A new club registered last year, bringing the total to twelve and there is a strong possibility of two more affiliating this year. Underage competitions seem to be dominated by two clubs who devided most of the laurals. The Secretary suggests amalgamation of some clubs in an attempt to counteract this. Participation at overage grades has increased at a slower rate. The fact that no team dominated any of the adult competition is a good indicator of the level of competition and dedication this year, and the senior championship rests in new hands after almost 15 years.

The county fielded in all grades at inter-county level. The minors reached the Leinster Roinn B final and it appears that Wicklow's hopes of future success lies with these players. The following Officers were elected: Presidents - Rosie Byrne, Mairead Kavanagh, Hugh Rafferty. Vice-Presidents - Molly Hollingsworth,

Anne Le Grue.
Chairperson - Kathy O'Toole.
Donard.
Vice-Chair - Breda Byrne.
Ballinacor.
Secretary - Billy Cullen.
Glencally.
Treasurer - Mary Byrne, Aughrim.
Registrar - Mary Mills, Donar.
PRO - Breda Walshe, Dunlavin.

Laois held a very successful convention in Mountharath. Secretary John Dunphy reports that nine clubs affiliated an increase of two. The county organise competitions for all grades and take part in all Leinster competitions. The minors won the inaugural Leinster Roinn B Championship and the juniors won the Leinster League after a replay with Meath. The secretary has high hopes for this year if the county can keep those teams together.

The following officers were returned unopposed. Chairperson - Kathleen Fairbrother, Camross. Vice-Chair - Teresa Keenan, Camross. Secretary - Joan Dunphy, Camross. Treasurer and PRO - Michael McLoughlin, Mountmellick.

Offaly Convention was held in the County Arms Hotel, Birr. Secretary Deirdre Cahill reports that seven clubs registered. Competitions were keenly contested and honours were distributed among all clubs. She feels the level of camogie within the county has improved greatly. The county entered all grades at inter-county level and won the Under 14 Roinn B Championship. The juniors were beaten by Carlow after extra time in the Leinster Championship semi-final. The following officers were elected for 1997: Chairperson - Caroline McCarthy, Drumcullen. Vice-Chair - Miriam O'Callaghan, Tullamore. Secretary - Deirdre Cahill, Birr. Treasurer - Eileen Bergin, Kinnitty.

Registrar - Mary Murray, Drumcullen.
PRO - Molly Guinan, Drumcullen.

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There was also no changes in personal when All-Ireland champions Galway held their Convention. The following are the Officers for 1997: Chairman - Michael Kennedy, Pearses. Vice-Chair - Des Coen, Athenry. Secretary - Carmel Gilligan, Craughwell. Treasurer - Donal Burke, Shamrocks. Registrar - Martin O'Dhuill, Cois Farrige. PRO - Colette Walshe, Pearses.

Tipperary held their Convention in Sarsfields. The following Officers were elected: Chairman - Padraig Mulling. Vice-Chair - Bernie O'Dowd. Secretary - Marion Graham. Treasurer/Registrar - Biddy Phillips. PRO - Shiela Delaney.

COLLEGE FIXTURES

Saturday January 25th:

Ulster Senior Semi-Final

Sacred Heart, Newry v St Catherines, Armagh

Ulster Junior Semi-Finals

St Patrick's, Maghera v St Patrick's, Keady

St Mary's Newry v St Olcans, Randalstown.

Camogie moves up to senior grade

THE Carrigdhoun Camogie Association held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday last when another very successful year was reviewed.

The Meeting decided that Carrigdhoun would enter a team in this year's Cork County Senior Camogie Championship.

This will be the first time that Carrigdhoun will be represented in this Championship and we wish the team the very best of success.

Appointed to look after the fortunes of this team are Mrs. Teresa Murphy (Courcy Rovers), Des O'Connell (Carrigaline) and Gerard Crowley (Valley Rovers).

The Meeting also saw the retirement of Marion Fleming as Secretary of the Association after three years of sterling service. The Meeting was unable to elect a replacement so this will be discussed again at the next meeting on Wednesday, January 30.

Officers elected were: Chairperson - Mary Bugler (Valley Rovers); Vice-Chairperson - Kay Fitzgerald (Carrigaline); Assistant Secretary - Patricia Madden (Sliabh Rua); Hon. Treasurer - Mary Hurley (Ballygarvan); Assistant Hon. Treasurer - Patsy Downing (Courcy Rovers); P.R.O. - Noreen Quinn (Courcy Rovers).

Costine set to bow out

THE Cork county senior side may be without the services of their goalie Kathleen Costine for the coming year.

Costine, who was married recently, intends to stand down from the intercounty scene as does Paula Goggins and last year's captain Therese O'Callaghan.

The county's famous Glen Rovers club lost two valuable club and county players when Lyn and Stephanie Dunlea decided to return to their own parish club Cloughduv.

Newtown camogie

THE AGM of the Newtownshandrum Camogie Club took place on Monday night last. There was a large attendance present. The following were elected for the coming year: Chairperson - Siobhan Bowles; Vice-Chairperson: Frances Cronins; Secretary: Eileen Noonan; Treasurer: Geraldine Cotter; PRO: Kim Hickey.

Glen girls plan major celebration

ON Friday, February 28, Glen Rovers Camogie Club will hold a victory night at their club on the Ballincollie road when they present their senior county championship and junior league winning teams with their medals.

By Mike English

The night is a night of extra celebration as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of the refounding of a camogie club in Glen Rovers. In the early 30s a camogie team existed in the club, however it lapsed for a number of years but in 1947 Chrissie O'Donovan now Mrs Chrissie Wilson reformed the club. Little did she think that in three short years the girls would bring the first senior county championship title to the Glen when in 1950 the Science Cup was proudly held aloft by Siobhán O'Brien. The club went from strength to strength winning a grand total of 22 senior titles to date, four All Ireland club, eight Munster club, plus Intermediate,

Junior, U18, U16 and All Ireland seven's titles. In the years 1962 to 1968 the club won a record seven in a row Cork senior county championship titles. This record stood until

last year when the winning of the county title emulated the club's record. It was a very proud Linda Mellerick who once again for the 22nd time in their history accepted the Science cup from Sile Golden, Cathaoirleach Cork Camogie Board.

The celebration on Friday 22 is not confined to present day players as the club

particularly hopes to see many players who have played down through the years in attendance. As tickets are limited it's advisable to get them immediately, they are available any night at the club pavilion. It promises to be a great night when the Glen girls celebrate what has been a remarkable 50 years.

Glen Camogie's Golden jubilee

GLEN ROVERS Camogie Club will hold a big celebration on Friday, February 28 at their club in Ballincollie Road.

The club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with plenty accolades to boast about. Since the formation of the club in 1947, members have been presented with 22 Cork County Senior Championship Titles, eight Munster and four All-Ireland club titles plus Intermediate, Junior, Under 18 and Under 16 Championship wins.

In 1992 Glen Rovers had the honour of having their first All-Ireland winning captain when Sandy Fitzgibbon led the Cork Seniors to Victory over Kilkenny, a feat repeated in '93 and '95 by Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin.

The winning of the Senior County in 1996 was particularly significant as it equalled the club's record of



Sandy Fitzgibbon

seven in a row achieved from 1962. To add to this, the club's junior side added the league title in 1996, thus offering even more reasons to uncork the champagne.

Tickets are limited for this month's celebratory night so book now. There will be a buffet meal and cabaret so a great night is assured.

Coachford win derby game

Coachford College 3-4
St. Marys, Macroom 2-1

IN the Cork Colleges Senior Camogie Championship semi-final played at Coachford on Friday last, both Muskerry schools provided the supporters with a passionate and closely fought encounter. Coachford, who lost the services of the injured Marjorie and Mairéad Twomey and Abby Lehané before the match, began in enthusiastic form with Sinéad A. Buckley scoring the first point of the game. Macroom replied immediately when Catherine Corkery supplied Hilda Dunlea with vital possession to equalise. Deirdre Healy and Ciara Cronin were hurling well but to counter this, Cork Minors Siobhán O'Leary, Sinéad C. Buckley and Louise Murphy were in top form for Coachford. Louise Murphy scored two points before Maria Noonan goaled to put five points between the teams. Deirdre Twomey, a flu victim during the week before the game had to be substituted and Macroom immediately goaled through Deirdre Healy who gave Susan Cooney no chance. Deirdre O'Sullivan began to win possession for St. Mary's and set up Claire O'Donoghue for a goal just on half time. Coachford, with Cork players such as O'Leary, Murphy, Buckley, Ronan and Noonan found themselves a point behind but kept Macroom scoreless for the second half. Siobhán O'Leary, the Coachford Captain was irrepressible at full back and with Siobhán Buckley, Anne and Mary Ennaguess beginning to make an impact the home team put scores on the board thanks to the accuracy of Louise Murphy.

Sheila Crowley provided Murphy with her first goal and she bravely scored a second when pressurising Cronin on the goal line. Murphy added her third point to put two goals between the sides. Macroom squandered various scoring chances for the final five minute but Coachford, who sensed victory, defended resolutely with Chris Murphy, the Buckleys and Cooney playing a major deterring role to ensure victory for the College which has five other teams participating at various grades in Colleges camogie. Referee Carmel O'Donovan stated afterwards that it was a typical colleges derby match with both teams extremely competitive and Coachford whose Junior side had convincingly beaten St. Mary's in November, appearing to be in the ascendancy in recent years.

Macroom's best players included Una O'Donoghue, Catherine Corkery, Deirdre Healy and Hilda Dunlea whilst Siobhán O'Leary, Sinéad Buckley, Linda Ronan and the Ennaguess sisters greatly assisted player of the match Louise Murphy for Coachford. The final against St. Pats, Mayfield is scheduled in two weeks time.
Macroom: S. Corkery, E. Lenihan, C. Cronin, Y. Corkery, D. Healy, C. Corkery, H. Dunlea, C. McSullivan, D. O'Sullivan, U. O'Donoghue, C. O'Donoghue, A. Buckley.
Coachford: S. Looney, S. Buckley, S. O'Leary, D. Twomey, S.C. Buckley, M. Ennaguess, L. Ronan, P. Murphy, S.A. Buckley, S. Crowley, M. Noonan, L. Murphy. Subs: C. Murphy, A. Ennaguess, B. O'Regan, M. Browne, C. Sheehan, A. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary.

CAMOGIE EVENTS 1997

25 May	JUNIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL
08 JUNE	SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL
15 June	GAEL LINN SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS Laighin v Ulaidh - Sóisear agus Sinsear Mumha v Connachta - Sóisear agus Sinsear
20/21/22 June 20 July	FÉILE NA NGAEL - Portláirge ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL Mumha v Laighin
27 July	ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL Connachta v Ulaidh ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL London v Ulaidh
10 August	ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS
17 August	ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL
24 August	ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS
07 September	ALL-IRELAND SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS Páirc An Chrócaigh
21 September	ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL London v Mumha
02 November	ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS Ulaidh v Connachta Laighin v London/Mumha
23 November	ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

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MUNSTER POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAMOCIE

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Saturday, 1st February, 1997

At Whitegate, Co. Clare @ 2 p.m.

SCARIFF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

V

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Referee: Celine Doody

MUNSTER SCHOOLS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

1968 St. Aloysius, Cork
1969 St. Aloysius, Cork
1970 St. Aloysius, Cork
1971 St. Aloysius, Cork
1972 St. Aloysius, Cork
1973 Mount Mercy, Cork
1974 Rosary Hill, Castleconnell
1975 Rosary Hill, Castleconnell
1976 St. Aloysius, Cork
1977 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel
1978 St. Patrick's Comprehensive, Shannon
1979 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel
1980 North Presentation, Cork
1981 St. Patrick's, Cork
1982 St. Patrick's Comprehensive, Shannon
1983 St. Patrick's, Cork
1984 North Presentation, Cork
1985 St. Patrick's, Cork
1986 St. Patrick's, Cork
1987 St. Mary's, Charleville
1988 St. Mary's, Charleville
1989 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel
1990 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel
1991 St. Mary's, Middleton
1992 St. Patrick's, Cork
1993 St. Mary's, Charleville
1994 St. Mary's, Nenagh
1995 St. Mary's, Charleville
1996 St. Mary's, Charleville

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ALL-IRELAND SCHOOLS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

St. Aloysius, Cork 1976
Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 1977, 1979
North Presentation, Cork 1980
St. Patrick's, Cork 1981
St. Patrick's Compre. Shannon 1982
St. Mary's, Nenagh 1994
St. Mary's, Charleville 1996

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

1. Lisa Moloney (Bruff)
2. Laura Leslie (Granagh-Ballingarry)
3. Marie O'Brien (Granagh-Ballingarry)
4. Muireann Harrington (Newtownshandrum)
5. Katie O'Shea (Ballyagran)
6. Jean Cullinane (Granagh-Ballingarry)
7. Vera Sheehan (Granagh-Ballingarry) Captain
8. Sharon O'Kelly (Croagh-Kilfinny)
9. Angela Sheehy (Ballyagran)
10. Sinead O'Callaghan (Ballyagran)
11. Eileen O'Brien (Granagh-Ballingarry)
12. Caoimhe Harrington (Newtownshandrum)

- Subs:
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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 13 Pauline Lynch | 14 Cora Manton |
| 15 Caroline Giltinane | 16 Claire Walsh |
| 17 Jordana Dolan | 18 Claire Lenihan |
| 19 Sara Reidy | 20 Georgina Prawley |
| 21 Niamh Bowles | 22 Brid Keane |

Colours: Navy and Blue

Team Mentors: Vincent Harrington

Ann-Marie O'Keefe

Fr. Tim Hazelwood

SCARIFF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Colours: Blue and White

1. Fiona Ryan (Bodyke)
2. Moira Burke (Whitegate)
3. Sinead Treacy (Whitegate)
4. Fiona Myles (Scariff)
5. Claire McGrath (O'Callaghan Mills)
6. Claire Akers (Bodyke)
7. Michelle McNamara ((Bodyke)
8. Aoife O'Connell (Bodyke)
9. Moira Sheedy (Ogonelloe)
10. Geraldine Counihan (Bodyke)
11. Erica Minogue (Whitegate)
12. Liza Byerley (Whitegate)

Subs:

13. Carol Naughton (Feakle)
14. Niamh Guilfoyle (Feakle)
15. Marcella O'Neill (Killanena)
16. Celine Moloney (Feakle)
17. Anne Marie Carey (Bodyke)
18. Anne Marie O'Brien (Ogonelloe)
19. Maeve Flannery (Whitegate)
20. Celine Forde (Ogonelloe)

Team Mentors: Jack Treacy (Manager)
Marie Kenneally (Trainer)
Caroline Dillon
Karol O'Connell

Scariff Aim For A Munster First

Scariff Community College will be hoping to hit the sporting headlines this week-end when they line out in the Munster Colleges senior camogie final at Whitegate at 2pm.

Despite having home advantage for Saturday's game, the Scariff girls face a formidable challenge and will have their work cut out as they try to topple the reigning provincial and All-Ireland champions, St. Mary's of Charleville.

Scariff will be hoping to turn the tables on their Cork opponents and gain sweet revenge because when the East Clare girls last made their one and only Munster final appearance they were humbled and left to taste the bitter pill of defeat by St. Mary's.

En route to the decider, Scariff, who are coached by Jacko Treacy and fellow selector Marie Kenneally, defeated Cashel Community School by 1-4 to 1-1 and then Presentation College, Bandon by 4-9 to 0-2 in the semi-final.

Team captain Erika Minogue from Whitegate has been inspirational all through and two members of the Bodyke team who won this year's Clare senior championship, Michelle McNamara and Aoife O'Connell, are vital players also.

In fact, the vast majority of the Scariff team come from the Whitegate and Bodyke clubs and they have put in an exceptional effort on the training field in the past few months in the hope of claiming that prized trophy.

Other players of note are Fiona Ryan, Sinead Treacy, Claire McGrath, Claire Akers, Geraldine Counihan, Lisa Byerley, Moira Sheedy, Moira Burke and Fiona Myles.

Scariff will have six of last

year's Clare minor camogie squad at their disposal and one thing is for certain they will not be found wanting in terms of courage, commitment and skill.

They have won two Munster junior titles already in the 90's and crave for success at senior level.

On the other hand, St. Mary's are a very formidable side and include a number of players from the West Limerick club of Granagh/Ballingarry who won this year's Munster Club title.

In addition, they have players who featured on the Limerick intermediate camogie team who were coached to All-Ireland success last September by former Offaly boss, Eamonn Cregan.

Scariff readily admit that they have their hands full but they are convinced that they are more than capable of upsetting the odds.

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MUNSTER SENIOR COLLEGES FINAL

On Saturday next the Munster Senior Colleges final takes place at Scariff at 2pm. St Mary's Charleville, Cork the holders and All-Ireland senior champions take on Scariff Community College, Clare. Charleville had a bye in the first round, defeated Our Lady's Templemore 6-17 to 1-9 and St Mary's Nenagh 1-10 to 0-1. They have lost Marie Foley, Deirdre Sheehan and Breda O'Brien from their All-Ireland team but still have outstanding players in Vera Sheehan (Capt), Eileen O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Sinead O'Callaghan, Laura Leslie, Caoimhe Harrington and Katie O'Shea.

Scariff Community overcame Cashel Community and Presentation, Bandon

to qualify for the final. They will look to Michelle McNamara, Sinead Treacy Erica Minogue, Aoife O'Connell, Claire Akers, Claire McGrath and Moira Burke to keep their flag flying, but they will be really up against it. St Mary's should hold on to their title. Ulster senior Colleges champions St Mary's, Magherafelt had to settle for a draw when St Patrick's, Maghera put in a great second half display in their semi-final tie. At the end of the first half St Mary's had coasted into a 2-4 to 0-4 scoreline.

Two great second half goals by St Patrick's Claire Doherty and Aileen Tohill put them all square at 2-6 each at the final whistle.

Scorers: St Mary's: Eilis O'Neill 1-6 (all frees), Triona McAteer 1-0. St Patrick's: Shauna McCaul 0-4, Claire Doherty Aileen Tohill 1-0 each, Claire McNicholl and Paula McAtamney 0-1 each.

Kildare held a very successful Convention recently. The Chairperson and acting Secretary Mary McMullen in her report states that she was very satisfied with the progress of Camogie within the county and that all competitions were finished on time. The highlight of the year was the county reaching the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final for the second year in succession and she hopes that 1997 will be third time lucky. The county under 14 team also went to the Leinster final for the second year back to back but failed to collect honours.

A secretary had to be elected and former Secretary Melanie Treacy filled the post. There is also a new PRO The officers are as follows:

Chairperson: Mary McMullen, Vice Chair: Helena O'Driscoll, Secretary: Melane Treacy, Treasurer: Margaret Murray, Registrar: Loretto Shinnors, PRO: Kate Treacy. Delegates to Leinster Council Mary McMullen and Margaret Murray.

St Marys begin defence of All Ireland title

THE Camogie players of St Mary's School, Charleville began the defence of their All-Ireland senior schools championship when they travelled to Whitegate, Co Clare on Saturday to take on local opposition in Scariff Community School.

In the event the North Cork girls had a facile victory running out easy winners on a 3-14 to 0-1 scoreline.

The St Mary's side completely dominated the game from the throw-in and Sinead O'Callaghan opened the scoring with a point after three minutes. Eileen O'Brien tacked on further points in the fifth, ninth and 11th minutes.

From the puck out Sinead O'Callaghan gathered the ball and parted to Vera Sheehan who rattled the Scariff net to score her side's first goal to give Charleville a 1-4 to no score lead after 12 minutes.

Sinead O'Callaghan increased their lead with a point and at this stage the game was reduced to a puck around for the Cork girls and this was typified

by a passage of play involving Angela Sheehy, Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien and Vera Sheehan who finished the move to the Scariff net for her second goal.

Points from Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien (from a free) completed the scoring for the first period to leave the half time score 2-7 to no score for the hapless Clare girls.

On the resumption Scariff got their point and only score of the game after three minutes but then the Charleville scoring machine took over again.

Scores from Vera Sheehan (1-3), Sinead O'Callaghan (0-1), Jean Cullinane (0-1), Eileen O'Brien (0-1) and Angela Sheehy (0-1) saw St Mary's taking the honours without difficulty.

The St Mary's team was: Lisa Moloney, Maria O'Brien, L. Leslie, Katie O'Shea, Muireann Harrington, Caoimhe Harrington, Sharon O'Kelly, Jean Cullinane, Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Angela Sheehy.

Charleville girls put their camogie title on the line

ALL-IRELAND senior schools camogie champions, St. Mary's Convent Charleville, put their title on the line when they make the long journey to Whitegate tomorrow to take on Scariff Community School in the Munster final. (2 p.m.).

The North Cork side are chasing their sixth National since 1986, and with nine of last year's winning side available, have high hopes of achieving what would be their third provincial title in a row.

St. Marys, who draw their players from both sides of the Cork/Limerick border, will field a very experienced side. Defeated All-Ireland club finalists Granagh provide five players in Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Eileen O'Brien and captain Vera Sheehan.

The defending champions have already accounted for Templemore and arch rivals Nenagh. This will be Scariff's second appearance in the final.



Miriam O'Callaghan, who received the Offaly All-Star Camogie Award.

In Offaly camogie is always included in the annual Sports Awards. This year the organisers made an excellent choice in selecting Miriam O'Callaghan from the Tullamore club as the recipient. Miriam has been to the forefront in Offaly camogie over a long number of years and has given unselfishly of her valuable time both on and off the field to her club Tullamore and the county. She is a very dedicated Officer and served for many years as County Chairperson and is also currently Vice-Chairperson of the Leinster Council. A well respected Inter-County referee, she has taken charge of two All-Ireland senior championship finals.

Her tireless work in promoting the game both in her own club and throughout the county shows her true dedication. Under her guidance Tullamore club has improved immensely because of her work with the underage players whom she personally coaches. Due to her help and encouragement two new clubs have been formed in the county over the last few months. Miriam is indeed a very worthy choice and all camogie followers wish her heartiest congratulations.

MUNSTER POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAMOGIE FINAL RAMPANT CHARLEVILLE OUTCLASS SCARIFF C.C.

By Dan Danaher

St. Marys, Charleville.....3-14
Scariff Community College.....0-1

It was all so embarrassing for Scariff Community College as St. Marys regained their Munster crown thanks to their first half scoring spree which saw them register 2-7 without reply. Nothing went right for the Clare champions and although even they wouldn't quibble with the final result, this 21 point hammering didn't do justice to their battling efforts.

The final scoreline certainly didn't reflect all of Scariff Community College's great enterprise and endeavour and they were unlucky to meet a team which is very much in the ascendancy after last year's success.

Even when they played against the wind in the first half, Scariff managed to win possession but they just weren't able to string a few moves together to translate this onto the scoreboard. It took Scariff CC 27 minutes to open their account and their failure to score from play plus the rest of the proceedings illustrated clearly their lack of penetration up front.

Hopes that this Munster Post Primary Schools Camogie decider would be an entertaining contest proved misplaced as the visitors dominated matters throughout the proceedings. Scariff Community College entered this contest all fired up to erase bitter memories of a heavy defeat at the hands of the same opposition four years ago when they met at the corresponding stage.

With much smaller resources at their disposal, Scariff CC just couldn't cope with all the strength, skill and guile of

their opponents. Five of the St. Marys team featured with the Granagh/Ballingarry team which lost last year's All Ireland Senior Club Camogie Final and it showed.

Fielding a number of Limerick Camogie players, St. Marys were far more experienced and this was reflected in their understanding and team work which was in a different league to their opponents.

Scariff CC weren't able to curb the opportunism of Vera Sheehan who notched an impressive tally of 3-3. Marie O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan, Sinead O'Callaghan and Eileen O'Brien also shone for the winners.

St. Marys registered nine of the eleven wides in the opening half which indicates how much possession they won during this period. Scariff in sharp contrast had just one wide which came ten minutes before the finish.

Before the throw in, a minute's silence was observed for the late Johnny Moloney, Scariff. The pitch was in immaculate condition and as the game wore on the attendance swelled to over 600 patrons.

St. Marys won the toss and

elected to play with the strong breeze. If Scariff had wind advantage in the opening half things might not have gone so horribly wrong and a few early scores would have boosted their confidence considerably.

Instead, the visitors raced into an early lead. Just thirty seconds had elapsed when Sinead O'Callaghan burst through the Scariff CC defence and split the posts from 30 yards. Three points on the trot from Eileen O'Brien left the reigning Munster title-holders 0-4 to nil in front after ten minutes.

A minute later the 1996 Limerick Camogie Player of the Year, Vera Sheehan struck for a crucial goal. She collected a long delivery after a puck out, rounded Moira Burke and slipped the sliothar past a hapless Scariff CC custodian Fiona Ryan. When Sinead O'Callaghan followed up with a point from play, things looked really grim for Scariff CC.

Vera Sheehan's second goal in the 15th minute really deflated Scariff CC and it signalled the end of their title hopes. With every break going against Scariff CC, defender Claire McGrath failed to connect properly with a free on the left wing. Angela Sheehy seized the opportunity and transferred to Sinead O'Callaghan who found the unmarked Vera Sheehan. She had the easiest of tasks of beating Fiona Ryan with a low drive.

Eileen O'Brien converted a free and Sinead O'Callaghan pointed from play which left St. Marys 13 points ahead at the interval. A minute before half time, Scariff CC were dealt another cruel blow when they had a goal disallowed. Erica Minogue floated a free from the right wing into the square, a few Scariff forwards ran in as Moira Sheehy won possession and blasted the sliothar to the net.

But after consulting with her umpires referee Celine Doody disallowed the goal. Although the goal would not have altered the final result it would have given Scariff more heart to face the second period.

Two minutes after the re-start the large Scariff contingent finally had something to cheer about when Erica Minogue sent a 40 yards free between the posts. But the reply from Charleville was instant. Straight from the puckout Jean Cullinane passed to Vera Sheehan who raised a white flag. The same player followed up with another point after a



Was it ballet or camogie for these players?

defence splitting move involving Angela Sheehy, Sinead O'Callaghan and Eileen O'Brien.

Players like Sinead Treacy, Claire McGrath, Claire Akers, Michelle McNamara and Erica Minogue tried very hard to inspire Scariff CC in the second half, but overall the home side couldn't match their opponents class and combination play.

The scores continued to mount as Sinead O'Callaghan found the target. Eileen O'Brien released Vera Sheehan who slipped the sliothar to the right of the advancing Fiona Ryan into the empty net, leaving St. Marys were 3-10 to 0-1 ahead after 36 minutes.

Shortly afterwards Liza Byerley made a good run and could have grabbed a goal but she over carried and was penalised.

Jean Cullinane scored her first point, Vera Sheehan kicked the sliothar between the posts and Angela Sheehy crowned St. Marys' facile victory with another minor before Sharon O'Kelly blazed wide from what was probably the easiest goal scoring chance of the afternoon.

Scorers: St. Marys, Charleville - Vera Sheehan 3-3, Eileen O'Brien (0-5 - three frees) Sinead O'Callaghan 0-4, Jean Cullinane and Angela Sheehy 0-1 each, Scariff - Erica Minogue 0-1 free.

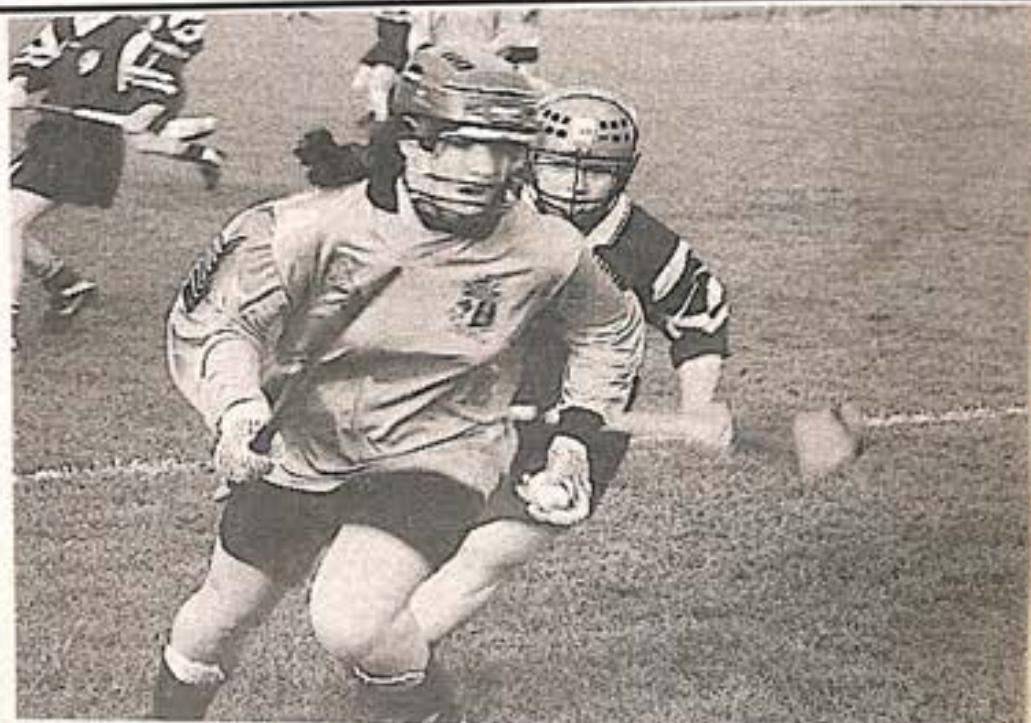
St. Marys, Charleville: Lisa Moloney, Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien, Muireann Harrington, Katie O'Shea, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan, Sharon O'Kelly, Angela Sheehy, Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien, Caoimhe Harrington. Sub: Pauline Lynch 44 mins for Eileen O'Brien.

Scariff Community College: Fiona Ryan (7), Moira Burke (6), Sinead Treacy (7), Fiona Myles (7), Claire McGrath (6), Claire Akers (7), Aoife O'Connell (6), Moira Sheehy (6), Geraldine Counihan (6), Erica Minogue (7), Liza Byerley (6).

Referee: Celine Doody.



A happy St. Mary's Captain, Vera Sheehan, pictured with the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship Cup. Photo by M. Hanley.



'True Grit' as displayed by this St. Mary's player during the Munster Final. Photo by M. Hanley.



MUNSTER CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

St. Mary's Secondary School camogie team who retained the Munster Colleges title at Whitegate on Saturday last. Front row: Angela Sheehy, Laura Leslie, Vera Sheehan (Captain), Muireann Harrington, Caoimhe Harrington, Eileen O'Brien. Back Row: Jean Cullinane, Sinead O'Callaghan, Marie O'Brien, Katie O'Shea, Sharon O'Kelly and Lisa Moloney.

Photo by M. Hanley.



HAPPINESS IS.....

Being a member of the successful St. Mary's Camogie team

Scariff prove no match for St Mary's

St Mary's, Charleville
Scariff Community College

3-14
0-1

DEFENDING Munster and All Ireland champions, St Mary's, scored an easy victory over Scariff in the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie final at Whitegate in East Clare on Saturday.

Inspired by outstanding captain Vera Sheehan who scored 3-3, the winners were always in control and led by 13 points at half time, 2-7 to 0-0. The Charleville side were superior in every sector,

displaying far too much skill for their Clare opponents. They had taken the lead inside 30 seconds of the throw-in and turned in some magnificent play on their way to this comfortable victory.

Scariff fought back in the second period but were just unable to match the overall balance and all round play of the winners. Team captain Erica Minogue accounted for her sides only score and others to play well for the losers were Moira Burke, Sinead Treacy, and Clare McGrath.

Vera Sheehan played a captain's part for the winners and she got excellent support from Eileen O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, and Angela Sheehy.

Scorers: Charleville: V. Sheehan 3-3, E. O'Brien 0-5, S. O'Callaghan 0-4, J. Cullinane, A. Sheehy, 0-1 each. Scariff: E. Minogue 0-1.
ST. MARY'S: L. Moloney, L. Leslie, M. O'Brien, M. Harrington, K. O'Shea, J. Cullinane, V. Sheehan, S. O'Kelly, A. Sheehy, S. O'Callaghan, E. O'Brien, C. Harrington.
SCARIFF: F. Ryan, M. Burke, S. Treacy, F. Myles, C. McGrath, C. Akers, M. McNamara, A. O'Connell, M. Sheedy, G. Counihan, E. Minogue, E. Byerley.
Referee: C. Doody, Limerick.

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Leinster Under 18 Competition To Begin This Year

An Under 18 competition is to be inaugurated in Leinster this year as a result of a motion passed at the Leinster Convention held in Aras Laighean, Portlaoise recently. The Convention was well attended with all counties represented. The problem of fielding a team in senior Gael Linn was discussed at length and because there were no nominations for senior selectors it was decided to ask the senior counties for nominations before the next meeting. Convention failed to elect a Registrar after all three nominees withdrew their names. Nomination forms will be sent out again in the hope of electing a Registrar at the February meeting.

Cathaoirleach Patricia Rafferty in her address stated that she was pleased with the promotion of the game in the province and reminded all that the millennium is not far away and all should work towards that historic year. She advocated all courses that are available to clubs and counties. She said that Leinster finals during the year were a real treat and well presented and thanked all host counties as well as her fellow officers for their support.

The Secretary's report gave lots of food for thought and was discussed for two and a half hours. There were also detailed reports from the Treasurer, Ard-Comhairle, PRO and Leinster Colleges. The following officers were returned unopposed:

Cathaoirleach:

Patricia Rafferty (Dublin)

Leas-Cathaoirleach:

Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly)

Runai:

Mairin Uí Fhulham (Westmeath)

Cisteoir: Marie Woods (Kildare)

PRO: P.J. Fulham (Westmeath)

Ard-Comhairle Delegate:

Phyllis Breslin (Dublin)

Junior Gael Linn Selectors:

Marie Woods (Kildare)

Brian McCormack (Westmeath)

Camillus King (Offaly)

Leinster Championship Draws

Junior champions Kildare get a bye in the first round and go on to meet Laois and should advance, where their main opposition will come from Wexford and Offaly. In senior, Dublin get a bye to the

final as they did last year, leaving Wexford having the holders, Kilkenny, on home ground in a semi-final tie.

Full Draw:

Senior semi-final:

Wexford v Kilkenny. Dublin a bye

Junior (A): Meath v Westmeath

(B) Carlow v Wicklow

(C) Wexford v Louth

Quarter-finals:

(D) Kilkenny v (A)

(E), (C) v Offaly

(F), (B) v Dublin

(G) Laois v Kildare

Semi-finals:

(G) v (D)

(F) v (E)

Minor - Roinn B

(A) Kildare v Offaly

(B) Carlow v Meath

(C) Laois v Louth

(D) Wicklow v Westmeath

Semi-finals:

(A) v (C)

(D) v (B)

Roinn A Semi-finals:

Dublin v Wexford

Roinn (B) winners v Kilkenny

Junior Club:

(A) Meath v Laois

(B) Wicklow v Carlow

(C) Kildare v Offaly

(D) Westmeath v Lough

Semi-finals:

(A) v (D) • (C) v (B)

Senior Club semi-finals

Wexford v Junior winners

Kilkenny v Dublin

The Under 14's is run in two divisions on a league basis.

Ulster Championship draws:

Down are drawn away to Armagh in defence of their title in the semi-final of the Senior Championship which is probably the most difficult tussle the Mourne girls could expect. In the other semi-final Derry are at home to Antrim. In Junior, Antrim seem to have a good draw in defence of their provincial title. Although they are away to Tyrone, who are proving to be a formidable force, in the quarter-final.

However, they will avoid the main opposition: Derry, Cavan and Down who are in the other half of the draw.

Full Draw:

Senior semi-finals:

Derry v Antrim

Armagh v Down

Junior - Preliminary Round:

(1) Armagh v Fermanagh

Quarter-finals

(A) Derry v Cavan

(E) Monaghan v Down

(C) Tyrone v Antrim

(D) Donegal v (1)

Semi-finals

A v B

C v D

Under 18 Preliminary

(1) Monaghan v Antrim

Quarter-finals:

(A) Cavan v Tyrone

(B) Down v Fermanagh

(C) Donegal v Armagh

(D) Derry v (1)

Semi-finals:

A v B

C v D

St. Mary's Charleville, Cork coasted to victory over Scariff Community College, Clare to retain their title in this Munster Senior Colleges final played at Scariff. The winners led 2-7 to 0-1 at the break. Final score: St. Mary's 3-14, Scariff 0-1. Scorers: St. Mary's: Vera Sheehan 3-3, Eileen O'Brien 0-5, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-4, Jean Cullinane and Angela Sheehy 0-1 each. Scariff: Erica Minogue 0-1.

Referee: Celine Doody (Limerick)

Purcell Cup quarter-final results:

Queens Belfast 10-10, Tralee 3-0

Scorers: Queens: Jennifer Branniff 2-6, Elaine Dowds 2-3, Carmel Darcy 3-0, Donna McCusker 1-1, June McNicholl 1-0. U.U. Coleraine 5-5, Carlow RTC 0-4.

UUC Scorers: Bronagh Lavery 2-0, Sinead McKervey 1-2, Joanne Crummy and Roisin McKevitt 1-0 each, Michelle Kealey 0-3.

The semi-finals and finals of the Purcell Cup and Shield will be hosted by Carlow RTC on Saturday and Sunday, February 15th and 16th. Cup semi-finals: QUB v Mary I, Limerick

UUC v DCU/TCD.

Shield semi-finals:

Tralee v Carlow

St. Mary's Belfast v DCU/TCD.

The National Referees Committee are conducting a national referees seminar on Saturday, February 15th in Croke Park for all inter-county referees. It is hoped that all referees will attend for what promises to be a very enjoyable and worthwhile seminar.

Corn Eimhear - Ulster Junior Championship.

Scoil Mhuire, Iúr Cinn Trá

1. Cláir Ní hAogáin (O'Hagan)
2. Seona Nic Aoidh (McKay)
3. Siobhán Ní Choillte (Woods)
4. Cáitríona Nig Uiginn (McGuigan)
5. Pádraigín Ní hÉimhrín (Havren)
6. Siobhán de Búrca (Burke)
7. Michilín Ní Mhurchú (Murphy)
8. Sandra Ní hÉimhrín (Havren)
9. Éilís Ní Choinn (Quinn)
10. Éamma Ní hÉithir (O'Hare)
11. Corrina Ní Chonluain (Conlon)
12. C. Nic Cathmhaoil (Campbell)

IONADAITHE :

13. L. Nic Giolla Chearra (Carr)
14. Léan Pholóc (Pollock)
15. Cáilín Ní Dhubhthaigh (Duffy)

'Siad na captaein ná
Michelle Murphy (Naomh Muire)
Claire McCorry (Naomh Pádraig)

Coláiste Phádraig Machaire Rátha

1. Cláir Nic Comhraí (McCorry)
2. Ailín Nic Eocháin (McGuckin)
3. Máire Ní Scolláin (Scullion)
4. P. Nic an tSiompánaigh (McAtamney)
5. Aine Ní Bhrolacháin (Bradley)
6. Cláir Ní Leogáin (Lagan)
7. Póla Nic Cionnaith (McKenna)
8. Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh (Kelly)
9. Póla Nic Dhunshléibhe (McCloy)
10. Moncha Ní Chatháin (O'Kane)
11. Sinéad Ní Cheallaigh (Kelly)
12. Orla Nic Niocaill (McNicholl)

IONADAITHE :

13. Rós Ní Bhroacháin (Bradley)
14. Cearúl-Aine Ní Loinsigh (Lynch)
15. Una Ní Mhaoláin (Mullan)
16. Léan Ní Dhúgáin (Dogan)
17. Ciara Ní Bhaoill (Boyle)
18. Bríd Nic Niocaill (McNicholl)
19. Orla Nic Eocháin (McGuckin)
20. Sórcha Nic Oscair (McCusker)

An raibh a fhios agat ?

The St. Mary's side is composed of 13 players from the Ballyholland club. Substitutes Louise Carr and Elaine Pollock are members of the Shamrocks club. Ballyholland have won a number of under-age Down titles in recent years. Paula McAtamney played centre-back for the St. Patrick's Senior side this year, and also played in last year's Senior final at midfield. She has already won Ulster Minor League and Championship medals in 1995. St. Patrick's have won **FIVE** Junior titles to date (1981, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991), and appeared in the All-Ireland finals of 1990 and 1991. St. Mary's are appearing in a first ever final. The last side to win the title in their first final appearance was St. Mary's, Magherafelt (1992). They were beaten for the first time since then by St. Patrick's before Christmas. The only Newry School to win the Junior title is Sacred Heart (1959 and 1962-4). So, St. Mary's are attempting to bring back Corn Eimhear after a gap of 33 years.

Dé Sathairn 8ú Feabhra 1997.
Junior 12.30 p.m. Senior 2.00 p.m.

Coiste Uladh na nIarbhunscoileanna

Corn Uan Uladh Ulster Senior Championship.

Scoil Naomh Muire
Machaire Fíolta

v.

Scoil an Chroí RóNaofa
Iúr Cinn Trá

Réiteoir : Cáitríona Mhic Alastair (Aontroim)

Corn Eimhear Ulster Junior Championship.

Ardscóil Mhuire
Iúr Cinn Trá

v.

Coláiste Naomh Pádraig
Machaire Rátha

Réiteoir : Orlagh Ní Mhurchú (Ard Mhacha)

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Scoil Naomh Muire, Machaire Fíolta

1. Cláir Ní Chatháin (Clare O'Kane). Aois 17. *An Seanmhuillach*.
3 Ulster Colleges' medals. Derry Minor League medal.
2. Martina Nic Eochaigín (Martina McGuckin). Aois 16. *Baile an Doire*.
2 Ulster Junior Colleges' Medals. 1 All-Ireland Junior medal.
3. Orla Ní Dhonnafle (Orla Donnelly). Aois 17. *Port Chluain Eoghain*.
7 Ulster Colleges' Medals. 1 Ulster U-18 Championship.
4. Orla Ní Fhirbhisigh (Orla Forbes). Aois 17. *Ard Bó*.
8 Ulster Colleges' Medals. 1 Ulster U-18 Championship.
Ulster U-18 Championship medal.
5. Cáitríona Nic Canna (Catherine McCann). Aois 17. *Leamhthaigh*.
3 Ulster Colleges' medals. Derry Senior Championship medal.
6. Éilís Ní Néill (Éilís O'Neill). **CAPTAEN**. Aois 18. *Baile na Scrine*.
11 Ulster Colleges' medals. Derry U-14 championship, Senior League and Championship.
Ulster Minor Championship medal.
7. Máire Nic Amhlaidh (Maura McAuley). Aois 16. *An Seanmhuillach*.
6 Ulster Colleges' Medals. 2 Tyrone Minor and 1 U-18 Championship.
8. Simone Ní Fhirbhisigh (Simone Forbes). Aois 16. *Ard Bó*.
8 Ulster Colleges' Medals. All-Ireland Junior. 2 Tyrone Minor and 1 U-18 Championship.
9. Tríona Nic an tSaoir (Tríona McAteer). Aois 18. *An Creagán*.
4 Ulster Colleges' medals. 1 Feis Cup medal.
10. Brid Ní Mhaolchalláin (Brid Mulholland). Aois 18. *Leamhthaigh*.
10 Ulster Colleges' medals. Derry U-12, U-14, Minor and 2 Senior Championship medals.
Ulster U-14 and Minor medals.
11. Bearnairdín Ní Choinn (Bernadine Quinn). Aois 16. *Baile an Doire*.
4 Ulster Colleges' medals. All-Ireland Junior medal.
12. Cáitríona Phiocairín (Catherine Pickering). Aois 18. *An Seanmhuillach*.
10 Ulster Colleges' medals. Derry Minor League and Championship. Ulster U-14 and Minor
Championship medals.

IONADAITHE:

13. Aine Máire Nic an Bhiaigh (A. M. Bateson). Aois 18. *Baile an Doire*.
 14. Cláir Nic Canna (Claire McCann). Aois 16. *An Creagán*.
 15. Maolfosa Shíbear (Maolfosa Shivers). Aois 16. *An Seanmhuillach*.
 16. Ursúl de Bhál (Ursula Walls). Aois 17. *Machaire Fíolta*.
 17. Nóirín Ní Néill (Noreen O'Neill). Aois 17. *Baile Eochaidh*.
 18. Póla Ní Thomhair (Paula Toner). Aois 17. *Baile na Scrine*.
- St. Mary's hold 3 Ulster Colleges' Senior titles. In 1993 they beat Armagh College of Further Education 0-11 to 1-4 in a replay. The score in the drawn game was 1-4 each. In 1995, they defeated Loreto, Cavan by 1-3 to 1-1 and last year beat St. Patrick's Maghera 3-7 to 1-6. This is their 5th Senior Final in succession. The School had only appeared in 1 Senior Final prior to 1993.
Congratulations to St. Mary's on becoming the first Ulster winners of the All-Ireland Junior last April

Scoil an Chroí RóNaofa, Iúr Cinn Trá

1. Tanya Nic Póilín (Tanya Poland). Aois 16. *Baile Cholmáin*.
U-14, Minor and U-18 Down Championships. Intermediate League and Championship.
Down Schools' Medal. Ulster Minor League medal.
2. Ciara Ní Mhurchú (Ciara Murphy). Aois 17. *Baile Cholmáin*.
U-12, U-14, Minor and U-18 Down Championships. Intermediate League + Championship.
Down Schools' Medal.
3. Cáitríona Ní Chianáin (Catherine Keenan). Aois 16. *Seamróga an Iúir*.
Down Schools' Medal.
4. Martina Ní Dhúil (Martina Doyle). Aois 18. *Rinn Mhúic Giolla Rua*.
Down Junior League and Championship and Intermediate Championship medals. Down
Schools' Medal.
5. Cáitlín Ní Chatháin (Kathleen Kane). Aois 15. *Droichead Mhuigh Eo*.
Junior League. Down Junior and Senior Schools' Medal.s. Ulster Minor League. Poc Fada
Champion in Community Games.
6. Cáitríona Ní hÉithir (Catriona O'Hare). Aois 15. *Droichead Mhuigh Eo*.
Junior League and Championship. Down Schools' Medal. Ulster Minor League. U-14
Community Games Medal. Poc Fada Champion in Community Games.
7. Deirdre Ní Choinn (Deirdre Quinn). Aois 17. *Baile Cholmáin*.
U-12, U-14, Minor and U-18 Down Championships. Intermediate League + Championship.
3 Down Schools' Medal. Ulster Minor League medal. Current Down Senior panellist.
8. Michéilín Ní Ghusáin (Michelle Goss). Aois 16. *Droichead Mhuigh Eo*.
Junior League. Down Junior and Senior Schools' Medal.s. Ulster Minor League. Current
Down Senior panellist.
9. Máire Nic Labhraí (Mary McClory). Aois 17. *Droichead Mhuigh Eo*.
Down Junior and Senior Schools' Medal.s.
10. Cáit Ní Mhaolchalláin (Cathy Mulholland) **CAPTAEN**. Aois 18. *Baile Cholmáin*.
U-12 and U-18 Down Championships. Junior and Intermediate League + Championship.
Down Schools' Medal. Ulster Minor League and Championship and Maguire Cup, U-18 and
3 Senior Championship medals. Down Senior panellist for past 3 seasons.
11. Ciarraí Nic Cába (Kerry McCabe). Aois 18. *Rinn Mhúic Giolla Rua*.
Down Junior League and Championship and Intermediate Championship. Schools' medal.
12. Liosa de Paor (Lisa Parr). Aois 17. *Cluain Damh*.
Down Junior and Senior Schools' Medal.s.

IONADAITHE:

13. Cailín Ní hÉidhin (Cailín Hynes). Aois 16. *Cluain Damh*.
 14. Pádraigín Nic an Bhaird (Patricia Ward). Aois 18. *Rinn Mhúic Giolla Rua*.
 15. Orla Nic Iomhair (Orla McKeever). Aois 18. *Foirceal*.
 16. Cáitríona Ní Chearúil (Kathryn Carroll). Aois 16. *Droichead Mhuigh Eo*.
- Sacred Heart have played in 3 Ulster Senior finals but have a 100% success rate. The 3 victories came in 1970, 1971 and 1973. They are the ONLY Ulster school to have held the All-Ireland Senior title, after Anne McCone led them to victory in a replay in 1971. The historic scoreline read Sacred Heart 3-2 Presentation, Mountmellick 2-1.

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Fourth crown for St Mary's

Ulster Post Primary Schools' Senior Final

St Mary's Magherafelt 5-11
Sacred Heart Newry 0-3

ST MARY'S Magherafelt continued Derry dominance of the Ulster Senior Schools' Camogie Championship with an emphatic victory over Sacred Heart Newry in Casement Park on Saturday.

They picked up their fourth title in five seasons to add to five for St Patrick's Maghera and another for St Mary's Clady all in the last dozen years, and it is easy to see where the power base in schools camogie is.

St Mary's were brilliantly led by the skillful Eilis O'Neill in front of a confident and strong defence. Simone Forbes was another livewire midfielder while Catherine Pickering came good at full-forward with an excellent 3-3 from play.

Despite the one-sided nature of the scoreline, Sacred Heart contributed much to the game and only fell away in the last 10 minutes after Simone Forbes brilliantly drilled home a goal.

Martine Doyle acquitted herself well at centre-back while Deirdre Quinn and Michelle Goss tried hard in midfield. In attack Cathy Mulholland tended to fight a

lone battle and was later withdrawn to midfield.

Catherine Pickering signalled this was her setting by pointing twice in the opening ten minutes. Deirdre Quinn pointed a free in the 13th minute for Newry but it seemed only to lift the opposition and Catherine Pickering hit the net in the next minute after a mix-up in the Newry defence.

By half-time it was 1-6 to 0-2 and although Pickering goaled early in the second half, St Mary's did not get the chance to build much on the lead until ironically a Deirdre Quinn point again seemed to fan the flames.

Simone Forbes responded immediately with a goal, Pickering added another in the next minute and appropriately the last goal fell to the superb Eilis O'Neill.

St Mary's: C O'Kane, M McGuckin, O Donnelly, O Forbes, C McCann, M McAuley, E O'Neill (capt) (1-5), S Forbes (1-2), T McAteer, B Mulholland, B Quinn (0-1), C Pickering (3-3). Sub: A Bateson for M McAuley. Sacred Heart: T Poland, C Murphy, C Keenan, M Doyle, K Kane, C O'Hara, D Quinn (0-3), M Goss, M McCloy, C Mulholland (capt), K McCabe, L Part. Sub: P Ward for M McCloy.

Ulster Post Primary Schools' Junior Final

St Patrick's Maghera 9-5
St Mary's Newry 0-1

A VERY strong and competent St Patrick's Maghera overwhelmed first time finalists St Mary's Newry to regain the Ulster Junior Camogie title in Casement Park on Saturday.

St Patrick's had many players in the running for Player of the Match. Centre-back Paula McAtamney controlled the game bursting forward in search of scores.

The midfield line, and in particular Paula McKenna, had a great battle with St Mary's star Michelle Murphy, but for opportunism - four goals of her own and perhaps at least two more from defence-splitting passes to colleagues - Jane Kelly, the youngest player on the field, probably shaded the others.

However, St Patrick's only scored 2-04 in the opening half despite wind advantage and controlling the game. Jane Kelly hit the first of her four goals in the 14th minute after good work by Orla McNicholl.

After the break young Jane Kelly drilled home a great goal from a long free by Paula McAtamney and that score really broke the Newry resistance. Jane had scored two further goals and set another up for Monica O'Kane before Michelle Murphy claimed St Mary's only score in the 15th minute.

However, St Patrick's hammered home their superiority with three further goals, including a fine score from substituted Rose Bradley.

St Patrick's: C McCann (capt), A McGuckin, M Scullion, P McAtamney (0-3), A Bradley, C Lagan (0-1), P McKenna, S Kelly (1-0), P McCloy (1-0), M O'Kane (1-1), J Kelly (4-10), O McNicholl (1-1). Sub: R Bradley (1-0) for P McCloy, C Lynch for A Bradley, O Mullin for M Scullion.

St Mary's Newry: C O'Hagan, S McKay, J Woods, C McGuigan, P Havem, J Burke, M Murphy (capt, 0-1), S Havem, L Quinn, E O'Hara, C Conlon, K Campbell. Sub: L Carr for C Conlon, E Pollock for L Quinn.

Camogie: Former Antrim hurling boss Jim Nelson has been appointed as manager of the county's camogie team. Nelson takes over from Claran Campbell who stood down in the autumn after guiding the county to its second successive All-Ireland Junior semi-final.

The task awaiting Nelson will be to unify a county which has been bedeviled by club versus county problems in recent years. The previous Antrim management were never able to call on the strongest team available to the county. Antrim camogie officials are now hoping that the presence of Nelson will force a rethink among a number of players who opted out in recent years.

Nelson will be expected to restore the county to senior inter-county status. Antrim won its sixth All-Ireland Senior title in 1979. But in recent years, the Saffron county have been competing in the junior All-Ireland series. Nelson served as county hurling boss from 1988 until 1994. He stood down as Antrim county GAA development officer in January.

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ULSTER COUNCIL LAUNCHES FIVE YEAR STRATEGY PLAN

Ulster Convention failed to elect a Chairman. The two nominees Helan McAleevey, Down and Pat Richardson, Armagh withdrew their names. Outgoing Chairman Tom Monaghan, Armagh who had ended his three year stint was elected Vice-Chairman. The council's five year strategy plan was launched and well received by all delegates. The plan selects six key areas for improvement up to the year 2001.

The six areas are:

1. Administration and knowledge.
2. Development of referees.
3. Development of coaches.
4. Identifying and nurturing talent.
5. Facilities and equipment
6. The image of identity of Ulster camogie

The document which contains thirty pages had professional input from sports consultants and sports council and if implemented looks set to boost Camogie considerably in the province.

Tom Monaghan in his address paid tribute to Marcella Leonard and other members of the council who had drawn up the strategy and he hoped that Ulster Council could lead the counties through to the Millennium with his document.

Uachtaran Belle O'Loughlin addressed the delegates and commended all units of the association for the work being done.

The following officers were elected: Vice-Chairman, Tom Monaghan Armagh, Runai: Marcella Leonard Fermanagh, Cisteoir: Pat Cox, Fermanagh, Clarahoir: Mary Lynch, Monaghan, OCP: Seamus McAleenan, Down, Ardcomhairle delegate: Ann Burke, Tyrone.

St Mary's, Magherafelt are through to contest their fifth successive Ulster senior colleges final when they had one point to spare over St Patrick's, Maghera in their semi-final re-play at Bellaghty. It was an exciting tussle between two evenly matched sides that gave a great exhibition of camogie. St Patrick's held the upperhand until Eilis O'Neill had two late points to leave the sides all square at the break 0-3 each. Both sides were well served by their goalies and defence. Eilis O'Neill and Simone Forbes were thorns in St Patrick's side while the latter were well served by Louise McCloskey and Claire McNicholl. Final score: St Mary's 1-5, St Patrick's 1-4.

Scorers: St Mary's: Ellis O'Neill 0-4, Brid Mulholland 1-0, Simone Forbes 0-1. St Pat's: Eileen Tohill 1-0, Shauna McCaul 0-2, Louise McCloskey and Claire Doherty 0-1 each.

St Mary's team: Claire O'Kane, Martina McGuckin, Orla Donnelly, Orla Forbes, Catherine McCann, Simone Forbes, Eilis O'Neill (Capt), Maura McAuley, Triona McAteer, Brid Mulholland, Bernadine Quinn, Catherine Pickering. Subs: Maoliosa Shiners for M McAuley.

St Patrick's team: Bernie Mellon, Brenda McGuckin, Grainne Duffy, Paula McAtamney, Bernie O'Loughlin, Aileen Tohill, Claire Doherty (Capt), Louise McCloskey, Claire McNicholl, Shauna McCaul, Miriam Kealey, Eilis McPeake.

Referee: Leona Fay, Tyrone

St Mary's, Newry had a good win over St Olcan's Randalstown in the junior colleges semi-final. The first half was evenly enough contested with one point separating the sides at the break St Mary's 2-2, St Olcan's 2-1. However the winners held the upperhand in the second half to put them through to their first ever final on a score of 4-6 to 3-2.

Scorers: St Mary's: Emma O'Hara 1-4, Caitriona Campbell 2-0, Michelle Murphy 1-2.

St Olcan's: Sandra Wilson, Ann Marie McAuley and Ciara Letters 1-0 each, Grainne O'Boyle 0-2.

St Patrick's, Maghera will be St Mary's opponents in the final. They had a 1-6 to 0-0 victory over St Patrick's, Keady.

Scorers: June Kelly 0-1, Paula McAtamney 0-5, Susan Kelly 1-0.

In the Munster junior colleges final St Mary's, Charleville take on Scoil Mhuire, Cashel on Saturday next at 2pm. On the path to the final Cashel defeated Templemore, Borrisokane, Tramore and Shannon. They have some nice young players in Una O'Dwyer, Norma Coffey, Philomena Fogarty, Maureen McGrath, Mary Barron and Eithne Ryall.

Charleville got the better of Kilfinane, Bruff, Midleton and Nenagh to reach the final. Many of their side hold Munster first year medals including Gemma Roynane, Catherine Leslie, Aine Kellagher, Niamh Bowles, Noelle O'Riordan, Ciara O'Shea and Siobhan Lenihan. Their trump card is of course Eileen O'Brien, who scored ten points in last years All-Ireland Colleges senior final. She could be the deciding factor.

The Ashbourne draw for 1997

Preliminary Round: 1. University College Cork v Waterford RTC

2. University of Limerick v Athlone RTC

3. University College Dublin v University of Ulster Jordanstown

4. University College Galway v Maynooth

The Ashbourne weekend will be hosted by Jordanstown on February 22nd/23rd

Winners of preliminary go into the Cup semi-final and the losers enter the shield semi-finals.

Semi-final draws: Cup. Winners of Prelim. 2v 4.....1 v 3

Shield: Losers of Prelim. 1v 4.... 3 v 2

MUNSTER POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAMOGIE

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

AT NEWTOWNSHANDRUM @ 2p.m.

SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1997

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

V

CASHEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Referee: COLETTE O'MAHONY

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Camogie players complete the double

ST MARYS School Charleville's junior camogie players completed the Munster double when they defeated St Marys Cashel in the Munster junior schools final which was played at Newtownshandrum last Saturday.

The Charleville side booked their place in their second All-Ireland semi-final in a week as the senior team had already qualified for the All-Ireland senior semi-final on the previous Saturday.

The Cashel girls provided stiff resistance but could not overcome the strength of the home side who ran out easy winners at the end on a scoreline of 2-11 to 1-4.

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ASHBOURNE CUP, Dangan — 1st rd: UCG 8-8 (D Broderick 4-6, M Harkin 2-1, A Hardiman 1-1, M Higgins 1-0); Maynooth College 1-3 (R Houlihan 1-0, E Brennan 0-2, E Arthur 0-1).

JUN COLLEGES FINAL — St Mary's Charleville 3-11 (E O'Brien 1-7, N Bowles 1-2, S Lenthall 1-1, A White 0-1); Scoil Mhuire Cashel 1-4 (M McGrath 1-0, N Coffey 0-2, M Bannon and E Ryall 0-1 each).
Ulster Senior Colleges Final: St Marys Magherafelt 5-11, Sacred Heart Newry 0-3. Junior Final: St Patrick's Maghera 5-5, St Marys Newry 0-1.

CAMOGIE: Purcell Cup Final (Third Level Camogie): Queens Belfast 3-14, UU Coleraine 1-1, Purcell Shield final: St Marys Belfast 2-6, Tralee RTC 3-4.

Convincing victory for Macroom camogie team

ST MARY'S, Macroom had a convincing win in the Munster Intermediate camogie championship when they defeated Hospital, Co Limerick at Cloughduv on Wednesday, February 5 on the final score 5-6 to 0-1. Macroom are now in the quarter-final of the competition.

Team: Claire O'Donoghue, Yvonne Corkery, Elaine Linehan, Clara Cronin, Deirdre Healy, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Carol MacSullivan, Hilda Dunlea, Aoife Buckley, Una O'Donoghue, Catherine Corkery, Sally Ann Shannon. Subs: Joanne McCarthy and Fiona Cronin.

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U-18 Championship: St. Vincents 7-5 Delany's 0-1, Ashbourne Cup UCC 1-12 Waterford Institute of Technology 1-7.

Champs travel to defend their title

CHAMPIONS UCC are in Belfast this weekend to defend their Ashbourne Camogie Cup — and confidence is high in the Cork camp that they can retain their title.

The holders play UUJ in one semi-final, with University of Limerick meeting UCC in the second.

UCC team coach Rose Desmond has left no stone unturned in preparing her charges for what is going to be a very tough camogie campaign.

Today: Ashbourne Cup SF — UCC v UUJ and UCC v UL at Jordanstown 2pm
Ashbourne Shield Competition — Waterford Institute of Technology v UCD; Ashlone RTC v Maynooth at Jordanstown 12 noon
Tomorrow: Ashbourne Cup Final — Jordanstown 2pm
Under-18 Championship — Brian Dillon's v Kibrittain 2pm

Gaelic Games

Camogie: Ashbourne Cup semifinals:
Jordanstown: UL 1-10 (S. Millea 0-7, P. O'Carroll 0-3, G. O'Neill 1-0) UCC 2-5 (M. Harkin 1-1, M. Higgins 1-0, O. Broderick 0-4); UUJ Jordanstown Belfast 2-11 UCC 2-2
Ashbourne Shield results: UCD 2-13 Ashlone RTC 0-8, Waterford RTC 3-4 Maynooth 1-3

Coachford girls win camogie encounter

Coachford Rylane Aghabullogue

COACHFORD was the venue for the semi-final of the Cork senior camogie championship played between Coachford Community College and St. Mary's Convent School, Macroom. It was a game which the Macroom girls may well regret, because they were marginally a better side in the first half, but they found it difficult to find their feet, and resultingly the goalposts in the second half. Coachford had to field without three outstanding players: Marjorie Twomey, Mairead Twomey and Abbey Lehan.

But despite the depletion, other Coachford stars Siobhan O'Leary, Sinead C. Buckley and Louise Murphy took the limelight early, following the first score of the game, a point from Sinead A. Buckley. Recovering from this opening shock, Macroom's midfield showed signs of edging to territorial control, and in a move that placed Hilda Dunlea in possession, she raced onward to equalise.

The deciding joust appeared midway through this first half, Deirdre Healy and Clara Cronin were forcing the pace, and it required the combined strength of the Coachford trio, Siobhan O'Leary, Sinead C. Buckley and Louise Murphy to tie them up.

In an ensuing spell Louise Murphy sent over two points and Maria Noonan shot a goal that put Coachford five points in front.

Macroom fought back gallantly, firstly with a goal from Deirdre Healy, and secondly a goal from Claire O'Donoghue who received a well-directed pass from Deirdre O'Sullivan, a hard working player. This second goal for Macroom came almost on the stroke of half-time and placed the girls from the Muskerry capital a point in front.

The soundness of defence, apparent on the resumption, was a vital factor in Coachford's super second half performance. Siobhan O'Leary, the Coachford team captain, was unbeatable at full-back. Her display inspired a mighty challenge from Coachford involving Siobhan Buckley, Sheila Crowley, Anne and Mary Ennaguess who contributed largely to deprive the Macroom girls of second half scores; while Sheila Crowley was admirably accurate at points scoring, as well as making an opening for Louise Murphy to score Coachford's second goal. This player scored Coachford's third goal from a tackle in the square.

While the issue seemed to be all over, Macroom produced a dramatic, late upsurge. The Coachford girls baffled and stung by this late demonstration of hurling power, were forced back to the wall, but fortunately for them the Macroom girls let Coachford off the hook.

The final scores: Coachford Community College 3-4; St. Mary's Macroom, 2-1.

The teams: Coachford: S. Looney, S. Buckley, S. O'Leary, D. Twomey, S.C. Buckley, M. Ennaguess, L. Ronan, P. Murphy, S.A. Buckley, S. Crowley, M. Noonan, L. Murphy. Subs: C. Murphy, A. Ennaguess, B. O'Regan, M. Browne, C. Sheehan, A. O'Sullivan, A. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary.

Macroom: S. Corkery, E. Linehan, C. Cro

nin, Y. Corkery, D. Healy, C. Corkery, H. Dunlea, C. O'Sullivan, D. O'Sullivan, U. Donoghue, C. O'Donoghue, A. Buckley.

Jordanstown joy in Ashbourne Cup final

UUJ.....0-18; UL.....1-9
RED-HOT UUJ won their third Ashbourne Cup in the past six years with a power-packed display of open forward play at their home venue of Jordanstown yesterday.

They effectively won the match in the first half with all four forwards and two of the midfielders contributing to a 0-12 to 0-3 half-time lead.

Sinead Millea, the Kilkenny inter-county forward, helped pull UL back into the game with some accurate free-taking, but UUJ never looked like losing their lead and points from Sinead McGovern, Edel Mason and Deirdre Connolly sealed victory.

Paula O'Carroll did get through for a Limerick goal five minutes from time, but it was merely of cosmetic value.

On top in most positions, UUJ had stars in Anna O'Loughlin and Majella Murray in defence, Edel Mason and Denise O'Boyle at midfield, while all four forwards created acres of space and took some lovely scores.

SCORERS — UUJ: E. Mason, 0-7, S. McGovern, R. Pickering, 0-3 each, D. Connolly, G. McMullan 0-2 each, C. Higgins 0-1. **UL:** S. Millea 0-3, P. O'Carroll 1-0.

UUJ — M. Barry, C. McGovern, G. Haughey, A. O'Loughlin, M. Murray, E. Mason, D. O'Boyle, C. Higgins, D. Connolly, G. McMullan, S. McGovern, R. Pickering.

UL — M. Holland, A. Buckley, N. Dowling, Y. O'Callaghan, S. Nihil, A. Stack, S. Millea, C. Hannon, P. O'Carroll, E. Walsh, C. Egan, G. O'Neill. **Subs:** S. Ryan for Walsh.



■ Angela McDermott scores a point for UCC during their Ashbourne Cup game at the Final. (Pic: Mike English)



■ UCC Camogie team who beat WIT in their Ashbourne Cup game.

Camogie

Not to be outdone by their male colleagues the girls from UCC recorded a merited victory over Waterford I.T. Playing against the wind in the first half the home side put up the shutters only to give away a goal in the dying moments of the first half. This would have knocked a lesser team but showing commendable spirit the Cork girls rallied strongly in the second half to come out on top following a most entertaining game.

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1968 - A YEAR OF FIRSTS

This week we glance back at 1968 which is noted for a year of "Firsts". The All-Ireland junior championship came into being and the final was contested by Down and Cork. After a very entertaining and low scoring encounter Down became the first holders of the 'New Ireland' Cup. Score: Down 2-3 Cork 1-1.

Teams: Down: N. McKenna, P. McGrady, R. McCann, C. Coultier, N. Sands, R. Walshe, M. Caldwell (Capt), B. Sands, C. Reid, P. Crangle, A. Kelly, E. Turley.

Cork: Mary Heelan, Peg O'Brien, Julie Buckley, Betty Burke, Nuala Collins, Pat O'Sullivan, Josie Pyne, Margaret Mee, Annie O'Sullivan, Kay Ryan, Breda O'Sullivan, Kay Healy.

Referee: Phyliss Breslin, Dublin

In the All-Ireland senior championship Wexford brought the 'O'Duffy' cup back to the Slaneyside for the first time when they defeated Cork in a close contest 4-2 to 2-5.

Teams: Wexford: Teresa Shiels, Mary Synott, Phyliss Kehoe, Joan Murphy, Carmel Fortune, Bridget O'Connor, Margaret O'Leary, Bridget Doyle, Josie Kehoe, Mary Walsh (Capt), Mary Doyle, Mary Shannon. Subs: E. Lawler, T. Butler, E. Allen, B. Murphy.

Cork: Eleanor Cummins, Teresa Murphy, Hanah Dineen, Mary Jo Ryan, Shiela O'Sullivan, Liz Garvan, Shiela Dunne, Nuala Humphries, Peggy Doran, Anne McAuliffe, Anne Comerford, Anna Crotty (capt), Subs: Mary Moran, Nora O'Mahoney, Stephanie O'Connell.

Referee: Nancy Murray, Antrim

St Paul's, Kilkenny collected their first of eight All-Ireland Club Championship titles when they had an easy win over Ahane, Limerick, 7-2 to 1-2.

St Paul's team: Jo Golden, Mary Houlihan, Joan Kelly, Anne Phelan, Brid Fennelly, Mary Conway, Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary, Maura Cassin, Breda Cassin, Teasie Brennan (capt), Ann Carroll.

The Munster senior Colleges Championship was inaugurated and won by St Aloysius, Cork, while Holy Faith, Clontarf won in Leinster and St Micheal's, Lurgan in Ulster.

There was no All-Ireland.

U.C.G WON The Ashbourne Cup.

In Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Leinster secured its 8th title when they swept to victory over Ulster 7-0 to 2-5.

Teams: Leinster: Teresa Shiels (Wexford), Mary Houlihan (Kilkenny), Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny), Mary Sherlock (Dublin), Margaret O'Leary (Wexford), B. Kinsella (Kilkenny), Kit Kehoe (Dublin), Mary Walsh (Wexford), Mary Doyle (Wexford), Una O'Connor (Dublin), Judy Doyle (Dublin).

Ulster: Teresa Cassidy (Antrim), Moya Forde

(Antrim), Moira Caldwell (Down), E. Coultier (Dublin), Kathleen Kelly (Antrim), Maread McAtamney (Antrim), Sue Cashman (Antrim), B. Sands (Down), Pat Crangle (Down), Maread Quinn (Antrim), Eileen Collins (Antrim), Lily Scullion (Antrim).

The Association has come a long way since 1968 with the following All-Ireland Competitions inaugurated - Intermediate, Minor, National Senior and Junior Leagues, Junior Gael Linn, Senior and Junior Colleges, Feile na nGael.

St Mary's, Charleville, Cork had an easy passage into the All-Ireland junior colleges semi-final when they coasted to victory over Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, Tipperary in the Munster final played at Charleville. The winners led 1-9 to 1-1 at the break. Final score: St Mary's 3-11 Scoil Mhuire 1-4. Scorers: St Mary's Eileen O'Brien 1-7, Niamh Bowles 1-2, Siobhan Lenihan 1-1, Allison White 0-1, Scoil Mhuir: Mary McGrath 1-0, Norma Coffey 0-2, Mary Bannon and Eithne Ryall 0-1 each.

Referee: Collette O'Mahoney, Cork.

Ulster senior Colleges final St Mary's, Magherafelt 5-11, Catherine Pickering 3-3, Eilis O'Neill 1-5, Simone Forbes 1-2, Bernedine Quinn 0-1.

Sacred Heart, Newry 0-3, Deirdre Quinn 0-3.

Ulster junior Colleges final: St Patrick's, Maghera 9-5. Jane Kelly 4-0, Orla McNicholl 1-1, Susan Kelly Paula McCloy, Rose Bradley and Monica O'Kane 1-0 each, Paula McAtamney 0-3, Claire Lagan 0-1, St Mary's Newry 0-1: Michelle Murphy 0-1.

On Sunday next the 23rd All-Ireland final of Ceol Caint agus Damhsa takes place in St Patrick's College, Drunconra commencing at 1pm. Ulster will be represented by the following: Ceili Dancing: Beann Dearg, Down, Instrumental Music: Chrissie Curry, Teemore Fermanagh, Recitation: Teresa McLaughlin, Kilcoo, Down, Table Quiz: Clonduff, Down, Solo Singing: Niamh O'Hare, Clonduff, Ballad Group: Beann Dearg, Set Dancing: Clonduff, Down.

Leinster will be represented by all Westmeath competitors: Ceile Dancing, Caulry, Instrumental Music: Ann Marie Lennon, Drumraney, Recitation: Breda Slevin, Drumraney, Table Quiz: Caulry, Solo Singing, Lisa Coleman: Lough Lein Gaels, Balled Group: Cullion, Set Dancing: Caulry (Munster and Connacht winners are not to hand).

On Saturday next Leinster council will hold a meeting in the Aishling Hotel, Dublin at 2pm. This will be preceded by a meeting of All County Board Officers with the Officers of Leinster Council at 11am.

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COMMENCEMENT OF NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE

On Sunday next the National senior league commences and the junior league resumes. A lot of interest will be on the senior league to see what form the counties can produce in preparation for the Bord na Gaeilge senior championship.

League Champions Cork have the venue against Tipperary. Corks Sandy Fitzgibbon, Paula Goggin, Therese O'Callaghan and goalkeeper Kathleen Costine may be absent from the 1997 squad. This would be a big set back to the 'Rebel County' as the girls gave their intentions of retiring from inter-county. However trainer Tom Nott and his selectors may entice them to stay on. It will be a tough debut for Tipperary despite having players such as Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Triona Bonner, Helan Kiely and Teresa Bourke. Cork look set for get off to a good start.

Dublin host All-Ireland champions Galway. The Metropolitan side have a young squad. Their new manager Frank Malcolnson is engaged in team building. Frank would like to see more of the experienced players showing an interest in the county. Dublin have 44 clubs and Frank is adamant that there is an All-Ireland title in Dublin if the interest was shown. Galway will be full of zest and should get off on a winning note.

Newly crowned Intermediate champions Limerick will show their hospitality to Clare in what should be an entertaining tussle. Limerick came a long way in the past two years, winning the All-Ireland junior championship and league as well as the Intermediate championship. They look set to do well in senior ranks and have star performers including Helan Clifford/McCarthy, Pauleen McCartney, Vera Sheehan, Kay Bourke and Eileen O'Brien. Clare are capable of producing lots of flair and determination and will look to Sinead O'Brien, Sylvia O'Brien, Patricia Moloney, Ann Keane

and Noelle Connolly to collect the points. However, Limerick will be hard to overcome.

Down travel to take on old rivals Armagh in what should be a cracker. The 'Orchard County' are always hard to overcome on home ground. They have plenty of strength in Mary Donnelly, Donna McCusker, Bernie McBride, Mary Black and Colette Byrnes. Down will expect good support from star forward Mairin McAleenan, Bonnie McGreevey, Deirdre Savage, Jennifer Braniff and Valerie Hynds. The 'Mourne' girls save favoured to collect their first brace of points.

There are also four junior games. All Ireland junior champions, Cork have the venue against Tipperary as curtain raiser to the senior game. Both teams have two points from as many outings. Cork will field most of their All-Ireland team which include Antoinette O'Connell, Mary Kennefic, Hilda Kenneally, Eileen Buckley, Sinead O'Callaghan and Linda O'Sullivan. They may prove too strong for the visitors.

Another curtain raiser is Armagh versus Down. Down are table toppers of Zone C while their opponents have yet to secure points. Down have good performers in Sinead McGovern, Ciara McGovern, Monica McCartan, Majella Murray and Cathy Mulholland and may well add another brace of points.

Leinster champions Kildare will travel to take on Dublin in what should be an entertaining encounter. Both sides are on level points. Kildare will be depending on the long serving Miriam Malone who is there to score, Elaine Miley, Liz Doran and the Treacy sisters Melanie, Aisling and Ruth to give them victory.

Beaten All-Ireland junior finalists Roscommon travel to tussle it out with Cavan. Both are at the bottom of Zone D with Roscommon yet to win a game. They should produce lots of fire power on Sunday to put them back on the winning trail. They have prominent players in Mary Gannon, Caroline Connaughton, Hillary Hussey and Karina Jones. However the 'Breffni' girls will be hard to overcome on home ground. They will look to Ita Kiernan, Elaine Prior, Majella Prior, Rosie Mulligan and Louise Adams to collect the points.

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Some of those who attended the silver jubilee celebrations of St. Finbarr's Camogie Club which were held recently.

A night to remember as Barrs celebrate their Silver Jubilee

ST FINBARR'S Camogie Club recently celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the formation of the present section at a Gala Function held in the Club Pavilion.

The celebration which was attended by almost 300 people also marked the reunion of players and mentors of the camogie section which was in existence from 1957 to 1964.

In her address, the chairperson of the club Marian McCarthy welcomed all present and said it was certainly very gratifying to see so many past and present players present on this great occasion.

She had particular welcome for the guests on the night. Frances Allen (nee Barry Murphy) and her husband Denis. Frances along with her late father John was instrumental in the setting up of the present section.

Alice Meaney who played with

the Barrs in the 30s and trained the team that won the Junior Championship in 1964 got a very special round of applause while Eileen Murphy Moran who was a founder member of the 1957 team travelled from Dublin specially for the occasion.

Other guests included Mary Moran, President of the Cork Camogie Board, Tracy Sheehan, Secretary of the Camogie Board, Val Riordan, President of St Finbarrs H & F Club and his wife Mary, Eddie Young, Chairman of St Finbarrs Central Committee as well as the chairmen of all sections of St Finbarrs Club.

To mark their Silver Jubilee the Camogie Section produced a booklet.

The booklet which was compiled by club player Roisin O'Donovan and assisted by fellow club member Michael Finn gives a brief history of the achievements

of the present section and also includes memories of the past.

Priced at £2 it is undoubtedly well worth purchasing and is available at the Club.

On the night presentations were made to Colette Cronin and Claire Kirby who were both members of the Cork Junior team which won the All Ireland Junior Championship last season.

President Marie Santry and Chairperson Marian McCarthy were also recipients of presentations for their outstanding service to the club during the past 25 years.

For the players of the past it was a nostalgic and happy occasion - For the players of the future it was an assurance that Camogie is certainly very much alive in this famed club and the spirit of the Blues was certainly very evident as all present danced and sang to the early hours.

Barrs camogie celebrate

ST. FINBARRS Camogie club recently celebrated 25 years of dedicated service to the sport with a gala function at their club pavilion.

History shows that camogie was played in the Lough area since the 1800s, but the St. Finbarrs club first came into being in 1957 when Imelda Leahy, Eily Murphy, Moll Doolan, Alice Meaney and Fr. Good organised the girls of the parish.

Under the expert eye of trainer Barry Barrett the club won the county junior championship in 1964 beating St. Als but sadly the club disbanded shortly afterwards.

It was reformed in 1972 under the guidance of Frances

Barry-Murphy and her late father John, sister and father of Jimmy, and with John Corcoran as trainer, the team reached the junior county championship final but lost out to Glanworth.

Many members of the 1957 and 1972 teams were present at the celebrations and there was a special welcome for Alice Meaney who played camogie with the club in the 1930s.



Photographed at the St. Finbarrs Camogie Club 25th Anniversary celebrations were Mary Moran, President Cork County Camogie Board with Maria Santry, Club President; Alice Meaney, former President who played in the 30's and is the club's oldest member and Marian McCarthy, Chairperson. (Pic: Mike English)



Mrs Kitty Barry Murphy-Allen, Val O'Riordan, President St. Finbarrs hurling and football club and Dinny Allen. (Pic: Mike English)

Major boost for Camogie in Tipperary

AN announcement from Michael Lowry, T.D. was made at a County Board meeting held in the Anner Hotel, Thurles on Monday night last.

Mr. Lowry announced the approval of a £40,000 Grant from the Minister of Sport, Bernard Allen. This Grant will give a tremendous boost to the construction of the much needed facilities at the County Camogie Grounds in the Ragg. This construction will consist of four dressing rooms, shower and toilet facilities and outside toilets.

In his announcement he complimented the Camogie Board for their leadership and encouragement of young girls to play camogie. He went on to say that the existing facilities were appalling and an embarrassment, especially when there are visiting teams playing on our pitch.

In his statement he said he had gone through the plans and was very impressed with the proposals put before him, and he had great pleasure in announcing the approval to the £40,000 Grant.

He advised that the construction commences immediately and that by the end of the year we should have a pitch and facilities to match those in

any part of the country. The County Chairperson, Padraig Mullins on behalf of the Officers of the County Board thanked Michael Lowry for the work he had done in securing this grant and said the onus was now on the County Board to build as quickly as possible.

DOUBLE HEADER IN CORK

Tipperary Senior and Junior teams travel to Cork on Sunday next March 2nd, to play Cork in the Senior and Junior Leagues. This is the last game of the Junior League. Tipperary having already lost to Wexford and drew with Clare and a win is vital.

Senior League game is the first in the League. Here Tipperary are trying to build a team from a fairly young panel of girls and will be looking to the more experienced players like Deirdre Hughes, Claire Madden, Jovita Delaney to give leadership to the younger players.

Travelling arrangements, venue times etc. will be announced on the local radio on Saturday morning.

MINOR TRIALS

County Minor Trials in the Camogie Pitch on Saturday, March 1st. Clubs have been notified and are requested to attend at notified times.

Tipperary's goal blitz kills off Cork

Tipperary 6-6
Cork 3-12

TIPPERARY had three points to spare over camogie League champions Cork in the opening National Senior League game of the season at Redmonds pitch.

It was a new-look Cork team that took the field minus the services of Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Kathleen Costine and Paula Goggin, all of whom have retired since last season.

Cork led at half-time 3-4 to 2-5 and turning over to play with a strong wind looked to have the advantage. But they conceded 4-1 in a second half in which they were under constant pressure from Tipperary.

Scorers for Cork: F O'Driscoll 2-5, L Mellerick 1-1, V Harris 0-3, M Deasy, L Dunlee, I O'Keefe 0-1 each. Tipperary: C Hennessy 2-3, C Gaynor 2-2, D Hughes 1-1, N Kennedy 1-0.

CORK: C Keoghane, M Finn, E Duggan, L Kelleher, M O'Connor, V Harris, M Deasy, D Cronin, L Mellerick, L Dunlee, F O'Driscoll, I O'Keefe. Sub: E Buckley for M Finn.

TIPPERARY: J Delaney, A Hogan, E Haden, C Medden, P Bultin, S Collins, H Kiely, T Bradley, C Hennessy, C Gaynor, M Kennedy, D Hughes.

Cork 5-7
Tipperary 1-6

In the Junior game preceded the senior game Cork Juniors had to win to ensure qualification

for the play-off stages of the league. At half time Tipperary looked to be in the driving seat leading 1-5 to 1-1 however a tremendous second half display saw Cork run out deserving winners in a game which saw excellent displays from Cork's Niamh O'Regan Eileen Buckley and Sinead O'Callaghan.

Galway 6-12
Dublin 0-3

All-Ireland Senior Bord na Gaeilge champions Galway started off the '97 season with a comprehensive win over Dublin at Russell Park, Blanchardstown yesterday.

Galway had the advantage of a very strong first half wind and they used it to their advantage to lead 4-5 to no score at half time.

Dublin, with wind advantage in the second half, could only muster three points, the first an excellent point from Ruth Lyons in the back line, the other two points coming from Naoise Ryan.

This was very much a team effort from Galway with Sharon Glynn doing a lot of damage and likewise the stylish Denise Gilligan.

Scorers for Galway: Sharon Glynn (2-3), Denise Gilligan (2-5), Ann Forde (1-2), Colette Nevin (1-1), Ann Ryan (0-1), Dublin: Naoise Ryan (0-2), Ruth Lyons (0-1).

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All-Ireland Senior Colleges semi-finals: St Marys Clonsilla 5-15 (A O'Brien 1-8, V Sheehan 2-2, S O'Callaghan 1-3, A Sheehy 1-1, C Harrington 0-1), Lough Kilkenny 1-7 (D Hennessy 0-6, M Ryan 1-0, A M Young 0-1) St Brigid's VS Loughrea 2-7, St Marys Maghelalet 2-1.

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National League: Galway 6-12 (D Gilligan 2-5, S Glen 2-3, A Ryan Ford 1-3, C Nevin 1-1), Dublin 0-3 (L Ryan 0-2, S Brehony 0-1), Down 1-9 (J Branniff 0-8, C Mulholland 1-0), Armagh 0-9 (M Black 0-5, O McGowan, M Donnelly, P McEvoy, U McGivern 0-1 each), Tipperary 6-6, Cork 3-9. Junior: Kildare 2-8, Dublin 1-2, Cork 5-7, Tipperary 1-6, Cavan 2-6, Roscommon 1-2, Down 5-10, Armagh 1-2.



Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny - Leinster Colleges Senior Camogie Champions 1997. Back row (from left) Orla Phelan, Anne Marie Hogan, Ellen Murphy, Ruth Comerford, Julie Ryan, Geraldine Hogan, Laura Hanlon. Centre: Sarah O'Gorman, Elaine Phelan, Catherine Nolan, Oonagh Hennessy, Mairead Costello, Cathy Gibbons. Front: Laura Comerford, Jennifer Dillon, Cora Dowling, Olive Hennessy, (captain); Anne Marie Young, Mary Ryan and Emma Fitzpatrick. Absent from photograph Marie Fitzpatrick.

Photo: Michael Murphy

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Camogie girls brave the elements

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Captains of the winning Glen Rovers camogie teams Linda Mellerick and Allinson Conway.

LSU Banagher 1-2
Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown,
Co. Kilkenny 0-5

LA SAINTE Union secondary school, Banagher made their debut in competitive camogie when they travelled to Johnstown, Co Kilkenny to take on Coláiste Mhuire, Johnstown in the quarter final of the intermediate secondary schools championship.

The fact that this game actually took place at all is a tribute to the commitment of both teams as the weather was dreadful.

Played on a heavy pitch, LSU put some early pressure on even after captain Sinead McCormack elected to play against the strong breeze. Indeed the first 10 minutes saw LSU attack the Johnstown goal with a vengeance but failed to raise a flag.

Gradually the home side got to grips and began to avail of the elements to force a 30 in the 12th minute which full back Kelly Long put over the bar for the first score.

Sinead Kavanagh, Freshford added two good points for Johnstown who had the upperhand at this stage. For the remainder of this half LSU brought full forward Siobhán McCormack to midfield to help out an area which was under sustained pressure.

Sile Coughlan really

excelled at this stage bringing out a succession of clearances. Colaiste Mhuire had two further scores before half time from corner forward Briona Phelan to leave them in front 0-5 to 0-0 for LSU at the interval.

After the break LSU came out determined to get back into the game. It was not an easy task as Johnstown put up a solid defence with Kelly Long and Sinead Delaney in the centre both clearing an amount of ball.

Siobhán McCormack finally broke the deadlock after 10 minutes to register a point and then two minutes later midfielder Martina Finnerty sent in a long delivery which deceived the Johnstown full back for Siobhán McCormack to crash the ball past Louise Burke in the Johnstown goal.

This score gave great heart to Banagher and with only a point separating the sides they drove forward in search of the elusive equaliser.

The levelling point eventually came with a minute left, from Siobhán McCormack. Colaiste Mhuire however were not finished with yet and after a defence splitting run by Lorraine McCarthy the ball hopped around the LSU goalmouth as both sides tussled for possession.

Eventually the sliotar ended

up in the Banagher net only for the referee to disallow the 'score' for a square infringement to leave the sides to meet again today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. in the St Rynagh's grounds, Banagher.

In addition to those already mentioned LSU had strong players in solid goalkeeper Yvonne Bradley, Aine Boyd, Sandra Killian, Kevin Kenny who had a very good game and Ann Marie Larkin.

Best for Coláiste Mhuire were Kelly Long, Sinead Delaney, Sinead Kavanagh, Briona Phelan and Anne Marie Gray until she had to retire injured.

LSU - Yvonne Bradley, Sile Coughlan, Aine Boyd, Sandra Killian, Kevin Kenny, Martina Finnerty, Sinead McCormack, Esther Hogan, Ann Marie Larkin, Elizabeth McCormack, Siobhán McCormack, Clodhna Ryan. Subs: Edel Larkin for E. Hogan; subs not used: Mary Skelly, Michelle Naughton, Eimear Gormally, Marian Silke, Jillian O'Halloran, Jill O'Loughlin, Aine Crossan, Janice O'Meara, Elaine Feighery.

Coláiste Mhuire - Louise Burke, Kelly Long (0-1 f), Donna Spellacy, Sinead Delaney, Kathleen Peters, Sinead Kavanagh (0-2), Rose Sheehy, Ann Marie Gray, Veronica Walsh, Lorraine McCarthy, Juliette Ryan and Briona Phelan (0-2). Sub: Suzanne Stapleton for Donna Spellacy.

Referee - Olivia Donnelly (Lisdowney).



At the Glen Rovers Camogie Club victory dinner were, front: Nora Newman, chairperson; Chrissy Buckley, president; Anne O'Donovan, vice-chairperson; back: Allison Conway, capt; Noel Lynam, coach; Linda Mellerick, capt; Mary Newman, secretary; and Deirdre Sutton, treasurer.

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ST. MARY'S REACH ALL-IRELAND FOR THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE.....5-15
LORETO, KILKENNY.....1-7

St. Mary's Charleville had it all their own way in this All-Ireland camogie semi-final played in Kilkenny on Saturday afternoon last, when they comfortably booked their place in the final where they will meet St. Bridget's of Loughrea on 12th April, probably in O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

St. Mary's gave a performance that was most impressive and the many people who attended the game were delighted at their skill and team work. Playing against the breeze in the first half was perhaps the reason they had it easy for much of the second half, as the game was effectively over after 25 minutes.

Loreto opted to play with the aid of the breeze in the first half, but the Charleville outfit took the early initiative and had a goal after a minute from the stick of Cork senior, Sinead O'Callaghan. Loreto's Olive Hennessy kept the Kilkenny school in the game with a number of pointed frees and they had a rather fortuitous goal after 12 minutes from the stick of full forward Maria Ryan. Charleville countered with a goal from right corner forward Angela Sheehy and with points from Eileen O'Brien, Sinead O'Callaghan, Vera Sheehan and Caoimhe Harrington and when Eileen O'Brien goaled in the 20th minute for St. Mary's, the game was all but over. The Charleville girls led by 3-6 to 1-6 and were to play with the gale force wind at their backs in the second half.

From defence to attack Charleville looked an accomplished and strong outfit. They had tremendous skill level

which shone through despite the high winds. Having nine of last year's All Ireland winning team didn't do any harm either and it was quite evident that the team was an experienced one. It was virtually all one way traffic in the second half as the winners added on 2-9 with only a single point from the Kilkenny side.

St. Mary's will be quite pleased with their performance on the day as they marched on to the All Ireland Senior Final for the third year in a row. Also it is a great boost to the junior team who will be trying to join their Senior counterparts in the All Ireland Final on April 12th, when they play Bunclody of Wexford on this Saturday in Newtown. Throw in at 2.00pm.

Scorers for Charleville: E. O'Brien 1-8 (6 points from frees), V. Sheehan 2-2, S. O'Callaghan 1-3, A. Sheehy 1-1, C. Harrington 0-1 (free).

Scorers for Loreto: O. Hennessy 0-6 (5 from frees), M. Ryan 1-0, A.M. Young 0-1. St. Marys: L. Moloney, L. Leslie, M. Harrington, K. O'Shea, J. Cullinane, C. Harrington, S. O'Kelly, A. Sheehy, S. O'Callaghan, E. O'Brien, V. Sheehan, Subs P. Lynch for Eileen O'Brien, Loreto: L. Comerford, S. O'Gorman, J. Ryan, M. Costello, E. Fitzpatrick, R. Comerford, O. Hennessy, C.

Dowling, A.M. Young, J. Dillon, O. Hennessy, M. Ryan. Referee: Breda Philips, Tipperary. Eileen O'Brien was presented with a West Limerick G.A.A. Bord na nOg Sports Star Award on Saturday night in the Devon Hotel, Templeglantine. The presentation was made by All Star and Young Hurler of the Year Mark Foley.

St Mary's prove too strong for Loreto in semi-final

St Marys, Charleville 5-15
Loreto, Kilkenny 1-7

WITH a superb display of camogie St Marys demolished Loreto of Kilkenny in this All Ireland Colleges semi-final at Kilkenny on Saturday.

Against a gale force wind St Mary's were a goal up after little more than a minute. The sides traded points for the rest of the half but the match was effectively over when Charleville resumed with the benefit of the wind leading by 3-6 to 1-6. It was virtually all one way traffic as the winners added on 2-9 with only a single point in reply.

And on the odd occasion that Kilkenny got the ball up the field centre field Caoimhe Harrington was there to turn it back again. Left half forward, Eileen O'Brien and full forward Vera Sheehan also stood out.

Scorers for Charleville: E O'Brien 1-8, 6 pts from frees, V Sheehan 2-2, S O Callaghan 1-3, A Sheehy 1-1, C Harrington 0-1 (free). Loreto: O. Hennessy 0-6 (5 from frees), M Ryan 1-0, AM Young 0-1. ST MARYS: L. Moloney, L. Leslie, M Harrington, K O'Shea, J. Cullinane, C. Harrington, S O'Kelly, A. Sheehy, S O'Callaghan, E O'Brien, V Sheehan, Subs: C Walsh, P Lynch. LORETO: L Comerford, S O'Gorman, J Ryan, M Costello, E Fitzpatrick, R Comerford, O Hennessy, C Dowling, AM Young, J Dillon, Conagh Hennessy M Ryan.

Referee: Breda Philips (Tipperary).

Junior side aiming to equal Seniors

ST MARY'S, Charleville, Juniors will be endeavouring to emulate their Seniors when they take on FCJ Bunclody in the all-Ireland semi-final at Newtownshandrum, Co Cork at 2pm today.

Their Seniors qualified for the all-Ireland camogie final last Saturday with a big win over Loreto, Kilkenny.

If they emerge victorious from this game, it will be the fourth time in the last five years that they have reached the decider. They would thus join their Senior counterparts in Tullamore on April 12.

Schools double on for Charleville

St Mary's (Charleville) 2-7
FCJ Bunclody (Wexford) 1-3

ST MARY'S Charleville are still in line to complete an All-Ireland Schools camogie double.

Their seniors, having qualified for the final the previous Saturday in Kilkenny, were emulated by their juniors at Newtownshandrum on Saturday when they got the better of the Leinster champions, FCJ Bunclody.

Undoubtedly the star of the show was 15-year-old corner forward Eileen O'Brien, who accounted for all of her sides scores, 2-2 from play and 0-5 from frees.

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1996 Junior Sports Stars Awards Presentation

Camogie

A worthy winner of The Examiner Junior Sportstar Award for camogie is 17-year-old Denise Gilligan of the Craughwell Club

in Galway who played a major part in the Galway's historic first All-Ireland Senior title.

Galway, in their 11th final against a much fancied Cork side confounded the critics by taking the title — and Denise was the tormentor in chief for the victors with two crucial goals.

Denise, who learned her camogie at St. Bridget V.S. Loughrea where she is studying Information technology, won two All-Ireland schools medals and is also the holder of both minor and Junior medals with the County.

With her Club Craughwell she has a Under 16 Co. Championship medals as well as Intermediate and Junior "A" honours. She possess excellent skill, and given the slightest chance, is able to pick off scores from all angles.



Camogie team prepares

THE Cork minor camogie panel are busy preparing for this season's Munster championship semi-final against Umerick, due to be played in early May. Mary O'Connor, the Cork senior star from Killeagh, is coaching the side and Rob Lott from Sars is training the panel which consists of girls from 14 clubs in the county.

Chairman of the selectors, Tadgh Roche of Aghabullogue, stated that the preparation of the team has been quite thorough.

Panel: Ger Casey, M O'Connell (Inniscarra), Brid O'Neill (Watergrasshill), Liz Power (Catherine's), Siobhán Sexton (Kilbrittain), Jackie O'Sullivan, Sinead Kelly, Sabrina Buckley (Dillons), Ber Maher, Veronica Nash (Barrs), Clara Healy (Bishopstown), Sheila Crowley, Mary Ennequess, Sinead A Buckley, Linda Roman (Aghabullogue), Elaine Burke, Maria Kerley (Valley Rovers), Amanda O'Regan (Douglas), Niamh Bowles (Newtownshandrum), Sarah Hayes, Rachel Moloney (Courneys), Julie Ann Kingston (Tracton), Una O'Donoghue, Catherine Corkery, Sinead C Buckley (Cloughduv).

On the colleges front, Coschford meet St Pats in the senior county final in late March whilst Ballyphehane entertain Loreto, Fermoy in the intermediate final. Charleville await the winners of Coachford or Kinsale for the under 15 A county final. St Mary's Midleton play the winners of Christ King or Gobh in the semi-final of the under 15 B with Ballyphehane meeting St Als or Macroom in the other semi-final.

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National League: Clare 2-14 C O'Loughlin 1-11, A Keane 1-0, M McMahon 0-2, A Collins 0-1, Wexford 4-6 (G Codd 3-5, F Dunne 1-1). Kilkenny 7-20 (S Milles 3-8, M Comerford 2-3, B Mulvey 0-6, M Maher and M Maher 1-0 each, M Hickey, S Costello and C Dunne 0-1 each). Dublin 8-0. National Junior League: Wexford 3-8, Clare 0-8.

St Mary's senior and junior camogie teams in All-Ireland finals

THE senior and junior camogie teams from St Mary's School Charleville will contest the All-Ireland finals, in their respective grades, following their semi-final victories over Leinster champions, Loreto Kilkenny and FCJ, Buncloody.

The senior Munster champions took on Loreto, Kilkenny, at Dicksboro, in the All-Ireland semi-final recently and overwhelmed their opponents on a scoreline of 5-16 to 1-7.

The game was played in adverse weather conditions, with a gale force wind blowing. Despite this, the Charleville girls, who had elected to play against the wind, took control of the game from the start and Eileen O'Brien put them a goal up within a minute of the game starting.

This score laid the foundations for victory and was quickly followed by points from Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan and Caoimhe Harrington.

Loreto hit back with a goal and two points but St Mary's extended their lead after a passing movement involving Sinead O'Sullivan and Katie O'Shea who parted to Eileen O'Brien who hand passed to the Kilkenny net.

Vera Sheehan added another point and when Angela Sheehy was on

hand to bury the rebound after Vera Sheehan's shot was parried by the goalkeeper the score was 3-4 to 1-4. Sinead O'Callaghan and Eileen O'Brien tacked on two more points as did Loreto to leave the half time score, 3-6 to 1-6, in favour of the Cork girls.

On the resumption the Kilkenny girls made a determined effort to cut the deficit but Sinead O'Callaghan was again on target for a point and this score was followed by four points in quick succession from Eileen O'Brien.

Scores from Vera Sheehan (2-0), Angela Sheehy (0-2), Sinead O'Callaghan and Eileen O'Brien (0-1 each) gave the St Mary's girls a resounding victory and a place in the All-Ireland senior final for the second year in succession.

Team: Lisa Moloney, Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien, Katie O'Shea, Muireann Harrington, Caoimhe Harrington, Sharon O'Kelly, Jean Cullinane, Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Angela Sheehy.

Junior Semi-Final

ST MARY'S 2-7
FCJ BUNCLOODY 1-4

The difference between these two junior teams was Eileen O'Brien the brilliant young St Mary's player who scored all of

her side's 2-7 in a keenly contested game played at Newtownshandrum on Saturday.

The Leinster junior champions made a determined bid for victory and while they contested every ball to the final whistle their finish left them down.

In contrast to the previous Saturday when the school's seniors had to contend with a gale force wind, conditions were ideal for camogie with bright sunshine and a light breeze.

The Charleville girls opened the scoring with a point from Eileen O'Brien, the first of her nine scores and the Buncloody girls had no answer to her skillful play.

Denise O'Connor in goal also had a fine game for Charleville and brought off some great saves at vital times in the match.

The final score was 2-7 to 1-4 for the visitors and St Mary's emulated their seniors in qualifying for the All-Ireland junior decider which will be played in the near future.

Team: Denise O'Connor, Sandra O'Halloran, Noelle O'Riordan, Catherine Leslie, Gemma Ronan, Niamh Bowles, Aine Kelliher, Patricia O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien, Marie Cullinane, Laura O'Brien, Allison White.



Marie Santry, Pres. St Finbarr's and Marian McCarthy, Chair, making presentations to Colette Cronin and Claire Kirby, members of the Cork All-Ireland winning juniors. Also pictured: Antoinette Santry, sec. and Marie O'Sullivan, vice-Chair.

Thriller on cards as rivals clash in semifinal

IN the only game down for decision this coming weekend, Aghabullogue and Cloughdub clash in the semi final of the Under 18 Championship at Cloughdub on St Patrick's Day at 3 p.m.

This game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

The teams know each other inside out and matches between the two have always been tight affairs.

Both these clubs met in the Under 16 Championship final two years ago when only a point separated the sides at the final whistle and with almost the same two sides in opposition again this time out it should be neck and neck to the final whistle.

Fancied

In the lead up to the final, Cloughdub recorded fine victories over Bishopstown, Ballygarvan and a fancied Inniscarra side.

During these games they certainly looked in fine shape and the attention they have given to their underage section in recent years certainly seems to be paying off.

They have very talented players in Ciara Cronin, Una O'Donoghue, Sinead C. Buckley and the youthful Joanne O'Callaghan and Aoife Murray.

However, it will take a mighty effort from these girls if they are to

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curtail this present Aghabullogue side.

The Coachford based side are currently on the crest of a wave having swept the board at underage level in the past few years. They have won the Under 16 Championship for the past two years and this present side will include the bulk of these players.

In their semi-final victory over St Finbarrs on Sunday last they looked strong in all sectors and on form will be difficult to halt.

Marvellous

They will be spearheaded on Monday by such marvellous players as Sinead Buckley, Tina Roche, Mary Eneguss, Linda Ronan and Deirdre Twomey and if these girls play to their usual form they should edge it.

But it certainly would be no surprise if victory was to go to Cloughdub.

Whatever the outcome it should be a cracking contest between two neighbouring clubs.

Anyone with an interest in camogie should go along.

Mason gets due reward

Camogie: Down's Edel Mason was chosen as Player of the Ashbourne Cup tournament at the Presentation Dinner in the Balmoral Hotel late on Sunday.

The elegant Portaferry player had a great competition, scoring a total of 1-15 over the two games, and with Denise O'Boyle and Caltriona Higgins controlled the midfield area in both games.

It turned out that the All-star team selectors plumped for the Poly's final performance as the guide towards picking their Team of the Tournament. No fewer than six UU players were selected with a further two - Deirdre Connolly and Denise O'Boyle - among the six replacement players.

It means that all four Jordanstown attackers gained selection, but unfortunately there is no place for wing-back Majella Murray whom many felt could have been in the running for the overall Player of the Tournament, after a five-star performance on Saturday.

Winning captain Geraldine Haughey will wear her usual number

three, but centre-back Anna O'Loughlin is selected at full-back in preference to Claire McGovern.

UL gained four spots on the team - Miriam Holland in goals, Niamh Dowling at wing-back and Carmel Hannon and Sinead Millea in midfield. UCG pair Pamela Nevin and Olivia Broderick are selected at centre-back and full-forward respectively.

All colleges - except Athlone - are represented in the 18 players selected, but the list of those who did not catch the selectors' eyes reads such inter-county players as Sinead Nealon, Martina Harkin, Michelle Fennelly and Patricia Maloney who scored seven points despite her side Athlone RTC going down in Saturday's semi-final.

The Ashbourne Cup All-Star Team for 1997 is: Miriam Holland (UL); Anna O'Loughlin (UU); Geraldine Haughey capt (UU); Pamela Nevin (UCG); Niamh Dowling (UL); Edel Mason (UU); Sinead Millea (UL); Carmel Hannon (UL); Sinead McGovern (UU); Grace McMullan (UU); Roisin Pickering (UU); Olivia Broderick (UCG).

Subs: Brenda Daniels (Maynooth); Deirdre Connolly (UU); Mary Cody (UCD); Denise O'Boyle (UU); Esme Murphy (Waterford RTC); Theresa Brophy (UCG).

Ciara heads for Euro competition

CIARA HEALY from Bishopstown, Cork, the Irish U-19 squash champion is heading to Helsinki in Finland this weekend to compete in the European U-19 squash team championships.

The 14-year-old is a member of Highfield Squash Club and has been playing squash since she was eight years old. She also plays camogie with Bishopstown and the Cork minors and last year she was the goalkeeper on the Cork U-18 Munster Championship winning team.

She has represented her country at U-14, U-16 and U-19 levels and was runner-up in the Munster Senior Ladies Close championships.

In July, Ciara will be travelling to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil as a member of the Irish team which will be taking part in the World U-19 Championships there and anyone interested in sponsoring Ciara's trip to South America should contact Highfield Squash Club at 021/346049 immediately.

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Camogie World By P.J Fulham

SENIOR AND JUNIOR LEAGUES CONTINUE ON SUNDAY

On Sunday next the National Leagues continue. In senior Kilkenny have their first match of the year when they host Dublin. The last time the sides met was in the Leinster Senior Championship final when Kilkenny coasted to a 2-16 to 0-7 win. Former trainer Tom Ryan is back with the Kilkenny squad. He guided them to their seven All-Ireland victories on the trot. He is sure to have the 'Noresiders' in top form and should produce too much strength for their opponents on the day.

Galway play host to Armagh. When the sides met at this stage of the competition last year Galway were much superior and had an overwhelming victory 5-10 to 1-2. They are likely to prove too strong for the visitors.

Wexford travel to take on Clare in what should be an entertaining tussle between two evenly matched sides who are sure to produce lots of flair and determination. In the league last year after a closely contested tie Clare emerged winners 1-9 to 1-7. Jack O'Brien from Buffers Ally club is the new trainer of the Wexford side and he will be looking to Esme Murphy, Geraldine Codd, Orla Hernan, Paula Rankin and Marion O'Leary to collect the points. However it should be close at the finish.

In junior Antrim have the venue against Tyrone. Antrim are the Ulster champions and were defeated in the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final re-play by Roscommon 5-6 to 3-11. Tyrone have made great strides this year and are sure to provide stiff opposition with players such as Leona Fay, Maryrose McGrady, Catherine Finnegan, Simone Forbes and Brenda Burke. Antrim will be depending on Oonagh Elliot, Grace McMullan, Kerri O'Neill, Denise O'Boyle and Elaine Dowds to give them victory and with home venue may shade it.

Offaly take on Galway at the latter venue. The Connacht county are at the top of Zone D with four points and Offaly are close on their heels with three. It should be an excellent contest. Galway will be full of confidence but may find Offaly no push over. The 'Faithful county will want to make sure of making the last eight and will depend on Michelle Davis, Maureen Dooley, Maggie Lynch and Honor and Eileen Kinnsella to do so.

Clare and Wexford clash as curtain raiser to the senior. Wexford head Zone A and under new trainer Noel Ryan they have great hopes for this year. With star players Bernie Higgins, Anne Cousins, Aoife O'Connor, Tina Bergin and Rosemary Breen may prove too strong for the 'Banner' county.

Derry have the venue against Donegal and may prove

too strong for the visitors.

In the inter-varsity competitions The Purcell Cup and Shield was hosted by Carlow RTC. Cup semi-finals: Queens Belfast 0-13, Mary I, Limerick 1-1.

Scorers: QUB: Jennifer Braniff 0-11, Elaine Dowds and Glenda Fitzpatrick 0-1 each. Mary I: Orla Egan 1-0, Charmaine Cooney 0-1.

University of Ulster Coleraine 3-1

Dublin City University 0-3.

Scorers: UUC: Sinead McKervey 1-1, Bronagh Lavery and Ursula Doyle 1-0 each.

DCU: Maeve O'Reilly 0-3.

Final: QUB: 3-14 UUC: 1-1

Shield semi-finals: St Mary's, Belfast 6-6 Trinity College Dublin 1-0.

Scorers: St Mary's: Carla Doherty 2-3, Louise Darcy 1-1, Sinead Donnelly, Fiona Kennedy Therese McCann 1-0 each, Blathin McIvor 0-2, TCD: Fiona Synott 1-0.

Tralee RTC 2-7 Carlow RTC: 0-4.

Final: Tralee RTC 3-4 St Mary's 2-5.

The Ashbourne Cup and Shield was hosted by University of Ulster Jordanstown. Cup semi-finals: UU Jordanstown 2-11 UC Cork 2-2.

Scorers: UUJ: Edel Mason 1-8, Grainne Connolly 1-0, Grace McMullan, Sinead McGovern and Deirdre Connolly 0-1 each. UCC: Ursula Troy and Fiona Connery 1-0 each, Therese Brophy 0-2.

University of Limerick 1-10 UCG: 2-5.

Scorers: UL: Sinead Millea 0-7, Gillian O'Neill 1-0, Paula Carroll 0-3. UCG: Martina Harkin 1-1, Olivia Broderick 0-4, Mary Higgins 1-0.

Cup Final: UUJ: 0-18 UL: 1-9

Scorers: UUJ: Edel Mason 0-6, Sinead McGovern, Rosie Pilkinton and Grace McMullan 0-3 each, Deirdre Connolly 0-2, Caitriona Higin 0-1.

UL: Sinead Millea 0-9, Paula Carroll 1-0.

Shield Semi-finals: UCD 2-13, Athlone RTC: 0-8

Scorers: UCD: Frances Flavin 2-2, Mary Coady 0-8, Edel Tobin 0-3. Athlone RTC: Patricia Moloney 0-7, Norma Hennessy 0-1.

Waterford RTC: 3-4 Maynooth 1-3.

Shield Final: Waterford RTC 3-7 UCD 1-9.

The All-Ireland final of Ceol Caint agus Damhsa was hosted by Dublin in St Patrick's College, Drumcondra. The following are the results: Rince Ceili: Ben Dearg, An Dun.

Ceoluirilis Aonair: Aoibheann Ni Dhuinn, Naomh Doiminic, Roscomain.

Aithriseoireacht: Treasa Ni Lochlainn, Cill Chua, An Dun.

Trath na gCeist: Cluan Daimh, An Dun

Grupai Ceoil: Ben Dearg, An Dun

Amhranaiocht Aonair: Niamh Ni Ri, Cluan Daimh, An Dun.

Rince Seit: Cluain Daimh, An Dun

A profile of Claire Kirby and Colette Cronin

CLAIRE Kirby and Colette Cronin carried on the proud tradition of the Barr's when they helped Cork to win the Junior All Ireland Camogie title last year. Claire had already won an Ashbourne Cup medal with UCC who won the All Ireland

Colleges title. She started playing first on the Green in Deanwood with her neighbouring friends. All the boys and girls would gather there for a game. A great camaraderie developed and still exists. The girls had no inhibitions about the

clash of the ash as Claire said they were tough enough for the boys neither asked for nor gave any quarter. With her sister Colette she joined the Barr's when she was nine and later played on the U12 team. She played U14 with her area in

Community Games and also competed in the long puck. She joined the Cork Under 18 panel at 16 with sister Colette and they won the Munster Championship in their second year. Another neighbour Jo Ann Brown was also on the team. She is a third year student in Nutritional Science. Her father Batt who has strong community relations in his job as crime prevention officer played with the Barr's and his old club Killeady so it is surely in the games. Colette Cronin has a long association with Cork teams. She played U18 won All Ireland Minor in 1983 in the company of other Barr players Colette O'Mahony, Deirdre Christie and Paula Carew. She won an All Ireland Senior in '93 with club mate the other Colette O'Mahony on the Cork team. She also had the honour of captaining the Cork Junior team. She is part of the Barr's

dynasty as she is married into the hurling family of very strong Barr's tradition. Club President Maire Santry and Chairperson Marion McCarthy two tireless workers in the Blues tradition are

passionately proud of these two All Ireland winners and of every other member. They echo the cry of old Barr's warriors like the late great Betty Mohally 'Up the blues win or lose'. She was

never downhearted. She said, "I am a Barr's woman and proud to be a member of one of the greatest and most famed clubs of all times, The Barr's."

By John O'Mahony.



Paul O'Rourke, The Washington Inn, presents a set of jerseys to Paula Dowling, Captain UCC Camogie Team, prior to their recent Ashbourne Cup Finals. Also included are Angela McDermot, Chairperson; Ciara Enright, Secretary; Cora Mohane, Vice Captain and Rose Desmond, Trainer. (Pic: Mike English)



German girl, Ljiljana Jaredic, trying her skills at hurling during the Bishopstown GAA Coaching Course. She was tutored by Co. Board Coach, Tom Ott and club Coach, Brendan O'Driscoll. Ljiljana is an au-pair in Cork, who is also interested in volleyball and was introduced to camogie by well known camogie enthusiast, Cllr Pat Murray. (Pic: Mike English)

Outstanding win for Eire Og camogie club

Eire Og camogie club retained their title at the International Sports for Women Festival held over the weekend in Birmingham. Eight teams took part representing Ireland, Birmingham, Luton, London, Manchester and Glasgow. Eire Og played seven games on Saturday to reach the semi-final stages. The semi-final pairings were Eire Og V London Irish and Thomas Davis Dublin V Erin Go Bragh Birmingham. These games were played on Sunday morning. Eire Og defeated London Irish by one goal amid great excitement. The second semi-final was another close affair and went to extra time with Thomas Davis Dublin coming out on top on the score of 2-6 to 1-6. The final which was the highlight of the weekend was played in Páirc Na hEireann. Eire Og V Thomas Davis Dublin before a large attendance and was an outstanding game of camogie. The half-time score was Eire Og 5 points, Thomas Davis 1

point, Deirdre Healy scored 5 points. The Eire Og backline of Marion Recu, Yvonne Corkery, Yvonne O'Leary and Carol O'Callaghan kept the Thomas Davis forward at bay. In the second-half Marian McCarthy made many fine saves, and with Emily Foley and Deirdre O'Sullivan playing well at centre-field the Eire Og forward line got a good supply of ball and Helen Walsh scored a lovely point. Claire Sheehan had one of her best games for Eire Og but it was the young Ellen O'Herlihy who stole the show by scoring two outstanding goals and Eire Og ran out winners on the score of 2-8 to 2 points.

After the game the cup was presented to the Eire Og captain Helen Walsh by the President of the London Board Eithne Murphy. After the closing ceremony Eire Og party travelled home after an enjoyable weekend and having made many new friends.

By Rose Malone



St. Finbarr's Camogie Club All Ireland Junior winners '96 Claire Kirby and Colette Cronin pictured with Club President, Maire Santry and Marion McCarthy, Club Chairperson. (Pic: JO'M)



■ Pictured at the South East Camogie Blitz in Riverstick were Carrigaline players, Alish Cleary, Aoife Corbett and Aoife Donnelly. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



■ The Ballinhassig U11 team who competed at the South East Camogie Blitz in Riverstick. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



■ Slabh Ria the U11 finalists who took part in the South East Camogie Blitz in Riverstick. Included are Denise O'Meara, Emily Kennedy, Karen Higgins, Deirdre Edwards, Aileen Coleman and Orla Daly. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)

Two Dubliners in Race for President

Camogie By P. J. Fulham

The National Congress of the Camogie Association will be hosted in Rosecommon on March 22-23 at the Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone. This year's gathering is sure to attract a large crowd as a new Uachtarán will be elected. Belle O'Loughlin, of Down, comes to the end of her three year term of office. During her term Belle was an excellent President. She travelled all over the country helping in the promotion of the game.

There are two nominees for the position of Uachtarán: Phyliss Breslin and Patricia Rafferty, both from Dublin.

Phyliss has devoted a lifetime of service to the Association. A member of Naomh Brid club she won an All-Ireland club championship medal with Eoghan Ruadh in 1967. She gained an All-Ireland junior championship medal with Dublin in 1975 and two years later added a National Senior League souvenir to her collection.

Phyliss also refereed at all levels, including All-Ireland senior championship finals of 1973 and 1981 and holds the distinction of having refereed the inaugural All-Ireland junior championship final of 1968. She also took charge of national finals in that grade in 1976 and 1978.

For many years Phyliss was involved with the National Referees Committee and has given courses all over the country and in London on three occasions. She was Leinster Cathaoirleach for two terms and is currently Leinster Council delegate to Ardeomhaire.

Pat Rafferty, a member of Naomh Aoife club, started playing Camogie with Meán Seoil Naomh Joseph, Mountjoy Street, Dublin. After leaving school she joined Eoghan Ruadh and played at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level and won County Senior Championship and League medals in 1967, 1968 and 1969.

TEAM-MATES

Pat was on the same Eoghan Ruadh team as Phyliss that won the 1967 All-Ireland club championship. She added an All-Ireland junior medal with Dublin in 1971 to her collection, played with Trinity in the Ashbourne Cup in 1973-74 and is currently a playing member of Naomh Aoife.

Pat attributes her involvement in refereeing and administration to Phyliss Breslin. She served as Cathaoirleach agus Runai of Dublin Junior Board and County Board. Currently in her third year as Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean, Pat also served as Runai Laighean for a short time in the 'Seventies.

Pat was a candidate for the position of Ardrunai when the Office became vacant in 1975 and lost by one vote to Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich. She is a member of the National Administration Committee at present.

Delegates have two ladies of the highest calibre to choose from for their leader for the next three years.

NEW COMPETITION

An under-18 competition is to be inaugurated in Leinster this year as a result of a motion passed at the Leinster Convention.

The problem of fielding a team in senior in the Gael-Linn interprovincial series was discussed at length and as there was no nominations for senior selectors it was decided to ask the senior counties for nominations.

Convention failed to elect a Registrar after all three nominees withdrew.

The following officers were returned unopposed:
Cathaoirleach: Patricia Rafferty (Dublin), Leas-Cathaoirleach: Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly), Runai: Mairin Uí Fhulham (Westmeath), Cisteoir: Marie Woods (Kildare), P.R.O.: P. J. Fulham (Westmeath), Delegate to Central Council: Phyliss Breslin (Dublin).

The Ulster Convention failed to elect a Cathaoirleach when the two

nominees, Helen McAleevey, Down, and Pat Richardson, Armagh, withdrew their names.

Tom Monaghan, Armagh, who had ended his three year stint in the position, was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

STRATEGY PLAN

The Council's five year strategy plan was launched and well received by delegates. The plan selects six key areas for improvement up to 2001.

The six areas are:

- *Administration and knowledge.
- *Development of Referees.
- *Development of Coaches.
- *Identifying and nurturing talent.
- *Facilities and Equipment.
- *The image and identity of Ulster Camogie.

The document, which contains thirty pages, had professional input from Sports Consultants and Sports Council and if implemented looks set to boost the game considerably in the province.

The following officers were elected at the Convention:

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Tom Monaghan (Armagh), Runai: Marcella Leonard (Fermanagh), Cisteoir: Pat Cox (Fermanagh), Clarahoir: Mary Lynch (Monaghan), P.R.O.: Seamus McAleenan (Down), Ardeomhaire Delegate: Ann Burke (Tyrone).

AND IN THE WEST

Connacht returned the following officers:

Cathaoirleach: Bridget Broderick (Galway), Leas-Cathaoirleach: Caoilfhionn Coyle (Roscommon), Runai: Michael Kennedy (Galway), Cisteoir: Marion Conroy (Roscommon), P.R.O.: Dermot Connolly (Galway), Ardeomhaire Delegate: Dymphna Hardiman (Galway).

The National Senior and Junior Leagues continue on March 9 with the first named counties having home advantage:

SENIOR: Kilkenny v Dublin, Galway v Armagh, Clare v Wexford.

JUNIOR: Antrim v Tyrone, Galway v Offaly, Clare v Wexford, Derry v Donegal.

Because of Bank Holidays and Congress there will be no further fixtures during March.

Pan Celtic will take place on April 5-6 at Ennis. There are two Junior League fixtures for that date: Fermanagh v Tyrone and Carlow v Armagh.



Antoinette O'Connell... led Cork to the All-Ireland Junior Camogie title last year.

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Camogie World by P.J. Fulham

NEW UACHTARAN TO BE ELECTED AT NATIONAL CONGRESS



Belle O'Loughlin, Down, who comes to the end of her three year term as Uachtaran, Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.

National Congress takes place on March 22nd and 23rd. It will be hosted by Roscommon and will be held in the Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone. Congress this year is sure to draw a large crowd as a new Uachtaran will be elected. Belle O'Loughlin, Down will come to the end of her three year term of office. During that period Belle was an excellent President. She travelled all over the country helping in the promotion of the game.

There are two nominees for the position of Uachtaran: Phyliss Breslin and Patricia Rafferty, both from Dublin. Phyliss contested the last election and lost out by four votes. Phyliss has devoted a lifetime of service to the Association. A member of Naomh Brid club, she won an All-Ireland Club



Phyliss Breslin, Dublin, nominee for the position of Uachtaran, Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.

Championship medal with Eoghan Ruadh in 1967, added an All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1975 with her native Dublin and a National Senior League in 1979. As a referee, Phyliss has officiated at all levels including All-Ireland Senior Championship finals in 1973 and '81 and holds the distinction of refereeing the inaugural All-Ireland Junior Championship final in '68. She also took charge in '76 and '78. For many years Phyliss was involved with the National Referees Committee and has given courses all over the country and in London on three occasions. Provincial Cathaoirleach for two terms and is currently Leinster Councils delegate to Ardchomhairle.

Pat Rafferty, a member of Naomh Aoife club started playing camogie with Mean Scoil Naomh Joseph, Mountjoy Street, Dublin. After leaving school she joined Eoghan Ruadh and played at junior, intermediate and senior level, winning senior county championship and league medals in 1967, '68 and '69. Pat was on the same Eoghan Ruadh team as Phyliss that won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1967. She added an All-Ireland junior medal with Dublin in '71 and played with Trinity College in the Ashbourne Cup in 1973/74. Pat is currently a playing member of Naomh Aoife.

She served as Cathaoirleach agus Runai of Dublin Junior Board and County Board. Currently in her third year as Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean, Pat also served as Runai Laighean for a short time in the '70s. Pat was a candidate for the position of Ardrunai when the office became vacant in 1975 and lost by one vote to Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich. Pat is currently a member of the National Administration Committee.

Delegates have two ladies of the highest calibre to choose for their leader for the next three years.



Pat Rafferty, Dublin is also a nominee for the position of Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.

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St. Finbarrs Camogie Club 25 Years Celebrations

■ Marian McCarthy, Chairperson, St. Finbarr's Camogie Club making a presentation to Marie Santry, President in recognition of her work on behalf of the club over many years. The presentation was made in conjunction with the club's celebration of 25 years of activity since it was reformed in 1972.



■ Members of the 'Barrs '57 Camogie team who attended the 25th Anniversary celebrations. Included are Dymphna Murphy, Margaret Fielding, Barbara Graham, Mary Fitzpatrick, Eileen Moran, Gretta Glavin, May O'Leary, Kathleen Martin, Alice Meaney and Ann O'Keefe. (Pic: Mike English)



■ Committee members and guests at the St. Finbarr's Camogie Club 25th Anniversary Dinner at the GAA Club. (Pic: Mike English)



■ St. Finbarr's Camogie Club honours Claire Kirby and Colette Cronin who played with Cork Juniors in '96. Photo shows Marie Santry and Marian McCarthy making the presentation watched by Antoinette Santry, Honorary Secretary and Marie O'Sullivan, Vice Chairperson. (Pic: Mike English)

Busy season for Cork minor camogie panel

THE Cork minor camogie panel are busy preparing for this season's Munster Championship semi-final against Limerick, due to be played in early May.

Mary O'Connor, the Cork senior star from Killeagh is coaching the side and Rob Lottly from Sars is training the panel which consists of girls from 14 clubs in the county. Chairman of the selectors, Thady Roche of Aghabullogue, stated that the preparation of the team has been quite thorough and most of the players have been actively involved during the winter months with their school sides such as Ballyphehane, Coachford, Kinsale, St. Mary's, Macroom, Bandon and St. Patricks.

Panel

Ger Casey, M. O'Connell, Inniscarra; Brid O'Neill, Watergrasshill; Liz Power, Catherine's; Siobhán Sexton, Kilbrittain; Jackie O'Sullivan, Sinead

Kelly, Sabrina Buckley, Dillons; Ber Maher, Veronica Nash, Barrs; Ciara Healy, Bishopstown; Sheila Crowley, Mary Ennequess, Sinead A. Buckley, Linda Ronan, Aghabullogue; Elaine Burke, Maria Kirby, Valley Rovers; Amanda O'Reagan, Douglas, Niamh Bowles, Newtownshandrum; Sarah Hayes, Rachel Moloney, Courcays; Julie Ann Kingston, Tracton; Una O'Donoghue, Catherine Corkery, Sinead C. Buckley, Cloughduv.

On the colleges front, Coachford meet St. Pats in the senior county final in late March whilst Ballyphehane entertain Loretto, Fermoy in the Intermediate Final. Charleville await the winners of Coachford or Kinsale for the U15A county final. St. Mary's, Midleton play the winners of Christ King or Cobh in the semi-final of the U15B with Ballyphehane meeting St. Als or Macroom in the other semi-final.



■ Members of the St. Finbarr's '64 Camogie team who attended their 25th Anniversary celebrations. Included are Tina Kelly, Alice Meaney, Marie Santry, Kay Dunne, Sheila Barrett, Rose Edwards and Joan Doolan. (Pic: Mike English)

Breslin tops the poll

PHYLLIS BRESLIN from Dublin was elected the Camogie Association's new president at annual congress in Athlone last weekend. Phyllis defeated fellow Dubliner Patricia Rafferty by 55 votes to 24, writes PJ Fullam.

Breslin, a member of the Irish Dairy Board, has been involved in camogie all her life. A member of Central Council for many years, she has a big task ahead as she leads the association into the next century.

Rafferty, the Leinster Council chairman, was gracious in defeat and definitely has the makings of a future president.

In her final address, outgoing president Belle O'Loughlin of Down said she was very privileged to have served for the last three years as head of a wonderful association. She said we must look ahead and plan for the future, set achievable targets from club level upwards.

Of the 14 motions tabled, only one was passed — that the Newtownshandrum club, which has competed in Limerick since 1987, now take part in competitions in Cork. A recommendation was passed that a special All-Ireland minor competition be organised for weaker counties.

Cloughduv book place in final

IN the Cork U-18 camogie championship semi-final at Cloughduv yesterday, the home team qualified to meet Courcay Rovers in the Championship final. On a scoreline of 2-2 to 1-3.

Leading 2-1 to 0-2 at half time, Cloughduv managed to hold on despite some tremendous pressure from Aghabullogue in the second half.

40 YEARS AGO

● CORK retained the Cronin Camogie Cup as a result of their deserved 5-4 to 3-2 win over the Combined Universities Selection after a thrilling exhibition at the UCC Grounds, where the home county was represented by: E. O'Donovan (Old Als), B. Walsh (do), N. Deane (Glen Rovers), L. Coughlan (Old Als), M. Hayes (Blackrock), N. Duggan (Old Als), R. Manley (Old Als), L. Grant (South Pres PP), M. Joyce (Old Als, Capt).

MARY MORAN TRACES THE PROUD HISTORY OF GLEN ROVERS CAMOGIE CLUB

Fifty years aglowing

Not many camogie clubs can boast of reaching the ripe old age of fifty. Celtic and Naomh Aoife of Dublin and Deirdre of Belfast are among the few which spring to mind. This year, it is the turn of Glen Rovers to mark their Golden Jubilee.

Glen Rovers hold a special place in the history of Cork Camogie. Formed in the Blackpool area of Cork City, they are a sister club of the famed hurling club, Glen Rovers. They adopted the familiar Black, Green and Yellow colours which the legendary Christy Ring, Jack Lynch, John Lyons, Denis Coughlan, Martin Doherty and Tomas Mulcahy, to mention but a few wore with style.

Mary Dorgan carried the first camogie trophy to Blackpool, the Cork City Junior Championship Cup. On the winning team were Eily O'Donovan, Kathleen Martin, Eily Lyons, Chris O'Donovan, Kate O'Callaghan and Maisie Sheehan.

Following success in the Senior B Championship in 1945, The Glen moved up to contest the Senior Grade A. The Science Cup found a home at Blackpool for the first time in 1950. The winning side was Siobhain O'Brien (capt), Sheila Cahill, Bridie Lucey, Nancy O'Brien, Eva Dempsey, Noelle Deane, Bessie Lucey, Nora O'Brien, Peg Lucey, Kit O'Donovan, Breda Buckley, Mary Rose Fitzpatrick, Eily O'Donovan, Mary Lucey and Chris O'Donovan.

The Cup was back in Blackpool in 1951, 54, 57 and 58. Deirdre Sutton, Teresa Murphy, Peggy Dorgan, Stephanie O'Connell and Anna Crotty had arrived on the scene and delighted Glen supporters with their undoubted skills.

Glen Rovers were the leading Cork club in the sixties. They won all before them including a spectacular seven Cork Senior Championship titles in a row. Nora O'Mahony, Noreen O'Callaghan, Margaret Buckley, Nuala Humphries (mother of present day Cork stars, Lyn and Stephanie Dunlea) and Maura Coleman had come into the side.

1964 saw the introduction of the Munster and All-Ireland Club Championships. Glen won the inaugural Munster Club title and held the eventual winners, Celtic (Dublin) to a draw at the

semi-final stage of the All-Ireland Club Championship.

Many of the stars of the club retired during the seventies. A few lean years were experienced as the Glen regrouped their forces. A new look team emerged in the eighties which was to sweep all before them. A side led by Anne O'Donovan brought a fifteen year old famine to an end. Mary Ring, daughter of all-time great Christy Ring, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, Marie Ryan and Val Fitzpatrick had come into the picture.

Three years later, Glen Rovers realised a cherished dream. Glen defeated St. Pauls, Kilkenny to win their first All-Ireland Club championship title. The historic side was Fiona McCarthy, Mary Ring (capt), Diane Deane, Marie Ryan, Anne Delaney, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Mary Currid, Anne Hourigan, Therese O'Callaghan, Ger McCarthy and June Hamill.

Three more All-Ireland club titles were captured by Glen Rovers. Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick, Claire McCarthy and Lyn Dunlea played a big part in the more recent successes.

Glen Rovers record now stands at four All-Ireland club championships, nine Munster titles and twenty two Cork County Senior championships. In Cork,

they enjoyed an unbeaten seven year run on two occasions, 1962-68 and 1990-96. Sandie Fitzgibbon holds ten Cork Senior Championship medals, a record she shares with Killeagh's Marion Sweeney.

The Glen produced some truly outstanding players. American born, Anna Crotty played her first game in the red and white of Cork in 1952 and finished in style with an All-Ireland medal in 1970. Anna was a great character as well as being an outstanding player. Her playing colleague, Peggy Dorgan won many a game for the Glen.

Sheila Cahill and Deirdre Sutton were two superb goalkeepers. Teresa Murphy, Bridie Lucey and Mary Ring were excellent defenders. Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick, Stephanie O'Connell, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy, Denise Cronin and Lyn Dunlea hurled with style. But my choice as the best Glen player of all time is undoubtedly, Sandie Fitzgibbon.

Keeping a club going for fifty years took a lot of hard graft. Glen found many willing workers who had the best interests and the advancement of the club at heart. Nora Newman, who has given a lifetime of service to the club, is a living example of the spirit of the Glen. The men also lent a hand. Tom Murphy, Donie O'Brien, Finbarr O'Neill and Noel Lynam prepared many a winning combination.

The Glen may be justifiably proud of what they achieved in their first fifty years. The Glen Hurling Club have ambitious plans for expansion and redevelopment in the coming years. I have no doubt that the Glen girls will march alongside to face the future with confidence and attain further honours.

Annual Congress, which will be staged in Athlone at the end of the month, will see Co. Down lady, Belle O'Loughlin, step down from the post of President of the Camogie Association. Belle notched up considerable mileage over the past three years as she covered the four provinces to promote the game.

Two Dublin ladies, Phyllis Breslin and Pat Rafferty, are in the running to succeed. They have much in common. As referees on the inter-county scene, they became well-known. They both served Dublin and Leinster in various capacities. The winner will make a good President.



SANDIE FITZGIBBON
Mary Moran's choice as the best Glen Rovers player of all time.

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At the scholarship awards were back (from left): Donal O'Rourke (Cork RTC), Pat Kelleher (Cork RTC), Sinéad Power, Martin Cronin, Deirdre Nagle, Noel Walsh (Munster Council), Liam Hodnett (Cork RTC). Front (from left): Miriam Deasy, Pat Ryan, Charlie McCarthy, Owen Sexton and Cliona Meaney.

Talented students are rewarded

MUNSTER GAA Council in conjunction with the Cork Regional Technical College has announced the sports bursaries/GAA scholarships for a number of students attending the college.

The awards acknowledge the outstanding achievements of students in hurling, football, camogie and ladies football and are valued at £500 each.

Munster Council chairman Noel Walsh said the awards were an extension of the council's policy to reward talented youngsters at the third level educational institutions.

The awards went to:

Charlie McCarthy (Gneeveguilla and Kerry) winner of All-Ireland vocational schools, minor and under 21 medals with Kerry. He is a member of the senior team.

Martin Cronin (Nemo Rangers and Cork) who holds All-Ireland minor and under 21 medals, an All-Ireland club medal with Nemo and is a county senior player.

Owen Sexton (Kilbrittain and Cork) has won minor and under 21 All-Ireland county medals and is on the senior football squad.

Pat Ryan (Sarsfields and Cork) won Harty Cup and All-Ireland

colleges medals and a Munster U-21 medal with Cork.

Miriam Deasy is one of Cork's most promising camogie players and won a senior All-Ireland medal in 1995.

Cliona Meaney has represented Limerick at under age and junior camogie. She coaches the RTC camogie team.

Sinéad Power from Ballinacorney, Co. Waterford is one of the main driving forces behind the spectacular growth of ladies football in the RTC.

Deirdre Nagle, also from Waterford, won an All-Ireland

Cracker on the cards in minor final

CAMOGIE

THIS weekend's highlight will be the final of the 1996 Under 18 Championship which will see Courcy Rovers and Cloughduv in opposition at Ballygarvan at 12 noon tomorrow.

Both these clubs met earlier in the season in the final of the Under 14 League when the mid Cork Club was successful so no doubt this time out the Ballinaspsall based side will be anxious for revenge.

Cloughduv are a surprise package in this final as they are basically a very young side and are contesting Sundays final against all the odds. However, they are there on merit and on their recent performances will be slightly favoured to take the honours.

During all their games they have shown a never say die attitude and in particular in their semi final clash with near neighbours Aghabullough when they were forced to pull out all stops before eventually coming out on top.

They have fine performers in Una O'Donoghue, Clara Cronin, Sinead C. Buckley and Catherine Corkery and if these girls once again produce the goods they must be in there with every chance of success.

However I am sure Courcy Rovers will have other ideas about this. In their path to the final they defeated Fr O'Neills, Glen Rovers and Kilbrittain and their displays on those occasions certainly merits their participation in Sundays final. They have excellent players in Cork Minors Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes and have other fine performers in Cora and Clare Murphy and if these girls play to form we must surely be in for a great contest.

In the remaining games of the weekend Redmonds is the venue on Monday for the semi-finals of the under 16 B League and these will see Barryroe and the winners of the Douglas/Fr O'Neills game in action at 12.30 while at 1.45 Mayfield and Valley Rovers will battle it out.

personality award



Michael "Duxie" Walsh, winner of the National Irish Bank GAA personality of the month award and Imelda Hobbins, winner of the camogie award.

IRELAND'S most consistent athlete of the past 15 years has again been honoured, this time with the GAA Personality of the Month for March.

Handball champion Michael Duxie Walsh was awarded the National Irish Bank-sponsored honour for his exploits in 1996.

He won the All-Ireland senior softball title for a record 12th time and, with his partner Eugene Downey, his ninth senior softball doubles. He also

won his sixth 40 x 20 senior singles title, equalling Pat Kirby's record. It means the Kilkenny man has now won an All-Ireland medal each year since taking the U-12 crown in 1977.

Also honoured was Galway camogie star Imelda Hobbins. She captained Galway to their first ever All-Ireland title last year. She has previously won five All-Ireland senior colleges medals with St Raphael's of Loughrea.

Courcy reach first U-18 final

CORK camogie followers' interests will be focused on the 1996 Under-18 Championship final which is the only game on the camogie calendar for the weekend. Contesting the final will be Courcy Rovers and Cloughduv. Courcy are contesting their first under-18 championship final, but having already annexed the Junior B Championship and the Cork Felle na Gael title.

Cloughduv last won the under-18 championship in 1991. They are coached by former Cork Senior inter-county hurler, Kevin Murray and the team will include the two Murray sisters, 12-year-old goalie Aoife, and sister Emer. They are a strong side with players drawn mainly from camogie strongholds Macroom Convent and Coachford Community College.

Courcy Rovers	1-5
Cloughduv	0-3

COURCY ROVERS captured the U-18 Camogie Championship title for the first time when they defeated Cloughduv at Ballygarvan yesterday. A goal from Clare Murphy 12 minutes into the game gave them the cushion they needed and it saw them leading 1-2 to 0-2 at half time.

On the turnover three points from Rachel Moloney sealed their victory.

Scorers for Courcy Rovers: Clare Murphy 1-1, Rachel Moloney 0-4, (3 free: 1 thirty). Cloughduv: Una O'Donoghue, Aoife Buckley, Catherine Corkery 0-1 each (free). Referee: Oliver Webb, Carrigrohane.

At the GAA Personalities of the Month Awards presentation (sponsored by the National Irish Bank) were (l-r) Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, winner of the National Handball Award; Des Moore, Business Bank Manager, NIB Galway and Imelda Hobbins, winner of the Camogie award.



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TIPPERARY DEFEAT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS CORK

Tipperary collected two valuable points when they got the better of the senior league champions, Cork. This was an excellent encounter that produced lots of fire power on both sides. Tipperary knew by half time that they had a chance of overcoming the champions when they trailed by just two points at the interval, Cork 3-4 Tipperary 2-5. However the "premier county" had to face a stiff breeze in the final half. The sides exchanged points in the early stages before Deirdre Hughes sent a sizzling ball to the Cork net to put her side a point ahead, but almost immediately Cork equalised and went ahead by three points without a reply. With fifteen minutes remaining Ciara Gaynor put the sides level when she sent a sizzling ball to the net. Within minutes the champions had taken a two point lead. Then Tipperary hit a purple patch with Deirdre Hughes parking the ball in the Cork net. This was followed by a similar score by Caitriona Hennessy to put them four points ahead. Cork pointed from a free and great defensive work by both sides allowed no score for the remaining six minutes of the game. Final Score: Tipperary 6-6 Cork 3-12.

Tipperary Scorers: Ciara Gaynor 2-2, Deirdre Hughes 2-0, Noelle Kennedy 1-2, Caitriona Hennessy 1-1, Sinead Collins 0-1.

Tipperary team: Jovita Delaney, Aine Hogan, Emily Hayden, Claire Madden, Paula Bulfin, Sinead Collins, Helan Kiely, Therese Brophy, Caitriona Hennessy, Ciara Gaynor, Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes.

Subs: Nora Dwan, Shiela Kyne, Sinead Nealan, Helan Campion.

Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Clare got off to a good start in the senior league with a win over Wexford played at Parteen. Catherine O'Loughlin was the thorn in Wexford's side and by half time the 'Banner County' had built up a lead of 2-5 to 1-3.

The second half was a sparkling affair with goals coming from Wexford's Geraldine Codd and Fiona Dunne. However it was Catherine O'Loughlin's ability to pick off scores that gave her side victory. Final Score: Clare 2-14 Wexford 4-6.

Scorers: Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 1-11, Ann Keane 1-0, Moira McMahon 0-2, Ann Marie Collins 0-1. Wexford: Geraldine Codd 3-5 Fiona Dunne 1-1.

Referee: Vera Mulcahy, Limerick

All-Ireland champions Galway coasted to victory over a less experienced Dublin side to life the points in this senior league tie at Blanchardstown. The visitors played with a strong wind in the opening half and built up a score of 4-5 to 0-0 at the interval. Although the game was very skillful Dublin could not handle the experience of the champions. Final Score: Galway 6-12 Dublin 0-3.

Scorers: Galway: Denise Gilligan 2-5, Sharon Glynn 2-3, Ann Ryan/Forde 1-3, Colette Nevin 1-1. Dublin:

Laoise Ryan 0-2, Sarah Brehany 0-1.

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath

Tom Ryan returned as manager of Kilkenny senior team to witness his side prove much too strong for a less experienced Dublin outfit at Danesfort. Half time score Kilkenny 4-2 Dublin 0-0. Final score: Kilkenny 7-20 Dublin 0-0.

Scorers: Kilkenny Sinead Millea, Margaret Commerford 2-3, Brigid Mullaly 0-6, Marie Maher, Martina Maher and Catherine Dunne 0-1 each.

Referee: Bidy Phillips, Tipperary

Other senior league result: Down 1-9 Armagh 0-9. Half time Armagh 0-8 Down 0-1. Scorers: Down: Jennifer Branniff 0-9, Cathy Mulholland 1-0, Armagh: Mary Black 0-5, Olive McGeown, Maggie Donnelly, Patricia McEvoy, Ursula McGivern 0-1.

Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

In National junior league Kildare collected two valuable points when they proved too strong for Dublin. The winners led 1-6 to 0-1 at the break. Final score: Kildare 2-8 Dublin 1-2. Scorers: Kildare: Aisling Treacy 1-2, Bernie Farrelly 1-0, Miriam Malone 0-3, Elaine Mileym, Ruth Treacy and Eileen Murray 0-1 each.

Dublin: Julie Bannon 1-0, Louise O'Brien and Paula Malcolmson 0-1 each.

Referee: Noeleen Cornican, Galway.

A good second half by Cork gave them the points against Tipperary in this junior tie. Tipperary led 1-6 to 1-1 at the break. With ten minutes to go Cork rattled in three goals in as many minutes putting the game out of the reach of Tipperary.

Final Score: Cork 5-7 Tipperary 1-6.

Tipperary Scorers: Joanne Ryan 1-1, Jackie O'Connor 0-4, P Loughnan 0-1. Referee: Terese Murray, Waterford.

Wexford 3-8 Clare 0-8

Scorers: Wexford: Bernie Higgins 1-7, Rosemary Breen 1-1, Joan Redmond 1-0. Clare: Claire McNamera 0-4, Erica Minogue 0-3, Claire Akers 0-1. Referee: Celine Doody, Limerick.

Antrim 3-9 Tyrone 0-4.

Scorers: Antrim: Denise O'Boyle 1-3, Grace McMullan 1-2, Carla Doherty 1-1, Ann McKee 0-2, Majella McMullan 0-1. Tyrone: Brenda Burke, Dolorus Hughes, Mary Rose McGrady and Carmel Darcy 0-1 each.

Referee: Fionnuala Brady, Down.

Down 5-10 Armagh 1-2.

Scorers: Down: Ciara McGovern 3-1, Jennifer Braniff 0-6, Caroline Poland and Mairin McAleenan 1-1 each. Deirdre Quinn 0-1.

Armagh: Bernie Gribbon 1-1, Denise McGreary 0-1.

Referee: Pat Reynolds, Louth.

Cavan 2-6, Roscommon 1-2.

Scorers: Cavan: Marie Brady 1-1, Lorraine Day 0-4, Brenda Lynch 1-0, Majella Prior 0-1. Roscommon Mary Gannon 1-2.

Referee: Mailse O Bhaoill, Fermanagh.



At Glen Rovers CC victory dance were (l to r) Chrissie Buckley, Chrissie Wilson, Nora Newman, Mary Newan, Deirdre Sutton, Alison Conway, Noel Lynam and Linda Mellerick.

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GALWAY'S WINNING RUN CONTINUES

Galway collected their second brace of points in the National senior league when they proved too strong for Armagh at Loughrea. The All-Ireland champions played with great confidence and produced great scoring power with six of the team putting their names on the scoreboard. By half time they had built up a score of 1-13 to 0-4. Armagh tried hard with Mary Black getting through for two goals but this was soon cancelled out by two similar scores by Veronica Curtin and Sharon Glynn added a third. The 'Orchard' county found it hard to get through the Galway defence who were in great form on the day. Final score: Galway 4-19 Armagh 2-8

Scorers: Galway: Veronica Curtin 2-4, Martina Harkin 0-6, Sharon Glynn 1-1, Ann Forde and Denise Gilligan 0-4 each, Fiona Ryan 1-0. Armagh: Mary Black 2-3, Bernie McBride 0-3, Olive McGeown 0-2. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

In junior league Offaly had a good win over Galway at Loughrea. By virtue of this win Offaly have clinched a place in the quarter-final. Galway are already through. It was an entertaining tussle with Offaly taking the game to their opponents from the start and at half time led 1-4 to 0-1. Two goals by Galway's Martina Haverty and Aoife Lynskey did not dampen the 'Faithful' county's spirits. A goal by Michelle Davis and some well taken points by Maggie Lynch gave them a seven point victory.

Final Score: Offaly 2-9 Galway 2-2. Scorers: Offaly: Maggie Lynch 1-4, Michelle Davis 1-3, Amanda Glennon 0-2. Galway: Martina Haverty and Aoife Lynskey 1-0 each, Caroline Murray and Colette Nevin 0-1 each. Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

A GLANCE BACK TO 1969

In 1969 Wexford retained the All-Ireland Senior Championship defeating Antrim 4-4 to 4-2. Wexford team: Teresa Shiels, Joan Murphy, Anne Foley, Brigid Doyle (Capt), Brigid O'Connor, Mary Walsh, Margaret O'Leary, Bernie Murphy, Cathy Power, Annie Kehoe, Mary Doyle, Mary Shannon, Subs: T Shannon, C Fortune and P Doyle.

Antrim team: Kay Kelly, Moira Forde, Eithne Dougan, Maeve Gilroy, Kathleen McManus, Dolores Crawford, Eileen Collins, Maread McAtamney, Nuala Havelin, Maread Quinn, Marian McFetridge, Lily Scullion. Subs: E Brogan, A McIvor and C Wheeler.

Referee: Lil O'Grady, Cork.

The All-Ireland Junior championship in its second year in existence went north to Derry who defeated Cork who were challenging for the second successive year 4-2 to 2-4.

Derry team: B McGann, K McDonald, M McNally, I McErlean, P Downey, S McErlean, K O'Hagan (Capt), C Kelly, K McPeake, A McGuirk, E McErlean, M Peake.

Cork team: Mary Barron, Mary Crowley (Capt), Mary Whelton, Mary A Murphy, Miriam Higgins, Masie Murphy, Blanche Gibbons, Marion McCarthy, Mary Ita Sullivan, Joan Fitzpatrick, Angela Cronin, Rosie Hennessy.

Referee: Ann Ashton, Dublin

St Paul's Kilkenny won their second All Ireland club championship title with a 3-7 to 2-1 win over Ahane, Limerick.

St Paul's team: Jo Golden, Mary Conway, Nuala Duncan, Joan Kelly, Liz Neary, Carmel O'Shea, Ann Carroll, Maura Cassin, Helena O'Neill, Rose Vennard, Breda Cassin and Ann Phelan.

Leinster retained the Gael Linn when they recorded a 5-4 to 2-2 victory over Munster. Leinster team: Teresa Shiels, Wexford, Joan Murphy, Wexford, Mary Ryan, Dublin, Margaret O'Leary, Wexford, Ally Hussey, Dublin, Ann Carroll, Kilkenny, Kitty Murphy, Dublin, Orla Ni Siochain, Dublin, Mary Doyle Wexford, Judy Doyle, Dublin, and Una O'Connor, Dublin.

Munster team: Sally Lon, Tipperary, Mel Cummins, Cork, Jo Marshall, Tipperary, Ann Graham, Tipperary, Mary Joe Ryan, Cork, Liz Garvin, Cork, Margaret Cleary, Tipperary, Ann Commerford, Cork, Beatrice Lawrence, Tipperary, Carrie Clancy, Limerick, Ann McAuliffe, Cork, Bridie Conway.

Connacht commenced a senior Colleges competition which was won by St Brigid's, Tuam. The All Ireland senior colleges championship came into being. 'Corn Sceilg' was presented for this competition by Iney Bean Ui Lionaird, a Trustee of Ardcomhairle, in memory of his father, Sean O'Ceallaigh, that sceilg who was involved in drawing up the original rules for Camogaiocht.

That first All Ireland was contested by first time Leinster colleges champions Presentation, Kilkenny and St Aloysius, Cork. Presentation won on a score of 3-2 to 1-2. Presentation team: Teresa O'Neill, Ann Phelan, Kathleen Conway, Mary Tallis (Capt), Helena O'Neill, Liz Neary, Claire Dowling, Carmel Doyle, Patsy Byrne, Mary Barry, Breda McEvoy, and Teresa Brennan.

The Ashbourne Cup was won by UCD.

Rovers are on a roll

THE capturing of the U-18 County championship by Courcey Rovers at the weekend was the crowning glory of an historic year for this seaside parish.

It all began in June when they won their first County final of 1996, by winning the County Felle, which won them the honour of representing Cork in the All-Ireland Felle na nGael series.

They progressed all the way to an All-Ireland final only to lose to the girls of Templemore in Tipperary.

The trophy which most eluded Courceys was at last captured in 1996, that being the County Junior B championship. After contesting three finals in the previous four years, victory had to be stacked in Courcey's favour.

With the help of Cork minors, Rachel Moloney and Sara Hayes, who at the tender age of 14 have played in no less than 11 county finals to date, and the experience of Cora Murphy, Shirley Moloney

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and Claire Murphy, reaped their just rewards.

The icing on the cake came last Sunday when for some of the players a third county medal was added to a growing collection when they beat Cloughduv in the U-18 County final.

The All-Ireland Pan Celtic competitions will be held this weekend in Ennis, Co Clare. This year, the competition has attracted a record number of entries with over fifty clubs taking part.

There will be competitions for Senior A, Senior B, Under-16 A and Under-16 B. Cork clubs travelling are St Finbarrs, Inniscarra, Glen Rovers, Newtownshandrum and Ballygarvan so, no doubt, there promises to be a great weekend ahead for all competitors.

The competitions will commence on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and will be held at St Flannan's College grounds.

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Hard luck to St. Mary's Macroom, who were defeated by Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary in the replay of the Munster Quarter Final in Cloughduv on March 12. Macroom got off to a great start with a goal from Una O'Donoghue. This was followed by some skillful points from Deirdre Healy. At half time the score read 1-4 to 1-2 in Macroom's favour.

Again Macroom battled hard in the second half, getting some lovely

scores and displaying some spectacular camogie, but were very unlucky.

Macroom Panel: Ciara Cronin, Yvonne Corkery, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Elaine Linehan, Deirdre Healy, Katherine Corkery, Hilda Dunlea, Captain; Una O'Donoghue, Aoife Buckley, Clare O'Donoghue, Sally Ann Shannon, Caroline MacSullivan, Fiona Cronin, Linda O'Leary and Sinead Corkery.



The Courcsey Rovers camogie team who capped a season to remember with victory in the U-18 county championship final recently.

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■ Captains Deirdre O'Donoghue, Courcsey Rovers and Elaine Linehan, Cloughduv seen with referee Oliver Webb, Tracton prior to the start of the 1996 Cork County Under 18 Camogie Final at Ballygarvan. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



■ ABOVE: Deirdre O'Donoghue, captain Courcsey Rovers seen holding the Cork County 1996 Under 18 Camogie trophy aloft after her side defeated Cloughduv in the final at Ballygarvan recently. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



■ LEFT: Cloughduv, defeated finalists in the Cork County Under 18 1996 Camogie Final which was played at Ballygarvan recently. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)

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Photographed with the Minister for Sport, Bernard Allen during his visit to Mycro Sports gear, The Ballincollig, Co. Cork makers of GAA safety helmets were, Pat Daly, Development Officer GAA, and Sheila Wallace, Secretary, Cumann Camogalochta. (Mac Gill Press Agency)

A glance back to 1968 which is noted as a year of 'Firsts'. The All-Ireland junior Championship came into being and the final was contested by Down and Cork. After a very entertaining and low scoring encounter Down became the first holders of the 'New Ireland' Cup. Score: Down 2-3, Cork 1-1.

Teams: Down: N. McKenna, P. McGrady, R. McCann, C. Coulter, N. Sands, R. Walsh, M. Caldwell (capt), B. Sands, C. Reid, P. Crangle, A. Kelly, E. Turley.

Cork: Mary Heelan, Peg O'Brien, Julie Buckley, Betty Burke, Nuala Collins, Pat O'Sullivan, Josie Pyne, Margaret Mee, Annie O'Sullivan, Kay Ryan, Breda O'Sullivan, Kay Healy.

Referee: Phylliss Breslin, Dublin. Phylliss was the first Dublin referee to officiate at an All-Ireland final.

In the All-Ireland senior championship Wexford brought the 'O'Duffy' Cup back to the Slaneyside for the first time when they defeated Cork in a close contest 4-2 to 2-5.

Teams: Wexford: Teresa Shiels, Mary Synott, Phylliss Kehoe, Joan Murphy, Carmel Fortune, Bridget O'Connor, Margaret O'Leary, Bridget Doyle, Josie Kehoe, Mary Walsh (capt), Mary Doyle, Mary Shannon. Subs: E. Lawlor, I. Butler, E. Allen, B. Murphy.

Cork: Eleanor Cummins, Teresa Murphy, Hanah Dineen, Mary Jo

Ryan, Shiela O'Sullivan, Liz Garvan, Shiela Dunne, Nuala Humphries, Peggy Doran, Anne McAuliffe, Anne Comerford, Anna Crotty (capt), Subs: Mary Moran, Nora O'Mahoney, Stephanie O'Connell.

Referee: Nancy Murray, Antrim.

St. Paul's, Kilkenny collected their first of eight All-Ireland Club Championship titles when they had an easy win over Ahane, Limerick 7-2 to 1-2.

St. Paul's team: Jo Golden, Mary Houlihan, Joan Kelly, Anne Phelan, Brid Fennelly, Mary Conway, Carmel, Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary, Mauna Cassin, Breda Cassin, Teasie Brennan (capt), Ann Carroll.

Munster senior Colleges Championship was inaugurated and won by St. Aloysius, Cork, while Holy Faith, Clontarf won in Leinster and St. Michael's, Lurgan in Ulster. There was no All-Ireland.

U.C.G. won the Ashbourne Cup.

In Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Leinster secured its 8th title when they swept to victory over Ulster 7-0 to 2-5.

Teams: Leinster: Teresa Shiels (Wexford), Mary Houlihan (Kilkenny), Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny) Mary Sherlock (Dublin), Margaret O'Leary (Wexford), B. Kinsella (Kilkenny), Kit Kehoe

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(Dublin), Mary Walsh (Wexford), Mary Doyle (Wexford), Una O'Connor (Dublin), Judy Doyle (Dublin).

Ulster: Teresa Cassidy (Antrim), Moya Forde (Antrim), Moira Caldwell (Down), E. Coulter (Dublin), Kathleen Kelly (Antrim), Maread McAtamney (Antrim), Sue Cashman (Antrim), B. Sands (Down), Pat Crangle (Down), Maread Quinn (Antrim), Eileen Collins (Antrim), Lily Seullon (Antrim).

The Association has come a long way since 1968 with the following All-Ireland Competitions inaugurated: - Intermediate, Minor, National Senior and Junior Leagues, Junior Gael Linn, Senior and Junior Colleges, Feile na nGael.

Comortas Mhic Giolla Bhríde, the Ashbourne Cup for Inter-Varsity Competitions was inaugurated in 1915 and is the oldest National Competition of which Camogie can boast. This year the Competition was hosted by University of Ulster Jordanstown.

Cup semi-finals: UU Jordanstown 2-11 UC Cork 2-2.

Scorers: UUJ: Edel Mason 1-8, Grainne Connolly 1-0, Grace McMullan, Sinead McGovern and Deirdre Connolly 0-1 each. UUC: Ursula Troy and Fiona Connery 1-0 each, Therese Brophy 0-2, University of Limerick 1-10 UCG: 2-5.

Scorers: UL: Sinead Milles 0-7, Gillian O'Neill 1-0, Paula Carroll 0-3, UCG: Martina Harkin 1-1, Olivia Broderick 0-4, Mary Higgins 1-0.

Cup Final: UUJ: 0-18 UL: 1-9

Scorers: UUJ: Edel Mason 0-6, Sinead McGovern, Rosie Pilkington and Grace McMullan 0-3 each, Deirdre Connolly 0-2, Gairiona Higgins 0-1.

UL: Sinead Milles 0-9, Paula Carroll 1-0.

Shield Semi-Finals: UCD 2-13 Athlone RTC: 0-8.

Scorers: UCD: Frances Flavin 2-2, Mary Condy 0-8, Edel Tobin 0-3, Athlone RTC: Patricia Moloney 0-7, Norma Hennessy 0-1.

Waterford RTC: 3-4 Maynooth 1-3.

Shield Final: Waterford RTC 3-7 UCD 1-9.

The Purcell Cup and Shield were hosted by Carlow RTC.

Cup Semi-Finals: Queens Belfast 0-13, Mary I, Limerick 1-1
Scorers: QUB: Jennifer Braniff 0-11, Elaine Dowds and Glenda Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

Mary I Orla Egan 1-0, Charmaine Cooney 0-1.

University of Ulster Coleraine 3-1 Dublin City University 0-3.

Scorers: UUC: Sinead McKervey 1-1, Bronagh Lavery and Ursula Doyle 1-0 each.

DCU: Maeve O'Reilly 0-3.

Final: QUB: 3-14 UUC: 1-1.

Shield Semi-Finals: St. Mary's, Belfast 6-6 Trinity College Dublin 1-0.

Scorers: St. Mary's: Carla Doherty 2-3, Louise Darcy 1-1, Sinead Donnelly, Fiona Kennedy, Therese McCann 1-0 each, Blathin Melvor 0-2. TCD: Fiona Synott 1-0.

Tralee RTC 2-7 Carlow RTC: 0-4.

Final: Tralee RTC 3-4 St. Mary's 2-5.

Ashbourne Cup Roll of Honour 1915-1997

U.C.D.	34
U.C.C.	26
U.C.G.	15
U.U.J.	3
U.L.	1
Q.U.B.	1

Purcell Cup Roll of Honour 1977-1997

Thomond, Limerick	5
Mary Immaculate, Limerick	4
Waterford R.T.C.	3
Ulster Polytechnic, Belfast	2
Thomond/N.I.H.E. Limerick	1
St. Mary's, Belfast	1
U.C.C.	1
Maynooth	1
Q.U.B.	1
Athlone R.T.C.	1

£40,000 for Tipperary Camogie

Tipperary Camogie Board received a major boost when Michael Lowry T.D. announced the approval of a £40,000 Grant from the Minister for Sport, Bernard Allen. This grant will greatly aid the construction of the much needed facilities at the County Camogie grounds in the Ragg. This construction will consist of four dressing rooms, shower and toilet facilities and outside toilets.



The Kildare camogie team. Front, left to right: Miriam Malone, Niamh Leahy, Bernie McSweeney, Eileen Murray, Deirdre Feeney, Elaine Miley, Sharon Browne, Louise Conlon. Back, left to right: Aine McCormack, Patricia Lennon, Roisin Walsh, Therese Farrelly, Kate Treacy, Liz Doran, Ruth Treacy, Naomi Treacy, Nuala Kerrigan.

of. Sponsoring Kildare camogie has its own neat little connection, as Managing Director Kevin Conroy explains: "Over 70% of toothbrushes are bought by women and we were anxious to give sponsorship to a sport dominated by women. Another reason is that among our workforce is one of the top players on the Kildare camogie team, Miriam Malone."

Miriam is the holder of a unique record in that she has played camogie for Kildare since the late 1960s, winning a junior All-Ireland in the late eighties and over the years winning many senior club championship medals with her club, Broadford.

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Bord na Gaeilge

by P.J Fulham

PHYLISS BRESLIN IS ELECTED UACHTARAN OF THE CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION

Phyliss Breslin from Dublin became the new Uachtaran of the Camogie Association when she was elected at Annual Congress which was held in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone recently, defeating Patricia Rafferty also from Dublin by 55 votes to 24.

Phyliss, a member of the Irish Dairy Board has been involved in Camogie all her life and has been a member of Ardcomhairle for quite a number of years. It is a fitting tribute that she reached the pinnacle.

Phyliss has a big task ahead as she leads the Association into the next century. Patricia Rafferty, who is Cathaoirleach of Leinster Council was gracious in defeat and has definitely laid the foundation to the Presidency in the near future.

Outgoing Uachtaran Belle O'Loughlin, Down gave a lengthy address. The following are extracts:

I feel very privileged to have served our association as Uachtarain for the last three years. It is a wonderful association which offers a lot to the female population at home and abroad. However, as we approach the turn of the century and head towards our Centenary, where do we see Cumann Camogaoichta and its role in society. Do we need to make changes or let the status quo sit. Life today is all about change and about development. Ardchomhairle has on its agenda the need for a new development plan. To the delegates I say we all need such plans be it at club, county or provincial level. No longer can we go from match to match or from meeting to meeting. We must look ahead with realistic and achievable targets.

When we talk of development plans and all that is involved, we must set ourselves targets which must be achievable even if it necessitates moving the "goalposts" to achieve success. With the development of camogie, do we need to move "goalposts". By that I mean, perhaps we should look at the size of our pitches and perhaps the need to extend the playing field. It may make it easier to attain the use of pitches and facilities. If we decide to increase the playing surface, we may be required to increase our team size. I am aware that we have had the 15 aside discussed and tried before. But did we give it a realistic trial, was a two year period sufficient. These are only food for

thought, and maybe at a later date one never knows may well be put before us again.

The standard of our games has improved at all levels with some magnificent matches played. My congratulations to all the winners, some new faces appeared on the leader board last year. This is very encouraging for other teams who have been knocking on the door. When we look at the success of other clubs and counties due to their hard work, the motto should be if they can do it, so can we. I would also like to thank all those who both play and promote the game, without your participation, we wouldn't have a game.

The past three years have simply blown past. When one takes up the position of Uachtarain, no matter how well you may think you are prepared for all that comes along, you're not. Being Uachtarain of Cumann Camogaoichta has been so enjoyable that I couldn't really explain in this short time. I have some very special memories of the matches I attended, the functions I attended, and most of all the people and the friendships I made. My sincere thanks to all who invited me to visit them during the past three years. Your hospitality, welcome and organisation of the various events was wonderful and really made me feel part of your club or county. I especially enjoyed meeting the young members of our association, as they are the future of the game. I met some very famous and interesting people, sat at meetings with some very worldly and experienced ones also. I have benefited from their advice and guidance which everyone gave me especially when I asked for help. My thanks to my club and county who supported me over the years. To try and say thank you to Joe and Sile appears very little when I think of all that they do for Cumann Camogaoichta. Their respect, support and friendship I value greatly. Many many thanks to you both.

I would like to wish my successor good luck in her presidency. All I can say is enjoy the years, cherish the memories and the people you meet. It will be three very special years. It may be hard, may be busy and at times you will wonder which road you will travel on next. It will be worthwhile and an enjoyable occasion.

The memories that I have I will cherish always and I am very grateful for having shared something special with you.

**Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna
sa Chamógaíocht**



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12 Aibreán 1997
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(Scoil Naomh Muire, Ráth Luirc)

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(Coláiste na Coróine Muire, An Creagán)

Réiteoir: **BIDDY PHILLIPS**, Tipperary

SINSEAR

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ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

(Scoil Naomh Muire, Ráth Luirc)

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(Gairmscoil Bhríde, Baile Locha Ríach)

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SENIOR FINALISTS - St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea



SENIOR FINALISTS - St. Mary's, Charleville

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SCOIL NAOMH MHUIRE, RATHLUIRC
ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Navy, Green and Gold

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| (2)
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Ciara O'Shea
<i>C. Ní Shé</i> | (4)
Gemma Ronayne
<i>G. Ní Rondáin</i> | (5)
Kathryn Leslie
<i>C. Ní Lisigh</i> |
| (6)
Noelle O'Riordan
<i>N. Ní Riordáin</i> | (7)
Niamh Bowles
<i>N. Ní Bhaoill</i> | (8)
Aine Kelleher
<i>A. Ní Cheilleachair</i> |
| (9)
Marie Cullinane
<i>M. Ní Chuilleanáin</i> | (10)
Siobhan Linehan
<i>S. Ní Luineacháin</i> | (11)
Alison White
<i>A de Faoite</i> |
| (12)
Eileen O'Brien (Captain)
<i>E. Ní Bhriáin</i> | | |
- Subs:** 13 Laura O'Brien
 14 Patricia O'Callaghan
 15 Catherine O'Connell
 16 Una Harrington
 17 Aoife Dillon
 18 Claire Browne
 19 Edwina Boyce
 20 Jennifer Reidy

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Denise O'Connor (Ballygran) Goalkeeper, has played very well this season. Holds Munster 1st year medal 1996 with school and Junior medal this year.

Sandra O'Halloran (Granagh) a solid full back. She has won All-Ireland Division 2 Féile 1996 with her club. Munster Colleges 1997 Junior.

Ciara O'Shea (Granagh) very reliable defender. To date she has won Munster 1st year medals with school and Junior Féile All-Ireland with club. Also numerous All-Ireland athletic medals and represented Ireland in March of this year.

Kathryn Leslie (Granagh) sister of senior full back Laura. A tenacious defender, has won both Munster 1st year and Junior medal with school and All-Ireland Féile with her club in 1996.

Gemma Ronayne (Ballygran) very stylish defender. Holds Munster 1st year medal and Junior this year with school.

Noelle O'Riordan (Milford) plays midfield today. Captained her club to win All-Ireland Community Games 1996. Holds Munster Junior and 1st year with school.

Niamh Bowles (Newtownshandrum) is a member of Senior squad and an accomplished player. Won All-Ireland and Community Games 1996 and Munster Junior and 1st year with school.

Aine Kelleher (Newtownshandrum) is a 1st year and has a great future in the game. Already holds All-Ireland Community Games medal 1996 and Munster Junior medal this year with the school.

Eileen O'Brien (Granagh) Captains the team today from full forward. Eileen has the skill and commitment to be one of the best in the game. Already holds 10 All-Ireland medals between club, school and county.

Siobhan Linehan (Milford) a very accomplished forward who scored 1-2 in Munster Final. Holds numerous All-Ireland athletic medals and has represented Ireland in athletics.

Alison White (Ballygran) a very versatile and stylish player. Holds 2 Munster Junior and 1st year medals with her school.

Marie Cullinane (Ballygran) plays in attack today. Holds Munster Junior and 1st year medals with school.

Laura O'Brien (Ballygran) a very versatile player. Played corner forward in All-Ireland Semi-Final against Bunclody. Holds Munster Junior and 1st year medal with school.

Patricia O'Callaghan (Newtownshandrum) played midfield against Bunclody in All-Ireland semi. Holds All-Ireland Community Games medal in 1996.

Catherine O'Connell (Granagh) a very accomplished forward. Holds Munster Junior 1st year medal with school and All-Ireland Féile Division 11 with her club.

Una Harrington (Newtownshandrum) a very good forward. Holds Munster Junior and 1st year medal with her school and is a younger sister of Caoimhe and Muireann on the Senior team.

Aoife Dillon (Milford) 1st year in the school - a very reliable defender. Already holds an All-Ireland Community Games medal with her club.

Claire Browne (Newtownshandrum) is sub goalkeeper today but is also a very tenacious defender. Played on last year's winning 1st year team.

Edwina Boyce (Granagh) a solid defender and good marker. Played on last year's Munster 1st year team.

Jennifer Reidy (Newtownshandrum) a good defender. Played full-back on last year's Munster 1st year team.

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JUNIOR
COLÁISTE NA CORÓINE MUIRE, AN CREAGÁN
HOLY ROSARY COLLEGE

Black and Amber

	(1) Mary Murray <i>M. Ni Mhuirí</i>	
	(2) Inagh Barrett <i>I. Ni Bhairéad</i>	
(3) Kathleen Costello <i>C. Ni Choisteala</i>	(4) Eleanora Gavin <i>E. Ni Gabhain</i>	(5) Brenda Dempsey <i>B. Ni Dhiomsaigh</i>
(6) Ann Carty <i>A. Ni Chartaigh</i>	(7) Mairéad Meehan <i>M. Ni Mhlocháin</i>	(8) Síle Barrett <i>S. Ni Bhairéad</i>
(9) Orla Kilkenny <i>O. Ni Ghiollachionnaigh</i>	(10) Patricia Burke <i>P. de. Burca</i>	(11) Catherine Gardiner <i>C. Ni Ghairnéir</i>
	(12) Alma Geraghty <i>A. Nic Oireachtaigh</i>	
Subs:	13 Amy Donoghue	19 Carol Gavin
	14 Claire Kenny	20 Sarah Kinsella
	15 Lorraine Naughton	21 Sabina Murphy
	16 Marie Keeley	22 Claire O'Sullivan
	17 Caitriona Nee	23 Ann-Marie Murray
	18 Sabrina Lawless	24 Julie Moore

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AIDAN GREANEY, BUS HIRE, Ballmacward, Ballinasloe

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Mary Murray (Ahascragh). Goalie. She holds 3 Connacht titles with HRC and 2 County medals.

Inagh Barrett (Pearses). Plays in backs. Holds 7 County medals, 3 Connacht Colleges and 2 All-Ireland (Feile).

Kathleen Costello (Pearses). Plays in backs. Holds 4 County, 2 Connacht Colleges and 2 All-Ireland (Feile).

Eleanora Gavin (Mountbellew - Moylough). Centre-half back. Holds 3 Connacht Colleges medals with HRC.

Brenda Dempsey (Mountbellew - Moylough). Plays wing back. Holds 3 Connacht titles, 1 All-Ireland (Feile). Also holds Junior B and Junior A Connacht medals.

Ann Carthy (Mountbellew - Moylough). Centre field and forwards. Holds 3 Connacht Colleges, Connacht Junior A with Club and 1 All-Ireland (Feile).

Mairéad Meehan (Pearses). Captain. Holds 4 All-Ireland, 6 Connacht, 8 County and represented Galway at U 14 and Minor levels.

Síle Barrett (Pearses). Sister of Inagh. Holds 2 Connacht titles with HRC, 3 County and 1 All-Ireland with club.

Orla Kilkenny (Pearses). Centre-field or forward. Holds 1 All-Ireland, 2 Connacht and 4 County titles. Represented Galway in U 14's.

Patricia Burke (Pearses). Backs or midfield. Holds 8 County, 3 Connacht school titles and 2 All-Ireland (Feile).

Catherine Gardiner (Mountbellew - Moylough). Forwards. Holds 3 Connacht Colleges medals.

Alma Garaghty (Mountbellew - Moylough). Forwards. Holds 3 Connacht Colleges titles. Has played for Galway's U 14, Mini Sevens and Feile.

Amy Donoghue (Mountbellew - Moylough). Centre-field. Holds 2 Connacht College titles with HRC.

Claire Kenny (Mountbellew - Moylough). Forward. Holds 3 Connacht College medals.

Lorraine Naughton (Menlough). Forward. Holds 2 Connacht titles with HRC.

Marie Keeley (Menlough). Forwards. Holds 2 Connacht titles with HRC.

Caitriona Nee (Mountbellew - Moylough). Goalie. Holds 1 Connacht title with HRC.

Sabrina Lawless (Menlough) plays in backs. Holds 1 Connacht Colleges with HRC.

Carol Gavin (Mountbellew - Moylough). Forwards. Holds 2 Connacht titles with HRC.

Sarah Kinsella (Pearses). Backs. Holds 2 County titles and 2 Connacht titles.

Ann-Marie Murray (Pearses). Backs. Holds 2 Connacht titles with HRC.

Claire O'Sullivan (Mountbellew - Moylough). Plays in backs. Holds 2 Connacht titles with HRC.

Sabina Murphy (Mountbellew - Moylough). Forwards. Holds 1 Connacht Colleges title with HRC.

Julie Moore (Mountbellew - Moylough). Forwards. Holds 2 Connacht titles with HRC.

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SENIOR
GAIRMSCOIL BHRÍDE, BAILE LOCHA RIAICH
ST. BRIGID'S VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, LOUGHREA

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| (1)
Niamh Dolan
<i>N. Ní Dholdáin</i> | | |
| (2)
Alisha McNamara
<i>A. Níe Conmara</i> | | |
| (3)
Miriam Monaghan
<i>M. Ní Mhuineocháin</i> | (4)
Fiona Healy
<i>F. Ní Éalaithe</i> | (5)
Lisa Fahy
<i>L. Ní Fháthaigh</i> |
| (6)
Caroline Murray
<i>C. Ní Mhuiri</i> | (7)
Laura Fallon
<i>L. Ní Fhealúin</i> | (8)
Pauline Murray
<i>P. Ní Mhuiri</i> |
| (9)
Colette Glennon
<i>C. Ní Ghlonnuin</i> | (10)
Denise Gilligan (Capt)
<i>D. Ní Ghiollagáin</i> | (11)
Siobhan Hardiman
<i>S. Ní hÁgaddáin</i> |
| (12)
Sandra Tannian
<i>S. Ní Thanaidhedáin</i> | | |
- Subs:** 13 Stells Carty
14 Karen Ryan
15 Bernadette Murray
16 Ursula Whiskey
17 Linda Plower
18 Marie Barrett

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Niamh Dolan (Craughwell) Niamh, like her sister Erin, played many years in goal for St. Brigid's. She has 2 Junior and 2 Senior All-Ireland Vocational School medals and many medals with her club.

Alisha McNamara (Craughwell) is presently captain of the Galway Junior team. Has won 7 All-Ireland medals with her school captaining the team of 1996. She played in the backs on the All-Ireland winning minor team of 1994.

Miriam Monaghan (Craughwell) has 5 All-Ireland Vocational Schools medals and has represented Galway at Minor and Junior levels. Played Mini Sevens in Croke Park in 1992 and has Feile runners-up medal in 1993.

Fiona Healy (Craughwell) Fiona like Sandra Tannian has won 8 All-Ireland Vocational Schools medals, 4 Junior and 4 Senior. Was a member of successful Galway Senior Panel in 1996 and played Centre-Forward on Galway's winning Minor side of 1994.

Lisa Fahy (Davitts) has 7 All-Ireland Vocational Schools medals, 4 Senior and 3 Junior. Enjoyed great success with her club including captaining Feile side.

Caroline Murray (St. Thomas) has 6 All-Ireland Vocational medals and has played minor for Galway. Is a member of the current Galway Junior team.

Laura Fallon (Mullagh) has 5 All-Ireland Vocational medals. She has represented Galway at Minor level and played Senior with her club winning several County medals.

Pauline Murray (Shamrocks) has 5 All-Ireland Vocational medals, 3 Junior and 2 Senior. A versatile player, Pauline played a critical role in her team reaching the final. Won U 18 County medal with her club in 1996.

Colette Glennon (Mullagh) has won 2 Junior and 1 Senior All-Ireland Vocational medals. She represented Galway at U 14 level winning Connacht Blitz in 1996.

Denise Gilligan (Craughwell) Captain. Denise has 5 All-Ireland medals, 2 Vocational medals Minor, Junior and Senior with Galway, Junior Gael-Linn. Awarded Player of Match in All-Ireland Senior Final and Examiner 1996 Camogie Junior Sports Star Award.

Siobhan Hardiman (Mullagh) has 2 Junior and 1 Senior All-Ireland Vocation medals. A Minor All-Ireland medal with Galway in 1996 and Connacht U 14 Blitz with Galway 1995.

Sandra Tannian (St. Thomas) has 8 All-Ireland Vocational medals. She played on winning All-Ireland Minor teams of 1994 and 1996. Holds many medals with her club.

Karen Ryan (Craughwell) has 1 Junior and 1 Senior All-Ireland Vocational medals. She has represented Galway at U 14 and also in Puck Fada in Mosney.

Stella Carty (Shamrocks) has 1 Junior and 1 Senior All-Ireland Vocational medals. She played U 14 level with Galway and has County U 14, U 16 and U18 medals.

Bernadette Murray (Shamrocks) has won 1 Junior and 1 Senior Vocational School medals. She played full back in this year's Connacht Junior Final and has numerous club medals.

Ursula Whiskey (Craughwell) has 1 Junior and 1 Senior All-Ireland Vocational Schools medals. She was voted U 14 Player of the Year in 1996.

Linda Plower (Craughwell) plays with a very successful club winning Community Games County medal and a Junior B runners-up County medal.

Marie Barrett (Shamrocks) has 1 Junior All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal and County U 16 and U 18 medals. She represented Galway at U 14 and won Connacht Blitz medal. Marie has 7 Oireachtas Rince Connacht medals.

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

Navy and Blue

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| (1)
Lisa Moloney
<i>L. Ni Mhaolchatha</i> | | |
| (2)
Laura Leslie
<i>L. Ni Lisigh</i> | | |
| (3)
Marie O'Brien
<i>M. Ni Bhriain</i> | (4)
Muireann Harrington
<i>M. Nic Arrachtain</i> | (5)
Katie O'Shea
<i>C. Ni Shé</i> |
| (6)
Sharon O'Kelly
<i>S. Ni Cheallaigh</i> | (7)
Caoimhe Harrington
<i>C. Nic Arrachtain</i> | (8)
Jean Cullinane
<i>S. Ni Chuilleanáin</i> |
| (9)
Angela Sheehy
<i>A. Ni Shithigh</i> | (10)
Sinead O'Callaghan
<i>S. Ni Cheallacháin</i> | (11)
Vera Sheehan (Capt)
<i>V. Ni Shiocháin</i> |
| (12)
Eileen O'Brien
<i>E. Ni Bhriain</i> | | |
| Subs: | 13 Pauline Lynch
14 Claire Walsh
15 Caroline Giltinane
16 Carragh Manton
17 Claire Linehan | 18 Jordana Dolan
19 Sarah Reidy
20 Georgina Frawley
21 Niamh Bowles
22 Brid Keane |

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TODAY'S FINALISTS

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

St. Mary's make their fifth 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 26 Munster Colleges titles.

St. Mary's have 11 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 again collected the Junior title in 1994 and 1995. Last year they won their first All-Ireland Senior title. They have enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland Sevens winning in 1987, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

ST. BRIGID'S VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, LOUGHREA

St. Brigid's have won the last 4 consecutive All-Ireland Vocational School titles in both Junior and Senior Camogie. The School's first All-Ireland in any sport came in 1991. Emer Hardiman, a winner of both Colleges and Vocational All-Ireland medals played on that team. Emer's sister, Siobhan, plays in the forwards today. Five players on today's team have won All-Ireland Minor medals with Galway. They are Alisha McNamara, Fiona Healy, Denise Gilligan, Siobhan Hardiman and Sandra Tannian.

Denise Gilligan has won All-Ireland medals in Minor, Junior and Senior for Galway. She was awarded the RTE Player of the match in the 1996 All-Ireland Senior Final at Croke Park. Recently she was voted Camogie Junior Sports Star for 1996 by the Examiner.

St. Brigid's coach, Tommy Coen has been involved in School's Camogie for 10 years. He has played in all grades of hurling for Galway and has won an All-Ireland U21 medal in 1983.

HOLY ROSARY COLLEGE, MOUNTBELLEW

Holy Rosary College make their first ever appearance in an All-Ireland Post Primary Schools' Final Day and with the skill and talent of many players it will hopefully not be their last.

The School has a very impressive record since Camogie was first introduced in the late sixties with numerous Junior Colleges Championships and 2 Senior Colleges Championships to date.

Holy Rosary College has produced over the years some fine inter-county players who have played with the best in Croke Park namely Martina Harkin, Mairead Meehan, Paula Carrick and Mary Flannery and it was no surprise when both the Senior All-Ireland Club Championship and the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship crossed the Shannon for the first time in September last.

Much credit must go to Grace Morris, their Manager, Sr. Assumpta, Fr. Higgins and Mr. Patrick Boyle, our Principal for their help and in particular to Grace Morris for all her dedication and encouragement.

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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 Poniard
1975	Pres. Athenry	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Poniard
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 Poniard
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

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. Muir, 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

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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 All-Ireland Colleges Championships

Junior Semi-finals

St. Marys, Charleville	2-7	F.C.J. Bundlody	1-3
St. Patrick's, Maghera	0-5	H.R. Mountbellew	3-2

Senior Semi-finals:

St. Marys, Charleville	5-15	Loreto, Kilkenny	1-7
St. Brigids, Loughrea	2-7	St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-1

Today's Referees

FIONA McKENNA refereed last seasons Senior Final. She did such a good job that she was invited back to officiate at today's decider.

Fiona plays Camogie with Clan na nGael, Lurgan. She has refereed extensively at Club, County and Provincial levels.

She has directed many referees Courses for aspiring referees. A Civil Servant, she now lives in County Antrim.

BIDDY PHILLIPS has refereed at all levels. She officiated at the All-Ireland Junior Final in Croke Park in 1993 and the All-Ireland Minor Final in 1995.

A member of the Thurles Sarsfields Club, she spends a lot of time coaching the young players of her club and is a Tipperary Selector. Biddy is a member of the National Referees Committee.

**Best wishes to Holy Rosary College from
IRISH PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY, Mountbellew, Co. Galway**

DO YOU KNOW . . .

- That Holy Rosary College coach, Grace Morris (nee Divilly) won All-Ireland Junior Championship with Galway and All-Ireland Club Championship with her club, Oranmore. She also played Senior Interprovincial Camogie for Connacht.

- That two schools previously won Senior and Junior doubles on the same day. They are Presentation College, Athenry in 1974 and St. Raphael's, Loughrea in 1985, 1988 and 1989.

- That St. Brigid's, Loughrea are competing in the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Championship for the first time. They come with a most impressive record in Vocational Schools Camogie. They won 4 Senior and 4 Junior All-Ireland Vocational Schools titles in a row.

- That St. Mary's, Charleville players, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie and Eileen O'Brien played with Granagh-Ballingarry in the 1996 All-Ireland Club Championship Final.

- That the St. Mary's, Charleville Senior Captain, Vera Sheehan is a sister of Deirdre Sheehan who lead St. Mary's to their first Senior title last year. Only one pair of sisters have captained their school to win the All-Ireland Senior Post Primary School Championship. They are Midge and Anne Poniard of Presentation College, Athenry.

- That Denise Gilligan scored three goals for Galway in the All-Ireland Senior Final in Croke Park last September. She was awarded the Player of the Match trophy.

- That Holy Rosary College are making their first appearance in an All-Ireland Final today.

- That 28 All-Ireland Senior, 23 All-Ireland Junior and 10 All-Ireland Sevens have been completed. Munster is slightly ahead with 24 titles. Connacht is close behind with 23 titles. Leinster have 12 and Ulster have 2.

- That St. Mary's, Charleville defender, Marie O'Brien is a daughter of Jim O'Brien who won an All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal with Limerick in 1973. Her aunts, Geraldine and Bernie won All-Ireland Junior Camogie medals with Limerick in 1977.

- That a number of players, all from C. Galway have won All-Ireland Post Primary Senior and Junior Championships medals on the one day. Should St. Mary's manage to bring off the double, Eileen O'Brien would join that elite band.

- That Corn Sceilg which will be presented to the senior champions today was donated by the O'Kelly family in memory of their late father, J. J. O'Kelly who was a member of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League which founded the Camogie Association in 1894. The shape of the cup is on the lines of the Ardagh Chalice.

- That Dominican Convent, Muckross Park, Dublin was the first school in the country to play Camogie.

- That the Officers of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council are All-Ireland medals holders. President Kathleen Henry captained Derry to win All-Ireland Junior title. Vice-President Sheila Morgan won Senior with Cork. Treasurer Lily Spence won Senior with Antrim. Secretary Mary Moran won Senior with Cork and Club Championship with Celtic.

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INTRIGUING ENCOUNTERS IN ALL-IRELAND POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS



Left to right: Iar-Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Belle Uí Lochlainn (An Dún) agus a fear ceile Arthur, Máire Uí Loinsigh, Muineachán, (former Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael).

The All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Championship Finals, both in senior and junior, take place this Saturday 12th in O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

In junior, St Mary's Charleville attempt to become the third school and the first Munster College to complete a double. Presentation, Athenry and St Raphael's, Loughrea have already achieved this distinction. St Mary's are regular participants on All-Ireland day but their opponents Holy Rosary, Mountbellew, make their first appearance. In the semi-finals, Charleville defeated F.C.J. Buncloody 2-7 to 1-3 and Mountbellew had a 3-2 to 0-5 win over St Patrick's, Maghera. Holy Rosary won their second Connacht Championship this year. They emerged from Connacht last year but went down to F.C.J. Buncloody in the semi-final by a narrow margin. They drew with St Pats, Maghera in this year's semi-final and won the replay well. Captained by Mairead Meehan, the remainder of the panel is Carol Gavin, Eleanora Gavin, Alma Geraghty, Orla Kilkenny, Brenda

Dempsey, Claire O'Sullivan, Sabrina Murphy, Annmarie Murray, Sarah Kinsella, Sile Barrett, Kathleen Costello, Sabrina Lawless, Marie Keeley, Caitriona Nea, Julie Moore, Ann Carty, Catherine Gardine, Inagh Barrett, Amy Donaghoe, Claire Kenny, Patricia Burke and Claire Murphy. St Mary's look to Eileen O'Brien for inspiration. Eileen scored the entire 2-7 in the junior semi-final against Buncloody. Eileen is the only player on both senior and junior teams. She is on the Limerick intermediate team and scored ten points in last year's final. Niamh Bowles, Siobhan Lenihan, Ciara O'Shea and Katherine Leslie

are other good players on the Charleville junior side. This match could be decided on the ability of Mountbellew to hold Eileen O'Brien.

The senior final should provide a great contest. The reigning college champions, Charleville face vocational schools champions St Brigid's, Loughrea. Loughrea have won eight All-Ireland Vocational titles, four senior and four junior in the last four years. They field some big names - none more impressive than the Player of the Match in last September's All-Ireland senior final - Denise Gilligan. Nine of the team have played for Galway at some grade. Alisha McNamara is the present captain of Galway junior team. Alisha, Fiona Healy, Denise Gilligan, Sandra Tannian and Siobhan Hardiman have All-Ireland

minor championship medals. In the semi-finals Charleville had a comprehensive 5-15 to 1-7 win over Loreto, Kilkenny, while Loughrea showed that they are a formidable outfit with a 2-7 to 2-1 victory over St Mary's, Magherafelt. All their players can hurl and will not lack confidence. Charleville have lost three of the players which won last seasons' senior title - Deirdre Sheehan, Breda O'Brien and Marie Foley. They played superb camogie against Loreto. On that occasion their forward line of Sinead O'Callaghan, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien and Angela Sheehy were in brilliant form. However, they will be up against a far more competent defence in the final Jean Cullinane, Muireann Harrington, Katie O'Shea, Caoimhe Harrington and Laura Leslie are other good performers for Charleville. This one should go down to the wire.

National league fixtures for Sunday. First named have venue.

Senior
Armagh v Kilkenny
Down v Dublin
Clare v Cork
Wexford v Tipperary

Junior
Fermanagh v Antrim
Down v Carlow



Fileas Ni Bhreaslain, (Áth Cliath) newly elected Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, (centre) le Seosaimhín Nic Uaidrich, (Cill Chainmigh), Cisteoir, ar cle agus Sile De Bhailís, (Áth Cliath), Ardunai.

FOCAL Ó UACHTARÁN

A Chairde Camógaíochta,

Ba mhaith liom Fáilte a chuir roimh gach éinne go Páirc na Tulai Moire inniu. Seo mo bhliain deireanach mar uachtarán ar chumann Camógaíochta na gcoláistí agus tá súil agam go mbeidh cluichí maithe sa da chluiche ceannais.

Both finals today should be very interesting. In the Junior Final St. Mary's, Charleville play Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew. I have followed Charleville enviously in recent years and am a great admirer of their skill, commitment and discipline. They have been great exhibitionists for Colleges' Camogie and have proudly brought All Ireland Senior, Junior and U-16 titles to their school. Holy Rosary have emerged this year as worthy Connaught Champions. They were taken to a semi final replay by St. Patrick's, Maghera. The organisation and preparation which went into these matches on and off the pitch were outstanding and both schools are to be highly commended. As a result Holy Rosary have gained lots of experience and will not concede victory lightly.

The Senior final also brings Munster and Connaught together - St. Mary's, Charleville against St. Brigid's Vocational, Loughrea. Charleville have now established themselves in Colleges, have a wealth of former Junior Champions and will give another classy performance. St. Brigid's, representing the Vocational Schools for the first time ever, looked extremely impressive in the Semi final against Magherafelt and successfully weathered the elements as well as overcoming a good Magherafelt team.



This is my last Colleges final as President. I must highlight the fact that an All-Ireland Trophy came to Ulster, thanks to St. Mary's, Magherafelt for the first time in 25 years. What an achievement! I have enjoyed my office and am very grateful to all who gave me encouragement and support.

I have come to realise the enormous amount of work done for Camogie throughout Ireland by very dedicated people and especially by our Provincial and All-Ireland Colleges Councils. Our schools are our Camogie nurseries, where so much work is done by so many interested teachers and committed pupils. I know that every club, County and Province recognises the fact that, without Colleges Camogie, the association would be extremely deprived of its great talent.

Finally, good luck to the incoming Colleges President and best wishes to all my Camogie associates.

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St Mary's go for daunting double for fourth time in 11 years

by Diarmuid O'Flynn

THE players of St Mary's secondary school in Charleville are becoming 'schools' champions — what young Martina O'Brien is fast becoming to women's tennis — overpowered in Tullamore tomorrow. St Mary's will contest not one, but two All-Ireland colleges finals — senior and junior. To reach an All-Ireland final in any year is a notable achievement for any school, to reach two on the same day — with two different teams — even more notable. But to do so more than once ...

St Mary's will be attempting that extremely daunting double for the fourth time in the past 11 years. Joint trainer/coach Vincent Harrington isn't at all happy with the notion of both finals being played on the same day. "They wouldn't organise you know what — they see nothing wrong with a kid losing two All-Ireland in the same day. Even apart from the dual players, there's a carryover of emotion from one game to the next, and if you lose the first, it has an adverse effect on the second. In 1993, we had four girls crying in the dressing-

room before going out to play the senior final — they had just lost the Junior. One All-Ireland final takes enough out of you, anyway."

Central to St Mary's double ambitions this year is 15-year-old Eileen O'Brien, centre-forward and captain of the Junior side, free-taker on both, and the only player with a dual role. Eileen sees playing two finals in one day somewhat differently to Vincent: "It's brilliant!" But won't you get tired? Two full games in quick succession? "Tired? We'll see ..." but it was obvious — Eileen wasn't thinking of tired. Should Charleville win both finals, Eileen's tally of All-Ireland camogie medals will rise to 11. That's right — 11. And 11 is the number currently held by Vera Sheehan, the senior captain. If Christy Ring had won nine All-Ireland's by the age of 15, or 11 by the age of 17, satellites would have to take detours around the statue they built for him in Cork. And yet Eileen and Vera collect All-Ireland medals the way other girls their age collect boyfriends — at least a couple every year — and remain unsung. That's as much the fault of the

Camogie Board as anyone else — maybe even more so. They don't make enough noise; are not militant enough in demanding fair play; equal coverage, from the media. The squeaking wheel gets the oil, and ain't that the truth.

However, there's a good chance that neither Eileen nor Vera will add to their medal haul this weekend. Facing them will be two teams from Galway and, just as their hurlers are on the crest of a wave at the moment, so, too, is Galway camogie — having won last year's senior All-Ireland for the first time. Player-of-the-game in that final — and also winner of The Examiner youth award in camogie — was Denise Gilligan, and she will lead St Brigid's of Loughrea in the senior final. Joining her will be Ailish McNamara, full-back and captain of Galway Juniors; Fiona Healy, Galway senior panel; Sandra Tannion, full-forward on the minor All-Ireland-winning Galway side last year, and many others on the fringes of Galway sides — a star-studded side.

St Brigid's are no strangers to school success themselves — for the last four years, they've been Vocational Schools All-Ireland

champions. This year, for the first time — and hurling could do worse than follow suit — the camogie competition is united, open to all schools. "Our competition was always assumed to be stronger — we'll know now" said Vincent Harrington.

St Mary's are reigning champions and have nine of last year's side returning. According to full-back Muireann Harrington — a mere seven All-Ireland medals — they have no stars: "We're a very balanced side, but if we play like we can, we have a good chance." Muireann was being modest — along with herself, her sister Caoimhe, Laura Lesley, Marie O'Brien, Sharon Kelly, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, were all members of last year's victorious Limerick Intermediate All-Ireland-winning side, while Sinéad O'Callaghan is on the Cork senior panel.

On the Junior side — seeking the 5th title for the school since 1986 — St Mary's have outstanding players in Aine Kelleher, Niamh Bowles, Gemma Ronan, Alison White, along with two members of their All-Ireland-winning cross-country squad — Siobhan Linehan and Vera O'Shea.



Teacher Anne-Marie O'Keeffe with St Mary's players Jean Cullinane and Niamh Bowles.

Two finals means double trouble for young star

ONE of the country's rising camogie stars will play two All-Ireland finals in the space of two and a half hours in Tullamore today because of a bizarre schools' law.

The hectic schedule ahead of Eileen O'Brien, 15, and the St Mary's Charleville mentors came about because their school has qualified for the senior and junior deciders.

O'Brien, a phenomenal young prospect, scored 0-11 in last year's schools' senior final when she was just 14.

Last year she also won an All-Ireland intermediate medal with Limerick and lined out in the club final for Granagh-Ballinagarry.

As the free-taking ace for both teams she is the schools' only dual starter.

This afternoon she will line out at centre-back for their juniors against Holy Rosary, Mountbellew (2.0) and then straight afterwards play at full-forward in the senior final against St Brigid's Loughrea (3.15).

DUAL FINALISTS

This is the fourth time since 1986 that Charleville have qualified for both finals. In 1993 they had four dual finalists and they feel it is no coincidence that they won neither title that year.

"We have put in motions every year to change this but with no success," said Vincent Harrington, who coaches their teams with Ann Marie O'Keefe.

"It seems crazy to play both finals together but we just have to get on with it," he added. "But you'd never see it happening with the Harty or Dean Ryan Cups (Munster boys competitions), or in schools rugby."

"It's not fair to the girls and it also affects us as coaches," he added. "It's very hard at the end of such big games to go straight back out and try to lift another team."

However, O'Brien and Charleville are not the only victims since the competitions began in 1969.

"Many other schools have qualified for both finals," said Mary Moran, secretary of camogie's Post Primary School's Council.

"Indeed the first time it happened, in 1974, Presentation Athenry won both and they had four players on both teams!" she added.

Moran explained that the council believe their dual format gives added prestige to their big day and also encourages schools



DOUBLE BOOKED . . . Eileen O'Brien

By CLIONA FOLEY

to field different teams in the age-groups, thus affording more players a chance to compete.

So St Mary's, a 500-pupil Mercy Convent, only playing competitively since 1986, must persevere to try and win the double which has eluded them in 1987, '91 and '93.

They finally won their first senior (secondary schools) All-Ireland last year, beating St Raphael's to add to their four All-Ireland juniors since 1986.

But this year it could be harder than ever because the two schools' bodies (secondary and vocational) have amalgamated on a two-year trial basis.

That has lined Charleville up against the reigning four-in-a-row vocational schools champions, St Brigid's Loughrea.

HISTORIC FIRST

Loughrea include Denise Gilligan, who helped Galway win an historic first All-Ireland senior title last year, fellow-senior Fiona Healy and a host of intercounty juniors like Alicia McNamara, Sandra Tannion and Siobhan Hardiman.

Charleville have several other intercounty players too like Limerick's Vera Sheehan, Jean Cullinane and Muireann Harrington and Cork's Sinéad O'Callaghan.

And if they win the senior title they could set up another possible double as the town's boys' school, Mannix College, also contests the All-Ireland Vocational Schools final, coincidentally against Loughrea's old-rivals, Athenry VS, in the coming weeks.

St Mary's hope to make history

THE camogie players of St Mary's School make a bold bid to create a piece of hurling history in the annals of the famed school when they attempt to bring the All-Ireland double to Charleville this Saturday.

For the St Mary's senior and junior teams take on two sides from county Galway in Loughrea VS and Mountbellew in their respective All-Ireland finals which will be played in a midlands venue at O'Connor Park in Tullamore. The Junior game starts at 2pm while the seniors take to the field at 3.15pm.

The seniors will be hoping to retain their All-Ireland crown which they won last year for the first time ever after being defeated on two other occasions.

The junior side already have won two All-Ireland championships to their credit having been successful in 1994 and 1995.

Teams from St Mary's have also been four times winners of the All-Ireland Colleges Sevens competition.

This is a fantastic record for the Charleville school when one considers that they have been playing competitive camogie for only ten years and in that space of time they have become one of the leading forces in the country in college camogie having contested All-Ireland finals in one grade or the other on four occasions.

The chief architect of

these successes is school teacher, Vincent Harrington, who gets tremendous support from Ann Marie O'Keefe and the other staff members of St Mary's led by school principal, Sr Martina.

Others to make enormous contributions to the success of the St Mary's teams over the years were Rev Fr Liam Kelleher, teacher, Brid Larkin and former principal, Sr Coleman, during whose term of office the school first entered the competitive camogie arena.

The current teams are powered by students who are members of the county Limerick clubs of Ballygran, Granagh and Croagh and the Cork clubs of Newtownshandrum and Milford.

These clubs must also be congratulated on turning out players of the calibre of those who will be representing St Mary's in both All-Ireland finals on Saturday.

Both teams carry the best wishes of all in Charleville and from their home clubs and of course, St Mary's school for the success they so richly deserve having come through a rigorous campaign to reach the finals this weekend.

It is expected that a large contingent of supporters will travel to Offaly town on Saturday to cheer on the girls in their bid for All-Ireland glory in the two grades.

St Mary's Charleville are denied camogie double

ALTHOUGH St Mary's Charleville succeeded in retaining their all-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie title in sun-drenched Tullamore on Saturday — when they easily accounted for St Brigid's VS Loughrea — they were denied a double when they were caught in the final quarter by Holy Rosary College Mountbellew, who well deserved a draw in the junior game.

St Mary's Charleville 2-16
Loughrea VS 4-2

THE senior final remained a contest only up to the interval, for holders St Mary's of Charleville completely dominated play on the change of ends, restricting their opponents to a single point.

The Cork girls also had the better of the first-half exchanges, but the ability of the Loughrea forwards to poach goals against

the run of play enabled them to remain in contact. Indeed it was only an injury time point by Eileen O'Brien, who had figured with distinction in the preceding junior final, that enabled the holders to go in at the break on level terms at 2-7 to 4-1. Five of the goals came in a blistering five-minute spell, during which Denise Guilligan, Pauline Murrery and Siobhan Hardyman shot a four-minute hat-trick which gave Loughrea the lead.

Charleville were tighter in defence in the second half, and the issue was decided long before the final whistle.

Scorers — Charleville: E O'Brien 0-10, V Sheehan 2-1, S O'Callaghan 0-3, C Harrington 0-2
Loughrea VS: P Murrery, C Glennon, D Guilligan, S Hardyman 1-0 each, C Murray 0-1
ST MARY'S: L Moloney; L Leslie, M O'Brien, M Harrington, K O'Shea; S O'Kelly, C Harrington, J Cullinane; A Sheehy, S O'Callaghan, V Sheehan; E O'Brien
LOUGHREA VS: N Dolan; A McNamara, M Monaghan, F Healy, L Fahy; C Murrery, L Fallon, P Murrery; C Glennon, D Guilligan, S Hardyman; S Tannian Sub: K Ryan for P Murrery

St Mary's Charleville 1-6
Holy Rosary 1-6

THE junior final was a closer and more entertaining game. Although contesting their first final, Holy Rosary were in no way awed by the reputation of St Mary's Charleville.

Charleville looked the sharper side in the early stages, and led by 0-3 to 0-1 after fifteen minutes. However, the Galway girls settled, and the sides were deadlocked at the break.

When Niamh Bowles pointed within 12 seconds of the resumption, and Siobhan Linehan added a goal in the 7th minute, Charleville appeared to be taking control. However, they were not to score again during the remaining 18 minutes. It was Mountbellew who took up the running, and three points by Leehan and one by Burke earned them a second chance.

Cork girls in search of another league win

THE Cork senior camogie team, fresh from last weekend's victory over Clare, go in search of further National League points when they play hosts to Limerick tomorrow at Pairc Ui Rinn.

Following a first round defeat by Tipperary, the Cork side seemed to have settled down and last weekend's victory will have given confidence to the younger players.

Those who played especially well last weekend were newcomers, Hilda Kenneally and Ursula Troy and combined with the experience of team captain, Linda Mellerick and Irene O'Keeffe, they should prove formidable opposition for Limerick.

However, Limerick are only in their second season in the senior grade but are confident of establishing themselves. They have excellent players in Vera Sheehan, Kay Burke and Pauline McCarthy and the scene is set for a good game.

In the Junior B League semi-final, St. Fanahan's and Kilbrittain meet to decide who plays St. Finbarr's in the final.

Midweek, we have the Junior A League semi-finals where Courcy Rovers will meet the Barrs while St. Vincents and Valley Rovers will clash on Wednesday night. The U-12 leagues begin on Thursday evening with games down at various venues.

Sunday: Senior National League: Cork v Limerick, Pairc Ui Rinn, 2.30; Junior B League semi-final - Kilbrittain v St. Fanahan's at Redmonds, 12 noon.

Tuesday, April 22: Junior A League semi-final, Courcy Rovers v St. Finbarrs at Kilbrittain, 7.30.

Wednesday, April 23: Valley Rovers v St. Vincents at Cloughduv, 7.15.

Thursday, Under 16 league: Eire Og v Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh 7.15.



FINAL SMILES . . . Members of the St Mary's Charleville junior and senior teams who will contest the All-Ireland finals at Tullamore this afternoon.

Under-16 double for Aghabullogue

AGHABULLOGUE completed the U-16 double when they defeated Inniscarra 3-11 to 1-3 in the Cork county U-16A camogie league final in glorious sunshine at Cloughduv yesterday.

Leading at half time 1-5 to 1-2, the winners turned on the style in the second half and run out convincing winners. For the losers Criona Harte and Breda Regan tried to stem the tide whilst Louise Murphy, Sinead Buckley and Linda Ronan were best for the winners.

Cork prove too strong for Clare

CORK gained two valuable points in their senior national camogie league game at Kilkishen, Co. Clare yesterday when they had a 6-17 to 2-5 victory over the home side.

Stronger in all sectors of the field, Cork had the cushion of 2-10 to 1-2 lead at the break. The second half completely belonged to Cork, with second half substitute Lynn Dunlea scoring three goals.

St Mary's retain senior All-Ireland camogie title

ST MARY'S School, Charleville, retained their senior All-Ireland Colleges camogie title last weekend when they defeated Loughrea Vocational School by 2-16 to 4-2 at O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Sunday.

The Charleville girls dominated play from the throw-in and never looked

like relinquishing their All-Ireland crown but poor defensive play allowed the Connaught champions to keep in touch and the sides finished level at half time on a score of 2-7 for Charleville to 4-1 for Loughrea.

However, St Mary's took over in the second half and rained over nine

points to their opponents single point in the half to clinch victory for the second year in succession.

The team was: L Moloney; L Leslie, M O'Brien, M Harrington; K O'Shea, S O'Kelly, C Harrington, J Cullinane, A Sheehy, S O'Callaghan, V Sheehan, E O'Brien.

ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE FINALS

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SENIORS RETAIN TITLE JUNIORS HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE

At sun drenched O'Connor Park, Tullamore, on Saturday last St. Mary's Secondary School retained their All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie crown when accounting for St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea on the scoreline of 2-16 to 4-2.

The record books will show that St. Marys had eight points to spare, but it was not all one way traffic. After enjoying the early exchanges, St. Marys were rocked on their heels when the Galway girls netted four goals in rapid succession. Inspired by their captain, Vera Sheehan and sharp shooter Eileen O'Brien, the 'Convent Girls' clawed their way back into the game. The defence closed ranks with Marie O'Brien, Muireann Harrington and Katie O'Shea providing plenty of cover for custodian Lisa Moloney. Laura Leslie at full back had the upper hand of the Loughrea full forward, Sandra Tannan and a halt was put to the gallop of Denise Galligan, the westerners influential forward.

Caoimhe Harrington at midfield and Sinead O'Callaghan won great ball and availed of the opportunity to pop over some good points. At the interval the sides were on terms with the scoreboard reading St. Marys 2-7, Loughrea 4-1.

Coaches Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe had some stern words with their charges at half time, while Sr. Martina and her colleagues were praying for an improvement.

Whatever Vincent and Ann Marie had to say or whether it was Sister Martina's direct link as a result of her prayers, there was certainly a major improvement in the performance of the St. Mary's girls. They certainly dominated the second half and confined Loughrea to just one point. Long before referee Fiona McKenna from Armagh sounded the final whistle, St. Marys were on the road to victory and retaining the title which they won last year for the first time.

Eileen O'Brien had a fantastic game at full forward and was a major contributing factor to the outcome. Considering that she also played in the preceding junior final, Eileen certainly had super stamina.

Overall it was a team performance with each of the

girls giving of their best which proved to be vital.

Team: Lisa Moloney, Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien, Muireann Harrington, Katie O'Shea, Sharon O'Kelly, Caoimhe Harrington, Jean Cullinane, Angela Sheehy, Sinead O'Callaghan, Vera Sheehan (capt) and Eileen O'Brien.

JUNIORS HOLD OUT

In the curtain raiser, St. Marys were held to a draw by Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew and they will have to travel on Saturday next to Cusack Park, Ennis for the replay which starts at 1p.m. On last Saturday's performance, St. Marys have every chance of winning the replay.

Team: Denis O'Connor, Sandra O'Halloran, Ciara O'Shea, Gemma Ronayne, Kathryn Leslie, Noelle O'Riordan, Niamh Bowles, Aine Kelleher, Marie Cullinane, Siobhan Linehan, Alison White and Eileen O'Brien (capt).



St. Marys forwards setting up another attack.



"WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS"

Excited St. Mary's supporters invade the pitch.



Captain Vera Sheehan pictured with the All-Ireland Cup.



St. Marys, Charleville, winners of the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship title when defeating St. Brigid's Vocational School from Loughrea, in Tullamore on Saturday last. Front row (L/R): Vera Sheehan (Capt.), Sharon O'Kelly, Caoimhe Harrington, Lisa Moloney, Muireann Harrington and Eileen O'Brien. Back row: Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien, Sinead O'Callaghan, Katie O'Shea, Jean Cullinane and Angela Sheehy.

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Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew who earned a draw in the All-Ireland junior schools camogie final against St. Mary's of Charleville at Tullamore on Saturday. Back row: Grace Morris, team manager, Sinead Lenihan, Sandra O'Halloran, Aine Kellegher, Denise O'Connor, Noelle O'Riordan. Front row: Eileen O'Brien, Gemma Roynane, Marie Cullinane, Kathryn Leslie.

Midfielder Meehan inspires marvellous second half rally by Holy Rosary junior side

**Holy Rosary College
Mountbellew.....1-6
St. Mary's College
Charleville.....1-6**

—by Declan Tierney—

IT TAKES a team of real guts and self belief to lift themselves from a seemingly impossible position and the junior camogie players from Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew certainly fit that bill.

Holy Rosary looked dead and buried midway through the second half of this All-Ireland final at Tullamore on Saturday before producing a great comeback which now earns them another crack at their first ever title.

For the most part the Mountbellew side had played second fiddle to the more experienced Cork team, who were top heavy with seasoned camogie players, and certainly looked a beaten side as they trailed by four points ten minutes into the second half.

However, Holy Rosary proceeded to contain the Charleville challenge and then stage a wonderful recovery to the amazement of their many followers to made the journey in the outside hope of an historic win.

And they weren't disappointed as

midfielder Mairéad Meehan proved the star of the show with an outstanding second half performance which was to a large degree responsible for the inspired Holy Rosary rejuvenation.

As the game entered the final seven minutes Meehan scored a fine point from play which was followed by another point from Patricia Burke after a probing defensive clearance from Kathleen Costello.

Meehan came along with an excellent long range point from play before raising a great cheer with her equalising free. Indeed the Connacht champions had opportunities of clinching victory, but Orla Kilkenny saw two efforts from play go agonising wide of the target while Meehan had a last chance free drop short of the target.

But nevertheless it was an exciting climax to a hotly contested encounter that St. Mary's of Charleville dominated early on with points from Eileen O'Brien and Niamh Bowles.

Despite the agony of having a sixth minute goal disallowed, Holy Rosary remained undaunted and kept in touch with two Meehan points — the second one coming from a good move along the right wing involving Ann Carty and Orla Kilkenny.

In the 20th minute it all began to look rosy for the Mountbellew girls when a Mairéad Meehan shot at goal was blocked but full forward Alma Geraghty was on hand to collect the loose ball and stick it to

the net.

This put Holy Rosary two points ahead but their advantage was short lived as Bowles and O'Brien equalised for St. Mary's to leave the teams tied at 1-2 to 0-5 going in at half time.

The Munster champions then began to dominate early in the second half when Bowles edged her side in front and this was followed by an Eileen O'Brien goal which came from a long range shot which stole its way into the top left hand corner of the net.

At this stage it looked curtains for Holy Rosary but a tightening up in defence with Inagh Barrett, Kathleen Costello and Brenda Dempsey all doing well prevented Mary's from extending their lead any further.

It was then that Meehan turned on the style and with good help from Carty, Kilkenny, Burke and sub. Amy Donoghue they eked out a draw which was no more than they deserved for their splendid comeback from a bad looking situation.

Holy Rosary College: M. Murray; I. Barrett; K. Costello, E. Gavin, B. Dempsey; A. Carty, M. Meehan (0-5, 0-1 '30, 0-1 free); S. Barrett; O. Kilkenny, P. Burke (0-1); C. Gardiner; A. Geraghty (1-0). Sub.: A. Donoghue for Gardiner.

St. Mary's College: D. O'Connor; S. O'Halloran; C. O'Shea, G. Roynane, K. Leslie; N. O'Riordan, N. Bowles (0-3); A. Kellegher; M. Cullinane, S. Lenihan, A. White; E. O'Brien (1-3).

Referee: Bidy Phillips (Tipperary).



CATCH . . . Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew full forward, Alma Geraghty secures possession during Saturday's All-Ireland junior camogie schools final at Tullamore against St. Mary's of Charleville.



DIVILLY MEATS, Galway sponsored a full set of playing gear for the Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew junior camogie team who drew St. Mary's, Charleville, Co. Cork in the All-Ireland Final at Tullamore last Saturday. Pictured at the presentation of the kit are Grace Morris (coach), Mairéad Meehan (captain) and John Murphy (Sales Manager, Divilly Meats).

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St. Brigid's crash to classy Charleville

St Mary's College, Charleville.....2-16
St. Brigid's VS, Loughrea.....4-2

—by Declan Tierney—

ST. Brigid's Vocational School hopes of winning the first ever senior post primary camogie All-Ireland final took a battering in a second half of misery against St. Mary's of Charleville at Tullamore on Saturday.

Despite keeping grimly in touch with the Cork side in the first half with a four goal spree, the Loughrea girls were restricted to just one point in the second half as Charleville went on a scoring rampage that simply couldn't be halted.

This was the first post primary All-Ireland championship involving colleges and vocational schools but Mary's, who won the colleges title last year, looked by far the superior side, moved the ball well and took some wonderful scores.

But for all of their superiority, the Munster champions could not shake off the challenge of St. Brigid's who got some vital scores in the first half against the run of play to keep their challenge very much alive.

However, the Loughrea side found that they could not penetrate the Cork defence in the second half while they conceded a flurry of scores at the other end with sharpshooter Eileen O'Brien — who had already lined out for St. Mary's in the junior final — causing most of the damage for Mary's.

It looked a doomsday scenario for Brigid's after just seven minutes when they trailed by seven points after

Charleville wing forward Vera Sheehan found the net and O'Brien and Caoimhe Harrington had recorded points.

Then out of nowhere, Brigid's responded in style. First a Denise Gilligan ninth minute free from about 30 metres out dipped into the left hand corner of the goal via a deflection off the upright. A minute later Gilligan's delivery was finished to the net by Pauline Murray.

And Brigid's weren't finished yet. In the 12th minute a Siobhan Hardiman sideline cut deceived the Charleville goalkeeper as the Loughrea girls moved into an incredible two point lead after looking a spent force only minutes earlier.

But Charleville's Vera Sheehan restored her side's lead within a minute with another goal as the reigning colleges champions again took command with Eileen O'Brien showing her skill from frees.

Brigid's did not give up and a Fiona Healy point from a '30 kept them in touch while a fine passing movement involving



DEFEATED . . . The St. Brigid's Vocational School senior camogie team which lost the All-Ireland post primary schools final to St. Mary's of Charleville at Tullamore on Saturday. Back row: Miriam Monaghan, Niamh Dolan, Caroline Murray, Alisha McNamara, Laura Fallon, Sandra Tannian. Front row: Siobhan Hardiman, Colette Glennon, Denise Gilligan, Pauline Murray, Fiona Healy, Lisa Fahy.

Laura Fallon and Denise Gilligan ended with Colette Glennon getting her team's fourth goal in the first half to leave the teams level at 4-1 to 2-7 at the interval.

Unfortunately for last year's vocational champions, they had little more to contribute to this match as Charleville took absolute control and embarked on a scoring spree with O'Brien once again deadly accurate from frees while Sinead

O'Callaghan got two fine points from play.

Caroline Murray got Brigid's solitary second half point but they simply could not match their Cork opponents in terms of skill and proficiency although Alisha McNamara, Fiona Healy, Lisa Fahy (in particular), Caroline Murray and Denise Gilligan all tried very hard.

St. Mary's: L. Moloney; L. Leslie; M. O'Brien, M. Harrington, K. O'Shea; S.

O'Kelly, C. Harrington (0-2), J. Cullinane; A. Sheehy, S. O'Callaghan (0-3), V. Sheehan (2-0); E. O'Brien (0-11, 0-10 frees).

St. Brigid's: N. Dolan; A. McNamara; M. Monaghan, F. Healy (0-1), L. Fahy; C. Murray (0-1), L. Fallon, P. Murray (1-0); C. Glennon (1-0), D. Gilligan (1-0), S. Hardiman (1-0); S. Tannian. Sub.: K. Ryan for P. Murray.

Referee: Fiona McKenna

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CLUICHE CEANNAIS na n-IARBHUNSCOILEANNA

sa CHAMOGAIOCHTA (ATHCHLUICHE)

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

v

HOLY ROSARY, MOUNTBELLEW

19th APRIL, 1997

CUSACK PARK, ENNIS @ 1 p.m.

Referee+ Biddy Phillips, Tipperary

Mountbellew girls best in All-Ireland replay

Holy Rosary, Mountbellew 2-4
St Mary's, Charleville 1-5

IN perfect conditions last Saturday at Cusack Park, Ennis, St Mary's of Charleville just failed in their third attempt at the elusive All Ireland college's senior/junior camogie double.

Having already wrapped up the senior title last Saturday, the juniors - despite a gallant effort - failed in this replay to a much stronger Mountbellew.

Mountbellew started the stronger side, and in a storming opening quarter, only a combination of dogged defending, su-

perlative goalkeeping by Denise O'Connor, poor shooting and luck kept the rampant Galway girls from building up an insurmountable lead.

As it was, St Mary's hung in there, weathered the early storm, and, helped by a goal from Siobhan Linehan and the accuracy of Eileen O'Brien, actually led - much against the run of play - at half-time 1-2 to 0-1.

Facing the wind in the second half, St Mary's moved Niamh Bowles to curb the danger of Mountbellew centre-forward and captain, Mairead. Meehan, and Niamh succeeded to a large

extent. In the early minutes, St Mary's increased their lead to six points, but then Mountbellew came back. Scrambling one goal, and blasting another, they stormed into the lead. Eileen O'Brien, in a super final effort for St Mary's, actually had the ball in the net after a super solo, but the play was called back for an earlier foul on her.

A magnificent effort by Mountbellew, especially O. Kilkenny, M. Meehan, I. Barrett, A.Carty and S. Barrett won the day though and despite the best efforts of valiant St Mary's they ran out deserving winners.

Full credit to two tremendously fit, skilful and sporting teams - they provided full value to their supporters, and while all present recognised the superiority of the Galwegians on the day, St Mary's too can feel proud of their efforts. Perhaps next year the double will finally fall!

MOUNTBELLEW: M.Murray; L.Barrett; K.Costello, B.Dempsey, E.Gavin; M.Meehan, A.Carty, S.Barrett (1-0); P.Burke (0-1), K.Gardiner (1-0), O.Kilkenny (0-3); A.Gersaghty.
CHARLEVILLE: D.O'Connor; S.O'Halloran; C.O'Shea, G.Ronayne, K.Leslie; N.O'Riordan, N.Bowles, A.Kelleher; M.Cullinane, S.Linehan (1-0), A.White; E.O'Brien (0-5). SUB: L.O'Brien.

Cork score impressive win over Limerick

Cork 5-13
Limerick 0-8

CORK scored a comprehensive victory over Limerick in the National Senior Camogie league at Páirc Uí Rinn, Ballintemple, Cork, yesterday.

Limerick, playing with the aid of a strong wind, opened the scoring with points from Una Quaid and Pauline McCarthy.

However, Cork replied quickly and had two points from Fiona O'Driscoll and in the 17th and 18th minutes Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea goaled and Cork were in the

driving seat. Points from O'Driscoll Linda Mellerick and Lynn Dunlea for Cork were then answered quickly by Pauline McCarthy who had three points and Vera Sheehan one, to leave the score at half-time, Cork 2-6 Limerick 0-6.

Three minutes into the second-half Irene O'Keefe cheekily dispossessed Limerick goalkeeper Breda O'Brien and flicked the ball into the net.

A Linda Mellerick goal four minutes later finished the Limerick challenge.

Limerick could only manage three points from frees in the second half.

Scorers: Cork - F O'Driscoll 1-6 (2 30's, 2 frees); L Mellerick 1-2; I O'Keefe 1-1; L Dunlea 1-1; U Troy 1-0; S O'Callaghan 0-2. Limerick: P McCarthy 0-4 (2 from frees 1 from 30); V Sheehan 0-1; I Quaid 0-1.

CORK: C. Keogh, E. Duggan, D. Cronin, E. Buckley, M. O'Connor, L. Mellerick (captain), V. Harris, H. Kenneally, F. O'Driscoll, U. Troy, L. Dunlea, L. O'Keefe.

Subs: S. O'Callaghan for L. O'Keefe, M. Kenniff for L. Dunlea, C. Harrington for V. Harris.

LIMERICK: B. O'Brien, P. McKenna, Bernie O'Brien, L. Leonard, L. Riordan, D. Sheehan, V. Sheehan, S. O'Kelly, P. McCarthy, K. Burke, I. Quaid, M. Sheehan.

Subs: L. Lesley for K. Burke; E. O'Brien for P. McKenna.

Referee: B. MacPhillips (Tipperary).

Junior B semi-final: St Fannahans 7-1 Kilbrittain 4-4.

DISALLOWED GOAL DEPRIVED ST. MARYS OF THE DOUBLE

Mike Hanley Reports

Goal scored by Eileen O'Brien and which was subsequently disallowed could probably be the reason why St. Mary's Secondary School were deprived of an unique camogie All Ireland Championship title.

St. Mary's won the senior crown at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday for the replay of the All Ireland Championship Final in which they defeated Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew. During the opening of the North Cork side was in control. At the end of the first half they were in front on a scoreline of 1-2 to 0-1. Eileen O'Brien, who had scored the two points in the first half, was the star of the show. She was a real gem delivered off her hurley. It would have been a real gem if it had been scored by an all star hurler, male or female. Catherine Gardiner of the Galway girls in touch with the goal in the fifth minute of the second half and

four minutes later Orla Kilkenny added another point to leave just two minors between the sides. Mountbellew went ahead midway through the second half when they scrambled home a goal. Minutes later following some great work, Eileen O'Brien found the back of the Mountbellew net for what appeared to be a perfect goal. However, the Tipperary referee Biddy Phillips had blown her whistle for a foul on O'Brien and she had no option but to disallow the goal. Unlike hurling and football, the advantage is not applied under the rules of camogie. From the resultant free, Eileen O'Brien scored a point to leave just the minimum between the sides. This was to be the last score for the Charleville side, while Orla Kilkenny went on to get another point for the eventual winners.

OUTSTANDING

It was an outstanding game of camogie and even though they were deprived of the double, the girls from St. Marys can most certainly hold their heads

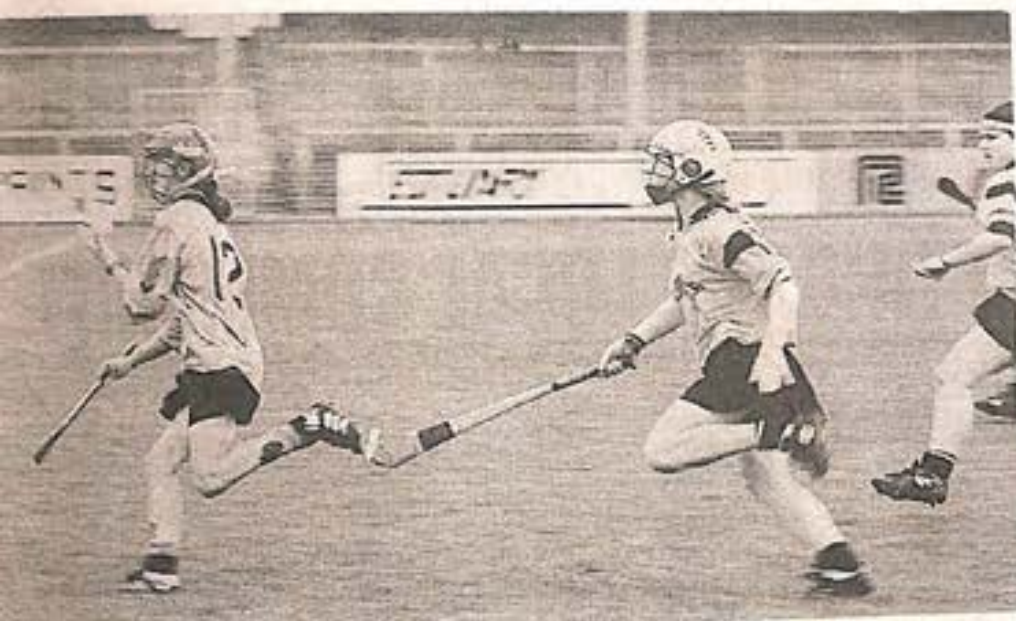
high as they have nothing to be ashamed of. They did their best on the day, but they were unfortunate to have come up against a great Mountbellew team who on the day were fully deserving of their victory. For St. Marys, Denise O'Connor in goals had an outstanding game and were it not for her great saves, St. Marys would have been in real trouble early in the game. Kathryn Leslie in the number five jersey was a tower of strength in defence where she got ample support from Ciara O'Shea, Sandra O'Halloran and Gemma Ronayne. Niamh Bowles who was injured early in the second half had a great tussle with Mountbellew's Mairead Meehan. Siobhan Lenihan and Eileen O'Brien were the pick of the forwards. **Charleville:** Denise O'Connor, Sandra O'Halloran, Ciara O'Shea, Gemma Ronayne, Kathryn Leslie, Noelle O'Riordan, Niamh Bowles, Aine Kelleher, Marie Cullinane, Siobhan Linahan, Alison White, Eileen O'Brien (captain).



St. Mary's coach, Ann Marie O'Keeffe, had words of encouragement for Niamh Bowles during the All Ireland Junior Camogie final in Ennis.

Photo by M. Hanley.

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Eileen O'Brien showed a clear pair of heels as she set up another attack for St. Mary's in the All Ireland Junior Camogie final at Cusack Park, Ennis.

Photo by M. Hanley.



St. Mary's Junior camogie team, defeated in the All Ireland Colleges replay at Cusack Park, Ennis. Front row (L/R): Siobhan Lenihan, Allison White, Gemma Ronayne, Eileen O'Brien, Ciara O'Shea, Denise O'Connor; Back row (L/R): Kathryn Leslie, Niamh Bowles, Marie Cullinane, Aine Kelleher and Noelle O'Riordan.

Photo by M. Hanley.

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Meehan inspires Mountbellew girls to an historic All-Ireland junior camogie title success

**Holy Rosary College
Mountbellew.....2-4
St. Mary's
Charleville.....1-5**

HOLY Rosary College, Mountbellew created history when they won their first ever All-Ireland colleges camogie title in this junior final replay against St. Mary's, Charleville at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday.

Facing into the stiff breeze in the first half, HRC dominated the play but just couldn't put the chances away. In fact it was Charleville who led at half-time by 1-2 to 0-1 despite Holy Rosary's dominance.

In that time, HRC had come close on several occasions with Ann Carthy hitting the post and Denise O'Connor making some superb saves in the Charleville goal. Indeed, all through O'Connor was much busier than her counterpart, Mary Murray, who dealt capably with the few shots which came her way.

The Holy Rosary defence was superbly marshalled by full-back Inagh Barrett while wing backs Kathleen Costello and Brenda Dempsey tackled and cleared like demons. Centre back, Eleanora Gavin, was handed the greatest test of all—and how she rose to the occasion.

She snuffed out the threat of Charleville dangerwoman Eileen O'Brien, who scored just one point from play in that half. Gavin also pointed a free while Siobhan Linehan

shot Charleville's goal. Orla Kilkenny, who was playing superbly, shot Holy Rosary's lone first half score.

Charleville had two further points to take a six point lead after only four minutes of the second half. Facing a six point deficit, Holy Rosary benefitted from the strength of character which this team possesses. Led from the front by captain Mairead Meehan, and the brilliant Orla Kilkenny, they finally began to put away the scores to match their outfield work. Mairead Meehan's cross was whipped to the net by Catherine Gardiner for a great goal.

Orla Kilkenny pointed a forty metre free and then Sile Barrett controlled the sliotar near the endline before guiding it to the net to put HRC into the lead for the first time at 2-2 to 1-4. Then came one of the best moves of the game when Orla Kilkenny battled to win a fifty-fifty ball and delivered it beautifully to Patricia Burke who scored a superb point.

Charleville countered with an Eileen O'Brien free but Holy Rosary were now looking like winners. An insurance scored was needed, however, and it came in the form of an Orla Kilkenny point from play to seal the two point victory. When referee Bibby Phillips of Tipperary blew that final whistle Galway joy was unconfined.

On reflection, Holy Rosary will thank their superb

defence, the outstanding leader and captain Mairead Meehan who led her forces with a power packed display, the young but skilful and courageous Orla Kilkenny, Ann Carthy, Sile Barrett, Patricia Burke, Catherine Gardiner, Alma Geraghty, and superb sub. Amy Donoghue, all of whom played vital roles in this victory.

Their character and refusal to become frustrated in adverse situations was surely attributable to manager Grace Morris, who instilled a confidence in this panel with the able assistance of Fr. Sean Higgins, Martin Tierney, Martina Harkin and Sr. Assumpta.

For Charleville, who had already secured the senior title, Denise O'Connor, Sandra O'Halloran, Kathryn Leslie, Niamh Bowles and Eileen O'Brien played well but on the day they had to give way to a more determined Mountbellew side.

Holy Rosary College: M. Murray, I. Barrett, I.K. Costello, B. Dempsey, S. Barrett 1-0, O. Kilkenny 0-3, P. Burke 0-1, C. Gardiner 1-0, M. Meehan, A. Carthy, A. Geraghty.

Charleville: D. O'Connor, S. O'Halloran, C. O'Shea, G. Ronayne, K. Leslie, N. O'Riordan, N. Bowles, A. Kelleher, M. Cullinane, S. Lenihan 1-0, A. Whyte, E. O'Brien 0-5.

Referee: Bibby Phillips (Tipperary).



HOLY ROSARY COLLEGE, Mountbellew Junior Camogie team which won the All-Ireland final replay in Ennis on Saturday when they defeated St. Mary's, Charleville. Front (from left): Orla Kilkenny, Eleanora Gavin, Mairead Meehan (captain), Brenda Dempsey, Patricia Burke, Alma Geraghty. Back: Grace Morris (coach), Inagh Barrett, Kathleen Costello, Mary Murray, Catherine Gardiner, Ann Carthy, Sile Barrett.