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St Patrick's camogie team celebrate their win over Coachford Community College in the Cork Senior Colleges Camogie Championship.

CAMOGIE

One of the best camogie games of the year

St Pats Mayfield 2-4
Coachford 2-3

IN the Cork Colleges Senior B Final played at Inniscarra last Friday the city side defeated the valiant Muskerry school by the narrowest of margins in a marvellous game of camogie. Coachford goaled early from Louise Murphy after good approach work from Siobhán O'Leary and Deirdre Twomey. The mid Cork team missed many chances in the early stages of the game and, with poor

finishing in the second half, this inaccuracy cost them dearly at the final whistle. Mary Enneguess and Jackie O'Sullivan were having a great battle at centre field and also two other Cork minors, Sabrina Buckley and Linda Ronan tussled for possession with the Coachford girls more dominant in the first half.

Theresa Drummond for St. Pats lifted her side and was responsible for supplying valuable possession to the forwards. The Seandún side scored their first goal when Therese Deane gave Susan Cooney no

chance from close range. Therese Drummond pointed from a free immediately when Anita Cotter had prevented Maria Noonan, the best forward on view, from scoring. Noonan, however, was not kept scoreless for long when she scored a marvellous point from the right touchline. Sinéad C. Buckley, Marjorie Twomey and Sinéad A. Buckley were well in control at the back for Coachford and the inevitable goal from Noonan came from a long Enneguess delivery and she struck a low ball past Mairéad McCarthy for a three point lead. The Pats full back, who played very well on Cork Minor Sheila Crowley, had a good solid performance and Theresa Drummond put another free over. Louise Murphy pointed for Coachford and with Chris Murphy beginning to play better on the forty, Coachford began to dominate. The forward division were unable to convert the scores and on the resumption, St Pats seized the initiative. Sinéad Kelly began to cause trouble in the right corner and earned a free which Drummond duly pointed. Sabrina Buckley added another free and the Coachford backs began to feel the pressure mounting. The vital moment in the game came five minutes from time when Linda Ronan supplied Enneguess with a great pass but her shot was superbly saved by McCarthy in the



Coachford Community School who lost to St Patrick's in the Cork Colleges Senior Camogie Championships. (Pic: Mike English)

Pats goal. The eventual clearance was collected by Kelly who soloed 20 yards and billowed the Coachford net to put her team in front for the first time in the game. Playing against the stiff breeze Coachford found it difficult to regain the initiative and when Noonan and Crowley shooting wides and a free dropping short, the Muskerry side left valuable chances pass them by. On the final whistle St Pats celebrated in great style after what referee May Byrne described as one of the best competitive camogie games of the year.

St Pats now meet Charleville in the Senior A Final and will look to Drummond, Anthea O'Brien and Jackie O'Sullivan whilst Mary Enneguess, the Buckleys, Linda

Ronan and Maria Noonan can be more than satisfied with their contribution to the final.

Coachford must now look to their U15A team who play Kinsale in the County Semi Final to bring back some glory.

Coachford: S. Cooney, S. C. Buckley, M. Twomey, S. O'Leary (c), S. A. Buckley, M. Enneguess, L. Ronan, D. Twomey, L. Murphy, C. Murphy, S. Crowley, M. Noonan.

Subs: A. Enneguess, M. Browne, C. Sheehan, T. Murphy, M. Twomey, A. O'Sullivan, A. Lehan, S. Buckley, B. O'Regan, C. O'Leary.

St Pats: M. McCarthy, A. Cotter, L. Keating, G. O'Connell, A. O'Brien, J. O'Sullivan, S. Buckley, T. Drummond, R. Williams, S. Kelly, S. Manley and T. Deane.



St Patrick's, Gardiner's Hill Camogie team celebrate their win in the Cork Colleges Senior Camogie Championship beating Coachford Community School. (Pic: Mike English)

Mayfield girls come out tops

THE Cork colleges senior "B" camogie final ended in a welter of excitement at Inniscarra with St. Patrick's, Mayfield defeating Coachford CC by 2-4 to 2-3.

After trailing for most of the game, Sinead Kelly became the toast of the Mayfield side when she raced 20 metres before billowing the Coachford net for a goal that gave her side a thrilling victory.

The Mid Cork girls did open up a four point lead midway through the second-half through the excellence of Sinead Buckley, Majorie Twomey and Louise Murphy and they looked to be heading for victory.

However, the Mayfield girls rallied superbly with Sinead Kelly a constant threat up front. After Mary McCarthy in the St. Pats goal brought off a superb save, the city girls broke upfield for Sinead Kelly to rifle home the winner. St. Patrick's will now meet All-Ireland champions St. Marys (Charleville) in the "A" county final.

ST. PATRICK'S: M. McCarthy, A. Cotter, I. Keating, G. O'Connell, A. O'Brien, J. O'Sullivan, S. Buckley, T. Drummond, R. Williams, S. Kelly, S. Manley, T. Deane.
COACHFORD: S. Cooney, C. Buckley, M. Twomey, S. O'Leary, S. A. Buckley, M. Ennaguess, L. Ronan, D. Twomey, L. Murphy, C. Murphy, S. Crowley, M. Noonan.

Cork girls seek semi-final place

IT'S the turn of the Cork Junior camogie team to take centre stage tomorrow when they travel to Offaly to take on the home side in the quarter-final of the Junior National League.

Following their great All-Ireland Junior Championship victory last season, the Cork side will now be graded intermediate for the coming season's championships.

However, for the National League, as Cork are already fielding a senior side, the team continues to participate in the Junior section of the League.

Cork are a well-balanced side and with Leonie Nolan, Linda O'Sullivan and Hilda Kenneally all playing exceptionally well, they must be favoured to advance to the semi-final stages.

Meanwhile, on the club front, St. Finbarr's and Courcey Rovers meet at Innishannon tomorrow in the Junior "A" League semi-final.

This is likely to be a close-fought encounter, with St. Vincent's awaiting the winners.

The Under 12 and Under 14 Leagues will continue for the coming week with several games down for decision.

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Offaly put huge pressure on Cork

CORK had to withstand tremendous second half pressure from Offaly to qualify for the Junior National League Semi-Final on a 2-7 to 1-7 scoreline.

Cork had first-half goals from Linda O'Sullivan and Sinead O'Callaghan and four points from frees through Mary Kenefick, plus two Sinead O'Callaghan points from play.

Offaly kept in touch with a Magie Lynch goal and a point, and two points from the excellent Michelle Davis.

Turning to play against the elements Offaly came out in equally determined fashion in the second half and had four points from Michelle Davis. Cork could only manage one from Caoimhe Harrington, but qualified for a National League semi-final on June 11.

CORK: - M Kenefick 0-4 (frees); S O'Callaghan 1-2, L O'Sullivan 1-0, C Harrington 0-1.
Offaly: - M Davis 0-6; M Lynch 1-1.

PHYLLIS BRESLIN

WILL SEE CAMOGIE OVERCOME CHALLENGES

Around this time of year the boys will meet up, gather together in a hotel conference room and talk gaelic games.

It may not make for hugely entertaining evenings, but it does the games good they say. Yeah, it's all for the benefit of the games and some interesting developments, and beneficial

changes, have been made in years past.

For the ladies the season for congress is here too. Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael held its meeting at the Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone recently, attended by 80 delegates from around the country and London. There they discussed the state of their game, its future and also who would replace Belle O'Loughlin as President of the association.

For the newly elected president of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, Phyllis Breslin, promoting camogie despite the current media climate is her primary concern. Camogie has been too long in the shadow of its big brother - "That's one of the problems which faces the sport," the Dubliner comments.

Phyllis Breslin comes originally from Auhgrim St. on the north side of Dublin close to the Phoenix Park. She played camogie with the local club Eoghan Ruadh from underage upwards, enjoying some success with the club and eventually moving up to inter-county level.

Her career as a camogie player included several notable achievements. She was on the Eoghan Ruadh camogie team which won its first and only All-Ireland club title in 1967, defeating Oranmore of Galway, 7-3 to 1-0 and she played with the Dublin senior side which won a National League medal in



Fileas Ni Bhreislain, Áth Cliath newly elected Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, centre, with Seosaimhín Nic Uaidrich, Cill Chainnigh, Cisteoir ar cle agus Síle De Bhailís.

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Glynn leads demolition of outclassed Down

Galway.....2-21 :: Down.....1-10

THE Galway seunior camogie team collected another two points in the National League on Sunday when they had a comprehensive win over Down in Loughrea. Galway were always in control despite conceding a goal just before half-time.

The outstanding Sharon Glynn opened Galway's scoring from a free and during that first period she was joined on the scoreboard by Anne Forde who scored two points from play. Down's Maureen McAlleenan opened Down's tally with two fine long distance frees.

Glynn replied for Galway with two points from play and two points from frees before she was set-up by Therese Maher for Galway's first goal, leaving the home team ahead by 1-9 to 1-5.

Galway took over right from the second half throw-in with a further six points from Sharon Glynn to leave her personal tally for the day at 1-13, 0-9 from frees. Anne Forde added two more points with one each from Greta Maher and Imelda Hobbins.

Denise Gilligan, who was introduced midway through the second half for Veronica Curtin, took two fine points before Martina Harkin added Galway's second goal after a long clearance from Olivia Broderick.

This brought Galway's final tally to 2-21. Down did try hard in the second half but Galway always looked in control confirming their status as senior champions. Down's scores in that second half came from Edel Mason with three points and Dee Savage with two, bringing their final tally to 1-10. Overall a fine Galway performance doing all that was needed to beat an unimpressive Down outfit.

Galway: L. Curry, O. Costello, O. Broderick, T. Laheen, P. Nevin, G. Maher (0-1), S. Glynn (1-13), M. Harkin (1-0), T. Maher, I. Hobbins (0-1), V. Curtin, A. Forde (0-4). Subs: C. Deely for P. Nevin; D. Gilligan for V. Curtin and A. Broderick for T. Maher.

Galway continue their League programme with an attractive fixture against Kilkenny at Danesfort (2 p.m.). It is a repeat of last year's League semi-final which Galway won by two points.

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Pictured at Congress, Dublin delegates (Left to right): Jim Carroll, Marie Uí Scollai, Pat Rafferty, Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean, Aine Derham and Margaret Browne.

1979.

She was also involved in coaching and refereeing. She holds the distinct honour of being the first Dubliner to referee a camogie All-Ireland final for the 1973 decider between Cork and Antrim - "That was because Dublin had had such a dominance in the sport for so long," she explains.

She has also been a selector on minor, junior and senior Dublin county teams over the years. Now, as President of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, she has arrived at the pinnacle of her career.

Working in the accounts department at the Irish Dairy Bord for 26 years, she is optimistic of the future and what it has in store for camogie.

"Camogie is probably more popular than ever at the moment," she says. "There are about 70,000 members of the association today and that number we hope will grow in the coming years."

The growth in popularity of the sport in recent decades has been impressive. Around the country many hurling clubs have developed their camogie teams and in schools the same has happened. There are currently more primary and secondary schools fielding camogie teams as the association has organised competitions for both levels. Ten years ago, only four universities - Belfast, Cork, Dublin and Galway - had camogie teams in the inter-varsities competition. Now there are 26 competing sides. The game is becoming part of the growing range of extra curricular activities promoted by the Department of Education.

But there are still the challenges which come with any ladies sports organisation.

On the association's biggest day, the All-Ireland final, nine times out of ten RTE will show highlights on the game. But for the game to progress, Phyllis maintains, there needs to be more coverage, more attention to their sport. Then camogie can begin to realise its full potential.

"It is a pity really, because camogie is a very skilful game. Last Saturday, we had our colleges

final at Tullamore but we could not get RTE to come down and film it. They seem very reluctant to cover our events, but it is the same for almost every ladies sport."

Don't you think that maybe the reason for that is that camogie simply does not pull the crowds that hurling does, that ladies sport does not have the same attraction to the masses as mens sports?

That excuse does not pull much weight with the Dubliner. The spin-off from coverage can benefit the media as much as the sport itself.

"If we are given the publicity, given the coverage, then we can attract larger crowds. That in turn will attract sponsors. If we can attract large sponsors then the likelihood is that advertisements around a camogie championship match, be it an All-Ireland semi-final or final, will be more plentiful and will make coverage pay for itself.

"It is a catch 22 situation and someone needs to make a move to create an opportunity. The game is being held back by it."

The game may be held back by lack of media exposure but in terms of the levels of skills and the standards of coaching there has been significant advances made.

"The association as a whole has come quite a distance," Phyllis discloses. "We have been participating in the National Coaching Development Programme since 1993 and several of our tutors attend the Tutor Development Programme at the National Coaching and Training Centre at UL. Six tutors have emerged from this system and give Foundation Level and Level 1 courses. It has all been of great value to the sport over all."

Having spent so long involved in camogie, Phyllis Breslin's election as President of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael is a welcome outcome. Her knowledge of and love for the game will qualify her as an able president.

Under her leadership, she hopes, camogie will grow further and the moguls at Montrose might pay a little more attention to the advances of camogie as it strives to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with big brother.

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CAMOGIE'S TWENTY-FOURTH PRESIDENT

**A club
official
at 13
Phyllis
now has
the top
office**



WELL DONE: Phyllis Breslin, the new camogie president, congratulates Imelda Hobbins, the Galway captain, on her National Irish Bank camogie player of the year award.

Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael elected the 24th president, Phyllis Breslin of Dublin at the Annual Congress in Athlone when she defeated former club-mate and fellow Dubliner, Pat Rafferty of Naomh Aoife club. Unlike the GAA and Handball council the Camogie Association does not have the luxury of having a president-elect.

However, this will be no handicap to Phyllis as she has served at every level of the association. At the tender age of 13 she was a delegate for her club, Eoghan Ruadh, at the Dublin County Board. Her administrative experience lead eventually to becoming cathaoirleach of Leinster for two terms in the 1980s and '90s, and she was Leinster Council delegate to Árdchomhairle until her elevation to the presidency last month.

Phyllis distinguished herself as a very talented player when she won an All-Ireland medal with her former club Eoghan Ruadh in 1967. In 1975 she won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Dublin and in 1977 crowned her mounting success with a senior All-Ireland League medal. Added to this tally she represented Leinster in the

Gael-Linn interprovincial championship.

A devoted club member, now with Naomh Brid, Blanchardstown, Phyllis spends many hours attending junior and minor matches as a selector for Dublin.

It is, however, as a firm and fair referee at all levels that Phyllis is best known throughout Ireland and indeed in London. She is no stranger to the extremely competitive Ashbourne competitions down through the years and was held in great regard among the colleges for her decisiveness.

In 1968 she had the distinction of being chosen to referee the inaugural All-Ireland junior final. Subsequently she took charge of the 1976 and '78 junior finals. The ultimate refereeing honour was bestowed on her when she was appointed in 1973 and '81 for the All-Ireland senior championship.

Phyllis, like her predecessor, Belle O'Loughlin was involved on the National Referees committee giving courses all over Ireland and in London.

Go n-éirí an tadh leat, Fileas, agus bail ó Dhia ar an obair atá romhat. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

By Bridín



Uí Mhaolagáin



The Ashbourne Cup is 82 years old

Ashbourne Cup competition is expanding

In 1915 Professor Agnes O'Farrelly of U.C.D. persuaded Edwin Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, a Trinity graduate and sometime Attorney General, to present the cup which bears his name. He was a colourful character, prominent in Gaelic circles and usually attired in a saffron kilt!

The U.C.D. club was founded in 1914 with the disapproval of the College authorities. The "National Student" printed a special article on the club — according to Prof. Paddy Meenan in his "St. Patrick's Blue and Saffron" — which stated: "The history of the Ashbourne Cup is interesting. Founded under threat by Lord Ashbourne - of his Gaelic costume - for the purpose of encouraging the Irish game

'Life in college for the camogie players in the early years revolved around the Ashbourne'

and Intervarsity social life among the ladies (and gentlemen?) of the N.U.I. Colleges, it received the sincere disapproval of the authorities. In 1915 the Cork ladies crept up to Dublin and lost a match to U.C.D. Dublin regained the cup against Cork and Galway in 1916 when during the recent regrettable disturbances of Easter Week the cup was destroyed. It was replaced, but Dublin's luck had gone with the old cup and the 1917 tourney played in Galway saw her downfall. It is hoped, therefore, that Dublin on the home ground will show herself worthy of the tradition of champions and will bring back the Ashbourne Cup to stand between the Sigerson and the Fitzgibbon. Ladies, our honour is in your keeping!"

Thus began the close relationship, mutual support and admiration of the three major Gaelic Intervarsity sports.

Life in college for camogie players in the early years revolved around the Ashbourne. As well as being a fiercely competitive tournament it was a challengingly hilarious social event. The organising host college provided pitches, medals, hospitality and escorts - a la the "Rose of Tralee" contest. Each visiting team was met at the train station by a very willing, often coy, sometimes scheming, slightly amorous group of hurlers, footballers and, frequently, soccer students. The function of these 'splendid' sportsmen was to accompany the fair sex at all times to the various activities - matches, functions - organised by the hosts.

The climax of the very long weekend - apart from the camogie, of course, was the presentation Banquet - a black tie affair. Most of the escorts could only afford the Black tie! "Come back Dad's Army....all is forgiven!" - Nevertheless, matches were made, hearts were stolen and often broken, friendships were forged and above all Ashbourne medals were won or not won. That was all in my day when only four colleges - U.C.D., U.C.C., Q.U.B. and U.C.G. - competed. In the early 1970s other colleges such as T.C.D., U.U. Coleraine and Maynooth joined the ranks and it became impossible for the host colleges to continue the former format. In 1997 the governing body of Third Level Colleges, Cumann Camógaíochta na nInstitiúidí um Ard Oideachais, has the onerous task of organising eight competi-

tions for the 25 colleges under its care.

This year the major honours went mainly to U.U. Jordanstown, who took the coveted Ashbourne Cup, the C.C.I.A. League Division I and the Fr. Meagher Shield back to Antrim. The other major trophy, the Purcell Cup, donated by the late Agnes Purcell, also went to Antrim when Queen's University had a runaway victory in Carlow. Tralee R.T.C. won their first-ever camogie trophy when they carried the Purcell Shield to Kerry. Waterford R.T.C. had a narrow win over a spirited U.C.D. to take the Ashbourne Shield.

A major change took place in the prestigious Com Ui Mhaolagáin, combined universities competition this year. Once a combined Ashbourne team challenged a combined Purcell team from the non university Third Level Colleges. This year, however, the combined Ashbourne team met the All-Ireland



Louise Adams was an outstanding player with UCD in this year's Ashbourne series

senior champions and for the first time Com Ui Mhaolagáin left the Universities as they were beaten by Galway in a nail-biting encounter 2-15 to 2-13. The combined Purcell team took the honours by defeating the Galway juniors 1-10, 1-3.

Results - Ashbourne Cup, U.U. Jordanstown; Purcell Cup, Queens U. Belfast; C.C.I.A. League Div. I, U.U.J.; O'Neill's Cup Freshers, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick; Ashbourne Shield, Waterford R.T.C.; Purcell Shield, Tralee, R.T.C.; C.C.I.A. League Div. II, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick; Fr. Meagher Shield, U.U.J.; C.C.I.A. League Div. III, St. Pat's College, Drumcondra.

BRIDÍN UÍ MHAOLAGAÍN

Coachford through to final

Coachford 5-4
Kinsale 1-5

IN the semi-final of the Cork Colleges U15A camogie championship played at Coachford on Friday last April 25 the home side ran out comprehensive victors after an excellent start. Sheila McCarthy and Bríd O'Connell kept the impressive full forward Maria Noonan supplied with valuable possession and Noonan scored a goal and two points in this early period for Coachford. Chris Murphy added a goal when Ann Ennaguess and Siobhán Buckley, Coachford's best player, won the vital midfield battle. Kinsale were shocked into action and the O'Reagan sisters, Moira and Aine began to penetrate the mid Cork defence. Centre forward Rachel Moloney, well marshalled by Ger McSweeney, scored two points from the 30 yard line. Sarah Hayes at the back began to deliver the ball to the forwards and it was inevitable that Aine O'Reagan who was troubling Maeve

O'Connell, scored her point before the break.

The Coachford defence of Sandra Reck, Ger McSweeney and Fiona McSweeney were well able to hold the Kinsale attackers and with Claire Sheehan scoring a long range point and Sheila McCarthy goaling, the Carrigdhoun school realised that the better balanced Muskerry side were strong in all positions.

On the resumption, Claire McCarthy in goal for Coachford made a string of fine saves to deny Kinsale any chance of a comeback and with her long precise delivery found free players on numerous occasions. Maria Noonan goaled again and added a long range point but Moloney added two more for Kinsale before Aine O'Reagan got a late consolation goal. Referee Marie Corkery commented after the game that goalkeeper McCarthy was an outstanding prospect, along with Noonan and their effort and skill was matched by Cork minors Sarah Hayes and Rachel

Moloney from Kinsale.

Best for Coachford were the McSweeneys, Siobhán Buckley, Chris Murphy and Maria Noonan whilst the O'Reagan's, Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney tried hardest for the losers. Coachford play All-Ireland finalists Charleville in the final at Blarney on Wednesday May 21.

Coachford
C. McCarthy, F. McSweeney, S. Reck, M. O'Connell, G. McSweeney, A. Ennaguess, S. Buckley, C. Sheehan, C. Murphy
Captain, S. McCarthy, M. Noonan, B. O'Connell.

Subs
L. Murphy, K. O'Flynn, E. Harrington, C. Crowley, K. Roche, K. Crowley, T. Lehané, T. O'Sullivan, P. Finnegan.

Kinsale
S. Quill, J. Murphy, M. Murphy, C. Collins, S. Hayes, G. McCarthy, M. O'Reagan, O. Quinlan, R. Moloney, S. Wright, M. Lynch, A. O'Reagan.

Subs
A. O'Reagan and L. Fitzgerald.

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Imelda keeps collecting Camogie awards

Galway brought a fresh wind of change to the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship last September when, sixty four years after contesting the inaugural final, they won their first title. OWEN McCANN talked to Imelda Hobbins, one of the stars of the final win over Cork.

Imelda Hobbins has added another Famous First to her many achievements in camogie. The gifted forward, who led Galway to their first All-Ireland senior title last year, has become the first from Connacht to win a National Irish Bank Camogie Player Of the Year award.

Imelda Hobbins, Galway's History-Making Captain who is still collecting Awards.



A well-deserved tribute that to the important role Imelda played in guiding the Connacht county to the O'Duffy Cup. She was a consistent star for Galway and had an excellent game in the final win over Cork in which she also got on the scoresheet.

"The All-Ireland senior final win was without a doubt the high point of my career so far", says the Galway captain, who has for some time been rightly regarded as one of the top players in the game. Now she is hoping for further national titles.

"It would be nice if we could follow up that break-through by emulating Kilkenny and Cork by winning a few more All-Ireland titles."

Although Imelda, who will be 27 in June, had a long wait for that coveted first national medal, she had reaped a very rich harvest of trophies before leading Galway to the top of the championship tree. One of her earliest successes was a Galway 7-a-side title with her local school, Cualla in the parish of Mullagh.

She followed on by winning two All-Ireland Colleges' Junior medals with St. Raphael's, Loughrea, and later helped the school to collect five All-Ireland Senior Colleges' Championships. She also captained the 1988 senior title winning team.

Nor is that the end of the All-Ireland story as Imelda was an accomplished forward in the Mullagh team that beat Eglis, of Tyrone, in the 1991 All-Ireland senior club final.

By then she was an established senior inter-county player.

"I won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1988 and was called up to the Galway senior team the following year for the National League. I have been a regular with the side since then", said Imelda.

What the modest Galway player did not tell me was that she was top scorer in the 1988 All-Ireland junior final win that year over Limerick at Croke Park with 2-2.

When I asked Imelda to name the players she admired most she unhesitatingly put county team-mate Sharon Glynn, of Na Piarasigh, top of her list.

"Sharon, who is one of our midfielders, is a brilliant player, strong and gifted.

"Outside of my county, I would have to name the Downey sisters, Angela and Anne, Linda Mellerick (Cork) and Sandy Fitzgibbon, also of Cork.

"I marked Sandie in the All-Ireland final and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She is a lovely player".

The Galway captain is a strong supporter of the Gael-Linn interprovincial championship.

"While the competition is taken very seriously by the players it is still a more relaxed test than the Championship or League.

"What is particularly appealing is that the interprovincial series is a great opportunity to meet and get to know players from other counties", maintains Imelda.

She also feels that there is a case for including Camogie in the annual All Stars awards.

"Anyone who attended the All-Ireland final between ourselves and Cork last September will readily agree that the standard in camogie is now very high."

Finally, what advice has the great Galway exponent of the game to offer young players?

"Practice constantly. I believe a very good exercise is to hit a ball against a wall for about ten or fifteen minutes each evening if possible. This helps you to react quickly to a given situation and generally sharpens up your play".

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DUBLINER Phyllis Leads Association Into New Century

Camogie, like the G.A.A. has a new President. Phyllis Breslin, who will lead the organisation into the next Century, is profiled by P. J. FULHAM.

It was a case of second time lucky for Phyllis Breslin, from the Naomh Brid club in Dublin, when she was chosen to succeed Beo O'Loughlin, of Down, as Uachtarán of Cumann Camogaochta na nGael. She was beaten by the Down official by four votes for the position in 1994.

It was an emotional scene at the Chomhdháil Bhlantail, hosted by Roscommon at the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, as Phyllis accepted the highest honour the Association can bestow.

Among the many well wishers her running-mate, fellow Dubliner and former club-mate Patricia Rafferty, whom she defeated by 55 votes to 24, was the first to congratulate her.

Phyllis, a true Gael, has been involved in Camogie all her life. Originally from Aughrim Street, one of seven children, she came from a strong G.A.A. background.

She started her playing career as a child with the Eoghan Ruadh club and in 1967 secured an All-Ireland Club Championship medal when Ruadh beat Oranmore, Galway, by 7-3 to 1-0.

Phyllis became a prominent member of the Dublin County team and was the recipient of an All-Ireland Junior Championship medal in 1975 when the Duhs scored a 5-0 to 0-3 win over Down.

In the senior grade the now newly-elected President was a member of the victorious Dublin side that won the 1979 National Senior League, holding Limerick scoreless in the final.

She has worked at all levels of the Association. A current player with Naomh Brid, a former selector on Dublin Minor, Junior and Senior teams, she has also been a Gael-Linn interprovincial selector.

Phyllis has been involved in coaching and refereeing and has held positions on numerous Committee's down the years. She also has the distinction of having refereed the first All-Ireland Junior Championship final in 1968 between Down and Cork.

The Dubliner took charge of two more All-Ireland Junior finals, 1976 and 1978. In 1973 she became the first native of the county to referee an All-Ireland Senior Championship decider (Cork against Antrim).

Phyllis was also in charge in 1981, the last All-Ireland Senior final to end in a draw. Kilkenny defeated Cork in the replay.

On the Administration side of affairs she spent six years as Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean and left an indelible mark on the Province.

Leinster Secretary, Mairin Fulham, worked with her for those six years and says:

"It was a pleasure to work with Phyllis. Her wealth of knowledge of the workings of the Association from the grass roots gave her a great sense of confidence and fairness in all her decisions.

"She is very sincere, with a touching consideration for others".

Down the years Phyllis has become well known in every corner of the country and wherever Camogie is being played abroad.

Among her many talents she is a keen photographer and has amassed a huge collection of photographs from many events big and small.

In her new role she will have to get used to being on the other side of the camera.

One of her chief hopes is to present an All-Ireland Championship to her native Dublin during her reign at the top.

A very modest and sincere lady, Phyllis Breslin brings with her such a vast experience of every aspect of the game as she leads the Association into the next Century.

GAEL SPORT readers will join in wishing her a very successful term in her onerous new post.



Phyllis Breslin

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Purcell Shield Champions 1997

BACK ROW: (left to right) Therese Ryan, Eleanor Griffin, Geraldine Carroll, Mary McGrath, Clara Burns, Maire White, Brid Bradshaw.
MIDDLE ROW: (left to right) Mark Connoughtan (Coach), Ann Roche, Fiona Brett, Majella O'Sullivan, Imelda Callanan, Bridget Downes, Bernie McCarthy, Therese Allen, Rosie Comerford, Gerry Kearney (Manager).
FRONT ROW: (left to right) Maire White, Elaine O'Brien, Lynne Heaphy, Sile Kyne (Capt.), Ruth O'Sullivan, Roisin Sheehan.

MAY 1997

Antrim will be tough opponents

CAMOGIE fans' eyes will focus on the Cork junior team who on Sunday take on Antrim in the National League semi-final at Ballyanly.

Since winning the All-Ireland Junior Championship last September, the Cork girls have grown in confidence. Promoted to Intermediate grade for the coming year's championship, Cork however continue to participate in the Junior National League as Cork are a senior county.

Antrim are fielding their first team and, therefore, are expected to be very tough opponents. They draw players from a wide selection of clubs with such famous names as Cushendall, Rossa, Dunloy, Deirdre, and Loughile Shamrocks, all having representatives on the panel. In their semi-final they scored a comfortable victory, and have excellent players in goalie Cora Coyle, Maureen Barry, and the McMullen sister, Sinéad and Majella.

Cork have two players on the doubtful list due to illness. However, the team is sure to include Caoimhe Harrington from Newtownshandrum Club, who made a huge impression in the quarter final; the reliable Hilda Kenneally and Leonie Nolan. Cork's strength could lie with the forwards, and if Linda O'Sullivan and her fellow forwards strike form, Cork are in with a good chance of making it to a League final.

On the home front, the Seandun division will hold their under-13 league final on Saturday evening when old rivals, The Barrs and Glen Rovers clash at Bishopstown. Here the Toghier girls, who earlier in the year won the corresponding League game, will start as slight favourites. They have excellent players in captain Catherine McCarthy, goalie Niamh Barry and Gemma O'Connor. Glen Rovers will look to Emer Murphy, Alison Burke, and team captain, Kelley Newman, to annex the title.

Today and Tuesday will see the under-14 leagues continuing.

Camogie World By P.J Fulham

GALWAY, TIPPERARY AND ARMAGH WIN THEIR GAMES IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

All-Ireland senior champions Galway were very much in command over Kilkenny in this National Senior League tie played at Danesfort. Galway, playing with the wind in the first half, led 3-4 to 0-2 at the break and ended with a 4-6 to 1-8 victory.

Scorers: Galway - Sharon Glynn 2-4, Ann Ryan/Forde and Martina Harkin 1-1 each.
Kilkenny - Sinead Millea 1-1, Marina Downey 0-4, Caitriona Carey 0-2, Margaret Comerford 0-1.
Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Tipperary maintained their unbeaten record and secured a place in the National Senior League semi-finals, when they had four points to spare over Clare in a closely contested tie, played at The Ragg, Thurles. Caitriona Hennessy was the thorn in Clare's side, scoring 2-7, five points from placed balls.

The winners led 3-5 to 1-8 at the break.
Final score - Tipperary 3-12 Clare 1-14
Scorers: Tipperary - Caitriona Hennessy 2-7, Fiona Loughane 1-0, Deirdre Hughes and Ciara Gaynor 0-2 each, Helen Kiely 0-1.
Clare - Niamh McMahon 0-10, Catherine O'Loughlin 1-4.
Referee - Betty Joyce, Cork.

Armagh proved too strong for Dublin in this senior league encounter played at St Vincents.
Final score - Armagh 8-7 Dublin 1-3
Scorers: Armagh - Bernie McBride 3-2, Mary Black 2-3, Patricia McEvoy 2-1, Mary Donnelly 1-1.
Dublin - Julie Bannon 1-1, Paula Malcolmson 0-2.
Referee - Mary Connor, Louth.

National Junior League Quarter-Finals

Cork got the better of Offaly in this tie played at Rath. Goals by Sinead O'Callaghan and Linda O'Sullivan pushed Cork into a 2-6 to 1-3 lead at the break. Offaly were the better side in the second half, but just failed to pull back the first half deficit.

Final score - Cork 2-7 Offaly 1-7
Scorers: Cork - Sinead O'Callaghan 1-2, Mary Kennefic 0-4, Linda O'Sullivan 1-0, Caoimhe Harrington 0-1.
Offaly - Michele Davis 0-6, Audrey Hennessy 1-0, Maggie Lynch 0-1.
Referee - Noeleen Cormican, Galway.

Tyrone made a fancied Down side fight all the way in

this tie that was full of fire power played at Brocagh. The sides were all square at the break, Down 1-8 Tyrone 2-5.

Down's Mairin McAleenan was in great scoring form and notched off ten points from placed balls.

Final score: Down 1-21 Tyrone 3-10
Scorers: Down - Mairin McAleenan 0-10, Jennifer Braniff 0-5, Joan Tobin 1-0, Edel Mason and Majella Murray 0-2 each, Colleen Hynds and Valerie Hynds 0-1 each.

Tyrone - Catherine Finnegan 0-8, Brenda Burke 2-0, Mary Rose McGready 1-1, Carmel Darcy 0-1.

Antrim had it easy over Carlow at Casement Park, Belfast.

Final score: Antrim 5-16 Carlow 2-8
Scorers: Antrim - Grace McMullan 2-2, Denise O'Boyle, Deirdre Heatly 1-2 each, Carla Doherty 0-5, Oonagh Elliot 1-0, Bronagh O'Neill 0-3, Anne McKee and Jane Adams 0-1 each.
Carlow - Mary Coady 1-2, Nuala Quirke 1-0, Valerie Crean 0-3, Aine Murphy 0-2, Marie Sheehan 0-1.

Ulster junior championship preliminary round Armagh 3-7 Fermaugh 2-5

Scorers: Armagh - Aoife Woods 2-1, Avourneen Kearney 1-1, Rosin O'Neill and Bernice Gribbon 0-2 each, Julie O'Neill 0-1.

Ulster minor league Armagh 3-6 Cavan 1-2

In Tipperary, Drom/Inch brought off a double in the leagues. In junior they defeated Borrisaleigh 6-3 to 0-3. The senior final was an outstanding affair when Burgess faced Drom/Inch. It was played before a large attendance under excellent playing conditions. Burgess trailed by two points at half time. Caitriona Hennessy at full forward was a star for the winners, scoring 2-8.

Final score: Drom/Inch 2-10 Burgess 3-5

On Sunday next, Tipperary will show their hospitality to Limerick when they meet in the national senior league. This is the Premier County's final game in the division. They have full points to date. This game should produce good fare between two sides who are no strangers to each other. There will be a host of stars on parade and little should separate the sides at the finish.

Kilkenny make their way to Armagh. The Orchard County will put up a good show on home ground. However, Kilkenny look set to take the points.

The semi-finals of the national junior league are also down for decision. All-Ireland junior champions Cork will host Antrim in what should be a sparkling encounter and will not lack firepower. Antrim have a good outfit but may find the Rebel County hard to overcome.

Down play Wexford or Galway and whatever the pairing it should be a good tussle with lots of flair and determination.

Cork chasing a place in final

CAMOGIE

THE big game on the Camogie front this coming weekend will be the National Junior League Semi-Final.

The Cork Junior team will be anxious to go a step nearer to taking the National Junior League title when they take on Antrim in the semi final on Sunday next.

While the selectors have not named their side the team is certain to include regular goalkeeper Leona Nolan, Hilda Kenneally, Sinead O'Callaghan, Sinead Cahalane, Mary Kennefic and Linda O'Sullivan.

Well done to the Cork Minor team who defeated Limerick in the semi final of the Munster Championship last weekend.

THURSDAY MAY 15TH - Delany's V Glen Rovers "B" at Delany's, St Vincents V Na Piaras at St Vincents, Cloughduv V Inniscarra at Cloughduv, Ballynora V Ballynollig at Ballynora, Eile Og V Aghabullogue at Eile Og, Newtownshandrum V St Fanahans at Newtownshandrum, Mallow V Millfort at Mallow, Kildorrery V Ballyhea at Kildorrery, Carrigrohane V Courcy Rovers at Carrigrohane, Tracton V Ballygarven at Tracton, Slough Rua V Ballyhassig at Slough, Rua Voughal V Castletyons at Voughal, Watergrasshill V Killeagh at Watergrasshill, St Catharines V Fr O'Neills at St Catharines, Douglas V Bishopscourt at Douglas, Blackrock V Mayfield at Blackrock, Brian Dillon V St Finbarrs at Brian Dillon, Eries Owen V Sarsfields "B" at Eries Owen, Barryroe V Ballynascarty at Barryroe, Newcestown V Clonakilty at Newcestown, Kilbrittain V Enniskeen at Kilbrittain.

UNDER 14 A LEAGUE - Friday May 16th - Aghabullogue V Courcy Rovers at Aghabullogue, Ballygarven V Ballynollig at Ballygarven, Cloughduv V Newcestown at Cloughduv, St. Finbarrs V St. Vincents at St. Finbarrs, Watergrasshill V Bishopscourt at Watergrasshill.

Sunday May 18 - Glen Rovers V Inniscarra at Glen Rovers.

Millea magic for Kilkenny

KILKENNY..... 2-9 DOWN..... 2-8
SINEAD MILLEA rescued Kilkenny from the jaws of defeat against Down in this national senior camogie league at Mayobridge yesterday. A goal and a point from frees in the final five minutes by Millea denied Down victory.

SCORERS - Kilkenny: S Millea 2-2, M Downey 0-4, C Dunne, U Murphy, M Maher 0-1 each. Down: M McAleenan (0-5), J Braniff (1-1), C Mulholland (1-0), V Hynes, E Mason (0-1 each).
LIMERICK..... 1-15 WEXFORD..... 1-12
COOL Limerick got the better of Wexford to collect their first points in this national senior camogie league tie played at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick yesterday.

SCORERS - Limerick: P McCarthy 1-6, K Burke 0-4, A O'Brien 0-3, M Sheehan 0-2. Wexford: A Codd 1-2, P Rankin 0-4, K Kelly 0-3, M O'Leary 0-2, B Sluads 0-1.

RESULTS - NJL quarter-final: Wexford 3-10, Galway 1-5. Ulster Jnr C'Ship: Derry 2-6, Cavan 1-5, Antrim 3-11, Tyrone 2-10.

St. Mary's Conve

NENAGH

Winning a Munster Final is quite an achievement. Winning two Munster Finals is even better but to win two Munster Finals in one week is incredible. Our Senior Camogie team put on a class act on Monday to defeat St Patrick's of Cork and become Munster Champions.

SINEAD MILLEA RESCUES KILKENNY

a quarter final of the National Junior League played at Buncloody. The Slaneysiders took the game to their opponents from the start, and with Bernie Higgins in top form, they built up a lead of 1-6 to 1-3 at the break. Galway rallied back in the second half with a goal by Caroline Murray. But this was soon cancelled out when Bernie Higgins and Elaine Houlahan rattled the Galway net as they advanced to a 3-10 to 1-5 victory.

Scorers: Wexford - Bernie Higgins 2-8, Elaine Houlahan 1-1, Rosemary Breen 0-1.
Galway - Michelle Glynn 0-5, Caroline Murray 1-0.
Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Derry emerged winners over Cavan in this Ulster Junior Championship tie played at Greenlough. The Oakleaf County were two goals down inside the first five minutes. However, they fought their way back into the game. A goal by Mary O'Kane and a point by Roisin McCloskey left them trailing by two points at the break. Cavan 2-4 Derry 1-5.

Both sides produced some great play in the second half. Cavan were curtailed to a point as Roisin McCloskey sent in Derry's second goal in what was a cliffhanger in the end.

Final score: Derry - 2-6 Cavan 2-5
Derry - Roisin McCloskey 1-3, Mary O'Kane 1-1, Nuala Rankin and Claire Mulholland 0-1 each.
Cavan - Margaret Carroll 1-1, Louise Adams 0-4, Brenda Lynch 1-0.

Down fought off the challenge of Monaghan to reach the Ulster Junior Championship semi-final. They led 1-10 to 1-3 at the interval and coasted to a 1-20 to 2-3 victory.

Scorers: Down - Jennifer Braniff 0-9, Coleen Hynds 0-7, Ann Morgan 1-0, Ciara McGrattan, Deirdre Savage, Sinead McGovern and Cathy Mulholland 0-1 each.
Monaghan - Antoinette Maguire and Rosemary Merry 1-1 each.

Fionnuala Mohan 0-1.

Other results:

Ulster J.C.:
Armagh 1-10 Donegal 1-0

Munster M.C. Semi-Final:
Tipperary 2-10 Clare 0-0

Leinster M.C. Roinn B Final:
Laois 4-10 Westmeath 0-4.

On Sunday next Tipperary and Clare cross swords in the National Senior League at Mary I College in what should be an entertaining tussle between two sides capable of producing lots of fire power. This is Clare's final game. They collected two points in the campaign to date with a win over Wexford. They may find the Limerick ladies a formidable force.

Wexford host league champions Cork in another senior tie. Wexford have not impressed in the competition. The Rebel County look set to add another brace of points to their tally.

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O'Doherty kills off Cork's hopes with late strike

Antrim 5-6
Cork 2-12

AMID great excitement Antrim qualified for the final of the National Junior camogie league when they had a goal to spare over Cork at Ballyanley yesterday.

Despite being backed by the strong wind Antrim found it hard to settle and Cork were quick to capitalise. Five minutes into the game Linda O'Sullivan gave Karen Coyle no chance when she shot to the net from the edge of the square.

Cork continued the pressure with three points from Mary Kenefick and one from Keva Harrington and Antrim had to wait until the 15th minute for their first score when Carol O'Doherty beat the defence and hand passed to the net.

Antrim's Deirdre Heatley goaled to give them the lead and further points from Gretta McMullen and Deniese O'Boyle saw them edge into a two-point lead. Then just on the stroke of half time a high ball into the Cork goalmouth was batted into the path of the oncoming Carol O'Doherty who shot to the Cork net to put her side five

points ahead. Turning to play with the aid of wind Cork wiped out Antrim's lead and had five points within seven minutes of the restart to level the game.

But back came Antrim and Gretta McMullen's goal from close range put them back in command.

But Cork were quick to reply with a goal from Sinead Callahan.

Just when we looked to be heading for extra time, Carol O'Doherty ran at the Cork defence and shot to the net for the vital goal.

From the puck out Cork won a 30-metre free but it was saved.

Scorers for Antrim: C O'Doherty 3-1, D O'Boyle 0-3, G McMullen 1-1, D Heatley 1-1.
Cork: L O'Sullivan 1-1, M Kenefick 0-5 (1 free, 2 30), K Harrington 0-2, E Buckley 0-1, S O'Callaghan 1-3.
CORK: L Nolan, E Buckley, E Dineen, A Dilworth, T Doyle, H Kinnealy, C Harrington, S Callahan, M Kenefick, N O'Regan, L O'Sullivan, Subs: C Harbo for Kenefick, M Kenefick for O'Regan.
ANTRIM: K Coyle, B McNeale, M Barry, S McMullen, M Connelly, M McMullen, D O'Boyle, b O'Neill, D Heatley, G McMullen, A McKee, C Doherty.
Referee: J Morrissey Tipperary.

• Courcy Rovers took the Cork Junior A camogie final over city side St Vincents with a 2-12 to 2-7 victory at Redmonds.

Bridie McMenamon (left) and Anne Burke (Tyronce) - delegates pictured at Annual Camogie Congress in Roscommon recently



Presentation School, Ballingarry, winners of the U-14 B Tipperary Schools Camogie Blitz.
Back Row: B. O'Neill, M. Ryan, A. Moriarty, T. Loneragan, N. Ivors, A. McGrath, A. Brennan, J. Hayes, T. Moloney.
Front Row: L. McGeehan, B. Maher, G. Costello, M. Cody, A. Brennan, A. Breen, D. Maher, M. Marshall, C. Phelan.

FIONNUALA McGRADY

CAMOGIE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

They say that a "good start" is half the battle. We can only guess at what constitutes the other half. Enthusiasm? Determination? Passion? Perseverance? Pride? The camogie aficionados of county Down may not have had a good start ... while the game was always played there, it was a struggle to keep it going. But the other elements of the battle have been there in abundance. Enthusiasm, determination, passion, perservance and pride. And each of those qualities are suitably embodied, by the Camogie Board's Chairperson Downpatrick solicitor Fionnuala McGrady. When you listen to Sean Boylan talking about football, or Cyril Farrell about hurling or Ted Walsh about horse-racing or Patrick Moore about astronomy, you can't help but be impressed by the passion that they express for their subjects. For camogie, read Fionnuala McGrady.

In terms of a "good start", Fionnuala certainly wasn't lacking. Her father was a keen hurler and Gaelic Games enthusiast. Her Mother was a noted camogie player in Downpatrick and shared her husband's interests. They were Croke Park regulars despite the fact that Down's appearances at headquarters in those days were as scarce as mice at a cat's convention. But change was on the way and Fionnuala recalls her first

visit to Croke Park. It was in 1960 and the men in the red and black jerseys confounded tradition by winning the Sam Maguire Cup. It was the first of many visits and like her parents, Fionnuala travels whether Down are involved, or not. Parental influence and the example of the footballers in the early 1960's ensured that there was a deep-rooted love of our national games, hurling and camogie having the edge over football in Fionnuala's affections.

That deep-rooted love has not only existed ever since, it has also grown and become more passionate. It was strengthened further by a lengthy playing career (still going strong with the Leitrim Intermediates) and an intense involvement with team management and coaching. And now there is administration. Fionnuala McGrady is an energetic lady and the energy is continuously channelled towards the promotion of camogie.

At school in St Louis of Kilkeel, her inclination towards camogie was further nurtured and she also played at under-age level with her local Downpatrick club. Downpatrick eventually folded but the nearby Leitrim club became Fionnuala's base and she has played continuously in the Leitrim colours since 1978. The highlight of her career was in 1984 when the Ulster club title was captured with a memorable victory over Derry's Swatragh in the final.



Down - All-Ireland Junior Camogie Champions 1991. Front, left to right: Bernadette Kelly, Maureen O'Higgins, Mairin McAleenan, Teresa Allen, Ann Coyle (capt), Laura Smith, Dolores Smith, Isobella Oakes, Veronica McGreevy. Back, left to right: Colette Lambe, Pauline Greene, Deirdre Savage, Nuala McGee, Margaret McNabb, Noreen O'Prey, Monica McCartan, Bridgeen Sands, Donna Greeran, Valerie Hynds, Cailin Hynds, Fiona Rice.



Anne Coyle, Captain of the 1991 Down team that won the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship, being presented with the trophy by Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin National Camogie President.

effect of various coaching development committees and a heavier emphasis on coaching has helped enormously and there is much more self-belief in the game. There is much more publicity now, especially in Ulster and more girls are playing the game". What about those who see camogie as an unlady like pastime? "That may have been the general view at one time but it came from people who don't actually know the game. But we now have regular television coverage in Ulster and there are no problems with the games image. The northern based media have been very good to us and this has led to some very generous sponsorship deals. And sponsorship is a good barometer of image. In media terms, camogie is a growing sport and with women becoming more and more involved in sport, we are aware of the importance of attracting them into our game. Unfortunately, the southern-based media appears to be unaware, or unwilling to take cognisance of the games importance and popularity".

In certain areas, Ladies Football is enjoying a remarkable rise in popularity as evidenced by attendance at All-Ireland finals and the increasing number of clubs. Is this a threat to camogie? "Not at all. I wouldn't regard ladies football as a threat. Both sports compliment each other and you will find that there are many dual players. There are 80,000 registered camogie players in the country and 25,000 in Ulster ... I believe that camogie is attractive enough and that its future is secure. We have been greatly encouraged by the interest of sponsors and perhaps it could be marketed in a more professional way".

"There is also a very vibrant social aspect attached to the game and that is an element which we must promote. The game should not be confined to just playing and training. There is a great spirit of camaraderie among camogie players and we encourage family involvement. We also find that teachers play a very important role and it is encouraging to see groups of school children travelling to county and club games. There is an important cultural aspect as well, and we are aware of this even though the identity of the game is more clearly defined in sporting terms.

It's fair to say that camogie in Down has had a somewhat chequered history. It's believed that a club formed in Newry in 1903 was the second in the country. In the early part of the century, competitions did not exist and activities were confined to friendly games.

There was a growth in the number of clubs in the 1930's and competitions were organised. The first reference to an inter-county game was at Derrymacash when Down defeated Armagh by 4-0 to 3-0. All of the Down players were from the East of the county. A first ever Ulster title was captured in 1948 when Derry were defeated at Killelief. The Mourne girls went on to beat Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final at Renmore but were beaten by Dublin in the All-Ireland final. The 1948 game represents the one and only occasion on which Down contested an All-Ireland Senior Final. In the following year Dublin again came out on top in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The 1950's saw a decline in Down camogie and it wasn't until 1966 that the game was re-organised on a serious basis. And the current well-being of the game in the county can be traced back to that watershed year. Two years later came the historic All-Ireland Junior success. Fermanagh were beaten in the Ulster Final at Ballycran,

Bishopstown of Cork proved too strong in the All-Ireland semi-final. There was consolation in 8 senior county championship medals and several League medals as well. There was also tremendous satisfaction with last year's Ulster club success and the victory over Dunloy in the provincial decider. Unfortunately, Limerick's Ballingarry blocked Leitrim's path to an All-Ireland final appearance.

In her three decades of involvement, Fionnuala has seen many changes in camogie and above all, in the public perception of the game. "It is promoted much more intensely and widely these days and I believe that there is a greater level of skill now. It is also played at a greater pace. The



Down manager Pete McGrath will lead his team into battle against Tyrone on Sunday.

Camogie double for school

BALLINCOLLIG Community School this week saw yet another great sporting achievement, our Under 15 Girls emerged as county finalists in the Cork Colleges Camogie Championship! They beat Dunmanway with a very impressive scoreline of 7 goals 4 points to 1 goal 2 points. Ballincollig played exceedingly well even though the scoreline at half time was a close 2-0 to 1-1 in favour of the Ballincollig girls. The second half, however, saw the girls out-play their opponents by sheer determination and hard work. Right up to the final whistle they kept the pressure on with scores from Geraldine Horgan, Alanna McKenna and Louise Cronin. Aoife McCarthy and Deirdre Fleming were excellent in mid field and Edel Conlon out-played everyone! Our first year goalkeeper played with great confidence.

This victory comes weeks after our

Intermediate Camogie Team took their County Final in style against a closely matched

Mitchelstown team. Both teams were trained by Ms Imelda McCarthy and Mr Brendan Nally.



■ Jubilant Michelle Fleming receives her medal from teacher Ms McCarthy. (-)



■ The BCS Intermediate Camogie team including teacher and coach Imelda McCarthy. (-)



■ The Under 14 Ballincollig Community School Camogie Team which defeated Dunmanway 7-4 to 1-2. (-)

Munster title for FIRST YEAR V.S. girls

Roscrea Vocational School 2-3
Ennis Vocational School 1-3

ROSCREA Vocational School captured this title at their first attempt when they defeated Ennis Vocational School in a most exciting final.

The exertion of beating the favourites Charleville seemed to have taken its toll on the Roscrea team as they were outplayed for most of the first half.

Ennis hit the cross-bar twice and drove three or four 'bad' wides. But what they directed at goals was dealt with confidently by goalie Sinead Feehan who made many fine clearances.

Ennis led by 0-1 to 0-0 coming up to half-time when a spectacular shot from Jeanette Feighery trickled over the line.

The second half saw Roscrea give an exhibition of ground hurling and determination. They were tested to the full as after Roscrea had increased their lead to three points, Ennis came back to level with a fine goal. When Ennis pointed a thirty-five, the wringing seemed to be on the wall, but the move of Cathriona Hynes, to centre-field meant that Ennis could not cope with all three Roscrea stars in the one sector. Jeanette Feighery and Aine Whelan drove Roscrea forward continuously.

With two players watching Cathriona Ryan at centre-forward, the ball came in to Mary Fogarty and Sabrina Treacy in a two to one situation. Sabrina and Mary hustled the ball into the net.

Then followed the best score of the match.

After Jeanette Feighery had tacked on a point from a free, Sinead Feehan made a fine save and clearance. The ball to Cathriona Hynes saw her shoot a splendid point from an acute angle.

Though Ennis came back for a point and some two or three bad wides, the Roscrea defence held firm.

Aisling Quigley, who had been consistently good throughout, had her finest game in the final. Anne O'Meara and Valerie Meagher made up a rock-solid

defence in the second half. Cathriona Ryan was excellent at centre-field in all the games.

Sabrina Treacy scored some vital goals. Laura and Amanda Fitzpatrick and Marie O'Meara also played their part in the earlier rounds, and it was the overall strength of the panel that proved decisive.

Aine Whelan at centre-field played superbly in every game.

Goalie Sinead Feehan was beaten three times in four games, none of which were her fault.

Indeed, after the final the Ennis coach referred to the Roscrea's goalie's save in the second half as the turning point of the game.

As regards player of the

tournament, Jeanette Feighery was outstanding in every game. The support of Aine Whelan and Cathriona Ryan proved to be crucial in all the games.

Up front however, Cathriona Hynes was a marked player and had to beat two or three backs for vital scores.

For these reasons she is player of the tournament.

Team: Sinead Feehan, Anne O'Meara, Valerie Meagher, Aisling Quigley, Cathriona Hynes, Jeanette Feighery (captain), Aine Whelan, Cathriona Hynes, Mary Fogarty, Sabrina Treacy.

Panel: Laura Fitzpatrick, Amanda Fitzpatrick, Marie O'Meara, Martina Higgins, Ann-Marie Guidera.

Exciting contest at Bishopstown

Glen Rovers 2-0
St Finbarrs 1-2

GLEN Rovers took the inaugural Seandún Camogie U13 League title in a highly exciting contest at Bishopstown. The Barrs led at half time by 0-2 thanks to points from Catherine McCarthy and Valerie Maher. Glen started the second half in determined fashion and with Eimear Murphy going to centre back their defence tightened up considerably. A goal by Denise Tobin 10 minutes into the second half put them ahead, 6 minutes later Laura

Davis kicked to the net to put her side ahead 2-0 to 0-2, but back came the Barrs with a goal from Valerie Maher, both sides missed chances in front of goal and with excitement at a high both teams strove for victory, however at the final whistle it was the Blackpool girls who were just ahead. Glen can thank goalie Susan Collins who made excellent saves in the first half to keep her side in the game, they also had excellent players in Donna Bracken and Captain Kelly Newman who

when switched to centre forward gave great supply to the inside forwards. The Barrs strove hard and had great workers in Trisha O'Mahony, Gemma O'Connor and goalie Niamh Barry. The trophy was presented after the game by Mary Hourihane in memory of her late mother Nancy Hourihane who ironically was a former Glen Rovers player, Marion McCarthy, Seandún Chairperson thanked the Hourihane family, she complimented both teams and said that it

was probably fitting that a trophy in memory of Nancy Hourihane should be won for the first time by Glen Rovers. Glen Rovers were captained by Kelly Newman a grand-niece of Nancy Hourihane who accepted the trophy on behalf of her team.

Compliments must go to the Seandún committee for organising the competition. The U11 and U15 finals will be held in the coming weeks.

Junior B League Final
St Fanahans 2-2
St Finbarrs 2-0

St. Fanahan's took the JBL title after a close encounter played at Rathcormac.

The sides were level at half time, one goal apiece. The driving wind and rain made good camogie hard to play however both teams set about their task diligently, two minutes into the 2nd half Jackie Sheehan put St. Fanahans ahead with a well taken point, however the Barrs came down the field and Claire Kelleher finished to the net to edge the Blues ahead. The Mitchelstown girls did not panic and when

Georgina Finn rounded the Barrs defence in the 18th minute she had only goal in mind, Jackie Sheehan put the winners further ahead with a pointed free and the trophy was on the way to Mitchelstown, their first camogie title in nine years.

A feature of the game was the performance at full back of Captain Kay Nolan whose daughter Ann Marie lined out at corner forward.

Scorers - St. Fanahans:
Georgina Finn 2-0;
Jackie Sheehan 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 30's). **St. Finbarrs - Sinéad Clarke**

1-0; Claire Kelleher 1-0; Teams
St Finbarrs
M. Barry, N. McCarthy, S. Crowley, K. O'Shea, D. Harrington (0); C. Sammon, A. Clarke, C. Kelleher, L. C. S. Pumphreys, McCarthy, O'Connell, S. Clarke.
St. Fanahans
E. Slattery, K. Nolan (c), T. Griffin, E. O'Donnell, A. Cahill, J. Sheehan, M. O'Connor, C. O'Donoghue, G. Finn, A.M. Nolan, E. Murphy and C. Birmingham. Referee L. Zincent, Sars.

Courcey Rovers crowned JAL Champions

Courcey Rovers 2-12
St. Vincents 0-7

Courceys were crowned JAL champions of Redmonds GAA pitch when they had a tremendous victory over St. Vincents.

The score was level at half time 0-5 each. However in the second

half the Courcey girls upped the pace and with excellent goals from Shirley Maloney and Claire Murphy they were on their way. St. Vincents to their credit tried hard but could not hold the Courcey girls who had excellent players in Rachel Maloney, Sarah Hayes

and Claire Murphy. For St. Vincents Donna O'Leary, Orla O'Shea and Deirdre O'Leary tried hardest.

Munster Minor Final

The weekend will see Cork Minors (U10) take on Munster Champions Tipperary in the Munster Minor Final at

Ovens on Saturday night at 7pm.

Tipperary are going for their 5th Minor Title in a row having lost last year's All-Ireland Final to Galway. They are very determined this year.

Captained by S. Howard they have Helen Collier, Niamh Dwyer, Eimear McDonnell, Sinéad O'Sullivan and Siobhán Ryan all survivors of the past two seasons.

Cork are captained by Mary Enneguess from the Aghabullogue Club coached by Sars/Glanmire man Rob Lott. The team includes Rachel Maloney, Sarah Hayes, Liz Power, Ciara Healy and Sabrina Buckley, all experienced performers. However Tipp will start as favourites and it will take a mighty Cork effort to lift the title.

On Saturday May 17 Cork V Tipperary in Ovens at 7pm.

Antrim 5-6
Cork 2-12

Cork's dream of reaching the Junior National League Final was dashed in the closing stages of this exciting contest at wind swept Ballyanley. Cork settled quickly and were ahead by 1-3 before Antrim scored a fine goal by Carol Doherty. Cork continued the pressure despite playing against the strong wind and led after 20 minutes thanks to points from Mary Kenefick (3) and Caoimhe Harrington, back came Antrim with points from Deirdre Heatley, Carol Doherty. In the 22nd minute a long dropping ball into the Cork square was finished by Deirdre Heatley, Sinéad O'Callaghan answered for Cork to level the scores, back came Antrim with Denise O'Boyle and Gretta McMullen points and on the stroke of half time Carol Doherty finished to the net to give Antrim a 3-4 to 1-5 half time advantage.

Backed by the strong wind Cork quickly cancelled out the lead with five points without reply to level the scores area again. Back came Antrim with a fine Gretta McMullen goal, the cheering had hardly died and Cork goalie Leonie Nolan dropped the puck out at the feet of Sinéad O'Callaghan who blasted to the Antrim net all level again, O'Callaghan and O'Boyle swapped points to level. Back came Antrim to take the lead with a Denise O'Boyle point in the 28th minute which was cancelled out by a Mary Kenefick Cork free. The game looked set for extra time when Carol Doherty tormented the Cork defence for the third time when she grabbed the ball and took on the defence to shoot past the helpless Leonie Nolan.

Cork had a chance with a 30 metre free which was well blocked by the Antrim defence. Cork's lack of confidence in front of goal was to prove costly, as on several occasions they chose to pass the ball rather than take their scores. Antrim now meet Down in the Final.

Scorers Antrim: C. Doherty 3-1; D. Heatley 1-1; D. O'Boyle 0-3 (3F); G. McMullen 1-1.

Cork: M. Kenefick 0-5 (1'30 1'F); L. O'Sullivan 1-1; C. Harrington 0-2; S. O'Callaghan 1-3; E. Buckley 0-1.

Cork Team: L. Nolan, E. Buckley, E. Dineen, A. Dilworth, T. Doyle, H. Kenneally, C. Harrington, S. Cahalane, M. Kenefick, N. O'Regan, L. O'Sullivan. Sub: C. Harte for M. Kenefick and M. Kenefick for N. O'Regan.

Antrim Team: K. Coyle, B. McNeill, M. Barry, S. McMullen, M. Connolly, M. McMullen, D. O'Boyle, B. O'Neill, D. Heatley, G. McMullen, A. McKee, C. Doherty. Referee John Morrissey, Tipperary.

DOUGLAS CAMOGIE CLUB

Season well underway

The season is now underway in earnest with games in the U12 & 14 grades, County Board competitions; Under 15 blitz, City Division competition and Under 10, challenge, played during the past week as well as a number of schools matches.

Under 12

This game was played against Mayfield with Douglas winning comprehensively. This panel has been together for a few years now and are beginning to play well as a team. Next week's games is on Thursday 22 v St Finbarrs in Douglas at 7.30pm, although this may go off as Seandún Senior team play Glen Rovers on that night also.

Under 14

Douglas travelled to Ovens to play Eire Og in their second league game and came away with the points on a scoreline of 2 goals 1 point to 1 goal. Playing with a strong breeze Eire Og were first to score in quick attack but Douglas came back strongly to score before half time leaving the sides level at the interval. In the second half Douglas continued to attack strongly and were rewarded with a goal and a point from Louise O'Regan. In addition Catriona Vaughan, Jane O'Leary, Anne-Marie Downey, Orla Curtain and Jean Barry were very influential for Douglas. Next week's game is on Tuesday 20 away to Na Piaras at 7.30pm.

Under 15 Seandún Blitz (1996)

This is the first year for this competition. Douglas played Delaneys in their first game and after a close first half Douglas ran up a comprehensive score in the second period. Sarah Lenihan and Catriona Vaughan were most impressive in this game. Our second match was against Brian Dillons. In this game Douglas were first to score with a good goal. However Dillons proved too strong in the finish and ran out winners by 6 points. Anne-Marie Downey had a tremendous game for Douglas in defence, ably assisted by Niamh Garvey and Eilish Murphy at mid-field while in the attack Amanda Murphy made some good solo runs and Lisa Buckley made life difficult for the Dillons defence.

Dillons went on to defeat Delaneys and have qualified for the final of this competition.

Under 10

Our youngest team played neighbours Ballygarvan in a challenge, losing on a scoreline of 3 goals to 4 goals. Deirdre Murphy was an inspirational figure for Douglas assisted by Sarah O'Regan, Gill Murphy and Olivia Tobin.

Schools Competitions

Congratulations to St Columbas primary school on their victories over Midleton and Farranree to qualify for the final of the Sciath na Scoil competition to be played on Tuesday 20 at 1pm in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. This is their third time to qualify for the finals in four years. Hopefully it will be third time lucky. Congratulations also to the 1st year girls from Christ King Secondary school, with 11 Douglas players on the panel, who won the 1st year blitz beating Clonakilty in the final having defeated St Als, Fermoy and Bandon along the way. Best wishes to their Junior team who play the final of the Cork colleges championship against Macroom in Cloughduv on Monday 19 at 2pm.

Cork Minor

Congratulations to Amanda O'Regan on being selected to play against Limerick in the first round of the All-Ireland Minor (Under 16) competition where Cork recorded a fine victory. Amanda played very well at corner back making some excellent clearances. Our best wishes go to Amanda as this team now goes on to play Tipperary in the Munster final on Saturday 17 in Eire Og pitch at Ovens at 7pm.

by Michael O'Regan PRO



■ Liam Huggins, Beamish & Craqwford with Peter Dennehy, Chairman Cork Inter Firm GAA Board make the Championship Draws at the Beamish Hospitality room watched by Tom Daly, Joe Murphy, Donal McCarthy and Pat Pierce.

Cork V Tipperary May 17 Éire Óg Ovens

THE Cork Minor camogie team play champions for the past four seasons, Tipperary, in the Munster Final at Ovens at 7pm on Saturday May 17 next. The Cork girls have been busy preparing since last December under the guidance of Cork star Mary O'Connor who, along with selectors Ted Roche, Aghabullogue and Rob Lott, Sars, have no illusions as to the effort that will be required to defeat the favourites.

The team is captained by Mary Enneguess from Aghabullogue and have balanced a side which includes Julie Ann Kingston, Sinéad Buckley, Bernadine Maher, Sinéad Kelly, Elaine Burke and Niamh Bowles. Cork defeated Limerick 4-11 to 0-6 in the semi final whilst Tipp accounted for Clare on a scoreline 2-12 to 0-0. Tipperary will expect star performances from Eimear McDonald, Sheena Howard, Siobhán Ryan, Helen Collier and Linda Grogan. Whilst Tipperary are

expected to make it an unprecedented five in a row, the Cork panel have trained well and will put in a monumental effort to upset Tipperary's plans.

Cork Panel 1997

Mary Enneguess (c); Sinéad A Buckley (vc); Linda Ronan, Sheila Crowley, Aghabullogue; Sarah Mayer, Rachel Moloney, Courcey Rovers; Sinéad C. Buckley, Una O'Donoghue, Catherine Corkery, Cloughduv, Ciara Healy, Bishopstown, Ellen O'Herlihy, Éire Óg; Marie O'Connell, Ger Casey, Inniscarra; Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan, Sinéad Kelly, Brian Dillons; Amanda O'Regan, Douglas; Siobhán Sexton, Kilbrittain; Bernadine Maher, Veronica Nash, Barrs; Liz Power, St. Catherine's; Niamh Bowles, Caroline Giltinan, Newtownshandrum; Brid O'Neill, Watergrasshill; Julie Kingston, Tracton; Maria Hurley, Elaine Burke, Valley Rovers.

By Rob Lott

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

| YEAR | WINNERS | SCORE | RUNNERS-UP |
|------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| 1974 | Cork | 4 - 3 to 3 - 1 | Limerick |
| 1975 | Cork | 2 - 2 to 1 - 3 | Tipperary |
| 1976 | Cork | 1 - 8 to 1 - 4 | Tipperary |
| 1977 | Limerick | 3 - 5 to 1 - 3 | Tipperary |
| 1978 | Cork | 5 - 9 to 2 - 2 | Limerick |
| 1979 | Cork | 6 - 1 to 1 - 5 | Clare |
| 1980 | Cork | 7 - 7 to 1 - 0 | Tipperary |
| 1981 | Tipperary | 7 - 9 to 0 - 2 | Waterford |
| 1982 | Cork | 1 - 6 to 1 - 0 | Clare |
| 1983 | Cork | 13 - 5 to 1 - 1 | Tipperary |
| 1984 | Cork | 3 - 7 to 1 - 3 | Limerick |
| 1985 | Cork | 1 - 5 to 1 - 1 | Limerick |
| 1986 | Cork | 4 - 4 to 0 - 2 | Clare |
| 1987 | Cork | 4 - 5 to 2 - 4 | Clare |
| 1988 | Cork | 2 - 15 to 1 - 1 | Limerick |
| 1989 | Tipperary | 8 - 10 to 0 - 3 | Limerick |
| 1990 | Tipperary | 8 - 8 to 2 - 0 | Clare |
| 1991 | Cork | 3 - 8 to 2 - 6 | Tipperary |
| 1992 | Tipperary | 5 - 7 to 3 - 4 | Cork |
| 1993 | Tipperary | 4 - 10 to 3 - 6 | Cork |
| 1994 | Tipperary | 2 - 12 to 1 - 6 | Cork |
| 1995 | Tipperary | 1 - 9 to 1 - 6 | Cork |
| 1996 | Tipperary | 4 - 15 to 3 - 10 | Cork |



Munster Minor Camogie
Championship
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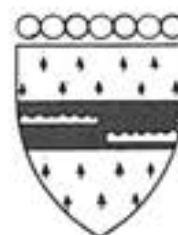
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Eire Óg G.A.A. Grounds,
Ovens

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Programme 50p



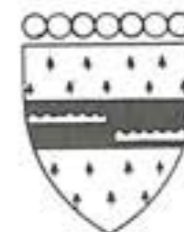
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- GERALDINE CASEY** (Inniscarra) Goalkeeper. Plays for Sacred Heart, Clonakilty.
Medals: Cork Senior B Champ., Sciath na Scoil, Community Games and U15 Blitz.
- AMANDA O'REGAN** (Douglas) Cork Feile Skills Winner in 1996.
Plays for Christ the King.
Medals: Sciath na Scoil, Mini 7s, Schools First Year and Junior B.
- SINEAD A BUCKLEY** (Aghabullogue) Vice-Captain. Plays for Coachford Community School.
Medals: Munster U18, Cork U16, Sciath na Scoil, Feile na nGael and U15 blitz.
- JULIE-ANNE KINGSTON** (Tracton) Plays with Colaiste Muire, Crosshaven. A fine defender.
- SARA HAYES** (Courcey Rovers) Plays with Kinsale Community School.
Medals: Feile na nGael, Cork U18, Cork Junior B and Cork Junior A League.
- SABRINA BUCKLEY** (Brian Dillons) A top class colleges player with St. Patrick's.
Medals: Sciath na Scoil, Cork Colleges, Senior B, Munster U18, Fourth year with Minors.
- MARY ENNEGUESS** (Captain) (Aghabullogue) Second season with Minors. Plays with Coachford.
Medals: Munster U18, Cork U16 League and Champ., Cork U14, U15 Blitz & Feile na nGael.
- BERNADINE MAHER** (St. Finbarr's) Plays for Pres. Ballyphehane. Second year a Cork Minor.
Medals: Sciath na Scoil, Cork U14 League, Cork U16 League, Mini 7's, Pan Celtic & Blitz.
- ELAINE BURKE** (Valley Rovers) Plays schools camogie with Pres. Bandon. Cork Minor 1995 & '96.
Medals: Cork Junior B and Cork Junior A Championship.
- RACHEL MOLONEY** (Courcey Rovers) Lines out with Kinsale Community School.
Medals: Feile na nGael, Cork U18, Junior B and Junior A League.
- UNA O'DONOGHUE** (Cloughduv) Lines out for St. Mary's, Macroom in colleges camogie.
Medals: Cork Senior B Colleges, Munster Colleges Intermediate and U15 blitz.
- SINEAD KELLEY** (Brian Dillons) Plays schools camogie with St. Patrick's.
Medals: Munster Colleges Junior Champ, Cork Colleges Senior B and Sciath na Scoil.
- JACKIE O'SULLIVAN** (Brian Dillons) Plays for St. Patrick's in Colleges camogie.
Medals: Munster Colleges jun. Champ, Cork Colleges Senior B and Sciath na Scoil.
- LINDA RONAN** (Aghabullogue) Represents Coachford Community in schools camogie.
Medals: 3 Feile na nGael, Cork U14 and U16 Champ. and U15 Blitz.
- SIOBHAN SEXTON** (Kilbrittain) A school player with Pres. Bandon.
- SHEILA CROWLEY** (Aghabullogue) Lines out with Coachford Community School.
Medals: Cork Feile na nGael, Cork U14, U16, Munster Colleges Inter. and U15 Blitz.
- BRID O'NEILL** (Watergrasshill) Plays colleges camogie with Loretto, Fermoy. Medals: Cork U14B.
- LIZ POWER** (St. Catherine's) Plays with Scoil Poi, Killinane. Second year with Minors.
- NIAMH BOWLES** (Newtown) Plays colleges camogie with St. Mary's, Charleville.
Medals: All-Ireland Colleges Senior and Sevens, All-Ireland Community Games & First Year.
- SINEAD C BUCKLEY** (Cloughduv) Represents Coachford Community in schools camogie.
Medals: Cork U15 Blitz. Second season with Minors.
- MARIE O'CONNELL** (Inniscarra) Attends Mount Mercy College.
Medals: Cork Senior B Championship, Sciath na Scoil, U14 Community Games and U15 Blitz.
- CAROLINE GILTINAN** (Newtown) Plays Colleges camogie with St. Mary's, Charleville.
Medals: All-Ireland Colleges Senior and Sevens.
- ELLEN O'HERLIHY** (Eire Og) Attends Coalsite Colm, Ballincollig. Medals: Cork U12 and U15 Blitz.
- KATHRINE CORKERY** (Cloughduv) Colleges player with St. Mary's Macroom.
Medals: Munster Colleges Inter, Cork Colleges Senior B, U15 Blitz, and U14 hurling.
- VERONICA NASH** (St. Finbarr's) A Colleges player with Pres. Ballyphehane.
Medals: Sciath na Scoil, Cork U14 and U16 League and Pan Celtic U16.
- MARIA HURLEY** (Valley Rovers) Plays Colleges Camogie with Pres. Bandon.
Medals: Cork Junior A and B Championship.
- CIARA HEALY** (Bishopstown) Irish International U16 Squash Player.
Medals: Sciath na Scoil, Cork U15 Blitz, Munster U18 Championship, Cork Feile Skills.

PEN PICTURES TIPPERARY



- LOUISE RYAN** (Holycross/Ballycahill) This is Louise's second season with the Minors. She has won U12 County title with her School and with her club has a Junior A League and Championship and a Munster Minor Medal.
- NIAMH HARKIN** (Drom/inch) Niamh is the current All-Ireland Feile na nGael Skills Star. She plays senior camogie with her club and has one Senior League medal, Kilmacud Sevens and Pan Celtic medals. She holds many underage medals.
- PHILOMENA FOGARTY** (Cahsel) Philomena is enjoying her first year with the Country Minors. She has won U14 and U16 county titles with her club.
- SIOBHAN RYAN** (Holycross/Ballycahill) This is Siobhan's third season with the Minors. To add to her Munster collection, she has a Junior A League and Championship medals.
- DEIRDRE McDONNELL** (Burgess) Deirdre is in her first season with the County. She plays senior with her club and has a Pan Celtic Senior medal. At under-age level, she has U16 and U18 medals.
- UNA O'DWYER** (Cashel) Una has U16 B Championship medal and a County Senior Schools League title. She plays Senior with her club.
- HELEN COLLIER** (Templemore) In her second season with the county Minors, she has U16 Pan Celtic, an Intermediate League, All-Ireland Community Games bronze and county underage medals. Plays schools camogie with Our Lady's, Templemore.
- SHEENA HOWARD** (Burgess) Captain of Tipperary today, Sheena is enjoying her third season with the Minors. Her impressive collection of medals includes U16 Pan Celtic, Intermediate Championship, U14, Co. B Championship and U18 County Shield.
- NIAMH O'DWYER** (Thurles) Niamh was last year's Minor goalie. In addition to being a talented camogie player, she is an International basketball player and has two All-Ireland basketball titles to her credit. Niamh has U12 medals with her club.
- EIMEAR McDONNELL** (Burgess) Twin sister of Deirdre, she holds 2 Munster Minor, Pan Celtic, 2 U14 B Championship, Intermediate League and Schools League medals. A fine Athlete, she has won 6 Munster and 1 All-Ireland titles.
- SINEAD O'SULLIVAN** (Lorrha) Holds a Munster Minor, 2 U14 League and 3 Munster Vocational Championship with Borrisokane Community School. Sinead has numerous medals for Irish dancing and athletics.
- LINDA GROGAN** (Templemore) Holds Division One Feile na nGael, U12 B and A titles, and U14 medals. Linda is a fine golfer. She is presently on the Munster Minor side and won the "Golf Player of the Year" in her local club.
- NORMA MAHER** (Templemore) Norma holds Feile na nGael, U12 and U14 medals. She plays Junior for her club and has an Intermediate League medal. Enjoys ladies football.
- NORMA COFFEY** (Cashel) Holds Munster Minor Championship, U14 B Co. Championship, U16 B Championship and U16 Schools medal. Has a black belt in Karate.
- AMY KISSANE** (Burgess) In her first season with the Minors. She has won various titles with her club both at underage and at senior level.
- MARTINA MOLONEY** (Newport) She has a Munster Minor medal. She is an all-round athlete. She won long jump at U14 and represented Tipperary in the National Community Games. She also throws discus.
- SORCHA LOUGHNANE** (Templemore) Her hobbies include running and ladies football where she won U16 County title. Holds U12, U16 and Pan Celtic medals.
- MARY BARRON** (Cahsel) Holds a West Tipperary U14 hurling medal. Plays senior camogie.
- MARY ROSE RYAN** (Toomevara) Holds U12, U14 and U16 medals & Munster Junior Plate.
- SIOBHAN MCCARTHY** (Silvermines) First season with Minors. Has several underage medals.
- DENISE RYAN** (Silvermines) Daughter of former Tipperary hurler Dinny Ryan, Denise holds a North Tipperary hurling medal, underage and schools Munster medals.

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TIPPERARY

Blue & Gold

1. Louise Ryan
(Holycross/Ballycahill)
2. Niamh Harkin
(Drum/Inch)
3. Deirdre McDonnell
(Burgess)
4. Siobhan Ryan
(Holycross/Ballycahill)
5. Sheena Howard (Capt.)
(Burgess)
6. Philomena Fogarty
(Cashel)
7. Una O'Dwyer
(Cashel)
8. Helen Collier
(Templemore)
9. Eimear McDonnell
(Burgess)
10. Sinead O'Sullivan
(Lorrha)
11. Niamh O'Dwyer
(Thurles)
12. Linda Grogan
(Templemore)

Subs:

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| (13) Amy Kissane (Burgess) | (19) Sorcha Loughname (Templemore) |
| (14) Norma Maher (Templemore) | (20) Muireann O'Donoghue (Moycarkey) |
| (15) Martina Moloney (Newport) | (21) Denise Ryan (Silvermines) |
| (16) Norma Coffey (Cashel) | (22) Lorraine Bourke (Templemore) |
| (17) Mary Rose Ryan (Toomevara) | (23) Mary Barron (Cashel) |
| (18) Siobhan McCarthy (Silvermines) | |

Coach: Conor Ryan (Shannon Rovers)

Selectors: Conor Ryan (Shannon Rovers)
Noel Hennessy (Dron/Inch)
Marion Graham (Moycarkey / Borris)

CORK

Red & White

1. Geraldine Casey
(Inniscarra)
2. Amanda O'Regan
(Douglas)
3. Sinead A Buckley
(Aghabullogue)
4. Julie-Anne Kingston
(Tracton)
5. Sarah Hayes
(Coursey Rovers)
6. Sabrina Buckley
(Brian Dillons)
7. Mary Ennaguess
(Capt)
(Aghabullogue)
8. Bernadine Maher
(St. Finbarr's)
9. Elaine Burke
(Valley Rovers)
10. Rachel Moloney
(Coursey Rovers)
11. Una O'Donoghue
(Cloughduv)
12. Sinead Kelly
(Brian Dillons)

Subs:

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| (13) Jackie O'sullivan (Brian Dillons) | (21) Marie O'Connell (Inniscarra) |
| (14) Linda Ronan (Aghabullogue) | (22) Caroline Giltinan (Newtown) |
| (15) Siobhan Sexton (Kilbrittain) | (23) Ellen O'Herlihy (Eire Og) |
| (16) Sheila Crowley (Aghabullogue) | (24) Katherine Corkery (Cloughduv) |
| (17) Brid O'Neill (Watergrasshill) | (25) Veronica Nash (St. Finbarr's) |
| (18) Liz Power (St. Catherine's) | (26) Maria Hurley (Valley Rovers) |
| (19) Niamh Bowles (Newton) | (27) Ciara Healy (Bishopstown) |
| (20) Sinead C. Buckley (Cloughduv) | |

Coach: Rob Lotty

Selectors: Rob Lotty (Sarsfields)
Thady Roche (Aghabullogue)
Mary O'Connor (Killeagh)

MAY 1997

MINOR MATTERS

Sandie Fitzgibbon was the first player to win three All-Ireland Minor Medals. She is the only player to captain both senior and minor All-Ireland winning teams.

Margo Twomey, who captained Cork to win the first Munster Minor title, featured as Cover Girl on the Camogie associations first Coaching Manual.

Betty Joyce won an All-Ireland Minor medal in 1975. She refereed two All-Ireland Minor Finals in 1986 and 1994.

Limerick won the Munster Minor Championship in 1977. Helen Mulcaire played a star role in this victory. She won All-Ireland Junior Championship and Gael Linn Senior Medals.

Ger McCarthy scored six goals in the 1979 Munster Minor Final against Clare. In the Clare colours was Claire Jones who won several All-Ireland Senior medals with Kilkenny.

Claire McCarthy won Munster and All-Ireland Minors in 1980. In the same year, she won All-Ireland Colleges Senior, All-Ireland Senior and Junior medals with Cork.

1992 was a great season for several young Tipperary players. Ciara Burns, Ciara Gaynor, Suzanne Kelly, Alison Lawlor, Maria Ryan and Susan Kenneally won All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Colleges Junior and All-Ireland Colleges Sevens medals.

Deirdre O'Shea won a Munster Minor medal in 1982. She is the only player to win the National Feile na nGael Skills Competition twice.

Paula Carey scored 7-4 in the 1983 Munster Minor Final. Paula won three Munster and three All-Ireland Minor medals.

Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Cathy Landers, Martha Kearney, Claire Cronin, Claire Kelleher, Colette O'Mahony, Liz Towler, Linda Mellerick and Ger McCarthy are among the players who have won Munster and All-Ireland Minor medals and progressed to win All-Ireland Senior medals.

Breda Kenny captained Galway to win the All-Ireland Minor Championship before moving south to help Cork win two All-Ireland Senior titles.

Emily Hayden of Cashel, Co. Tipperary won four Munster Minor medals in a row from 1992 to 1996 inclusive. She collected two All-Ireland Minor medals also.

A number of sisters won Munster Minor medals. These include Anne, Mary and Carmel Currid, Ina and Imelda Leahy, Sinead and Nuala Nealon, Aileen and Helena Barry, Linda and Karen Mellerick, Lynn and Stephaine Dunlea.

If Tipperary win today, we will see the first set of twins to win Munster Minor medals - Eimear and Deirdre McDonnell.

23 Munster Minor Championships have been decided. The breakdown on a county basis is Cork 14; Tipperary 8 and Limerick 1.

Rois Uí Mhaoláin
Rois Uí Mhaoláin, Runai.

MINOR CONNECTIONS

Eithne O'Sullivan, who won a Munster Minor medal in 1974, is a sister of All-Star hurler, Tony O'Sullivan.

Mary Ownes was a member of Cork's winning team in 1979. She married All-Star hurler, Tony O'Sullivan.

Niamh and Eithne Bonnar, prominent Tipperary minors, are sisters of All-Ireland hurling stars, Cormac, Colm and Conal Bonnar.

Ber Cashman won Munster and All-Ireland medals with Cork. She is a niece of Maureen Cashman, who won All-Ireland Senior Camogie medals with Cork and a first cousin of All-Ireland hurlers, Tom and Jim Cashman.

Jenny English won a Munster Minor medal in 1981. She is a cousin of Tipperary star forward, Nicky English.

Vera Mackey wore the Limerick colours in the first Munster Minor final. She is a daughter of John "Tyler" Mackey and a niece of the legendary Mick Mackey.

Sheenagh Morley was on Cork winning side in 1985. Her mother Joan Clancy starred for Cork and Munster for many years.

Sinead Nealon, captain of Tipperary's first All-Ireland winning Minor side, is a daughter of Donie Nealon, Secretary of the Munster Council of G.A.A. and former All-Ireland hurler.

Deirdre Ryan won Munster and All-Ireland Minor medals with Cork in 1985. Her father, Mick Ryan was a noted Tipperary hurler.

Bernadette O'Brien played minor for Limerick before advancing to win All-Ireland Junior and Club Championship medals. Her brother, Jim won an All-Ireland hurling medal with Limerick in 1973.

Mary Ring collected a Munster Minor medal in 1982. Her father, Christy Ring won eight All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals.

Ciara Burns lead the Tipperary Minors to All-Ireland glory in 1992. Her father Mick Burns won All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals with Tipperary.

Brid Walsh played in goal on Cork's All-Ireland winning teams of 1984 and 1985. Her brother Denis won Minor, U21 and Senior All-Ireland medals with Cork.

Ciara Gaynor, who won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Tipperary in 1992, is a daughter of All-Ireland Tipperary hurler, Len Gaynor.

Sheena Howard, who captains Tipperary today, is a grand-daughter of Garrett Howard, who won All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals with both Limerick and Dublin. Her aunt Liz won a National Senior League medal with Tipperary and an All-Ireland Junior medal with Dublin.

Eimear McDonnell who plays in the forward-line for Tipperary today is a niece of Billy Morgan, who captained Cork Footballers to All-Ireland in 1973.

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Tipp favourites for camogie final

THE Cork minor camogie team will bring the first trophy of 1997 to the county if they take the Munster Championship crown from Tipperary who are going for five-in-a-row tonight.

Going into the game with most of their team looking for their third Munster Championship medal, Tipperary are hot favourites, they are a well balanced strong team, captained by Sheenagh Howard who also played on the side last season. They also include Siobhan Dwyer, who is expected to line out at midfield.

Siobhan is the holder of three Munster Minor medals and when one considers that in camogie minor is under-16, this is a marvellous achievement for any player. They also have excellent players in Linda Grogan, Helen Collier and Emer McDonnell. They defeated Clare in the Munster Championship semi-final and are going all-out to go all the way this year to an All-Ireland title.

Cork have prepared hard since last December. They are a well-balanced side that are captained by Mary Eg-

neguess. The team also includes Rachel Maloney, Elaine Burke and Ber Maher. Cork defeated Limerick and Waterford on their way to tonight's final.

Selectors Mary O'Connor, Rob Lotty and Ted Roche have given it their all in their quest for victory but are under no illusions regarding the task ahead. It will take a mighty effort to dethrone the champions.

Cork seniors, meanwhile travel to Wexford tomorrow to play their last game in the Senior National League. Cork have four points out of a possible six, having defeated Limerick and Clare, while losing their opening game to Tipperary. Wexford have lost their games to Clare, Tipperary and Limerick, and a win on Sunday for Cork will see them through to the semi-final stages.

Clubs should telephone results of under-12 and under-14 league games to the officer in charge of the competition.

Pictures: Saturday: Munster Minor Championship Final, Cork v Tipperary, Owens, 7.00 p.m.

Sunday: Senior National League, Cork v Wexford, Ennis-corthy, 3.15.



Fiona O'Driscoll: trojan work for Cork seniors in clash with Wexford.

Cork girls take a giant step in bid to retain their league title

Cork 1-18
Wexford 4-9

CORK took a giant step towards the retention of their National League senior camogie title at Enniscorthy yesterday when a last-minute point by Vivian Harris snatched a draw with Wexford in a high-scoring encounter.

For most of the hour the champions were superior. Generally they were faster to the ball and extremely accurate in shooting for vital points.

But the defence showed weakness as early as the 12th minute when a 30 yards free by Geraldine Codd dropped to the back of the net.

A lead of 0-6 to 0-2 was cut to a single point.

The Cork girls then, thanks mainly to the work of Fiona

O'Driscoll, Lyn Dunlea and Linda Mellerick (who had a goal in the 20th minute) went into a lead of 1-11 to 1-2 and really looked masterful.

At that stage Wexford lost forward Liz Murphy (injured) but they finished the period very well and trailed by just three points at half-time 1-12 to 2-6.

Cork consistently stretched that lead in the second-half, with superb long-distance points, but the home team hit back with dogged determination.

Five minutes from the finish, the champions were 1-17 to 2-9 in front when Paula Rankin slammed home a ground shot.

And two minutes later Fiona Dunne, with a free similar to that of Geraldine Codd, gave the Slaneysiders the lead for the only time.

They were denied their first league win with Vivian Harris' late strike. Sandy Fitzgibbon, Lyn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll and Sinead O'Callaghan were the most consistent of the Cork team.

While the determination of Wexford's Fiona Dunne, Barbara Sludds, Paula Rankin and Michelle O'Leary against the odds had to be admired.

Scorers: Cork: F. O'Driscoll 0-7; L. Dunlea 0-5; L. Mellerick 1-1; S. O'Callaghan 0-3; V. Harris 0-2.

Wexford: G. Codd 1-3; A. Codd 1-1; P. Rankin 1-1; M. O'Leary 0-4; F. Dunne 1-0.

CORK: M. Kennefick, E. Duggan, M. Finn, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Connor, V. Harris, D. Cronin, H. Kennefick, L. Mellerick, F. O'Driscoll, L. Dunlea, S. O'Callaghan.

WEXFORD: T. Butler, A. Nolan, S. Carr, F. Dunne, M. Stafford, B. Sludds, P. Rankin, K. Kelly, G. Codd, L. Murphy, M. O'Leary, A. Codd. Sub: A. Kavanagh for L. Murphy.

Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary).

Leinster Junior Camogie Championship: Wexford 7-13 Louth 0-5.

Cork triumph and halt Tipp's five in-a-row quest

Cork 2-8
Tipperary 1-6

IN a tremendous game of camogie at Owens Cork captured the Munster Minor Championship title and in the process prevented Tipperary from winning five titles in a row.

Tipperary had the games opening score with a Niamh O'Dwyer point after four minutes of play but Cork quickly levelled when Elaine Burke pointed a free. Tipperary were grateful to their goalkeeper Louise Ryan, who made an excel-

lent save from Burke in the 10th minute. Cork's ability to pick off their points saw them lead 0-5 to 0-3 after 27 minutes, and then got the game's first goal from Una O'Donoghue to put them in a strong position.

Tipperary hit back from the puck out with an excellent point from Helen Collier. However, Cork strengthened their position further with a second goal on 29 minutes when Sabrina Buckley beat the defence to score.

Tipperary did a get a further point before the break

but Cork were in a strong position at the interval, leading 2-4 to 0-5.

Cork added two points from Una O'Donoghue and Liz Power inside the opening five minutes of the second-half and looked to be heading for an easy win.

Tipperary then laid siege on the Cork goal but the winners defence, excellently marshalled by goalkeeper Geraldine Casey, were in outstanding form. Siobhan Ryan pointed in the 17th minute and two minutes later goalied to leave Cork leading 2-6 to 1-6 with 10

minutes remaining.

Rachel Maloney then hit over a Cork free and when Brid O'Neill tapped over another five minutes from time Tipperary's reign as champions was over and Cork were deserving winners.

Both sides had outstanding players in what was a top class display. For Cork their defence of Sinead Buckley, Amanda O'Regan and Sarah Hayes kept a tight reign on the Tipperary forwards while Sabrina Buckley and Rachel Maloney were outstanding.

for Tipperary captain Sheenagh Howard, Niamh O'Dwyer and Siobhan Ryan tried hardest.

Cork scorers: S. Buckley 1-0; S. Hayes 0-1; U. O'Donoghue 1-1; E. Burke 0-1; R. Maloney 0-2; L. Power 0-1; B. O'Neill 0-1; S. Kelly 0-1.

Tipperary: L. Power 0-1; S. O'Sullivan 0-2; H. Collier 0-2; N. O'Dwyer 0-1.

CORK: G. Casey, A. O'Regan, S. Buckley, M. Kennefick (captain), B. Maher, E. Burke, R. Maloney, U. O'Donoghue, S. Kelly.

Subs: L. Power for B. Maher; B. O'Neill for E. Burke.

TIPPERARY: L. Ryan, N. Harbin, D. McDonnell, S. Ryan, S. Howard (captain), P. Fogarty, U. O'Dwyer, H. Collier, E. McDonnell, S. O'Sullivan, N. O'Dwyer, N. Maher. Subs: N. Coffey for S. O'Sullivan; L. Grogan for N. Maher.

Referee: B. O'Dea (Limerick).

Cork dethrone Tipp in classic encounter

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■ Cork Minor Camogie who won the Munster Championship Title Beating Tipperary in the final at Ovens. (Pic: Mike English)

Christ the King win in camogie quarter final

Coachford 1-4
Christ King 4-1

IN the quarter final of the Cork colleges first year camogie championship, Coachford were defeated by an excellent Christ the King team at the Nemo Rangers pitch on Friday last. Coachford started well with the promising Mary Twomey scoring a point. Catriona Kelly for the city side gained possession at centre forward and her shot gave the goalkeeper Jennifer Murphy no chance. Another goal from corner forward O'Sullivan put the Seandún side five points ahead.

Eleanor Foley, Aisling Noonan and Michelle Cooney tightened up at the back for Coachford and the switch of Trish O'Callaghan to centre back paid dividends when Roseanne Crowley, who had a good hour, placed Mary Twomey well for her second point. Christ the King scored another goal and led at half time 4-1 to 0-2.

Coachford were unlucky not to convert goal scoring chances with Katie O'Sullivan, Marie Towmey and Katie Murphy all being foiled in their attempts. The second half was a different affair with the Muskerry Camogie academy preventing any further scores

from Turners Cross and Mary Twomey adding two more points, both of these could have ended in the net for some excellent defending by the Christ King defenders. Emma Foley and Siobhán O'Leary improved matters in the midfield section but it was the introduction of Deirdre O'Shea for Coachford that provided Christine Crowley with a pass to score a great goal. Best for Coachford were Ann Byrne, Roseanne Crowley, Trish O'Callaghan and Mary Towmey. Christ the King now play Bandon in the semi-final.

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Tipperary's bid for six-in-a-row fails

CORK 2-8. TIPPERARY 1-6

IN an outstanding game of camogie at Owens, Co. Cork, on Saturday evening last Cork captured the Munster Minor Championship title and in process put a halt to Tipperary's bid at winning six-in-a-row.

Tipperary had the opening score with a point from Niamh O'Dwyer after four minutes of play. Cork levelled when Elaine Burke pointed from a free. Tipperary's goalkeeper Louise Ryan made an excellent save from Elaine Burke in the 10th minute. Cork's ability to pick off their points saw them lead 0-5 to 0-3 after 27 minutes. Tipperary's scores coming from Sinead Sullivan and Eimear McDonnell. Cork got their first goal from Una O'Donoghue in the 28th minute.

Tipperary hit back from the puck out with an excellent point from Helen Collier, but try as they might they could not penetrate the Cork defence for that much needed goal. However Cork strengthened their position further on the stroke of half time when Sabrina Buckley beat the Tipperary defence line, for their second goal. Once again Helen Collier pointed for Tipperary before the break and left the score at the interval Cork 2-4, Tipperary 0-5.

Cork added two further points from Una O'Dwyer and Liz Power inside the opening five minutes of the second half and looked to be heading for an easy victory.

However Tipperary laid siege on the Cork goal but the winners defence were in excellent form excellently marshalled by the goalkeeper Geraldine Casey and stopped everything that came their way. Siobhan Ryan for Tipperary who was having the game of her life at centre back pointed in the 17th minute and two minutes later took a brilliant goal to leave just a goal separating the sides with 10 minutes remaining.

The last ten minutes were nailbiting but it was Cork who added to the scoreboard with two further points thus putting an end

to an excellent run in the Munster and All-Ireland championship by the Tipperary Minors and ending their quest for six-in-a-row.

Both teams had outstanding players in what was a top class display of camogie. For Tipperary: Louise Ryan made some excellent saves between the posts, at fullback Niamh Harkin was in fine form and played intelligent camogie. Sheena Howard played a captains part while Siobhan Ryan had the game of her life other to play well for Tipperary were Niamh Dwyer, Helen Collier, Philomena Fogarty and Una O'Dwyer.

Tipperary team: Louise Ryan, Niamh Harkin, Deirdre McDonnell, Siobhan Ryan, Sheena Howard (Capt.), Philomena Fogarty, Niamh Dwyer, Helen Collier, Eimear McDonnell, Sinead O'Sullivan, Norma Maher, Una O'Dwyer. Subs: Norma Coffey for Sinead O'Sullivan; Linda Grogan for Norma Maher; Amy Kissane, Martina Moloney, Mary Rose Ryan, Siobhan McCarthy, Muireann O'Donoghue; Sorcha Loughnane, Lorraine Bourke, Denise Ryan, Mary Barron.

Sweet victory for Cork players

CORK girls emerged victorious in the Munster Minor camogie championship, which took place in Owens recently.

The victory was made even more sweet by virtue of the fact that they prevented Tipperary from taking home five titles in a row.

Elaine Burke opened the scoring for Cork when she pointed a free in reply to Tipperary, who had scored after just four minutes of play.

Cork played with vigour and courage and this saw them leading the way 0-5 to 0-3 just 27 minutes into the game.

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Then, a beautifully scored goal from Una O'Donoghue put them firmly into the lead, much to the delight of the large crowd who had turned out to cheer the Cork girls on.

Tipperary did retaliate with a point from Helen Collier however, before Cork's Sabina Buckley scored.

By half-time it was Cork leading with 2-6 to 0-5.

Within five minutes of resumption Cork had scored again with points from Una O'Donoghue and Liz Power.

And despite Tipperary's best efforts to make a comeback, they were no match for the stronger and more determined Cork side, who won the game on a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-6.

The North Tipperary Under 15 Camogie Final

Roscrea Vocational School 3-3
Borrisokane Community College 3-2

Roscrea's team, which included nine First Years showed great heart, determination and not a little skill in beating Borrisokane in a rousing final. Throughout normal time there was never more than a score between the teams. Roscrea had gone a goal down to Borris in the first half but recovered to lead by a point early in the second half. When Borrisokane goaled near the end, it appeared that time had caught up with Roscrea but they fought back for a levelling point from Jeanette Feighery.

In extra time, Roscrea pointed a 35 and added another point from a free. Borrisokane replied with a pointed 35 to leave Roscrea narrowest of winners.

Roscrea's stars were many. In defence Catriona Ryan was outstanding. Jeanette Feighery had a great game at centrefield and when moved to centre-back, Anne O'Meara

Caroline Kirwan started centre-field and then moved to goals where she made some fine saves. Aine Whelan moved from goal to midfield and proved a match winner. Sabrina Treacy, Laura Fitzpatrick and Sinead Middleton also played very soundly.

Team and Scorers

Aine Whelan, Anne Marie Davis, Geraldine Bergin (captain), Catriona Ryan, Anne O'Meara, Jeanette Feighery (1-2), Valerie Meagher, Catriona Hynes (1-1), Caroline Kirwan, Mary Fogarty, Sylvia O'Rourke and Sinead Middleton.

Camogie Blitz

Roscrea Vocational School's under 15 camogie team reached the final of the County Tipperary Camogie Blitz for the first time ever. They fielded a very young team, eight of the ten will be available for next years competition.

In the first round they defeated Cashel by 9-0 to 6-1. Frature of this game was a 6-0 scoring spree by Catriona Hynes. Aine Whelan (2-0) and Anne-Marie Davis scored one goal. Stars were Mary Fogarty and Sylvia O'Rourke.

In the next game they beat Ursulines, Thurles 5-3 to 1-1. With Catriona Hynes top scorer again

Our Lady's win Munster camogie title

Our Lady's 13-10
St. Mary's.

Macroom 3-0

IN Charleville on Wednesday last Our Lady's, Templemore, had an impressive victory over Macroom in the Munster junior camogie final.

Except for a few anxious moments in the first fifteen minutes, Templemore dominated this game from start to finish. Played in a continuous downpour for most of the first half, Deirdre Delaney opened the Templemore account with a point after three minutes but a minute later Macroom goaled. Points by Linda Grogan and Deirdre Delaney left the sides level after six minutes and in the 7th minute a Templemore attack resulted in a rebound being lashed to the net by Elizabeth Jones.

Deirdre Delaney stretched the Templemore lead with two lovely points to open up a 1-5 to 1-0 lead after nine minutes. Most of that good work in attack in the early stages was again cancelled out with the concession of a second Macroom goal in the 10th minute.

The Templemore response was immediate and by the 13th minute Linda Grogan gave Templemore great heart with two well taken goals. However, Macroom broke through the heart of the Templemore defence once again to score a goal in the 15th minute.

From here on to the finish the Templemore defence tightened up considerably and held their

opposite numbers scoreless for the remainder of the game. Linda Grogan came to the Templemore rescue and in a devastating five minute spell before the interval she scored three great goals to put her side in the driving position at the interval, ahead by 6-5 to 3-0.

The second half started with Templemore again dominating the exchanges and the writing was on the wall for Macroom in the first minute when a blistering shot at goal by Linda Grogan was well saved by the keeper at the expense of a point. The Templemore onslaught continued and Linda Grogan, who was causing havoc for the Macroom defence, struck again with three cracking goals to open up a 9-6 to 3-0 lead after eight minutes. As a contest the game was well and truly over but the Templemore pressing continued and with Lorraine Bourke and Bridin Jones in tremendous form at midfield the forwards were getting a plentiful supply of the ball. The Templemore attack was causing a lot of problems for the Macroom defence and further scores by Linda Grogan (2-2), Teresa Maher (0-1) and Deirdre Delaney (2-1) left Templemore commanding winners.

All Templemore players played their part and contributed by bringing back the trophy to the school which was last won in 1993 and 1994. Geraldine McGrath was faultless in the Templemore goal and the four defenders, after a few anxious moments in

the early stages, played very well throughout. Midfield was in control all through with Lorraine Bourke having an outstanding game and she was ably assisted by Bridin Jones and to a lesser extent Helen Collier.

The forwards worked tirelessly all through with Teresa Maher and Elizabeth Jones never giving up. Deirdre Delaney had a fine game and contributed some very valuable scores but the day belonged to full-forward Linda Grogan who gave a star studded performance causing havoc for the Macroom defence and finished the game with a personal tally of 10-4, a remarkable achievement by any standard.

By John O'Connell

Our Lady's, Templemore - Geraldine McGrath (Drom), Michelle Purcell (Templemore, captain), Eilish Meagher (Templemore), Niamh Harkin (Drom), Leona Bohan (Templemore), Bridin Jones (Templemore), Helen Collier (Templemore), Lorraine Bourke (Castletiney), Deirdre Delaney (Borrisoleigh) 2-5, Elizabeth Jones (Templemore) 1-0, Teresa Maher (Drom) 0-1, Linda Grogan (Templemore) 10-4. Substitutes - Andrina Webster (Loughmore) for Helen Collier; Laura Bourke (Templemore) for Linda Grogan; Caroline Greed (Clonakenny); Maria McGrath (Drom); Aileen Brennan (Templemore), Laurena Meagher (Templemore), Ashling Brennan (Castletiney), Mairead Costigan (Clonakenny).

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CAMOGIE COMMENT

BY MARY MORAN

Galway have taken up where they left off at the end of last season. The senior team, which made history in carrying the O'Duffy Cup across the Shannon for the first time, are coasting through their National League schedule, the junior side has already qualified for the knockout stages of their competition and, more significantly, the first All-Ireland trophy of the season is on the sideboard.

Dublin, Armagh and Down have found the All-Ireland champions in devastating form. Galway ran up huge scores in their three opening games and conceded very little. With such a pool of talent at their disposal, an All-Ireland and National League double must be very much on the cards.

Unless there is a monumental upheaval in form, Galway and Kilkenny should face each other in the semi-final of the Open Draw. Kilkenny received a great boost with the return of Tom Ryan to guide their fortunes. Tom coached the Noreiders to seven titles in a row. He is joined on the management team by Angela Downey whose promptings and motivating powers will be very valuable.

Cork are experimenting with young players in the hope of finding the right blend to replace the quartet who hung up their boots following last September's disappointment. Goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins, Sandie Fitzgibbon and 1996 captain, Therese O'Callaghan gave outstanding service to Cork and it is proving difficult to fill their shoes.

Eileen Buckley, who was named as Player of the Match in the All-Ireland junior final, and Hilda Kenneally are promoted from the winning junior team. U.C.C. goalkeeper, Cora Keohane is being given an opportunity to prove herself. Some of the Newtownshandrum players, who decided to throw in their lot with Cork, Ursula Troy, Lisa Kelleher and Caoimhe Harrington have been



New Camogie President, Phyllis Breslin (right) looks on as Vera Sheehan, Captain of St. Mary's, Charleville, makes her acceptance speech after receiving Corn Sceilg at Tullamore. On the left is Kathleen Henry, President of All Ireland Post Primary Schools Council.

given a run. Whether Cork hit on the right blend in time for the championship remains to be seen.

All Post Primary Schools played under the same umbrella this season. It was most appropriate that the 1996 Vocational Schools champions, St. Brigid's Loughrea should meet the 1996 All-Ireland Colleges champions, St. Mary's Charleville in the senior final. The outcome was a superb game of camogie.

The Charleville girls were quickly into their stride and picked off some lovely scores to lead by seven points. They may have relaxed a little thinking that they were on the road to victory. Suddenly they had the carpet pulled out from under them. Loughrea rocked Charleville with four goals in a five minute spell and the game was wide open.

Loughrea then made a surprise switch. They withdrew their star performer, Denise Gilligan, who had sent panic waves throughout the Charleville defence every time she got possession, to centre-back to mark Sinead O'Callaghan. Coach Vincent Harrington regrouped his forces at halftime and Charleville motored home conceding only a single point in the second half.

Holy Rosary, Mountbellew captured their first All-Ireland title and they certainly did it the hard way. They played two more matches than scheduled

by drawing the semi-final against St. Patrick's, Maghera and the final with St. Mary's Charleville. Mountbellew are coached by Grace Morris, who won an All-Ireland Club Championship with Oranmore and an All-Ireland Junior Championship with Galway.

Both the drawn final and the replay were extremely tight. Mountbellew created more chances in the replay at Ennis but had difficulty in making them count. Captain Mairead Meehan, Orla Kilkenny, Inagh Barrett, Ann Carty and Sheila Barrett played a huge part in bringing the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools title to Holy Rosary. In addition to the well established Eileen O'Brien, Charleville have players for the future in Niamh Bowles, Denise O'Connor, Kathryn Leslie, Ciara O'Shea and Siobhan Lenihan.

DUBLINER Phyllis Breslin was elected President of the Camogie Association at the Annual Congress in Athlone. As a player, Phyllis won All-Ireland Junior and National Senior League medals with Dublin and an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with Eoghan Ruadh. She has extensive experience as an inter-county referee officiating at both All-Ireland senior and junior finals.

On the administration side, Phyllis served Leinster Council with enthusiasm. She has a deep interest in the game itself and will strive with all her ability to see the game progress under her presidency.

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By P.J. Fulham

SEMI-FINALS OF NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE TO BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY

On Sunday next there are three very important matches on the board. The semi-finals of the National senior league are sure to create a big interest. Tipperary who have come through Division two with full points will travel to face Kilkenny. This should be an excellent encounter that should produce great flair and determination. The Premier County have been playing well all through the campaign winning all their games convincingly.

Kilkenny in division one lost out to All-Ireland champions Galway and had a close call when they emerged winners over Down by just one point. However, they bounced back to top form when they convincingly defeated Armagh 4-12 to 1-9. Kilkenny have the experience with players such as Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon, Tracey Millea, Sinead Millea and Cathriona Carey on board.

Tipperary are an Intermediate team and they reached the senior league final in '94 when Galway emerged winners by five points after a hard fought tussle. They are a side with great spirit and will be looking to this torrid test quietly confident. They will be hoping for a good performance from Deirdre Hughes, Caitriona Hennessy, Sinead Neilan, Noelle Kennedy, Paula Bulfin and Helan Kiely to secure a place in the final.

Galway are through from Division one and it is likely that Cork will be their opponents in a repeat of last year's league final which Cork won decisively, but Galway turned the tables on All-Ireland senior championship day. The Rebel County dropped two points to Tipperary while Galway to into this semi-final with full points. This should be a power-packed affair. Cork are not going to surrender their title easily. Spectators are in for a cracker. Galway are in top form with Sharon Glynn, Martina Harkin, Imelda Hobbins, Ann Broderick and Denise Gilligan very much to the fore. Cork

have lost four of their stars who have retired from Inter-County defenders Sandy Fitzgibbon and Paula Goggins, Goalie Kathleen Costine and last years captain Therese O'Callaghan. The replacements have blended in well with experienced players such as Lynn Dunlea, Stephanie Dunlea, Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe and Sinead O'Callaghan.

Galway, as All-Ireland champions are strongly fancied but may find their opponents hard to overcome.

Meanwhile, the National Junior league final takes place in an Ulster event when Antrim take on Down at Casement Park at 2pm.

Antrim had three points to spare over Cork in the semi-final which was closely contested. A goal by Antrim in the dying seconds gave them victory. This was a great boost for the Glensiders morale, but on Sunday they come up against an Intermediate side in Down, who have been taking part in both junior and senior league with the same team. The Mourne girls are last year's beaten finalists and are sure to be a formidable force parading players of the calibre of Donna Greeran, Pauleen Green, Jennifer Braniff, Deirdre Savage, Coleen Hynds and Mairin McAleenan.

Antrim have been making great strides in the last few years. In '95 and '96 they were defeated by Roscommon in the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final by the minimum margin on both occasions. They can boast players such as Karen Coyle's goalie, who played in the All-Ireland junior final Antrim v Clare in 1981 and the following who were members of Jordanstown University that won the Ashbourne Cup this season: Grainne Connolly, Mairin Barry, Denise O'Boyle, Grace McMullan, Caitriona Higgins and Carla Doherty is a cracking young forward who played for the Combined Purcell team. It should be an outstanding tussle that should produce lots of flair, skill and determination. Downs experience should see them through.

Cork hoping for revenge

ON Sunday next the Cork senior team will be hoping to go a step nearer to retaining their national league title when they take on All-Ireland champions Galway at Loughrea at 2 p.m. At local level the under-12 league is reaching its concluding stages while the under 14 A and B leagues continue with a number of interesting games being played.

There is no doubting that on Sunday next the Cork senior team will be hoping for revenge when they take on Galway in the national league semi-final. Cork defeated Galway in last year's league final but suffered a devastating defeat by the same team in the All-Ireland championship final.

This time out Galway are favoured with a home venue and the Cork girls are certainly under no illusions as to the task confronting them. In the league campaign to date the Cork girls have been anything but impressive.

They were defeated by Tipperary in their opening round but went on to defeat Clare comprehensively. On Sunday last they looked well over Wexford but after conceding four goals they were lucky in the end to come away with a draw.

However, this was enough to qualify for the semi-final and now that they are there will be anxious to get back on the winning way.

While the team has not been announced it is certain to include regulars Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe, Linda Mellerick, Vivienne Harris, Denise Cronin and Lynn Dunlea.

Galway, having won the All-Ireland senior championship for the first time last season would no doubt dearly love to make it a double and on recent form will be slightly favoured to advance to the final.

Spearheaded by such magnificent performers as Sharon Glynn and Olivia Broderick they certainly could cause problems to the Leesiders.

Under-12 League, Monday, May 26 - Glen Rvs A v Delany's at Glen Rovers; Sarsfields A v Cobh at Cobh; Clonakilty A v Enniskeane at Clonakilty; Ballinascorthy v Bandon at Ballinascorthy; Kilbrittain v Newcestown at Kilbrittain.

Thursday, May 29 - Newcestown v Barryroe at Newcestown; Enniskeane v Bandon at Enniskeane; Clonakilty v Ballinascorthy at Clonakilty.

Under-14 A League - Friday, May 30 - Inniscarra v Newtownshandrum at Inniscarra; Bishopstown v St. Finbarrs at Bishopstown; St. Vincents v Watergrasshill at St. Vincents; Newcestown v Courcy Rvs at Newcestown; B'hassig v Cloughduv at Ballinhassig; Ballygarvan v Aghabullogue at Ballygarvan.

Cork and Galway all set for another top class battle

IN what will be a repeat of last year's All-Ireland senior and National League Finals, Cork again face Galway when they meet at Loughrea in the National League senior camogie semi-final tomorrow.

Cork's form in their lead up to the game has been erratic. Beaten by Tipperary in their opening game, Cork went on to comprehensively defeat Clare and Limerick, whilst last Sunday they were fortunate to come away with a draw against a Wexford team who hadn't even registered a point.

This result for Cork saved them from a three way play-off and saw them qualify for tomorrow's semi-final. At the time of writing Cork had not finalised their team due to exams and injury. Doubt surrounds the availability of Denise

Cronin, Hilda Kenneally and Vivian Harris, all of whom were injured last weekend, whilst goalkeeper Cora Keohane is unavailable due to exams. However, Cork will hope to have Eithne Duggan, Irene O'Keeffe and captain Linda Mellerick available.

Galway, on the other hand, were victorious in all their games and on form must start favourites. They are a strong, tough side, and whilst many expressed surprise at their defeat of Cork in the All-Ireland Final, when one considers the strength of the clubs in the Galway area, All-Ireland Club Champions, Pearse, Mullagh, Crockwell and Davitts, its an indication of the strength of camogie within the county.

They have excellent players in Denise Gilligan, who proved such a

handful in the All-Ireland Final, Carmel Hannon, Sharon Glynn and Dymna Maher, all of whom are established players.

The Cork side, however, will be anxious to put the All-Ireland defeat behind them and as holders of the League title, which they won at Galway's expense last season, they will not want to relinquish their hold on the trophy.

In the other semi-final Kilkenny and Tipperary clash in what should be an interesting encounter.

Clubs are once again reminded to telephone their U-12 and U-14 results to the officer in charge of the competition.

Failure to do this will result in points not being allocated.

Fixtures: Tomorrow: All-Ireland Senior National League semi-final - Galway v Cork, at Loughrea 2 p.m.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

CORK.....0-17 GALWAY.....1-10

IMPRESSIVE Cork gained revenge for last year's defeat by Galway in the All-Ireland final when they knocked them out of the league in yesterday's thrilling semi-final at Loughrea. Galway led 0-7 to 0-6 at the break, but Cork took control after the break.

Cork: L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll 0-5 each, L. Mellerick, S. O'Callaghan 0-2 each, S. Fitzgibbon, S. Dunlea, M. O'Connor 0-1 each. **Galway:** S. Glynn 1-6, A. Forde 0-3, T. Maher 0-1.

Ref: J. Pender (Kildare).

KILKENNY.....4-17 TIPPERARY.....3-10

SINEAD MILEA went on a scoring spree as Kilkenny booked their place in the National Senior League final with victory over Tipperary in yesterday's semi-final at Nowlan Park. Milea scored 1-11 as Kilkenny came from 2-9 to 1-7 behind at half-time to secure a 10 point victory. Caitriona Hennessy scored 2-7 of Tipperary's first half tally, but they had no answer when Milea, Margaret Hickey and Cathriona Carey struck for second half goals.

Kilkenny: S. Milea 1-11, C. Carey 2-3, M. Hickey 1-0, A. Downey 0-2, C. Dunne 0-1. **Tipperary:** C. Hennessy 2-7, S. Collins 1-0, M. Stokes 0-2, J. Delaney 0-1.

Ref: A. Cerham (Dublin).

JUNIOR LEAGUE FINAL

ANTRIM.....5-12 DOWN.....3-10

ANTRIM claimed their first ever National Junior League title when they shocked favourites Down in yesterday's final at Casement Park. Antrim led by 4-3 to 1-6 at half-time and withstood a determined Down fightback to hold on for a two point victory.

Antrim: D. Healey 2-1, D. O'Boyle 1-4, C. Doherty, A. McKee 1-1 each, B. O'Neill

DIVILLY'S and THE HOLY ROSARY COLLEGE MOUNTBELLEW

MAKE FOR A WINNING TEAM

Just before embarking on the final stage of its maiden voyage to the All-Ireland junior camogie decider, the crew at Holy Rosary College in Mountbellew were in buoyant form.

The hugely dedicated Galway outfit had overcome some mightily choppy waters and their supporters were confident that their favourites would sail to victory despite the wave of opinion which suggested that St Mary's of Charleville would offer all the resistance of a textbook dyke.

Approaching the port of Silverware, Mountbellew supremo Grace Morris was in upbeat form. The landing would be difficult but ultimately soft, she mooted. How right she was.

In keeping with the less than adequate exposure and publicity which the game of camogie receives generally countrywide, it was a pretty low-key build-up for the Holy Rosary College and nothing much stirred outside the Mountbellew area itself.

Nevertheless, in one of the few interviews which team manager Morris gave in the run-up to the final, she declared that if her charges failed to come up trumps it

wouldn't be "for the want of trying." Words to the wise indeed.

Holy Rosary College did make their maiden voyage a wholly successful one even if the crew needed to pull out all the stops to avoid floundering on the rock that was the Charleville challenge.

The Holy Rosary College squad and mentors deserve all the accolades they have received in the wake of their triumph in Ennis, following a draw in Tullamore, but they themselves would be the first to admit that they received great support from various sources to help them on their way.

One such source was Brian Divilly, a man who is one of those invaluable supporters who puts his money where his mouth is in demonstrating his allegiance to the cause.

The owner, founder and public face of Divillys Ltd, a go-ahead company headquartered in Oranmore, Co. Galway, Brian was delighted for the Mountbellew girls, not only because of the fact that his sister Grace (Morris) managed the champions but because, as the team's affable sponsor, he helped play his part in the girls' preparation for the fray.

"Before becoming the team's sponsor, I had seen the way other teams were kitted out with jerseys, tracksuits etc so I was keen to see that the Mountbellew girls were equally well toggled out and that's why I decided to sponsor them."

"I was more than happy to help them out because I knew that they were a group who were totally committed to achieving something in the game and I think they fully deserved to win the All-Ireland. I was delighted for them and hopefully they will now go on from strength to strength," Brian enthused.

While his sister Grace and the girls will waste no time in preparing to rock a few boats in the senior A competition next year (as well as the junior A), Brian, meanwhile, will be keeping his shoulder firmly to the wheel of Divillys Ltd with a view to consolidating its ongoing growth.

A top class manufacturer of top quality meat products such as ham, sausages, cooked meats, bacon and pork products, Divillys Ltd is one of the top firms in its field in the



At the presentation of kits to the Holy Rosary College, were, from left: Grace Morris (coach), Mairead Meehan (captain) and John Murphy, Sales Manager, Divilly Meats (sponsors)

with manufacturing commencing the following year," explained Brian, who began his career in the meat business by serving his time in his father's butchers shop in Galway.

Meanwhile on the camogie front, the Mountbellew crew are themselves looking to build on their good fortune to date and Paddy Boyle, the college principal, is in no doubt as to the effect the college's victory has had on morale within the 600 pupil Holy Rosary place of excellence.

"It's been great for morale, given everyone a lift here. The win marked the first All-Ireland win in any sport for the college since it was established as a co-ed in 1965. We're all delighted with the girls' victory," Paddy enthused.



The Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew Junior Camogie team ... All-Ireland champions 1997. Front, from left: Orla Kilkenny, Eleanora Gavin, Mairead Meehan, Brenda Dempsey, Patricia Burke, Alina Geraghty. Back, from left: Grace Morris (coach), Inagh Barrett, Kathleen Costello, Mary Murray, Catherine Gardiner, Ann Carthy, Sile Barrett

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The Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew Junior Camogie panel which won the All-Ireland final replay in Ennis this year when they defeated St. Mary's, Charleville. Front, from left: Sarah Kinsella, Marie Keeley, Orla Kilkenny, Mairead Meehan, Brenda Dempsey, Patricia Burke, Alma Geraghty. Middle, from left: Grace Morris (coach), Lorraine Naughton, Cathriona Nee, Carol Gavin, Sile Barrett, Mary Murray, Amy Donoghue, Eleanora Gavin, Ann Carthy. Back, from left: Sabina Murphy, Ann Marie Murray, Kathleen Costello, Claire Kenny, Inagh Barrett, Catherine Gardiner, Julie Moore, Sabrina Lawless, Claire O'Sullivan

country.

Providing gainful, profitable employment to 40 workers, it receives the raw material for its products from Dawn Pork and Bacon (an EU licenced slaughtering plant) before adding its own seasonings and brine.

A company whose reputation precedes itself, Divillys Ltd

services a growing list of customers based from as wide an area as Sligo, Cork, Clare, Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. Things are going fine, it seems.

"Yes, thankfully business is going very well. We have no complaints whatsoever and while we enjoyed a very good year last year, the first quarter of '97 seems to indicate that

this year will be even better," enthused Brian who says that the company continues to go from strength to strength.

But what is the secret behind the success of the firm?

"Well, there are three factors involved, I suppose. Firstly, our increase in sales could be

attributed partly to the fact that because of the BSE crisis, a lot of people turned to eating pork and bacon products which proved a huge bonus for us in terms of sales.

"In addition, the economy is really booming and people have more disposable income these days and they are thus able to vary their eating habits and vary their diet which is to everyone's advantage.

"The third factor in our success story is that our reputation has been growing steadily over the years as a supplier of quality products. Our track record speaks for itself," added Brian, who established his firm in 1981.

Indeed, the success story that is Divillys Ltd is set to continue for many years to come as plans are already afoot to construct a new EU standard meat manufacturing plant on a recently acquired 30 acre site.

"Hopefully, work on the new factory will begin next year

Clonpriest 0-1
Vicarstown 2-4

TWO goals at the start of the second half gave Vicarstown victory in this Roinn 7 camogie decider.

The winners had

managed to score only one point in the opening half but being the physically stronger side they completely dominated the second half.

Scorers, Vicarstown, A Buckley 2-

0, M O'Regan 0-3 L Buckley 0-1.
Clonpriest, A Walsh 0-1. Clonpriest, S Ahern, J Carroll, M Foley, C Bulman, C Egan, A M Walsh, A Walsh, A Glavin, K Cunningham.

Vicarstown, D O'Connell, E O'Sullivan, M O'Regan, H O'Sullivan, Y Murphy, E O'Sullivan, E Murphy, A Buckley, L Buckley.
Referee Ms L Dunlea (Coachford).

SCIATH na SCOL

Barryroe girls create shock of the day

Maria Assumpta, Ballyphehane 9-0
Barryroe NS 3-0

What a turn up for the books this game proved to be. In the earlier rounds the West Cork girls beat Ballyphehane and were confidently expecting to repeat it in the final.

But they reckoned without the battling qualities of the city girls who turned in a marvellous display.

Barryroe got off to the perfect start when their best player Marie Moloney's shot dipped into the net after five minutes.

However Ballyphehane's response was immediate when Caroline Foulkes first timed

the ball to the net and maintaining the pressure they turned over 3 goals to one in front.

Amanda Power scoring two. The physical strength of the city girls allied to the brilliance of centre-back Gemma O'Connor combined to give them total control.

Scorers - Ballyphehane: A. Power 5-0; C. Foulkes 3-0; G. O'Connor 1-0. Barryroe: M. Moloney 2-0, P. Moloney 1-0.
BALLYPHEHANE: N. Buckley; S. Hennessey, C. Buckley, C. O'Riordan, J. Hogan, G. O'Connor, C. Myers, N. Desmond, J. Lenthien, T. O'Sullivan, C. Foulkes, A. Power.
BARRYROE: L. Fleming; L. Whelton, E. Barry, E. Sexton, L. McCarthy, P. Moloney, C. Dineen, L. Gannon, C. Whelton, M. Moloney, N. Keohane, R. Dineen.

Gaelscoil Charrig Ui Leighinn triumph

Gaelscoil Charrig Ui Leighinn 4-0
Gaelscoil Ui Riada (Wilton) nil

THE first of the camogie finals ended in a comfortable victory for the girls from Gaelscoil in Carrigaline.

The Carrigaline girls' hurling was a pleasure to watch

throughout.

CARRIGALINE
A. Ni Iarlaigh, D. Ni Chruil, C. Ni Reagáin, S. de Cógáin, A. Ni Choleáin, M. Ni Chonáin, A. de Chathraí, L. Forde, C. Ni Bhráin, R. Ni Iarlaigh, L. Ni Anluain, L. Ni Aogháin.

WILTON
J. Ni Sheaghin, C. Ni Eidin, S. Ni Bhráin, D. MacCárthaigh, H. Seolige, S. Nighráda, M. Ni Chilleachair, A. Ni Dhómhnaill, N. Ni Chruiláich, A. Ni Fhuatháin, M. MacCárthaigh, S. Petrie.



Muireann Ni Chonnain and Clair Ni Bhrian, Carrigaline Gael Scol, celebrate their Roinn 4 camogie win.

Aghabullogue 3-1
Dripsey 0-0

AGHABULLOGUE proved too good for Dripsey in the nine a side Roinn L final.

Aghabullogue thoroughly deserved their win and led 2-0 to 0-0 at the half-time break.

A feature of the game was the outstanding display of Joan Twomey in defence for the winners as she was very solid and stood head shoulders above most of her male counterparts.

Scorers, Aghabullogue, B Perrott 2-1, M Twomey 1-0.
Aghabullogue, D Twomey, Joan Twomey, D O'Leary, O Healy, M Healy, M Twomey, B Perrott, Mary Buckley, D O'Mahony.
Dripsey, C McCarthy, P O'Mahony, R Hogan, J Murphy, M O'Sullivan, B O'Keefe, D O'Connell, K Dineen, Emma O'Keefe.

Scoil Oilibhear 3-1
St Columba's Douglas 0-0

MOVING Sile Ni Bhroin to full forward at the start of the second half paid dividends for Scoil Oilibhear in the Roinn I camogie final.

The winners were the better side in the opening half, in which they shot seven wides to one but neither side managed to score. Then five minutes

into the second half Sile blasted the ball to the net from a 20m free to put her side ahead and they were never troubled afterwards as she added another 2-1 to their tally

Scorers, Scoil Oilibhear, S Ni Bhoín 3-1.
Scoil Oilibhear: J Ni Chathraigh; E Ni Fhichealláigh, S Ni Choleáin; C Nuinseann, J Nic Gholláin, L Creber, M Ni Chaoimhanáigh; C Nic an Gheair; A Ni Bhráin, A Ni Chuibhreith, C Ni Mhóra, D Ni Dhuáin.
St Columba's, Douglas: M O'Donovan, L Hayes, K Brown, E Murphy, N Flanagan, C Kennelick, L Walsh, T Buckley, C Healy, F O'Donovan, K Goulding, L O'Regan.
Referee, Ms M O'Callaghan (Glenties).

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Picture: Denis

The Glounthaune team who played Youghal in the Roinn 5 final at Sciath na Scol at Pairc Ui Rinn.



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The Youghal team who played Glounthaune in the Roinn 5 final at Sciath na Scol at Pairc Ui Rinn.

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Sciath na Scol Chor



■ Maria Assumpta, Ballypheane who won the Roinn 2 Camogie at Sciath na Scol finals.



■ Carrigaline Gaelscoil team who won the Roinn 4 camogie final.



■ Caroline Foulkes walks off with the Roinn 2 Camogie Trophy after Maria Assumpta, Ballypheane's victory at Páirc Uí Rinn.



■ Carrigaline Gaelscoil captain, Muireann Ní Chonnláin received the Roinn 4 trophy from Liam McGrath.



The Cork minor camogie team pictured with the Munster championship trophy following their win over Tipperary at Ovens.

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Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham



Raheny - winners of the Dublin Junior B Championship: Front row, left to right: Siobhan Curran, Ciara McGinty, Aisling Hayes, Gemma Orange, Michelle Hayden, Caitriona O'Donoghue, Grainne Keogh, Caroline Duggan. Back row, left to right: Jimmy Keogh, mentor, Karen Soffee, Carmel Soffee, Jennifer Farrell, Ciara Mannering, Ciara Markham, Madeline O'Connor, Emma Hogan, Caitriona Grace.

St Mary's, Charleville won their fifth consecutive All-Ireland Sevens and their seventh in all, when they defeated St Patrick's, Cork in an all Munster final at St Patrick's, Drumcondra recently. Charleville overcame St Patrick's, Keady, St Brigid's, Loughrea and St Brigid's, Callan to qualify for the final.

St Patrick's, Cork got the better of Loretto, Kilkenny, St Patrick's, Maghera and Holy Rosary, Mountbellew to reach the decider. Caoimhe Harrington, Eileen O'Brien and Niamh Bowles were stars for Charleville in the final where they won 7-5 to 1-3.

Charleville team - Caoimhe Harrington (capt), Claire Lenihan, Caroline Giltinane, Sharon O'Kelly, Eileen O'Brien, Niamh Bowles, Claire Walsh, Sarah Reidy, Jordana Dolan, Kara Mantan.

Newcomers, Vocational School, Roscrea were impressive winners of the Munster Post Primary Schools First Year Blitz. The North Tipperary school, draw many of their players from Offaly. On their way to the final, Roscrea overcame Presentation de la Salle, Hospital, St Patrick's, Shannon and St Mary's, Charleville.

In a final of exceptional standard for first years, vocational school Roscrea just about deserved their win against a skilful outfit from Colaiste Muire, Ennis which includes Sinead O'Loughlin, a sharp shooting number 12. She is sister of Ger "Sparrow" O'Loughlin who won an All-Ireland hurling medal with Clare. Roscrea won by 2-4 to 1-4, thanks to an impressive performance from their captain, Janet Feigherty.

Roscrea team - Sinead Feehan, Aisling Quigley, Valerie Meagher, Anne O'Meara, Janet Feigherty, Caitriona Ryan, Aine Whelan, Caitriona Hynes, Mary Fogarty, Sabrina Treacy, Laura Fitzpatrick and Amanda Fitzpatrick.

Cork became the Munster Minor champions when they defeated Tipperary in the final, played at Ovens stopping Tipperary's bid of winning six provincial titles in a row. It was an outstanding game of camogie all through. Cork led 2-4 to 0-5 at the break. The second half was evenly

contested with both sides breaking level on the scoreboard, but Cork held on to their first half lead of five points. Final score - Cork 2-8 Tipperary 1-6

A Dublin club coming much to the fore is Raheny which was formed in 1982 in the Northside of the city. It caters for all underage players and provides players for county teams. The club's first achievement came in 1991 when they won the junior B league. '94 was a very good year when the intermediate A team won league and championship honours for the first time. In 1996 the Junior B team won league and championship honours. Jimmy Keogh

is the man behind Raheny. The club's aim is to provide camogie in a friendly environment and have a strong emphasis on the social scene. Their aim is to reach senior A status in the near future.

Moorefield camogie club in Kildare was founded in 1986 by Mary McMullen, Winefred Murray and Helen Dunne. The club in the last ten years have won under 13, under 21, junior and intermediate championship and league. They are now playing at senior level. Mary McMullen's daughter, Claire, received the junior club player of the year award. Claire is following a long tradition of camogie in her family. Claire is a member of Kildare minor panel. Her grandmother Mary Murray (nee Campbell) was a founder member of the long standing Deirdre Club in Belfast. She was also secretary of Antrim Board and Ulster Council in the early thirties. Claire's mother, Mary, played with Antrim in 1965 and was Vice-Chairperson of Antrim and is currently Chairperson of Kildare County Board.



Mary McMullen, Kildare with her daughter Claire, Moorefield 'Player of the Year'.

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Camogie roundup

WITH most clubs involved in the county board competitions are mainly the U12 and U14 leagues. With

those competitions down for their finals as follows, clubs are going all out to complete their programmes on time.

U12 Final - June 28; U14 A Final - June 24; U14 B Final - June 28.

To take a quick look at the U14 A League in Section 1, Newtownshandrum, with 2 games played are on full points, whilst Glen Rovers and St Finbarr's are also on full points with 3 games played with these three clubs down to meet each other in the next two weeks it looks close to predict who the two to qualify will be. In the U14 A Section 2 Cloughduv with 3 games played have five points, whilst Ballygarvan and Aghabullogue with 2 games played are on four and three points respectively. Here it also looks tight to the finish. In the U14 B there are four sections with Section 1 showing Delaney's ahead after 3 games with

Carrigaline on full points

Cork Colleges Camogie Results Junior B Championship:-

Christ The King 4-6,
St Mary's, Macroom 4-3.
1st Year League:-
Christ The King 4-1,
Coachford 1-4.

Results At A Glance U12 League

Mayfield 4-1 Brian Dillon's 2-0
Rockbawn 6-1 Glen Rovers 'A' 3-0
Fr O'Neill's 4-0 Watergrasshill 1-0
Na Piarasigh 2-2 Delaney's 1-0
Douglas 9-2 Na Piarasigh 0-0
Youghal 4-0 St Catherine's 1-0
Cobh 6-1 Watergrasshill 2-0
Barryroe 2-0 Clonakilty 1-0
Killeagh 4-0 Castlelyons 0-0

U14 A League

Aghabullogue 6-1 Cloughduv 6-1
Newcestown 3-2 Ballinhassig 1-1
Ballygarvan 7-4 Courcy Rovers 0-0

from 2 played. In Section 2 Erin's Own and Killeagh are on 6 with 4 played, whilst Cobh are on 7 with 4 also played. Section 3 shows Milford qualified, with Grenagh, Mayfield, Kildorrery all in the hunt with games to play. Section 4 has Tracton and Barryroe

both on full points with four played while Kilbrittain after 2 are also on full points. The next fortnight promises to be hectic with clubs anxious to pick up points in the run in. Clubs are reminded to telephone results to the officer in charge of U14 and U12 Leagues.

Glen Rovers 1-3 Inniscarra 1-0
Inniscarra 8-3 Watergrasshill 3-1
Aghabullogue 2-3 Ballinhassig 1-1
Ballygarvan 5-4 Newcestown 0-1
Glen Rovers 6-1 Bishopstown 0-2
Newtownshandrum 8-2 Bishopstown 0-2
Cloughduv 4-12 Newcestown 5-2
Newtownshandrum 4-8 Inniscarra 1-0

U14 B League

Cobh 2-0 Youghal 0-0
Fr O'Neill's 2-1 Youghal 0-1
Slabh Rua 1-0 Clonakilty 1-0
Grenagh 2-2 Kildorrery 0-2
Milford 6-5 Mayfield 0-0
Cobh 2-2 Sarsfield 0-0
Eire Og 7-0 Ballinora 1-0
Eire Og 5-0 Ballyphehane 0-0
Douglas 2-1 Eire Og 0-0
Barryroe 6-7 Valley Rovers 0-1
Barryroe 5-8 Clonakilty 0-0
Slabh Rua 4-0 Bandon 1-0
Ballincollig 4-0 Na Piarasigh 1-1
Na Piarasigh 6-0 Ballinora 1-0
Na Piarasigh 7-0 Ballyphehane 1-0
Douglas 9-2 Na Piarasigh 0-0
Killeagh 4-3 Cloyne 3-1



Mary Hourihane presents the Nancy Hourihane Memorial Shield to Kelly Newman, Captain Glen Rovers following the Seandún U13 League Final at Bishopstown. (-)



St Finbarr's Under 13 Camogie League team who played Glen in the Final. (-)



Glen Rovers Under 13 Camogie League team who played 'Barr's in Final. (-)

DOUGLAS CAMOGIE CLUB

Very busy week for club

THE past weeks have been very busy with club games in Under 12 and 14 grades and a number of important school matches and of course the eagerly awaited Munster Minor final against old rivals Tipperary.

Under 12

This team has had a great season so far and this game against Bishopstown was equally impressive. Our opposition were physically a bigger side but as the old saying goes "it's not the physical size that counts but the size of the fight within." Douglas once again proved this by beating the opposition convincingly. Our forward line of Fiona O'Donovan, Louise O'Regan, Deirdre Murphy and Helen O'Connell were in great form. This victory was a great team effort with Ciara Kennefick in defence and Helen O'Mahony in mid-field also impressing.

In their second game at St Finbarr's they again came out victorious on a score line of 5 goals and three points to three goals and one point. The starting lineup for that game was: Michelle O'Donovan, Andrea Walsh, Natasha Flanagan, Ciara

Cowhey, Laura Walsh, Helen O'Mahony, Deirdre Murphy, Amaya Dunworth, Louise O'Regan, Fiona O'Donovan and Doirean Murray. Deirdre was substitute with Lisa Ward during the course of the game. Douglas were well ahead at half-time but the Barrs came back strongly in the second half but Douglas pulled away again scoring two great goals. This panel is showing great form and I feel they should qualify for the play-off stage of the competition. There are no further fixtures for this team for the immediate future until the play-offs are finalised.

Under 14

This team was down to play Blackrock but the game was postponed. Their second game against Na Piarasigh was played on Wednesday May 21 and Douglas ran out comfortable winners. Eilish Murphy and Gene Barry were very

while Anne Marie O'Donovan take their scores. Substitute Eilish Barry put in a lot of effort when she was introduced for the second half and Michelle O'Donovan our regular goalminder proved that she can play as well outfield. Their next game is against Ballincollig on May 27 and I will report on this in next week's notes.

Under 10

Training continued for our youngest players on Mondays and Thursdays at 5.30pm. These start at 8 years of age. So if you are interested in joining why not come along.

Junior

This team is now preparing for competition. The turn out for training has been improving steadily and I would ask all players to make an effort to attend over the coming weeks.

Cork Minor (U16)

The scenes of joy in Ovens on Saturday last told the story of this game. Tipperary were going for six titles in a row but Cork were up to the challenge. In a great game there were many high points but two in particular stood out in my mind. The

first occurred as half time approached with Cork in a commanding lead, having scored two goals, when a Tipperary forward got inside the Cork defence. With the goal at her mercy she was about to strike the ball when Amanda O'Regan brought off a great hook and proceeded to clear the ball away from danger. Late in the second half with Tipp still very much in contention the Cork goalkeeper Ger Casey dived full length to bring off a great save. The entire team contributed to this fine victory with the backline in particular proving their worth. Our own Amanda O'Regan was outstanding making many long clearances over the hour.

Schools Competitions

Christ King girls were in action over the last week with mixed results. Pride of place must go to the Juniors who won the Cork Colleges title for the second year in a row beating Macroom on a scoreline of four goals 6 points to four goals and three points. This was a great game with the

result in the balance up to the final whistle. Douglas was well represented on this team and all are to be congratulated on their victory. The first year championship saw Christ King play Coachford and recording a fine victory. They then defeated Bandon in the quarter final but were defeated by Clonakilty in a closely contested game. This completes the competitions in the school for this year. A prize giving session was held in the school during the week where the victorious teams were presented with their medals - Cork Junior champions '96 and '97 and the first year blitz. Hopefully this will encourage more girls to take part in the years ahead.

Sciath Na Scoil Final

The great day finally arrived with St Columba's Douglas through to the final against St Olivers in Páirc Uí Rinn. Playing against the wind in the first half Douglas withstood the pressure with Michelle O'Donovan in goal bringing off many great

saves and Laura Hayes in full back clearing everything that came her way. In the second half St Olivers eventually broke down the defence and scored the all important scores to run out winners. Others to play well for Douglas were Eilish Murphy, Ciara Kennefick and Louise O'Regan (Captain). Their trainers must be commended for preparing the team as the skills displayed were of a very high standard. Trainers were Eileen Murphy, Christina O'Regan and Kathleen Carty who worked very hard and I am sure the girls appreciated their

efforts. Well done to all involved.

A measure of consolation was attained when Amanda O'Regan brought the Munster minor cup to the school during the week. Amanda recounted having played in the Sciath na Scoil finals some years ago and stated that defeat on that occasion did not diminish her love of the game. In fact she stated that it encouraged her to train hard resulting in this latest achievement. She advised all the girls to get involved both in their school and to join a club so as to improve their skills.

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Cork girls deny Galway in League final — again

CORK senior camogie team travelled to Loughrea on Sunday last with two tasks, qualify for the final of the national senior league and more importantly, avenge last year's championship defeat at the hands of Galway and they achieved both objectives. This was a highly entertaining game played in ideal conditions, more like championship pace than league.

Galway got off to a fine start and after 10 minutes they lead by 0-3 to 0-1. Their points coming from free-taker Sharon Glynn and two from play from full forward Anne Forde. Cork's point coming from their free-taker Fiona O'Driscoll. With Cork's centre-back Mary O'Connor in total control, Galway's forwards got a limited supply of ball, however, full forward Anne Forde did break away to add another point.

Wing forward Martina Harkin was being well marshalled by Mags Finn but did escape her clutches before half-time to score a fine point. Fiona O'Driscoll, Cork's very accurate free-taker, kept them in touch 0-5 to bring their half-time tally to 0-6, while Galway's free-taker Sharon Glynn added another to bring the Galway half-time score to 0-7, against the breeze.

Cork opened well in the second half and shot two answered points to put them a point ahead eight minutes into the second half. Galway replaced Olivia Broderick at midfield and introduced Carmel Hannon after a fine run from Theresa Maher saw her score a fine point.

However, Cork replied with two excellent points from play from Lynn Dunlea and Linda Malerick, the latter coming after the ball was taking off the Galway goal-line by 'keeper Louise Curry and good defending by Ann Broderick. Denise Gilligan now replaced Tracey Laheen with Greta Maher going to centre-back for Laheen and Gilligan slotting in at wing forward and Theresa Maher moving to the midfield.

With Sharon Glynn pointing a free after Imelda Hobbs was fouled there was a point between the teams

again — Galway 0-9, Cork 0-10. Two answered points from Sandie Fitzgibbon and Sinead O'Callaghan saw Cork take the lead three point with eight minutes remaining. Denise Gilligan was now making an impact up front and when she was fouled 17 metres from goal Sharon Glynn stepped up to shoot a rasper to the back of the Cork net.

Galway then pointed an excellent free from well inside their own half to give Galway a one-point advantage 1-10 to 0-12, but the remaining ten minutes including injury time played by the referee was all Cork and points from Sinead O'Callaghan, Lynn Dunlea, Stephanie Dunlea and Mary O'Connor sealed victory for visitors.

Galway will be disappointed but they will remember last year's 15 point defeat by Cork in the league final and realise that league and championship are two totally different ball games, taking into account the number of players doing exams. Sunday's game will give food for thought as Galway now prepare to defend their senior All-Ireland title, where they play Armagh away in the quarter-final and hopefully a meeting with Kilkenny in the semi-final at a home venue on August 10.

Minor trials

COUNTY minor camogie trial matches will be held this weekend. On Sunday at Loughrea (12.30) A take on C, while on Monday at Loughrea (12.30) B does battle with D.

Tipperary fail to Kilkenny

Tipperary 3-10
Kilkenny 4-17

An under strength Tipperary Intermediate team travelled to Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, on Sunday last for the Senior League Semi-final.

Kilkenny were first to open the scoring after 30 seconds with a point from a free. Noelle Kennedy equalised, and Cathriona Hennessey had 3 pts. from frees to Kilkenny's one from play, to leave the score after eight minutes Tipperary 0-4, Kilkenny 0-2.

Tipperary did not score again until the 20th. minute when Maeve Stokes had a brace of points. Kilkenny added a further 2-7 to Tipperary's 1-1 before the interval. Half-time score Kilkenny 2-9, Tipperary 1-7.

The second half saw Tipperary add two points to reduce the lead to 3 points after four minutes.

However, Kilkenny were the fitter and more experienced side and began to pull away, and added 2-8 to their half-time score to Tipperary's 2-1. Final score Kilkenny 4-17, Tipperary 3-10.

Kilkenny's Sinead Millea was in fine scoring form getting 2-11 of her team's total.

Tipperary put up a great performance despite having to play without five of their regular starting twelve, and if they had to convert all the scoring chances that came their way could have been nearer Kilkenny when the final whistle blew.

Those to impress were Emily Hayden, Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre Hughes and Claire Madden.

FIXTURES:

Saturday, 31st May: U. 14 C. County final: Moneygall v. Portroe in Camogie pitch at 2.30. U. 14 'B' County Final: Gashel v. Knockavilla in Camogie pitch at 3.45. Senior Munster Championship: Tipperary v. Clare in Camogie pitch at 7.00.

Monday 2nd. June: U. 14 'A' County final: Templemore v. Drom-Inch in Camogie pitch at 7.00.

Feile na nGael Skills Competition: On Tuesday, 3rd June in Camogie pitch at 7.00. The under 12 Championship begins on Wednesday, 4th June.



THE Galway camogie team which was defeated by Cork in the National League semi-final at Loughrea on Sunday. Back row, left to right: Louise Curry, Tracey Laheen, Greta Maher, Olive Costello, Olivia Broderick, Sharon Glynn. Front: Ann Forde, Pamela Nevin, Imelda Hobbs, Ann Harkin, Dympra Maher and Ann Broderick.

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CARLOW'S CLASS DOES THE DUBS
CARLOW 4-10 DUBLIN 3-3
Carlow advanced in the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship when defeating Dublin by a ten point margin in a second round tie at Carlow Hurling Club yesterday.

SCORERS — Carlow: N Quirk 2-3, V Oren 1-5, AM Ryan 1-0, M Coady and O

Moyle 0-1 each, Dublin: P Malcolmon 1-3, E Ni Cheamigh and U Ward 1-0 each.
Ulster Junior championship semi-final: Antrim 7-14; Armagh 0-2. Leinster Junior Championship: Wexford 1-11, Offaly 0-8, Westmeath 0-15, Kilkenny 0-7. Leinster Minor Championship Replay: Dublin 3-7, Kilkenny 1-4.

Cork come out on top



same player, Siobhan Ryan lost just 1 goal between the sides.

Rachel Maloney pointed a Cork free and with 5 minutes on the clock Brid O'Neill added another. Tipp were dethroned. Special mention to Cork goalie, Geraldine Casey who brought off magnificent saves.

Cork now meet the Leinster Champions on July 20th in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Cork 0-17
Galway 1-10

Not to be outdone the Senior side had a tremendous win the the N.L. semi-final over All Ireland champions Galway at Loughrea. Putting up a tremendous display Cork led at the break 7 points to 6 and on the run over took the game to Galway.

Excellent points from Sandie Fitzgibbon (2) who has come out of retirement and played a tremendous game, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona

O'Driscoll, Linda Mellerick and Viv Harris. Galway had points from Martina Harkin, Sharon Glynn and Dymphna Maher to keep in touch and when Sharon Glynn drove a 15 year free to the Cork net with 14 minutes remaining it looked as if the All Ireland champions were going to rally, however they had no reckoned for the Cork girls who played out of their skins, selector Rose Mackey said after the game that Cork's second half display was a treat to watch. "We played as a team" said Rose "our defence held solid, our centre fields kept the ball moving and our forwards took their chances well." Cork now meet old rivals Kilkenny in the N.L. Final at a Cork venue on Sunday next June 8 and here hoping that all camogie supporters will turn out in strength to help Cork retain the N.L. title.



Blarney Brass and Reid Band play on the Cork and Tipperary teams prior to their Munster Minor Championships Camogie Final

Camogie followers were spoiled with success over the last two weeks when our minors had a tremendous victory over Tipperary and in the process took the Munster Minor title and prevented Tipp from making it 5 in a row. Played at the magnificent Eire Og pitch, Cork led at the break 2-4 to 0-5. Cork's ability to pick off points saw them lead 0-5 to 0-3, 27 minutes into the game, then came the first goal from Una O'Donoghue to put them in the driving seat. Tipp hit back with a Helen Cotter point but it was again put up to them by Sabrina Buckley 29 minutes into the half, Tipp added a point just before the break but it was Cork who looked he stronger as the sides turned over. In the second half two Una O'Donoghue points inside 5 minutes stretched Cork's lead however, Tipp's pressure yielded their first goal 17 minutes into the half and a further point from the

Camogie results

Results

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| U14 A League | Watergrasshill 0-1 |
| Glen Rovers 4-1 | Newtownshandrum 1-1 |
| Watergrasshill 4-6 | Glen Rovers 1-1 |
| Newtownshandrum 4-2 | |
| U14 B League | |
| Kilbrittan 1-0 | Sliabh Rua 0-1 |
| Kilbrittan 4-0 | Ballascarty 3-0 |
| Barryroe 5-8 | Clonakilty 0-0 |
| Barryroe 8-10 | Kilbrittan 0-0 |
| Barryroe 7-7 | Bandon 0-0 |
| Carigtwohill 3-2 | Fr O'Neills 0-1 |
| Douglas 5-2 | Ballincollig 1-0 |
| Grenagh 2-11 | St Fanahans 2-1 |
| Killeagh 3-0 | Cobh 1-1 |
| Erins Own 3-5 | Sars 1-2 |
| Erins Own 3-5 | Cloyne 0-1 |
| Valley Rovers 3-5 | Ballinascarty 0-0 |
| U12 | |
| Inniscarra 5-1 | Ballinora 1-0 |
| Youghal 4-0 | St Catherine's 1-0 |
| St Catherine's 4-0 | Watergrasshill 1-0 |
| St Catherine's 9-0 | Castle Lyons 0-0 |
| Fr O'Neills 5-0 | St Catherine's 0-0 |
| Inniscarra 4-0 | Aghabullogue 4-0 |
| Inniscarra 4-0 | Cloughduv 0-0 |
| Inniscarra 7-1 | Ballincollig 2-0 |
| Glen Rovers A 9-1 | Delaney's 0-0 |



Marie Kearney, Chairman Munster Council presents Munster Minor Camogie Trophy to Cork Captain Mary Ennequies following their win over Tipperary.



Cork Minor Camogie defeated Tipperary in the Munster Championship Final at Ovens (Pics: Mike English)

DOUGLAS CAMOGIE CLUB

Under 14 team prove too strong for Ballincollig

The past week has been relatively quiet with only one game being played. This was against Ballincollig in the Under 14 League. Douglas proved too strong for the opposition, showing the experience from the past few years. This team is backed by Evelyn O'Mahony, Ann-Marie Downey and Eilish Murphy. The others who played against Ballincollig were Michelle O'Donovan, Orlagh Curtin, Dara O'Donovan, Emer Coakley, Jane O'Leary, Catriona Vaughan, Fiona McSweeney, Eilish Barry and Louise O'Regan. Subs were Paula Falvey, Laura Hayes and Fiona O'Donovan.

This team have won 3 games, lost 1 and have 4 more to play. Their next outing is in the Féile which is fixed for Sunday June 8 in Inniscarra. This competition is played off in a Blitz style. Douglas will play Inniscarra and Killagh with the winner going forward to the next round. This team is also down to play Ballyphehane in the league on Tuesday, 10 June in Ballyphehane.

Community Games

This year the local community council have entered a team in the community games. Douglas have been fixed to play Bishopstown and this game will be played shortly. The age limit for this competition is Under 14 on the 1 July which makes some of our Under 14 panel ineligible. Others will be on holidays but I am sure the team which will be lined out will do Douglas proud.

Under 12

Douglas have qualified for the quarter final of the league competition which will be fixed shortly. Well done to all involved. All players are requested to train hard to prepare for this.

Schools Competition

A special game is being arranged by the primary school to celebrate the feast of St Columbas involving the boys and girls of both schools. This should be a great occasion for all concerned and parents are asked to attend.

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Cróch agus Bán

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| 1 Karen Nic Giolla Chomhaill Karen Coyles Cushendall | | |
| 2 Máire Uí Chonghaile Mary Connolly Loughgiel | | |
| 3 Breanda Nic Néill Brenda McNeill Cushendall | 4 Sinéad Nic Mhaoláin Sinéad McMullan Dunloy Captaen | 5 Máirín de Barra Máirín Barry Rossa |
| 6 Brona Ní Néill Brona O'Neill Deirdre | 7 Denise Ní Bhaoill Denise O'Boyle Portglenone | 8 Majella Ní Mhaoláin Majella Mullen Dunloy |
| 9 Carla Ní Dhochartaigh Carla Doherty Portglenone | 10 Deirdre Heatley Portglenone <i>Rossa</i> | 11 Áine Nic Aoidh Ann McKee Rossa <i>Dunloy</i> |
| 12 Grainne Ní Mhaoláin Grace McMullan Loughgiel | | |

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| 13. Sinéad Nic Adaim (Jane Adams) Rossa | 17. Una Nic Uilleagóid (Una Elliott) Dunloy |
| 14. Kerry Ní Néill (Kerry O'Neill) Rossa | 18. Tara Nic Giolla Fhiondaín (Tara Lundy) St. John's |
| 15. Clár Nic Fhearaigh (Claire McGarry) Loughgiel | 19. Una Ní Bhrádaigh (Una Brady) Ballycastle |
| 16. Eibhlín Ní Mhóra (Aileen Moore) Cushendall | 20. Clára Nig Fhionnaile (Clára McGinley) Ballycastle |

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Dearg agus Dubh

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| 1 Treasa Nic Gabhann Teresa Magowan Ben Dearg | | |
| 2 Edel Ní Mhásúin Edel Mason Portaferry | | |
| 3 Póilín Ní Uaine Pauline Green Drumaness | 4 Donna Nic Gríogáin Donna Greeran Liatroim | 5 Clár Nic Craith Claire McGrath Aghaderg |
| 6 Deirdre Shabhaois Deirdre Savage Portaferry | 7 Coleen Ní Eidhin Colleen Hynds Ben Dearg | 8 Sinéad Ní Bhrannuibh Jennifer Braniff Ballycran |
| 9 Caitríona Ní Mhaolchalaínn Catherine Mulholland Ballyholland | 10 Máirín Nic Giolla Fhinnéin Máirín McAleenan Liatroim Captaen | 11 Siobhán Nic Éinrí Joan Henderson Bredagh |
| 12 Majella Ní Mhuiri Majella Murray | | |

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| 13. Valerie Ní Eidhin (Valerie Hynds) Ben Dearg | 17. Ciara Nic Shamhráin (Ciara McGovern) Aghaderg |
| 14. Sinéad Nic Shamhráin (Sinéad McGovern) Aghaderg | 18. Cearúilín Nic Póilín (Caroline Poland) Ballyholland |
| 15. Nicky Nic Aoidh (Nicky Magee) Ben Dearg | 19. Áine Ní Mhuiregáin (Ann Morgan) Liatroim |
| 16. Clár Nic Shamhráin (Claire McGovern) Aghaderg | 20. Michelle Goss Mayo Bridge |

Fiona Nic Cionaoith, Ardmhacha

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HISTORIC FIRST JUNIOR LEAGUE TITLE FOR ANTRIM

Antrim are National Junior League champions for the first time ever when they got the upper hand of the favourites Down in this final played at Casement Park. Antrim got off to a great start and by half time had built up a lead of 4-3 to 1-6. It was a sparkling second half with Down fighting their way back into the game with a goal by Joan Henderson. In a great end to end battle Antrim, held on to a two point victory. Final Score: Antrim 5-12 Down 3-16.

Scorers: Antrim: Deirdre Heatley 2-1, Denise O'Boyle 1-4, Carla Doherty and Ann McKee 1-1 each, Bronagh O'Neill 0-3, Majella McMullan and Grace McMullan 0-1 each. Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-4, Jennifer Braniff 0-8, Joan Henderson 1-0, Sinead McGovern, Deirdre Savage, Coleen Hynds and Edel Mason 0-1 each.

Antrim Panel: Karen Coyles, Mary Connolly, Brenda McNeill, Sinead McMullan, Mairin Barry, Brona O'Neill, Denise O'Boyle, Majella McMullan, Carla Doherty, Deirdre Heatley, Ann McKee, Grace McMullan, Jane Adams, Kerry O'Neill, Claire McGarry, Aileen Moore, Una Elliott, Tara Lundy, Una Brady, Ciara McGinley.

Down Panel: Teresa Magowan, Edel Mason, Pauleen Green, Donna Greeran, Claire McGrath, Deirdre Savage, Coleen Hynds, Jennifer Braniff, Cathy Mulholland, Mairin McAleenan, Joan Henderson, Majella Murray, Valerie Hynds, Sinead McGovern, Nicky McGee, Claire McGovern, Ciara McGovern, Caroline Polland, Ann Morgan, Michelle Goss.

Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Cork got the better of All-Ireland senior champions Galway in this National senior league semi-final played at Loughrea. This was Galway's first defeat since last September when they lifted the O'Duffy cup by defeating Cork. Both sides produced a power packed display and after some good exchanges Galway led 0-7 to 0-6 at the break. However it was the Rebel county that became dominant with seven of the team picking off scores. The return of Sandy Fitzgibbon was a great boost to the side. Final Score: Cork 0-17 Galway 1-10.

Scorers: Cork: Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll 0-5 each, Linda Mellerick and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2 each, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Stephanie Dunlea and Mary O'Connor 0-1 each. Galway: Sharon Glynn 1-6, Ann Forde 0-3, Therese Maher 0-1.

Referee: John Pender, Kildare

In the other semi-final Kilkenny were victorious over Tipperary in this game played at Nowlan Park. Despite the score it was an excellent encounter all through. Midway through the second half Kilkenny held a fifteen point lead. Tipperary whittled away and brought the score to a five point margin. However, it was a hat-trick of goals by Kilkenny's Sinead Millea, Margaret Hickey and Caitriona Carey having her second goal of the game put them on their way to a ten point victory.

Final score: Kilkenny 4-17 Tipperary 3-10.

Scorers: Kilkenny: Sinead Millea 1-11, Caitriona Carey 2-3, Margaret Hickey 1-0, Ann Downey 0-2, Catherine Dunne 0-1.

Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 2-7, Sinead Collins 1-0, Meadh Stokes 0-2, Jovita Delaney 0-1. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

On Sunday next the senior league final takes place when old rivals Cork, the holders and Kilkenny clash at Pairc Ui Rinn at 2pm. Whenever these two sides meet it always creates a big interest, so those travelling to Pairc Ui Rinn are sure to be treated to good fare between two teams who are capable of producing the best. Never much separates the counties at any time when they meet. Cork went into the semi-final against Galway as under-dogs. They produced lots of flair and determination and look like a team that are not going to surrender their title easily. Their scoring power seems to be their strong point. Having the venue, they are fancied to hold on to the title. Kilkenny gave a good display against a Tipperary side that fought all the way. However, they face the final somewhat depleted. Their full back Gillian Dillon was married last Saturday and on Sunday their star forward Sinead Millea took off for the States. The Noreiders are always hard to overcome when the chips are down, but they may find it hard to topple the champions.

Westmeath are all set to host the Midland Camogie Feile this weekend. Teams from seventeen counties will arrive on Friday evening and will be hosted for the weekend with games all day Saturday and semi-finals of the various competitions on Saturday evening in St Loman's Park followed by Feile Mass. There will be refreshments for everyone afterwards. The parade of 14 teams through the town of Mullingar will take place on Sunday morning to Loman's Park for the finals.

Antrim cruise into junior final

Ulster Junior Camogie Championship semi-final

Antrim 7-14 Armagh 0-2

It is doubtful if Jim Nelson has learned anything from this one-sided Ulster Junior semi-final in Dunloy - other than that he has an excellent free-taker in Aileen Moore and an opportunist goalscorer in Oonagh Elliott just waiting their chance for for the first time.

Moore recorded a 100 per cent record from six placed balls while Oonagh Elliott scored 3-1 after being introduced three minutes before the break.

Armagh failed to compete in too many areas of the field and apart from scoring 3-9, and conceding no scores, Antrim shot 15 first half wides.

Armagh's first score came from sub Veronica Donnelly after 41 minutes.

followed immediately by a point from a free by Denise McCreanor. But these were safe scores.

On this performance, Antrim look good enough to retain their provincial title.

Antrim: K Coyles, B McCollum, C McGinley, S McMullan, C McGarry, B O'Neill (0-1), D O'Boyle (1-2), A Moore (0-6, frees), A McKee (2-1), G McMullan (1-1), D Heatley, C Doherty (0-2). Subs: O Elliott (3-1) for D Heatley (27 mins), T Lundy for B O'Neill (40 mins), U Brady for G McMullan (45 mins).

Armagh: B Loughran, B Rice, P Mallon, C Curry, F Hughes, D McCreanor (0-1, free), R O'Neill, A Donnelly, J O'Neill, A Kearney, A Woods, J Monaghan. Subs: V Donnelly (0-1) for C Curry (40 mins), B Burns for D McCreanor (46 mins), K Woods for P Mallon (53 mins).

Referee: M Brolly (Derry).



The Ballygarvan team, which participated in the recent South East Schools Camogie Blitz competition in Carrigaline.

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Nuala a thorn in Dublin side

Carlow 4-10
Dublin 3-3

THE Dublin junior camogie side must be sick of the sight of Carlow's Nuala Quirke. When the counties met in the National League the Myshall player scored 5-0.

On Sunday at the same venue - Carlow Hurling Club grounds, the Myshall flyer was at it again, scoring a superb 2-3 from play in the first half as Carlow advanced to a meeting with Wexford or Offaly in the next round of the Leinster championship.

In addition to the threat from Quirke, Carlow's Valerie Crean was also in top form, scoring 1-5 and showing tremendous accuracy from frees.

Carlow fell into arrears only once in the game. After Quirke and Crean (free) had given the Barrowsiders a 0-2 to nil lead, Dublin's sharp forward Eilish Ní Chearnaigh

While Carlow were a little uncertain in defence at times they were able to prevent the visitors gaining any real advantage with the strong wind behind them.

Carlow's 2-5 to 2-3 interval lead was a happy situation for the home side. And with Crean taking over the scoring stakes the score mounted for Carlow. A superb early goal direct from the Leighlinbridge club player really set up a home victory.

Charmaine Gibson hurled with great effect. Mary Coady and Olivia O'Neill also grafted hard.

Dublin's lone second half score, from a free by Paula Malcolmson left Carlow six points clear and Denis 'Rackard' Coady's side made certain of victory with a late goal from Ann Marie Murphy and a point from long range by Olivia Maye with her first stroke after being introduced.

Carlow goalie Mary Nolan made some fine saves, none more important than one in the second half when she blocked a fine effort from Eilish Ní Chearnaigh, which was goal-bound. Sheila Ryan, Joanne Lawlor and Lisa Grennan got through a lot of hard work in defence.

Carlow now advance to play Wexford or Offaly in the Leinster semi-final and will not be short on confidence.

Carlow: Mary Nolan (Myshall), Sheila Ryan (Myshall), Joanne

Lawlor (Myshall), Charmaine Gibson (Kildavin), Lisa Grennan (St. Mullins), Mary Coady (St. Mullins), 0-1, Olivia O'Neill (Myshall), Kathleen Brennan (Leighlinbridge), Aine Murphy (St. Mullins), Nuala Quirke (Myshall), 2-3, Anne Marie Ryan (St. Mullins), 1-0, Valerie Crean (Leighlinbridge), 1-5. Subs: Marie Coady (Mt. Leinster Rangers) for Murphy; Olivia Maye (Myshall), 0-1 for Grennan.

Dublin: Lisa Ryan, Siobhán Young, Michelle Abbott, Aileen Mulcahy, Aileen Ní Thuathail, Simone Gilbert, Helena Nolan, Fiona Guckian, Julie Banton, Paula Malcolmson, 1-3, Fiona Hughes, Eilish Ní Chearnaigh, 1-0. Sub: Una Ward 1-0 for Banton. Referee: Oliver Ryan (Laois).

● KILDAVIN, on the trail of a fourth successive Carlow u-14 camogie championship, meet Naomh Bríd in the county semi-final tomorrow (Thursday) at Dr. Cullen Park at 7.30.

The holders will look to big performances from Mary Murphy, Patricia Treacy, Lisa Lennon and Yvonne Byrne to keep their good run going. Naomh Bríd's big names are Lisa Nolan, Julie Ann Lawlor, Louise Nevin and Karen Taylor.

● Carlow camogie results: U-12: Naomh Bríd 2-0, St. Mullins 0-0; Naomh Bríd 5-1, Carlow Town, 0-0; u-14 semi-final Naomh Bríd 0-0, u-16: Naomh Bríd 1-3, St. Mullins 0-0.

Old rivals to do battle for league title

by Mary Newman

SUNDAY next will see the clash of old rivals, Cork and Kilkenny, in the Senior National League Final at Páirc Uí Rinn, throw-in 2 pm.

Sunday's game will be the fifth time the sides will have met in a National League Final. Cork are going for three-in-a-row and will be anxious to maintain the upper hand on a Kilkenny side they met in last year's All-Ireland semi-final.

Cork's win over All-Ireland Champions, Galway, in the League semi-final, will have given them great confidence facing into Sunday's game. Particularly pleasing to the Cork mentors was the scoring of 17 points and the display of the newer members of the squad.

To have got to a National League Final is a bonus for any selection committee in their preparations for the forthcoming championship, as it gives them a chance to try new players. This year Cork have introduced several of last season's victorious Junior team and they have slotted in extremely well. Hilda Kenneally, Cora Keohane, Caoimhe Harrington, Eileen Buckley and Ursula Troy are all newcomers who have performed admirably in Cork's campaign.

Add to this the experience of Irene O'Keeffe, Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Lynn Dunlea and Team Captain, Linda Mellerick, and one can see that Cork have a nice blend of youth and experience.

Cork, have a total of six National League titles to

their credit, '84, '86, '91, '92, '95 and '96. Linda Mellerick captained Cork in a previous National League final with Kilkenny, when the Noreiders ran out winners in 1994.

Since then Kilkenny have also added new faces to their team. Gone is the legendary Angela Downey. However, twin sister Ann, is still a valuable member of the side and added to the team this season is Mags Hickey, who spent last season in America.

Mags captained UCC to Ashbourne Cup success and she makes a welcome return to the Kilkenny side.

However, they will be without Gillian Dillon, daughter of the legendary Pa Dillon, as she was married last Saturday and is out of the country on honeymoon and Sinead Millea.

Maria Maher, Tracy Millea, Michelle Fennelly and Catriona Carey, a sister of D. J., the Kilkenny hurler fall in.

They beat Tipperary in their semi-final outing and are making a tremendous effort to win the National League title.

Kilkenny, with nine National League titles to their credit are up there with the best. It promises to be a top-class encounter.

On the local front the Féile na nGael blitz takes place this weekend with games down at six venues and with 23 U-14 teams participating it promises to be an exciting weekend.

On Tuesday evening the quarter-finals of the U-12 League takes place, whilst on Friday evening its back to the action for the Cork seniors, who take on Limerick in the Munster Senior Championship.

Fixtures
Saturday: Féile na nGael at Ballygarvan 11 a.m.; Uire Og 3 p.m.; Glen Rovers 6 p.m.
Sunday: Féile na nGael at Bishopscourt, Ballyhenly and Mayfield, 11 a.m.
Senior National League Final: Cork v Kilkenny, Páirc Uí Rinn 2 p.m.
Tuesday: Féile na nGael quarter-finals, venues to be arranged.
Thursday: U-12 league quarter-finals, venues to be arranged.

Mason switch pays dividends for Down girls

Ulster Junior Camogie Championship semi-final

Down 1-14 Derry 1-7

DOWN bounced back from their defeat in the National League final a week ago to set up a rematch with Antrim in the Ulster Junior championship final.

The Down management took a novel approach to Saturday's game, shifting Edel Mason from full-back to centre-forward in place of the ineligible Mairin McAleenan and brought in two new defenders - Claire McGovern and Nikki Magee.

Edel Mason's new role proved an instant success with the Portaferry girl shooting the opening goal after six minutes. Orla Downey however responded almost immediately with a similar score for Derry and they led by 1-2 to 1-1.

However, Down regained the advantage with Sinead McGovern, Cathy Mulholland and Mason causing plenty of difficulties for the Derry defence in which Siobhán

Convery played brilliantly.

Down led by 1-7 to 1-5 at the break and withdrew Mason to centrefield, but they tightened their grip on proceedings and pulled away in the final ten minutes for a comfortable victory.

Jennifer Braniff, Sinead McGovern and Donna Greeran were outstanding for the winners while Claire Doherty and Anna O'Loughlin ably assisted Siobhán Convery keep the losers in the game.

Down: T McGowan, N Magee, C McGrath, D Greeran, C McGovern, J Braniff (0-4), C Hynds (0-1), D Savage, C Mulholland (0-2), E Mason (1-5), V Hynds, S McGovern (0-2).

Derry: A Crilly, G McGlone, S Kearins, S Convery, C Doherty, P McGulgan (0-3), A O'Loughlin (0-1), R McCloskey (0-2), M Gallagher, M O'Kane, C Mulholland (0-1), O Downey (1-0). Subs: J Scullion for S Kearins, P McAtamney for M Gallagher.

Cork take League title

CORK 4-12
KILKENNY 0-9
CLASSY Cork retained camogie's National Senior League title with a sparkling display in this rather disappointing final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.

A hat-trick of goals by Lynn Dunlea, Linda Mellerick and Vivienne Harris pushed the league champions into a 3-5 to 0-7 lead.

Marina Downey did her best to keep Kilkenny in touch, but the Rebels continued to dominate in the second half and ran out easy winners.

SCORERS - Cork: L Dunlea 2-5, L Mellerick 1-1, V Harris 1-0, S O'Callaghan 0-2, M O'Connor, S Fitzgibbon, H Kenneally, I O'Keeffe 0-1 each. Kilkenny: M Downey 0-7, C Dunne, B Mulally 0-1 each.

MIDLANDS CAMOGIE FEILE - A Final: Delvin (Westmeath) 3-1; Camross (Laois) 2-2. B Final: St Anne's (Louth) 0-1; Loughliffe Gaels (Westmeath) 0-0 (both games a.p.).

Corker is on cards league decider

TOMORROW Pairc Uí Rinn is the place to be where the final of the National League takes place between old rivals Cork and Kilkenny in a clash that promises to be a cracking contest (2 p.m.).

Two weeks ago Cork had a very impressive win over All-Ireland champions Galway in the semi-final but on this occasion they are certainly under no illusions as to the task confronting them.

Kilkenny have been

Bogey

Cork's bogey team down through the years but in recent times Cork have had the edge over the Cats and tomorrow they will be hoping to continue their winning streak.

The Cork team for will see Cora Keohane from Barryroe between the posts. This is Cora's first time in a National final with the Cork seniors.

However Cora is an experienced keeper having played with the Cork Minor team and UCC.

Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn and Mary O'Connor complete what is a very experience defence.

The midfield positions go to Hilda Ken-

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neally from Newcestown, who will also be playing in her first senior final, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Vivienne Harris.

Captain of the side Linda Mellerick will be at centre-forward with Sinead O'Callaghan, Lynne Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll completing the full-forward line.

In their semi-final Kilkenny defeated Tipperary and looked impressive.

Their successful trainer of the 80s Tom Ryan is back in the driving seat and has brought renewed enthusiasm to the camp.

While their team has not been announced it is certain to include regulars Ann Downey, Marina Downey, the Millea sisters Sinead and Theresa and Gillian Dillon.

All these players have been through the mill before and are no strangers to finals.

It will undoubtedly be close again on this occasion and, being at home, Cork camogie fans will hopefully come along to support their side in what promises to be one of the best games of the season.



Lumann Camógaiochta na nGael

Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann

Cill Chainnigh

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Páirc Uí Rinn, Corcaigh.
An Domhnach, 08 Meitheamh, 1997.
2.00 l.n.

Clár Oifigiúil
Lunch: 50p

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| Corcaigh | 0 - 17 | An Ghaillimh | 1 - 10 |

Rebels to hang onto League title

OLD rivals Cork and Kilkenny should thrill a large attendance at Pairc Uí Rinn on Sunday (2.0) when they contest the Senior Camogie League Final.

The Rebel County toppled All-Ireland Champions, Galway in the semi-final 0-17 to 1-10 with a display of great flair and determination and they are not going to surrender their League title easily.

CAMOGIE BY P. J. FULLAM

They can produce good scoring power in Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll, Linda Mellerick and Sinead O'Callaghan.

Kilkenny overpowered Tipperary 4-17 to 3-10 in their semi-final but face Sunday's match without star forward Sinead Millea, at present in the 'States. They will be looking to Anne Downey, Marina Downey, Cathriona Carey, Catherine Dunne and Margaret Comerford to take the title.

However Cork should shade a close affair.

Cill Chainnigh

Dubh agus Ómra

- 1
Miriam Ní Aomáin
Miriam Holland
Lisdowney
- 2
Tracey Ní Mhaolaidh
Tracey Milles
St. Brigid's
- 3
Sinéad Ní Mhaolaidh
Sinéad Milles
St. Brigid's
- 4
Mairéad Ní Colsteala
Mairéad Costello
Freshford
- 5
Úna Ní Mhurchú
Úna Murphy
Tullagher
- 6
Sinéad Ní Colsteala
Sinéad Costello
Freshford
- 7
Caitríona Ní Dhuinn
Catherine Duanne
Lisdowney
- 8
Gillian Ní Dhiolbáin
Gillian Dillon
Freshford
- 9
Kelly Ní Longáin
Kelly Long
Lisdowney
- 10
Eilís Ní Chinnéide
Eilís Kennedy
Freshford
- 11
Áine Ní Dhúnaigh
Aine Downey
Lisdowney
- 12
Marina Ní Dhúnaigh
Marina Downey
Lisdowney
Captaen

Ionadaithe

13. Mairéad Ní Cumascaigh
Mairéad Comerford, St. Brigid's
14. Póilín Ní Cumascaigh
Pauline Comerford, St. Brigid's
15. Bríd Ní Mhaolaidh
Brigid Mulally, Glanmore
16. Martina Ní Thomáis
Martina Holmes, Tullaroan
17. Caitríona Ní Cháirdha
Caitríona Carey, Young Ireland
18. Mairéad Ní Icí
Margaret Hickey, Freshford
19. Michelle Ní Fhionnalaigh
Michelle Fennelly, St. Brigid's

Corcaigh

Dearg agus Bán

- 1
Córa Ní Cheocháin
Cora Keohane
- 2
Sandie Ní Giobáin
Sandie Fitzgibbon
- 3
Linda Ní Mhaolghéiric
Linda Mellerick
- 4
Denise Ní Chróinín
Denise Cronin
- 5
Sinéad Ní Cheallacháin
Sinéad O'Callaghan
- 6
Eithne Ní Dhungáin
Eithne Duggan
- 7
Mairéad Ní Fhinn
Mags Finn
- 8
Vivienne Ní Earchaí
Vivienne Harris
- 9
Hilde Ní Chionnaoillidh
Hilda Keeneally
- 10
Fiona Ní Dhrisceoll
Fiona O'Driscoll
- 11
Lynn Ní Dholnleáibhe
Lynn Dunlea
- 12
Máire Ní Chonchubhair
Mary O'Connor

Ionadaithe

13. Máire Chinnéile
Mary Keeneally
14. Eibhlín Ní Bhuachalla
Eileen Buckley
15. Ursula Ní Throilthigh
Ursula Troy
16. Irene Ní Chaoimh
Irene O'Keefe
17. Stíofáin Ní Dholnleáibhe
Stephanie Dunlea
18. Liza Ní Chéilleachair
Liza Keleher
19. Eimhear Ní Shúilleabháin
Emer O'Sullivan
20. Linda Ní Shúilleabháin
Linda O'Sullivan

An Réiteoir: Bríd Mhic Philib, Tiobraid Árann

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Rebels conquer the Cats to retain league honours

Cork 4-12
Kilkenny 0-9

by Tom Higgins

A MUCH more determined, skilful, and fitter Cork camogie side captured their third National Senior League title in a row at Pairc Ui Rinn, Cork, yesterday when they beat Kilkenny.

Faster to the ball and in control in nearly all departments the home side, who introduced some of last year's All-Ireland-winning junior side, got off to a dream start. Playing against the wind, in the second minute, Lynn Dunlea goaled from a free. And after 14 minutes they were 3-4 to 0-3 ahead.

However, they failed to score for the remainder of the half to leave it 3-4 to 0-7 at the break, with all Kilkenny scores coming from Marina Downey.

When Kilkenny, who are team building at the moment, had the opening point of the second half from Bridget Mullally, it looked as if they might make a game of it.

But they were only to score a further point from Margaret Comerford two minutes later and Cork strolled to the easiest of victories.

For Cork the defence

was very solid with Eithne Duggan, Mary O'Connor and Mags Finn in excellent form. Sandie Fitzgibbon, and in particular Vivienne Harris, dominated midfield, while captain Linda Mellerick and Sinead O'Callaghan were a real threat to the Kilkenny defence.

Miriam Holland had a good game in goal for Kilkenny but got poor cover from her defence in which Sinéad Costello and Mags Hickey tried hard. Marina Downey was Kilkenny's best player at midfield while Ann Downey, by her standards, had a poor game in the half forwards. Up front Kelly Long was given little leeway although she tried very hard.

Scorers: Cork: L. Dunlea 2-4 (1-2 frees, 0-1 "30"), L. Mellerick 1-2, V. Harris 1-0, S. O'Callaghan 0-2, M. O'Connor 0-1, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1, H. Kenneally 0-1, I. O'Keefe 0-1. Kilkenny: M. Downey 0-7 (0-4 frees, 0-1 "30"), B. Mullally 0-1, M. Comerford 0-1.

CORK: C. Keohane; E. Duggan; D. Cronin, M. O'Connor, M. Finn; H. Kenneally, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Harris, F. O'Driscoll, L. Mellerick (capt), S. O'Callaghan; L. Dunlea. Subs: I. O'Keefe for F. O'Driscoll (41st minute); U. Troy for S. O'Callaghan (55th minute); E. Buckley for V. Harris (57th minute).

KILKENNY: M. Holland; G. Dillon; T. Millea, S. Costello, M. Hickey; M. Downey, E. Kennedy, C. Dunne; A. Downey, M. Comerford, C. Carey; B. Mullally. Subs: K. Long for G. Dillon (39th minute); M. Costello for B. Mullally (45 minute).

Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary).



Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll tackles Kilkenny's Catherine Dunne at Pairc Ui Rinn yesterday.

Picture: Des Barry

Cork retain their national league title



■ Lynn Dunlea shoots her goal during this Cork attack against Kilkenny in their Senior National Camogie League Final.



■ Cork captain Linda Mellerick strikes past Kilkenny defender in their National League Final game at Páirc Uí Rinn.



■ Gary Tett celebrates Cork's win in the National League Final with his aunt Linda Mellerick who captained the side.

LINDA Mellerick Cork's Senior Camogie Captain led by example as she gave a fine performance of forward play, capped with a wonderful goal as the rebels easily brushed aside the challenge of a young Kilkenny side.

Played on a day when most of Cork's GAA followers were in

Limerick the crowd was small but they were thrilled by the camogie served up by both sides.

Lynn Dunlea got the

Cork girls off to a great start when she goaled from a close in free and she was to score again in the second half when her shot had too much power for Kilkenny keeper Miriam Holland to keep out though she did get her hurley to it.

Midfielder Vivienne Harris was another to

catch the eye with her wonderful ball control and lengthy striking.

Irene O'Keefe who came on as a sub impressed. Mags Finn, Eithne Duggan and Mary O'Connor put up a solid defence in front of the Cork goal.

Following the presentation Linda

Mellerick was crowned with the League title the third in a row. She regretted leaving Ireland Champion behind them last year. She vowed that she would do everything possible to rectify '97.

By Mike E.



■ President of the National Camogie Board Phil Breslin presents the National League Trophy to Linda Mellerick, Captain Cork Senior Camogie team.



■ Hilda Kenneally blocks down this Kilkenny clearance during their National Camogie League Final.



■ Mags Finn Cork clears under pressure from Kilkenny.



■ Cork Camogie Team which won the National League beating Kilkenny at Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday.



Tracton, who took part in the Schools Camogie Blitz in Carrigaline recently. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



Belgooly, who took part in the Camogie Blitz in Carrigaline recently. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



The Ballygarvan team, who participated in the recent South East Schools Camogie Blitz competition in Carrigaline recently. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



The Carrigaline Girls NS team, who took part in the South East Schools Camogie Blitz in Carrigaline. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)

DOUGLAS CAMOGIE CLUB

Pride of place this week goes to our Under 12 team who were victorious in the play-off stage of the league. Other fixtures included the Under 14 league and Under 14 Feile blitz.

Under 12

Congratulations to our Under 12 team on their super victory over Youghal in a play-off for a place in the quarter final of the league. This team were defeated last year at this hurdle and were determined to go further this year. They beat Youghal on a scoreline of 8 goals to no score with many fine individual performances but overall it was a great team effort. Michelle O'Donovan was excellent in the goal. Our backline was made up of Ciera Kennifick,

Natasha Flanagan, Niamh Cowhey and Catherine Fleming. Mid-field were Doireann Murray, Amaya Dunworth and Helen O'Mahony. While up front were Louise O'Regan, Deirdre Murphy (3 goals each), Fiona O'Donovan and Lisa Ward (1 goal each). The team now play Carrigaline in the quarter final which had been fixed for the 12th June and I will report on that game in next week's article. Best wishes to all concerned.

Under 14 league

This game against Delaneys was vital for Douglas to win as victory would have maintained our interest in the play off stage of the league. In difficult underfoot conditions scores were hard to come by. In the first

half Douglas put on a lot of pressure but could only score one point while Delaneys scored a goal. In the second half Douglas improved considerably with goals from Louise O'Regan and Fiona O'Donovan putting us ahead. However, Delaneys came back strongly and ran out winners on the scoreline of 4 goals and 3 points to 2 goals and 1 point. Eilish Murphy played well in defence while Jane O'Leary and Anne-Marie Downey tried hard in mid-field. This team has three more games to play in the competition but are unlikely to figure in the play off stages.

Under 14 Feile

This blitz competition was held in Ballanley with Douglas playing Inniscarra and Killeagh in games of 15 minutes each half. In

the first game Douglas were beaten by Inniscarra in a closely contested game. Inniscarra then played Killeagh and were again victorious. This left Douglas and Killeagh to fight it out for the wooden spoon. The Douglas girls took the game to Killeagh and were on the attack for most of the game but were unable to get the vital scores. In a breakaway attack Killeagh succeeded in scoring the vital goal which gave them the victory. While our girls tried hard they never achieved their potential due in part to the slippery surface. Some players, however, did stand out most notably Fionn McSweeney playing in the back line cleared many long balls and Jane O'Leary who put in a great effort up front.



LEFT: Ellen Clifford, St. Finbarrs who captained the Cork Under 18 Camogie Team photographed with her parents Mary and Donal with Daniel, Brother and Louise, Sister.

BELOW: Photographed at Cork Camogie Board Function to honour their Junior and Senior teams were officers including Mary Moran, President; Sheila Golden, Chairperson; Captain Antoinette O'Connell; Ellen Clifford; Sinéad Cahalane and Mags Finn representing the senior panel.

(Pics: Mike English)



CORK COLLEGES CAMOGIE

ALL Ireland Senior champions Charleville were the standard bearers yet again this season as they defeated Coachford in the Senior A and U15A Finals. Vince Harrington, Mary's coach for the past decades, has harnessed the potential of players such as Eileen O'Brien and Eileen O'Callaghan, Caoimhe Bowles to name but a few. Camogie will benefit greatly from the expert work on the training fields of Charleville with the recent entry of Newtownshandrum and Milford into the Cork Championships.

Seandún schools were well represented on the winners podium also with St Patrick's, Mayfield coached by John Ring defeating Coachford in the Senior B Final by the narrowest of margins. According to Sab Buckley, Sinéad Kelly, Jackie O'Sullivan and Therese Drummond the majority of the Pats squad are all available again next year whilst the nucleus of Rob Lott's Coachford senior panel are Transition year students. Cork players Sinéad A. Buckley, Linda Ronan, Sinéad C. Buckley, Sheila Crowley and Cork minor captain Mary Ennaguess will be

prominent members in 1998 along with Maria Noonan, Ann Ennaguess and Claire McCarthy. Christ King won the U15B against St Mary's Macroom in a final where Amanda O'Regan, Amanda Murphy, Emer Dillon and the promising Cathriona Kelly outshone Una O'Donoghue, Katherine Corkery and company from Macroom. Ballyphehane won the Intermediate final against Loretto, Fermoy who had Brid O'Neill as their star but could not counter Ber Maher, Lynda O'Connell and Veronica Nash from the Southside team.

New schools such as

Dunmanway, Blarney, North Pres, Ballincollig Community, Pres Michelstown and Coláiste Choilm participated this year and Anna O'Donoghue inspired her charges from Dunmanway to victory in the first year B blitz. Christ King, with Christine O'Regan and Sheila Morgan at the helm, beat Clonakilly in the A blitz but Liam Nash's Clon turned the tables on the Christ Ri girls by beating them in the county semi-final before dethroning Charleville in the final.

Cork senior players such as Irene O'Keefe, Kanturk School; Mary O'Connor, Midleton; Trish

Murphy, Mallow and Cork Selector Angela Higgins, Cobh are improving the level of skill in their colleges and will be competing with top schools such as Charleville, Coachford, St Patricks and Bandon in the senior ranks in the near future. It is no wonder, then, that 14 of the victorious Cork minor panel come from the aforementioned top schools and, if more emphasis is put on camogie at secondary schools level, then the inter-county teams will reap the benefits of all the extra practice and dedication that sets these players apart as excellent competitors and diligent students.



National Camogie League champions Cork who made it three titles in a row with a win over Kilkenny at Páirc Uí Rinn.

DUBLIN WIN LEINSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Dublin secured the Leinster Minor Championship title for the first time in a decade when they had a good win over Kilkenny in the replay at Ballyboden. Dublin took the game to their opponents from the start and led 2-6 to 0-2 at the break.

Despite Kilkenny's best efforts in the second half, they were unable to match the sheer determination of this Dublin side.

Final score: Dublin 3-7 Kilkenny 1-4

Scorers: Dublin - Shauna Keagh 2-0, Sinead Elliott 1-1, Sarah Crosby 0-3, Joyce Donnelly, Ann McCloskey and Sarah Massey 0-1 each.

Kilkenny - Deirdre Brennan 1-2, Linda Crennan and Elizabeth Lyng 0-1 each.

Dublin team: Sile Cotter, Siobhan Madden, Gemma Flynn, Lorraine O'Connell, Jackie Carroll, Sarah Crosbie, Sinead Elliott, Ann McCloskey, Sarah Massey, Joyce Donnelly, Aoife Kelly, Shauna Keagh. Subs - Louise Cahill for A Kelly, Deirdre Magill for S Massey. Rest of panel: Louise Rooney, Deirdre O'Connor, Alison McGrath, Sandra Martin, Theresa Foran, Gillian McCloskey.

Kilkenny team: Orla Phelan, Sarah O'Gorman, Jane Foley, Mairead Costelloe, Eimear Lyng, Siobhan White, Linda Crennan, Cora Dowling, Anna Marie Young, Elizabeth Lyng, Deirdre Brennan, Claire Delaney. Subs - Sinead Connery for S White, Laura Sweeney for AM Young.

Rest of panel: Sarah Butler, Ann Marie Raftice, Caitriona McCormack, Jane Gibbons, Laura Hanlon, Sinead Kavanagh, Elizabeth Teehan. Referee - Jack O'Brien, Wexford.

Leinster champions Kildare are through to the semi-final of the Leinster Championship when they recorded a comprehensive win over Laois at Camross. This was both sides first outing having got a bye in the first round. Kildare aided by a strong wind in the first half had registered 3-12 to 0-3 at the break.

Laois scored 1-3 in the second half and held their opponents to just four points.

Final score: Kildare 3-16 Laois 1-6

Scorers: Kildare - Aisling Treacy 1-6, Miriam Malone 0-5, Elaine Miley 1-1, Liz Doran 1-1, Ruth Treacy 0-3, Anna Dargan 0-1.

Laois - Trish Cuddy 1-4, Therese Keenan 0-2.

Referee - Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Westmeath reached the Leinster Junior Championship semi-final for the first time since 1988 with a great victory over Kilkenny at Ballyragget. The sides were

level on two occasions during the first half and at half time Westmeath led 0-9 to 0-5. For the first 25 minutes of the second half it was all Westmeath. Kilkenny managed two consolation points on the 26th and 29th minute.

Final score: Westmeath 0-15 Kilkenny 0-7

Scorers: Westmeath - Annette Heffernan 0-11, Andrea Martin 0-2, Celeste Dermody and Catherine Glynn 0-1 each.

Kilkenny - Pauleen Commerford 0-6, Ann Marie Hughes 0-1.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Other Leinster quarter final results:

Wexford 1-11 Offaly 0-6

Carlow 4-10 Dublin 3-3

Ulster Junior championship semi-finals:

Down 1-14 Derry 1-7

Down scorers: Edel Mason 1-5, Jennifer Braniff 0-4, Cathy Mulholland and Sinead McGovern 0-2 each, Colleen Hynds 0-1.

Derry - Orla Downey 1-0, Pauleen McGuigan 0-3, Roisin McCloskey 0-2, Ann McLoughlin and Claire Mulholland 0-1 each.

Antrim (the holders) 7-14 Armagh 0-2

Antrim scorers: Oonagh Elliott 3-1, Anne McKee 2-1, Aileen Moore 0-6, Denise O'Boyle 1-2, Grace McMullan 1-1, Carla Doherty 0-2, Bronagh O'Neill 0-1.

Armagh - Veronica Donnelly and Denise McCreanor 0-1 each.

Tipperary went down to Clare in the Ragg by four points in the Munster senior championship, thus reversing the senior league result of a couple of weeks ago. Because of exams, Tipperary were very understrength but never the less put up a fine performance. Clare always prove stiff opposition and were at full strength for this encounter. Tipperary were trailing by 0-6 at half time but they reduced the deficit to two eleven minutes into the second half. However, Clare hit back with three points and with only ten minutes remaining were ahead again by five points. Tipperary added another point to their total. Final score: Clare 1-14 Tipperary 1-10

On Sunday next Gael Linn Inter-Provinceals take place at Naomh Brid, Blanchardstown, Dublin. The following oppose each other in both senior and junior: Leinster v Ulster and Munster v Connacht. It is sure to be an entertaining event. In senior Munster (the holders) clash with Connacht which is almost certain to be an all Galway outfit and is sure to be a hard fought contest. Cork will provide at least ten of the Munster side and may well advance to the final.

Leinster will parade players from Kilkenny and Wexford while their opponents Ulster will draw from Armagh, Antrim and Down. Ulster had a good outfit last year and took Munster to extra time losing out on a score of 4-18 to 6-10. They may well reach the final again.

In junior it looks as if Ulster are favourites against Leinster while Munster may overcome Connacht with All-Ireland Junior championship beaten finalists Roscommon supplying most of the players.

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Charleville have two reasons to celebrate

Seandun schools also to the fore

ALL-IRELAND Senior Champions Charleville were the standard bearers yet again this season when they defeated Coachford College in the Senior A and Under 15 County finals.

Vince Harrington, the St. Mary's Coach for the past few decades, has harnessed the potential of players such as Sinead O'Callaghan, Caoimhe Harrington, Eileen O'Brien and Niamh Bowles, to name but a few.

Cork camogie will benefit greatly from the expert work on the training fields of Charleville, especially with the recent entry of Milford and Newtownshandrum into the Cork championships.

Seandun Schools were well represented on the winners' podium also, with St. Patrick's Mayfield, coached by John Ring, defeating Coachford in the Senior "B" decider by the narrowest of margins.

According to Sab Buckley, Sinead Kelly, Jackie O'Sullivan and Theresa Drummond, the majority of the Pats' squad are all available again next year whilst the nucleus of Rob Lott's Coachford are transition year students.

Cork players Sinead A Buckley, Linda Ronan, Sinead C. Buckley, Sheila Crowley and Cork Minor captain Mary Ennaguess will be prominent members in 1998.

Christ King won the Under 15 "B" against St. Mary's, Macroom, in a final where Amanda O'Regan, Samada Murphy, Emer Dillon and the promising Caitriona Kelly outshone the O'Donoghues, Catherine Corkery and company from Macroom.

Ballyphehane won the Intermediate final, beating Fermoy who had Brid O'Neill as their star but could not counter Ber Maher, Lynda O'Connell and Veronica Nash from the well balanced Southside team.

New Schools such as Dunmanway, Blarney, North Pres., Ballincollig Community, Presentation Mitchells-town and Colaiste Choilm participated this year and Anna O'Donoghue inspired her charges from Dunmanway to victory in the first year "B" Blitz.

Christ King, with Christine O'Regan and Sheila Morgan at the helm, beat Clonakilty in the "A" Blitz but Liam Nash's Clon turned the tables on the Christ Ri girls by beating them in the County semi final before dethroning Charleville in the final.

Cork Senior players such as Irene O'Keefe (Kanturk School), Mary O'Connor (Midleton), Trish Murphy (Mal-lon) and Cork selector



Angela Higgins (Cobh) are improving the level of skill in their Colleges and will be competing with top schools such as Charleville, Coachford, St. Patrick's and Bandon in the senior ranks in the near future.

It is no wonder, then, that 14 of the victorious Cork Minor panel come from the aforementioned top schools and, if more emphasis is put on camogie at secondary schools level, then the inter-county teams will reap the benefits of all the extra practice and dedication that sets these players apart as excellent competitors and diligent students.



McSwiney Community College, Knocknaheeny, who defeated Kilmallock in the Munster Under 16 final.

Camogie great is honoured

ONE of the greats of Cork camogie was recently honoured at a special function in Carlow.

Timoleague-born Hannah Dineen, pictured above with former players and friends, who captained the Cork Camogie team to glory in 1972 was feted by her teaching colleagues in her adopted county.

When Hannah graduated from UCC she taught in Bantry before taking up a post in St. Leo's College, Carlow.

It was known she had specialised in camogie and recently friends at St. Leo's decided to pay recognition to her.

The function came as a total

surprise to her. She was led to believe she was in the running for an Irish language teaching award, but she was taken aback to see family members and camogie friends up from Cork.

Her camogie career took off in UCC. She joined the college camogie club and set about preparing for an onslaught on the Ashbourne Cup.

Mick Mortell, who was a member of the Cork senior hurling team at the time, trained the college camogie team and it was fitting that among the many messages of congratulations which Hannah received were from the President of UCC, Dr. Mortell.

Cork too good for depleted Limerick

CORK were in top form and proved much too good for an under-strength Limerick, winning 7-13 to 0-3, in the first round of the Munster camogie championship in Limerick last night.

Lynn Dunlea was top scorer for Cork, with a personal total of 3-7. Irene O'Keefe scored 2-2 before she retired injured approaching half time and was replaced by Fiona O'Driscoll.

Limerick were without top scorer Eileen O'Brien and other regulars.

Limerick Scorers: P. McCarthy (0-2), L. O'Sullivan (0-1).

Cork Scorers: L. Dunlea (3-7), I. O'Keefe (2-2), S. O'Callaghan (2-0), V. Harris, F. O'Driscoll, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon (0-1 each).

LIMERICK: Brede O'Brien, Bernia O'Brien, P. McKenna, L. Leahy, L. O'Riordan, S. O'Kelly, M. Sheehan, D. Sheehan, K. Burke, A. Sheehy, P. McCarthy, L. Leahy. Sub: N. Creagan for P. McKenna.

CORK: C. Keohane, E. Duggan, E. Buckley, V. Cronin, M. O'Connor, V. Harris, H. Kenneally, L. Mellerick, S. O'Callaghan, L. Dunlea, I. O'Keefe, S. Fitzgibbon.

Sub: F. O'Driscoll for I. O'Keefe.

Referee: J. Morrissey (Tipperary).

CAMOGIE

Down Senior Semi-final
Lisdoon Fennells (holders) 6-18 Aghaling 1-8
Portlerry 1-9 Beann Dearg 1-6

Derry Senior Championship
First Round
Swatragh 3-10 Slaughtneil 0-1
Glen 3-6 Castledillon 2-5

Armagh Senior Championship
First Round
Ballymacrae 2-4 Keady 2-9
Derrymore 4-8 Madden 1-3
Tullysoran 2-8 An Port Mór (holders) 2-99

DOUGLAS CAMOGIE CLUB

A number of games were played in the past fortnight. The main game was the quarter final of the U12 league. The U14 team were in action in the league as well as in the CMP sponsored Community games.

This was the first year that Douglas camogie club were involved in this knock out competition. Our thanks to the Douglas community association for entering this unique event.

Under 12

This team has been very active for the past few months and qualified for the quarter final of the league against Carrigaline. Having lost the toss for venue this game was played in Carrigaline on Tuesday 12th. Unfortunately on the night we were unable

to break down the Carrigaline defence and were defeated on a scoreline of three goals and one point to one point. Catherine Fleming played brilliantly in defence with good assistance from Clara Kenniffick. Douglas had to bring Louise O'Regan and Fiona O'Donovan to midfield to try make some headway in this area. Louise was very unlucky with a long range effort that just skimmed the post. While I know the girls were disappointed with the result I would like to

congratulate them on their achievements to date. They have many fine players and need to keep up the effort in training. Success cannot be far away.

For the record the following was the panel for this game. Michelle O'Donovan was excellent in goal. Our back line was made up of Clara Kenniffick, Natasha Flanagan, Niamh Cowhey and Catherine Fleming. Midfield were Doireann Murray, Amaya Dunworth and Helen O'Mahony. While up front were Louise O'Regan, Deirdre Murphy, Fiona O'Donovan and Lisa Ward. Subs who were played were Nicole Barriscale, Helen O'Connell and Elaine Flannery.

Under 14 League

This game was against Ballyphehane and Douglas won convincingly. Our main strength was in our midfield line with Sinead O'Mahony, Anne Marie Downey and Evelyn O'Mahony all combining well to ensure a plentiful supply of ball to the forwards who took their chances well. The forwards were Paula Falvey, a promising new comer, Eilish Barry, Orla Curtin and Kim Goulding. In defence Eilish Murphy is showing good form, ably assisted by Fiona McSweeney, Dara O'Donovan and Laura Hayes with Michelle O'Donovan in goal.

Community Games Camogie Under 14

The age limit for this competition is different

than the normal county board competition so a number of our regular panel had to be excluded. Another aspect which limited our panel was that we had to nominate 16 players in advance of starting the games which meant any player who was going on holidays has also to be excluded.

In our first game we faced Bishopstown, a club who are veterans of this event and who had won the Cork section on a number of occasions. However Douglas proved too good on the night and ran out comfortable winners. Best for Douglas were Fiona McSweeney and Anne Marie Downey. This win saw us through to the finals day which was held in "The Farm."

In the semi final we were drawn against Carrigaline. This was a great game between two evenly balanced teams. Carrig scored two goals playing against a strong breeze but Douglas hit back when Dara O'Donovan was on the end of a great cross from Louise O'Regan. At half time we went in a goal down with all to play for. Douglas were still trailing by that goal with 5 minutes to play but were applying a lot of pressure.

The breakthrough came when Louise O'Regan lobbed a high free into the goal mouth and Sinead O'Mahony connected to score a vital goal. With time running out we

scored the winning goal when Dara O'Donovan was again on hand to finish off some good work by our midfielders. Those mentioned above had very good games ably assisted by Eilish Murphy, Jane O'Leary, Laura Hayes and Anne Marie Downey.

And so we were through to the final in our first year entering the competition. Two of our players, Fiona McSweeney and Orla Curtin, had to make a dash for the train at this point as they had tickets for the Boyzone concert in Dublin. They had changed their travel arrangements to play in the semi final and must be praised for their dedication.

In the final we were up against the favourites, Milford. This game was a one sided affair, with many of our players failing to reach the level of their earlier game. The effort exerted in that game had drained the energy out of many of the players. Michelle O'Donovan in goal was kept busy and brought off some great saves, while Elaine O'Connell and Eilish Barry in defence, Clara Kenniffick in midfield and Kim Goulding and Fiona O'Donovan up front tried very hard. In the end the skill of the Milford girls enabled them to run out worthy winners and we wish them the best in the All-Ireland finals.

Senior Championship - Seandún Selection

Hard luck to the Seandún team who were beaten by Glen Rovers in the first round of the championship in Ballincollig on Sunday last. Seandún had many fine performances most notably Paula Goggin, Sabrina Buckley, Sandra Ricken and Jean Paul Kent.

A reminder to our supporters and regular collectors - our annual Church gate collection scheduled for Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th July. This is one of our main fund raisers and is an opportunity for the people of the parish to show their appreciation for the great work being done by the club in catering for the needs of the youth of our parish. The club has over 100 active players who receive subsidised hurleys and helmets to ensure that cost is not a disincentive to getting involved. Please give generously. Our thanks to the priests of the parish for their co-operation in this regard.

Training continues on Monday and Thursday nights from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and all those finished their exams are requested to attend. It is hoped to arrange some games shortly to prepare for the U16 and Junior competitions.

Spirited performance in Senior County championship

Carbery 6-9
Carrigdhoun 2-12

In the week gone by, we saw two games in the Senior County Championship, with Carbery and Carrigdhoun clashing at Innishannon last Friday evening in a lively encounter. The much fancied Carrigdhoun side were making their first appearance in the competition and put up a spirited performance, but on the day could not match the Carbery side who can pick from 3 clubs, all with Senior experience. This told in the finish as players of the calibre of Hilda Kenneally, Antoinette O'Connell and Miriam Deasy gave the Carrigdhoun defence a hard time. To their credit they battled gamely, but in the end had to give way to the superior Carbery side, who now await the winners of the

Bishopstown v Imokilly clash.
Glen Rovers 2-10
Seandún 0-8

In the second game of the weekend, County Champions, Glen Rovers, fielding minus 6 of last season's winning panel, showed the grit and determination to qualify for a semi-final slot versus either Inniscarra, Cloughduv or Fr O'Neills.

The Blackpool side raced into the lead in the 17th minute when Denise Cronin goalied to put them 1-5 to 0-4 ahead. Emma Harte added a second goal three minutes later but to their credit Seandún added points from Jen Kent and Janice Duffy to leave the sides 2-6 to 0-7 at half time. After a consultation between the referee and scoreboard operator the half time score was changed to read

Glen Rovers 2-5, Seandún 0-8 much to the amazement of the crowd, radio and media personnel covering the game who all had the score 2-6 to 0-7. However, on the turn over Glen added four points to Seandún's one to run out winners.

For Glen, Linda Mellerick, Sadie Fitzgibbon and Mary Burke were excellent, while for Seandún Sandra Rickard, Jean Kent and Sabrina Buckley were best.

Fixtures

Friday June 27
Senior Championship
Inniscarra v Cloughduv at Coachford 7.30pm
Sat June 28
Senior Championship
Bishopstown v Imokilly at Caherlag 6.15pm
Munster Junior Championship
Cork v Limerick at Caherlag

Mini camogie league

THERE was a great buzz around Scoil Aiseiri Criost, Farranree last Monday afternoon as the girls took to the front lawn of the school to play their Mini Camogie League, the culmination of their year's coaching course.

Jim O'Sullivan of the Cork County Board Coaching Committee coordinated the event with the assistance of Sr Kevin who gave great cooperation at all times.



■ Lisa Walsh, Kelly Ann Healy, Deirdre O'Callaghan, Christine McCarthy and Elva O'Connor do a spot of sliotar balancing at Scoil Aiseiri Criost, Farranree, all part of their camogie coaching course. (Pic: Mike English)



■ Pupils at Scoil Aiseiri Criost, Farranree who put their camogie skills to good use in a Mini League in the school grounds. The coaching course is organised by the Cork County Board Coaching Committee. Included are coaches Jim O'Sullivan and Sr Kevin. (Pic: Mike English)



■ Pictured selling programmes at the Carrigdhoun v Carbery Camogie match at Innishannon were Elizabeth Bugler, Mary Helen Daly, Innishannon with Noreen O'Mahony from Kilmurry.



■ Carrigdhoun, who were defeated by Carbery in the first round of the Cork County Camogie Championship at Innishannon.



■ Carbery, who defeated Carrigdhoun in the Cork County Camogie Championship 1st round match played at Innishannon. (Pics: Howard Crowe)

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Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

MUNSTER WIN BOTH SENIOR AND JUNIOR GAEL LINN TITLES

Munster retained the Gael Linn camogie inter-provincial titles in senior and junior, bringing their total titles since the competition was inaugurated in 1956 to twenty four, twelve senior and twelve junior. Weather conditions were favourable and playing facilities at St Brigids GAA club, Russell Park were excellent. Presentations were made by An t-Uachtarán Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael Fileas Ni Bhreaslain to Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork), captain of the senior team and Hilda Kenneally (Cork), captain of the junior side.

Munster got off to a good start in the senior semi-final with a good win over Connacht, who fielded an all Galway side. It was a match that produced plenty of excitement. Munster got the upperhand in the final quarter to run out winners on a score of 3-14 to 2-10. Scorers: Munster - Lynn Dunlea 2-5, Pauleen McCarthy 1-0, Fiona O'Driscoll and Deirdre Hughes 0-3 each, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2, Hilda Kenneally 0-1.

Connacht - Denise Gilligan 0-8, Olive Costello and Anne Forde 1-0 each, Imelda Hobbins and Dymna Maher 0-1 each.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

In the other semi-final, Leinster v Ulster was a cracker. The first half was a see-saw battle. Leinster went into a five point lead in the third quarter. However, Ulster fought back but time ran out.

Final score: Leinster 3-14 Ulster 3-13

The final between Munster and Leinster produced lots of flair and determination, with little separating the sides at any time. In the final quarter, Leinster held a 0-4 lead and looked as if they were going to clinch the title.

However, a good final ten minutes by Munster earned them a draw. Munster 1-11 Leinster 2-8

In the extra time of ten minutes of each half Leinster had no answer for Munster's scoring ability, as they scored 3-7 to 0-3. Final score: Munster 4-18 Leinster 2-11

Scorers: Munster - Moira McMahon 2-6, Jovita Delaney 0-4, Lynn Dunlea and Catherine O'Loughlin 0-3 each, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-2.

Leinster - Marina Downey 0-5, Gerladine Codd and Esme Murphy 1-0 each, Valerie Crean, Margaret Hickey and Catherine Dunne 0-2 each.

Munster team - Cora Keohane, Marie Collins, Eithne Duggan, Jovita Delaney, Mary O'Connor, Catherine O'Loughlin, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lisa Kellagher, Deirdre Hughes, Lynn Dunlea, Sinead Sheehan, Mary Kennefic, Paula Bulfin, Moira McMahon, Claire Madden.

Leinster - Michelle Fennelly, Avis Nolan, Esther Kennedy, Sinead Costello, Kelly Long, Michelle O'Leary, Marina Downey, Margaret Hickey, Kate Kelly, Catherine Dunne, Geraldine Codd, Esme Murphy.

Subs - Aileen Ni Thuathail, Siobhan Young, Paula Malcolmson, Yvette Cully, Valerie Crean, Nuala Quirke, Bernie Houlahan.

Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford.

In the junior semi-final Munster led Connacht all the way, and half way through the second half, they led by 0-11. A good finish by Connacht came too late.

Final Score: Munster - 3-14 Connacht 4-6.

Scorers: Munster - Tiona Hennessy 2-2, Sinead O'Callaghan 1-4, Mary Kennefic 0-4, Deirdre Hughes 0-2, Hilda Kenneally and Allison Dilworth

0-1 each.

Connacht - Collete Nevin 2-1, Therese Maher 1-1, Mary Gannon 1-0, Michelle Glynn 0-3, Shauna Ward 0-1. Referee - Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Leinster and Ulster was quite a good tussle. A goal separated the sides at half time.

Leinster 1-4 Ulster 0-4. Final score: Leinster 1-8 Ulster 0-7.

Scorers: Leinster - Valerie Crean 0-7, Miriam Malone 1-0, Michelle Davis 0-1.

Ulster - Valerie Hynds 0-3, Glenda Fitzpatrick, Carla Doherty and Catherine Finnegan 0-1 each.

Referee - Noeleen Cormican, Galway.

The Munster v Leinster final produced good fare. It was a close contest all through. With less than five minutes remaining, Munster led by a goal. Leinster missed many scoring chances and Munster edged into a 3-11 to 2-10 victory.

Scorers: Munster - Deirdre Hughes 3-1, Triona Hennessy 0-4, Hilda Kenneally, Mary Kennefic and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2 each.

Leinster - Nuala Quirke 2-1, Valerie Crean 0-6, Mary Henry 0-2, Miriam Malone 0-1.

Munster - Leona Nolan, Emily Hayden, Suzanne Kelly, Enda Dineen, Noelle Kennedy, Sinead Collins, Allison Dilworth, Hilda Kenneally, Linda O'Sullivan, Sinead O'Callaghan, Mary Kennefic, Triona Hennessy.

Subs - Deirdre Hughes, Claire Madden, Ursula Troy, Therese Brophy.

Leinster - Mary Henry, Aoife Davitt, Melanie Treacy, Derville O'Carroll, Claire O'Connor, Michelle Davis, Alish Atkinson, Christine O'Brien, Nuala Quirke, Annette Heffernan, Miriam Malone, Valerie Crean.

Subs - Anna Dargan, Nuala Kerrigan, Yvette Cully, Kelly Long, Marie Sheehan, Bernie Houlahan, Mary Ellen Butler.

Referee - Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Glen defend title

IT'S senior championship time in Cork over the coming week when county champions Glen Rovers put their title on the line against Seandun. Cloughduv take on last year's Senior B winners Inniscarra and Carbery have already qualified for the semi final stages.

In Sunday evening's game Seandun will be all out to topple Glen Rovers. They can pick from senior clubs, Na Piarasigh, Brian Dillon's and St Finbarrs, while junior clubs Douglas, St Vincents, Mayfield and Delany's all hope to have representatives.

Last year Seandun ran imokilly very close at the semi final stages and were considered unlucky not to have qualified for the county final. They have excellent players in Paula Goggin, Evelyn Healy, Catherine Martin, Colette O'Mahony, Claire Kirby and Sandra Kicken all who have had inter county experience.

Glen, having lost 6 players from their senior panel of last season will be fielding a relatively new side. Gone are Jer McCarthy, Mary Ring and Trease O'Callaghan but they still have that camogie 'great' Sandy Fitzgibbon whose commitment is as strong as ever.

They're captained by inter county player Denise Cronin, and can call on Cork captain Linda Mellerick, Clare McCarthy and Trisha Murphy, while youngsters Karen Riorden, and Emma Harte are very experienced club players.

On Tuesday the U14 A league reaches its finale when Cloughduv and Ballygarvan clash in the final and here a cracking game is in store.

The U14 B semi finals are also on the agenda with Tracton meeting Killeagh at Erins Own at 7.30 pm and Carrigaline taking on Millford at Glen Rovers at 7.45 pm.

Millford have a busy week as they also contest the U12 league final Thursday night and here Inniscarra provide the opposition.

On Friday the third game in the senior championship takes place when Cloughduv take on Inniscarra and here Inniscarra are concerned over the availability of their Cork senior star Irene O'Keeffe who sustained an injury in the Munster championship game against Limerick.



Caitriona Power, St Helen's, Portmarnock, received Corn Bhean Uí Phuirseir (Div 1) from Cumann na mBunscol Chairman Jimmy O'Dwyer.

BEST BANNER

Hurling: (Waterford) De La Salle; Visiting Team: Sixmilebridge (Clare)
Camogie: (Waterford) Portlaw; Visiting Team: Dunloy (Antrim)
Best Dressed Team: Camogie: Naomh Mearnog (Dublin);
Hurling: Cloch Dubh Cork "B"

HURLING & CAMOGIE FINALS

Saturday, 21st June

Div. 5 Hurling Final: Micko McMahon Trophy
Kilrossanty.....0-0 London.....2-4
Div. 2 Hurling Final: Canon Fogarty Trophy
Ballyduff, Kerry.....2-3 Oulart/The Ballagh.....1-10
Div. 3 Camogie Final
Teemore, Fermanagh.....2-4 Kinnity, Offaly.....5-2
Div. 4 Camogie Final
Wolfe Tones, Clare.....3-6 Kildavin, Carlow.....0-0

Sunday, 22nd June

Div. 4 Hurling Final: Dr. Birch Trophy
Westport, Mayo.....3-2 Brickey Rangers Waterford 0-6
Div. 3 Hurling Final: Michael Cusack Trophy
Celbridge, Kildare.....0-2 Padraig Pearses Roscommon 1-4
Div. 2 Camogie Final:
Freshford, Kilkenny.....5-1 Naomh Mearnog (Dublin) ..2-1
Div. 1 Camogie Final:
Athenry, Galway.....2-5 Rathmore, Wexford.....0-4
Div. 1 Hurling Final: Christy Ring Trophy
Tullaroan, Kilkenny.....2-12 Sarsfields, Cork.....2-7



Barryroe who won the Cork County Feile na Gael camogie final.

Glen Seandun clash should be a cracker

THE Senior Championship gets underway this coming week with two interesting clashes down for decision.

Glen Rovers and Seandun clash at Ballinlough tomorrow at 7.30.

The Glen are spearheaded by Cork seniors Sandy Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin and Linda Mellerick.

Seandun will draw their players mainly from city senior clubs Na Piarraigh, St Finbarrs and Brian Dillons and will include players like Paula Goggins, Collette O'Mahony and Niamh O'Regan.

In the second game Cloughduv and Inniscarra will clash in a

Camogie

local derby at Coachford on Friday night next at 7.30.

Inniscarra are competing in the "A" Championship for the first time this season. In addition there is a doubt over the availability of Cork senior Irene O'Keefe who was injured in the Munster Championship with Cork last week and her absence would be a blow.

However, they can still call on the experience of goalkeeper Leona Nolan, Michelle O'Sullivan and Criona Harte.

These girls will have to be at their best if they are to curtail a

Cloughduv side which this season will be aided by the Dunlea sisters Lyn, Stephanie and Hilda.

In the remaining games of the week Cloughduv and Ballingarvan will clash in the U14 "A" League Final at Ballynaly on Wednesday night at 7.30 while on Tuesday night the Under 14 "B" League semi-finals will be decided and will see Millford and Carrigaline in opposition and Killeagh and Tracton. (Venues not yet known).

On Thursday night we should see another cracking contest when Millford and Inniscarra clash in the U12 County League Final.

Senior camogie championship

- Seandun Division Division V Glen Rovers

The city clubs combined selection "Seandun" played the current champions Glen Rovers in the first round of the championship on Sunday last in Ballincollig.

This division has the pick of the city clubs with players from the Barrs, Piarraigh, Brian Dillons, St Vincents, Douglas, Delaneys and Mayfield on the large panel. Divisional sides are hard to organise but the motivation this year was the chance to dethrone the county champions. Seandun had prepared well for this game over the past few weeks playing a number of challenge games.

In a very competitive game the main difference between the sides were a few controversial scores - a goal in the first half when the ball came off the post to the feet of a Glen Player who many felt was in the square before the ball and two points in the second half deemed wide by the umpire on the relevant side but allowed by the referee. In addition to these the referee instructed the scoreboard attendant to change the scores at half time taking a point from

the Glen and giving it to Seandun leaving the half time score at 2-5 to 0-8.

The Glen, playing against the strong breeze in the first half, scored first with a pointed free by Karen Riordan. Seandun replied with two points from Colette O'Mahony. Jean Paul Kent scored three great points during the first half with Catherine Barrett also getting a score. The Seandun defence were containing the Glen forwards in particular Paula Goggins at centre back had a great tussle with Linda Mellerick. The Glen first goal came as the ball broke from an Evelyn Healy clearance and the alert Denise Cronin hit a long range shot to the corner of the Seandun net. Shortly after this came the controversial goal when a thirty yard free hit the post and was flicked to the net before the Seandun defence could react.

In the second half Seandun had it all to do. The defence were again under a lot of pressure. Sandra Ricken had a fine game in goal making a number of excellent saves, while Sabrina Buckley at wing back was always in

control making a number of fine clearances. Seandun moved Niamh O'Regan to midfield and began to take control. However, during this period the Glen were awarded the two points which were hotly disputed by the umpire. Jean Paul Kent scored Seandun's only point of the second half. The Glen scored a further two points to leave the final score line reading 2-9 to 9 points in favour of the Glen.

Seandun can be proud of their performance against a highly successful Glen team who on the night proved that champions do not give up their crown easily. Seandun had a good blend of experienced campaigners in Paula Goggins, Jean Paul Kent and Collette O'Mahony. While Roisin O'Donovan, Janice Duffy, Clare Barry and Natasha Nash were the other team members not mentioned above who tried their best on the night. Aileen Barry and Catherine Martin were the substitutes who came on during the game. The talent is certainly there with many young players waiting on the wings. Hopefully this can be harnessed for next year's competition.

True grit and determination clinches it for Glen Rovers

Glen Rovers 2-10
Seandun 0-8

THEY say champions fight to the end to defend their title and it was never more obvious than at Ballincollig last night, when Glen Rovers, with three players making their Cork senior camogie championship debuts, showed true spirit and determination as they began the defence of their title.

Glen opened the scoring with a Karen Riordan pointed free in the first minute of the game. Seandun took the lead when Collette O'Mahony pointed

in the third and fourth minutes, but it was shortlived when the Glen equalised from a Denise Cronin free.

Both sides exchanged points in the 7th and 10th minutes with Seandun edging ahead with a fine point from Jean Paula Kent after 15 minutes.

With the Glen pressing fiercely the Seandun defence was under a lot of pressure and when Glen captain Denise Cronin took off from centrefield she had only goal on her mind and it shook the Seandun net. With Linda Mellerick and Jean Paula Kent again swapping points the Glen began to

take control and when a Karen Riordan free was blocked in the square by the alert Glen Rovers attack Emma Harte finished to the net.

Karen Riordan again pointed a free which was answered by a Catherine Barrett for Seandun to leave the score 2-6 to 0-7 in the Glen's favour.

After consultation between the referee, who handled the game excellently, and the scoreboard operator the scoreboard was changed to read Glen Rovers 2-5 to Seandun 0-8.

This did not unduly effect the champions as they added their four points

to their opponents one in the second half to run out deserving winners.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: K Riordan 0-4 (2 30's 2. Free); D Cronin 1-2 (1-0 from play, 0-1 free, 0-1 sideline cut); E Harte 1-1, L Mellerick 0-2, T Murphy 0-1. Seandun: C O'Mahony 0-2; G Kent 0-4; C Barrett 0-1; J Duffley 0-1 (free).

GLEN ROVERS: L Donovan, C McCarthy, M Burke, D Deane, F Fitzgibbon, D Cronin captain, Y McCarthy, P Murphy, L Mellerick, E Harte, F Twomey, K Riordan. SEANDUN: S Ricken (St Vincents), C Barry (St Finns), E Healy (Na Piarraigh), S Buckley (Brian Dillons), D Goggins (Na Piarraigh) captain, R O'Donovan (St Finns), J Duffley (St Finns), JP Kent (Na Piarraigh), N O'Regan (Brian Dillons), C Barrett (Mayfield), C O'Mahony (St Finns), N Nash (St Finns). Ref: B Joyce (Killeagh).

Carbery get goals at vital stages to book passage

Carbery 6-9
Carrigdhoun 2-12

CARBERY'S ability to get goals at vital stages proved the difference in this highly entertaining Cork County senior camogie championship game with Carrigdhoun at Innishannon last night.

Leading three points to two, Carbery's Eleanor Kenneally struck for their first goal after ten minutes. However, Carrigdhoun responded quickly with an Emma Green goal, and points from Catherine Coughlan and Linda O'Sullivan put them ahead by the 19th minute.

Goals from Geraldine Collins from a 30 yard free and Hilda Kenneally from a free 70 yards from goal put Carbery in a strong position with 21 minutes gone in the game.

However, three superb Carrigdhoun points, one from Emma Greene, and two from Linda O'Sullivan from 60 and 70 yards saw the minimum between the sides at the break.

Both sides exchanged points early in the second-half before Carbery struck for the decisive goals in the 3rd, 5th,

and 10th minutes from Eleanor Kenneally, Miriam Deasy and Antoinette O'Connell.

Carrigdhoun, to their credit, battled away and were rewarded with a goal from Emma Green with 13 minutes remaining.

However, the south-west division had too much in hand and held on for a deserved victory and a semi-final place against Bishopstown or Imokilly.

Scorers: Carbery: G Collins 1-3 (0-2 from free; 1-0 from 30; 1-0 from play); M Deasy 1-1; E Kenneally 2-1; H Kenneally 1-3 (1-1 free; 0-1 from 30, 0-1 play); A O'Connell 1-0; E O'Sullivan 0-1. Carrigdhoun: L O'Sullivan 0-9 (free); E Greene 2-1; B Shields, C Coughlan 0-1 each. CARBERY: C Keohane (Barryroe), M Brennan (Kilbrittain), A O'Leary (Kilbrittain), Y O'Callaghan (Newcestown), D Walsh (Barryroe), E O'Sullivan (Kilbrittain), V O'Keefe (Kilbrittain), H Kenneally (Newcestown), E Kenneally (do.), M Deasy (Kilbrittain), G Collins (Barryroe), A O'Connell (Newcestown). CARRIGDHOON: S Shields (Valley Rovers), L Quirke (do.), N Brady (Ballygarvan), C O'Mahony (Valley Rovers), C Murphy (Courcey Rovers), J Lyons (Tracton), B Shields (Valley Rovers), R Moloney (Courcey Rovers), S Moloney (do.), L O'Sullivan (Ballinacorney), C Coughlan (Tracton), E Greene (Carrigaline), Subs: R Moloney (Courcey Rovers) for S Shields; J A Kingston (Tracton) for J Lyons; S Hayes (Courcey Rovers) for C O'Mahony. Referee: T. Sheehan (Mayfield).

Cloughduv edge out Inniscarra

CLOUGHDUV defeated Inniscarra, 2-8 to 2-6, in the Cork senior camogie championship at Coachford last night.

An early Una O'Donoghue goal paved the way for Cloughduv's 1-4 to 0-5 interval lead but Criona Harte gave Inniscarra a boost in the first minute of the second half when she finished a Cliona Meaney free to the net.

Six minutes later Una O'Donoghue had Cloughduv's second goal and she edged them further ahead with a point a minute later. Then a pile driving shot from Inniscarra substitute Irene O'Keefe, bounced back off the crossbar. Both teams added two before O'Donoghue finished the scoring with a Cloughduv point six minutes from time.

Scorers: Cloughduv: U. O'Donoghue 2-2; S. Dunlea 0-5 (3 free; one 30); J. O'Callaghan 0-1. Inniscarra: Criona Harte 1-3; C. O'Leary 1-0; L. O'Keefe 0-1; S. O'Leary 0-2.

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

Kilkenny gave a rather disappointing display when they were swamped by Cork in this National Senior League Final played at Pairc Uí Rinn, Cork, the holders, were in top form and Kilkenny never got much of a chance to settle into the game. First half goals by Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea and Vivienne Harris gave Cork a 3-5 to 0-7 lead at the break, with Kilkenny's Marina Downey accounting for their tally. The Rebel County continued to dominate in the second half, to run out easy winners on a score of 4-12 to 0-9.

Scorers: Cork - Lynn Dunlea 2-5, Linda Mellerick 1-1, Vivienne Harris 1-0, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2, Mary O'Connor, Hilda Kenneally, Sadie Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Keeffe 0-1 each.

Kilkenny - Marina Downey 0-7, Catherine Dunne and Brigid Mullaly 0-1 each.

Referee - Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary.

The Midland Feile for under 14s hosted by Westmeath was a huge success. Visiting teams from Donegal, Monaghan, Roscommon, Laois, Louth, Wicklow and Longford arrived on Friday evening and were taken to their host clubs. Matches were played at various venues throughout the county, commencing at 10.30 on Saturday morning. Then it was back to St Loman's Park, Mullingar for the semi-finals of Group A and Group B in the evening.

Group A Semi-Final Results: Camross, Laois 5-1 Raharney, Westmeath 1-0

Delvin, Westmeath 3-1 Four Roads, Roscommon 2-0

Group B Semi-Final Results: Lough Lene Gaels 7-5 Crookedwood 0-0 both Westmeath

St Anne's, Louth 4-1 Cullion, Westmeath 0-0.

Rev. Dr Michael Smith found time for his busy schedule to visit during the day. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr Declan Hurley in St Loman's club house and was attended by close on 500 people followed by refreshments for all.

Among the guests were Fileas Ni Bhreaslain, Uachtaran Cumann

Camogaiochta na nGael and Sile De Bhaillis, Ardrinai.

Sunday morning the big parade led by St Cremin's Primary School Band through Mullingar from 'The Green' to the Dublin Bridge was a marvellous spectacle. All 14 teams were nicely toggled out and sported their club banners.

The first final in St Loman's Park was the Group (B) between St Anne's and Lough Lene Gaels. This was a keenly contested game that went on to extra time, with St Anne's getting a single score. St Anne's 1-0 Lough Lene Gaels 0-0.

Group (A) final was a cracker between Devlin and Camross that proved to be two evenly matched sides. Devlin led 2-1 to 1-1 at the break. Camross equalised in the third quarter and the sides remained locked to the final whistle. The final went to extra time during which Camross went ahead by 0-1 and Delvin netted to lift the title on a score of 3-1 to 2-2.

On Sunday next the Leinster Junior Championship semi-finals are down for decision. Reigning champions Kildare who are going for 3-in-a-row will travel to cross swords with Westmeath. The Lake County have not been very much to the fore in recent times. They have a very young squad blended with some experienced players and their performance over Meath in the first round showed the mettle of this side, coming from an 0-8 deficit to gain victory by

the minimum score 2-10 to 2-9. In the quarter-final they travelled to Ballyragget to tussle it out with Kilkenny and after a blistering encounter emerged winners 0-15 to 0-7. Kildare, having a bye in the first round had an easy victory over Laois in the quarter final 5-10 to 1-1. The last time Kildare and Westmeath met was in the championship semi-final in 1988 when Kildare emerged winners. Since

then Kildare have won two National Junior Leagues and two All-Ireland Championships and are short only a few of that '88 side while Westmeath have two left.

It should be an entertaining encounter. Kildare carry the tag of favourites.

The other semi-final, last year's beaten Leinster finalists, Carlow have the venue against near neighbours Wexford. This affair should produce lots of sparkle. Wexford reached the semi-final last year to be beaten by Kildare. They were very prominent in the National League recently reaching the semi-final stages and had a convincing win over Louth in the first round and accounted for Offaly in the quarter-final 1-11 to 0-6.

Carlow got a walkover from Wicklow in the first round and defeated Dublin 4-10 to 3-3 in the quarter final. Carlow were champions in 1993 and for the past two years they have been defeated in the Leinster final by Kildare. Sunday's contest should go down to the wire.

Also this weekend the National Feile na nGael takes place in Waterford and should be an entertaining weekend.

Feile na nGael, the Gaelic Athletic Association's National Festival of U14 hurling, camogie, handball and skills competitions, will again be held in County Waterford in 1997. The National Finals of the various divisions will be played at venues throughout the county on the weekend of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd June with as many as 2,500 young players being involved in this hugely impressive occasion.

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READY for the off are the members of Ardkeen Camogie Club who took part in Féile na nGael parade on Saturday.
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LAOCH CIÚIN NA CAMÓGAÍOCHTA

I dTigh Molaige i gContae Chorcaí a rugadh agus a tógadh Hannah Ní Dhuinnín. An té ab oíge den chlann agus an t-aon chailín, cúigear deartháir aici agus neart le déanamh ar an bhfeirm ag cuidiú lena máthair mar d'éag a hathair agus gan Hannah ach bliain go leith.

"Ní cuimhin liom fiú a aghaidh", a deir sí. D'imigh sí ar scoil i mBourleigh agus, ar ball, chuig Clochar na Trócaire i nDroichead na Bandan.

Dúil aici sa spórt ach níor imríodh aon chamógaíocht i gceachtar den dá scoil. "Ba é Mícheál Ó hEithir a chuir ag camógaíocht mé", a deir Hannah. Sea, amach i gclós an tí léi féin a chuaigh Hannah. Bata nó feac sluaiste nó spáid aici agus cloch bheag aici mar shliotar.

OLLSCOIL CHORCAÍ

Is i gColáiste na hOllscoile i gCorcaigh a ghlac sí camán ceart ina láimh den chéad uair agus seo ar iasacht ó chomh-scoláire a bhí ag traenáil leis an bhfoireann camógaíochta ann. Ní rófhada go raibh Hannah ar an bhfoireann chéanna agus í ag baint taitnimh as an taisteal, an chraic, an caradas agus gan amhras an chamógaíocht féin. Bhain an Coláiste trí cinn de Choirn Chill Dhéagláin lena linn ann.

Cháiligh Hannah mar mhúinteoir agus chaith sealanna ag teagasc i mBaile Mhistéala agus i mBeanntraí. Mar bhall de chumann camógaíochta South Presentation bhláthaigh sí mar thaca agus bhí ar na foirne a bhain



craobhacha Chorcaí trí uaire sna seachtóidí.

Faoi am seo bhí sí ag imirt do Chorcaigh féin. Ba seo ceann de na tréimhsí ab fhearr ag foireann an chontae agus bhaineadar craobh na hÉireann ceithre huaire as a chéile - 1970, '71, '72, agus '73. Cuimhní speisialta aici ar an chéad uair a chuaigh sí chun imirt i bPáirc an Chrócaigh - an t-ullmhúchán, an teannas, an taisteal agus na mothúcháin nuair a rith sí amach ar an

bhfód is cáiliúla in Éirinn.

Cad faoina cuid imeartha féin? Mar thaca a d'imir sí i gcónaí agus mar chaptaen ar fhoireann an chontae i 1972. "Ceapaim gur buntáiste don chaptaen bheith ina thaca. Is féidir an cluiche féin a léamh níos fearr."

Níor chuir an cúram breise isteach ná amach uirthi mórán. Duine buan-seasmhach mar is léir óna saol spóirt féin. Dhá chumann aici - Cumann na

AGALLAMH SPÓIRT NA MÍOSA

Hannah
Cotter

an camógaíoch calma

hOllscoile agus Sth. Pres. Mar an gcéanna nuair a tháinig sí chun pósadh agus chun obair i gCeatharlach i gColáiste Leo Shiúracha na Trócaire i 1971.

AG TEAGASC

D'fhan sí ann agus is ann atá go fóill ag teagasc Gaelige agus Tíreolaíochta. Chuir sí tús, le beirt eile, le camógaíocht ann agus tá an cluiche á imirt go forleathan ann i gcónaí. Corcaíoch a fear céile, Leonard Cotter, agus is i gCeatharlach a phósadar i 1973. Beirt clainne orthu, Emer agus Brónagh, agus iad ag freastal ar Choláiste na Tríonóide agus Coláiste na hOllscoile i mBaile Átha Cliath faoi seach. Ceimic ag Emer agus Innealtóireacht ag Brónagh. Níor imir ceachtar den bheirt mórán camógaíochta ach suim mhór acu sna searraigh.

Tuiscint an amaitéaraigh aici faoi thionchar an spóirt agus is mór an ní é sin agus an dúil sa bhua imithe ró-fhada i spóirteanna go leor sa lá atá inniu ann. Ba léir an meas uirthi ar ócáid i

gColáiste Leo le déanaí nuair a bhronn a cómhúinteoirí agus lucht na scoile gradam uirthi agus seo go léir réitithe i ngan fhios di.

Tháinig slua mór dá comhimreoirí ó fhoirne éagsúla Chorcaí chuig an ócáid. Bhronn Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh an gradam uirthi agus an halla lán go béal. Rita Kelly, cómhúinteoir, a d'eagraigh an ócáid agus a bhain an anáil as Hannah ar shlí nár éirigh le haon imreoir camógaíochta a dhéanamh!

Cén chuimhne is mó atá aici agus í ag breathnú siar ar a saol mar scoth-imreoir camógaíochta. "Foir-eann iontach Aontroma agus an stíl álainn camógaíochta a bhí acu", a deir Hannah.

TAITNEAMH

Í ag súil le "bheith sláintiúil agus sona" sna blianta atá roimpi agus le méadú mór ar an gcamógaíocht, a thug an méid sin taitnimh di féin, gan trácht ar an taitneamh a bhain daoine as imirt agus comhairle na mná cumasaí sciliúla seo as deisceart na tíre.



Cairde na camógaíochta! Hannah le roinnt de na himreoirí a d'imir léi i gCorcaigh, ag an mbronnadh.



Rita Kelly, a d'eagraigh an ócáid do Hannah Cotter leis an tSr. Cailín Ní Chinnéide, Príomhoide Choláiste Leo.

Camogie

By P.J. Fulham

The Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior Camogie Championship gets underway on Saturday July 5th. Loch Gorman will play host to Luimneach. Both sides had a very disappointing run in the National League. Loch Gorman's best performance was in their final game when they played a draw with league title holders Cork. There is plenty of room for improvement in this Wexford side which may show in the championship. They have prominent players in Orla Hernan, Fiona Dunne, Michelle O'Leary, Geraldine Codd and Kate Kelly.

Limerick were making their debut in senior ranks when they took part in the senior league. This was a team that was expecting to do well but gained just two points from a win over Wexford 1-15 to 1-12. Retired from the squad this season are Agnes Sheehy and Marguerite Guiry. Last year's captain Helen Clifford/McCarthy is not playing this year. Nevertheless, they have a good panel with some useful young players such as Vera Sheehan who captained St. Mary's, Charleville, to the All-Ireland Colleges senior title, Eileen O'Brien, Katie O'Shea, Marie O'Brien, Jean Cullinane and Angela Sheehy were also members of that team. Eamon Cregan is sure to have his charges well groomed for this tussle which will be close.

Sunday July 6th, Cill Chainnigh have the venue for their clash with Ath Cliath. The Metropolitan side are finding it difficult to get their act together. With forty-four clubs to choose from, they should be a strong force. Manager Frank Malcomson says "that players are more interested in playing for their clubs than the County."

Cill Chainnigh have dropped two points in the National League to Galway and made their way to the final by defeating Tipperary 4-17 to 3-10. Sinead Millea is their star forward though she left for the United States recently and may not be available for the Championship. If this is so, her absence will be a big loss to Cill Chainnigh. However, they have prominent young players such as Marie Maher, Margaret Comerford, Caitrona Carey, Margaret Hickey, Ann Downey, Brigid Mullaly and Maria Downey who are in top form. They should get over Dublin easily and could be the dark horses in the Championship.

All-Ireland senior champions An Ghaillimh travel to Ardmhacha. An Ghaillimh should commence the campaign on a winning note. They were knocked out in the semi-final of the league by Cork 0-17 to 1-10. It was their first defeat since the All-Ireland final last September when they had two points to spare over the Rebel County.

League and Championship are two different ball games. Cork had a big win over Galway last season in the league final, then Galway turned the tables for the big one.

July 13th Corcaigh have the venue against An Calr. When the sides met in the National League, Corcaigh had an overwhelming victory 6-17 to 2-5. Clare have a good team but may not be strong enough. The "Leesiders" look set to advance to the semi-final and judging by their game against Galway, they look like a side that means business this season.

Looking ahead to the semi-finals which take place on August 10th, it looks like An Ghaillimh versus Cill Chainnigh agus Corcaigh versus Loch Gorman no Luimneach.

Antrim became the National Junior League Champions for the first time ever when they got the upper hand of favourites Down in the Final played in Casement Park. Antrim got off to a great start and by half time had built up a lead of 4-3 to 1-6. It was a sparkling second half with Down fighting their way back into the game with a goal by Joan Henderson. In a great end-to-end battle, Antrim held onto a two point victory. Final score: Antrim 5-12 Down 3-16.

Scorers for Antrim: Deirdre Heatley 2-1, Denise O'Boyle 1-4, Carla Doherty and Ann McKee 1-1 each, Bronagh O'Neill 0-3, Majella McMullan and Grace McMullan 0-1 each.

Scorers for Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-4, Jennifer Braniff 0-8, Joan Henderson 1-0, Sinead McGovern, Deirdre Savage, Coleen Hynds and Edel Mason 0-1 each.

Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15th: Gael Linn Inter-Provincials, Semi-Finals and Finals in Junior and Senior at Naomh Brid, Blanchardstown;
Leinster v Ulster, ... Munster v Connacht.

June 20/21/22: Feile na nGael, Waterford.

July 5th: 'Bord na Gaeilge' All-Ireland senior Championship
Loch Gorman v Luimneach

July 6th: Cill Chainnigh v Ath Cliath
Ardmhacha v An Ghaillimh

July 23rd: Corcaigh v An Calr