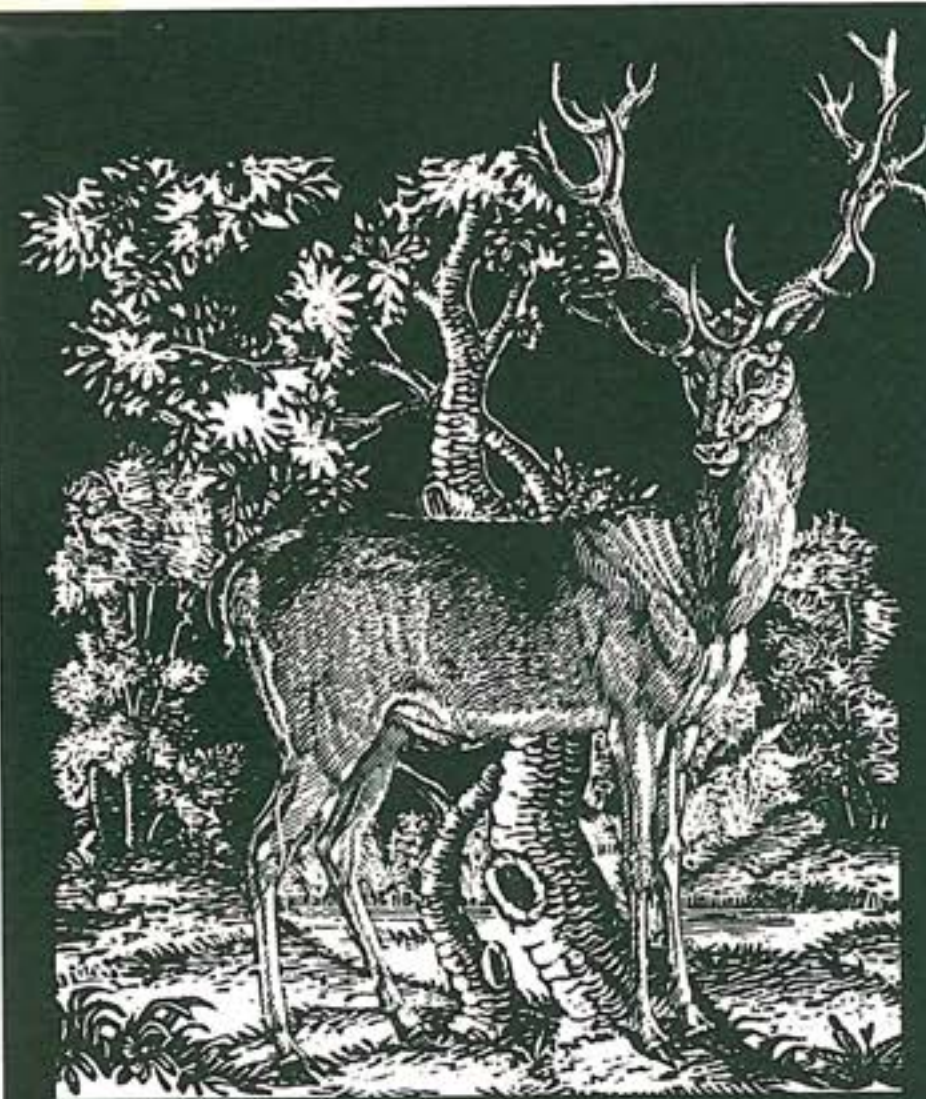


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MCCARTHY WITH ALL YOUR CAMOGIE NEWS AND MATCH REPORTS

# Camogie tradition is being revived at St Als

## Cork senior hurler will help coach school

**T**HE honour of being the first Cork school to take a Senior All-Ireland colleges title, back in 1976, and to hold jointly the honour of winning six Munster Senior Colleges titles rests with that famous camogie nursery in Sharnan Crawford Street that has put a legion of camogie greats both on and off the playing fields through its hallowed halls.

I can well remember waiting anxiously for that famous bell to ring and let us out on the field behind the tennis court where so many players learned the game.

Having fallen on lean times on the playing fields with the emergence of such forces as Charleville, Clonakilty and Nenagh to mention but a few, it's indeed heart warming to report a resurgence in camogie within St Als, a school famous for its camogie tradition.

Seven pupils already have worn the Cork jersey on the inter-county stage with Orla McCarthy being the holder of an All-Ireland minor medal from last year and Treasa McCarthy, Eadoine O Mahony, Joanne Cullinane, Catherine Holland, Rena Buckley and Liz Hayes having lined out with the county minor and colleges sides this year.

Huge interest in the game within the school with Valley Rovers clubman, James Hurley, a teacher at St Als playing a big part.

With principal Sr Rita ably,



The St Als team that won the Junior B Championship recently, pictured with Cork senior hurler Kevin Murray who presented the girls with their medals.

assisted by Sheila Angland, Sr Mercedes, Mary O'Mahony, Con Hayes, Chris Shine, Sile O'Brien, Helen Buckley, Martina Judge all working to ensure the game's revival is kept on course.

### Title

The County Junior B Championship title came to the school when they recorded victories over St Aidan's and Presentation Bandon which earned them a semi-final date with the famed St Mary's Charleville where St Als triumphed with a narrow victory.

On a superb day for camogie at St Finbarr's ground,

Carrigaline provided the opposition in a closely contested final.

A close first half saw the sides level 1-1 apiece at the break with good play from St Als' Clare Murray and Fiona O'Riordan.

Dominating the early stage of the second half, St Als took the lead thanks to a superb Treasa McCarthy goal.

Joanne Cullinane extended that lead ten minutes from full-time when she finished to the net, but responding well, Carrigaline with a Trisha O'Sullivan goal, made the St Als fight to the end for victory on a 3-1 to 1-4 scoreline.

Patricia Holland became the

first captain in many years to take a trophy back to a school which has produced so many All-Ireland winning captains.

Cork senior hurler Kevin Murray visited the school and did the honours in presenting the junior team with their medals, expressing his delight to see the game progressing in the school.

Kevin has agreed to be involved with the coaching of the St Als teams next term, a huge bonus for a progressive outfit determined to once again reach the heights.

The school also competed in senior competitions and the side, captained by Elaine Quinn, were defeated by St

Fanahans in the county semi-final.

The side also reached the semi-final of the Sally Ann Shanahan Memorial competition.

Two teams were also entered in the first year championship and while not reaching the closing stages of the competitions, they did gain experience which will stand to them in the future.

Overall it was a great year's camogie and coach Ger Butler was happy with the progress made and is optimistic for the future of camogie in the hallowed halls of a school where, hopefully, the game will once again prosper.

## Ace Murphy wins skills

A GREAT display from Marion Murphy from the Kilbrittain club saw her crowned Cork Feile Skills winner.

Beating off stiff opposition from 20 competitors Marion excelled at the many skills which included striking frees, side lines and solo running. Marion will now represent Cork at the National finals in Antrim on June 24/25.

### RESULTS

Senior League - Bishoptown 5-3 Inniscarra 1-2, Newtownshandrum 4-3, Inniscarra 1-4, Cloughduv 3-6 Glen Rovers 1-4, Glen Rovers 5-4 Courcy Rovers 0-3.  
U-14 League - Milford 2-2 Inniscarra 0-0, Glen Rovers 1-1 Ballycargan 0-3, Slieve Rua 2-0 Ballinora 0-0, Milford 9-4 St. Finbarr's 0-0, Milford 6-8 Ballinacorney 1-2.  
U-12 League - Milford 4-2 Newtownshandrum 1-0, Inniscarra 6-3 Cloughduv 0-0, Glen Rovers 6-0 Blackrock 1-0, Slieve Rua 6-0 Bandon 1-0, Milford 5-1 Ballyhea 1-0, Milford 4-2 Bunservant 0-0, Milford 6-1 Mallow 1-0.

### FIXTURES

THURSDAY JUNE 8  
Munster Intermediate semi-finals: Cork v Tipperary, Tipperary 7.30pm, Clare v Limerick, Mary Immaculate Grounds 7.30pm.

THURSDAY JUNE 8  
Munster Senior Championship semi-finals: Tipperary v Limerick, Tipperary 7.30pm.

FRIDAY JUNE 9  
Munster Senior Championship semi-final: Cork v Clare, Clare 7.30pm.

# Rebels challenge for honours

IT'S the turn of the Intermediate team to challenge for honours this evening when they take on Tipperary in the Munster Championship.

The match will go ahead at a Tipperary venue to be announced while on Friday evening the Senior teams of Cork and Clare once again renew acquaintances in the Munster championship.

Following on their performance in the National League semi-final where, for long periods Clare had the upper hand, the home side will be

anxious to reverse that result and take the scalp of the National League champions.

Despite the game not having a bearing on the All-Ireland series, both counties will go into Friday's contest with championship preparation in mind.

Cork will be without the services of the influential Fiona O'Driscoll who is on holidays.

O'Driscoll will be a huge loss given the performance she gave in the National League final, however it

gives the selectors a chance to look at their options as preparations continue towards their championship meeting with Kilkenny.

This evening's game is a special Munster Intermediate competition which is confined to players who have not previously won a Munster Intermediate Championship medal.

Therefore Cork are in a position to field several members of the county's All-Ireland winning junior side of last season while Tipperary, as a result of taking the title last season, must field

a completely new side.

The Rebels will include in their line-up the impressive Elaine Burke, Clara Healy, Linda O'Connell and Aoife Murray.

In the second semi-final, also this evening, All-Ireland Intermediate champions Clare will also field a new line-out when they take on a Limerick side anxious to win at home.

Limerick's new sponsor is Career Decisions, details of this were announced on Friday last at a function in Shannon Boat.





TALENTED: Marion Murphy who will represent Cork in skills final.

## Marion shows her skills on national stage

MARIAN MURPHY, from Kilbrittain/Timoleague camogie club, will fly the Cork flag at the Feile na Gael camogie skills competition in Antrim this weekend.

The 14-year-old Sacred Heart Convent, Clonakilty, student will be hoping to emulate former Cork representatives Jean Kent, Deirdre O'Shea, Nora O'Connell and Vivien Harris who tasted national success.

### Introduction

Marion's first introduction to camogie was as a nine-year-old when she was part of the club's hurling team. She won West Cork hurling and football U-12 honours.

Marion's talent was recognised by Kilbrittain's Barry O'Sullivan who introduced the ten-year-old to camogie.

She is now a regular on the club's U-14 and 16 teams.

A cousin of Inter-county footballer

Fachtna Collins, Marion is a daughter of Con and Mary Murphy.

While her brother is a member of the Kilbrittain U-16 and minor teams, Marion didn't inherit her playing skills from her parents.

She attributes her success to club mentors, Barry O'Sullivan and Elaine O'Regan whose coaching skills saw Marion take the Cork title.

Listed among the players admired by Marion is Cork and Barryroe star Janice O'Leary who, like Marion, is also coached by Liam Nash at the Clonakilty school which has enjoyed tremendous camogie success.

While still only a member of the school's first year and junior A team it's the Cork Feile skills champion's ambition to break onto the senior team in the not too distant future.

If her determination is anything to go by she shouldn't have long to wait.

## The Munster trophy goes to Cork girls

Cork 5-16 Limerick 0-2

Cork were crowned Munster Intermediate Champions with a top class display at St Finbarr's on Wednesday last.

Limerick, backed by the strong win in the opening half, came under pressure from the throw in. Two points inside four minutes from Joanne Gaynor and Elaine Burke had Cork in an early lead before Jennie O'Leary flicked to the net eleven minutes in the half.

Now on top, Cork took over and had stretched their lead to 1-7 before Limerick's Marie Keating opened their scoring with a well struck point. Cork finished the half strong with a blistering Clara Healy goal and points from Jennie O'Leary and Clara Healy.

From the opening minutes of the second half, Cork put the result beyond doubt when Healy again goalied. Four further points from Healy, O'Leary, Margaret O'Sullivan, Emer Dillon and A Louise Murphy goal quashed any hopes of a Limerick revival.

Sharon O'Shaughnessy did have a Limerick point two minutes from full time but Elaine Burke finished Cork's route with a goal on the stroke of full time.

Cork captain Linda O'Connell received the trophy.

# Girls set to score in the Little All-Ireland

The quest for Cork's Little All-Ireland begins in earnest this week-end when no fewer than eight teams begin their challenge for County Senior championship honours.

The opening shots will be fired by divisional sides Seandun and Muskerry on Friday night at Ballincollig. Here, the city girls field a strong line out that includes Cork Juniors Linda O'Connell, Orla O'Sullivan and Amanda O'Regan.

St Finbarr's Rachel Myers, Mayfield's Catherine Barrett form a solid outfit.

Muskerry will be back-boned by Senior B clubs Éire Óg and Aghabullogue. They will include Cork Junior captains of last season: Helen Walsh, Mary Ennequess, Sinéad Buckley and Ellen O'Herlihy. A close one to call with Seandun slightly favoured to advance.

Saturday evening, newly promoted Courcsey Rovers meet divisional side Carbery. Carbery will be without several players who have emigrated for the summer.

## Cork's representatives, Milford, go all out for more Feile glory

IT'S Feile na nGael time this week-end as clubs from the four corners of the country gather in the Glen's of Antrim.

Cork will be represented for the second year in a row by Milford who won the Cork Feile

out in such splendid fashion recently.

Reaching last years final Milford had to give way to Oulart the Ballagh in a final which failed to live up to the expectations of the Milford back-room team who felt that

on the day their side were capable of a lot more.

For their opening game Milford will meet their hosts Portlennone on Friday and hopefully they will do enough to progress to the closing stages of the competition.

Despite this, the division will still call on Kilbrittain and Cork Senior Miriam Deasy and Newcestown's Colette Desmond to lead their challenge. They play against a young strong Courcsey side that includes Sarah Hayes, Rachel Moloney and Samantha Quinn.

Sunday's clash of Glen Rovers and Barryroe promises a lively hour's hurling. Barryroe are a youthful side with Cork senior goalie Cora Keohane. The formidable force includes Rosalie Holland, Marie

Moloney and Jennie O'Leary, whose scoring feats with the Cork Junior and Intermediate teams in recent weeks has been hitting the headlines.

Glen Rovers have former coach Finbarr O'Neill back at the helm. Sandie Fitzgibbon has retired but they can still call on the solid team of: Denis Cronin, Mary Burke and Linda Mellicker and Jill Hannon, who will not be found wanting come the hour.

The big game is without doubt the clash of county champions for the last

three years: Bishopstown and Carrigdhoun. It's a repeat of last year's opening round when the divisional side ran the champions to close.

### Fixtures

#### Senior County Championship

● FRIDAY June 23

Seandun v Muskerry, Ballincollig 7.30pm

● SATURDAY

Courcsey Rovers v Carbery, Innishannon 8pm

● SUNDAY

Glen Rovers v Barryroe, Ballinhassig 3pm, Bishopstown v Carrigdhoun, Cloughduv 8.30pm

## Camogie Interpros

MUNSTER'S quest for Inter Provincial honours last week-end was not a success.

In the opening game their senior team lost to a Connacht side who eventually took ultimate honours defeating Ulster in the final.

Munster's Junior team had better luck. They hammered Connacht 7-15 to 0-5 in the opening game and met Ulster in the final.

In an exciting final a first half goal from Mary O'Kane gave Ulster a 1-8 to 0-3 half time advantage.

A Munster revival yielded goals from Clara Healy and Jennie O'Leary but Ulster finished stronger to take the title they last held in 1998.

Results: Senior League; Glen Rovers 3-6 Fr O'Neills 2-2, St Finbarr's 8-13, Watergrasshill 0-0, Bishopstown 7-14, Iniscarra 1-3, Fr O'Neills 1-5, Iniscarra 0-0.

Under-12 League; Iniscarra 5-1 Bishopstown 1-0, Glen Rovers 2-4, Na Piarsaigh 3-0, Dungourney 1-0, Cobh 0-0, Kilbrittain 2-0 B'nascarty 1-0.

Under-14 League; Dungourney 3-0 Fr O'Neills 0-0, Clonakilty 2-0 Ballinacarty 0-0, Valley Rovers 6-3 Ballinacarty 0-0, Valley Rovers 7-5 Ballinacarty 0-0, Barryroe 4-4 Ballinacarty 0-0.



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The Milford side that overcame Éire Óg to retain the Cork Féile na nGael title at St Finbarr's last Monday.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Emer excels as Milford retain title

Milford 10-3  
Éire Óg 1-0

A SUPERB performance from Cork minor Emer Watson paved the way for Milford to retain the Cork Féile na nGael title at the expense of a spirited Éire Óg side at St Finbarr's last Monday.

A David Hehir goal got the winners off to a dream start and they went on to dominate proceedings, with Emer Watson adding 6-2 to their tally before half time.

Continuing to dictate matters after the break, the holders added further scores from captain Emer Watson and Amanda Hehir to retain their crown in style.

Marguerite O'Herlihy and Aoife McCarthy turned in top drawer performances for a sporting Éire Óg outfit who could not match their opponents but battled to the final whistle.



Milford's Lisa Healy racing away from Éire Óg's Cathriona O'Leary during the Féile na nGael under-14 camogie final at St Finbarr's GAA club.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare



The Éire Óg that were beaten by Milford in the Cork Féile na nGael final at St Finbarr's last Monday.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Cork face a tough exam

BOTH Cork and Tipperary will suffer in tonight's Munster Intermediate camogie championship semi-final as a result of the Leaving Cert examinations, writes Therese O'Callaghan.

With nine students on their side, title holders Tipperary had to look to their extended panel while opponents Cork are also affected.

The Rebels will look to inform players such as Ciara Healy, Aoife Murray, Linda O'Connell, Elaine Burke and Jenny O'Leary.

Noellette O'Dwyer and Joanne Ryan, recently selected for the forthcoming inter-provincial series, will head up the blue and gold challenge.

The throw-in, which is timed for 7.30 at the Ragg GAA grounds, is a revenge mission for Cork having missed out on their four-in-a-row last season.

In the second semi-final, with a similar starting time, Clare and Limerick cross camans at Mary Immaculate College.

Again affected by the clash with exams, this should be a close affair.

## Cork advance to meet Limerick in Munster final after easy win

Cork 8-12  
Tipperary 1-2

TOTALLY dominant in all sectors, Cork advanced to the Munster Intermediate camogie Championship final when they totally outclassed holders Tipperary in appalling weather conditions at Drom Inch.

Jenny O'Leary opened the Cork scoring with a point after two minutes and six minutes later Ciara Healy made no mistake from close range.

Two minutes later J O'Leary stretched the Cork lead further before Mary Luby opened the Tipperary account with a good point.

Cork were comfortably at 3-6 to 1-1 ahead at the interval.

Consolidating their advantage Cork knocked in three goals from Jenny O'Leary and Ciara Healy inside three minutes of the resumption and that was it for Tipp.

Scorers - Cork: J. O'Leary (4-5), C. Healy (2-5, 0-2 fss, 0-2 fss), L. Murphy (2-1), E. Burke (0-1).  
Tipperary: A. Ryan (1-0), M. Ryan, M. Luby (0-1 each).  
CORK: A. Murray, S. Corkery, J. O'Callaghan, A. Kelleher, L. O'Connell, E. Dillon, S. Buckley, M. O'Connell, E. Burke, J. O'Sullivan, A. O'Regan, C. Corkery, J. O'Leary, C. Healy, L. Murphy. Subs: J. Gaynor for C. Corkery, E. Sweetman for J. O'Callaghan, I. Dineen for A. Kelleher.  
TIPPERARY: A. Delaney, S. Ralph, S. Nash, M. Kennedy, L. Graham, N. O'Dwyer, N. Connolly, J. Ryan, A. Maher, N. Coffey, M. Luby, A. Ryan, M. Ryan, C. Ryan, K. Moloney.

Limerick 1-5  
Clare 0-3

LIMERICK had to work harder than the scoreline suggests to get the better of Clare in an exciting Munster Intermediate Championship game at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick.

Scorers - Limerick: A. Lane (1-1), C. Walsh (0-2), L. Powell, P. Fitzgerald (0-1 each).  
Clare: F. Kinsella (0-2), M. O'Halloran (0-1).  
LIMERICK: L. Carroll, L. Cross, A. O'Connell, H. Collins, C. Walsh, P. Lynch, S. O'Shaughnessy, E. Boyce, A. White, L. Powell, P. Fitzgerald, A. Lane, G. McManus, K. O'Connor, S. O'Brien.  
CLARE: L. Moloney, E. Murphy, T. Moloney, T. Gallagher, E. O'Regan, S. Crowe, M. Keane, F. Kinsella, M. O'Halloran, A. Ryan, S. Twomey, L. Molloy, O. Fitzgerald, A. O'Brien, G. Flynn.

### CAMOGIE

Milford retained their Cork Co. Féile Na Gael title and in the process qualified to represent the county at the national finals with a comprehensive victory over Éire Óg. Six first half goals from Cork Minor Eimear Watson paved the way for Milford's 7-2 half time lead. Continuing to dominate in the second half, Milford with further goals from Watson and Amanda Hehir, went on to record a 10-3 to 1-0 victory. In the Skills Competition, Marian Murphy from the Kilbrittain club beat off stiff opposition to take the title and qualify to represent Cork in the National finals.

ULSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (semi-final, at Rossa Park) - Antrim 7-10 (M. McLoughlin 4-0, K. O'Neill 1-5, R. Watson 1-2, R. Duffy 1-0, C. Sullivan, N. McCarty, S. McKervey 0-1 each) Armagh 1-1 (C. Corry 1-0, P. Cahill 0-1).



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# Northside school achieve a unique milestone

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY



The victorious Scoil Oilibheir team celebrate another victory for the school.

CAMOGIE has gone from strength to strength in Ballyvolane/Dublin Hill school Scoil Oilibheir since it was first introduced in 1985.

The northside academy boasts a unique achievement that is hard to surpass having participated in all the section one camogie finals since 1990.

In that time honours have come their way in 1990, 92, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 and 2000.

The success for the school is due in no small way to the tremendous work of the teaching staff ably led by principal Jim Hayes and deputy principle Jimmy Daly.

Camogie affairs at the school are care of by Caroline Woods and Miriam Murphy who coach, guide and organise the teams with the ultimate aim being Paire uí Chaolmh or Paire uí Rinn come the last week in June.

From an early age the youngsters in Scoil Oilibheir are introduced to hurling and camogie with the very successful indoor leagues for pupils in

third class. These games are under the supervision of Jim Hayes and May Sammon on Wednesday afternoons and are eagerly contested with boys and girls participating side by side on the various teams. From here the pupils progress and are put under scrutiny to pick a school line up to participate in Sciath na Scoil competitions.

Local club camogie has played a very big part in the player's progression with many of the girls being members of local underage camogie clubs.

Caroline Woods acknowledges that the constant coaching both at school and club level has helped in the success story.

"When the girls come in and tell us that Denise Cronin and Sandie Fitzgibbon are coaching them we know that our work at school level is being carried on outside school hours."



Celebration time: Scoil Oilibheir accept the roinn C1 trophy from Mary Newman McCarthy. Picture: Mí English



A happy Scoil Oilibheir captain Gemma O'Regan holds the trophy after her side's win over St Columbas, Douglas.

**O'BRIEN** (Coolross, Brurea, Co. Limerick): On June 7, 2000, suddenly, at his residence, MICHAEL (MIKE), beloved father of John, Bernie, Oliver, Eddie, Brenda and Eileen. Deeply mourned by his family, sisters, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and a large circle of friends. Rest in peace. Removal from O'Grady's Funeral Home, Ballagarry on this (Friday) evening at 8pm to St. Joseph's Church, Granagh. Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Saturday) at 12 noon. Burial afterwards in the local cemetery.

## Milford's win means they secure fifth camogie title in a row

The camogie semi-finals were very one-sided. Milford and Youghal had big victories over Mitchelstown and Ballincollig respectively.

In the final, Milford were easy winners over Youghal. They took their fifth Cork County Community Games Camogie title in a row.

Milford	15-5
Mitchelstown	0-0

Milford were completely on top in this camogie semi-final at Curraheen

on Saturday last.

From the start, the scores came easy to Milford, with all their front line figuring on the score sheet.

They had built up a huge lead at the break of 9-5 to no score. Mitchelstown had the aid of the breeze in the second half.

However they were unable to cope with the overall strength and craft of the Milford side, who tagged on a further 6-0 to their half-time tally to run out very easy winners by 15-5 to no score.

**Scorers - Milford:** Aisling Thompson 4-2, Amanda Hehir 3-0, Sarah Sexton 2-1, Mary Coleman 2-1, Aine Watson 1-1, Anna Geary 1-0, Donna Watson 1-0, Michelle Roche 1-0.

**MILFORD:** Eileen Curtin, Sinead Carroll, Michelle Roche, Anna Geary (Capt), Marie Broderick, Sarah Sexton, Tina Shanahan, Theresa McLoughlin, Aisling Thompson, Mary Coleman Aine Watson, Amanda Hehir, Sub: Donna Watson for Amanda Hehir.

**MITCHELSTOWN:** Deirdre O'Sullivan, Aoife Hanessy, Catriona O'Gorman, Aoife Gallagher, Stacia Dawson, Mary Carmel Finn, Michelle Mullins, Brid Frewen, Elaine O'Brien, Bina McCarthy, Yvonne Norris, Mary T Baker. Referee: Batt Burke (St Finbarr's).

Youghal	6-2
Ballincollig	0-0

Youghal easily accounted for Ballincollig in the second semi-final. Youghal, with the aid of the breeze in the opening half, were well on top

and some well-taken scores had them leading 5-1 to no score at half time.

Shona Cunningham was outstanding for Youghal and was involved in nearly all their scores.

Jennifer Twomey was also very solid at centre forward but had to retire with an ankle injury. In the second half, Ballincollig tried very hard to get back into contention.

They could not get through a solid Youghal defence, where Katie Coakley and Niamh Cotter were in great form.

In the end, it was the Youghal side who added a further 1-1 in the second half, both scored by Shona Cunningham, to run out convincing winners.

**Scorers - Youghal:** Shona Cunningham 4-2, Marie Hooley 1-0, Clara Curtin 1-0.

**Youghal:** Amanda Flaherty, Tammar Jayawardene, Katie Coakley, Niamh Cotter, Shauna Coyne, Katie Murray, Shona Cunningham, Una Foley, Jennifer Twomey, Jessica Power, Marie Hooley, Catherine Mason.

**BALLINCOLLIG:** Noreen Bradley, Lisa Quinlan, Laura Cotter, Katie Keohane, Theresa Daly, Susan O'Donovan, Charlene Bradley, Emma Noonan, Catherine Harrington, Tracey Delaney, Ashley Lovett, Laura Whinning. Referee: Micheal O'Sullivan (Ballingarry).

Milford	9-9
Youghal	1-1

MILFORD were easy winners in the final against Youghal.

Great skill and teamwork saw their

forwards set up many scores over the hour. The Milford defence were very solid but rarely tested. At half time they were well on their way to a fifth county title in a row, winning by 5-4 to 1-0.

The Youghal goal was scored by Marie Hooley in the 20th minute. Mary Coleman notched 3-0 for the winners in the opening half.

The second half saw the winners add goals by team captain Anna Geary and Mary Coleman early on.

They ran out convincing winners by 9-9 to 1-1 in the end.

After the game, Nicholas Murphy presented the gold medals to Milford and the silver to Youghal.

Milford will now contest the Munster finals in Listowel in early July.

**Scorers - Milford:** Mary Coleman 5-1, Aine Watson 1-3, Amanda Hehir 1-1, Anna Geary 1-1, Aisling Thompson 1-1, Theresa McLoughlin 0-2, Youghal: Marie Hooley 1-0, Shona Cunningham 0-1.

**MILFORD:** Eileen Curtin, Sinead Carroll, Michelle Roche, Anna Geary, Marie Broderick, Sarah Sexton, Tina Shanahan, Theresa McLoughlin, Aisling Thompson, Mary Coleman Aine Watson, Amanda Hehir, Sub: Donna Watson for Marie Broderick.

**Youghal:** Amanda Flaherty, Tammar Jayawardene, Katie Coakley, Niamh Cotter, Shauna Coyne, Katie Murray, Shona Cunningham, Una Foley, Clara Curtin, Jessica Power, Marie Hooley, Catherine Mason, Sub: Lisa Scanlon for Niamh Cotter.

Referee: Theresa Sheehan (Mayfield).



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## Sciath na Scol's a resounding success

By JOHN HORGAN

**L**AST week's Sciath na Scol hurling finals at Pairc Uí Rinn and Pairc Uí Chaoimh were a resounding success.

The colour, drama and skill, which all combine to make this competition so successful, were again in evidence as the young boys and girls from the four corners of the county gave their all in search of the prestigious mementos.

There was something for everybody in the audience as the young protagonists ran themselves to a standstill and at the end of it all the tears of young and old alike told the unique story of two great days in Cork's two premier homes.

### Joy

There was joy for Dúngourney in the final of the Roinn DC4 camogie final against Clonpriest and their post-match celebrations knew no bounds as captain Valerie Broderick lifted the cup.

Cloyne made it a nice double for East Cork when they took the Roinn H6 trophy against Rathpeacon at Pairc Uí Rinn.

Proud captain Thomas Ryan held the trophy aloft after this one and illustrated how strong the game is in the great home of Ringey.

Scoil Eoin from Inniscarra flew the South

East Cork flag with great pride and at the end of their day in the sun Sarah Richardson and Natalie Morrissey lifted their cup of joy.

Cork Co Board Development Officer Gerry Buttimer was on hand to present Riverstown captain Kenneth Ryan with the big prize after their win in the Roinn DHI grade.

And the same official did the honours again in the Roinn H4 final when Paul O'Sullivan from Scoil Barra Beaumont accepted the trophy after their win.

The girls from Goggins Hill were too strong for Ballygarvan in another final and Aghabullogue proved too strong for Castlemary in a marvellous goals-a-plenty decider.

The boys of St Columbas Douglas defeated Ballincollig but their girls were denied by Scoil Oilibheir after extra-time in the camogie final.

But this competition is not about winning and losing but the great camaraderie that makes it so unique to all the boys and girls from across the city and county.

Defeats are quickly forgotten and the losers medals are just as important as the winners.

In Sciath na Scol there are no losers.



Victorious Innishannon captain Sarah Richardson.



Jim O'Reilly presents the DC4 trophy to Dúngourney captain Valerie Broderick.

## Vincent's live to fight again

### CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

CRUMLIN, Good Counsel and Raheny are safely through to the semi-final of the Dublin Senior A Camogie championship following fine wins last weekend.

The other quarter-final, involving the champions, Ballyboden St Enda's and St Vincent's, ended in a draw. The replay will take place this Friday night.

### STRUCK

Boden scored 2-3 to Vincent's 1-6 in a spectacular match at Scoil Uí Chonaill, which Enda's led by 2-2 to 1-0 at the break following goals from Elmeir Ring and Triona Ni Reachtabhra after Carmel O'Byrne had struck an early goal for Vins.

Vincent's, with the wind behind them, played some mighty stuff on the resumption and in an exciting finish they had to rely on two points from Denise Smith to earn a second chance.

Also at Clontarf, Erin's Isle had 5-8 to 1-3 to spare over Raheny after the teams had been tied at the interval on 1-3 each.

The Finglas girls availed of the formidable breeze to completely dominate the second half. Julie Bradley (2), Louise O'Hara, Gillian McCluskey and Lisa Doogan scored the goals for Isles.

### CRUCIAL

In the double bill at Pairc Naomh Uinsionn, Crumlin, with Cathy Walsh and Joanne Courtney notching crucial goals, overcame Na Fianna, 2-6 to 1-3.

Crumlin led by 1-4 to 0-2 at the interval, but the introduction of Anne-Marie Gray, who was carrying an injury,

fired the Glasnevin girls.

Yet Crumlin absorbed all of Na Fianna's pressure with comfort, although Anne-Marie's sister, classy Carmel, drove in a late consolation goal for the Mobhi crew.

Good Counsel had too much experience for Naomh Mearnog in the other quarter-final at Vincent's. The Drimnagh girls prevailed, 4-5 to 1-1.

Hitting the net for the Galtymore Road club were Shauna Mooney (2), Karen Blood and Shauna Keogh. Counsel led at half-time, 2-3 to 1-1, with Mearnog's scores coming from a goal by Ciara Duffy and a point from Naoise Ryan.

Top marks to Naomh Fionnbarra, who reached the semi-final of the National Féile festival in Belfast last weekend.

The Dublin Seniors will play Wexford in a challenge at Pairc Naomh Uinsionn next Saturday (4.30).

### FIXTURES

**TONIGHT (7.30)** — San B: Russell Park: Naomh Bric v Ballyboden St Enda's. Silver Park: Kincauld Crokes v Celtic Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v Thomas Davis. Blundis Drive: O'Toole's v St Vincent's. Phoenix Park: Portobello v St Jude's.  
**THURSDAY (7.30)** — Jun A: Navan Road: Plunkett/Road v Ballyboden St Enda's. Liffey Park: Liffey Goats v Naomh Mearnog. Magee Park: St Mark's v Eri's Isle. St Margaret's: St Margaret's v Raheny.  
**SUNDAY — Jun B (11.0):** Griffeen Park: Lucan Sarsfield's v Naomh Bric. Killippen: Thomas Davis v Naomh Fionnbarra. Balbriggan: O'Dwyer's v Na Fianna. Rathcooler: Commercial v St Vincent's. Intermediate (12.30): Palmerstown: Naomh Padraig v St Peregrine's. Skerries: Skerries Harps v Kincauld Crokes. Fairview: Craobh Chianin v Fudo.

## Classy Cork destroy Banner to cruise into final

Cork 6-12  
Clare 2-4

CORK cruised into the Munster Final when they totally overwhelmed Clare in the Munster Camogie Championships semi-final in Shannon last evening.

The home side opened the scoring with a Sinéad Doyle point

which was quickly followed by the same score by Maura McMahon.

However, Cork took over completely and three goals in the space of five minutes from Elaine Burke, Caoimhe Harrington and Linda Mellerick gave them a comfortable half-time lead of 3-5 to 0-3. Cork stayed in control and had extended their lead further before Fiona Kin-

sella goaled for the home side. However, Cork responded with three goals from Ciara Healy, Linda Mellerick and Elaine Burke to stay well in control before Sylvia O'Brien grabbed a consolation goal.

Scorers: Cork: L. Mellerick 2-3, E. Burke 2-0, C. Healy 1-4, V. Harris 0-3, U. Troy 0-1, S. O'Callaghan 0-1; Clare: S. O'Brien 1-0, F. Kinsella 1-0, M. Collins 0-1, S. Doyle 0-1, M. McMahon 0-1.

CORK: C. Keohane, D. Cronin, E. Duggan, M. Finn, J. Hannan, M. O'Connor, M. Burke, V. Harris (capt), U. Troy, L. Mellerick, C. Harrington, P. O'Connor, E. Burke, C. Healy, S. O'Callaghan. Subs: E. Dillon for M. Burke, M. Deasy for P. O'Connor, G. Casey for C. Keohane.  
CLARE: T. O'Grady, C. Lennon, S. McMahon, N. Nealon, S. Daly, M. Collins, A. Keane, C. Healy (capt), M. McMahon, M. O'Halloran, N. Cummins, D. Murphy, E. Arthur, A. Ryan, S. O'Brien. Subs: C. O'Loughlin for A. Ryan, S. Kinsella for E. Arthur.  
Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary)



# White heat

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Kildare lost to Cork in last month's camogie league final, their first appearance in a national decider in a decade. Hogan Stand caught up with Kildare PRO Maeve Gorman and team sponsor Mick Melvin of Kairos Communications to discuss the year.

Kildare reached a camogie league final last month, but lost out to the comparative might of Cork. It may not have attracted a bumper attendance, television cameras or bucketloads of column inches filled with ill-informed analysis, but this camogie final was as much a part of the Association as the summer season's high profile championship matches.

Kildare's camogs now have little more on their mind than enjoying the warm summer sun, while the rest of the GAA championship season builds to boiling point. Because of the different system used in camogie, which dictates that the majority of leagues and junior championships are completed by early summer, Kildare's season is over. Not for them the prestige of a packed Croke Park.

Claiming membership of the Kildare camogie team that has just lost a junior league final may not be the most fashionable of pursuits. You will not be paraded in front of cheering masses for bringing pride and esteem to the locality; leave that to Ted and Ruby and Papillon. The girls who play don't do so for exposure; love of the game is the lowest common denominator. The Lilywhite ladies can now sit back and watch their male counterparts lap up all the ill-deserved attention and allure that comes on the same train as championship hype.

Though no trophies were claimed, they can look back on their season with some sense of satisfaction. They will await next year's championship with renewed hope, hope fuelled by the promise of better things.

After years of suppression, they finally expressed themselves with merit this spring, faltering only to Offaly (in the Leinster junior championship) and Cork (league final) all season. That may not rank in the front line of GAA achievements, but Kildare's camogie team is as much a part of the GAA

as Cork's All-Ireland winning hurlers of last September. The finest sunflower cannot survive without healthy roots.

The Kildare side progressed well, if not spectacularly, since Christmas. Disappointment was the prevalent emotion a month back when they suffered a heavy defeat to Offaly's juniors in the second round of the Leinster championship. The Lilywhites had just surmounted the challenge of Kilkenny, and could have been forgiven for allowing themselves the hope of medals. But, as Kildare camogie board PRO Maeve Gorman succinctly put it, "Offaly were the better team. We could have no complaints."

She admits to entertaining great expectations prior to that match. "It was disappointing because I honestly thought we'd go further. We had beaten Kilkenny well in the previous round, but they possibly weren't as strong as we'd expected. After that game, we were confident that we could push Offaly close, and thought we might cause a shock, but it wasn't to be. They won well, and deserved to."

All was not lost for Kildare. A week later they faced Cork in the league decider. But the proximity of a championship defeat and the strength of the opposition facing them meant it would be difficult to turn things around quickly. Cork won



From left: Ellen Ryan, Seamus Callaghy (editor), Emma Fahy, Louise Conlon, Regina Gorman, Mick Melvin and Jimmy Donnelly

## Cork and Limerick set to meet in final

CORK and Limerick will meet in this season's Munster Intermediate camogie championship final, writes *Therese O'Callaghan*.

Cork produced an amazing performance at a rain-soaked Ragg GAA grounds to completely overwhelm holders Tipperary.

The stars of the show in their 8-11 to 1-2 victory were Ciara Healy and Jenny O'Leary, who between them bagged 5-9 against a weakened side. Meanwhile, in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, the home side eventually

put paid to a spirited Clare challenge by 1-5 to 0-3. Played in a downpour, this game was in doubt right up to the end when an Avril Lane goal four minutes from time put daylight between the sides. Just a point separated the teams at the interval 0-3 to 0-2.

Tonight's Munster Senior Championship semi-final is postponed to the untimely death of Michael O'Brien, Vice Chairman of the Limerick Camogie Board and and father of inter-county players, Breda, Bernie and Eileen O'Brien.



The victorious Milford under-14 team who won in the Cork County Community Games.



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# Corks Popped For A Historic Double

**CORK DO THE DOUBLE - THERE'S A SURPRISE. THIS TIME IT'S THE WOMEN'S TURN, THEIR JUNIOR AND CAMOGIE TEAMS CAPTURING BOTH LEAGUE TITLES. THERESE O'CALLAGHAN REPORTS**



**Red Hot Ladies**  
Cork - senior camogie champions for the sixth time

Saturday May 20th will long remain etched in the memories of Cork camogie enthusiasts as the historic day that the county teams won both the senior and junior National League finals in O'Connor Park, Tullamore. It was a first ever for the junior side, while the seniors edged their way to the top of the roll of honours with 10 titles and a record six-in-a-row.

Cork and Kildare provided the opposition in the opening decider. Seven Treacy sisters were creating their own bit of history in bidding to bring Corn de Burca back home - a feat achieved by the Lily Whites in '86, '89 and '90. Melanie Treacy, who captains the side this year, is a link with their last win at the beginning of the '90s. Cork, though, were in devastating form, and two goals before the break from Ciara Healy and Rachel Moloney helped the Leesiders to a 2-3 to 0-3 interval lead.

Nine further points, with Healy emerging top scorer on 1-8, to just one from the losers, resulted in a commanding victory for the Rebel County (2-12 to 0-4), and a memorable day for captain, Ruth Cahalan. A Galway native, Ruth, who won an Ashbourne medal with UCC a few months back, had to put the celebrations on hold to complete her hDip in Education exams the following Monday.

Ruth, along with Ciara Healy, Emer Dillon, Rachel Moloney and Ger Casey were also members of the senior panel who faced up to the All Ireland Champions, Tipperary in

the second decider. In a repeat of last year's league final, the Tipp girls were anxious to rid themselves of memories of a day when everything went against them. They started in tremendous fashion and playing with the strong wind looked very impressive. Four points from Noelle Kennedy, two from Caitriona Hennessy and the opening score from Emer McDonnell had Cork in big trouble. Their first-half return was a seventh minute free from top scorer Fiona O'Driscoll.

However, pep talks can and do work wonders. Cork appeared back on the field with a rearranged side. Linda Mellerick, who had been operating on the forty, moved to centre-field in a direct swap with Sarah Hayes, and almost immediately it had a telling effect. Fiona O'Driscoll grabbed the first goal of the game a minute after the restart, and slowly the titleholders clawed their way back into the game. They were on level terms by the 55th minute. Tipperary's cause then was not helped by the loss of last year's influential captain, Meadhb Stokes, who had to leave the scene of play shortly into the second-half with a hamstring problem.

With the match in the melting pot, Cork's masterstroke in introducing super-sub Ciara Healy fresh from the junior success worked brilliantly. Only minutes on the field, she pushed the Red and White into the lead for the first time in the game with a blistering goal. This was the decisive score, even though both sides finished with goals in the

closing minutes of normal time. Fiona O'Driscoll was a trifle lucky when her free dropped under Jovita Delaney's crossbar, and Deirdre Hughes showing flashes of her best with a cracking shot that beat Cora Keohane.

Time ran out, though, on the All Ireland champions, despite referee John Pender playing five minutes of added time. For Cork's Linda Mellerick, that whistle was sweet music to her ears. "Yeah, we were in serious trouble at half-time. We knew it would take a hell of an effort. I switched with Sarah (Hayes) and I think after that she played better and so did I, and I was a lot happier too at centre-field. Fiona's goal after the break stamped our authority on the game. Everything lifted - our hearts and our heads," she said.

Fiona O'Driscoll, who returned 2-7 of the winner's tally (3-7 to 1-10), was delighted with the win. "It is great, particularly after last year's championship defeat to Kilkenny," she revealed. Reflecting on her two-goal blitz, she said: "The first one, I hadn't time to think. I just let rip and thankfully it ended up in the back of the net. The second," she smiles, "I hit a free and was going for a point, but I didn't give it enough elevation and it dipped under the bar," she added.

Cork captain, Vivienne Harris, collected the AIB cup for the second year. With the focus now switching to championship preparation, the big question is - who can wrestle the O'Duffy cup from Tipperary's grasp?

**CAMOGIE**  
**Connacht 1-10 Ulster 0-3**  
Connacht took their first Gael-Linn inter-provincial Camogie Title since 1974 when they proved too strong for a spirited Ulster side at St Anne's GAA grounds, Dublin on Saturday.

Earlier in the day, in the semi-finals, Connacht surprised holders Munster whilst Ulster had a good victory over Leinster.

**Scorers:** Connacht: T. Maher 1-3, A. Forde 0-2, M. Glynn, O. Kilkenny, V. Curtin, A. Kelly, C. Nevin 0-1 each; Ulster: M. Black 0-2, C. McNicholl 0-1.

**CONNACHT:** F. Gohry, T. Laheen, A. Broderick, P. Nevin, M. Heverly, J. Hillary, O. Broderick, M. Glynn, C. Hannan, O. Kilkenny, T. Maher, S. Tannin, A. Forde, C. Nevin, V. Curtin. Subs: I. Hobbins for O. Kilkenny, D. Coen for A. Hillary, V. McSweeney for M. Glynn.

**ULSTER:** M. Barry, B. Higgins, J. Adams, C. Doherty, G. McMullen, P. McEvoy, P. McGowan, J. Brennan, D. McGeehan, P. Greene, M. Murray, M. Black, P. McAtamney, C. McNicholl.

**Ulster 1-10 Munster 2-6**  
Despite a determined effort, Munster had to give to a strong Ulster side in the Junior final.

**Scorers:** Ulster: M. Mulholland 0-5, M. O'Kane 1-2, A. O'Kane 0-2, A. Kealy 0-1; Munster: C. Healy 1-2, J. O'Leary 1-0, M. Loobey 0-3, E. Burke 0-1.

**ULSTER:** A. Crilly, S. MacEirlean, G. McGuire, M. Duffin, K. McDonnell, C. McGinley, S. Convery, M. Mulholland, A. Kealy, S. McCaul, A. Tohill, A. O'Kane, K. O'Neill, K. Rafferty.

**MUNSTER:** G. Casey, A. O'Connell, A. O'Regan, C. O'Gorman, L. O'Connell, H. Collins, N. O'Dwyer, J. Delaney, E. Burke, M. Loobey, C. Healy, E. Dillon, J. O'Leary, J. Ryan, R. Maloney.

# Limerick well beaten

LIMERICK were no match for Cork, 0-2 to 5-16, in the Munster intermediate championship final at St. Finbarr's grounds, Cork.

Cork played fast, quick, skilful, accurate camogie and from the throw in Limerick were chasing the game. Nevertheless they never gave up and had outstanding performances from Helen Collins at centre-back, Edwina Boyce at No. 1, and Siobhan O'Brien at left-corner back, while Aine O'Connell, Grace McNamara and Maria Keating 0-1, were others to do very well.

Aine O'Connell, Killeedy and Helen Collins, Killeedy played for the Munster Junior team in the inter provincial championship final in Dublin on Saturday last. Aine was at right corner back and Helen was at No. 6. Munster lost narrowly 2-6 to 1-10 to Ulster. Margaret Leahy, Na Piarasigh, was also on the panel.

In the senior competition, Vera Sheehan and

## CAMOGIE

Eileen O'Brien were on the Munster panel. Connaught beat Ulster 1-10 to 0-3 in the final.

The County senior championship and the County Intermediate league resume, while the County Junior championship begins at the weekend.

In the Senior championship Round Three, Saturday June 24, 7.30 p.m. the fixtures are Killeedy v Ballygran, Granagh-Ballyingarry v Bruff.

Round Three of the inter League has Ahane at home to Galbally on Saturday June 24, 7 p.m. while the first round of the Junior championships, pairs Tournafulla v Abbey Sarsfields, St. Patrick's v Bruff, Abbeygael's v Na Piarasigh, Kilmallock v Doon, Milford v Garryspillane, Feenagh-Killeedy v Adare, on Sunday June 25, 12 midday. In all the above games the first named team has home venue.

Crecora and Patrick-

swell brought their Junior championships first round forward a week and played it at Crecora on Sunday last. The very competitive game went right down to the wire with St. Patrickswell hanging on grimly for a 2-3 to 2-1 win.

Best of luck to Ballygran who represent the County in Feile na nGael. Also heading up North to represent the County in Feile skills is Malread Sheehy from the Blackrock Club.

The County Under 14A championship final between Ballygran and Granagh-Ballyingarry has been postponed until after Feile. The County under 14B championships semi-final draw is Galbally v Newcastle west. Killeedy v Patrickswell. These games are scheduled for Tuesday June 20. Galbally were unbeaten in the prelims. Killeedy lost one game, Patrickswell came third, while Newcastle west were the last of the

qualifiers.

The under 12 semi-finals were/are down for decision last week, and this. Killeedy and Na Piarasigh draw at Cahir-davin in A, we have no details about Granagh/Ballyingarry v Patrickswell also A. In B Ballygran lost to Crecora, while Newcastle west were 2-4 to 0-2, winners over Adare.

In C Croagh-Kilfinny v Galbally, and Feenagh-Killeedy v Bruff fight it out for a place in the final.

The County U-10 blitz has been postponed, but the very active Crecora Club fills the gap with their blitz at Crecora on Sunday next. Many clubs in the County will attend, three pitches will operate each team will get at least three games, and no doubt there will be huge excitement.

As the underage season (U14/U12/U10) winds down, there are Blitzes for West Primary Schools on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday 20, while the Community Games Coun-



Wexford club are out on their own

# Oulart girls score historic three in a row

Oulart/The Ballagh 1-8, Davitts 1-1: Oulart/The Ballagh retained their national Feile na nGael Division 1 camogie title by defeating Davitts of Galway, 1-8 to 1-1 in the final played at Casement Park, Belfast, to make it a memorable three in a row.

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Oulart/Ballagh were quicker to settle and opened the scoring with a point by corner forward Una Lacey in the opening minute with the same player adding a second point from a free following a foul on full-forward Aine Devereux four minutes later.

The Davitts did have the ball in the back of the Oulart/Ballagh net in the tenth minute but the score was disallowed for a square infringement.

Oulart/Ballagh continued to dominate and added two further points by Una Lacey in the fourteenth and sixteenth minutes to leave the score 0-4 to 0-1 in their favour at the interval.

On the restart the Davitts equalised with a goal from a free by midfielder Ann Broderick after three minutes. Oulart/Ballagh restored their lead with a fine solo run and a point by wing forward Tanya Stamp after seven minutes and added to their tally when following a free by Una Lacey was finished to the net by wing forward Claire Sinnott two minutes later.

In the twelfth minute a Tanya Stamp sideline cut was fielded by corner forward Nicola Sinnott who pointed from a narrow angle.

In the closing minutes win back Stacey Redmond found Aine Devereux who pointed and the final score a point by Una Lacey left the score 1-8 to 1-1 at the final whistle.

Best for Oulart in a well earned team performance were Tracey McCormack, Elaine Dempsey, Sharon Kehoe, Tanya Stamp and Una Lacey.

**Oulart:** Ashleigh O'Dowd, Gemma Moore, Tracey McCormack, Rebecca Parle, Stacey Redmond, Karen Atkinson, Elaine Dempsey, Gemma Moran, Sharon Kehoe, Claire Sinnott (1-0), Sarah Jo Sinnott, Tanya



■ Oulart captain, Claire Sinnott.

St. Finbar's, Dublin, 6-9 to 3-4 with scores by Una Lacey (4-9), Sharon Kehoe (1-0), Nicola Sinnott (1-0), while Davitts, Galway, accounted for Millford, Cork on a scoreline 4-3 to 0-1.

■ Oulart the Ballagh victory of a three in a row has never been achieved by any club in the history of Feile na nGael. In total five clubs have won back to back titles, Woodville, Dublin 79&80, Marino, Dublin 81&82, Mullagh, Galway 85&86, St. Lachtain's, Freshford, Kilkenny 89&90, Pearsons, Galway 94&95, Oulart/Ballagh 98, 99, 2000.

Wexford's representative in the Feile na nGael skills final Margaret Darcy, St. Martin's, finished a very creditable seventh in the final at Casement Park, Belfast on Friday last.

Stamp (0-1), Nicola Sinnott (0-1), Aine Devereux (0-1), Una Lacey (0-5). Subs: Kerrie Dunne, Christine Fortune, Caitriona Kehoe, Siobhan Cullen, Sinead O'Connor, Chloe Kenny, Ciara Storey, Louise Harris, Gemma O'Connor.

■ Oulart/Ballagh defeated their host club Lavey, Derry 9-7 to 0-0 in their opening game with scores by Una Lacey (3-2), Aine Devereux (2-0), Nicola Sinnott (1-2), Claire Sinnott (1-1), Tanya Stamp (1-1), Sharon Kehoe (1-0).

■ Their next game against Swatragh, Derry, was a 5-7 to 0-0 victory with scores by Una Lacey (3-3), Ciara Storey (1-0), Sinead O'Connor (1-0), Aine Devereux (0-2), Tanya Stamp (0-1), Sharon Kehoe (0-1).

■ The final group game was against Davitts, Galway was another victory 5-3 to 1-5 win. Scores by Tanya Stamp (2-0), Una Lacey (1-2), Emma Moran (1-0), Sharon Kehoe (1-0), Nicola Sinnott (0-1).

■ In the semi finals Oulart/Ballagh defeated

## HISTORY MAKERS



■ The Oulart team that won the Feile Division 1 camogie title for an unprecedented third time in succession last weekend. Front Row - Rebecca Parle, Kerrie Dunne, Tracey McCormack, Christine Fortune, Tanya Stamp, Sharon Kehoe, Una Lacey, Aine Devereux and Caitriona Kehoe. Middle Row - Gemma Moore, Elaine Dempsey, Sarah Jo Sinnott, Gemma Moore, Claire Sinnott, Karen Atkinson, and Stacey Redmond. Back Row - Sinead O'Connor, Chloe Kenny, Nicola Sinnott, Siobhan Cullen, Sinead O'Connor, Louise Harris and Ciara Storey.

# Oulart/The Ballagh

1998 was an outstanding year for Oulart/The Ballagh camogie club but 1999 exceeded all expectations

Oulart/The Ballagh added to the All-Ireland Feile na nGael Division 1 title they won in 1998 when they captured last year's crown, completing a memorable two-in-a-row. Seven of the side from the previous June were still eligible as Oulart/The Ballagh hurled with great pride, honour and conviction to bring more glory to the great club.

## Oulart/The Ballagh 2-3 Millford Cork 0-0

The girls from Oulart/The Ballagh became the sixth club in the 29 year history of the Coca-Cola Feile na nGael competition to retain the Division 1 camogie crown. They

created a record which will never be broken in '98 when they won the last 12-a-side final and have now installed themselves as the first 15-a-side winners.

Defeat is a concept that this Oulart/The Ballagh squad doesn't understand with titles ranging from Roinn A 4-in-a-row to the mini sevens 4-in-a-row, coupled with a bag full of U12, U14, U16 and U18 league and championships.

Great praise must go to underage mentors/selectors: Margaret Leacy, Anne Kirwin, Dave Sinnott, Pat Ryan and Aidan Moran.

2000 has got off to a good start and hopefully the luck will stay with the club for the Feile next June in Northern Ireland. Can we pull off a hat trick? We will wait and see! Best of luck to one and all.



Oulart/The Ballagh Feile na nGael side, front (L/R): Aine Devereux, Stacy Redmond, Elaine Dempsey, Aisling O'Dowd, Una Lacey, Tanya Stamp, Emma Moran, Tracey McCormack, Christine Fortune, Margaret Lacy (trainer). Back (L/R): Shane Atkinson, Dave Sinnott, Corena O'Dowd, Nicola Sinnott, Kerrie Dunne, Karen Atkinson, Sharon Kehoe, Ursula Jacob, Mary Leacy, Mary Doyle, Anne Kirwin, Margerite Harris, Rebecca Parle, Grace Walsh, Caitriona Kehoe, Sarah Jo Sinnott, Gemma Moore

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# Feile na nGael

This weekend, the young camogie, hurling and handball generations are in action when they take part in that wonderful GAA weekend of Feile na nGael.

The Feile will certainly be a historic competition this year as it goes North for the first time. It will be spread out over Derry, Antrim, Down, Armagh and Tyrone. Helen McAleavy of Down has worked hard over the last number of months on the camogie committee where she got great assistance from Breda Craig of Derry, Margaret Flynn of Antrim, Maura Quinn from Down and Bibi Devlin of Armagh.

From Friday morning at 9.30am it will be all systems go with 24 camogie games on the one time throughout the province. The players will take part in the usual colorful parade on Saturday and, with the camogie and hurling finals on the Sunday, a spectacular weekend is in store for all.

It is expected to have approximately 22 skills contestants from all parts of the country taking part in the skills competition.

Cork regained the Munster Intermediate Championship title they last held in '98 when they overcame Limerick on a scoreline of 5-16 to 0-2. Cork opened the scoring in the 4th minute with a Joanne Gaynor point. Ciara Healy and Jenny O'Leary knocked in two goals to leave it 2-9 to 0-1 at the break.

With a strong wind advantage in the second half, Cork piled on the pressure with further goals from Louise Murphy, Elaine Burke and Ciara Healy. Limerick had no answer with their only second half point arriving when Sharon O'Shaughnessy knocked over a free.

Cork scorers: - Ciara Healy 2-5, Louise Murphy 1-3, Jenny O'Leary 1-2, Elaine Burke 1-1, Joanne Gaynor 0-2, Emer Dillion 0-2, Catherine Corkery 0-1.

Limerick: - Marie Keating 0-1, Sharon O'Shaughnessy 0-1.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary

Gael Linn Senior Final:  
Connacht won their first senior title since '74 when they

defeated Ulster 1-10 to 0-3. Amazingly this was the first time these two sides had met in a senior final.

The senior Schwarzkopf Professional Player of the Tournament Award went to Tracy Laheen of Connacht, while Ulster's Siobhan Convery of Derry took the Junior award.

Ulster took the Junior title when they beat Munster 1-10 to 2-6 to take their first title since '93.



The skills participants at last year's Feile na nGael pictured along with former Uachtarán of Cumann Camógaíochta Phyllis Breslin



At the recent sponsorship announcement of Career Decisions International Ltd were: (L/R): Vera Sheehan, Aine O'Connell, Phil Casey, Alison White, Pauline McCarthy, Br. Philip Ryan, Miriam Magner-Flynn (Director), Pat Rafferty (Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael), Lorraine Cross, Kathleen Coffey, Helen Collins, John Fitzgerald (Director), Clare O'Herlihy



■ Claire Sinnott, captain of the Oulart team that won the Feile camogie title for an unprecedented third time in succession. SEE INSIDE

## Late goal by Barrett books Seandun's passage

Seandun  
Muskerry

2-5  
1-5

A late goal from Catherine Barrett enabled Seandun edge out Muskerry in an entertaining opening round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Ballincollig last evening.

Aided by the strong wind, Muskerry enjoyed the better of the exchanges in the opening half and had opened up a two point lead, courtesy of Louise Murphy, before Seandun's Gemma O'Connor pointed a 45.

Muskerry stretched their lead three

minutes later when Helen Walsh set up Louise Murphy, who finished low to the net. Both sides then exchanged points to leave Muskerry ahead 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval.

Seandun's determination was evident on the resumption and when Gemma O'Connor's long-range free, after just eight minutes, went to the net only one point separated the sides.

The sides then exchanged points to set up an exciting finale.

O'Connor levelled matters with a close-in free and just when it looked to be heading to a replay, the same player

evaded the Muskerry defence and crossed well to Catherine Barrett who goaled to give the city side a narrow victory.

Scorers: Seandun: G. O'Connor 1-4 (1-3 frees, 0-1 from 45), C. Barrett 1-0, C. Lynch 0-1  
Muskerry: L. Murphy 1-4 (0-1 from 45), E. O'Herlihy 0-1.

SEANDUN: E. Clifford (St Finbarrs), A. O'Regan (Douglas), L. O'Connell (St Finbarrs), C. Kirby (St Finbarrs), K. Buckley (St Finbarrs), S. O'Connell (St Finbarrs), M. Cotter (St Vincents), T. Kearney (Delaney's), C. Kirby (St Finbarrs), V. Maher (St Finbarrs), C. Barrett (Mayfield), G. O'Connor (St Finbarrs), B. Maher (St Finbarrs), K. Lynch (St Vincents), N. Nash (St Finbarrs), Subs: Jenny Duffy (St Finbarrs) for B. Maher.

MUSKERRY: S.M. Crowley (Aghabullogue), M.

Twomey (Aghabullogue), L. O'Leary (Eire Og), P. Murphy (Aghabullogue), A. McKenna (Eire Og), J. Twomey (Aghabullogue), S. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), E. Twomey (Aghabullogue), E. Foley (Eire Og), H. Walsh (Eire Og), D. Healy (Eire Og - capt), Y. Corkery (Eire Og), E. O'Herlihy (Eire Og), M. Buckley (Aghabullogue), L. Murphy (Aghabullogue), Subs: K. Murphy (Aghabullogue) for S. O'Driscoll



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# Feile na nGael

**W**ith the Coca Cola National Feile na nGael going ahead this year in Ulster it was history in the making, but when Oulart the Ballagh of Wexford travelled, they certainly cut their slice of history.

Oulart became the first ever camogie side to win Division 1 Feile three years in a row. Ironically their opponents in the final Davitts of Galway had to play three matches before coming out of Galway, the first two were draws and eventually they overcame a gallant Mullagh side.

This 'Ballagh side is a team that will take watching in the future. Young Una Lacey still U12 is already the holder of three All-Ireland Feile na nGael medals. Her mother is the former Margaret O'Leary who won three senior All-Irelands with Wexford.

She also possesses an All-Ireland club medal with Eoghan Ruadh of Dublin and four All-Ireland club medals with Buffers Alley.

Division 1 scorers:

Oulart the Ballagh - Una Lacey 0-05, Claire Sinnott 1-0, Aine Deveraux 0-01, Tanya Stamp 0-01

Davitts scorers:

Fiona Gohery 1-0, Ann Marie Broderick 0-01

Division 2 Final:

The Harps, Laois 5-02, Templemore, Tipperary 4-01

Division 3 Final:

St. Lachtain's, Kilkenny 1-02, Waterford 0-02

Division 4 Final

Johnstownbridge, Kildare 3-01 Beann Dearg, Down 0-02

Skills winners:

Charlene Fantorp of Armagh beat Marian Murphy of Cork into second place following a play off, as both girls finished on 70 points each.

Third place went to Fiona Byrne of Carlow again following a play off after finishing on equal points with Marian O'Brien of Clare who took fourth place.



Pat Rafferty presents Tracy Laheen of Connacht with the Schwarzkopf player of the tournament award

Memorial 7 a side tournament:

Pearse's 'A' Galway beat Cashel 'A' of Tipperary in the final on a scoreline of 3-13 to 2-12. Tipperary's Una Dwyer was player of the tournament which attracted 12 teams from various counties.



Catherine Donnellan

The Connacht senior team who bridged a 26 year gap when they won the Senior Gael Linn

## Senior Camogie C'ship gets underway

There are four games in this competition as the Inter-County scene takes a back seat for a few weeks, with Seandun and Muskerry getting the action underway on Friday night in Ballincollig at 7.30pm.

Courcey Rvs and Carbery meet in a local derby of sorts on Saturday in Innishannon at 8pm. Here the club side, powered by Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes, will be too good for the Divisional side who are minus the Barryroe players who are themselves in action on Sunday.

Champions Bishopstown begin the defence of their title when they meet Carrighdhoun on Sunday night at 8pm in Cloughduv.

In the corresponding fixture last year Carrighdhoun almost pulled off a shock win but since that game Courceys have won the Senior B and as a consequence there can be only one winner in this game.

Barryroe and Glen Rovers meet in Ballinhassig on Sunday at 3pm and while the Glen are not the force they were they will still be difficult to beat.

Linda Mellerick is in top form right now and with Cork seniors Jill Hannon, Denise Cronin and Mary Burke joining Emma Harte, Trish M Murphy and Eileen Rioridan, their team has a nice blend of youth and experience.

Barryroe have made great strides in the last few years and, with a lot of their panel having tasted success with Clonakilty College, they will present a formidable challenge. Cora Keohane, Jenny O'Leary, Rosalie Holland and Maire Moloney are all top class players. It could well be the game of the round.

## round

divisional outfit. Barryroe and Glen Rovers meet at Ballinhassig tomorrow in a game that has all the ingredients of a thriller.

Whilst both clubs field youthful looking lineouts, Glen Rovers have a sprinkling of experienced players of the calibre of Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Mary Bourke and Jill Hannon and they will look to these to guide the fortunes of the younger members of the panel.

Barryroe, who have been going well in recent League games and defeated county champions Bishopstown. The experienced Cora Keohane in goal,

Jenny O'Leary Rosalie Holland and Anne Sheehy should put it up to the Blackpool girls.

The final game of the weekend sees Bishopstown putting their title on the line against Carrighdhoun, whom they also met at the same stages of last year's championship.

This time out Rose Desmond, Ethel Duggan, Sinead O'Callaghan and their Bishopstown team mates should not be troubled by a divisional side who since last season have lost the services of the Courcey Rovers players, now a senior club.

**ACTION** continues in the Cork Co. Senior Championship over the weekend with three games down for decision.

Innishannon hosts the meeting of Carbery and Courcey Rovers this evening and on paper the club side, participating at senior level for the first season, should have get the better of the



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## Courceys beat Carbery

**Courcey Rovers.....2-10  
Carbery.....2-5**

Courcey Rovers made a most successful debut in the Cork County senior camogie championship at Innishannon on Saturday evening last, when they beat Carbery in their first round clash.

The pace of the game was very lively with some excellent patches of play. The opening fifteen minutes were evenly contested and Carbery claimed the first scores after five minutes when Susanne Deasy converted a '45' and then from a long clearance, Colette Desmond soloed through to finish in style. Courceys claimed possessions for Rachel Moloney to billow the net.

With Miriam Deasy trying hard to motivate her side, with an opportunist point in the 12th minute, it kept Carbery in touch 1-2 to 0-3 but Courceys club combination soon had the desired effect, with Sara Hayes leading the way from midfield and with their attack moving swiftly, we saw Rachel Moloney reaping the results with three more points before the break, to leave the score at 1-5 to 0-3.

Susanne Deasy supplied Carbery's first score after the interval but by the 5th minute Aine O'Regan had negated for the Rovers. Displaying a determined approach in defence, Courceys with wing back Sinead O'Regan playing an outstanding role, were to deny Carbery's comeback and by the 8th minute, the South East were 1-7 to 0-4 in front.

They were not to score again for six minutes, as the Carbery defence held firm, especially Niamh O'Mahony at corner back whose a tower of strength. But in the 14th minute Aine O'Regan placed

Therese Moloney whose first timed ground shot gave keeper Eilish O'Regan no chance from the puck-out. Carbery combined well for Linda Crowley to finish with a well-taken point.

The West Cork girls who in the space of five minutes, netted twice, when first Linda Crowley soloed through from a Val O'Keeffe free, to tap to the net and then Miriam Derry blasted a close-in free to the net, but three Courceys points from Rachel Moloney, Claire Murphy and Aine O'Regan in a lively attack secured their overall control of this contest.

Scorers: Courcey Rovers, R. Moloney 1-7 (0-4 frees, 0-1 45) T. Moloney 1-0; A. O'Regan 0-2; C. Murphy 0-1;

Carbery: L. Crowley 1-1; M. Deasy 1-1 (1-0 free); S. Deasy 0-2 (0-1 45, 0-1 free); C. Desmond 0-1.

### THE TEAMS

**Courcey Rovers:** Joanne Hayes, Jennifer Murphy, Carol Hannon, Maura O'Regan, Marion O'Donovan, Sara Hayes, Sinead O'Regan, Cara Murphy, Therese Moloney, Rosemarie Moloney, Aine O'Regan, Samantha Quinn, Mary O'Leary, Rachel Moloney, Claire Murphy.

**Carbery:** Eilish O'Regan (Kilbrittain), Deirdre Coughlan (do), Sinead O'Donovan (do), Niamh O'Mahony (do), Aileen Coughlan (Newcestown), Val O'Keeffe (Kilbrittain); Eilish O'Sullivan (do), Susanne Deasy (Newcestown); Rachel O'Donovan (do), Joanne Gaynor 9Bandon; Miriam Deasy (Kilbrittain); Eleanor Kenneally (Newcestown); Aoife O'Neill (Bandon); Colette Desmond (Newcestown); Linda Crowley (Newcestown). Sub: Maeve O'Sullivan.

Referee: Jack McGrath (Carrigaline).

- Carrigdhoun

## Healy and Desmond see holders through

**Bishopstown ..... 1-15  
Carrigdhoun ..... 0-8**

COUNTY champions, Bishopstown, thanks to superb performances from full-forward Ciara Healy and goalkeeper Rose Desmond, advanced to the second round of the Cork senior camogie championship, with a clear-cut win over Carrigdhoun at Cloughduv last night.

Bishopstown led 1-7 to 0-6 at the interval and totally dominated the second half.

Scorers: Bishopstown: C. Healy 1-10 (2 frees, 2 45s), S. O'Callaghan 0-3, A. White 0-2.

Scorers: Carrigdhoun: E. Dillon 0-3 (1 45), M. Holland 0-2, L. Bugler, S. O'Donovan, N. Murphy 0-1.

**CARRIGDHOUN:** M. O'Riordan (Ballygarvan), J. Browne (do.), D. Crowley (Valley Rovers), C. O'Riordan (do.), A. O'Neill (Ballygarvan), M. Hurley (Valley Rovers), B. Shields (do.), E. Dillon (Ballygarvan), E. Burke (Valley Rovers), E. Bugler (Valley Rvs), C. Kelly (Ballygarvan), N. Murphy (Carrigaline), M. Jagoe (Tracton), S. O'Donovan (Valley Rovers), M. Holland (Ballinhassig). Subs: N. Brady for D. O'Riordan.

**BISHOPSTOWN:** R. Desmond, D. Quigley, R. Cahalane, A. Buckley, C. Enright, Capt., E. Duggan, J. O'Sullivan, V. Harris, S. Morley, C. Kenny, S. O'Callaghan, A. White, B. Sheehan, C. Healy, M. Aiyward. Sub: S. White for M. Aiyward.

Referee: Betty Joyce (Kilkeogh).

**Courcey Rovers** 2-10  
**Carbery** 2-5

COURCEY ROVERS had five points to spare over Carbery at Innishannon on Saturday.

The club side led 1-5 to 0-3 at the interval, but two goals inside five minutes from Linda Crowley and Miriam Deasy lifted Carbery. However, but time was against them and Courcey held on.

Scorers: Courcey Rovers: R. Moloney 1-7, T. Moloney 1-0; A. O'Regan 0-2; C. Murphy 0-1; Carbery: M. Deasy 0-2, L. Crowley 1-1 each, S. Deasy 0-2, C. Desmond 0-1.

**COURCEY ROVERS:** J. Hayes, J. Murphy, C. Hannon, M. O'Donovan, C. Murphy, S. O'Regan, M. O'Regan, S. Hayes, P. Maloney, Rachel Moloney (Capt), S. Quinn, M. O'Leary, C. Murphy, RM Maloney, A. O'Regan.

**CARRIGDHOUN:** E. O'Regan, E. Kenneally (Capt), L. O'Sullivan, L. Crowley, S. Deasy, C. Desmond, R. O'Donovan, A. Coughlan, D. Coughlan, S. O'Donovan, N. O'Mahony, V. O'Keeffe, E. O'Sullivan, M. Deasy, A. O'Neill, J. Gaynor. Subs: M. O'Sullivan for E. Kenneally.

Referee: J. McGrath (Carrigaline).

**Barryroe** 1-8  
**Glen Rovers** 2-3

A lively Barryroe side advanced to a quarter-final meeting with Seandun with a two point victory over Glen Rovers.

Barryroe led 0-5 to 1-0 at the interval but Linda Mellerick cut the deficit with a point two minutes after the restart. But when Jennifer O'Leary pointed and followed up with a goal in the 16th minute, Barryroe were in control and they held off a late Glen revival.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: K. Riordan 1-0, G. McCarthy 1-0, L. Mellerick 0-2, N. Goulding 0-1; Barryroe: J. O'Leary 1-4, M. Maloney 0-2, E. McCarthy 0-2.

**BARRYROE:** C. Keohane, E. Carroll, M. Sheehy, A. Sheehy, A. Fleming, I. Dineen, E. O'Regan, K. McCarthy, R. Holland, J. O'Leary, E. McCarthy, E. O'Donovan, G. Collins, J. Cahalane, M. Maloney. Subs: S. Keohane for J. Cahalane.

**GLEN ROVERS:** L. O'Donovan, M. Burke, L. Kelly, A. Guitan, J. O'Sullivan, J. Hannon, D. Cronin, P. Murphy, E. Riordan, N. Goulding, M. Kenneally, R. Williams, E. Harris, L. Mellerick, K. Riordan. Subs: E. Murphy for R. Williams, G. McCarthy for M. Kenneally.

Referee: J. McGrath (Carrigaline).

But after two minutes, Glen Rovers hit back, when from a Jill Hannon free, Emma Harte set up Karen Riordan for a great goal. The Barryroe girls aided by the breeze, held their composure and also held control of the midfield area where Isla Dineen and Karen McCarthy were in top form. Despite the excellent defensive play of Mary Burke and Jill Hannon for the Glen, the elusive Barryroe attack always looked dangerous, while Linda Mellerick was ploughing a lone furrow for the city girls despite some close marking by the Barryroe defence, and with Barryroe keeper Cora Keohane always in

## Barryroe ladies defeat Glen Rovers

**Barryroe ..... 1-8  
Glen Rovers ..... 2-3**

Barryroe advanced to the quarter-final of the County Senior Camogie championship at Ballinhassig on Sunday last when they came off a great victory over Glen Rovers.

This youthful Barryroe side produced a delightful brand of camogie displaying all the skills of the game and while it was a wonderful team effort one must laud the outstanding contributions of their classy wing back Anne Marie Fleming and especially their top scorer Jennifer O'Leary, who notched a personal tally of 1-4, and who picked off her sides first score after five minutes.

control, the Glen were finding it very difficult to add to their tally. As it was, the winners dominance soon reflected itself with Jennifer O'Leary (2), Marie Moloney and the hard-working Elaine McCarthy the providers of points which saw the winners in front 0-5 to 1-0 at the break. Within three minutes of the restart Glen Rovers, Linda Mellerick, cut through for a good score, and for the next five minutes, Barryroe were under severe pressure as Cora Keohane denied Niamh Goulding at the expense of a fruitless



Barryroe, who defeated Glen Rovers in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship game which was played in Ballinhassig.

(Photo: Howard Crowley)

the elusive O'Leary was fed a great pass by Elaine McCarthy, before billowing the net from close range.

That score set Barryroe on the victory trail and while Linda Mellerick now on the '40 was to point from 40m out, the Glen with Denise Cronin very impressive at wing back, and with sub Ger McCarthy also trying hard, together with Mellerick they just could not breach Barryroe's watertight defence.

A brace of points by Elaine McCarthy and Marie Moloney gave the west girls a six point advantage entering the last five

minutes of a thoroughly entertaining encounter. The spirit of the Glen was again evident in the closing stages, when first by Niamh Goulding hit over a good point, before the effective Ger McCarthy made the presence felt, when from a Denise Cronin lineball, her first-time shot hit the net, with a minute remaining.

Scorers: Barryroe: J. O'Leary, 1-4, 0-1 free; M. Moloney and E. McCarthy, 0-2 each.

Glen Rovers: K. O'Riordan and G. McCarthy 1-0 each, L. Mellerick, 0-2; N. Goulding, 0-1.

Teams: Barryroe: Cora Keohane, Eileen Carroll, Mary Sheehy, Ann Marie Fleming, Rosalie Holland, Karen McCarthy, Isla Dineen, Geraldine Collins, Elaine McCarthy, Emer O'Donovan, Jennifer O'Leary, Josephine Cahalane, Marie Moloney. Sub: Sharon Keohane.

Glen Rovers: Laura O'Donovan, Mary Burke, Lorraine Kelly, Aileen Guiton, Jackie O'Sullivan, Jill Hannon, Denise Cronin, Patricia Murphy, Eileen Riordan, Niamh Goulding, Mandy Kenneally, Rebecca Williams, Emma Harte, Linda Mellerick, Karen Riordan. Subs: Emer Murphy, Ger McCarthy.

Referee: Jack McGrath, Carrigaline.

- Carrigdhoun

## Deserved victory for Bishopstown over Carrigdhoun

**Bishopstown ..... 1-15  
Carrigdhoun ..... 0-8**

PITTED against the county champions, Bishopstown, Carrigdhoun, minus the services of Courcey Rovers, who are now in the senior ranks, gave a good account of themselves in the first round of the Cork county senior camogie championship at Cloughduv on Sunday evening last.

While this was a deserved victory for Bishopstown they will, no doubt, thank their 'keeper, Rose Desmond, who brought off some great saves and their top scorer, Ciara Healy who notched 1-10 of her side's total.

The South East side were certainly unlucky to come up against the goalkeeping talents of Rose Desmond and because of that they just could not notch that vital goal, especially in the first half, when they matched the holders, stride for stride.

The town got off to the best of starts with four points inside five minutes per Ciara Healy (3) and Sinead O'Callaghan, before Emer Dillon opened Carrigdhoun's account in the eighth minute, following good defensive play.

The South East girls were to miss a couple of chances before Bishopstown extended their lead and after Rose Desmond had brought off the first of her many fine saves from Marian Jagoe, the Carrigdhoun side, with a brace of well-taken points from Mairead Holland were just 0-5 to 0-3 behind after fifteen minutes.

Two minutes later, Bishopstown's Ciara Healy pounced for a vital goal for her side to make it 1-5 to 0-3 but Carrigdhoun responded with an Emer Dillon 45 conversion and a beautifully chipped ground stroke by Elizabeth Bugler to narrow the gap, 1-5 to 0-5.

After Ciara Healy had again responded for the winners, Sarah O'Donovan, from play, replied for Carrigdhoun, before

Eithne Duggan set up Ciara Healy for the last score of the half, but before the half time whistle sounded.

Carrigdhoun, thanks to good defensive play by Dolores Crowley and Caroline O'Riordan, kept up the pressure and were unfortunate not to add to their tally as the sides retired at the break with the town in front, 1-7 to 0-6.

Scores by Ciara Healy (2) and Sinead Callaghan saw the winners consolidate their position on the re-start, before Emer Dillon and Niamh Murphy brought Carrigdhoun back into points.

Again Rose Desmond was to display her goalkeeping talents, with two great saves from Mairead Holland and Marian Jagoe before Aine White and C. Healy extended the winners lead.

With Vivienne Harris falling back in defence the winners soon stamped their authority on the game. Strong solo running by Sinead O'Callaghan yielded a superb point in the 23rd minute.

Scorers: Bishopstown: C. Healy 1-10; S. O'Callaghan 0-3; A. White 0-2. Carrigdhoun: E. Dillon 0-3; M. Holland 0-2; E. Bugler, S. O'Donovan and N. Murphy 0-1 each.

**Bishopstown:** Rose Desmond, Deirdre Quigley, Ruth Cahalane, Aine Buckley, Ciara Enright, Eithne Duggan, Jean O'Sullivan, Vivienne Harris, Sheena Morley, Caroline Kenny, Sinead O'Callaghan, Anne White, Brid Sheehan, Ciara Healy, Marie Aiyward. Sub: Sinead White.

**Carrigdhoun:** Margaret O'Riordan, Ballygarvan; Dolores Crowley, Valley Rovers; Caroline O'Riordan, do.; Aileen O'Neill, Ballygarvan; Marie Hurley, Valley Rovers; Bernie Shield, do.; Emer Dillon, Ballygarvan; Elaine Burke, Valley Rovers; Elizabeth Bugler, do.; Catriona Kelly, Ballygarvan; Niamh Murphy, Carrigaline; Marian Jagoe, Tracton; Sarah O'Donovan, Valley Rovers; Mairead Holland, Ballinhassig. Subs: Norma Brady and Deirdre Daly.

- Carrigdhoun



## Action from eight finals

SCIATH na SCOIL action took place in Páirc Uí Rinn and Páirc Uí Chaoimh last week with eight camogie finals down for decision.

In the OI final in Páirc Uí Rinn, Douglas and Scoil Oilibheir finished level 1-3 to 2-0 after a goal four and a half minutes into added time from Douglas corner forward Emer Heffernan, who took the game into extra-time where Scoil Oilibheir emerged victorious on a 3-4 to 2-0 scoreline.

The C2 final in Páirc Uí Chaoimh was equally exciting with Owens' Emer O'Driscoll ably assisted by Margaret O'Herlihy and Erin Corkery and leading her side to victory over Watergrasshill who were led by Claire Cronin.

Scoil Mhuire Ballincollig in their first year participation in Sciath na Scoil took the C3 honours, after victory against a spirited St Catherine's side.

In the D.C. 1 final Bun Scoil Mhuire Youghal took the honours over Coachford, DC2 went to Scoil Eoin Innishannon with Goggins Hill with excellent displays from Eimear O'Sullivan, Sinead Casey and Helena Cullinane making it a day of double celebrations for the division taking the DC3 at the expense of Ballygarvan.

Dungourney were victorious in the DC 4, with solid displays from Claire Harnedy and Karen Fitzpatrick and Dunderrow with Newtownshandrum and former inter county camogie player Helen Kelleher guiding their fortunes had a tremendous victory in the DC5 final.

All in all tremendous excitement, tears of joy and sadness.

Well done to all the participants and to the Sciath na Scoil committee a personal thanks from myself for all their co-operation during the year - here's to what's to come.

Cork and Tipperary meet in Munster final

Twenty four hours before the hurlers meet in Thurles the Junior camogie teams from Cork and Tipperary contest the Munster Junior final at Cloughduv with a 7.30pm throw in.

It's a repeat of last years final where Cork recorded a victory over Tipperary, however having won the Junior All-Ireland Cork must now field a completely new line out whilst Tipperary can call on the majority of that team.

In their respective semi-final both teams had good wins. Cork defeated Limerick and on the night notched up an impressive fourteen points. Tipperary had a good win over Clare and coach Sile Delaney was disappointed at their performance.

## Rovers make winning debut in senior county championship



The Glen Rovers team who were defeated by Barryroe in the Cork County Senior A camogie championship which was played in Ballinhassig.

## Courceys get off to a flier

Courcey Rovers 2-10  
Carbery 2-5

**C**OURCEY ROVERS, participating in senior county championship for the first time, had five points to spare over divisional side Carbery at Innishannon on Saturday night.

Starting well the divisional side led with points from Suzanne Deasy and Colette Desmond inside the opening minutes.

However a Rachel Moloney goal six minutes into the game settled Courceys. Miriam Deasy pointed for Carbery but Rachel Moloney replied and continuing to pick of scores, Courceys led 1-5 to 0-3 at the interval.

Carbery started the second half with a Suzanne Deasy point but a purple patch saw Courcey Rovers register 1-2 before a Linda Crowley goal in the 19th minute revived Carbery's hopes.

Claire Murphy pointed for the club side but Miriam Deasy blasted a twenty minute goal to the net to leave four points between the sides.

Courceys finished well

with an Aine O'Regan point to record a deserved victory.

**Courcey Rovers** - J. Hayes, J. Murphy, C. Hannon, C. Murphy, M. O'Donovan, S. O'Regan, M. O'Regan, S. Hayes, T. Moloney, Rosemary Moloney, S. Quinn, M.O'Leary, C. Murphy, Rachel Moloney (C) A. O'Regan.

**Carbery** - E. O'Regan, D. Coughlan, S. O'Donovan, N. O'Mahony, A. Coughlan, V.O'Keefe, E. O'Sullivan, S. Deasy, R. O'Donovan, J. Gaynor, M. Deasy, E. Kenneally (C), A. O'Neill, C. Desmond, L. Crowley.

Ref: J. McGrath.

**Bishopstown 1-15**  
**Carrigdhoun 0-8**

Experience was the key factor as Bishopstown recorded a 10 points win over Carrigdhoun at Cloughduv on Sunday evening.

Leading 1-7 to 0-6 at the interval, the holders had an excellent performance from Clara Healy who contributed 1-10 of her sides total to book a quarter final with last year's finalists Fr. O'Neills.

Long serving Bishopstown goalkeeper Rose Desmond denied Carrigdhoun with a string of superb saves.

Carrigdhoun had superb performances from young Marion Jaego at left corner forward and Marion Holland on the right wing.

**Barryroe 1-8**  
**Glen Rovers 2-3**

An exciting contest at Ballinhassig saw Barryroe edge out Glen rovers.

Barryroe laid the foundation for victory in the opening half when, aided by the wind, they came from behind to lead 0-5 to 1-0 at the interval after Karen Riordan had shot Glen Rovers ahead with a sixth minute goal.

Linda Mellerick reduced the deficit with a Glen point inside two minutes of the restart but Jennie O'Leary quickly replied with a point and two minutes later goaled after a long Barryroe free landed in the Glen square.

Marie Moloney and Elaine McCarthy added points but battling Glen Rovers had a Niamh Goulding point before substitute Ger McCarthy goaled two minutes from the full time.

Glen pressed right to the end but the Barryroe defence coped admirably to ensure their progress.

## Seanduns hard work pays off

Seandun 2-5  
Muskerry 1-5

The opening game of the Senior County Championship proved to be a lively close fought affair at Ballincollig on Friday evening.

Muskerry backboned by players from the Aghabullogue and Éire Óg clubs, dictated the opening half and aided by the strong wind led 1-3 to 0-2 at half-time after a goal from Louise Murphy in the thirteenth minute settled her side.

Showing great determination Seandun set about cutting the deficit from the resumption, a Carol Lynch point was quickly replied to by Louise Murphy before Gemma O'Connor dropped a long range free to the Muskerry net to leave just one point between the sides eight minutes into the half.

Six minutes later

Gemma O'Connor levelled matters when she pointed a free, responding Muskerry on the form of Louise Murphy. Louise had a point once again hit the front but again O'Connor hit back tapping over a free.

With a replay looming Seandun came in search of a winner, good work from O'Connor found Catherine Barrett on the edge of the square and she made no mistake goaling to put Seandun in to the quarter-final.

Seandun team: E. Clifford, A. O'Regan, L. O'Connell, C. Kirby, K. Buckley, S. O'Connell, M. Cotter, T. Kearney, C. Kirby, V. Maher, C. Barrett, G. O'Connor, B. Maher, C. Lynch, Sub J. Duffy.

Muskerry team: S.M. Crowley, M. Twomey, L. O'Leary, P. Murphy, A. McKenna, J. Twomey, S. O'Driscoll, D. Twomey, E.



# Decision Time

NEW SPONSORSHIP AND NEW FOCUS FOR LIMERICK CAMOGIE

Limerick camogie recently celebrated the launch of a major sponsorship to help boost their championship hopes in the forthcoming All Ireland series. Career Decisions International Ltd. have come on board under the directorships of Miriam Magner-Flynn and John Fitzgerald, both of whom are steeped in camogie and hurling. Miriam is an ex county player and continues to play for her club Killeedy, while John is a stalwart of the Kilmallock senior hurling team.

Among the guests at the launch was President of the Camogie Association, Pat Rafferty, who travelled from Dublin to be present at the Shannon Boat Club. She spoke wistfully of her own playing days, and of the camaraderie and friendships which the game brings to everyone. Also present was Assistant Secretary of the Limerick GAA, Michael McDonnell, who congratulated the ladies on their achievements over the years and said there was a special affinity between the GAA and Camogie in Limerick.

Miriam Magner-Flynn spoke of how Career Decisions want to heighten the profile of camogie within the county and among the players. It would also be hoped that, by the end of this three year agreement, there would be a new awareness of the game with many more players getting involved with clubs and then a resulting knock-on effect on the county teams.

Team manager, Brother Philip Ryan, said that with the new millennium a new age had dawned. The focus was now on putting a professional programme on line to improve the standard of skill and fitness on Shannonside. He expressed his delight with the players attitude, saying that they had given everything that was asked of them, and he looked forward to reaping the benefits in the near future. He also complimented selector Ann-Marie O'Keefe and trainer Gerry O'Donoghue for their commitment to camogie.

County secretary, Clare O'Herlihy mentioned that the Limerick Camogie Board was set up on September 25th, 1953 and the expense in that first year amounted to £11.2s.0d. Today there are 24 clubs, 14 competitions and 4 county teams to be taken care of.

She went on to say that this year heralded many good things for the Green and White. It is the final year of an underage development programme under the guidance of John O'Connor, the results of which are presently much in evidence within the county teams. It also marked the re-introduction of the Secondary Schools competition and the establishment of a solid training and fitness programme for all inter-county players under the guidance of Brother Philip Ryan and professional fitness trainer Gerry O'Donoghue.

Clare pointed out that both Career Decisions' sponsorship, and that received from Bill Downes of Estuary Fuels and Mike Houlihan for the Minor and U18 teams, had come from clubs knocking on doors to get support. Career Decisions are working on a basis of result incentives for the teams during the season, which will provide higher media attention and public interest.

Meanwhile, it was with great sadness that all camogie followers learned of the death of Michael O'Brien. Michael was Vice President of the Limerick Board and Chairman of Granagh/Ballingarry. His name was synonymous with camogie and but for his devotion to the game, Granagh/Ballingarry would not be All Ireland Club champions twice over. Memories of Michael date back to when he would arrive for a match and players would pour out of his van - nobody was ever left behind no matter how tight a squeeze it might have been.

A quiet, private man in ordinary times, Michael was never one to be put in the spotlight but when it came to matches he was quite capable of telling you in no uncertain terms what you had done wrong. He was very proud of his family's achievements on the playing field. Their toughest critic was also their greatest supporter. His daughters Bernie, Breda and Eileen are members of the Limerick senior team, while his three sons all play for the Ballingarry hurling team.

According to county secretary, Clare, Michael is irreplaceable and will be sorely missed by everyone.



At the recent launch of Career Decisions' sponsorship of Limerick camogie (l-r): Maire Fleury (Ahane), Aine O'Reilly (Garryspillane), Bernie Cleary (Galbally), Mrs. Miriam Magner-Flynn (Dir, Career Decisions Int. Ltd.), Mrs. Phil Casey (Jnr. Selector Co. Bd.

Officer), Mr. John Fitzgerald (Dir, Career Decisions Int. Ltd.), Kathleen Coffey (Co. Chairperson Jnr. Selector), Maedbh Nash (Newcastlewest), Deirdre Fitzpatrick (Killeedy), Br. Philip Ryan (Sec. & Jnr. Team Manager), Lorraine Crosse (Jnr. Captain - Ahane).

## Cork girls outplay Tipp to keep championship crown

Cork  
Tipperary  
(After extra-time)

by Mary Newman

IT took extra time before Cork retained their Munster Junior Camogie Championship crown after a titanic struggle with Tipperary at Cloughduv on Saturday evening.

Jenny O'Leary's ninth minute-goal put Cork in control and looking comfortable before Norma Maher's goal two minutes into injury time gave Tipperary a 1-5 to 1-3 interval lead.

Fighting back Cork with five points without replay, were three points in front 15 minutes after the re-start.

A Norma Coffey goal had Tipperary back in contention but once again Cork hit back with points from Eimear O'Friel, Aine O'Regan and Jenny O'Leary.

3-15 Friel, Aine O'Regan and  
4-9 Jenny O'Leary.

Tipperary's Joanne Ryan levelled matters but with Cork's Jenny O'Leary finishing to the net following a Val O'Keefe sideline ball, Cork looked to be home and dry. However, there was one final twist to the proceedings. Deirdre Delany's long free landed in the square and with the Cork defence failing to clear, Lorraine Burke finished to the net and with it came the final whistle and extra time.

Fifteen seconds into the opening period, Norma Coffey goal from Tipp but battling bravely Cork with points from Maria O'Connell and Jenny O'Leary kept in touch. Norma Maher pointed a Tipp 4-5 and they led 4-9 to 2-13 at the turnover. Cork again hit the front within seconds of the resumption when

Aine O'Regan blasted to the net.

With Catherine Corkery, Jenny O'Leary and Eimear Dillon hurling superbly, the fitter Cork girls finished stronger and with points from substitute Mary Ennequess and Catherine Corkery, booked their quarter-final meeting with London.

Scorers: Cork: J.O'Leary 2-7, A.O'Regan 1-1, C.Corkery 0-3, D.Murphy, E.O'Friel, M.O'Connell, M.Ennequess. Tipperary: N.Coffey 1-2, N.Maher 1-1, J.O'Connor 1-1, L.Burke 1-0, J.Ryan 0-3, D.Delany, T.Bulfin 0-1 each. Cork: O.O'Callaghan, S.Buckley, J.O'Callaghan, A.Kelleher, S.Corkery, E.Dillon, C.O'Gorman, V.O'Keefe, M.O'Connell, A.O'Regan, C.Corkery, J.O'Sullivan, E.O'Friel, J.O'Leary, L.Murphy. Subs: S.O'Regan for A.Kelleher, M.Ennequess for E.O'Friel. Tipperary: S.O'Brien, N.Connelly, S.Ralph, Siobhan Ryan, D.McDonnell, M.Corcoran, N.O'Dwyer, L.Burke, P.Bulfin, E.Delany, J.Ryan, J.O'Connor, N.Coffey, L.Young, N.Maher, Subs: J.Ryan for S.Ralph, M.Ryan for N.O'Dwyer, D.Ryan for J.O'Connor, J.Ryan for P.Bulfin. Referee: D.O'Dea (Limerick).

## Cork v Tipp in Camogie ...

SATURDAY night at 7pm, in Cloughduv, these two counties will meet in the Final of the Munster Junior Cship with the added bonus of a trip to London for the winners.

Cork, as current All-Ireland C'pions, have to field a new team, and with some of these players, won the National League for the first time lately.

It is a repeat of last year's Final, and Tipp have the bulk of that team still available so will prove hard to beat. Included are Siobhan Ryan, Julie Delaney and Joanne Ryan.

Cork with two Minor All-Irelands to their credit are themselves not short of talent. Milford's Christine O'Gorman is the captain, Jenny O'Leary is a talented individual, Aine Kelleher, and Cloughduv's Joanne O'Callaghan have important roles to play. Despite the fact that it is a new team, they are confident of retaining the title which is always a hard thing to achieve after winning the All-Ireland.

Activity is pretty thin on the ground on Saturday night so why not head for Cloughduv and give this team your support, where hopefully they will set the trend for the weekend.

## Tipperary ladies look to have advantage

THE ladies from Cork and Tipperary have a Munster Junior Camogie Championship appointment at Cloughduv tonight at 7.30 pm.

It's a repeat of last year's final when Cork dethroned the holders and later went on to take All-Ireland honours.

For this evening's encounter the Leesiders, as a consequence of winning the Junior All-Ireland, must this season field a completely new side, while Tipperary have the advantage of being able to call on the majority of last year's side.

The Tipperary side is captained by Siobhan Ryan from the Holycross Club, and includes the experienced Maebh Corcoran, Julie Delaney and Joanne Ryan and they know a top class performance is required to dethrone the champions.

Despite having to field a new line-out the Cork backroom team have already introduced several of the side through-out their successful Junior National League campaign and the comprehensive semi-final victory over Limerick also helped settled the young Cork side.

## Ulster Junior Camogie final: Derry 5-28 Antrim 1-2

## Derry power to victory

DERRY powered their way to victory in last night's Ulster Junior championship final, captain Aileen Tohill collecting the county's third successive title, although she was the only Oak Leaf forward not to score.

Derry were superior both in their teamwork and in individual battles throughout the field. Few of the Antrim side measured up to the demands of the game although Nuala McCloskey, Nadine McCorry and Kerrie O'Neill battled gamely for the hour.

Mary O'Kane banged home a goal within two minutes of the start of each half and, with Claire Doherty in charge of a dominant half-back line and the half-forwards applying constant pressure, Derry piled the scores up on the board.

1-6 to 0-2 at the end of the first

quarter became 1-13 at the break and 3-23 by the three-quarter mark, by which stage both sides had introduced their full quota of substitutes.

The manner in which Derry went about it suggests that they should be back in Croke Park on the first Sunday in September.

Derry: A. Crilly, S. McEneaney, G. Maguire, C. Scullin, K. McDonald, C. Doherty, S. Convery, M. Mulholland (0-2), S. McCaul (0-2), P. McAtamney (0-8), A. Tohill (Capt), A. O'Kane (1-3), C. McNicholl (1-2), M. O'Kane (2-3), Karen Rafferty (0-5).

Subs: A. Kealey (1-0) for M. Mulholland (ht), B. McIvor for K. McDonald (38 mins), C. McColligan (0-3) for K. Rafferty (43), Claire O'Kane, P. McKenna, P. McCloy, R. Molloy, S. Stevenson, C. McGuckin, Anna O'Loughlin (inj).

Antrim: C. McKinley, M. Duffin, E. Stewart, N. McCloskey, F. Hasson, Joanne McKendry (Capt), B. Burns, K. O'Neill (1-2), N. McCorry, R. Duffin, S. McKenney, O. McGrath, R. Watson, C. Jennings, M. McLaughlin.

Subs: O. McGlade for S. McKenney, C. Kerr for E. Stewart, S. McGourty for C. Jennings (all 46 mins.)



# The Great Indoors

**TOM O'CONNOR, A MEMBER OF THE HANDBALL COUNCIL, REPORTS ON AN INNOVATIVE NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF AN ANCIENT SPORT - INDOOR HURLING**

**P**lay hurling indoors? Wouldn't the space available in most halls be too limited, and what about the damage to wooden floors and walls? The answer was simplicity itself - promote the sport among the very young, confine the play to ground hurling and make the bas of the camán out of plastic. It is a great way of introducing our ancient game, especially in areas with little hurling tradition, and is also a skillful and enjoyable game in its own right. At this young age, too, boys and girls can play together without any problems.

These considerations were very much in mind a few years ago when Cumann na mBunscoil organised the sport in the primary schools of Dublin and Cork. In the capital the Cumann's Development Officer, Tom Fitzpatrick, is a big supporter of indoor hurling, and he has seen the number of kids involved double each year since its inception. This year's League involved over 1200 children from almost 30 schools.

League organiser Gerard O'Connor feels that indoor hurling is the best way to introduce very young children to the game where the emphasis would be on participation and enjoyment. Much planning went into the project with prior visits to the schools and the organisation of Festival days. On these occasions up to 150 children from a particular school would be brought to a large indoor facility such as the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. There games were played in a relaxed, fun-filled atmosphere between classmates. Sometime later competitions were organised in ten regional venues with semi-finals and final brought back to the Arena.

In 1996 Sciath na Scol in Cork decided to start a similar indoor hurling competition among the City schools. Liam Mhac an Mhoit and his fellow organisers attracted an entry of 88




Both pics: the National Arena, Tallaght

teams, a figure that has increased every year since. For many of the games the magnificent facilities at Cork IT were made available, and the finals were played at the Neptune Stadium.

The game is gradually spreading out from the two main Urban areas and it is hoped eventually to have the game played in most areas of the country and draw up a set of rules that will apply at national level. A number of second level schools have started to play the game and their transition years are being trained as coaches with a view to helping with the training of young children at their nearest primary school.

At the moment the rules are being deliberately kept flexible to cater for the different numbers involved and the various facilities available. Interest is kept high by having the games short (6-7 mins. per half), but with continuous action as the ball is played off the side and back walls as in ice hockey. In fact, several other aspects of that game are incorporated including sin bins, portable goalposts and unlimited substitution (but no punch-ups!).

An exciting prospect opening up is the possibility of relations with the game of Sale (floor) Bandy. This Scandinavian game can trace its roots back to the hurling introduced to settlements in Iceland by Irish monks. It is one of the fastest growing sports in Sweden, Norway and Finland. The game has spread to Britain, Canada and the US, and the International Bandy Association is anxious to make contact with our Irish game. World Championships are held each year - the next is in Sweden in May 2001. The Dublin schools have built up relations and exchanged visits with their shinty counterparts in Scotland. As a result of these contacts the Shinty Association is now promoting their own indoor game. The Bandy connection may be an opportunity to spread their wings even further afield.

Information on indoor hurling in your area can be got from Cumann na mBunscoil, c/o your GAA County Board. The indoor hurling season runs from November to March and this year, Tom Fitzpatrick tells me, most counties have a full programme devised. 

# Cork topple Tipp in tight tie

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Cork 3-15  
Tipperary 4-9  
(aet)

**JENNY O'LEARY** hit top form as Cork successfully defended their Munster Junior camogie crown in Cloghduv on Saturday night.

In doing so, they toppled a tenacious Tipperary side in an action-packed encounter that was forced into extra time after the teams were level on five occasions.

But, it was the brilliance of O'Leary, who notched 2-7, at full-forward, that put Cork into an All-Ireland quarter-final meeting away to London.

However, the champions, with five of their six forwards finding the target, were pushed all the way by Tipp.

## Goals

Tipp struck for injury time goals in both halves from Norma Maher and Lorraine Burke - the latter's score after an hour rescuing a draw, 2-11 to 3-8.

After a relatively tame opening period, the Premier County led 1-5 to 1-3, but with the help of O'Leary, plus a vital contribution from Catherine Corkery, the sides were level in the last five minutes of normal time.

Then, amazingly with the sides tied, a goal from Jenny O'Leary was immediately cancelled by a similar effort from the battling Burke for Tipperary.

The first period of extra time saw the visitors register 1-1 to the home side's two points.

But the Rebels dug deep and an Aine O'Regan goal in the second-half of extra time paved the way for a thrilling Cork win.

# Cork and Tipp girls produce thriller

**S**OMETIMES, and it's a pity, secondary competitions can get lost amid the furore of the top grade games. Last weekend the world and its mother knew that Cork and Tipp were playing in Thurles.

£11,500 changed hands in the new GAA Museum in Semple Stadium the day before the final.

But very few would have been aware that on Saturday night the same two counties played in Cloghduv in the Munster Junior Camogie Championship final.

The ladies' game was a real do-or-die affair with passion and desire in abundance. After 90 minutes of camogie during which we saw 31 scores, the Rebel County squeezed in a goal and two points in the last period of extra time to win by three points.

Traditionally, the potential success of a county junior team can be gauged by the progress of their minor counterparts in the preceding years.

Cork are the reigning All-Ireland minor champions.

## VIEW FROM THE GROUND with THERESA O'CALLAGHAN



Eight of their starting line-up on Saturday night are products of that team - not forgetting that minor in camogie is U-16.

Tipperary are also a young side, who came south to turn the tables on the Leesiders after exiting at the same stage last season (Cork went on to win the All-Ireland in Croke Park last September).

The match was a thriller, helped by the intelligent refereeing of Bernie O'Dea from Limerick.

There were many sparkling performances. Tipp's Joanne Ryan was a joy to watch rifling over points with considerable ease from 50 metres out.

Injury-time goals in both halves showed a clear will-to-win from the Premier County.

Cork too had their stars. Emer Dillon at centre-back, midfielder Val O'Keefe, Cloghduv's own Catherine Corkery who worked like a Trojan throughout, but very much the heroine was full-forward Jenny O'Leary.

When the chips were down, it was O'Leary who revived their fortunes with a massive scoring burst of 2-7 including three wonderful 45 metre frees on the trot at the beginning of the second-half to put the Leesiders back into the lead. Her goals were top class.

The first, set up by Emer O'Friel, was clinically finished.

The second was purposely struck low into the corner of the net. It is her goal-scoring ability though that is fast becoming her hallmark.

"I suppose it comes down to determination. When I get a ball I don't decide I'm going for goal. It all comes to me as I am running," she explains.

Ten days ago, Jenny played a big part in plotting the downfall of the Glen in the county championship. Lining out that day at wing-forward, she made life difficult for the Blackpool girls with her dashing runs from the 40, scoring all but four points of their 1-8 tally.

At 16, the youngster from Barryroe has already spent half of her life playing camogie and has bagged two All-Ireland medals - colleges with Sacred Heart in Clonakilty and a minor win last August.

Her aim this year is for another two - an All-Ireland junior and a county with Barryroe.



# Rovers face tough task

THE senior championship action continues over the weekend with Cloughdun and Courcy Rovers meeting on Friday night.

Bishopstown and Fr O'Neills clash in a repeat of last year's county final the following evening while Newtownshandrum and Inniscarra meet on Sunday morning.

Courcy Rovers, having overcome the challenge of Carbery in their opening game, face a tough task against Cloughdun.

Cloughdun possess a nice blend of youth and experience. Marie Corkery, Una O'Donoghue and Ann Marie Healy have combined well with younger players Aoife Murray, the O'Callaghan sisters, Joanne and Ora, Sinead Corkery, Orla McCarthy and Catherine Corkery all whom have won All-Ireland honours with the county.

The side is coached by club hurlers Paudie Murray and Tim Barry-Murphy.

## Impressive

Courcys looked good against Carbery with the inter-county duo of Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney in tremendous form.

The determination and work rate of Samanta Quinn, Claire Murphy and Aine O'Regan is another major plus. The side is captained by Rachel Moloney who contributed 1-7 in their opening game.

Newtownshandrum are a strong outfit who have established themselves since joining the senior ranks two seasons ago.

Paula O'Connor, Ursula Troy, the Harrington sisters, Caoimhe and Muirean, the Kelleher sisters Aine, Lisa and Helen, have all graced the inter-county stage and whilst last year's minor winning All-Ireland captain Niamh Bowles has been struggling with an injury she is hopeful of lining out.

Inniscarra are captained by Margaret O'Sullivan but they are without the services of inter-county ace Criona Harte who is presently in America.

However they have plenty of experience in Irene O'Keefe, Paul Goggins and Cork intermediate goalie Ger Casey. Cliona Meaney and Ann Golden will bid to rally the

**Senior**  
Championship  
FRIDAY, JULY 7  
Courcy Rovers v Cloughdun, Inniscarra, 8pm.  
SATURDAY JULY 8  
Fr. O'Neills v Bishopstown, Carrigrohilly, 7.30pm.

**Sunday JULY 9**  
Newtownshandrum v Inniscarra, Delaney's, 12.30  
Results  
U-14B league quarter-final - Rockbawn 7-5 St. Catherine's 4-6.  
U-14 league - Milford 9-4 St. Fanahan's 0-0; Milford 7-2 Charleville 0-0; Milford 7-4 Kildorrery 1-0; Eise Og 1-4 Douglas 0-0; Courcy Rovers 3-3 Ballinacorney 2-2; Valley Rovers 4-3 Courcy Rovers 2-0; Courcy Rovers 1-0 Ballinora 0-0; Killybeg 4-1 Dungourney 0-0; Mayfield 7-3 Bishopstown 2-2.

# New junior side retains Munster title for Rebels in style



The victorious Cork side which retained the Munster Junior Camogie title with a final victory over Tipperary at Cloughdun on Saturday.

# Cork breeds a new generation of stars

Cork 3-15  
Tipperary 4-9  
(after extra-time)

**A** THRILLING Munster Junior championship final saw Cork fielding a completely new team to last year's All-Ireland-winning side and retaining their title after a mighty struggle with Tipperary at Cloughdun on Saturday evening.

On a superb pitch the sides served up a thrilling spectacle where the real winner was camogie.

Trailing 1-5 to 1-3 at half-time, Cork sent over five points without reply to give the holders the lead before a Joanne Ryan point in the 17th minute was followed by a Jackie O'Connor goal.

Norma Coffee stretched the Tipp lead with a point before Cork again hit back with points from Emer O'Friel, Aine O'Regan and Jennie O'Leary.

With five minutes left it was nip and tuck. Joanne Ryan levelled matters but from the puck out Jennie O'Leary scored a goal and Cork were in control.

Throwing everything into one last attack, Tipp were rewarded when Deirdre Delaney's long free was finished to the net by Lorraine Burke to level matters at 2-11 to 3-8 and force extra time.

Tipp got the dream start when Coffee goaled after 15 seconds. Cork kept in touch with points from Marie O'Connell and Jennie O'Leary but Tipp finished the half well with a Norma Maher point to leave it 2-13 to 4-90.

Cork's determination was evident from the restart when substitute Mary Ennequess had the ball in the net from the throw in.

Sensing victory Cork again came forward and with Ennequess and Catherine Corkery pointing, the fitter Cork girls finished stronger and booked their quarter-final with London.

In an overall superb performance, credit must go to Cork's Jennie O'Leary whose contribution of 2-7 was brilliant in what was a complete team effort by the Pat Murray-coached side.

And plaudits to referee Bernie O'Dea of Limerick whose handling of the game was first class throughout.

**Cork:** O. O'Callaghan, S. Buckley, J. O'Callaghan, A. Kelleher, S. Corkery, E. Dillon, C. O'Gorman(C), V. O'Keefe, M. O'Connell, A. O'Regan, C. Corkery, J. O'Sullivan, E. O'Friel, J. O'Leary, L. Murphy. Subs: M. Ennequess for E. O'Friel, S. O'Regan from A. Kelleher.

**Tipperary:** S. O'Brien,



Tipperary's Laura being chased by Cork's Marie O'Connell at Cloughdun. Picture: Richard Mills.

N. Connolly, S. Ralph, S. Ryan, D. McDonnell, M. Corcoran, N. O'Dwyer, L. Burke, P. Bulfin, D. Delaney, J. Ryan, J. O'Connor, N. Coffee, L. Young, N. Amber. Subs: Jane Ryan for S. Ralph, M. R. Ryan for N. O'Dwyer, D. Ryan for J. O'Connor, Joan Ryan for

P. Bulfin.  
**Scorers:** Cork - J. O'Leary 2-07, M. Ennequess 1-1, C. Corkery 0-3, A. O'Regan, E. O'Friel, L. Murphy, M. O'Connell 0-1 each.  
Tipperary - N. Coffee, 1-2, Joanne Ryan 0-3, J. O'Connor 1-1, N. Maher 1-1, L. Burke 1-0, D. De-

laney, P. Bulfin 0-1 each.  
Action begins for the Junior players this evening with a full fixture programme scheduled.  
The under-14 and under-12 leagues have now reached their closing stages with the sections now.

# Ballyboden bring Vins' final 'run' to end

THE holders, Ballyboden St. Enda's, had to use every slice of energy to progress to the semi-final of the Dublin Senior "A" Camogie Championship.

In a memorable duel at Erin's Isle, that was watched by Dubs' boss, Tom Monaghan, the quarter-final against St. Vincent's went to extra time, where Boden showed the eagerness of the French in what was a repeat of last year's final.

The victory now sees Boden advance to a last four meeting with Erin's Isle on July 14, with Crumlin and Good Counsel contesting the other semi-final.

## CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

Defeat means that St. Vincent's will not be continuing their splendid run of appearing in every final since 1991.

Boden were 0-5 to 0-2 ahead at the break. Both defences excelled, and there were fine displays of goalkeeping from Ciara Conway (Boden) and Sinead Power (Vincent's).

With seconds to go, Boden's Darelle Dolan sent over what looked like the winning score, but in a dramatic finale, Louise Lynch tied the game at 0-6 each

and sent it to extra time.

Boden showed a sharper finishing edge thereafter, scoring five points to Vincent's one as they bid to secure their second Dublin title.

Meanwhile, St. Vincent's captain, Germaine Noonan, is the new Dublin PRO.

Germaine, one of the finest defenders in the sport, won an All-Ireland Senior medal with Dublin in 1984, and she has proved herself to be a very able administrator at Vincent's. She will be assisted by her Dublin colleague, Louise O'Hara, of Erin's Isle.

Germaine will be involved in the new

venture that will see all results, fixtures, news, etc go on the new Dublin GAA website.

● The next Dublin County Board meeting will be next Monday at Parnell Park (7.30).

## FIXTURES

**TONIGHT (7.30):** Sen A: Pairc Uí Mhuiré: Ballyboden St. Enda's v Naomh Mearnóg, A. Maguire, Mebbi Road; Na Fianna v Raheny, C. Hand, Pairc Naomh Uinsionn; St. Vincent's v Good Counsel, B. Conavan, Pearse Park; Crumlin v Erin's Isle, C. Dadd.  
**SUNDAY (11.0):** Jun A: Tymon North: St. Jude's v Ballyboden St. Enda's, Magee Park; St. Mark's v Raheny, Portmarnock; Naomh Mearnóg v St. Margaret's, Navan Road; Puckett's/Road v Round Towers, Farnham Road; Erin's Isle v Liffey Gaels.



# Hail Lachtain's queens of

**T**HE St. Lachtain's (Freshford) under-14 camogie team travelled to Castledawson, Derry to take part in Féile na nGael. In Newry they met representatives of the Castledawson club, who took them on to their destination.

The girls dispersed to their hosts families. The following morning they met again before playing their first game against the host club.

Five minutes into the match, Castledawson pointed through excellent midfielder, Catherine McAuley. Castledawson were playing with a strong wind, and the Freshford girls were unsettled.

Then a great ground stroke by Louise Murphy resulted in a goal, and it settled the Kilkenny girls. The score at half-time was St. Lachtain's 1-0, Castledawson 0-1.

Freshford played better in the second half and scored 3-3 to Castledawson's 1-0. These exchanges left the final score, St. Lachtain's 4-3, Castledawson 1-1.

The second game at 12.45 p.m. was against Greenlough, again in the Castledawson grounds. This was a one sided affair. The score was St. Lachtain's 9-1, Greenlough 0-0.

In the third game, the cats travelled to Greenlough to play Cuchullains Dunloy. Again Freshford proved too strong. The final score was St. Lachtain's 10-1, Cuchullains 0-0.

The girls qualified for the semi-final which were on the following morning in Hannahstown, Belfast. The opposition was provided by Glenealy from Wicklow.

Again a strong breeze was blowing. Freshford elected to play against it. Two goals from Mairead Phelan, and a point from Eileen Fitzpatrick, left the half-time score at 2-1 to no score.

The second half was more of the same. Marion Maher scored a well deserved goal. Louise Murphy added a second and Eileen Fitzpatrick pointed. The Wicklow girls failed to score. St. Lach-

tain's won by 4-2 to no score.

Before the final there was a parade down through the Shaws road, Andersonstown and into Casement Park. The girls were led by Sinead Corrigan and Catherine Connory, and able marshalled by Eileen Marnell and Maura Butler. Philis Fitzpatrick and Mary Hogan carried the banner.

## Proud moment

A great cheer went up when the Freshford girls passed the viewing stand. It was a proud moment for Ciara Brennan. Her mother Mairead and father Nickie were on the viewing stand. Little did she know at that point that better was to come!

Corrigan Park was the venue for the final. Lismore were the opponents and they looked good. There were a number of difficult selection problems. When they were sorted out it was on with the game.

St. Lachtain's started well playing against the strong wind. However, they came up against a good goalkeeper. The first score fell to the Kilkenny girls. Eileen Fitzpatrick pointed a free.

Lismore got into the game, and scored a good point from play. Cathriona Maher eventually broke the deadlock when she scored a Freshford goal. Then Eileen Fitzpatrick pointed a free.

Lismore did not give up. There were some anxious moments before the final whistle. The final score was St. Lachtain's 1-2, Lismore 0-1.

This was a great win, and the tired legs and bodies were forgotten. Ciara Brennan accepted the trophy from Pat Rafferty, President of the Camogie Association. Sean McCague, President of the G.A.A. was also present.

It was hard going for the girls who played five games and walked in a parade during the two days. All credit to them, their never say die attitude brought them through.

It was particularly gratifying for the supporters, some of whom had travelled on Friday and stayed overnight, and the bus load who made it for the second half of the semi-final. Back in Castledawson the first victory celebration involved the Castledawson players, who erected flags and banners at the local club grounds.

Some of the girls celebrated at a disco and others at parties in the host families homes. The following morning it was time to say goodbye.

## Second to none

The treatment the team, officials and supporters received from the Castledawson club and host families was second to none. They simply could not do enough for everyone.

Special mention to Catherine Pickering (club secretary), her mother, father and sister Rosaleen, and, of course, Gemma. After mass in Maherafelt it was on to Dundalk for a break.

There the staff of the Lanterns had the place decorated in black and amber. On arrival home, at Campions pub, there was a small gathering, along with a convoy of cars to lead the champions into Freshford. V.I.P treatment was the order of the day and there was a Garda escort.

The victorious team and officials boarded a trailer to parade to the village square. A large crowd of jubilant supporters cheered them all the way. On the Square, chairman Donal Heaphy addressed the gathering and introduced all the panel.

He expressed thanks to Kilkenny Block for the kit bags, Christie Ryan for the tops and P.J. O'Sullivan for the socks. Thanks were also extended to all who helped raise money for the trip. A special mention was given to Aine Conroy and her mother Catherine. Aine had to return to the Gaeltacht from where she was collected on Thursday.

## Tipperary qualify for Munster final

**Tipperary 3-13**  
**Limerick 2-3**

Tipperary defeated Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster Senior Championship, last week.

Tipperary were first to score with a pointed free from Catherine Hennessy in the 4th minute, Limerick's first score came from a free by P. McCarthy in the 6th minute, another point from the same player in the 9th. minute from a free, while Tipperary hit back in the 10th minute with a Noelle Kennedy point from play.

For the remainder of the first half, Limerick took control. Vera Sheehan coming into her own with a goal and point from play and Eileen O'Brien with a point from a '45' and a point from play, with Tipperary's only reply point coming from Jackie O'Connor. This left the half time score at Limerick 1-5, Tipperary 0-3.

Tipperary started the second half in a much more positive fashion, with five unanswered points, Noelle Kennedy (2), Maria Harkin (1), Grainne Shanahan (1), Cathriona Hennessy (1)

to draw level but a great point from play by P. McCarthy restored Limerick's lead.

Jackie O'Connor got possession and scored the equalising point in the 13th minute, while Tipperary had two more great points from play coming from Cathriona Hennessy and Maria Harkin to restore a three point lead entering the last quarter. However, Limerick rallied again and awarded a free 45 yards from the Tipperary goals. Eileen O'Brien decided to drop it in and was met first time by A. White who goaled for Limerick.

The Tipperary mentors introduced Emer McDonnell and Deirdre Hughes and within one minute Deirdre has the sliotar in the Limerick net while another goal from Maria Harkin and a point from a 45 by Cathriona Hennessy seemed to knock the heart out of Limerick with their only reply being a two points from frees by Eileen O'Brien. Deirdre Hughes finished the scoring for Tipperary when she caught the sliotar behind the Limerick full-back to score her second goal.

Scores from Tipperary D. Hughes 2-0, M. Harkin 1-2, C. Hennessy 0-5, N. Kennedy 0-3, J. O'Connor 0-2, G.

Shanahan 0-1.

Scorers for Limerick: V. Sheehan 1-1, E. O'Brien 0-3, P. McCarthy 0-4, A. White 1-0.

**Tipperary team:** J. Delaney, S. Kelly, S. Howard, C. Madden, T. Brophy, C. Gaynor, U. O'Dwyer, M. Hayden, A. McDermott, N. Kennedy, J. O'Connor, H. Kiely, C. Hennessy, M. Harkin, G. Shanahan.

Subs: E. McDonnell for N. Kennedy; D. Hughes for G. Shanahan.

**Limerick team:** E. Sheehan, L. Leonard, M. Loneragan, R. Collins, M. Neville, D. Sheehan, G. McNamara, P. McCarthy, K. Burke, E. O'Brien, V. Sheehan, M. Casey, P. Cronan, A. White, S. Shaughnessy.

Subs: C. Leslie for M. Loneragan.

## TIPPERARY JUNIORS PLAY CORK IN MUNSTER FINAL

Tipperary's County Junior team will face Cork on this Saturday evening at a Cork venue, in the Bord na Gaeilge Munster championship final which is set for a 7 p.m. start.

## camogie

A guard of honour was given to the players as they entered the Community Hall by the club senior team. Every person adjourned to the Community centre for some refreshments.

The club thanked all who made the home coming such a memorable occasion; the ladies who provided and served the refreshments; Nellie O'Connor for the transport and Eddie Dooley for the amplification; those who decorated the Square and hall with bunting.

What can be said of the team? Two county titles, and an All-Ireland Féile na nGael title speaks for itself. The conduct of the players over the four days was second to none, and they received high praise from their host families. Their parents can be very proud of them all.

This is the fourth All-Ireland Féile na nGael competition which the Freshford club won. They captured two division 1 titles in 1989/90 and one division 2 title in 1997. The club has represented Kilkenny on eight occasions. A great record, considering the club was only founded in 1984.

**Panel:** Noelle Corrigan, Elaine Grace, Ciara Brennan (capt), Michelle McGrath, Catherine Neary, Aine Connory, Marie Anderson, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Dalton, Marriam Maher, Rachel Hogan, Cathriona Maher, Emma Behan, Niamh Kennedy, Louise Murphy, Mairead Phelan, Mary Dalton, Debbie Rafter, Caroline Campion, Bridget Bergin, Nicola Bowden, Aileen Marnell, Ann Walsh, Donna Butler, Roisin Kennedy, Angela Dalton, Kim Farrell, Siobhan Dawson, Christine Neary, Emer Harding, Fiona Muldowney, Marie Dollard.

**Trainer/selector** Michael Cormack; **selectors**, Sheila Killeen, Kathleen Corrigan.

Finally, a special word of congratulations to Tracy Muldowney from St. Bridget's who represented Kilkenny in the skills competition. She came seventh, which was a great achievement.

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## Phelan in Laois history

**THREE** goal hero Yvonne Phelan was the toast of Laois as they won their first ever provincial Junior championship title in Rath yesterday, overcoming Leinster champions Offaly, 4-4 to 1-11.

**SCORERS** - Laois: Y Phelan 3-0, P Morimer 1-0, B Whelan and T Keenan 0-2 each. Offaly: M Davis 0-5, J Seely 1-1, M Bergin 0-2, E Dermody, S Daly, E Colburn 0-1 each.

**JENNY O'LEARY**, who scored 2-7, helped All-Ireland junior champions Cork retain their provincial title by overcoming Tipperary in the Munster final on a 3-15 to 4-9 scoreline after extra time.

**SCORERS** - Cork: J O'Leary 2-7, A O'Regan 1-1, C Corkery 0-3, E O'Fiat, MB Ennisquess, M O'Connell and L Murphy 0-1 each. Tipperary: N Maher 2-0, J O'Connor, L Burke 1-0 each, N Colley 0-4, J Ryan 0-3, D Delaney and P Butler 0-1 each.



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# All-Ireland Championship gets underway

**T**he Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior Open draw championship starts off next Saturday when All-Ireland champions Tiobraid Árann will have to make the long trek to Co. An Dún.

A repeat of last year's All-Ireland semi-final in which Tipp very much had the upper hand over the Mourne girls and the Munster caillíní will very much start as favourites for the next day.

Tipperary under former Tipp hurler Michael Cleary will be hoping to advance to the quarter final where they will meet Clare on July 22nd. Down manager Pádraig O'Miandáin, a former Derry hurling goalkeeper will know his side have a tough task.

Next Sunday will see the Connacht Junior Final between Galway and Roscommon in Ardahan.

Roscommon who reached the semi-final of the National Junior League will be anxious to make up for their poor showing in that match.

Should any Roscommon player get injured they will be in safe hands as manager Adrian Tully is a nurse by profession! Adrian who plays with Roscommon hurlers came onto the scene this year and is very impressed with the level of commitment the girls have given.

"We were delighted to play in the league, it was good preparation for us and we hope it will stand to us on Sunday" said Adrian. As Adrian pointed out Galway have an advantage, "They have many more clubs than our three senior clubs, but we have players like Lizzie Glennon capable of holding their own against anyone."

Roscommon expect to have to line out without their captain Sinead Grehan who is out injured. However, Galway who last won the Junior All-Ireland in '98 and are the leaders with six All-Ireland Junior titles would dearly love to make a mark this millennium.

These two sides got to know each other for a short while recently when they played for the Connacht Junior side in the Gael-Linn Tournament. The prize for the winners is a Junior All-Ireland semi-final spot against the Ulster winners in early August.

## Results:

**Leinster Junior Championship Final:**  
Laois 4-4 Offaly 1-11. This was the first ever Leinster Junior title for Laois.

**Munster Junior Championship Final:**  
Cork 3-15 Tipperary 4-9

**Ulster Junior Championship Final:**  
Derry 5-28 Antrim 1-02



The Roscommon junior camogie team



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Blarney - second year B champions in Cork



Coachford College - Cork Colleges senior B winners

## Town out to make it four

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

**FR O'NEILL'S** will seek to put one over on their biggest bogey team, Bishopstown, when they meet in tomorrow evening's Senior A county camogie championship quarter-final in Carrigrohilly.

Defeated by the Town in the last three county finals, the East Cork contingent would love to take the scalp of their greatest rivals in what is sure to be a hard-fought match.

However, their side is considerably weakened by the absence of retired duo, Anne Marie Brennan and Sinead Cahalane, and Karen O'Sullivan who is in the States.

The leadership of Cork stars Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll, though, will boost their bid.

Bishopstown, setting out in search of a fourth county title on the trot, are minus the services of several players.

## Dublin

Liz O'Neill is now playing her camogie with Celtic of Dublin, Melanie Treacy has returned to Kildare and Trish Doyle is currently in the USA.

But back into the fold comes Aine Buckley, who along with captain, Ciara Enright, Viv Harris, Eithne Duggan, Sinead O'Callaghan and Ruth Cahalan should prove too hot to handle for the Ballymacoda girls.

Elsewhere, tonight at Innishannon the babes of the championship, Courcsey Rovers, should serve up a cracker of a clash with Cloughduv.

Courcsey Rovers had an impressive five point win over divisional side Carbery in their opening game.

However they will be tested against a mid Cork side who looked very impressive in winning the county U-18 championship earlier this season.

Meanwhile, at 12.30 on Sunday Newtownshandrum and Inniscarra will meet at Delaney's.

Here, the north Cork club, who are making gigantic strides in their league campaign, should prove just too powerful for quite a young Inniscarra outfit.

## Cloughduv triumph over plucky Courcsey

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Cloughduv 2-11  
Courcsey Rovers 1-5

**CLOUGHDUV** are through to the camogie senior championship final after disposing of Courcsey Rovers in Innishannon last night.

Courcsey came into this game full of hope and in their first year competing at the top grade.

They accounted themselves very well and matched their opponents for the opening half of the game, thanks mainly to Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney.

However Cork player Una O'Donoghue was back for Cloughduv after a layoff due to injury.

She found her rhythm in the second-half and hit 2-2, putting the game well and truly put beyond Rovers' reach.

But overall it was a marvellous team performance from the mid Cork side and should give them some welcome confidence ahead of their next clash.

## Backline

A solid backline was well supported by captain and midfielder Marie Corkery who had a great game throughout.

Her sister Catherine, Jean Lucey and Sinead Buckley formed a formidable half-forward line as they contributing a total of seven points.

Once moved to the No 14 berth, Una O'Donoghue pounced for the all important goals.

Cloughduv will definitely benefit from this game but they will certainly carry the underdogs tag as they await the winners of tonight's other quarter final between county champions Bishopstown and Fr O'Neills.

Current Cloughduv hurler Paudie Murray, who is coach to the team, was pleased particularly with their second-half performance.

Murray said: "Our first-half wasn't good we were too loose in the half-back line."

"When we tightened up in the second-half I thought we played much better and deserved to win," he added.

As regards their next outing against either Fr O'Neills or Bishopstown, he said: "We will travel in hope."



# Tipperary Burn Out in Extra Time

By Rose Mannion

Cork ..... 3-15  
Tipperary ..... 4-9

An understrength Tipperary junior camogie team travelled to Cloughduv in Co. Cork on Saturday, 1st July to meet Cork in the Munster junior final.

Lining out without the services of three players due to holidays and injury, this team served up some fine play bringing the game into extra time when the Leesiders forged ahead finishing strongest.

Cork had registered a goal and a point before Tipperary replied in the 10th minute with a Joanne Ryan point, and then wing-forward Norma Maher netted to put Tipperary ahead by two points at the break.

Cork resumed the second half with flair, picking off five points and leaving Tipperary in confusion until Joanne Ryan sent the ball over in the 19th minute which was followed shortly by a Jackie O'Connor goal. Tipperary were back and settled again with

point-swapping from both sides drawing level. Cork netting in the dying minutes, but it was Tipperary's Lorraine Bourke who found the Cork net just seconds before Limerick referee Bernie O'Dea blew for fulltime.

If this game had gone to a replay, the bets are that this Munster title would be coming to Tipperary, but the powers-that-be say extra time must be played so extra time it was. Within less than a minute wing-forward Norma Coffey netted for Tipperary, while two points came from Cork. Norma finished this extra time with a further point leaving Tipperary firmly in the driving seat with a two-point lead going into the second half. Tipperary looked good but Cork were far stronger in the second half with an early goal followed by two further points. Tipperary just ran out of energy and were unable to respond.

Credit to all of the girls for trying and giving of their best in particular Nolette O'Dwyer who despite picking up a nasty injury which caused much

concern, insisted on going back in to play on, and keeper Sarah O'Brien who despite a recent appendix operation made some vital saves throughout. Such is the level of commitment from two very talented players.

The team and scorers:

Sarah O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Siobhan Ryan, Deirdre McDonnell, Maedbh Corcoran, Nolette O'Dwyer, Niamh Connelly, Lorraine Bourke 1-0, Joanne Ryan 0-3, Paula Bulfin 0-1, Jackie O'Connor 1-0, Deirdre Delaney 1-0, Norma Maher 1-0, Louise Young, Norma Coffey 1, 4x3 frees, Jane Ryan, Mary Rose Ryan, Joan Ryan, Denise Ryan, Grace Ormonde, Sile Nash (injured).

## Results

U-12 'B' Championship Final - Silvermines 4-2 Borrisoleigh 0-0.

U-12 'C' semi-final - Cashel 1-2 Kilruane 1-0.

## Senior

The All-Ireland senior camogie team will travel to Down for the first round of their title defence on Saturday, 8th July.

## Bishopstown to face Fr O'Neills in final clash

by Mary Newman

IN A repeat of last year's senior camogie county championship final, holders Bishopstown and Fr O'Neills come head to head in a quarter-final clash that is sure to catch the imagination.

Looking at form today, Bishopstown having overcome the challenge of Carrigdhoun in their opening game, look on course to book a semi-final spot. Throughout their league campaign, Fr O'Neill's have not looked as strong as in previous years, having lost the services of three key players.

While the holders welcome back Aine Buckley to their line out this season, they too show changes from last year's team. However, form looks to favour Bishopstown.

Sunday morning's clash at Delaney's has recently crowned senior league winners Newtownshandrum meeting Inniscarra. Newtown have been showing impressive form to date with Paula O'Connor, a sister of inter county hurlers, Gerry and Ben, Ursula Troy and Aine Kelleher all playing superbly.

Inniscarra are a young side who have lost the services of Carina Harte. However, they are a confident still outfit who will put in a formidable challenge for a semi-final spot.

## Battling Cloughduv ease into semi-finals with win over Courceys

Cloughduv 2-11  
Courcey Rovers 1-5

by Mary Newman

A BATTLING Cloughduv side advanced to the semi-final stages of the Cork senior camogie championship at the expense of Courcey Rovers thanks to a fine nine point victory at Innishannon last evening.

In an evenly contested opening half, a Rosemary Maloney goal, one minute into injury time gave Courcey's 1-4 to 0-5 interval lead.

But Cloughduv could consider themselves lucky not to have trailed further after Courcey's struck the upright and the crossbar twice in the space of one minute.

The mid Cork side laid the foundation for victory within seconds of the resumption, when intercounty senior star Una O'Donoghue, having switched to full forward, finished a fine move to the Courceys net.

Two further points from O'Donoghue stretched the lead and with Zelia McDonnell, Aoife Murray and goal-

keeper Claire Collins solid in defence, Courcey's struggled for scores.

Rachel Moloney pointed in the 10th minute but three points in succession from Catherine Corkery (2) and Annmarie Healy had Cloughduv in total control.

O'Donoghue finished the game as a contest six minutes from full time when she out-paced the Courcey's defence to finish to the net, and with Joanne O'Callaghan pointing two minutes from full time, Cloughduv were safely through to the next round of the championship.

Scorers: Cloughduv: O. O'Donoghue 2-2, C. Corkery 0-3, J. Lucy 0-2, J. O'Callaghan 0-2, A. Healy 0-1, S. Buckley 0-1.

Courcey Rovers: Rachel Moloney 0-4, Rosemary Moloney 1-0, M. O'Leary 0-1.

Cloughduv: C. Collins, O. O'Callaghan, C. Cronin, S. Corkery, Z. McDonnell, A. Murray, E. Conlon, M. Corkery capt, C. Corkery, O. McCarthy, J. Lucy, S. Buckley, U. O'Donoghue, J. O'Callaghan, A. McCarthy, subs. A. Healy for A. McCarthy.

Courcey Rovers: J. Hayes, J. Murphy, C. Hannon, C. Murphy, M. O'Donovan, S. O'Regan, M. O'Regan, S. Hayes, T. Moloney, Rosemary Moloney, S. Quinn, M. O'Leary, Claire Murphy, Rachel Moloney (capt.), A. O'Regan, subs. N. Downing for S. O'Regan, M. Murphy for M. O'Donovan. Referee: D. Daly (Sarsfield).

# Bishopstown hold on for semi-final spot

Bishopstown 0-6  
Fr O'Neills 1-1

by Mary Newman

A luck-lustre Cork county senior camogie Championship quarter-final saw county champions, Bishopstown hold off the strong challenge of Fr O'Neills at Carrigrohilly on Saturday evening.

The holders quickly exerted their authority on proceedings and three points in a row from Ciara Healy, Vivienne Harris and Sinead O'Callaghan gave them an early lead.

Working hard O'Neills got the break they needed 17 minutes into the game when Frances Flavin raced past the

Bishopstown defence and palmed to the net.

Bishopstown finished the half the strongest with points from Sinead O'Callaghan and Ciara Healy.

Switching Mags Finn to centre-back to curb the threat of Sinead O'Callaghan, O'Neills came more into the game.

Ciara Healy pointed 17 minutes into the half to give Bishopstown breathing space and keeping on the pressure, Fiona O'Driscoll replied three minutes later for O'Neills. Bishopstown held on to set up a semi final meeting with Cloughduv.

Scorers: Bishopstown: C. Healy 0-3, S. O'Callaghan 0-2, V. Harris 0-1, Fr. O'Neills: F. Flavin 1-0, F. O'Driscoll 0-1.

BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond, D. Quigley, R. Cahalan, A. Buckley, C. Enright (capt), E. Duggan, J. O'Sullivan, V. Harris, S. Morley, A. White, S. O'Callaghan, C. Kenny, B. Sheehan, C. Healy, S. White.

FR. O'NEILLS: M. Kenefick, F. Wiggins, L. Sweetnam, A. O'Neill (capt), S. McGrath, M. Finn, A. Corcoran, N. Ahern, V. O'Sullivan, R. Corcoran, F. O'Driscoll, S. McCarthy, C. Flavin, K. O'Sullivan, F. Flavin. Sub: S. Kearney for N. Ahern (injured). Referee: J. McGrath (Carrigaline).

Newtownshandrum 5-12  
Inniscarra 1-3

A CONTRIBUTION of four goals and five points from full forward Caoimhe Harrington held Newtownshandrum to a comprehensive quarter final victory over Inniscarra at De-

laney's yesterday. A brief Inniscarra rally yielded two points from Irene O'Keefe, but it was Newtown who turned over leading 1-7 to 0-3.

The second half was dominated by Newtown and they played superb camogie.

Scorers: Newtownshandrum: C. Harrington 4-5 (3 from frees), S. Buckley 1-1, P. O'Connor 0-3 (all frees), N. Bowles, A. Mulcahy 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: I. O'Keefe 0-3, T. Murphy 1-0. Newtownshandrum: J. Coleman, S. Kelleher, S. Killeen, S. Reidy, C. Gittinan, K. Hickey, L. Kelleher (capt), A. Kelleher, U. Troy, C. O'Connor, A. Mulcahy, N. Bowles, K. Carroll, C. Harrington, S. Buckley. Subs: C. Browne for K. Carroll, S. O'Regan for S. Buckley.

Inniscarra: E. McMahon, A. O'Sullivan, E. Dineen, M. O'Sullivan, E. O'Mahony, M. O'Connell, C. Meaney, M. O'Sullivan, T. Murphy, E. Moynihan, G. Casey, C. O'Callaghan, G. O'Mahony, I. O'Keefe, A. Golden. Subs: C. O'Leary for G. O'Mahony. Referee: S. Joyce (Kilkeogh).

## Camogie star Biddy shows fighting spirit

THE irrepressible Biddy O'Sullivan, who ranked amongst the elite of camogie players during a brilliant career, came from behind on Saturday to win the lady captain's prize presented by Mrs. Ann Conway, at New Ross Golf Club.

### NEW ROSS

Biddy was three strokes behind the half-way leader, Mary Hickey, but she made up the leeway to beat Mrs. Kathleen Bailey by a single shot. The winner was playing off 14, while the runner-up was off 15. Alas, the half-way leader, Mrs. Hickey, was unable to play in the second round because of work commitments.



Biddy O'Sullivan (left) winner of the Lady Captain's Prize at New Ross Golf Club, receives her prize from Lady Captain Ann Conway.



Elaine Curtin, Carrigaline, about to display some catching skills during the Carrigdhoun GAA Summer Camp in Carrigaline.

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## Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship:-

# Tipperary Too Strong for Down

By John Harkin

final

Tipperary faced a week Down team in the first round of the championship played in Ballyholland, Co. Down on Saturday last.

Leading 0-5 to 0-0 at half-time, after playing against a strong wind and heavy rain, Tipperary completely dominated the second half and scored another 1-9 while Down's only reply was 0-1.

Final score - Tipperary 1-14 Down 0-1.

Scorers - N. Kennedy 1-3; P. Fogarty, C. Grogan, E. Hayden, D. Hughes 0-2 each; E. McDonnell, J. O'Connor, G. Shanahan 0-1 each.

Tipperary team - Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Emily Hayden, Angie McDermott, Noelle Kennedy, Jackie O'Connor, Philly Fogarty, Emer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Claire Grogan.

Subs - Helen Kieley for Jackie O'Connor; Niamh Harkin for Angie McDermott.

**All-Ireland Minor Semi-**

On this Saturday, 15th July Tipperary minor team travel to Enniscorthy to play Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final since their thrilling victory over Cork in the Munster final on May 1st last. This team has trained very hard and are looking forward to this trip to Wexford, they are confident of victory as are their managerial team of Conor Ryan, Marion Graham and John Harkin.

Team -

J. Horan (Gaels); O. McLoughlin (captain, Drom-Inch), H. Breen (Cashel), C. Greed (Bournea);

D. O'Connell (Cashel), P. O'Halloran (Portroe), L. Breen (Knockavilla);

A. Mulcahy (Burgess), C. Scanlon (Drom-Inch);

M. Stapleton (Drom-Inch), E. Sheedy (Gaels), C. Grogan (Templemore);

M. Tynan (Toomevara), M. Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), G. Kinnane (Drom-Inch).

Subs - O. Bergin (Templemore), M. Shortt (Drom-Inch), Helen Ryan (Toomevara), L. Woods (Toomevara), R. Kenneally (Drom-Inch), M. Walsh (Drom-Inch), M. Coughlan (Silvermines), N. Scott (Gaels), C. Ryan



Tipperary minor team will face Wexford on this Saturday, 15th July at 3.00 p.m. in Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland semi-final. Captain Orla McLoughlin (Drom-Inch) accepts the Munster Cup from the chairperson of Munster Council Marion Graham when the team beat Cork recently in the Munster Final on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-9 Cork 3-7.

(Photo: Rose Mannion)

(Newport), S. Quigley (Drom-Inch), P. Ralph (Moycarkey), M. Hogan (Burgess).

### Sympathy

At a recent County Board meeting sympathy was expressed to the fami-

ly of the late Sally Byrne, sister of the new G.A.A. Secretary Michael O'Brien, and to the family of Sean Molumby who died suddenly.

### Hard Luck

Commiserations were

expressed to Templemore club who represented the county in the Feile competition in Belfast on a very wet bad day recently and who did well despite conditions and opposition.

Also it was hard luck on

the under-14 skills competitor Michelle Shortt (Drom-Inch).

Both Michelle and Templemore did Tipperary proud and represented their county with pride.

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## SCIATH NA SCOL TRIUMPH

## Cloughdun worthy winners

Cloughdun .....2-11  
Courcey Rovers.....1-5

Turning on the style in the second half, the better balanced all round Cloughdun team proved to be worthy winners over a gallant Courcey Rovers in the quarter-final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship game at Innishannon on Friday of last week.

But Courceys, competing for the first year at this level - they ousted Carbery in the opening round - can feel justifiably proud of their contribution to a most entertaining game which the classier Cloughdun embellished with all the skills, throughout the field.

The winners, having got off to a good start with scores from Catherine Corkery and Jean Lucey after six minutes, were quickly hauled back and then overtaken by a committed Courceys by the 17th minute when firstly Mary O'Leary pointed and then Rachel Moloney picked off three superb scores to take an 0-4 to 0-2 lead

and the Rovers were most unlucky not to have been further in front, having hit the crossbar and the upright during that ten minute period.

### EXTENDED

With play swinging from end to end, Cloughdun gradually exerted the pressure, with scores from Jean Lucey, Sinead Buckley and Joanne O'Callaghan, to slip into an 0-5 to 0-4 lead by the 25th minute, but in added time Courceys received a major morale boost when Rosemarie Moloney found the net with a great strike to give the South East girls a 1-4 to 0-5 lead.

But it was shortlived, when directly from the throw-in Una O'Donoghue, taking advantage of Courceys inability to clear their lines, finished to the net and then added a point to reclaim a 1-6 to 1-4 lead.

And then after the sides had exchanged scores, Courceys were not to raise another flag, as the Mid Cork girls surged ahead with speed and skill to secure some great scores and when Una O'Donoghue notched her second goal seven minutes from time, the game was as good as over, despite the never-say-die attitude of the Courcey

girls who tested outstanding keeper Claire Collins.

Scorers - Cloughdun: U. O'Donoghue 2-2, C. Corkery 0-3 (0-1 free), J. Lucey and J. O'Callaghan 0-2 each, S. Buckley and A.M. Healy 0-1 each. Courcey Rovers: Rachel Moloney 0-4, Rosemarie Moloney 1-0, M. O'Keefe 0-1.

Cloughdun: Claire Collins, Ciara Cronin, Ora O'Callaghan, Sinead Corkery, Zelia McDonnell, Aoife Murray, Edel Condon, Marie Corkery, Orla McCarthy, Catherine Corkery, Sinead Buckley, Annmarie McCarthy, Jean Lucey, Joanne O'Callaghan, Una O'Donoghue, and sub, Annmarie Healy for Annmarie McCarthy.

Courcey Rovers: Joanne Hayes, Jennifer Murphy, Carol Hannon, Maura O'Regan, Marian O'Donovan, Sara Hayes, Sinead O'Regan, Cora Murphy, Aine O'Regan, Rosemarie Moloney, Mary O'Leary, Samantha Quinn, Claire Murphy, Rachel Moloney, Therese Moloney, and subs, Niamh Downing for Sinead O'Regan, Mary Murphy for Marian O'Donovan.

Referee, Dave Daly, Sarsfields.

- Carrigdhoun



Scoil Eoin, Innishannon triumphed over Ballinspittle in the Sciath na Scol camogie final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh recently and seen here in happy mood are the captain Sarah Richardson and vice-captain Natalie Morrissey having received their trophies.



"The girls had to stand out and play their best to show why they were there, as a serious and talented camogie team

# County stars clinch Cork the triple title while talent shines through



The Cork Primary camogie team at Semple Stadium with their mentors.

Picture: George Hatchell

**T**HE glorious triple win belonged to Cork at Semple Stadium on Sunday, July 2, made possible only by an outstanding Dairygold Primary Game Camogie Team.

"They really played well and knew how to handle the ball," said trainer Sheila Thompson of Milford Camogie Club. "The girls had to stand out and play their best to show why they were there, as a serious and talented camogie team."

Play well they did; the stands were buzzing with the excitement of the game and even supporters of the defeated Tipperary girls had to applaud the skill of the young Cork players.

Some spectators commented that the Primary Game with a score of Cork 1-0, Tipperary 0-1 was more exciting than the one-sided Minor match that preceded it.

At the conclusion of their own match, the Primary players, all of whom are under 13 years of age, formed a guard of honour to 'clap on' the competing senior teams. No wonder the Dairygold Primary Game Series has become such a huge favourite with the crowds at Munster Championship matches.

Most noteworthy among the Cork players was goalkeeper Sinéad Ní Chonchubhair (Sinéad O'Connor) from Gael Scoil Thomais Daibhis in Mallow who was in action throughout the game and made a number of extraordinary saves that ensured her team's victory. Well done Sinéad!

The other team members are also

## Nicola Bouchier reports on a young team that excelled in the Dairygold camogie series

deserving of the highest praise and are: Marie Lucey (C) - Cloghduv NS, Emer O'Driscoll - Ovens NS, Michelle Browne - Scoil Gobnatan, Mary Coleman - Shandrum NS,

Emma Healy - Aghabulloge NS, Charlotte Kearney - Sc. Aiseiri Criost, Deirdre Murphy - St. Columba's GNS, Shona Cunningham - Bunscoil Mhuire, Eimear O'Sullivan - Goggin's Hill NS, Aine Watson - Milford NS, Susan Donovan - Scoil Mhuire Ballincollig, Riona Garvey - Ballyhea NS, Pauline Murphy - Sc. an Athar Maitiu, Aisling Twomey - Ballinadee NS and lastly, Louise Roche of Coachford NS. These 16 were picked from a panel of 45 of Cork's finest players by trainers Sheila Thompson,

Brid Kelleher (Togher NS) and Pat O'Leary (Aghabulloge NS) following 2 trials and a final decider.

No child can play twice in the Dairygold Primary Series which also features hurling, football and girl's football, and no school may have more than one player on the team to ensure that a wide spread of schools participate.

After only three training sessions and a game against Milford, the little rebels were ready to take on Tipp, and bring home a triple victory.

## Munster camogie champions chosen to play in London

by Nicola Bouchier

THE Cork junior camogie team are set to travel to England to play London, following their victory over Tipperary in the Munster Junior Championships' final in Cloghduv on July 1.

"Although we know nothing about the London team, never having seen them play, I'm confident in our team's abilities and hope we will qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final," said the trainer, Pat Murray, Bishopstown.

Cork's victory last year ensured the players were graded intermediate and a new team selected. Captained by Christine O'Gorman, nine of the starting fifteen are under the age of 17 and the eldest player is only 20-years-old.

The selectors, Kay Dunne, Kathleen Healy and Pat Hayes are certain that this is the best team to use against London. The game will be played in Ruislip Park on July 29.

The London team consists largely of Irish emigrants and is drawn to play one of Ireland's four provinces every four years.

This year Munster go forward, as a strong team to challenge the Londoners on their home ground.

Pat Murray says the team can win: "They're an excellent team, dedicated and willing to learn."



Cork goalkeeper supreme Sinéad Ní Chonchubhair clears her lines in the face of a Tipp attack.

Picture: George Hatchell

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# Senior 'semis' hold spotlight on Friday

FRIDAY night is semi-final night in the Dublin Senior Championship. Both games are in Bohernabreena, with the big local "derby" seeing Good Counsel playing Crumlin, and the champions, Ballyboden St. Enda's, tackling Erin's Isle.

Crumlin are the only unbeaten team in the League this season. The arrival of the three Walsh sisters from Thomas Davis has added quality to a side which contains a very dangerous attacking unit.

And they possess a very experienced trio in Catherine Boyle, Ruth Lyons and Cathy Walsh.

The Galtymore girls will depend on sound displays from their Dublin goalkeeper, Lizzie

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By NIAL SCULLY

McGuinness, and excellent defender, Sandra Martin, while they hope that Shauna Keogh, Eve Talbot and Karen Blood are in scoring form.

In the second semi-final, Erin's Isle are planning to reach their first Championship final. It's a repeat of last season's semi-final when they were just pipped by Boden.

Claire Reaney, at the back, inspires her team-mates, and the Finglas side have talent in abundance, especially with players of the calibre of Anne McCluskey, Valerie Reaney,

Gillian McCluskey and the stylish Louise O'Hara.

Boden had to endure a replay to overcome St. Vincent's in the quarter-final, and they have a real jewel in midfielder, Fiona Corcoran.

Boden's defence is solid, and Isles will have to especially watch cultured forwards, Eimear Ring, Síle Nic Coláir and Irene Kirwan.

Meanwhile, Dublin play Laois in the semi-final of the special Leinster competition at Mountrath on Saturday, and on Sunday they travel to Nowlan Park for a challenge against Kilkenny.

Both games will continue the progress of

Tom Monaghan's Dubs, who are preparing for their July 22 All-Ireland date with Wexford.

## FIXTURES

**TONIGHT (7.30):** Sen B: Pairc Uí Mhuirich: Ballyboden St. Enda's v Kilmacud Crokes. Tymon North: Celtic v Good Counsel. Russell Park: Naomh Bríd v St. Vincent's. Blundon Drive: O'Toole's v St. Jude's. Bohernabreena: St. Anne's v Portobello.

**FRIDAY:** Bohernabreena: Senior A C'ship semi-finals: (7.0): Good Counsel v Crumlin. (8.0): Ballyboden St. Enda's v Erin's Isle.

**SUNDAY:** Jun B (11.0): Griffeen Park: Lucan Sarsfields v Camericks. Pairc Naomh Uinseann: St. Vincent's v O'Dwyer's. Meibhl Road: Na Fianna v Naomh Fionbarr. Russell Park: Naomh Bríd v Thomas Davis. Inter (12.30): Ringsend: Clonsilla Gael v Craobh Chiarain. Shanally: C v Skerries Harps. Silver Park: Kilmacud Crokes v St. Peregrine's.



Meanwhile, even though Barryroe are weakened by the absence of regular corner-back Anne Sheehy who is on honeymoon, they will be boosted by their spirited championship victory over Glen Rovers a few weeks back.



## Seandun, Barryroe battle it out

THE last quarter-final of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship takes place this evening with Divisional side, Seandun meeting Barryroe at Ballygarvan with a 7.30 p.m. throw-in. It's the first time that these sides have met in the history of the competition and with Barryroe only competing at senior level for the second year, they are hopeful of making the breakthrough and advancing to a semi-final meeting with Newtownshandrum.

The Seandun side will show three changes from that which narrowly defeated Muskerry in their opening round game, with Bernadine Maher, Linda O'Connell and Clare Kirby all unavailable due to holiday commitments.

Whilst these players will be a big loss to the city representatives the fact that they can choose from eight city clubs means that there is no shortage of talent at their disposal and coach, Mick O'Regan (Douglas), whose side have prepared well, will be confident that having overcome the first hurdle, they are now in with a great chance of making further progress.

Barryroe will be fielding without the services of Anne Sheehy, who was married recently and is out of the country.

However, in their victory over Glen Rovers young Jenny O'Leary, who contributed 1-5 of her sides total of 1-8, experienced intercounty goalie, Cora Keohane, Rosalie Holland and Marie Moloney, showed that they possess the knowledge and experience required.

Seandun last contested a senior semi-final in 1994, whilst Barryroe are striving to reach their first. An interesting contest awaits.

## Barryroe bounce back to earn win

Barryroe 2-5  
Seandun 2-1

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

A MAGNIFICENT sideline puck from Ger Collins which went all the way to the net just before half-time was the spur that steered Barryroe to victory over Seandun in their Cork County Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final tie at Innishannon on Saturday.

For most of this first half, however, it was the divisional side who held the upper hand.

After Jenny Duffy

goaled for Seandun in the opening few minutes, they looked the better side with some enterprising play.

However their downfall was to be their failure to turn possession into scores.

Barryroe, superbly led by half-back Rosalie Holland, kept in touch with points from top forwards Marie Moloney (2), Ger Collins and Jenny

O'Leary who was given little freedom by the tight-marking Gemma O'Connor.

But when Collins' goal arrived, it gave the club side a four-point lead.

### chance

Michelle Cotter did have a chance shortly before the interval for Seandun, but Cora Keohane was equal to the challenge in the Barryroe goal.

Seandun started the second half brightly and when Amanda O'Regan

made the long journey up field from centre-back, she duly obliged to send a rasping shot from a close-in free to the net leaving the divisional side two points in arrears.

But when Jenny O'Leary slipped her marker and struck Barryroe's second goal it effectively put the game beyond Seandun's reach and gave the West Cork girls a place in the semi-final where they will meet Newtownshandrum.

## Barryroe through to semi-final after

Barryroe 2-5  
Seandun 2-1

by Mary Newman

BARRYROE set up a senior county championship semi-final meeting with Newtownshandrum when they had four points to spare over a determined Seandun side at Ballygarvan on Saturday evening. The deadlock in a close open-

ing 10 minutes was broken by Seandun's Jenny Duffy, who finished to the net after a Michelle Cotter pass.

This score settled Seandun, but despite winning good possessions, they failed to capitalise against a nervous-looking Barryroe side, who found the going hard against a Seandun defence where Gemma O'Connor and Amanda O'Regan excelled. Barryroe opened their account in the 16th minute after

Jenny O'Leary set up Marie Moloney for a point. From the puck out, Seandun came up field and were denied a goal when Cora Keohane saved well from Cotter.

Spurred into action, Barryroe had three unanswered points from Ger Collins, Jenny O'Leary and Marie Moloney. Seandun were rocked on the stroke of the half-time whistle when Ger Collins' sideline cut from 45m went all the way

## overcoming stiff Seandun challenge

to the net to give her side a 1-4 to 1-0 interval lead. O'Leary stretched Barryroe's lead six minutes into the second half with a pointed free. But, battling bravely, Seandun won a 20m free which Amanda O'Regan blasted high to the roof of the net to leave just two points between the sides.

Failing to capitalise, Seandun allowed Barryroe dictate matters and a Jenny O'Leary goal gave her side breathing

space. With Ger Collins, Rosalie Holland and Anne Marie Fleming closing down the Seandun attack, Barryroe held firm. Gemma O'Connor did have a Seandun point with two minutes remaining, but it came too late to affect the outcome.

Scores: Barryroe: J. O'Leary 1-2 (0-2 free), G. Collins 1-1, M. Moloney 0-2.  
Seandun: J. Duffy 1-0, A. O'Regan 1-0 (free), G. O'Connor 0-1.  
BARRYROE: C. Keohane, E. Carroll, M. Sheehy, L.

McCarthy, AM Fleming, L. Dineen, E. O'Regan, K. McCarthy, R. Holland, J. O'Leary, E. McCarthy (capt), E. O'Donovan, G. Collins, J. Callaghan, M. Moloney. Subs: S. Keohane for J. Callaghan.  
SEANDUN: E. Clifford (St. Finbarrs - capt), K. Buckley (do), A. O'Regan (Douglas), G. O'Connor (St. Finbarrs), S. O'Connell (do), C. Kirby (do), G. Morrissey (St. Vincent's), T. Kearney (Delany's), V. Maher (St. Finbarrs), C. Barrett (Mayfield), N. Nash (St. Finbarrs), C. Lynch (St. Vincent's), J. Duffy (St. Finbarrs), M. Cotter (St. Vincent's), R. Myers (St. Finbarrs). Subs: C. Harrington (St. Finbarrs) for C. Lynch, K. Landon (Delany's) for M. Cotter.  
Referee: Betty Joyce (Kilbegh).

## Tyrone in final

TYRONE reached the inaugural All-Ireland Minor Camogie B final yesterday by totally outclassing Roscommon in the second half at Eglish, running out 5-13 to 2-1 winners.

Captain Susan McCann scored Tyrone's first goal in the 23rd minute from a free after Rachel Fullen had put Roscommon ahead with a goal. McCann shot three of Tyrone's five points, but Carmel Glennon came back with a goal for the westerners a minute before the break. McCann really turned the screw at the start of the second half with four points which were followed by a goal from Shauna Hagan. McCann then shot two fine goals on her way to a total of 3-9, while substitute Kathy McNally barged home the last goal to complete an emphatic victory.

Tyrone now await the result of the second semi-final next weekend between Clare and Laois to find out who their opponents on August 4 will be.

# Wexford host Tipperary at Bellefield

WEXFORD, the Leinster champions, host the Munster champions, Tipperary, in the All-Ireland Under 16 semi-final at Bellefield on Saturday next at 3 p.m.

Wexford defeated Kilkenny in the Leinster final at Bellefield by 1-10 to 1-8 to claim their sixth title in the Under-16 grade. Previously they secured back to back titles 1985 and '86, plus a three in a row ('94, '95, '96).

This year they are hoping to advance to the All-Ireland final and regain the title they won for the first time in 1995 by defeating Galway on a 2-9 to 1-7 scoreline.

Tipperary on the other hand have won the All-Ireland title on three occasions (1990, '92 and '93)

and were runners-up to Galway in 1994 and '96.

They will go in to this game as slight favourites following their tough provincial campaign and victory over Cork in the Munster final.

Wexford showed in the Leinster final that they have the capabilities of advancing to the final. To do this they will have to play with total dedication, commitment and skill, if victory over Tipperary is to be secured.

Probable Wexford team: Ursula Jacob (Oulart); Aine Doran (Rathnure), Aisling Hogan (do.), Caroline Murphy (Oulart); Marion Hanrick (Buncloody), Mary Leacy (Oulart), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshaltown); Roisin Donohoe (Gorey), Catherine

O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boalavogue); Josie Dwyer (Ferns), Diane Redmond (St. Ibar's), Ciara O'Connor (Rathnure); Nicola O'Brien (Gorey), Marie Mythen (Oulart), Jenny O'Leary (Rathnure).

Subs: Annette Moroney (Glynn), Jenny Mooney (Faythe Harriers), Orla Power (St. Martin's), Aoife Barron (Glynn), Karen Murphy (Cloughbawn), Jenny Rowe (St. Martin's), Kate Kehoe (Cloughbawn), Nicola Scully (do.), Nicola Keane (St. Martin's), Mary O'Hanlon (Cloughbawn), Ann Marie Kelly (St. Ibar's), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers), Linda Burke (Bunnahally).



■ The Wexford team who will be seeking an All-Ireland Final place on Saturday.



Castlecomer Golf Club, Castlecomer lady captain, Ann Kennelly presenting her prize to Ann Downey.



# Mol an Óige

This coming weekend will see the attention drawn to the younger generation of camogie players when the All-Ireland Minor A semi-finals take place between Wexford and Tipperary, Galway and Derry.

The first All-Ireland Minor 'B' semi-final between Roscommon and Tyrone will also go ahead. Former Wexford player Bernie Higgins and Jack O'Brien are the brains behind this Wexford side which include no less than six players from this year's All-Ireland Junior 'A' winning Colaiste Bride team of Enniscorthy.

For the record those players are; Ursula Jacob, daughter of former Wexford hurling great Mick, Aislin Hogan, Mary Leacy daughter of former Wexford senior Margaret O'Leary who won three All-Ireland senior medals with Wexford. The other three players are Caoimhe Fitzpatrick who captained the Colaiste Bride team to victory over Seamount Kinvara and Ciara O'Connor, daughter of former Wexford great Teddy and Jenny O'Leary. This side can also call on Marian Hendrick and Josie Dwyer from FCJ Buncloody who won the Leinster senior 'A' Colleges title. Will this be enough to overcome Tipperary?

County trainer Bernie Higgins admits, "We are a young side, but we got a great boost when we overcame the Leinster holders Kilkenny. We will go into this match as underdogs, we have already played Tipperary earlier on in the year in two challenge matches. On both occasions the Tipp girls won but hopefully Saturday will be different."

Last Saturday saw the first Foras na Gaeilge senior championship match between An Dun and reigning All-Ireland champions Tiobraid Arann.

While the day may not have been very kind weather wise it was enlightened by the presence of Lorcan Mac Gabhan, Foras na Gaeilge, Pat Rafferty, Uachtarán, Jo Golden, cisteoir, Maire Uí Scolai, PRO and three past Uachtaráin were in attendance, Belle O'Loughlin, Mary Lynch and Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin.

Tiobraid Arann under Michael Cleary the former All-Ireland senior hurler had their injury worries going into this match but likewise so had Down. Down were without Jennifer Branniff and Máirín McAleenan who were both injured.

A strong resolute Down defence kept the Tipp forwards at bay and the goalkeeping of Down's Theresa McGowan could not be faulted. The Tipperary girls lead 0-05 to 0-0 at the break thanks to three frees from Noelle Kennedy and points from Philly Fogarty and Claire Grogan.

The second half saw Tipp backed by the wind and rain and they began to take advantage and raced into a further lead following Noelle Kennedy's goal from a free. For centre forward Joan Henderson the day had a little irony. Not only was she playing against her native Tiobraid Arann she also was playing against her second cousin, the Tipp captain Jovita Delaney.

Joan was originally a member of the Cashel club of whom there were no less than four players on the team on Saturday. While Joan tried her best for her adopted county on Saturday it was not enough and Tipperary went on to record a 1-14 to 0-01 win on the day.

Tipperary now go to near neighbours Clare in the quarter final on July 22nd.

This Friday July 14th will see the Dublin senior championship semi-finals between the holders Ballyboden St. Enda's and Erin's Isle and the second will be a local derby affair between Good Counsel and Crumlin. It will be a busy weekend for some of the Dubs as they travel to take on newly crowned Leinster Junior Champions Laois in the Leinster Senior championship semi-final.

The second Minor 'A' semi-final is between Galway and Derry and will go ahead in Swatragh on the Saturday. Galway who reached the final last year but were beaten by Cork in one of the best matches of the year will very much want to make up for last year.

On the other hand Derry have knocked at the minor door for the last couple of years at this stage and will try to go a step further this year. Both these matches should prove very interesting.

## Fixtures:

Friday July 14th

Dublin senior championship semi-finals at St. Annes, Bohernabreena

7.00pm Good Counsel v Crumlin

8.00pm Ballyboden St Endas v Erin's Isle

Saturday July 15th

All-Ireland Minor 'A' Semi-Finals

At Bellefield, Enniscorthy 3.00pm

Wexford v Tipperary

At Swatragh 3.00pm

Derry v Galway

All-Ireland Minor 'B' semi-final

Tyrone host Roscommon

Leinster senior championship final

At Mountrath 3.00pm

Laois v Dublin



Tipperary's Noelle Kennedy

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## Under-age is the key to survival

THE London GAA story used to be one of cultural displacement, an odd tournament, shortage of pitches and an annual appearance in the All-Ireland Championship. The same can be said for camogie.

The tradition of the game in the city is as old as emigration itself. Camogie was revived in London in the mid '80s and the last match prior to this was recorded in 1957.

### Winners

With the formation of the London Irish camogie club in 1985 and Newham and Croydon Gaels a year later, a county board was set up in 1986 to look after the clubs.

It was in the winter of 1987 that a motion seeking entry into the All-Ireland Club Championship was passed.

This motion was subsequently sanctioned at annual congress in Monaghan in the following months. In 1988 they played their first match at inter-county championship level - entertaining Kildare in conjunction with the London Irish festival.

### VIEW FROM THE GROUND with THERESE O'CALLAGHAN



London held the Lily Whites to three points. Unlike their male counterparts, they do not participate in the league.

But, inevitably, since then defeat has become almost an acceptable part of their Gaelic games with the chance of delivering victory as slim as ever.

In general hurling, football and camogie are struggling in the most populous 'county' of the GAA Board. Gone are the days when emigration from this country was at its peak, and the majority of young people came together abroad to promote the game and hang on to their Irish culture.

That well has dried up, and if they are to

prosper they will have to develop the games themselves at under-age level.

The GAA has a new chairman, Larry O'Leary, who hails with the Cuchulainn club.

Mary MacArthur is the camogie chairperson - formerly from Kildare but exiled since 1965.

Relations are very strong between both codes, which according to Mary is vital to the survival of their games. But, it will take more than good rapport to come to terms with the turbulence that can often develop when trying to run an organisation.

Ruislip is home to Gaelic players in London. It has one pitch to cater for all needs,

but initiatives are under way to develop the grounds. There is a crowd capacity of 4,000, but if land owned by the board at New Eltham is rezoned for development, the game will have a good chance to grow.

London camogie is in a no-win situation. Mary MacArthur agrees that it is near impossible to keep a team together: "We would love to play in the National League, but cost is a big issue," she says.

### Happy

"Originally, Connaught were happy to adopt us into their province. However, it is currently on the agenda and will be raised at special congress in October," she added.

It would appear that money is the big problem when it comes to deciding whether or not to play in the league.

Saturday, July 29 is a red-letter day. Cork travel to Ruislip to defend their All-Ireland Junior Championship title. They will be met by an enthusiastic and committed team who will take heart from the arrival of the All-Ireland champions.



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# Jennie hits the victory clincher

Barryroe 2-5  
Seandún 2-1

BALLYGARVAN was the venue on Saturday for the last quarter-final in the senior county championship when Barryroe beat Seandún.

Seandún took the game to Barryroe from the throw-in and after nine minutes Michelle Cotter set up Jenny Duffy for the opening goal.

Sixteen minutes into the half Marie Moloney pointed for Barryroe and three points without reply from Ger Collins, Jenny O'Leary and Moloney had them 0-4 to 1-0 ahead going into the closing stages of the half.

Disaster struck for Seandún on the stroke of half-time when Ger Collins sent a ball to the net from 40 yards to leave Barryroe ahead 1-4 to 1-0.

With Rosalie Holland, Ger Collins and Isla Dineen in tremendous form, Barryroe worked hard to protect their lead and six minutes into the second half Jennie O'Leary pointed.

Seandún responded when Amanda O'Regan crashed a 20-metre free into the net.

Jennie O'Leary goaled for Barryroe to give her team more breathing space. Three minutes from time Gemma O'Connor pointed for Seandún but it was Barryroe who advanced to a semi-final against Newtownshandrum. Barryroe selector Tony McCarthy was delighted at their win.

**Barryroe:** C Keohane, E Carroll, M Sheehy, L McCarthy, A M Fleming, I Dineen, E O'Regan, K McCarthy, R Holland, J O'Leary, E McCarthy (capt), E O'Donovan, G Collins, J Cahalane, M Moloney. Subs: S Keohane for J Cahalane.

**Seandún:** E Clifford, K Buckley, A O'Regan, G O'Connor, S O'Connell, C Kirby, G Morrissey, T Kearney, V Maher, C Barrett, N Nash, C Lynch, J Duffy, M Cotter, R Myers, Subs: C Harrington for C Lynch, K Landon for M Cotter.

● The Seandún divisional committee have organised an under-14 challenge game as a curtain raiser to the Cork/Kilkenny senior game on Saturday next.

The side, selected from under 14 players from the city clubs, will play a Kilkenny under-13 county selection and it is hoped that the game will take place in Nowlan Park.

The panel is as follows: M Hegarty, S Peelo, G Buckley (Mayfield); B Walsh, J Murphy, C Boyle (Glen Rovers); C Myers, V Russell, V Hosiord (St. Finbarrs); L Kelly, R Twohig, C Kearney (Na Piaras); M Monahan, D Murray, J O'Halloran (Bishopscourt); A Finnegan, E Keane, N Ring (Brian Dillon); K Barry, P Lane, V Downey (Douglas); N Glackin (Passage).

Clubs are asked to note that the next meeting of the County Board will take place on Tuesday, August 1.

## RESULTS

**Senior League:** Cloughduv 2-8, Newtownshandrum 1-7; Newcestown 4-4, Milford 3-7.  
**Junior A League:** Douglas 2-8, St Vincent's 3-4; Glen Rovers 2-9, Brian Dillon's 0-4; Sarsfield 4-6, Tracton 2-2.  
**Junior B League:** St. Finbarr's 2-2, Slisah Rua 0-2; Grenagh 6-5, Ballinora 0-0.  
**Under-14 League:** Ballyhea 7-1, Barryroe 0-0; Valley Rovers 7-4, Slisah Rua 0-0; Kildorrery 3-3, Buttevant 2-0; Kildorrery 4-0, Killeagh 1-1.

## Cork waiting to avenge last minute championship defeat in 1999



The Cork camogie team that beat Tipperary 1-0 to 0-1 in the Primary Game at the weekend.

# Old rivals face off in reunion match

## Boss Ward doing the trick

IN inter-county action this weekend, Limerick face a rough ride of an hour when they play Galway in Limerick on Saturday in their opening game.

Galway looked extremely strong throughout their National League campaign.

With Tony Ward back at the helm, the players have responded well and indications are that they should have too much power for a Limerick side who will be hoping for outstanding individual performances from Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien to upset Galway.

## FIXTURES

**SATURDAY JULY 22**  
Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship: Cork v Kilkenny, Nolan Park, Kilkenny, 4pm; Limerick v Galway, Ballygran, 7pm; Tipperary v Clare, Semple Stadium, 7pm; Wexford v Dublin, Oylegate, 4pm.

**A**LL attention will focus on Nolan Park, Kilkenny, this weekend when the much awaited opening round of the Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland Championship takes place.

Since November, when the draws were made, Cork have awaited the challenge and the chance to make amends for the disaster which struck last year when Sinead Millea's free with the last puck of the game sent the then-champions crashing out of the championship.

While league form may not be a great guide to assessing both sides' readiness for Saturday's clash, it does give some indications.

Cork had to fight hard to defeat All-Ireland champions Tipperary in the final despite taking the league title.

Since the league final preparations have gone well, with all the players coming through their games in the county championship without injury.

While the team has not yet been announced, it will, in all probability, show changes from the side that took league honours.

Several players, who have been out through injury and exams, have come

## MAGIC MOMENTS

THE All-Ireland club championship was inaugurated in 1964 as one of the events to mark the diamond jubilee of the Camogie Association.

A trophy of unusual design, known as the Jubilee Trophy, was presented and retained by the delighted winners Celtic of Dublin.

back into contention following recent workouts.

Team captain Vivienne Harris from the Bishoptown club could revert back to centre field where Cork struggled for long periods in the league final.

Una Troy, Elaine Burke or Linda Mellerick could also figure at midfield in a move by Cork to strengthen a spot that has caused bother throughout the league.

Barryroe's Cora Lehan will be in goal with Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Mary Burke, Mary O'Connor and Viv Harris possibly forming her



Action from the Cork v Tipperary Primary Game, which saw Cork win through in a low scoring game.

defence with some positional changes likely.

Linda Mellerick, Sinead O'Callaghan, Paula O'Connor or Elaine Burke are all in contention for the half forward line spots, with Fiona O'Driscoll and Una O'Donoghue, Sarah Hayes and Caoimhe Harrington all possible contenders for the inside line.

Ciara Healy, Miriam Deasy, Rachel Moloney, Marie Corkery and Jill Hannon all performed well

in recent outings and could get a call-up.

Kilkenny are determined to prove that their win over Cork last season was no surprise.

Speaking to long-serving player Sinead Millea this week, she said that last year's win gave the Kilkenny girls a tremendous lift but losing out to Tipperary afterwards in the All-Ireland final was a major disappointment to the talented team.



# Kilkenny star makes move to Cork

THE year 1999 was a painful one for Cork camogie - at least at senior level. A late goal by Kilkenny's Sinead Millea in the All-Ireland semi-final gave her side a one-point win and condemned the Rebels to a sentence of spending the rest of the summer as spectators.

The frustration many supporters felt at the manner of the defeat grew and grew over the coming months, as they sat back and watched how their conquerors were then beaten by Tipperary in what must have been the most unpredictable final ever.

When counties were created a few hundred years ago it was ostensibly done to ease the job of governing the country by dividing it into smaller units.

But, strangely the whole concept of where you were born and reared is more of an issue in the Irish psyche.

It gets worse when it comes to sport.

Future job prospects do not always lie at your doorstep.

Next September, Kilkenny defender Eleanor Walsh will reside in Clonakilty

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where she will teach Irish and PE at the Sacred Heart College.

If Eleanor had come to town a couple of years back when the red and whites were on top, it would have been tough luck to be a Kilkenny woman living in Cork.

And although not involved with the Cats before, this lady can now walk tall.

"Kilkenny people are taking Cork by storm," she jokes.

"But above all else," she says on a more serious note, "my job will be to promote camogie and other games in the school."

Eleanor, who captained UL in their unsuccessful bid for Ashbourne glory this

year, is enjoying her first season with the Kilkenny panel.

But at 23 years of age, it seems strange that the Ballyhale/Shamrocks player is only now making her debut with the county side as they prepare for next Saturday's crunch championship decider with Cork.

### Working

"Up to now I spent my summer months working as a 'Ceannaire' in Ring.

"I learned a lot of Irish and was happy with my decision. I suppose I wasn't willing to commit myself to camogie for the All-Ireland season, but this year when I finished in

college I decided to give my all to Kilkenny," she explained.

"Last August I watched Kilkenny beat Cork from the stand in Parnell Park, but then the All Ireland defeat to Tipperary was very disappointing.

"The mood this year is very positive - we are taking it one match at a time.

"As a newcomer, I was made very welcome," she adds.

Eleanor comes across as a very likeable character who is very sincere in her approach to her first job down south.

"I'm looking forward to West Cork. When I did the interview I got a really good feel for the town and the school.

"I attended Mercy in Callan - where I won All-Ireland, junior and senior colleges - and it is the same type of school," she adds.

For the girl who has had a hurley since the age of seven, and whose uncle Johnny Walsh is a current Kilkenny senior hurling selector, her work might be in Clonakilty but next Saturday against Cork in Nowlan Park her job will be to get success for Kilkenny.

## Rossa stroll to first Antrim senior title

Antrim Senior Championship final:  
Rossa 2-14 Cushendall 0-3

ROSSA collected their first Antrim Senior Camogie Championship yesterday in a one-sided final at Loughgiel and became only the second Belfast side in 32 years to lift the title.

Stronger as a team unit and superior in most positions around the field, Rossa used the wind-advantage during the opening half to build up a 1-7 to 0-1 lead by the break.

The opening goal was kicked home by Grainne Connolly and four of the points claimed by the elusive Jane Adams. Eimear Hamill rifled home a second goal immediately on the restart putting an end to any hopes of a Cushendall revival.

The second half was marked by four excellent points from Grainne Connolly, excellent defence from Maureen Barry and Hannah Healy and strong running from Kerrie O'Neill, Jane Adams and Connolly.

Rossa: A McGuire, J Armstrong, H Healy, B McShane, F Burke, M Barry (0-1), C Doherty, C McGinley, D Heatley, G Connolly (1-4), K O'Neill (0-3), J Adams (0-6, 0-4 frees), S McGourty, E Hamill (1-0), N Burke.

Subs: C Gault (capt) for N Burke (35), C Doherty for J Armstrong (44), M Doherty for A McGuire (48).

Cushendall: K Coyle, M Duffin, B McNeil, O McKillop, C McNaughton, A McDonnell, I Kerr, B Byrne, R Duffin (0-1), T McAuley, M McNaughton, O McKillop, C McDonnell, M Carson (0-2, 0-1 free), S McKeegan.

Subs: R Reid for T McAuley (32), F McNaughton for S McKeegan (46).

Ref: B Fox (Down).

Monaghan SCC final:  
Castleblayney 3-4 Gael Truagh 2-1

CASTLEBLAYNEY retained the Monaghan camogie title yesterday defeating Gael Truagh - but less convincingly than the

scoreline suggests.

After playing with the aid of a strong first half breeze, the winners led by just 0-3 to no score, but significantly they hit the opening score of the second half. It came via a Katie Langan goal - and Blaney matched the Gaels score for score.

Castleblayney scores: Katie Langan 1-0, Michelle McConville 1-0, Orla Clancy 1-0, Rosemary Merry 0-3, Sarah Hughes 0-1.

Gael Truagh scores: Anne McKenna 1-0, Sharon McQuillan 1-0, Fiona Brady 0-1.

All-Ireland Minor semi-final:  
Derry 1-0 Galway 6-10

TWO seasons ago Derry minors used home advantage to surprise Kilkenny in an All-Ireland semi-final.

On Saturday in Swatragh, they competed hard for the first half hour but folded after Galway pointed three times in as many minutes at the start of the second half.

However, with a little more luck in those opening 30 minutes they could well have been level at half time; not 3-2 to 1-0 down.

Both Galway goals from Cathy Bowes had a bit of luck attached to them while Derry created quite a few chances but failed to convert them - apart from a goal direct from a 45 by Caitriona O'Kane.

Derry: B Kidd, D McGuigan, P Bell, J Carey (capt), C McManus, C Cushnahan, A McMullan, J Kelly, G McGoldrick, A Quigley, C McAuley, L Strathern, B McNicholl, L Diamond, C O'Kane (1-0, free).

Subs: K McElowney for B McNicholl (48 mins), MC McNicholl for D McGuigan (48).

Galway: S Earner, C Moran, R O'Connor (capt), M Raymond, A Doherty, E Pierce, N Gavin, M Flannagan, S Murphy (0-1), A Connolly (0-6), L Lally (1-1), D Burke (0-2), R Lally, C Bowes (4-0), P Huban.

Subs: E Kilkelly (1-0) for M Flannagan (7 mins), G Kelly for P Huban (44), AM Hayes for R Lally (52).

Ref: A Woods (Armagh).

ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP.  
Semi-finals Ennis: Wexford 2-7 (J. Dwyer 1-4, M. Mann 1-0, C. O'Connor 1-0, G. Murphy 1-0, D. O'Sullivan 0-1, each), Tipperary 0-12 (C. Grogan 4-4, R. Ryan 1-0, A. Mulcahy 1-0, M. Stapleton 0-1, each), Swatragh 1-10 (C. Bowes 4-0, L. Lally 1-1, J. Kelly 1-0, A. Connolly 0-6, D. Burke 0-2, S. Murphy 0-1), Derry 1-0 (C. O'Kane 1-0).  
MONAGHAN SCC Final: Castleblayney 3-4 Gael Truagh 2-1.

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## Dub girls hoping to strike gold at Oylgate

DUBLIN hope to strike gold when they meet Wexford at Oylgate next Saturday in the quarter-final of the Foras na Gaelige All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship (4.0). Manager Tom Monaghan is predicting that the Dubs will do well.

"I feel we have improved greatly, and with the right attitude, we can win this game, which could be a pretty close one," states Tom.

He will look for big performances from the likes of Denise O'Leary, Irene Kirwan, Fiona Corcoran and Catherine Boyle.

And Tom hopes that the younger personnel will also deliver, names like Joyce Donnelly, Aoife Cullen, Sile Nic Coitir, Lizzie McGuinness and Sarah Crosbie.

### CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

The Dubs have prepared soundly for this test and last Saturday they beat Laois in the Leinster Special semi-final before having a useful workout against Kilkenny in Nowlan Park on Sunday.

This season, Dublin's dedication recalled the golden days of Christy Hayes when he used to train the squad in the Long Meadow.

The girls' commitment has seen them training in the Phoenix Park with the Dawn Chorus and fitness will not be a problem against the Slaney side.

Meanwhile, the Dublin Senior A Championship final on August 25 will involve the champs, Ballyboden St Enda's, and Crumlin.

### CLOSE

Boden, who will be appearing in their third final in succession, had five points to spare over Erin's Isle, 2-8 to 2-3, with Sinead McNeela and Eimear Ring getting the Boden goals in a close contest that saw the Finglas girls ahead at the break, 1-3 to 0-5.

In the other semi-final, also at Bohernabreena, Crumlin also enjoyed a five point winning margin, 1-8 to 1-3 over Good Counsel.

Crumlin were without the injured Ruth Lyons but Eilish Walsh, with a goal, plus points contributions from Niamh Kearney (3), Joanne Courtney (2), Cathy Walsh and Gemma Flynn helped Crumlin advance to their first final since 1992.

### SATURDAY

Oylgate (4.0): Foras na Gaelige All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Quarter-Final: Wexford v Dublin.



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## Ardoyne Sevens

■ The second annual Ardoyne Camogie Sevens proved another resounding success at the Dub. The sun shone as bright as the stars of camogie that were on view from throughout Ulster and beyond with eventually Derry side Swatragh coming away with the honours after a hard fought 2-05 to 3-05 win against Loughgeil. In a pulsating final Derry teenage star Paula McAtamney really came into her own scoring all 3-5 of Swatragh's total.

■ Loughgeil started the brighter in the final which was played over 12 minutes a half with the highlight of the opening period a great long range score from play from the stick of Grace McMullan.

■ Swatragh fought their way back into the game though and by the end of the half had clawed their way into a two point lead.

■ The Derry girls extended the lead at the start of the second half with a further two points from play before a Loughgeil goal set up a tense last couple of minutes which saw an insurance point for Swatragh seal the Ardoyne Sevens trophy and the £1,000 prize money and ensure that the name of the South Derry club was added to that of last year's winners Lisdowney, (Kilkenny).

■ The competition has been a huge success for the Ardoyne club and in particular the north Belfast camogs who have organised the last two years successful tournaments. The Ardoyne 7's is fast becoming an integral part of the camogie calendar and will only grow in stature in the coming years.

■ Ardoyne Camogie Club Chairperson Elaine Burns said after the tournament: "I'm delighted again this year that the day has gone without any major hitches which is a credit to all involved in organising the 7's - not only on the day but during the past six months which has seen many hours of behind the scenes work. It is a great day for all involved both on and off the field and we will be looking for it to get even bigger and better as the years go on."

■ **Winning Swatragh squad:**  
Maggie McAtamney, Brenda McGuckin, Gráinne Maguire, Paula McAtamney, Paula McKenna, Anne O'Loughlin, Aileen Tohill, Clare McNicholl, Monica O'Kane, Bronagh McGuckin.

■ Player of the Tournament was won by Paula McAtamney, Swatragh

■ **Quarter Finals**  
Swatragh 3-03 Portaferry 0-01  
Loughgeil 5-04 Drumaness 2-00  
Leitrim 3-04 Castledawson 0-06  
Rossa 6-04 Deirdre 1-03

■ **Semi finals**  
Swatragh 3-05 Leitrim 2-04  
Loughgeil 3-04 Rossa 2-03

■ **Final**  
Swatragh 3-05 Loughgeil 2-05



Action from the final at the Dub.



Rossa and Deirdre collided in the Quarter Finals with Rossa coming out on top.



Player of the tournament Paula McAtamney.



Beaten finalists Loughgeil.

## player profile

# GRACE

# McMULLAN

## LOUGHGIEL & ANTRIM

Grace McMullan's flame red hair made her an instantly recognisable player when she first played for Antrim inter-county under-age teams in the mid-eighties. There was never any doubt even then that she was destined for a high profile in the game, as Grace showed some beautiful and "Grace"ful touches.

She had watched her sister Mary, barely 17, star at wing-back for Antrim in 1979, as the Saffrons lifted the last of their 6 Senior All-Ireland titles in Croke Park and was inspired by the game.

A glittering under-age career however seemed to grind to a halt as the Saffrons fell away at Senior level and Grace entered the Antrim Senior team as they annually experienced crushing defeats in the first round of the championship.

However she played a leading role as her club, Loughgiel Shamrocks, put together 3 successive County championships (1989-91) and then shot 2-6 as they collected the first of their two Ulster club titles in 1993 with a 5-7 to 1-6 victory over Bellaghy.

At UUJ she was an integral part of the back-to-back victories in the Ashbourne Cup (1992-93), the first earning her acclaim as the first - and only - camogie star to win the Ulster GAA Writers' monthly award. A third title followed in 1997, a year in which the talented forward was to pick up a host of medals - National Junior League, Maguire Cup, Ulster Senior Championship, All-Ireland Junior Championship and Ulster Club Championship with Loughgiel.

The All Ireland final, in which sister Mary became the first player to win a Junior medal after a Senior, was an emotion charged affair coming just 6 days after the death of their father. Her 3-3 from play in Croke Park, therefore, was all the more noteworthy. Later that year the GAA Writers selected her as Camogie Personality of the Year.

Based in Dublin until recently, Grace opted out of the county scene last year, but has just returned to the Antrim team in their bid to climb back into the Senior championship by lifting the All-Ireland Intermediate.

**Full Name**  
Grace McMullan

**Date of Birth**  
21-02-1973

**Occupation**  
Fitness Consultant

**Club**  
Loughgiel Shamrocks

**Married or Single?**  
Single

**What car do you drive?**  
None. I can drive but don't have a car.

**Favourite Drink?**  
Coke

**Favourite Food?**  
Indian

**Favourite Film?**  
Erin Brokovich

**Favourite Sports Programme?**  
The Sunday Game

**First Camogie Memory?**  
U-14 Féile na nGael success with Loughgiel

**First team played for?**  
Loughgiel Shamrock's juveniles

**Where did you go to school?**  
St. Anne's Primary, Corkey, St. Patrick's High, Ballymena and UUJ

**Any qualifications?**  
Hons Degree in Business Studies and M.Sc

**Did you enjoy your school days?**  
Yes, most of them.

**Greatest moment in camogie?**  
Winning All-Ireland Junior in Croke Park in 1997

**Biggest disappointment in camogie?**  
My father missing the game. He died earlier the same week.

**Ambitions?**  
To win the Senior All-Ireland and the All-Ireland club.

**Favourite GAA venue?**  
Croke Park

**Best players of your era?**  
Máirín McAleenan (Down), Sharon Glynn (Galway) and Angela Downey (Kilkenny).

**Best team-mates?**  
UUJ and Loughgiel girls.

**Sports' Stars Admired**  
Sarah Ann Quinn (Swatragh and Derry) and Joe Rabbitte (Galway hurler)

**Biggest Influence on Career?**  
My sister Mary Connolly

**Toughest Opponents?**  
Pearses from Galway

**Other sports enjoyed playing or watching?**  
Equestrian

**Where was your last holiday?**  
New York

**Have you a lucky number?**  
8

**Who would be your ideal date?**  
I see him regularly.

**Is there any way that the game of camogie could be improved?**  
Bring it back to 12-a-side and let's see some more consistent refereeing.

**Any advice for our young readers?**

Always be a good sportswoman or man. Play tough but fair. Never give up or think that you are not good enough. If you think like that you'll play like that. Always play to win.

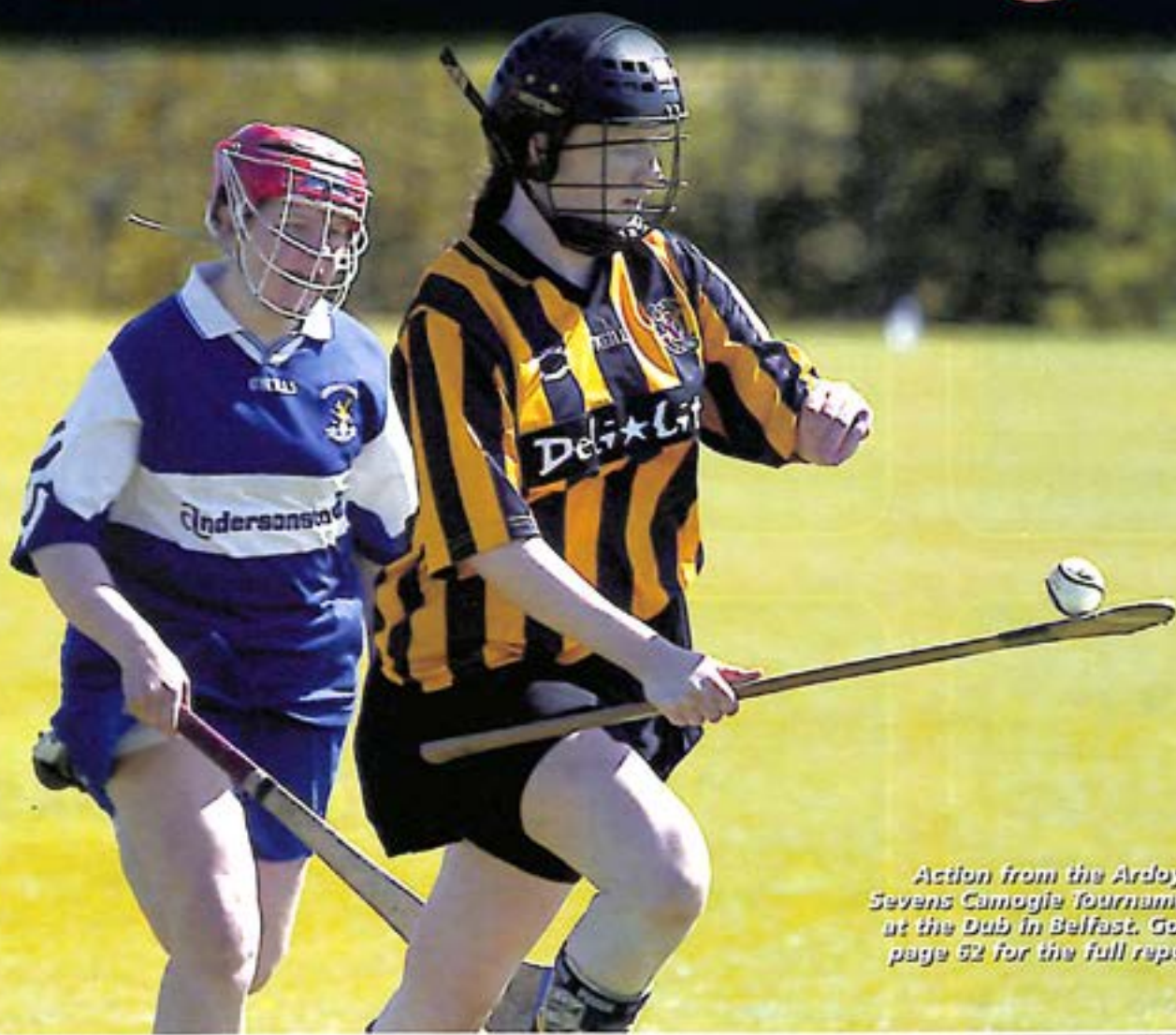


Grace receiving the Bass Writers Award in 1997.





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Action from the Ardoyne  
Sevens Camogie Tournament  
at the Dub in Belfast. Go to  
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# Downey: Cats can bag win over Cork

**FORMER Kilkenny camogie star Ann Downey says Kilkenny will beat Cork.**

The two counties clash in next Saturday's Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie quarter-final.

For the first time in an illustrious career she will watch next Saturday's All Ireland quarter-final between her home county and Cork from the stand in Nowlan Park.

The holder of a record 12 All-Ireland senior medals has finally decided to quit the game at inter-county level and she told the *Echo*: "I will be a spectator on Saturday - and yes I do miss it."

## Holder

"It's ironic because I am probably fitter now than I was this time last year - but life does go on off the pitch," she added.

Recently, her team Lisdowney played second fiddle to Freshford in the county final.

One of the greatest ever exponents of the game, she reckons Saturday's crunch game could all depend on one player: "I suppose it is a hard one to call, but if Kilkenny can hold Fiona O'Driscoll they have a very good chance."

"She is a potential match-winner - which was shown in the inter-provincial series

## Fiona is key to match

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

when Munster missed her leadership in their games.

"Training has gone very well for the Kilkenny side. The county championship is out of the way."

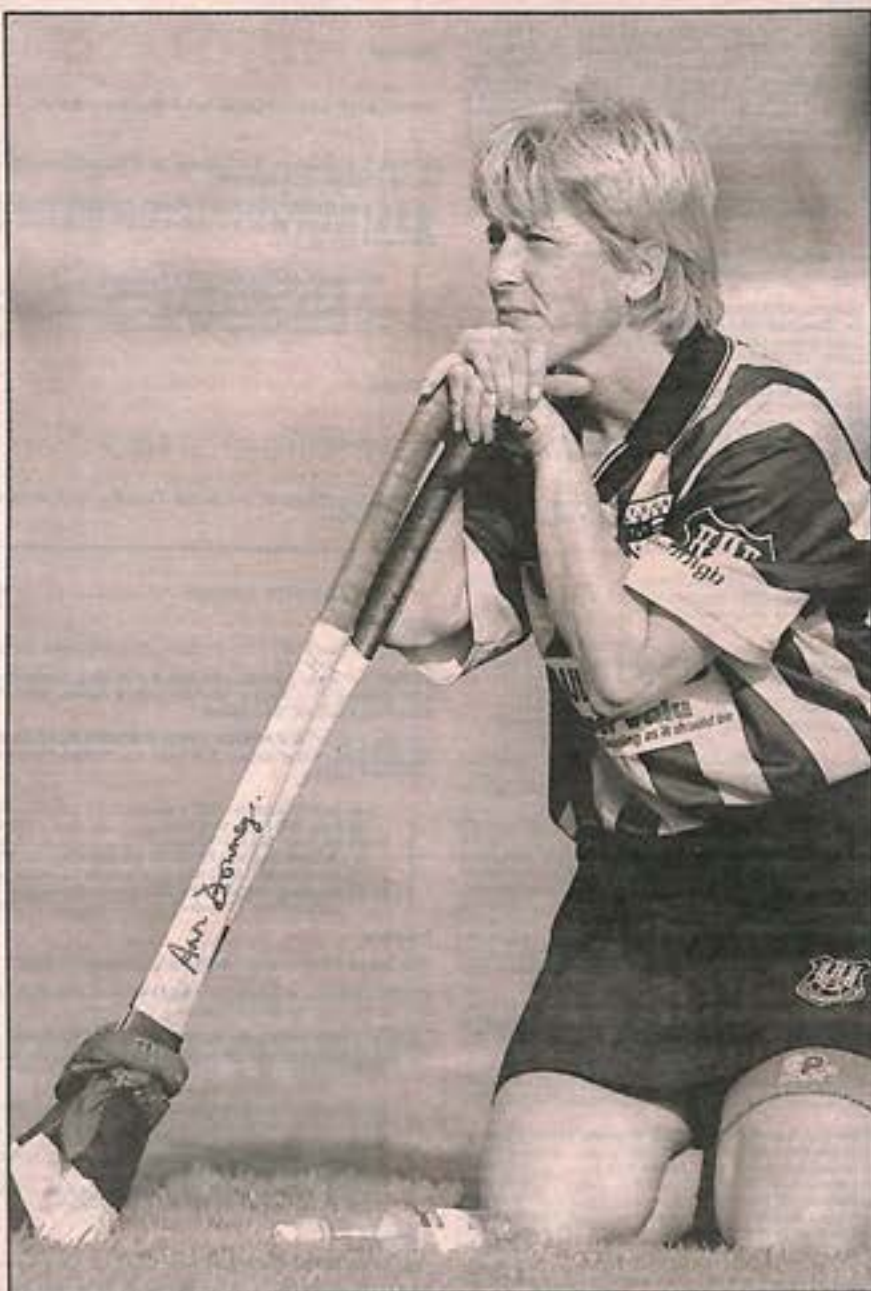
"If the right 15 are picked on the day and the right changes are made to the team as needed we will have a great chance," added Downey.

However, she does admit that the Leesiders will come Nore-side with all guns blazing: "Cork are simply itching to get at Kilkenny since last year's defeat, and they might just be that bit hungrier," added the former Kilkenny great.

Nowadays, Ann enjoys the odd game of golf playing off a handicap of 31.

But, it will be hard graft to catch up with twin Angela, who last week after winning the captain's prize in Callan, was cut a massive nine shots from 29 to 20.

Once a competitor, always a competitor in any game.



Downey: If the right 15 are picked Kilkenny have a great chance.

## Youth will get a fling says Ryan

**YOUTH** is getting its opportunity this weekend according to Brother Philip Ryan, trainer of the Limerick senior camogie team.

They face Galway in the Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship quarter-final in Ballyragan on Saturday evening.

Brother Philip, who took over as manager of the team this season, is eagerly looking forward to their clash with the westerners.

"We are delighted to be recognised as senior status."

"We have prepared hard for the game. We know what we are up against it and at this stage we are not looking beyond Saturday."

"I think we will give a good account of ourselves, obviously we are going out to win it."

"We are a very young team that we have been building experience. We will have two U-16 players on our side at the weekend, but they are there on merit and skill," he added.

The Shannonsiders, who failed to qualify for the knockout stages of the league, were recently boosted with a lucrative sponsorship from Career Decisions.

While they are team building at the moment, they will need top class performances from some of their more established players if they are to advance.

"Eileen O'Brien will play a key part."



O'Brien: Key role

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

"She has an old head on young shoulders, and would get her place on any camogie team in the land," he revealed.

Looking to the opposition, Brother Philip acknowledges that his side will be up against a very formidable outfit.

## Awesome

"People tell me that they are awesome."

"I know they are a very good team and have competed well in the championship in the last couple of years."

"There is great talent and interest up there, but really I have been concentrating on our own game and have not spoken much about Galway."

"Basically, if we are good enough to compete, we should be good enough to win, and if we do, we will be delighted with that," he added.

# Cork gunning for revenge against Cats

by Tom Higgins

IT'S a busy weekend on the camogie front, with the four All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-finals down for decision tomorrow.

The big match will be the meeting of Kilkenny and Cork at Nowlan Park (4.00). This is a repeat of last year's semi-final when the Cats dethroned the All-Ireland champions at Parnell Park with a goal in the final minute. Kilkenny were then hot favourites to collect another title but Tipperary created a major upset by collecting their first ever title in this grade.

Cork Manager Tommy Nott said: "I am hoping Saturday's game will not be a repeat of last year's meeting. We know how tough this will be, especially as Kilkenny have home advantage. But having a good run in the League has helped us and we will certainly be going all out to win."

Cork will be slight favourites to advance to the semi-final following their

National League win, especially with such experienced players as Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris, Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll in their panel.

They will also welcome back Una O'Donoghue, who missed the League final due through injury, and her presence in the forward line will be a big boost.

Kilkenny will line out this year without the Downey twins, Angela and Ann. Angela retired a few years ago while Ann called it a day after last year's All-Ireland final. However they have some very good replacement like Catherine Doherty. They have injury worries about sharp-shooter Sinead Millea, who got that all important goal last year.

All-Ireland champions Tipperary, who beat Down in the opening round, will have home advantage against Clare at Semple Stadium (7.00). With all of last year's successful panel to call upon they will be fancied to make it to the semi-final. However, the Banner

county, who are trained by Clare goalkeeper Davy Fitzgerald, will provide stiff opposition.

Former Tipperary star Michael Cleary will once again be in charge of the home side and it would be a major surprise if they fail to make it through.

Limerick entertain Galway at Ballyragan (7.00) in what could be a very entertaining game. Galway always seem to lift their game when it comes to the championship and they have had a very good panel for the past few years. They won the Senior Gael Linn Interprovincial title when beating Munster in the semi-final and gave them a great boost.

They reached the semi-final of the League where they were beaten by Tipperary in extra time and will no doubt fancy their chances.

Limerick, on the other hand, have failed to turn their club supremacy into inter-county dominance. Grenagh-Ballyragan have won the All-Ireland Club title for the past two years but have failed to repeat this feat at

inter-county level. However, with Brother Phillip Ryan in charge since last September their confidence has been boosted.

Although I fancy Galway to win Limerick are sure to give them a good game.

The remaining quarter-final pits Wexford against Dublin at Oylegate, Co Wexford (7.00) and this one is very hard to call. Dublin were once the kingpins in camogie, winning 26 titles, but they have been in the wilderness for the past 20 years. However there seems to be a resurgence of the game in the Capital now and they will face Wexford with a great deal of confidence.

Wexford have also gone through a lean period in the last few years so they will be anxious to regain past glories. Wexford may just shade it.

**CORK:** C. Keohane; D. Cronin; E. Duggan; M. Finn; S. Hayes; M. O'Connor; V. Harris (capt); U. Troy; L. Mellorick; S. O'Callaghan; C. Harrington; P. O'Connor; U. O'Donoghue; F. O'Driscoll; E. Burke; Subs: C. Healy; M. Burke; R. Cahalan; G. Hannan; E. Dillon; L. Kelleher; G. Casey; M. Deasy; R. Maloney.



Eithne Duggan: one of Cork's most experienced players.



# LADIES TAKE CENTRE STAGE

THE action continues unabated this week-end, with several games in the TSB C'ship in Intermediate Hurling and Football, an attractive Senior Football tie, and two big Inter-County games in the space of five days. Cork's Senior Camogie team are first into action, followed by the U-21 Hurlers in the Munster Final on Wednesday night, as we begin our preview with the Camogie game.

## Thriller in prospect at Nowlan Park

THE decade just finished was one of the most successful ever in the history of Cork Camogie, winning All-Ireland titles in every grade. Unfortunately for the Seniors, it ended in disappointment when they lost last year's semi-final to Kilkenny, who scored the winning goal deep in injury time to deny them a tilt at three in a row.

This year's draw has ordained that they meet in a first round tie, and the day of reckoning is Saturday next in Nowlan Park at 4pm, and it is a game they have clearly focused on since re-grouping at the start of the year.

Their approach to the League was different to previous years as they used the campaign to try out various players and combinations in an effort to build a strong panel and, to that end, they succeeded. It also says a lot for the strength of the game in the County that the title was retained with a spirited second half comeback against All-Ireland Champions, Tipperary.

However, all that is history and it will count for very little if they are defeated on Saturday, and make no mistake about it - they face a tough task, as whenever these two giants of Camogie meet, regardless of status or venue, very little has separated them.

Word from the Marble City is that they have concentrated on this tie, but, unlike Cork, fared poorly in the League. With the Downys long departed, they will pin their hopes on a core of experienced players, and a number of younger individuals, some of whom figured in last year's game.

Sinead Millea, who scored the vital goal last year, is their key player, and if she can be contained, from both play and placed balls, then the Kilkenny challenge will be seriously undermined, as she is the player that really makes them tick.

Mags Hickey, Tracey Millea, and Bridget Mullally will feature in defence, while, apart from Millea, others certain to play in attack are Lizzie Lyng, Kelly Long and Gillian Dillon, all of whom are top class performers.

Cork themselves are in good form and, unlike previous years, are not dependent on any one player for scores, and although Lyn Dunlea will be missed, the introduction of a number of younger players has brought a freshness to the team that could prove crucial if the game is



by  
**Finbarr McCarthy**



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as tight as many people expect it to be.

Cora Keohane will be in goal, as she is as dependable as ever, while there is a look of solidity about the defence. It will include such experienced players as Mags Finn, Eithne Duggan, Mary Burke, Denise Cronin and Mary O'Connor, whose form of late has been excellent, and as the likely centre-back that is important. She is good solid performer and a fine independent hurler, and a good start from her on Saturday will settle any early nerves.

From mid-field up, Cork have unlimited options and the success of the Minors and Juniors in recent years has produced some quality players for the panel, and that is essential in the now fifteen a side game.

Elaine Burke, Sarah Hayes, Ciara Healy, Rachel Moloney, Paula O'Connor and Una O'Donoghue, are just a few of the players that will occupy the selectors' thoughts as they prepare to announce their team. All featured in the recent League campaign. Indeed, Healy, when introduced in the Final, had a major impact on the outcome, while Paula O'Connor and Una O'Donoghue played in last year's C'ship, and will have benefited from that.

The experience in attack though will come from Viv Harris, Linda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll, and these three players could hold the key to victory, particularly Harris with her boundless energy, and if she can provide quality ball to the inside line, then Cork will prosper.

Fiona O'Driscoll will probably start at centre-forward, and if she can break the dominance that the Kilkenny half back line will hope to gain, Cork will have a platform for victory, as the Fr O'Neill's player is one of the best in the game, and, at her best, is hard to contain.

As for Linda Mellerick, the Glen star is currently in great form and is relishing the challenge, and the bigger the challenge she faces the bigger the performance she will produce.

Her display in the second half of the League Final turned the game in Cork's favour and whoever Kilkenny detail to mark her will have a difficult task. Like O'Driscoll, it is hard to see her being contained for the hour.

One worry for Cork is the lack of competitive games since the League Final, as a number of planned matches fell through. Yet, the same opposition could find time to play Kilkenny, were they afraid of Cork, perhaps?

Cork, though, are thirsting

for revenge, and, despite all they have won in the past, the hunger and desire for more honours is still as strong as ever, and that is a good sign. They also have, in Coach Tom Nott, a keen student of the game who will know exactly what is required for victory, and it is a victory he will demand from this talented outfit.

On leaving Parnell Park last year I couldn't help but feel that Cork were caught off guard, and a glorious opportunity had slipped by. Now, having watched them train and spoken to several of the key personnel involved, I get the impression that Saturday is going to be their day, a day when all doubts are put to rest and the journey to Croke Park will begin in earnest, and if they play to their potential they could do it in style.

## Down Memory Lane



**HONOUR:** Members of the St Aloysius camogie team visited Cork's Lord Mayor back in April 1976. Do you recognise any team members or have memories of their achievements? Call Talkback on 1800 923 224.

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# Elaine called to arms for Rebels

## Young star gets her turn

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

**VALLEY ROVER'S Elaine Burke, an All-Ireland junior medallist, will play for Cork in Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie quarter-final against Kilkenny.**

Burke has been drafted into the wing-forward position, in a team that contains 12 of the side which lost to the Cats in last year's semi-final.

Caoimhe Harrington and Una O'Donoghue who came on as subs that day are also included.

Captain, Vivienne Harris will lead from wingback, alongside Mary O'Connor and Sarah Hayes.

Behind them Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan and Mags Finn will form the stopgap for goal-keeper Cora Keohane.

The midfield duo of Linda Mellerick and Ursula Troy will support half-forwards Burke, Caoimhe Harrington and Paula O'Connor.

### Complete

Their inside trio of Una O'Donoghue, Fiona O'Driscoll and Sinead O'Callaghan will complete the team.

Meanwhile, Kilkenny manager Bobby Jackman will give experienced corner-back Una Murphy the opportunity to recover from injury by leaving the position vacant until the last minute.

However, he will parade 10 of last year's All-Ireland starting 15, and should Murphy fail to make it, Eleanor Walsh will be in the running after impressing recently in challenge matches.

His side is also strengthened by the inclusion of the Kennedy sisters, Imelda and Esther.

Otherwise, as expected, big guns Miriam Holland, Gillian Maher, Brigid Mullaly, Lizzie Lyng, Kelly Long, Catherine Doherty, and three sets of sisters - Millea, Costelloe and Comerford - will feature in the line-out.



Cork's captain Vivienne Harris leads the team from wingback position.

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# When Saturday comes...

IN the last few weeks, the majority of media attention has focused on the exploits of the hurlers who by their victories have captured the imagination of the Cork sporting public.

Meanwhile, working away quietly in the background are the Cork Senior Camogie team as they prepare to face rivals Kilkenny in the first round of the All-Ireland C'ship.

A key member of the team is Glen Rovers star Linda Mellerick, who while eagerly looking forward to the game, admits to being worried as to the team's form "we can either be devastatingly brilliant or devastatingly bad, depending on our attitude, and if that isn't right against Kilkenny, then you will suffer."

The last few years have been good for Cork, All-Irelands and National Leagues were won in style, and while

their approach to this year's League differed to previous years it was still won, and this pleased Linda, not for the medal she received, but for the manner in which they played and who they defeated in the Final. As she explains: "It was important to beat Tipperary, they are the All-Ireland Champions, we were seven points down and we came back to finish strongly proving once again if our attitude is right we are hard to beat."

The team has undergone some changes from last year, Lyn and Stephanie Dunlea are in Australia, and, while accepting Lyn is a loss, it also places greater



Linda Mellerick pictured outside her new business

responsibility on the others to deliver. "Maybe in the past we relied on Lyn for scores, and if she was having an off day we suffered, but so far we have coped, and the younger players on the panel responded well and that is a good sign."

Elaine Burke, Sarah Hayes and Ciara Healy are some of the younger players who have now improved, and last year's shattering defeat to Kilkenny taught them a valuable lesson.

This is a fact that Linda is at pains to acknowledge "even though we lost a very

late goal, it was our own fault; we were a bit complacent and made some very silly mistakes and should never have found ourselves in that position. It was also the first time many of our new players found themselves involved in a tight match and they were unable to respond, so from that point alone it was an important lesson, although a costly one, that a game lasts sixty minutes and you must remain focused for the duration."

In the immediate aftermath of that defeat Linda was shattered, but events of a short

time after put everything in perspective.

A family bereavement meant that camogie and all other aspects of her life were no longer relevant, as she and her family struggled to come to terms with their loss.

She takes up the story "I thought the world ended in Parnell Park, but it ended for me and my family one week later and the result meant nothing, now, while my desire is a strong as ever, I realise that there is more to life than sport, and while we will never forget what happened,

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life must go on and in the last few months circumstances have changed and things have got a lot better for the family."

There were even thoughts of not playing again, but eventually the buzz returned. "It was about March of this year that I started to pick up the pieces again. Up to that I had little interest, but camogie has always been a huge part of my life and even though the first few weeks were difficult, I got great satisfaction out of beating Tipperary in the League Final. I look forward to training and am feeling fitter than I have been for a while and can't wait for Saturday's game". Apart from her sporting career, she has also undertaken a new business venture, as she now runs a successful take-away in St Lukes called "Mellericks" and enjoys the luxury of being her own boss

"yeah its hard work, but I am enjoying the challenge and with the help of my staff and family, I am able to continue both interests well, it's tough but worthwhile."

The success of the hurlers has helped, and the camogie team are keen to continue the County's winning ways, as people have been very supportive of the team in the past and are quick to acknowledge their achievements. Now as the big game draws closer, Linda, who has won every major honour in the game is as keen as ever "well I have five Senior medals and it would be nice to make it the even six in this special year."

It certainly would, and, if this talented and personable lady has her way, September could be a profitable month for the weavers of the famed "Red and White", both male and female.

## Kilkenny to topple Cork?

The hay is saved and Corcaigh are bet, will that be the cry of Cill Chainnigh next Saturday as they aim to knock out the Rebel County for a second year in a row?

Next Saturday will see four Foras na Gaelige quarter final championship matches go ahead.

Looking at Loch Garman v Ath Cliath, Dubs. Manager Tom Monaghan will aim to topple Wexford to take Dublin into an All-Ireland semi-final on August 12th in Parnell Park.

With both these sides out of the big picture for some time there will be a lot of eagerness to seek out that semi-final spot. When these two sides last met in the Leinster senior final last December it was a very tight affair with Wexford coming out on top.

Since then both had mixed luck in the league, and while Wexford will be missing players who are away for the summer, Dublin presently have injury worries particularly Ruth Lyons who has had a very good season.

Tom Monaghan who travels down from Armagh every Friday evening, trains the team and then again has another session on a Saturday morning. "It will be a very tight affair, and yes I am optimistic of a win" said Monaghan.

The Cill Chainnigh v Corcaigh affair promises to be a cracker, a repeat of last year's semi-final and the crowd will certainly be on their toes. No one who witnessed the scenes in Parnell Park last season as Sinead Millea stepped up to take the all important free could forget them. To see Kilkenny supporters run out to the players instantly was just marvellous, that is unless that you were a Corkonian!

Kilkenny boss Bobby Jackman is very mindful of the fact. "Cork will be out looking for revenge, they were fierce hurt last year, so a fine game is in prospect," commented Jackman. However, he will be missing one of the fine players of the game, Marina Downey, who is out injured.

However, he is not letting that get to him and with fine young players in the likes of Catherine Doherty who will most likely fill the corner forward position, Jackman said optimistically "We will give it a lash." Among the players to impress him this are Kilkenny's Kennedy sisters Imelda and Esther.

National League Champions Cork will certainly be out for revenge and will welcome back Fiona O'Driscoll who missed this year's Gael-Linn Tournament having been out of the country at the time. Fiona was in fine form in the League final knotching up a personal tally of 2-07.

The third clash will bring together the All-Ireland Foras na Gaelige champions Tiobraid Arann who overcame An Dún in their first match and An Clár who reached their first ever National League semi-final this year.

It will also bring together two rival managers Davy Fitzgerald, the Clare 'keeper and former Tipperary All-Ireland winner Michael Cleary. Michael expects the Clare game to be different from their first game and said "we know we will get it tough from the Banner, but hopefully we will come out on top."

Tipp who reached the National League Final will be anxious to prove that last year was no flash in the pan and would like to see Parnell Park again this year, but most likely Davy Fitzgerald will too! So yet another cracker is in store.

The final clash on Saturday rests between Galway and Limerick. Many people are tipping Galway to reach the latter stages of the championship. Galway, who are under Tony Ward who steered them to All-Ireland glory in '96 are

looking sharp this year and impressed people this season when they beat the pick of Munster in the Gael-Linn senior semi-final.

A recent challenge between Galway and Kilkenny saw Kilkenny come out on top, and that appeared to disappoint the Galway girls, the question is have they peaked too soon?

They forced Tipp to extra time in the league quarter final and it was Tipp's superiority that clinched it for them in extra time.

Limerick who have found a spiritual leader in Brother Phillip Ryan have improved their form this year and recently gave Tipperary a fine game in the Munster senior semi-final. However, a team that are building may not be enough to overcome a fancied Galway side.

All in all next Saturday will certainly give the camogie fan a fine choice of games and nobody should miss these games.

The Sunday will then see the second All-Ireland Minor 'B' semi-final between Laois and Clare. For the O'Moore county this millennium is one they certainly christened well taking their first ever Leinster Junior title, the Minor 'B' title and the U14 Division 2 and Harps won the Division 2 Feile na nGael Final.

### Fixtures

#### Saturday July 22nd

All-Ireland Foras na Gaelige senior quarter final championships:

Luimneach v An Ghaillimh at Ballyagran 7.00pm

Cill Chainnigh v Corcaigh at Nowlan Park 4.00pm

Tiobraid Arann v An Clár at Semple Stadium 7.00pm

Loch Garman v Ath Cliath

#### Sunday July 23rd

All-Ireland Minor 'B' semi-final

Laois v An Clár at Mountrath 3.00pm



At the launch of Foras na Gaelige's sponsorship of the Camogie championship (L/R): Lorcán MacGabhán, Jovita Delaney, Donna Greeran and Patricia Rafferty

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Prize winners in the All-Ireland Camogie Golfing Society annual competition at Kilkenny Golf Club. Back row, from left: Margaret Hayes, (Front 9); Mary Fennelly, Organiser; Eileen Crozier, (Back 9); Berni Toner, (4th). Front row, from left: Brid Myers, (2nd); Anne Higgins, (Winner) and Evelyn Bookle, (3rd). Picture: Michael Brophy.



Captain's Prize... prizewinners and officials pictured after the Lady Captain's prize day at Callan Golf Club. Seated (from left): Paul Roche (Club Captain), Breda Ryan (second), Ann Wemyss (Lady Captain), Angela Brown (First), Bernie Delahunty (Best Gross). Included behind: Mary Croke, Margaret Comerford, Noelle O'Driscoll, Catherine Davis, Mary Shanley, Marie O'Riordan, Mary Barry, Ann Mullins, Mary Horgan (Lady President), Larry O'Shea (Club President), Mary Malzard. Photo: Tom Brett.

## Cork are coming to the Park CAMOGIE

THE Kilkenny senior camogie team play Cork in the first round of the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland championship on Saturday in Nowlan park, 4 p.m. The Noreiders will be hoping to go one step further in the first senior championship of the new Millennium, following the narrow defeat by Tipperary in last year's All-Ireland final.

Saturday's game is a repeat of the 1999 All-Ireland semi-final in which Kilkenny brought off the shock of the championship by defeating the fancied Leesiders.

This young Kilkenny side is coming of age. While there were some injury problems at the time of writing, the Cats will approach this match with confidence as a result of the experience gained over the past 12 months.

Kilkenny have the majority of last year's players available, with the exception of Ann Downey, who has retired after a long and successful career, and Margaret Hickey, who has taken up employment in the Middle East.

However, newcomers to this year's panel are showing great prowess, and will be expected to give a good account of themselves.

The team has undergone stringent training under manager, Bobby Jackman. The players should be in a strong position to take on this mammoth task.

The team's sponsors, Caulfield Supermarket, Supervalu, are continuing their generous sponsorship for the third year, which is undoubtedly a vote of confidence in Kilkenny camogie.

Cork, on the other hand, are the current National league champions. They will be seeking revenge for last year's defeat in the semi-final.

Kilkenny will be looking to Sinead Millea, Brigid Mullaly, Jillian Maher, Kelly Long and captain Sinead Costelloe, to lead them to victory.

Cork have stalwarts like Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan and captain Vivienne Harris, who will not be beaten easily.

This should be a very entertaining game. Kilkenny would welcome every support as they take their first step into the championship.

**Kilkenny** - Sinead Costelloe, Mairead Costelloe, Esther Kenned, Imelda Kennedy, Jillian Maher, Martina Maher, Brigid Mullaly, Brigid Barnaville, Marina Downey, Miriam Holland, Kelly Long, Lizzie Lyng, Eleanor Walsh, Catherine Doherty, Margaret Comerford, Pauline Comerford, Sinead Millea, Tracey Millea, Bronagh Neary, Una Murphy, Sarah O'Gorman, Margaret Kavanagh, Kathleen Atkins, Angela Kenneally, Eimear Lyng, Edel Maher.

**Cork** - Cora Keohane, Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Mary Burke, Mags Finn, Mary O'Connor, Ursula Troy, Vivienne Harris, Sarah Hayes, Paula O'Connor, Fiona O'Driscoll, Sinead O'Callaghan, Elaine Burke, Linda Mellerick, Caoimhe Harrington, Ger Casey, Liza Kelleher, Miriam Deasy, Ruth Cahalan, Clara Healy.

## Wexford to host Dublin at Oylegate

WEXFORD, the current Leinster champions, will host Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Open Draw championship opening round encounter at Oylegate on Saturday next at 4 p.m.

Wexford played three games in the National Senior league, losing to Galway by 4-6 to 0-8 and Cork by 4-12 to 0-6, and defeating Down by a point (1-4 to 1-3) to gain their only points in their league campaign.

Wexford's preparations have not been helped by players doing exams. Having lost Aine Codd, St. Martin's, and the Rathnure duo of Michelle O'Leary and Aoife O'Connor who are all working in America for the summer has not helped their cause.

Wexford's management team of Seamus Murphy (Rathnure), Peggy Kelly (St. Ibar's) and Noel Ryan (Buncloody) will be looking for a good all-round team performance to defeat Dublin and advance to a semi-final meeting with Tipperary or Clare. Defeat will mean a meeting with Cork in the semi-final of the intermediate championship.

phy (St. Ibar's), Avis Nolan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Orla Hernan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Elaine Houlihan (Rathnure), Fiona Cullen (St. Ibar's).

**Wexford panel:** Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Orla Gahan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Paula Rankin (Buncloody), Fiona Dunne (Oulart-The Ballagh), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Claire O'Connor (Rathnure), Sandra Carr (St. Ibar's), Aoife O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Laura Corrigan (St. Ibar's), Michelle Jordan (Oylegate), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's), Rosemary Breen (Monageer-Boalavogue), Michelle Mur-



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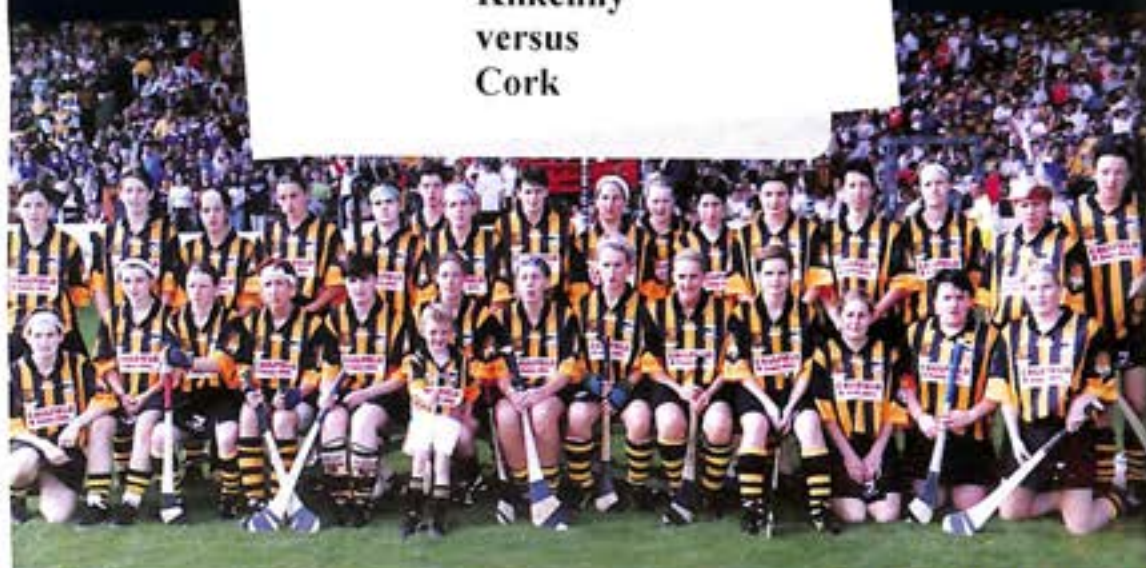
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Vivienne Harris

(8)

Ursula Troy

(9)

Linda Mellerick

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Sinead O' Callaghan

(11)

Fiona O' Driscoll

(12)

Paula O' Connor

(13)

Una O' Donoghue

(14)

Caoimhe Harrington

(15)

Elaine Burke

(16) Ger Casey (17) Mary Burke (18) Ciara Healy (19) Jill Hannon (20) Miriam Deasey (21) Ruth Cahalan (22) Lisa Killeher (23) Eimear Dillon (24) Rachel Moloney (25) Marie Corkery

Manager : Tomás Nott



# Cork edge out Cats in thriller

## Hold-ers Tipp have comfortable passage

### CORK 2-10

TEAM: C. Keohane, D. Cronin, E. Duggan, M. Finn, S. Hayes, N. O'Connor, V. Harris, J. J. Troy, L. Mollerick, E. Burke, C. Harrington, P. O'Connor, S. O'Donoghue, F. O'Driscoll, U. O'Donoghue. Subs: C. Healy for P. O'Connor. Scorers: P. O'Driscoll 0-6 (0-3 free), L. Mollerick 1-0, C. Harrington 1-0, C. Healy 0-2, E. Burke 0-1, M. O'Connor 0-1 (free).

### KILKENNY 1-12

TEAM: M. Holland, T. Millea, K. Lene, S. Barnoville, E. Kennedy, S. Campbell, M. Connelley, J. Maher, P. Comerford, M. Comerford, S. Mullally, S. Millea, C. Doherty, L. Kennedy, L. Linn, S. Bahr, M. Downey for M. Comerford, M. O'Connor for P. Comerford. Scorers: S. Millea 0-7 (0-4 free), C. Doherty 1-1, M. Downey 0-2, S. Mullally, L. Kennedy 0-1 each. Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary).

CORK, Wexford, Galway and Tipperary advance to the semi-finals of the Forais na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior Camogie Championship over the weekend.

The game that generated most excitement was the meeting of old rivals Cork and Kilkenny at Nolan Park on Saturday.

In a game played in the best tradition of these old rivals, the teams served up a classic, level on four occasions throughout the second half. It took a point from effective substitute, Ciara Healy, six minutes into injury time before Cork finally erased the memory of last year's defeat at the hands of the Cats in Parliament Park.

Kilkenny dominated the opening quarter after a goal from youngster Catherine Doherty sent shockwaves through the Rebel women. Rallying well, Cork did have a goal on 16 minutes when Una O'Donoghue's deft stick-work set up Caoimhe Harrington for a rattling finish to the net. However, it was Kilkenny, with Sinead Millea in scoring form, who led 1-7 to 1-3 at half-time and were looking good.

"We never panicked at half-time," said Cork coach Tom Nott. "It was surprising how strong the wind was out there, and having played against it in the opening period, we knew we were in



Cork's Mary O'Connor gets her shot in, despite the best efforts of Kilkenny's Brigid Mullally in the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final.

Picture: Lorraine O'Sullivan

with a shout in the second half.

"Denise Cronin's puck-outs were great against the wind, and backed by it in the second half, she dropped superb ball right into her forwards. We dug deep and we got the result. I am absolutely thrilled for the girls. They deserve all the credit," said an elated Nott.

That second-half fight-back got off to a great start within seconds when Linda Mollerick's bobbling shot deceived the Kilkenny defence and ended up in the net. This was the tonic the Leesiders needed, and selector Angela Sheehan, acknowledging this said: "Linda's goal just after half-time was what we wanted.

We settled after this and stayed with them all the way. After last year's disappointment, it's great to win with virtually the last puck, and throughout my involvement as a player and selector, today's game rates as one of the best I have been involved in.

These sentiments echoed throughout Nolan Park in a thrilling second half which saw the balance of favour constantly swaying from one team to another. But the matter was decided in the dying seconds when a long clearance from defence was gathered by Ciara Healy who, with maturity belying her youthful years, struck a wonderful point

from an acute angle. Afterwards, Healy expressed her delight, saying: "I just took a look and hoped it would go over. It did and I am delighted we are through to the semi-final."

An understandably disappointed Kilkenny coach, Bobby Jackman, praised his charges for their efforts and said that no stone had been left unturned in their quest for glory.

"The unselfish efforts of the girls, who put personal commitments to one side in their quest for victory, has to be applauded. They did everything I asked of them and whilst I am disappointed, I am sure we will be back." He graciously

went on to wish Cork well in their bid for All-Ireland glory.

● Whilst not as exciting as the Cork-Kilkenny clash, the meeting of Clare and All-Ireland champions Tipperary brought together sides coached by hurling stars Davy Fitzgerald and Michael Cleary.

The holders, who led 2-6 to 0-0 at half-time, continued to dominate, and goals from Philly Fogarty and Noelle Kennedy gave them a comfortable 4-15 to 0-5 victory.

Galway and Limerick served up an entertaining opening half in Grenagh where the Galway girls led 2-6 to 1-5 at the short whistle, their goals coming

from Sharon Glenn and Veronica Curtin, with Eileen O'Brien contributing all of the Limerick scores. Showing too much craft for the young Limerick side, Galway, with two further goals from Curtin, who contributed 3-5 of her sides total, advanced to the last four on a 4-13 to 1-8 scoreline.

Wexford experienced no trouble in disposing of Dublin, who, despite opening an early lead with two Irene Kirwin points, were no match for a Wexford side who had good performances from Aoife O'Connor and Kate Kelly in their 4-12 to 0-6 victory.

"We dug deep and we got the result. I am absolutely thrilled for the girls. They deserve all the credit," coach **Tom Nott**

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# Healy point stuns Kilkenny

**CORK 2-10 KILKENNY 1-12**  
CIARA HEALY turned out to be a real super sub for Cork when she scored a point in injury-time to beat Kilkenny in a rip-roaring All-Ireland senior camogie quarter-final at Nowlan Park on Saturday.

Kilkenny, who were beaten in the last minute in last year's All-Ireland final, looked set for victory when chief scorer Sinead Millea pointed a free to put them 1-12 to 2-8 in front with time almost up.

However, Fiona O'Driscoll equalised in injury time before Healy stole the honours with one of the last pucks of the match.

Kilkenny got off to a flying start and, aided by a goal from Catherine Doherty, led by 1-5 to 0-1 after 12 minutes. A 16th minute goal from Caoimhe Harrington revived Cork and at the break they trailed by 1-7 to 1-3.

Linda Mellerick put Cork right back in contention with a goal immediately after the break, and the sides were level on four occasions before Cork edged through in a sizzling finish.

**SCORERS** - Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-6, C Harrington 1-0, L Mellerick 1-0, U Troy 0-1, E Burke 0-1, D Cronin, C Healy 0-1. Kilkenny: S Millea 0-7, C Doherty 1-1, M Downey 0-2, I Kennedy 0-1, B Mulally 0-1.

**CORK** - C Keoghane, S Hayes, E Duggan, M Finn, M O'Connor, D Cronin, V Harris, U Troy, L Mellerick, S O'Callaghan, F O'Driscoll, P O'Connor, U O'Donoghue, C Harrington, E Burke. Subs: C Healy for P O'Connor.

**KILKENNY** - M Holland, T Millea, K Long, B Barnaville, E Kennedy, S Costello, M Costello, J Maher, P Comerford, M Comerford, B Mulally, S Millea, C Doherty, I Kennedy, S Lyng. Subs: M Downey for M Comerford.

## ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE QUARTER-FINALS

**WEXFORD 4-12 DUBLIN 0-6**  
IMPRESSIVE Wexford qualified for a semi-final meeting with Cork when they recorded a comprehensive victory over a disappointing Dublin outfit at O'Leary.

It was all too easy for Wexford who dominated right through the game. Having taken an early lead through a Michelle Murphy goal, they went on to build up a commanding 3-8 to 0-4 lead by half-time.

**SCORERS** - Wexford: M Murphy 2-2, K Kelly 0-7, L Holohan 1-2, A O'Connor 1-1. Dublin: I Kirwan 0-4, F Concoran 0-2.

**WEXFORD** - M Heame, O Heame, A Nolan, C O'Connor, L Corrigan, F Dunne, R Brown, E Guey, S Carr, A Druhan, P Rankin, L Holohan, A O'Connor, K Kelly, M Murphy. Subs: M Kelly for Holohan.

**DUBLIN** - O McGuinness, C Murphy, A Cullen, G Noonan, S Byrne, D O'Leary, C Boyle, V Trehy, F Concoran, S Costello, L O'Hara, I Kirwan, J Donnelly, E Ring, C Grey. Subs: S Costello for Ring, A Grey for Murphy.

**TIPPERARY 4-15 CLARE 0-5**  
REIGNING All-Ireland Champions Tipperary are back into the semi-finals following their easy win over Clare in Semple Stadium.

Tipp held Clare scoreless for the entire first half. Goals from Catriona Hennessy and Noelle Kennedy put them 2-6 to 0-0 ahead by half-time. Anne Keane finally opened Clare's account in the first minute of the second half, but Tipp hit back with quick goals from Philly Fogarty and Kennedy knocked to seal the issue.

**SCORERS** - Tipperary: C Hennessy 1-8, N Kennedy 2-0, P Fogarty 1-1, E McDonnell 0-4, E Hayden, D Hughes 0-1 each. Clare: A Keane, M McMahon, E Arthur, S O'Brien, S O'Brien 0-1 each.

## GALWAY 4-13 LIMERICK 1-8

VERONICA CURTIN netted a hat-trick of goals as Galway cruised past Limerick to qualify for an All-Ireland semi-final meeting with Tipperary at Ballygran on Saturday.

Galway, the 1996 All-Ireland champions, got off to a flying start with goals from Sharon Glynn and Curtin in the opening five minutes, but Limerick hit back with a goal from Eileen O'Brien to trail by just 2-6 to 1-5 at the break.

However, two second half goals from player of the match Curtin saw Tony Ward's side qualify for their first All-Ireland semi-final since 1998.

**SCORERS** - Galway: V Curtin 3-5, S Glynn 1-3, C Nevin 0-2, S Tamm, O Kilkenny, A Forde 0-1 each. Limerick: E O'Brien 1-8.

## LAOIS 2-10 CLARE 3-3

LAOIS advanced to the All-Ireland Minor B Camogie Championship final following a four point win over Clare in Mountrath.

Clare netted three first half goals, but Laois chipped away at the lead with points, and aided by a goal from a sideline cut by Mary Cleary they trailed by just 3-0 to 1-4 at half-time.

Laois dominated after the break and took a giant step towards victory when Grace Weston found the net midway through the second half.

**SCORERS** - Laois: M Cleary 1-3, L Mahony 0-5, G Weston 1-0, E Dowling, S Linnam 0-1 each. Clare: L Linnane, N Murphy 1-1 each, C Command 1-0, R Kaiser 0-1.

## Super sub Healy rips Kilkenny

Cork 2-10 Kilkenny 1-12

**CAMOGIE:** Ciara Healy turned out to be a real super sub for Cork when she scored a point in injury-time to beat Kilkenny in a rip-roaring All-Ireland Senior Camogie quarter-final at Nowlan Park yesterday.

Kilkenny, who were beaten in the last minute of last year's All-Ireland final, looked set for victory when chief scorer Sinead Millea pointed a free to put them 1-12 to 2-8 in front with time almost up.

But in injury time Fiona O'Driscoll equalised for Cork before Healy stole the honours with one of the last pucks of the match.

Kilkenny started in great form and with the aid of a goal from Catherine Doherty they lead by 1-5 to 0-1 after twelve minutes. A 16th minute goal from Caoimhe Harrington revived Cork and at the break they had reduced the deficit to 1-3 to 1-7.

The winners got a great start to the new half when Linda Mellerick crashed home a goal. It was nip and tuck all the way from there to the finish and the scores were level on four occasions before Cork edged through in a sizzling finish.

**CORK** - C Keoghane, S Hayes, E Duggan, M Finn, M O'Connor, D Cronin (0-1), V Harris, U Troy (0-1), L Mellerick (1-0), S O'Callaghan, F O'Driscoll (0-6), P O'Connor, U O'Donoghue, C Harrington (1-0), E Burke (0-1). Subs: C Healy (0-1) for P O'Connor.

**KILKENNY** - M Holland, T Millea, K Long, B Barnaville, E Kennedy, S Costello, M Costello, J Maher, P Comerford, M Comerford, B Mulally (0-1), S Millea (0-7), C Doherty (1-1), I Kennedy (0-1) Lyng. Subs: M Downey (0-2) for M Comerford.

## CAMOGIE:-

# Tipperary Meet Clare in All-Ireland Quarter-final

(By Rose Mannion)

After their great victory over Down in the preliminary round of the championship, Tipperary senior camogie team will meet Clare in the quarter-final on this coming Saturday, 22nd July at Semple Stadium, Thurles at 7.00 p.m.

Clare proved disappointing last year and fell to Tipperary by twelve points in the championship leaving the way clear for Tipperary's All-Ireland semi-final meeting with Down.

With the Northern girls safely disposed of, can Clare prevent Tipperary from progressing further in their bid for their sec-



Sinead Nealon (Burgess) and Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane) during a recent training session.

(Photo: Rose Mannion)

ond All-Ireland?

"We hope not" said the Tipperary coach Michael

Cleary earlier in the week and Michael feels that Clare will provide stiff

competition now that they are coached by Clare hurler Davy Fitzgerald.

Michael added, "like all games we will concentrate on each one as it comes". "We had a great win over Down despite not being able to finalise a team until one hour before the game itself".

However, the girls have been training very hard and Michael is pleased to see Maedbh Stokes and Caithriona Hennessy fit after recent injuries, but Louise Ryan will possibly be out of action for longer.

Added to this year's panel are Claire Grogan, Maedbh Corcoran, Paula Bulfin and Jackie O'Connor all from the junior team.

# Cats freeze under late Rebels' fire

## ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE QUARTER FINALS

### ■ CORK 2-10 KILKENNY 1-10

CORK gained revenge for last year's semi-final defeat to Kilkenny in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at Nolan Park on Saturday.

Kilkenny looked much the better side in the opening half, scoring 1-4 in an 11-minute spell, the goal coming from Catherine Doherty.

The Cats led 1-7 to 0-3 at the break. Caoimhe Harrington was responsible for Cork's goal.

The second half was a thriller with both sides showing great skill and determination. Linda Mellerick cut the deficit to one point with a well-taken goal.

The sides were level on five occasions in this half. Sinead Millea was in great scoring form, notching a tally of seven points.

However, Cork drew level deep into stoppage time and Ciara Healy pointed giving the Rebels the lead for the first time and booking their ticket to the All-Ireland semi-final.

### ■ WEXFORD 4-12 DUBLIN 0-6

DUBLIN proved no match for a determined Wexford side in the camogie quarter-final at O'Leary.

Goals by Aoife O'Connor and Michelle Murphy and some well-taken points by Kate Kelly gave the Model County a 2-6 to 0-4 lead at the break.

Wexford continued to dominate in the second half and coasted on to meet Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final on August 12.

Tipperary and Galway will meet in the other semi. The Premier County had a 4-15 to 0-5 win over Clare while Galway accounted for Limerick 4-13 to 1-8.

**RESULTS:** All-Ireland Minor B Championship semi-final: Laois 2-10, Clare 3-3. Leinster Junior Club Championship quarter-finals: Drumcullen, Offaly 2-8; Tim, Meath 0-6; St. Munnas, Westmeath 1-14, Kilderry, Louth 1-1.



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■ The Wexford Under-16 camogie team, through to the All-Ireland final.

## Wexford through to All-Ireland Minor Final

# Single point win over Tipperary

**Wexford 2-7, Tipperary 0-12:** Wexford advanced to the All-Ireland Minor final at sun-drenched Bellefield on Saturday when they defeated Tipperary by 2-7 to 0-12.

Tipperary opened the scoring with a pointed free by wing-forward Claire Grogan in the opening minute. Wexford did equalise when having failed with her first effort, corner-forward Ciara O'Connor made no mistake with her second free after four minutes.

Tipperary restored their lead with a solo by wing-forward Melissa Stapleton found full-forward Moira Ryan, who made no mistake from 25 metres after six minutes.

Tipperary on the other hand had two pointed frees, by the accurate Claire Grogan in the wing-forward position, to put her side 0-4 to 0-1 to the good. Wexford replied with two well-taken points by centre-forward Josie Dwyer in the 13th and 14th minutes to put just a single point between the teams.

Wexford were playing the better camogie and

deservedly took the lead when a long clearance out of defence by corner-back Marian Hanrick found wing-forward Diane Redmond who soloed and passed to the in-rushing corner-forward Marie Mythen to slot home a great goal in the 17th minute.

Wexford added to their tally with a point from a free by Josie Dwyer after twenty minutes with Tipperary adding a point again from a free by Claire Grogan. She was now being marked by Mary Leacy, who thwarted her dominance in the Tipperary forward line.

The final action of the half, a well-taken point by full-forward Caroline Murphy from 40 metres, left the score at 1-5 to 0-5 in Wexford's favour at the interval.

Tipperary started the second-half with two quick pointed frees by Claire Grogan in the opening two minutes and equalised with a good solo run and point by midfielder Aine Mulcahy after four minutes.

Wexford restored their lead when a free from defence by centre-back

Mary Leacy was fielded by Josie Dwyer who pointed after seven minutes. Wexford added to their tally with a well-taken point by midfielder Roisin Donohoe after nine minutes to put two points between the teams.

Wexford then got the score their play deserved when following good work by Caroline Murphy and Ciara O'Connor, the ball broke to Josie Dwyer who found the back of the net after fourteen minutes.

Tipperary continued to dominate and a point by Melissa Stapleton in the 18th minute left just a goal between the sides. The play swung from end to end with both teams playing very good camogie much to the delight of the large crowd.

Tipperary reduced the arrears with a pointed free by Claire Grogan in the 22nd minute and the same player also pointed with three minutes remaining to leave just a single point separating the sides.

**Wexford:** Ursula Jacob (Oulart); Aine Doran (Rathnure); Ashling Ho-

gan (do.); Marian Hanrick (Buncloody); Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown); Mary Leacy (Oulart); Linda Burke (Buffers Alley); Roisin O'Donohoe (Gorey, 0-1); Jenny O'Leary (Rathnure); Diane Redmond (St. Ibar's); Josie Dwyer (Ferns, 1-4); Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer); Marie Mythen (Oulart); Caroline Murphy (Oulart, 0-1); Ciara O'Connor (Rathnure, 0-1). Subs. - Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers) for Jenny O'Leary; Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers) for Roisin O'Donohoe; also Nicola O'Brien (Gorey); Anne Marie Kelly (St. Ibar's); Jenny Mooney (Faythe Harriers); Annette Moroney (Glynn); Nicola Scully (Cloughbawn); Aolfe Barron (Glynn); Kate Kehoe (Cloughbawn); Karen Murphy (Cloughbawn).

# St. Ibar's retain title

**St. Ibar's 2-6, Rathnure 2-4:** St. Ibar's retained their Senior camogie league title with a two point win over their arch-rivals Rathnure at Monageer on Sunday evening on a 2-6 to 2-4 scoreline.

## SENIOR CAMOGIE

Rathnure were quicker to settle and opened the scoring with a goal by full-forward Evelyn Quigley after four minutes. St. Ibar's replied when following a foul on Michelle Murphy wing-forward Kate Kelly pointed the resultant free after eight minutes.

Rathnure replied with a point by corner-forward Geraldine Codd and a point by Evelyn Quigley who soloed through the St. Ibar's defence and having lost her hurley, hand passed over the bar.

Rathnure continued to dominate and a pass by Geraldine Codd found the in-rushing Evelyn Quigley whose ground stroke strike hit the back of the net midway through the half. St. Ibar's kept in touch, with a goal and two points from frees by Kate Kelly and a point by corner-forward Niamh O'Connor leaving Rathnure in the lead (2-3 to 1-3) at half-time.

St. Ibar's made a substitution on the re-start, replacing Fiona Cullen with Mag Kelly, and this proved to be an inspired switch. A free by Kate Kelly found Bridget Curran who passed to Mag Kelly whose shot hit the back of the net in the opening minute.

A long St. Ibar's clearance from defence by Sharon Carr was fielded by Mag Kelly who pointed from an acute angle after three minutes.

St. Ibar's continued to set the pace and following a foul on Mag Kelly, the resultant free was pointed by Kate Kelly after seven minutes to put two points between the teams, 2-5 to 2-3.

Midway through the half a free by Aileen Gordon found Michelle Murphy who soloed some 30 metres to send over a beautiful point.

Rathnure scored a point from wing-forward Lennie Houlihan with nine minutes remaining to leave just two points between the sides. Rathnure totally dominated the closing minutes and set about clinching the game with the vital score, but they came up against a very determined St. Ibar's defence where the captain, Deirdre Hearne, at full-back was very impressive.



■ St. Ibar's captain Deirdre Hearne receives the cup from Jack O'Brien of the Camogie Board.

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**St. Ibar's:** Michelle Hearne; Catherine Doyle; Deirdre Hearne (capt.); Fiona Cullen; Selena Carr; Aileen Gordon; Sharon Carr; Assumpta Cullen; Edwina Carr; Kate Kelly (1-3); Laura Corrigan; Sandra Carr; Bridget Curran; Michelle Murphy (0-1); Ann Marie Kelly. Subs. - Mag Kelly (1-1) for Fiona Cullen; Ornagh Cullen for Laura Corrigan; also Leona Tector; Sinead Kelly; Elizabeth Doyle; Ann Hearn; Teresa Roche; Aimee Fox; Maeve Quill.

**Rathnure:** Mary Fleming; Ann Marie White; Catherine Murphy; Mary Hayden; Clare O'Connor (capt.); Karina Somers; Bernie Houlihan; Ashling Hogan; Grace Hearne; Lennie Houlihan; Norma Carthy; Maggie Somers; Geraldine Codd (0-1); Evelyn Quigley (2-1); Niamh O'Connor (0-1). Subs. - Mary Donnelly; Ciara O'Connor; Jean Hayden; Aine Doran; Louise Kavanagh; Laura Murphy; Jenny O'Leary.

**Referee:** Jack O'Brien (Buffers Alley).

# Narrow defeat for Tipperary

by Rose Mannion

**Wexford 2-7 Tipperary 0-12** IN an often close and tense minor All-Ireland semi-final, Tipperary lost to a livelier Wexford side when they travelled to Enniscorthy on Saturday last.

Within minutes of the start, Tipperary's Claire Grogan sent over their first point from a placed ball but Wexford were quick to reply when their Claire O'Connell followed suit.

Tipperary were back when Melissa Stapleton passed the ball across to corner forward Geraldine Kinnane who swiftly sent it over to send Tipperary ahead. Two further placed balls were sent over by Claire Grogan before Wexford responded. Wexford went on to claim two further points from their centre-forward Josie Dwyer before they rattled the Tipperary net sending them ahead in the 17th minute. They were back again seconds later with a further point which came as a result of a free.

A fourth free awarded to Tipperary was their last score of this first half while Wexford picked off a further point to leave Tipperary trailing by one goal at the interval.

Within just a minute of the restart, a free awarded to Tipperary saw Claire Grogan convert while just two minutes later yet another free Claire stepped forward to do the honours again. Tension was now mounting as one point separated the sides and as the large Tipperary gathering rallied behind their side, it was midfielder Aine Mulcahy who equalised for the third time in the fourth minute of this second half. What a burst from this Tipperary side who were giving the spectators plenty to cheer for.

However, Wexford's centre-forward Josie Dwyer was causing plenty of problems for the Tipperary defence who were under severe pressure now as Wexford pulled ahead with a further points. Tipperary kept on their heels, though, when substitute Michelle Shortt sent the ball over to leave just a mere point separating the sides.

A long puck out from Wexford's Ursula Jacob brought the ball towards the danger zone and Josie Dwyer struck for Wexford's second goal.

Tipperary, however, were not easily disposed of and went on to score three further points, one coming

from Melissa Stapleton while the other two came from Claire Grogan frees. With just seconds remaining a free was awarded to Tipperary which gave the side the ideal opportunity to force a draw but the ball went inches wide.

Tipperary panel — Jill Horan (Gaels); Orla McLoughlin (Drom-Inch, captain); Helen Breen (Cashel); Caroline Greed (Bournea); Danielle O'Connell (Cashel); Patricia O'Halloran (Portroe); Linda Breen (Knockavilla); Aine Mulcahy (Burgess); Catherine Scanlon (Drom-Inch); Melissa Stapleton (Drom-Inch); Eimer Shelly (Gaels); Claire Grogan (Templemore); Maria Tynan (Toomevara); Moyra Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Geraldine Kinnane (Drom-Inch). Substitutes used — Michelle Shortt (Drom-Inch) for Eimer Shelly; Elizabeth Woods (Toomevara) for Catherine Scanlon.

Scorers — Claire Grogan 0-8 (all frees); Geraldine Kinnane; Aine Mulcahy; Michelle Shortt and Melissa Stapleton 0-1 each.

**RESULT**  
Under-12 'C' Championship — Cashel 1-2; Knockavilla 1-0.



# Cork's last gasp

Cork ..... 2-10  
Kilkenny ..... 1-12

CORK avenged last year's camogie defeat by Kilkenny when they scored a point deep into injury-time to end Kilkenny's hopes in this sizzling senior quarter-final at sun-kissed Nowlan Park on Saturday.

It was a magnificent game, with much of the excitement packed into a second half which saw the scores level on four occasions. The last time was well into injury time when the full time whistle would have been welcomed by both teams.

This match was played in sweltering conditions. Kilkenny manager Bobby Jackman had his troops in great form.

Sinead Millea opened the scoring with a brilliant point. Fiona O'Driscoll replied with a pointed free. Then Kilkenny had an inspired spell.

Brigid Mullally shot a long range point. Sinead Millea pointed a free after the lively Lizzie Lyng was

fouled, and Imelda Kennedy brilliantly set-up Catherine Doherty for the game's first goal.

Sinead Millea pointed another free before Imelda Kennedy pointed after a clever Brigid Mullally pass to leave Kilkenny 1-5 to 0-1 ahead after 10 minutes.

Fiona O'Driscoll had Cork's second point again from a free, before Caoimhe Harrington had their first score from play after 16 minutes. Miriam Holland had saved brilliantly in the Kilkenny goal, but the Cork full-forward ran through to shoot the rebound to the net to cut Kilkenny's lead dramatically (1-5 to 1-2).

Sinead Millea had another fine point when Gillian Dillon-Maher found her with a pass. Back cam Cork. An effort for a second goal by Fiona O'Driscoll was well saved by Miriam Holland at the expense of a point.

Esther Kennedy made a brave effort to get through for a goal just before the break, but she was fouled. Sinead Millea stroked the

free over for the final score of the half to leave Kilkenny ahead at the interval by 1-7 to 1-3.

Cork had the wind in the second half. Kilkenny could hardly have expected the whirlwind start from the Leesiders.

In the opening minute veteran midfielder Linda Mellerick raced through for a goal to leave just a point between the sides. Kilkenny replied with a point from Marina Downey, who had been introduced before the break.

Back came Cork. However, and it took three magnificent saves in succession from Miriam Holland to keep them at bay.

Ursula Troy had a point for Cork after 34 minutes. Kilkenny replied immediately through a Sinead Millea free.

Five minutes of frenetic but scoreless play followed before Cork's sharpshooting forward Fiona O'Driscoll had another point, and then she shot the equaliser. Catherine Doherty, Kilkenny's goal scoring star in the first half, scored a

smashing point after 43 minutes to put Kilkenny ahead, a lead the Leesiders kept for eight minutes.

The Cork equaliser was a long range point by Denise Cronin. Kilkenny fought back immediately, and a typically stylish point by Marina Downey put them in front once more.

Elaine Burke looked to have drawn the game when she equalised for Cork after 59 minutes.

A determined Kilkenny raid a minute late saw them awarded a free 60 yards out. The ever-dependable Sinead Millea steered the ball between the posts to give Kilkenny the lead yet again.

When the referee awarded Cork a free after 2 minutes, it was odds on that Fiona O'Driscoll would equalise. She did. Then, with the game looking like ending in a draw - a result which would have pleased both sides - Cork substitute Ciara Healy popped up with a winner.

This was a terrible hammer blow for Kilkenny, who had battled so

gamely. It was a worse blow because it came indirectly from an amazing refereeing decision which saw a lineball decision by Brendan Williams overturned. Even the Cork contingent could not believe the referee could have been so wrong.

Nevertheless, it was a brilliant display by both sides. Kilkenny were shattered after the game.

Miriam Holland was defiant in the Kilkenny goal. Some of her saves were top class. Tracey Millea, Kelly Long and Brigid Barnaville formed a sound full-back line. Sinead Costello, Mairead Costello and the tenacious Esther Kennedy were in form at half back.

Gillian Maher and Pauline Comerford showed great skill at midfield.

Brigid Mullally led the forward line with pace and determination, flanked by the accurate Sinead Millea and Margaret Comerford. Marina Downey came into this line late in the first half and showed she had lost none of her silken skills.

## Galway camogie team go on scoring spree against poor Derry

Galway ..... 6-10  
Derry ..... 1-0

THE Galway minor camogie team overwhelmed Derry in the All-Ireland semi-final in Swatharagh, Co. Derry on Saturday. Conditions for camogie were ideal at this magnificent venue.

Both teams were slow to settle into the pace of the game. From the outset Derry played a disruptive gameplan, constantly pulling players out of position, dragging the Galway backs all over the place.

However with Roisin O'Connor at fullback and halfbacks Edel Pierce and Aoife Doherty in fine form - Doherty detailed to lessen the effectiveness of Derry's Aine Quigley - the Galway defence soon came to terms with Derry's tactics.

Having settled the early nerves the Galway scores began to flow when Lorraine Lally was first off the mark with a point from play which she soon followed with a fine goal, also from play. Deirdre Burke then added a point.

Cathy Bowes was next to score when she deceived all when she lobbed in a free from 25 metres out which found the net. However, this Galway scoring spree did little to justify Derry's efforts up to this point as they had competed honourably.

Their persistence was eventually rewarded on 25 minutes when corner forward Cathriona O'Kane sent a free from all of 45 metres to the Galway net. Galway's response was swift and when

Cathy Bowes, who was in sparkling form throughout, recorded another goal it left the Westerners 3-2 to 1-0 ahead at the interval.

Galway returned for the second half with Emma Kilkelly having been introduced for the injured Marese Flanagan, whose absence from midfield was a big blow as she has been most effective with her partner Shauna Murphy.

However the Galway girls soon started where they left off in the first half and the points began to flow which saw Aishlinn Connolly (3), Shauna Murphy and Deirdre Burke all finding the target.

At this stage Galway introduced Gemma Kelly and Ann-Marie Hayes into their attack to good effect and with Derry's challenge now well and truly subdued the scored mounted for Galway. Cathy Bowes was to account for two more goals.

Emma Kilkelly showed coolness beyond her years when she collected the sliothar, wrongfooted the final Derry defender before sending her effort past the helpless Derry goalkeeper. Aishlinn Connolly recorded the game's final score, a point in injury time to bring down the curtain on a satisfactory and clinical despatch of the Ulster champions.

Galway had fine displays throughout the field and in particular Susan Earner in goal. Roisin O'Connor, Michelle Raymond, Aoife Doherty and Edel Pierce in defence, Shauna Murphy

battled bravely at midfield, and in attack Aishlinn Connolly, the Lally twins, Lorraine and Rebecca, Cathy Bowes and on her introduction Gemma Kelly.

Galway will face a strong Wesford challenge in the All-Ireland final in three weeks time, and will be determined to capture the first minor title since 1997 having been frustrated by Cork for the past two years.

Galway: S. Earner, C. Moran, R. O'Connor (capt), M. Raymond, N. Gavin, E. Pierce, A. Doherty, S. Murphy, M. Flanagan, A. Connolly, L. Lally, D. Burke, R. Lally, C. Bowes, P. Huban. Subs: E. Kilkenny for M. Flanagan (inj), G. Kelly for P. Huban, A. M. Hayes for R. Lally.

On Saturday next the Galway senior team take on Limerick at the quarter-final stage of the Bord na Gaelle Senior Championship at Ballygrane, Co. Limerick (7.00 p.m.).

Galway will be confident going into this game having recently captured the Gael Linn title representing Connacht, coupled with two extremely competitive challenge games against Kilkenny. However Galway will not be taking Limerick for granted and they know that nothing less than a top class performance will be required to see them progress.

Results - Junior A Championship: Ballindereen 1-6 Ballinasloe 6-6. Under-12 B Final: Cappataggle 5-2 Portumna 2-0; U-13 B Championship: Ballinasloe 3-0 Ardahan 0-0.

## winner

Lizzie Lyng and Catherine Doherty were youthful corner forwards for Kilkenny. Both showed unlimited bravery and skill. Imelda Kennedy was forever foraging at full-forward.

Cork's star was defender Vivienne Harris as well as midfielder Linda Mellerick, who never tired in the energy-sapping conditions. Fiona O'Driscoll, Caoimhe Harrington and Una O'Donoghue were dangerous in the forwards. Denise Cronin and Eithne Duggan were stout defenders.

Kilkenny - Miriam Holland; Tracey Millea, Kelly Long, Brigid Barnaville; Esther Kennedy, Sinead Costello, Mairead Costello, Gillian Maher, Pauline Comerford, Margaret Comerford, Brigid Mullally, Sinead Millea, Catherine Doherty, Imelda Kennedy, Lizzie Lyng. Sub: Marina Downey.

Cork - Cora Keohane, Sarah Hayes, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Mary O'Connor, Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris, Ursula Troy, Linda Mellerick, Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Paula O'Connor, Una O'Donoghue, Caoimhe Harrington, Elaine Burke. Sub: Ciara Healy.

Kilkenny selectors - Bobby Jackman

(Coach/Manager), Maura Costello, and Michael Fennelly.

P.S. - Liam Doyle produced a fine programme for the game. He was also responsible for having "water girls" in the O'Loughlin's colours positioned around the field.

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Limerick's Jean Cullinane strikes the ball as Galway's Fiona Healy protects herself.



# The camogie winner takes it all

**I**N EVERY game there is a winner and a loser. Over a season there will ultimately be only one winner, but many losers.

This is particularly so, not so much in hurling any more with the back-door system, but it is the case still in camogie, as the championship is a knockout competition.

The Premiership in England is awarded to the team that accumulates the most points in an entire season. A similar system exists for both English and Irish rugby (the latter have introduced play-offs in the final rounds), for Irish soccer, for Formula One - the story goes on.

With this system several teams can be equal on points and consequently there are fewer losers.

The emphasis of the team's performance is on consistency and not just peaking for a series of knockout games.

There are some negative effects on a championship that is based on the knockout system.

Firstly, there is increased pressure on players and mentors to succeed at all costs.

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Secondly, there are more losing teams because they cannot be equal on points in a knockout system.

And, thirdly if knocked out early in a championship campaign, a team may get to play only one match. This lack of exposure to top class competition reduces their opportunity to learn from experience.

### Difficult

With this state of affairs it is not surprising that teams find it difficult to break out of a losing mould.

This philosophy could be applied to Limerick who bowed out of the All-Ireland

Camogie Championship last weekend - falling by 14 points to Galway.

The contrasting mood between the Shannonsiders and the Cork camp was, as expected, unbelievable.

Limerick's reaction to losing was almost to find proof that it hadn't happened. But it did, and that game will not go out of their heads for a long time. They were in with a shout at half time, but lost their way as Galway put their foot to the pedal.

Manager Brother Philip Ryan watched helplessly - despite the players hurling away - but they were already sitting on the bus home. Not easy!

It's an awful anti-climax after all the effort that is put in. Going out in the first round is generally regarded as more devastating than exiting at the final hurdle. You have to socialise with the opposition, maybe buy them a pint while pretending it is not the end of the world, while all the time you couldn't have an emptier feeling.

Over near the east coast, Cork on the other hand were ecstatic, after their victory over arch-rivals Kilkenny - this time the Cats didn't get to taste the cream. It was handshakes and hugs all round, as it all came home to Tom Nott's squad of players. An emotional release from the demon of unfulfilled expectations - the ghost of Parnell Park eventually drowned by the Nore. Nowlan Park has been kind to Cork folk. Back in 1993 sub Lynn Dunlea grabbed a late winner and Saturday was no different when Ciara Healy did the honours.

But, at the end of the day, as everybody in sport will know, there is a very thin line between winning and losing - but never doubt, it is a winner takes all scenario.

## Limerick outclassed by rampant Galway

Galway ..... 4-13  
Limerick ..... 1-8

**G**ALWAY, speedy, skilful, and accurate were 2-1 to 0-0 ahead before Eileen O'Brien from a free opened Limerick's account in the sixth minute of this high quality All Ireland senior camogie championship game at Ballya-gran.

Galway's reply to O'Brien's point was a flurry of points (four) from the brilliant Veronica Curtin to leave Galway 2-5 to 0-1 to the good after fifteen minutes.

At this stage within minutes of the interval Limerick discovered a rich vein of form, and played their best camogie of the night reaping a rich harvest of 1-4 (all from Eileen O'Brien), throwing away 1-2 and giving hopes of a keenly fought second half, going in 1-5 to 2-6 in arrears.

The hope held out by Limerick's pre-interval excellence was not realised in the second half. Galway hit top gear from the throw in, outran and outthrew and out scored the girls in green and added 2-7 to their half time score.

Limerick's response despite a huge effort was a mere 0-3, all from frees, by Eileen O'Brien.

All in all the expected outcome, Galway lightning fast, very skilful, and accurate with Veronica Curtin 3-5 at corner forward their M.V.P.

Limerick had an excellent display from Vera Sheehan.

Excellence also from Michelle Casey, Eileen O'Brien 1-8 and Pauline McCarthy.

**Limerick:** Breda O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan (capt), Bernice O'Brien, Rose Collins, Kay Burke, Pauline McCarthy, Grace McNamara, Jean Guinnane, Marion Neville, Michelle Casey, Eileen O'Brien 1-8, Mary Loneragan, Paula Cronin, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Fitzpatrick. Subs: Alison White, Meadhbh Nash, Avril Lane, Maire Fleury.

This Friday, 7pm, in Ballya-gran Limerick play Galway in the first round of the All Ireland intermediate championship.

Limerick can field their senior team in this championship being a 'weaker' county. However such is the quality of camogie in Galway that their second team is favoured to win.

## Cork beat Cats in a thrilling tie

Cork ..... 2-10  
Kilkenny ..... 1-12

**T**HE scenes of jubilation that followed referee John Morrissey's final whistle painted its own picture and will live long in the memory of those present as Cork held on grimly for a narrow one point win over their greatest rivals.

"It was like winning an All-Ireland Final," Cork selector Angela Sheehan said.

"Kilkenny must have felt like we did last year. They were absolutely devastated to lose in such dramatic circumstances as we were last year. But there can be only one winner and on the day thankfully that was us."

Cork were grateful to super-sub Ciara Healy, introduced at the break, and not for the first time this season.

### Rescue

She came to Cork's rescue in an absorbing game with probably the most important score of her life, as her injury time point put the Rebel County through to a Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie championship semi-final placing with Wexford.

Cork were in serious trouble early on as they trailed 1-5 to 0-1.

The Cats' passing was swift and inventive with sharpshooters Sinead Millea, Brigid Mullaly, Catherine Doherty and Imelda Kennedy very much to



**Mellerick: Goal turned game for Rebels.**

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

the fore.

Then Caoimhe Harrington finished a Sinead O'Callaghan move to reduce Cork's arrears to 1-7 to 1-3 at the break.

"Kilkenny intimidated us in the first-half," revealed a happy Cork selector Rose Keane. "They were first to every ball and never allowed us get on top."

The second-half though was a different story with the power balance swinging in the Leesiders' favour.

Linda Mellerick, who is always a player of immense presence, became an increasingly peripheral figure, but when her high lob went in over the head of Miriam Holland in the Kilkenny goal one minute after the restart - the real game was on.

Healy brought Cork level three minutes later and after that the result was never really in doubt.

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However, before we preview, we review a glorious day for the Cork Senior Camogie team in Nowlan Park last Saturday. A courageous comeback which scuppered Kilkenny.

In any sport the desire to avenge a defeat is a powerful motivation, and so it proved in the searing heat of Nowlan Park last Saturday as the Cork Camogie team came from seven points down to defeat old rivals Kilkenny in a thrilling Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland quarter-final.

It was achieved with an injury time winner from Ciara Healy and I don't think I ever saw a team experience such joy at the end of a game as Cork did, even though it came from players who have won everything the game of Camogie has to offer.

In what was essentially a team performance there were a number of outstanding displays. Viv Harris at left half back was excellent and played a true Captain's part while Denise Cronin, Mags Finn and Mary O'Connor, after shaky start, put the shackles on the Kilkenny attack.

Ursula Troy and Linda Mellerick took control in mid-field, while the forwards, superbly led by Fiona O'Driscoll, had top class displays from Elaine Burke and the hard-working Caoimhe Harrington.

Such is the respect that these two teams have for each other that, apart from the opening quarter when Kilkenny held that lead, very little separated the teams during the game. They were level four times in the second half and as the clock touched the thirty minutes Kilkenny went back in front.

Cork never panicked - Fiona O'Driscoll levelled before Ciara Healy hit the winning point. It secured Cork a semi-final meeting with Wexford in Parnell Park on August 12, while Galway and Tipperary meet in the other semi-final on the same day.

The support Cork received on the day was incredible and to hear them sing "de Banks" at the finish made the team very proud and it was definitely the place for all genuine Cork Camogie followers to be last Saturday. Hopefully the rest of the month is as successful.

The game was carried live on Cork Sports Saturday across the city and county and the amount of people that tuned in and enjoyed it has been huge. We say well done to all involved.

It's back to basics this weekend and another big game, as the Juniors travel to London for a quarter-final meeting with the Exiles, of whom very little is known about.

It's a game Cork should win especially if Jenny O'Leary, Joanne O'Callaghan, Christine O'Gorman and Emer Dillon play to form. Laois await the winners in the semi-final.

The two County Senior semi-

finals also take place on Monday and Wednesday of next week.

Barryroe and Newtownshandrum are first into action on Monday night, in Kilbarry at 8 pm, and a close contest is expected here, with Newtown slight favourites to advance. Paula O'Connor, Ursula Troy and Caoimhe Harrington are their key players while Barryroe will look to Cork goalkeeper Cora Keohane, Jenny O'Leary and Rosalie Holland to see them through.

Holders Bishopstown will expect to account for Cloughduv in the second semi-final on Wednesday night in Ballyanly, also at 8 pm, as they have several members of the Cork panel in their team, as well as Ciara Enright and Sheenagh Morley.

Cloughduv though have had good success at under-age level in recent years and will test the Town, especially if Aoife Murray, Orla O'Callaghan, Marie Corkery and Una O'Donoghue play to form.



Senior camogie championship quarter final

# Wexford dismiss Dubs to end lengthy famine

DAVID MEDCALF

in Oylegate

**Wexford 4-12, Dublin 0-4:** A five year famine came to an end at Oylegate on Saturday as Wexford camogie celebrated a long awaited senior championship victory.

The Model girls progressed to an All-Ireland semi final with the might of Cork on August 12 as their full forward line ran the show against the Dubs on the way to a 19 point success.

The win was overdue in more senses than one, as referee John Pender of Kildare arrived at the ground almost 80 minutes after the scheduled throw-in time.

The Clane man made the mistake of taking the coast road from his workplace at Dublin Airport and spent over an hour in gridlock at Ashford.

The Dublin team was also caught in traffic and disembarked from their coach just seven minutes before the 4 o'clock official start time.

As it turned out, they had plenty of time to warm up in the fine sunshine and, for a few nervous minutes after the belated commencement, it looked as though they would make a match of it.

A couple of nicely struck 45's from their free taker Irene Kirwan left them ahead with nine minutes played, until Kate Kelly replied in kind.

The rest of the first half, however, was all Wexford with number 14 Kelly rattling off a hat-trick of points from placed balls to set her team on a merry roll.

Some of the lesser-known players, elevated from the junior squad by manager Seamus Murphy - who was also making his championship debut - contributed handsomely.

For instance, it was Bunclody's Aoife Druhan who teed up Aoife O'Connor of Duffry Rovers for the opening goal. Both are young newcomers.



■ The triumphant Wexford Senior camogie team.

O'Connor was just one-third of a front five who had an evening to remember. Target woman Kate Kelly was cute as a fox and twice as dangerous, while her St. Ibar's club mate Michelle Murphy thrived on a diet of half chances in the left corner. On 26 minutes she hand-passed to the net for Wexford's second goal.

And shortly before half time, she stuffed away the third when Dublin goalkeeper Lizzie McGuinness was troubled by a long range shot from captain Elaine Holohan.

Wing forward Holohan was the only one to break the scoring monopoly of the full forward line as the teams changed over with the home side leading 3-8 to 0-4.

The trend continued after the break, though the scores came less fluently in the second period and full back Avis Nolan was called upon to tidy up more than once as the Dubs struggled to attain respectability.

They never really succeeded, beyond holding the eventual winners scoreless for a featureless quarter of an hour.

In the end, Wexford

BIG MATCH STATISTICS					
Wexford					
	GOALS	PTS	WIDES	FREES	45s
FIRST HALF	3	8	4	5	1
SECOND HALF	1	4	6	1	1
TOTAL	4	12	10	6	2
Dublin					
	GOALS	PTS	WIDES	FREES	45s
FIRST HALF	0	4	2	4	2
SECOND HALF	0	2	2	2	0
TOTAL	0	6	4	6	2

were not to be contained and Elaine Holohan set the seal on a satisfactory afternoon's work with a nimble solo.

McGuinness blocked the Rathnure attacker's initial effort but was left stranded as Holohan tapped home the re-bound for goal number four.

It is 1975 since Wexford has won the All-Ireland championship in the senior grade, and it would be a brave punter who would stake a fortune betting that this frustrating run will end in the current season.

Cork are a formidable force and, in gauging form, it has to be recalled that Dublin have been also-rans too for the

past decade and a half.

Certainly, manager Murphy was under no illusion as to the scale of the challenge facing his side against the Leesiders in the semi final.

He is working without such talented hurlers as Aine O'Connor (Rathnure), Michelle O'Leary, Tina Bergin and Eileen Hanrick - all out of the country - to name but a few.

Still, there was no doubting the relief in the camp as referee Pender blew the whistle on Saturday and the jinx was lifted from the county. The seniors are beginning to raise their sights and six of the team that

started against Dublin has won All-Ireland medals, at under 16 level, so the pedigree is there.

In the victory at Oylegate, Fiona Dunne looked sharp at centre back and, at midfield, Sandy Carr made her presence felt throughout.

**Wexford:** Michelle Hearne; Orla Hernan, Avis Nolan, Claire O'Connor; Laura Corrigan, Fiona Dunne, Rose Mary Breen; Evelyn Quigley, Sandra Carr; Aoife Druhan, Paula Rankin, Elaine Holohan (1-2); Aoife O'Connor (1-1); Kate Kelly (0-7, 3 frees, 1 '45'); Michelle Murphy (2-3). Sub: Mag Kelly for Holohan 58 mins.

**Dublin:** Lizzie McGuinness; Colette Murphy, Aoife Cullen, Germain Noonan; Sonya Byrne, Denise O'Leary, Catherine Boyle; Veronica Trehy, Fiona Corcoran; Sheila Cotter (0-2); Louise O'Hara, Irene Kirwan (0-4, 2 frees, 2 '45'); Joyce Donnelly, Eimear Ring, Carmel Gray. Subs: Anne Marie Gray for Murphy 20 mins; Sarah Crossie for Ring 33 mins.

**Referee:** John Pender (Kildare).



■ Oulart-the-Ballagh captain Marie Mythen receives the cup from John Furlong, County PRO, after her side defeated Buffers Alley in the U-16 Roinn 1 Championship Final.

## Oulart retain title at expense of Buffers Alley

**Oulart-the-Ballagh 4-13, Buffers Alley 0-1:** Oulart-the-Ballagh retained their U-16 camogie Roinn 1 championship title at the expense of Buffers Alley on a 4-13 to 0-1 scoreline at St. Patrick's Park, Enniscorthy, on Sunday last.

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The holders opened the scoring after three minutes with a point by full-forward Marie Mythen, and wing-forward Ursula Jacob notched up four points during the next ten minutes. Buffers Alley replied with a pointed free by centre-forward Bridin Roche.

Oulart-The Ballagh continued to set the pace and corner-forward Una Leacy fielded a pass by Sharon Kehoe for a point after eighteen minutes. From the puck-out Ursula Jacob fielded and soloed for a well-taken goal. She also added a point in the closing minutes to stretch the Oulart lead to 1-7 to 0-1 at half-time.

The second-half opened with a point by centre forward-Caroline Murphy after two minutes which was soon followed by a goal by corner-forward Tanya Stamp, who also scored a second goal and a point.

Oulart-The Ballagh continued to add to their tally with three points by Ursula Jacob, a point by Caroline Murphy and a goal by Una Leacy in the closing minutes to complete the scoring.

Best for Oulart-The Ballagh were Tracy McCormack, Mary Leacy, Sharon Kehoe, Ursula Jacob, Clara O'Connor and Tanya Stamp, while Alicia O'Sullivan, Maeve Hughes, Sinead Laffan, Linda Burke, Frances Doran and Bridin Roche were best for Buffers Alley.

**Oulart-The Ballagh:** Corina O'Dowd; Clara Nolan, Mary Doyle, Tracy McCormack; Elaine Dempsey, Mary Leacy, Karen Atkinson; Sharon Kehoe, Sarah Jo Sinnott; Ursula Jacob (1-8), Caroline Murphy (0-2), Clara O'Connor; Tanya Stamp (2-1), Marie Mythen (capt., 0-1), Una Leacy (1-1). Subs: Sheena Atkinson for O'Connor, Rebecca Parle for Nolan, also Aine Devereux and Ashleigh O'Dowd.

**Buffers Alley:** Alicia O'Sullivan; Lorna Earle, Maeve Hughes, Sinead Laffan; Bessie Murphy, Linda Burke, Mary Kelly (capt.); Frances Doran, Eimear Kenny; Caroline Murphy, Bridin Roche (0-1), Laura Dempsey; Danielle O'Brien, Claire O'Sullivan, Karen Johnson. Subs: Anita O'Sullivan for Earle, also Deirdre Kirwan, Mary O'Connor and Bonnie Breen.

**Referee:** Bernie Higgins (Rathnure).

## Disappointment for Dubs as Wexford romp home

OPTIMISTIC thoughts turned to dust for a depressed Dublin last Saturday evening.

They travelled to Oylegate seeking an upturn in fortune, but the quarter-final of the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship yielded only a crushing defeat.

Dublin were expected to give Wexford quite a game of it, but the half-time score told another story - 3-8 to 0-4 for the Slaney girls.

And the hosts merely embellished their authority in the second period, eventually winning by the handsome score of 4-12 to 0-6.

For Dublin's part, their preparations for this season's Championship sug-

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By NIAL SCULLY

gested a better tomorrow.

Dublin's case was not helped by the fact that injuries robbed them of three of their most valuable players, Ruth Lyons, Eimear Brannigan and Ann McCluskey.

Settling poorly, Dublin, in the blink of an eye, had a mountain to climb. On the restart, they looked more like their true selves as they constructed promising attacks.

But Wexford's defence ensured there was little return for that investment on the scoreboard.

The defeat now sees Dublin enter the

All-Ireland Intermediate competition where they have a date with Cork.

### FIXTURES

**TONIGHT:** Sen A (7.30): Pairc Uí Mhurchu; Ballyboden St. Enda's v Crumlin, C Dadd, Finglas; Erin's Isle v St. Vincent's, D Noble. Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v Raheny, M Norton. Portmarnock: Naomh Meánag v Na Fianna, A Derham.

**THURSDAY:** Sen B (7.30): Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v Ballyboden St. Enda's, Tymon North Celtic v Thomas Davis, Silver Park/Kilmacud Crokes v St. Vincent's, Russell Park: Naomh Bhrí v St. Jude's, Blundon Drive: O'Toole's v St. Anne's.

**SUNDAY:** Jun A (11.0): Portmarnock: Naomh Meánag v Ballyboden St. Enda's, Navan Road: Plunkett's/Raoh v St. Mark's, Liffey Park/Liffey Goals v St. Jude's, Finglas: Erin's Isle v Raheny, Clonsilla, Round Towers v St. Mary's.

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# Cork juniors head to London

CORK juniors take to the skies on Saturday next when they travel to London to contest the All-Ireland Junior quarter-final.

Fielding a completely new line out following on last season's All-Ireland Junior championship success, few would have installed Cork as favourites to emerge as Munster champions this year.

In their opening game against Limerick the Cork side impressed with their accuracy and team work to triumph.

This in turn led to a meeting with old rivals Tipperary and a repeat of last year's final.

In a game that lived up to pre-match expectations, Cork showed great character in retaining their crown but only after going to extra time to do so.

In that game one had to single out the contribution of Jenny O'Leary who scored a 2-7 of her side's total, the excellent play from Emer Dillon, Catherine Corkery and substitute Mary Enneguess, who grabbed a vital goal.

## Single

However it was the overall fitness of the Cork girls that showed when the game went to extra time and this is a credit in no small way to coach Pat Murray.

He has achieved great success at junior level to date, bringing the county its first ever double, annexing the All-Ireland and National League title.

London enter Saturday's game as complete underdogs but this is something which the girls are well used to.

Each year they compete at the quarter-final stage of the championship but the lack of serious competitive games in the lead up is a big problem.

Hopes are high that participation in the National League may be possible but cost is a huge factor.

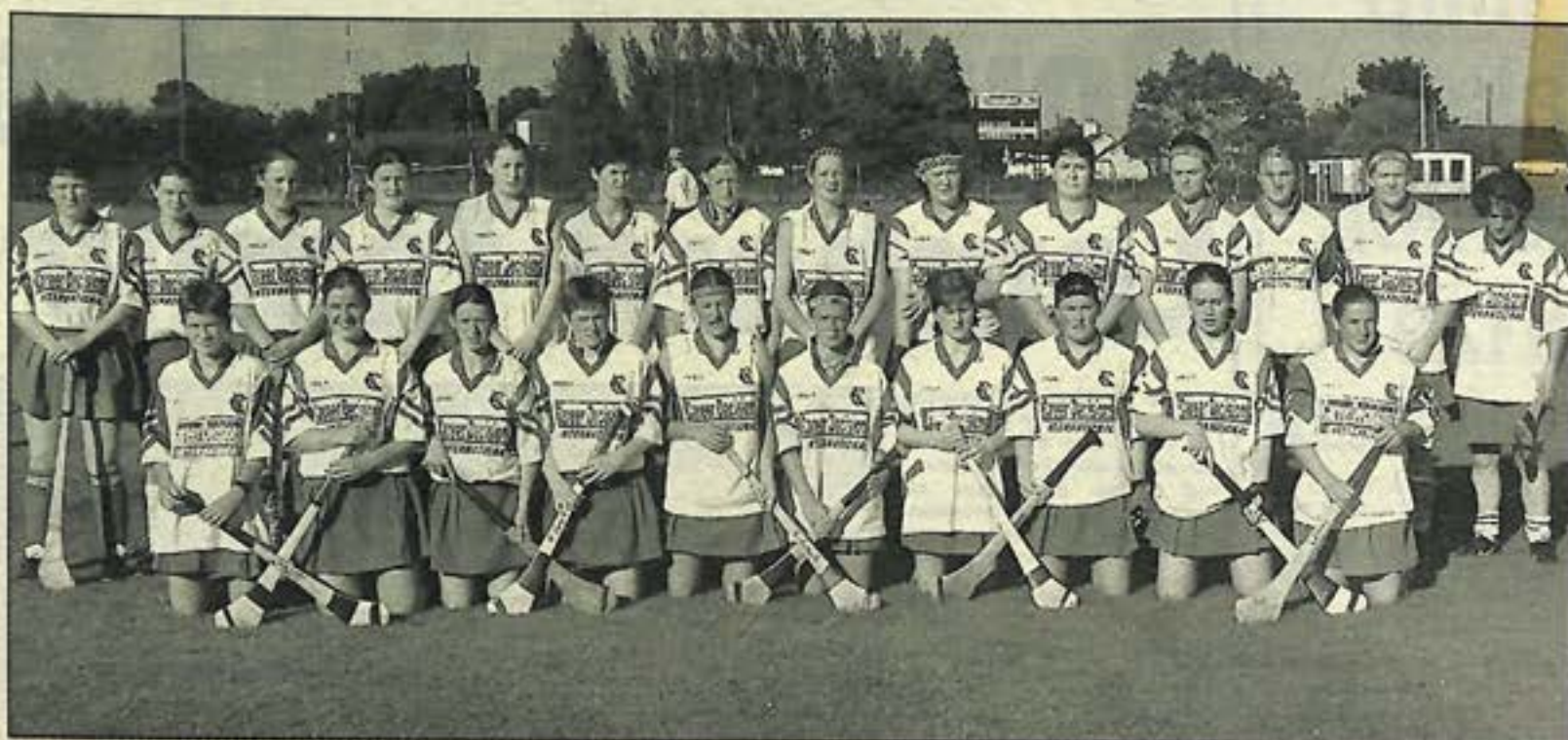
When one takes into account the cost to Cork this weekend alone to contest the quarter-final, it's very understandable why participation in the leagues has not become a reality to date.

The first semi-final of the Senior County championship takes place on Monday next when two sides contesting their first senior semi-final, Barryroe and Newtownshandrum, come head-to-head.

The meeting of Newtownshandrum and Barryroe is one that is sure to bring a large crowd to Delaney's on Monday night.

**Cork Junior Panel:** O O'Callaghan, S Buckley, J O'Callaghan, A Kelleher, S Corkery, E Dillon, C O'Gorman, V O'Keefe, M O'Connell, Aine O'Regan, Amanda O'Regan, C Corkery, J O'Sullivan, E O'Friel, J O'Leary, L Murphy, D O'Reilly, M Enneguess, I Dineen, Z McDonnell.

# Kilkenny took the game to Cork right from the opening point



The Limerick team who played Galway in the Senior Camogie Championship quarter final at Ballyagran.

Picture: Press 22.

# Healy the heroine as Cork triumph

Cork 2-10  
Kilkenny 1-12

**T**HERE was only one place to be for all true camogie followers on Saturday last and that was Nolan Park as Cork advanced to a semi-final meeting with Wexford after a Titanic encounter with Kilkenny.

From the outset, Kilkenny took the game to Cork after Sinead Millea's opening point one minute into the game.

Fiona O'Driscoll replied with a pointed Cork free, but from here on Kilkenny took control.

Struggling to settle, Cork were thrown a life line when Caoimhe Harrington goaled at the mid-way stage.

O'Driscoll and Millea again swapped points but it was Kilkenny who finished the half with a point to lead 1-7 to 1-3.

Cork, turning to play with the aid of the wind, got the tonic start when with virtually the first puck of the half.

Linda Mellerick's lobbing shot went all the way to the net and Cork were back in the game.

Substitutes Marina Downey and Ciara Healy exchanged points but again it was Millea who kept Kilkenny ahead on a score of 1-9 to 2-4.

Digging deep and calling on all their experience, Cork battled on.

Two Fiona O'Driscoll



Cork's Eithne Duggan clashes with Imelda Kennedy of Kilkenny in the All Ireland Camogie quarter final.

Picture: INPHO/Lorraine O'Sullivan

points had the sides level by the 12th minute and that's how it remained with the sides deadlocked on four occasions.

With play swinging from end to end both teams gave it their all in the quest for victory.

Six minutes into injury time Ciara Healy got the one that mattered most when she pointed under pressure to give Cork the lead and they held on for a memorable victory.

**Cork:** C Keohane, D Cronin, E Duggan, S Hayes, M O'Connor, F Finn, V Harris (C), U Troy, L Mellerick, S O'Callaghan, F O'Driscoll, P O'Connor, U O'Donoghue, C Harrington, E Burke, Sub C Healy for P O'Connor.

**Kilkenny:** M Holland, T Millea, K Long, B Barnaville, E Kennedy, S Costello, M Costello, J Dillon-Maher, P Comerford, M Comerford, B Mullally, S Millea, C Doherty, I Kennedy, L Ling, Subs M Downey for M Comerford, M O'Connor for P Comerford.

**Scorers:** Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-6 (0-4 f), C Harrington 1-0, L Mellerick 1-0, C Healy 0-2, E Burke 0-1, M O'Connor 0-1 (f).

**Kilkenny:** S Millea 0-7 (0-4 f), C Doherty 1-1, M Downey 0-2, B Mullally 0-1, Kennedy 0-1.

Ref: John Morrissey, Tipperary.

All-Ireland champions Tipperary had no trouble in advancing when they had too much power for Clare. Wexford ran up 4-12 in defeating Dublin and Galway got the better of Limerick.

The semi-final line up is as follows: Cork v Wexford, Galway v Tipperary, both games at Parnell Park on August 12.

In a curtain-raiser, a Seandún under-14 selection lost 3-1 to 0-0 to a Kilkenny county selection.

## Watson holds the key

MILFORD face a stiff challenge on Friday when they meet Ballinhassig at Mounneabbey in what should be a cracking U-14 A League final.

Milford will be looking for top performances from Emer Watson, Lisa Healy and Julie Sheehy as they bid to defeat Ballinhassig.

### FIXTURES

**FRIDAY JULY 28**  
Under 14 'A' League final: Ballinhassig v Milford, Mounneabbey, 6.30pm.

**SATURDAY JULY 29**  
All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter final: Cork v London Ruislip, London, 2pm.

**MONDAY JULY 31**  
Cork County Senior Championship semi final: Newtownshandrum v Barryroe, Delaney's, 8pm.

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2**  
Cork County Senior Championship Semi-Final: Bishopstown v Cloughduv, Ballynary, 8pm.

## Magic moments

**MARION MCCARTHY** won four All-Ireland senior medals playing outfield before switching to play in goal. She went on to add a further four medals. Her brother also won an All-Ireland senior medal with Cork hurlers.



# Féiling Great

**THIS SUMMER THE FÉILE NA NGAEL U14 COMPETITION CAME TO ULSTER FOR THE FIRST TIME. MICK DUNNE REPORTS ON A WONDERFUL FESTIVAL WHICH CELEBRATED GAELIC GAMES, IRISH CULTURE AND ULSTER PRIDE**

Picture the scene in Northern Ireland just a few days ahead of the dreaded marching season: a monster parade peacefully wends its way down one of Belfast's major thoroughfares, stepping-out to the music of several bands and proudly displaying their colourful banners. There's not an armoured car or Land Rover in sight; no police or military presence needed to corral hundreds of adults and their children lining the pavements along the route. And, marvellous to observe, there are no angry voices raised in violent protest. Surely a unique experience enriched by the light-heartedness and enjoyment of the occasion - and there hadn't been too many of those down the Andersonstown Road over the past three decades.

Contrasting with the image of anarchy created by so many stormy northern parades in the past 30 years, this was a happy, joyous occasion because we were here to acknowledge the climax of Féile na nGael, the juvenile festival of hurling, camogie and handball, coming to their city after a previous day of intense competitions throughout the whole province of Ulster. The atmosphere on that bright and sunny afternoon at the end of June was one of the warmest northern welcome for teams of under-14s, and their accompanying adults, from every county in Ireland as well London and Warwickshire. The message was unmistakable: we're so glad you're here!

Féile na nGael was inaugurated three decades ago in Tipperary by the former president of the GAA, Seamus O Riain. He and the Tipp county secretary, Tommy Barrett, wished to bring young hurlers under 14 years together from all over Ireland to a festival "to learn and demonstrate the skills and arts of the ancient game". Camogie competition was added in 1974 and handball included from 1983. (Football in latter years has had its own separate Féile na nGael.)

From the outset Féile na nGael was so successful that others counties sought to



Captain of Wexford Champions Orlart-the-Ballagh, Claire Sinnott, receives the Division 1 Camogie Trophy from Camogie Association President Pat Rafferty and Coca Cola Events manager John Gates after her team's win over Davitts of Galway

stage it after the initial two years in Tipp and, over the years, it has moved around the country with each of the strong hurling counties taking it in turn, while Laois and Offaly combined to run it jointly in 1988 and '89. It is fair to say that the movement launched by the two Tipperary officials has long since exceeded their early expectations and it is now the largest competition organised under the aegis of the GAA - although, sadly, one of the least publicised proportionate to its range and size.

Early each year over 30,000 youngsters take part early in the year in initial county competitions trying to qualify for atten-

dance at the finals weekend. Eventually on the Thursday of the Féile weekend the county winners start converging on host clubs, which arrange for the visiting players to be housed in their locality and then stage three rounds of matches on the Friday. Semi-finals are fixed for the Saturday and all the finals completed by Sunday evening. Prior to the finals one of the great highlights is the Féile parade in which each team from the three participating sports, togged-out in their playing gear, march to the finals' stadium behind very artistically-designed identifying banners and to the accompaniment of bands of various types.

Generally speaking all of this has, over the years, become relatively easy to organise thanks to the expertise and professionalism of Pat Guthrie, the long-time secretary of the national steering committee without whose input the tournament would not have endured for 30 years. Over time he has devised a smooth-running operation in which he leads the local committee in each host area. The 30th Féile, however, presented a very different proposition when it was decided that a province, not one or even two counties, would host the festival. The former president Paddy MacFlynn, who chairs the national steering commit-

tee, says: "Our decision meant it was taking place in all nine counties, but in spite of the problems presented Féile na nGael 2000 was a dramatic success". Pat Guthrie declares: "Féile reached its full potential in Ulster with the 30th staging of the event. It was seen as a great reward for the outstanding work done in the promotion of hurling by the Ulster Hurling Committee and other individuals in the more difficult times in the province. The fact that all teams travelled to Ulster and fully participated in the games and took part in the parade on the Saturday was another tangible recognition of the trojan work done by the Ulster hurling enthusiasts."

"The visits to clubs by Paddy Buggy, Paddy MacFlynn, Jack Boothman and Seamus O Riain, all former presidents of the GAA, Sean McCague, the current president, the director general Liam O Maolmhuilil and other prominent personalities like Pádraic Duffy, the chairman of the GAC, and commentator Micheál O Muircheartaigh was another endorsement for the clubs and their commitment to the promotion of hurling."

## ‘Féile reached its full potential in Ulster with the 30th staging of the event’

Hundreds of spectators came out to greet, and cheer, the massive parade of 3,500 people, comprising 3,198 young players from the 128 teams plus their chaperoning adults and 20 bands, and there was a joyous reaction and a hearty welcome from those onlookers. In the midst of what was for so long a troubled area this was an emotional occasion as Pat Guthrie reveals: "I have several reports from Belfast telling me that many men and women were seen weeping as the parade made its way from the St. Paul's pitch on the Shaw's Road to Casement Park. The parade meant more to the people on Andersonstown Road and to the Gaels of Ulster than to those who witnessed any one of the other 29 parades held in the Republic".

"Three years ago we started looking for Féile," says John O'Reilly, a former Armagh county chairman who is vice-chairman of the provincial council and acted as chairman of the Ulster Féile Executive. "We never looked for it until we reached the stage where we thought that peace was beginning to come to the province because we wouldn't dream of asking anybody to come earlier. But we thought it would be a big fillip if we did get peace."

So it must have been more difficult than usual to organise a festival that took in all nine counties? "It was, in one perspective, a daunting prospect because of the amount of country we had to cover, but again that gave me a larger number of people to

choose committees from, so there was an up as well as a down to it. But having so many people to select from was a big bonus to me."

"Oh, yes it was successful. It brought a bit of pride to the hurling people in Ulster who all along the line have been the poor relations. It proved that you didn't have to be one of the very, very big, or very strong areas of hurling to do something like this. We think it's going to be a big help in the future for smaller counties, not just in Ulster. We can see a time when two or three counties will get together in Connacht or lesser known parts for hurling in Leinster, and do the same thing. Everybody here seemed to get a great sense of enjoyment out of it and they felt they had now done something because our teams have been going south for the last 30 years and they've never had a chance to pay back the hospitality they got in other counties. It was a great chance for them to do that."

Paddy Mac Flynn complimented the clubs: "Their support was a big factor. It became evident from the meeting held in Belfast to launch Féile, when all the clubs

from the province were represented, that a high level of commitment and enthusiasm existed at club level."

The Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh club is one of those very experienced in travelling to take part in Féile as club official Kieran McHugh points out. "We first went south in 1972 when a pick of Tyrone went to Emly in Tipp. The club won Division 4 in Wexford in '84 when we beat Adamstown of Wexford and we reached two other finals. Most of those boys would be the people who are now responsible for most of the hurling teams that are in Tyrone. Most of those from Dungannon and Carrickmore are all in administrative roles or are coaching with their clubs today. So we were delighted to be one of the clubs chosen to host a team, Ballinamore from Leitrim, and play a part in it. We have found down the years that the team that goes to Féile stays together; there is a great bonding among the lads, guys make great friendships for life."

In a sense it was fitting that Féile na nGael and the Gaelic games people of Ulster should come together in this millennium year. They have had such acutely contrasting fortunes over the past three decades: an era of increasing, resounding success for one, a period of the most distressing and tragic times for the other. Apart altogether from the playing of hurling, camogie and handball, it was gratifying and most enlightening to see the deeply grateful reaction of the Ulster folk to the

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# LONDON FALLING

DECREASING PLAYER NUMBERS AND INCREASING COSTS PUT LONDON CAMOGIE IN A NO-WIN SITUATION



At the official launch of Foras na Gaeilge's sponsorship 2000 of the Senior All-Ireland Championship (l-r): Lorcan Mac Gabhann, Foras na Gaeilge; John Delaney, capt. Tipperary; Doona Greeran, capt. Dublin; and Pat Rafferty, Uachtarán Cumann Camógachta na hEile.

Erin Go Bragh, London, is one of the long-established London camogie clubs, seen here taking part in the Kilmacud Annual All-Ireland Sevens (eve of All-Ireland final).

**O**n the last Saturday of July, the London camogie team pull out all the stops to entertain Cork, the reigning All-Ireland junior champions, in the quarter-final of this season's All-Ireland series.

The tradition of the game in the city is as old as emigration itself. Camogie was revived in London in the mid '80s, the last match prior to this was recorded in 1957. With the formation of the London Irish camogie club in 1985, Newham and Croydon Gaels a year later, a County Board was set up in 1986 to look after the clubs that were in existence.

It was in the winter of 1987 that a motion seeking entry into the All-Ireland Club championship was passed. This motion was subsequently sanctioned at Annual Congress in Monaghan in the following months. In 1988 they played their first match at intercounty championship level - entertaining Kildare in conjunction with the London/Irish festival. London held the Lily Whites to three points. Unlike their male counterparts, they do not participate in the League.

Eleven clubs, made up of six senior sides and five junior, go to make up the London team - Tara, Brothers Pearse, Celts, Croydon, Erin Go Bragh, Fr. Murphys, Green Isle, Islington Irish, London Irish, Sarsfields and Shamrocks.

But, inevitably, defeat has become almost an acceptable part of their Gaelic games with the chance of delivering victo-

ry as slim as ever. In general hurling, football and camogie are struggling. Gone are the days when emigration from this country was at its peak, and the majority of young people came together abroad to promote the game and hang on to their Irish culture. With the Celtic Tiger this well has now dried up, and if games are to prosper other measures will have to be taken for them to survive.

The GAA have a new chairman, Larry O'Leary who hurls with the Cuchulainn club. Mary MacArthur is the camogie chairperson - formerly from Kildare but exiled since 1965. Relations are very strong between both codes, which according to Mary is vital to the survival of their games.

But, it will take more than good rapport to come to terms with the turbulence that can often develop when trying to run an organization. Ruislip is home to gaelic players in London. It has one pitch to cater for all needs, but initiatives are under way to develop the grounds. There is a crowd capacity of 4,000.

London camogie is in a no-win situation. Mary MacArthur agrees that it is near impossible to keep a team together: "We would love to play in the National League, but cost is a big issue," she says. "Originally, Connacht were happy to adopt us into their province. However, it is currently on the agenda and will be raised at Special Congress in October", she added.

It would appear that money is the big problem when it comes to deciding

whether or not to play in the league. More games are needed for London to make their presence felt in official competition. In New York, John Kerry O'Donnell was one man who played a big part to strengthen the game. London camogie needs people of his kind to help them compete, travel and entertain in the world of sport.

Saturday July 29th is a red-letter day. Cork travel to Ruislip to defend their All-Ireland title. They will be met by an enthusiastic and committed team who will take heart from the coming to town of the All-Ireland champions.

Meanwhile, another milestone was reached in Ballyholland recently with the launch of this year's sponsorship of the All-Ireland senior championship. The occasion also kickstarted the campaign with holders Tipperary having a comfortable victory over Down.

Foras na Gaeilge, formally known as Bord na Gaeilge, are continuing their association with the All-Ireland championship. This organization is a 32 county-based body promoting the Irish language.

Present at the launch were Lorcan Mac Gabhann of Foras Na Gaeilge, President of the Camogie Association Pat Rafferty, Treasurer Jo Golden and National PRO Maire Uí Scolai. It was also unique, in so far as three former presidents - Belle O'Loughlin, Mary Lynch and Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin - were there to join in the celebrations in County Down. ☉

## Down side march into All-Ireland semi-finals

**D**ESPITE having Claire McGrath sent-off soon after the Down full-forward scored her side's second goal, Armagh could not halt the Mourne county as they ran out 4-6 to 0-4 winners in the All-Ireland Intermediate quarter-final tie at Middletown on Saturday evening.

It was a physically bruising game throughout with the home side shading the early exchanges but finding Debra Kelland in outstanding form at the back for Down.

The teams were separated at the break by a Ciara McGovern goal (1-2 to 0-2), but the introduction of Angeline Fearon and Cathy Mulholland strengthened the Mourne team and they took control of the tie.

Angeline grabbed Down's third goal, while the recently returned Colleen Hynds hit the fourth direct from a free a few minutes from the end. Armagh's problems in attack were underlined by the fact that they only scored once from play over the hour.

Down will await the outcome of next weekend's last quarter-final between Dublin and Cork, while Antrim will play Limerick, who had an easy 3-26 to 2-2 victory over Galway also on Saturday.

**Down scorers:** Colleen Hynds (1-4, all free), Angeline Fearon (1-1), Claire McGrath (1-0), Ciara McGovern (1-0), Rosaleen Cunningham (0-1).  
**Armagh scorers:** Mary Black (0-3, all free), Leanne McNally (0-1).

### Camogie

## It's extra special as Clonoe lift first title

**C**LONOE picked up their first ever Tyrone Senior championship title at Derrylaughan on Saturday evening, with an 3-9 to 3-6 extra-time replay victory over former greats Eglis.

Just like the drawn game a week ago, it was a score-for-score throughout with the sides locked on 1-4 each at the end of the first half, and then on 2-5 each at the end of normal time.

Una Donnelly scored both Eglis's goals, and minor Susan McCann hit all their points, while Louise O'Neill scored Clonoe's first half goal, Caroline Canavan grabbing the second.

A third Una Donnelly goal gave Eglis a slight advantage at the break during extra-time, but Louise O'Neill stole in for her second and Clonoe's third on the restart, with points from Julie Lagan and Dolores Hughes setting off unforgettable scenes of joy for the new champions.

In very poor playing conditions, Caroline Canavan, Claire Montague and Dolores Hughes made significant contributions for the winners, while Kelly Fay and Susan McCann were the pick of the heart-broken losers.

**Clonoe scorers:** Louise O'Neill (2-0), Caroline Canavan (1-1), Dolores Hughes (0-7), Julie Lagan (0-1).  
**Eglis scorers:** Una Donnelly (3-0), Susan McCann (0-6).

## DAIRYGOLD - INVESTING IN THE CREAM

**T**here has never been a period in the history of the GAA when so much money, time, energy, resources and intelligent effort have been devoted to the coaching and development of the young players of the future. If it's true that you reap what you sow, then the future harvest will indeed be great.

Over 100 people are employed nationally in coaching and games development work. The Leinster Council, currently celebrating its centenary, will spend close to €1m on coaching and games development this year. 30 people are employed on their coaching staff. The INTO-GAA Mini-Sevens, now in its 13th year, has become synonymous with All-Ireland occasions, affording opportunities to aspiring players to savour the atmosphere of the GAA's most prestigious occasions and whet their appetites for future achievement. Thousands of youngsters, of all ability levels, are busily engaged in Summer Camps while Development Squads

and Schools of Excellence provide for those with special talent.

The Dairygold Primary Game in Munster has the full backing and generous financial support of the Munster Council of the GAA. The scheme, administered by Cumann na mBunscol, Múhán, provides an outstanding shop-window for work being done in the primary schools of Munster by dedicated teachers and by mentors in clubs throughout the province. The most talented young performers are selected to represent their counties in a 30 minute exhibition match between minor and senior games during all Munster Championship matches.

These outstanding demonstrations provide excellent entertainment for spectators and give young hopefuls a unique flavour of the big championship occasions and fuel their dreams of returning to Thurles, Pairc Uí Chaoimh or Fitzgerald Stadium as minors, U21 or senior performers.

GAA President, Sean McCague, has been present for two of this year's Dairygold Primary Game occasions in Munster and he was greatly impressed by what he saw - "The future of Gaelic games in Munster is being well looked after. The Dairygold Primary Game is a wonderful addition to our big match days, the organisation is superb and the children who are lucky enough to participate, will never forget their wonderful experience".

Munster Council chairman, Sean Kelly, is a big fan of the Primary Game - "Cumann na mBunscol do a wonderful job in our schools in Munster. The Munster Council is proud to support the Primary Game, where boys and girls are given a very unique opportunity to play on our big days. The sponsorship of Dairygold is vital for the success of the scheme and I hope it continues for many years to come". Cumann na mBunscol, Múhán, has certainly developed a product that could profitably be copied in the other three provinces. ☉



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The Tipperary team which defeated Clare - Front: Philly Fogarty, Eimear McDonnell, Angie McDermott, Jovita Delaney, Emily Hayden, Una Dwyer, Sinead Nealon.

Back - Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Jacqui O'Connor, Therese Brophy, Catherine Hennessy, Claire Madden, Ciara Gaynor, Mascots: Michaela Graham and Maedbh Delaney.

## CAMOGIE:

# Champs safely through to semi-final

By Michael Dundon

Tipperary ..... 4-15  
Clare ..... 0-5

All-Ireland champions, Tipperary powered their way past a disappointing Clare side in the All-Ireland senior camogie quarter-final at Semple Stadium, Thurles on Saturday last to claim a place against Galway in the semi-final in two weeks time.

Clare had invested a lot of time and effort in their preparation for this encounter but they never rose to the occasion and after a lively Tipperary opening yielded three points inside three minutes, the writing was on the wall for them.

To their credit Clare's resistance was stubborn and they never threw in the towel but they simply were not in the same league as Tipperary when it came to pace, skill and general organisation about the field. This is a tribute to the management of coach Michael

Cleary and his backroom team, but it was also obvious that Tipperary's win in the All-Ireland last year has done much to bring maturity and composure to the side.

The crucial scores of the first half came in the second quarter. Eimear McDonnell, whose pace and accuracy was causing a lot of problems for Clare, raced on to a long delivery from mid-fielder Emily Hayden and blasted home Tipperary's first goal, in the 18th minute.

On the stroke of half-time Noelle Kennedy had a second goal, when she took a Sinead Nealon pass and squeezed her shot inside the post.

Clare did not score in the first half though it took a brave save from Jovita Delaney to deny Patricia Moloney a goal in the fifth minute and Tipperary's interval lead of 2-6 to no score looked more than enough to see them through.

So it transpired, Clare did somewhat better in the second half but they never threatened to overhaul the Tipperary girls. Philly Fogarty had a goal in the third minute when her long range effort looped over the head of the Clare goalkeeper and sub Claire Grogan added another five minutes later.

The remainder of the game was of little consequence. Tipperary mentors were able to give some of the squad a taste of the action without greatly disturbing the rhythm of the side, with Niamh Harkin doing particularly well when she came on.

Tipperary have had two easy outings in defence of their All-Ireland crown, Down and Clare, but Galway will be a much different proposition in the semi-final. The Tipperary strategy has been geared towards reaching their peak for those ties so everything seems to be on track. Certainly, there were few weaknesses to be seen in

this performance, except perhaps some wayward shooting early on, but then they were never really tested.

There were many fine performance. Ciara Gaynor was strong and positive in the pivotal position in defence where Clare Madden and Sinead Nealon also did well. Emily Hayden and Angie McDermott held the whip hand in midfield while in attack the lively Emer McDonnell and Deirdre Hughes were very impressive and Catherine Hennessy was deadly accurate from frees, but all the side contributed to a fine win.

Clare, under the guidance of senior goalkeeper David Fitzgerald, failed to come up to expectations but they played with great heart. Cathy Halley, Maria McMahon, Sylvia O'Brien and Edel Arthur were most prominent.

Tipperary scorers: C. Hennessy 0-8; E. McDonnell 1-4; P. Fogarty 1-1; C.

Grogan, N. Kennedy 1-0; D. Hughes, E. Hayden 0-1 each.

Clare scorers: A. Keane 0-2; E. Arthur, S. O'Brien and M. McMahon 0-1 each.

Tipperary: Jovita Delaney; Suzanne Kelly, Una Dwyer, Claire Madden; Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy; Emily Hayden, Angie McDermott; Catherine Hennessy, Jacqui O'Connor, Philly Fogarty; Emer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy.

Subs: Claire Grogan for O'Connor; Maedbh Stokes for Nealon; Niamh Harkin for McDermott.

Clare: A. NicCormaic; S. Daly, S. McMahon, N. Flynn; C. Halley, M. McMahon, S. O'Brien; N. Cummins, M. O'Halloran; D. Murphy, M. Collins, C. O'Loughlin; A. Keane, P. Moloney, Sylvia O'Brien.

Sub: E. Arthur for O'Halloran.

Referee: A. Derham, Dublin.

## CAMOGIE

ALL-IRELAND JC QUARTER-FINAL, Ruislip: Cork 5-17 (J. O'Leary 3-6; M. Ennequess 1-3; M. O'Connell 1-0; C. Corkery 0-3; L. Murphy; A. O'Regan 0-2 each) London 0-2 (A. Gleeson, D. Stephenson 0-1 each)

ALL-IRELAND IC QUARTER-FINAL, Ballysgrain: Limerick 3-23 (V. Sheehan 2-6; P. Cronin 1-0; J. Cullinane 0-9; E. O'Brien 0-7; D. Fitzpatrick 0-1) Galway 2-2 (E. Keane; S. Reagh 1-0 each; A. Lynskey, C. Conroy 0-1 each)

## CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Junior Quarter Final

Cork 5-17, London 0-2

Experiencing little difficulty, Cork advanced to an All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-final meeting with Laois when they had too much power for a spirited London side who, despite the efforts of Anna Gleeson and goalie, Bridget Aylward never managed to get to grips with the Munster Champions.

Scorers: Cork: J. O'Leary 3-7, M. Ennequess 1-3, M. O'Connell 1-0, C. Corkery 0-3, A. O'Regan 0-2, L. Murphy 0-2. London: A. Gleeson, D. Stephenson 0-1 each. Cork: D. O'Callaghan, S. Buckley, J. O'Callaghan, A. Kelleher, S. Corkery, E. Dillon, C. O'Gorman, V. O'Keefe, M. O'Connell, A. O'Regan, C. Corkery, J. O'Sullivan, E. O'Friel, J. O'Leary, L. Murphy. Subs: M. Ennequess for M. O'Connell, Z. McDonnell for E. O'Friel, D. O'Reilly for A. Kelleher. London: B. Aylward, H. Bowtell, M. Boyle, M. Bowtell, A. Cadayne, R. Cooper, R. Cribben, G. Cortaine, G. Doyle, E. Fitzgerald, A. Gleeson, A. Finnan, A. Kennedy, E. Linnane, E. Murphy. Sub: D. Stephenson for A. Kennedy.



Angie McDermott (Tipperary) shoots for goal, Sinead Nealon looks on.



# London no match for the fire power of Cork

Cork  
London

5-17  
0-2

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

and Aine Kelleher will both be unavailable for the tie.

THERE was always going to be a day when Cork would need leaders and the young team travelled to Ruislip to play London in the All-Ireland Junior camogie championship quarterfinal. Emer Dillon at the back and Jenny O'Leary up front provided that leadership in the sweltering heat of London's GAA headquarters.

Scoring a phenomenal 3-6 in a game that amounted to an embarrassing trouncing of the Londoners, O'Leary ensured that Cork would move on to fight another day.

Next Monday, they meet the Leinster champions, Laois in the penultimate stage of the All-Ireland series.

The Munster kingpins gave a passionate performance but according to selector Kathleen Healy, weren't tested.

"We learned very little, London were no opposition for us at all," she said.

They are preparing and training for their All-Ireland semi-final clash with Laois, who won their first provincial title recently. The Cork side are rocked with the news that two of their more influential players, Aine O'Regan

## The banks are singing

### FORAS NA GAEILGE

The Cross border body responsible for promotion of the Irish language throughout the island of Ireland.

Cork 2-10 Kilkenny 1-12

Cork may well sing a bar or two of 'the banks' following their epic All-Ireland Foras na Gaeilge quarter final win over old rivals Kilkenny in Nowlan Park.

A fine start by Kilkenny's ace Sinead Millea who got on the scoreboard in the second minute with a point from play had the large crowd on their toes.

A match that promised everything certainly lived up to those expectations and when Kilkenny's first goal came early on from Catherine Doherty, it roused Cork's Caoimhe Harrington to get her side's first goal.

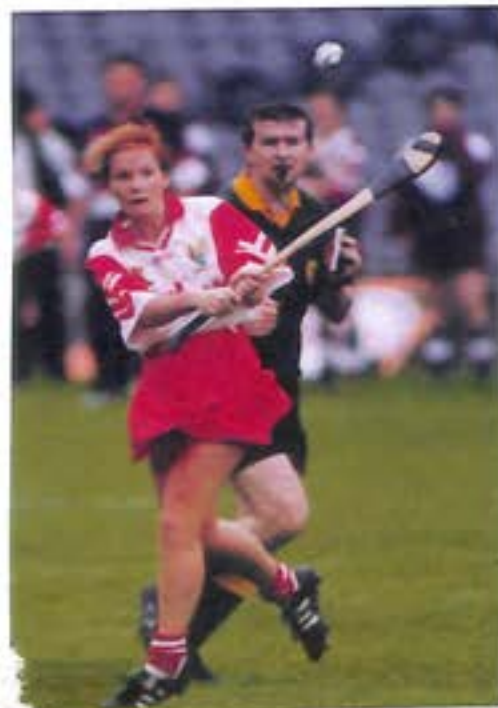
Cork missed many first half chances, particularly Sinead O'Callaghan who missed at least one goal chance. However, going in at the break Cork trailed 1-03 to 1-07. Kilkenny having played with wind advantage.

Cork's management team brought on 'supersub' Ciara Healy in the second half for Paula O'Connor and what a stroke it was. That great hearted warrior Linda Mellerick of Cork got the Rebels off to a fine second half start with a goal in the first minute, when she appeared to be going for a point, but it went under much to her delight.

Talking to a delighted Linda afterwards she said "at half time we were told to get out and play with pride and certainly that is what happened in the second half. She was full of praise for super sub Healy whom she described as "the Alan Browne of Camogie she comes on and gets the necessary score for us, just as in the league final."

An epic second half saw the Cats lead until Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll levelled with a free only for Jillian Maher to put the Cats ahead again. An exchange of scores ensued until Elaine Burke sent over a leveller for Cork with time ticking away.

Both sides were determined it was not over yet, and when



Cork star Linda Mellerick notched her side's vital goal just after half time

Sinead Millea stepped up to take a free in normal time, she put her side ahead again, but Fiona O'Driscoll's free levelled yet again for the Rebels.

Then supersub Healy struck deep in injury time when she sent over the winning point to place Cork into an All-Ireland semi-final on August 12th against Wexford who had an easy win over Dublin.

Wexford manager Seamus Murphy was a happy man following his side's 4-12 to 0-06 win over the Dubs who now enter the Intermediate All-Ireland race. Their first match there is against Cork in Cork.

A match that was almost over by half time, with Wexford leading 3-08 to 0-04, and the winners had fine players in Michelle Murphy, Paula Rankin and Lennie Houlihan.

For the Dubs Irene Kirwan and Fiona Ni Chorcaíin never gave up. All-Ireland Foras na Gaeilge champions Tiobraid Arann were never in any real danger following their 4-15 to 0-05 win over neighbours Clare. Tipperary Manager Michael Cleary knows the next day against Galway will be a different game, "we played them already in the league semi-final and we bet them after extra time, there is only a puck off the ball between us," he added.

The '96 All-Ireland champions Galway under Tony Ward overcame Limerick on the score 4-13 to 1-08. Limerick's top scorer Eileen O'Brien got her side's goal just before half time, indeed it was she who got all her side's scores.

However, with Galway's Veronica Curtin on fire there was nothing much Limerick could do to stop her, having scored a goal in the opening fifth minute and two more in the second half.

Galway got off to a fine start with Sharon Glynn operating at full forward, getting a goal in the first minute. After that they never looked back and will now meet the girls from Sliabh na mBan on August 12th in the All-Ireland semi-final in Parnell Park.

#### All-Ireland Minor 'B' Championship semi-final

Laois have reached a first ever All-Ireland Minor 'B' Championship final following their 2-10 to 3-03 win over Clare in Mountrath. They now go to meet Tyrone in the All-Ireland on August 5th. The day promises to be a great day as both Minor All-Irelands will go ahead that day.

The other being the All-Ireland Minor 'A' between Galway and Wexford.

This coming weekend will see Cork juniors make the long journey to Ruislip to take on London in the All-Ireland Junior quarter final. Who ever wins here will play Laois in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final on August 6th or 7th.

#### Fixtures

Saturday, July 29th - All-Ireland Junior Championship Quarter Final at Ruislip 2.00pm, London v Cork.

Wexford senior championship quarter finals - Sunday July 30th

7.00pm at Piercestown - St Martin's v Buffers Alley

7.00pm at Rathnure - Rathnure v Oulart the Ballagh

7.00pm at Hollymount - St Ibars v Oylgate

7.00pm at Monageer - Monageer v Boolavogue/Bunclody

Wexford Intermediate Championship Quarter Final

7.00pm at Coolree - Duffy Rovers v Ferns

## O'Leary inspires Barryroe to victory over fancied Newtownshandrum

Barryroe  
Newtownshandrum

by Tom Higgins

4-8  
2-7

session and she scored three of her side's four goals.

Newtownshandrum led at the break by 1-5 to 1-4, with the Barryroe's crucial goal coming two minutes earlier when Josephine Cahalane set up O'Leary to blast home. The losers, who were the more fancied side, had been playing with a strong crosswind in the opening half and should have been well ahead had they taken their chances. Their most dangerous forward, Caoimhe Harrington was given little scope by a

hard tackling Barryroe defence. In fairness she got very little help from those around her, who were also closely marked, apart from Paula O'Connor who was inclined to shoot from long range and was off target with a few efforts. In the second half O'Leary brought the sides level within a minute, but Paula O'Connor hit back immediately and put her side back in front in the 32nd minute. But Barryroe were not perturbed and were back on level terms

the net. Another point from Marie Moloney in the 44th minute put her side five points in front and they were cruising at that stage. However, Newtownshandrum fought on and five minutes from time, Caoimhe Harrington brought the losers back into the game when she goaled from a free. But their joy was short lived, O'Leary raced through the Newtownshandrum defence from the puck out and found the net in super style. A goal in the final minute by Eimear

O'Donovan put the icing on the cake. Scores: Barryroe, J. O'Leary 3-6 (1-3 free), E. O'Donovan, L. O. M. Moloney 0-2, G. Collins, Newtownshandrum, C. Harrington 1-2 (1-0 free), S. Buckley 1-0, P. O'Connor 0-2, A. Kelleher 0-2, Carra 0-1. **BARRYROE:** C. Keshane, A. Sheehy, M. Sheehy, E. Carra, A. M. Fleming, R. Holland, E. O'Donovan, K. McCarthy, E. Dineen, E. O'Donovan, E. McCarthy (capt), G. Collins, J. O'Leary, J. Cahalane, M. Moloney. **NEWTOWNSHANDRUM:** G. Coleman, F. Kelleher, F. Kileen, S. Reddy, C. Gittins, K. Hickey, L. Kelleher, (capt), M. Kelleher, U. Troy, P. O'Connor, A. Kelleher, N. Bowles, K. Carroll, C. Harrington, S. Buckley, Sub. A. Mulcahy for S. Buckley (16th minute). Referee: T. Sheehan



# Milford make it three in a row

Milford 8-4  
Ballinhassig 1-3

MILFORD made it three in a row of under-14 A league titles, when they had too much power for a determined Ballinhassig side at Mournabbey on Friday last.

The holders were made to fight hard for their victory and indeed at half-time only led 2-2 to 0-3, after points from Catherine Holland (2) and Emer O'Sullivan kept Ballinhassig in touch.

Milford opened the second half in determined fashion and signalled their determination from the throw in. Goals from Emer Watson, Anna Geary, Aine Sexton and Marie Watson put their side in the driving seat and gave Ballinhassig too much to do despite a spirited performance.

Cork juniors made the trip to London a winning one when they booked their spot in the All-Ireland junior semi-final on Saturday last, when they beat the home side 5-17 to two points. Showing signs of their journey the Cork side turned in a satisfactory opening half performance and lead at the break 0-7 to 0-1.

A Jenny O'Leary goal minutes after the resumption set the tone for what was to follow with Cork taking total control. A spirited London side with goalkeeper Bridgid Alward, Anna Gleeson and Edel Murphy trying hard were no match for the Munster champions who added further goals from substitute Mary Ennequess, Marie O'Connell and Jennie O'Leary (two).

**TEAMS:** Cork: O'Callaghan, S. Buckley, J. O'Callaghan, A. Kelleher, S. Corkery, E. Dillon, C. O'Gorman (C), V. O'Keefe, M. O'Connell, Aine O'Regan, C. Corkery, J. O'Sullivan, E. O'Friel, J. O'Leary, L. Murphy, Subs: M. Ennequess for M. O'Connell, Z. Mc Donnell for E. O'Friel, D. O'Reilly for A. Kelleher.

**London:** A. Alward, H. Boxwell, M. Boxwell, M. Boyle, A. Cadogan, R. Cooper, R. Crittben, G. Curtin, T. Doyle, E. Fitzgerald, A. Gleeson, A. Finnan, A. Kennedy, E. Linnane, E. Murphy, Ref: A. Woods, Armagh.

**SCORERS:** Cork: J. O'Leary 3-4, M. Ennequess 1-3, M. O'Connell 1-0, C. Corkery 0-3, A. O'Regan 0-2, L. Murphy 0-2, E. O'Friel 0-1, London: A. Gleeson 0-1, D. Severson 0-1.

Thoughts now turn to Monday next, when Cork face Laois in the All-Ireland championship semi-final. Few would have given Cork any chance of coming out of Munster at the beginning of the year with Tipperary the fancied team. From the beginning the commitments of the side was tremendous and from the outset their determination was evident.

Defeating Limerick in the opening round Cork set about retaining their Munster crown and showed tremendous character defeating Tipperary in a game that went to extra time to decide the destination of the title.

O'Leary the scoring ace as her side reach first senior county final



Galway's Martina Haverty wins possession from Limerick's Mary Lonergan in the Senior Championship quarter-final at Ballyagran.

Picture: Press 22

# Barryroe turn on style to scale the heights

Barryroe 4-8  
Newtownshandrum 2-7

**B**ARRYROE qualified for their first senior county final following a polished display against Newtownshandrum at Delany's last Monday.

Newtownshandrum, with wind advantage, made the better start and Siobhan Buckley found the net after just three minutes.

Paula O'Connor and Aine Kelleher added points to put Newtown well in control.

But Barryroe, with Rosalie Holland and Karen McCarthy rising to the challenge, reduced the deficit with points from Jenny O'Leary and Marie Moloney.

## Advantage

Newtown re-established their four points lead with scores from Karina Carroll and Kelleher but Barryroe replied with an O'Leary goal to trail by a point at the interval, 1-5 to 1-4.

Barryroe upped the tempo after the re-start. Ger Collins and O'Leary tacked on points before O'Leary's long range free dropped to the net 13 minutes into the half. Ann Marie Moloney added a point and Barryroe were coasting.

Caoimhe Harrington goaled for Newtown but

## Magic moments

**DUBLIN'S** Una O'Connor won a record ten All-Ireland senior championship medals in a row from 1957 to 1966.

However, the individual who has the most All-Ireland senior championship medals is fellow Dublin player Kathleen Mills who has 15 medals to her credit.

Barryroe hit back with a third O'Leary goal two minutes from the end.

An injury time Eimear O'Donovan goal capped a marvellous night for the west Cork girls.

**Barryroe:** C. Keohane, A. Sheehy, M. Sheehy, E. Carroll, A. M. Fleming, R. Holland, E. O'Regan, K. McCarthy, I. Dineen, E. McCarthy, G. Collins, J. O'Leary, J. Cahalane, M. Moloney, E. O'Donovan.

**Newtownshandrum:** G. Coleman, F. Kelleher, F. Killeens, S. Reidy, C. Giltinane, K. Hickey, L. Kelleher, H. Kelleher, U. Troy, P. O'Connor, N. Bowles, K. Carroll, C. Harrington, S. Buckley, A. Kelleher.

County champions Bishopstown, chasing their



Bishopstown duo Sinead O'Callaghan and Vivien Harris will be in action this evening in the County Senior semi-final against Cloughduv.

fourth consecutive senior title, face a lively Cloughduv side in the second semi-final this evening.

Cloughduv, with hurling duo Paudie Murray and Tim Barry Murphy at the helm, showed all the right qualities against Courcy Rovers and, on that display, will trouble the holders.

Cloughduv ran Fr O'Neill's close in the semi-finals last year. Whilst without the services of the Dunleas, Lynn and Stephanie, who are in Australia, they possess strong players.

In defence Claire Collins, Aoife Murray and Zelle McDonnell are class acts whilst Catherine and Marie Corkery form a formidable midfield partnership.

Up front, Joanne O'Callaghan, inter county senior Una O'Donoghue, who bagged two goals against Courcy's, and Sinead Buckley are capable of troubling any defence.

The holders will be more than equal to the challenge, having come throughout two tough games against Carrighdoun and Fr O'Neill's.

## RESULTS & FIXTURES

**RESULTS**  
Under 14 B League semi final: Ballyhea 3-1, Rock-bawn 3-0.

**Under 16 League:** Inniscarra 3-2, Ballinhassig 2-1; Ballygarvan 5-3, Inniscarra 4-1; Milford 8-3, Inniscarra 2-3.

**FIXTURES TONIGHT**  
Senior County Championship semi final: Bishopstown v Cloughduv at Ballyagran, 7.30pm.

**MONDAY AUGUST 7**  
All-Ireland Junior Championship semi final: Cork v Laois, Mountrath, 8pm.

# Obituaries

## MIKE O'BRIEN (LIMERICK)

Mike O'Brien was a dedicated and enthusiastic camogie official whose efforts played a huge part in the successes of the Grinnagh/Ballingary club. Most of the girls who won All-Ireland Club medals in 1998 and 1999 learned their skills under Mike's tutelage. He had a proud record at under-age level and, in total, was involved in no fewer than six All-Ireland successes including Feile and Community Games.

## MRS. BRED A MCKENNA (LIMERICK)

Breda McKenna was a sister of the great Mackey brothers, Mick and John. An enthusiastic supporter of the Ahane and Limerick teams, she was an outstanding camogie player at both club and county level.



July 2000

# Busy

## FORAS NA GAEILGE

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## camogie week

This coming weekend will see plenty of championship action with the first ever All-Ireland Minor 'B' final taking place but the action does not stop there.

O'Connor Park Tullamore is the place to be on Saturday when Laois take on Tyrone in the Minor 'B' while Galway and Wexford battle it out in the 'A' final.

Laois, who overcame Clare in a most exciting All-Ireland semi-final will have their work cut out against Tyrone who overcame Roscommon in their semi-final.

A competition to give the weaker counties a chance it certainly has brought two new names into the limelight of camogie. Both these sides will compete for the Naomh Aoife Cup, this is a cup donated by the former Naomh Aoife club of Dublin who sadly went out of existence after over sixty years.

As a way of preserving the name it was decided to present a cup for this competition. Among the members of this club were Uachtaran Pat Rafferty, Kay Timmins who has given a lifetime to camogie, but especially to Ath Cliath and Comhairle Laighean.

Kay's daughter Patricia wore the Dublin colours with distinction as did Judy Doyle. Both girls have five All-Ireland medals each.

The Minor 'A' All-Ireland will see two very eager teams do battle, in what is a repeat of the '95 All-Ireland final, when Wexford took their first and only minor title.

Among the players on the Galway team is young Aisling Connolly, daughter of that elegant hurler John Connolly. The Wexford side also not without their hurling stars as Mick Jacob's daughter Ursula will command the position between the posts.

Another former Wexford hurler Teddy O'Connor will see his daughter Ciara hopefully knock over a couple of scores.

Galway have a fine reputation of appearances in this competition, having appeared in each All-Ireland since '93 and winning three titles in that time.

This should be a classic match, and Galway will be very anxious to make up for last year's defeat at the hands of Cork in their home territory of Ardahan.

All-Ireland junior finalists of last year Derry will travel to Roscommon to take Adrian Tully's girls in the All-Ireland junior semi-final. Derry, who were beaten by Cork in last year's All-Ireland will be very anxious to make up for their defeat of last year.

Derry under Dominic McGinley certainly won a lot of praise last year for their style of play.

However, Roscommon who had a good win over Galway in the Connacht final will be very anxious to make up for their dismal display at this stage last year. Roscommon under senior goalkeeper Adrian Tully have come on a long way this year and certainly will be anxious to put in a solid performance.

The second semi-final will see Laois take on Cork. This millennium has certainly been good to Laois and it would be a fairy tale ending if they were to take an All-Ireland title. Laois, under manager Margaret Dowling, a former player who has always said "I am only a link in the chain,

much work was done in the schools before I came on board."

Having reached this far has given the county a huge boost and should now see them enter the National Junior League next season and gain further experience.

However, they will come up against a very strong Cork side who overcame London in the quarter final on a scoreline of 5-17 to 0-02. Cork, who won the All-Ireland Junior title last year have a new team this year, but have fine players in Catherine Corkery, Aine O'Regan and Jenny O'Leary who scored a hat trick of goals in the second half against London.

The way is now paved for the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi-final on August 19th between Limerick and Antrim. Down who beat Armagh in the other quarter final must wait the outcome of the Cork/Dublin match.

### Fixtures:

August 5th

O'Connor Park, Tullamore

All-Ireland Minor 'B' Final 2.30pm

Tyrone v Laois

All-Ireland Minor 'A' Final 4.00pm

Galway v Wexford

Sunday 6th August

All-Ireland Junior Championship Semi-final

at Athleague 1.30pm

Roscommon v Derry

Monday 7th August

All-Ireland Junior semi-final

Laois v Cork in Mountrath 3.00pm



Derry manager Dominic McGinley

## Bishopstown finish strongly to set up final against Barryroe

Bishopstown 2-13  
Cloughduv 1-3

by Mary Newman

A TREMENDOUS second-half display helped holders Bishopstown, set up a final meeting with Barryroe when they proved too much for a spirited Cloughduv side at Ballyanley last evening.

Catherine Corkery drew first blood for Cloughduv when she pointed after three minutes. Ciara Healy soon responded for Bishopstown, but Cloughduv kept up the pressure and Una O'Donoghue gave them the lead in the 13th minute when she finished well past Rose Desmond, after a good delivery from Jean Lucey.

With Healy and O'Donoghue swapping points, Cloughduv led at the interval 1-2 to 0-2, having squandered several scoring chances.

Aided by the wind in the second half, the champions gave a powerful display with Vivian Harris and Sinead O'Callaghan dominant. Harris cut the deficit with a pointed 45 and two minutes later, when Sinead O'Callaghan sailed past the Cloughduv defence and finished to the net, Bishopstown hit the front.

Eight points on the trot was too much for Cloughduv to peg back. Una O'Donoghue did point with two minutes remaining but Bishopstown, with three from Healy and O'Callaghan, finished with a flourish and on this display served notice of their intentions of retaining their title.

**Scores:** Bishopstown, C. Healy 1-8 (3 from free, 1 from 45), S. O'Callaghan 1-2, V. Harris 0-1 (from 45), B. Sheehan, A. White 0-1 each.  
**Cloughduv:** U. O'Donoghue 1-2, C. Corkery 0-1 (free).  
**BISHOPSTOWN:** R. Desmond, D. Quigley, A. Buckley, C. Enright, E. Duggan, J. O'Sullivan, V. Harris, S. Morley, A. White, S. O'Callaghan, C. Kenny, B. Sheehan, C. Healy, S. White. Subs: N. Borer for S. White, D. O'Brien for C. Enright.  
**CLOUGHDUV:** C. Collins, C. Cronin, O. O'Callaghan, A. Murray, Z. McDonnell, M. Corkery, E. Conlon, J. McCarthy, S. Corkery, C. Corkery, S. Buckley, J. O'Callaghan, J. Lucey, U. O'Donoghue, AM Healy. Subs: C. O'Donoghue for D. McCarthy, B. Corkery for AM Healy.  
**Referee:** C. O'Mahony (St Finbarrs).

### Historic first for Barryroe girls.

FIFTEEN years after their founding, Barryroe Camogie team are just 50 minutes from recording a historic victory, having qualified for the County Final with an emphatic win over Newtownshandrum in Mondays semi-final. Jenny O'Leary was in tremendous form notching 3-3, Rosarie Holland and Karen McCarthy controlled the middle of the park, while Marie Moloney and Geraldine Collins also excelled. They now play Bishopstown or Cloughduv in the Final.

The Cork Juniors had their anticipated easy win in London at the week-end, to qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final and a meeting with Laois in Mountrath on Monday next at 3 pm.

They surprised many by winning the Leinster title and will test Cork. In Aoife O'Loughlin, Sinead Cuddy, Leoine Lyons and Mary Fitzpatrick they have good players. However, this is a well balanced Cork team, which is keen to succeed, and if the key players perform that should be exactly what happens.

berth on the first Sunday in September.

Twenty fours after the senior game, it's the turn of the Intermediate team as they face Dublin in a quarter final tie in Togher at 3pm. This is Dublin's Senior team and, consequently, Cork will have tough task, but with Jill Hannon, Emer Dillon and Maire Corkery in their team do not rule out another Cork success.

On the club scene Bishopstown made it to the County Final with an easy win over Cloughduv and will be hard to beat as they bid for four in a row.

## Galway in seventh heaven

Galway..... 2-9, Wexford..... 0-3

**CAMOGIE:** Galway's dominance of the minor grade in camogie continued in Tullamore yesterday when they contested the All-Ireland Final for the seventh time in the last eight years and made it a winning occasion by defeating Wexford easily.

Although Wexford opened the scoring with a point by Caroline Murphy this was to be their only score of the first half as Galway took control to lead by 2-3 to 0-1 at the break, their goal scorers being Lorraine Lally and Cathy Bowes.

The Westerners added four points on the resumption, two from Aislinn Connolly, daughter of former Galway hurler John Connolly, before Wexford hit back with points by Ciara O'Connor and goal keeper Ursula Jacobs who had moved out field in a switch with Josie Dwyer. The Slaneysiders effort came too late and Galway substitute Gemma Kelly closed the scoring with two good points.

**Galway:** A. Connolly, C. Bowes, D. Burke, R. Lally, D. Coen, E. Kilkenny. Subs: C. Glynn for R. Lally, G. Kelly for Burke.  
**WEXFORD:** U. Jacobs, A. Doran, A. Hogan, M. Harrick, C. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Leary, L. Burke, J. O'Leary, R. Donohoe, G. O'Loughlin, J. Dwyer, D. Redmond, M. Mythen, C. Murphy, C. O'Connor. Subs: D. Gadd for Murphy, L. Gadd for Harrick.

Laois..... 9-14..... Tyrone 2-1

**LAOIS** became the first winners of the new minor "B" Championship as a result of a runaway victory over Tyrone in Tullamore.

Laois were rocked by a first minute goal, when a line ball from Susan Mc Carin went to the net off the stick of goalkeeper Elaine Murphy. However, the Midlanders were well on their way to victory by half time when goals by Sinead Lusham and Eilish Dowling sent them in at the break leading by 3-4 to 1-1.

The second half was a completely one sided affair, with the Laois forwards running riot. Eilish Dowling from Camross was in particularly lethal scoring form and finished with 5-1 to her credit.

### CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Minor B final: Tyrone 2-2 Laois 9-14;  
All-Ireland Minor A final: Galway 2-9 Wexford 0-3;  
All-Ireland Junior semi-finals: Roscommon 1-6  
Derry 1-16; Ulster Club championship quarter-finals:  
St Eunan's, Letterkenny 0-1 Rossa, Belfast 5-12;  
Castleblayney 0-6 Keady 2-13, Clonoe 0-5 Castletara  
3-5 Antrim U-18 championship semi-finals: Tir na  
nOg 3-3 Creggan 2-4, Dunloy 1-3 St Johns 2-4

### CAMOGIE

**ALL-IRELAND Minor Final:** Galway 2-9 (L. Lally, G. Bowes 1-1 each, A. Connolly 0-3, E. Kilkenny, G. Kelly 0-2 each) Wexford 0-3 (C. Murphy, C. O'Connor, U. Jacobs 0-1 each). Minor 'B' Final: Laois 9-14 (E. Dowling 5-1, G. Weston 2-3, S. Lusham 2-2, L. Mahony 0-6, M. Ciarney 0-2) Tyrone 2-1 (S. McCann 1-1, G. McNally 1-0)



# Town to defend senior crown

Bishopstown 2-13  
Cloughduv 1-3

A TREMENDOUS second-half display powered by inter-county senior players Vivienne Harris, Clara Healy and Sinead O'Callaghan ensured Bishopstown booked their place in the County Senior Championship final with Barryroe when they defeated a spirited Cloughduv side at Ballyanley on Wednesday last.

Cloughduv set the pace in the opening half and opened with a Catherine Corkery point three minutes into the game.

Clara Healy replied for Bishopstown to level matters.

Taking the game to Bishopstown Cloughduv pressed forward and 10 minutes into the game Una O'Donoghue beat the Bishopstown defence but her shot was saved well by Rose Desmond.

Undeterred, Cloughduv came again and three minutes later O'Donoghue made no mistake finishing well after a good move involving Jean Lucey.

With Healy and O'Donoghue exchanging scores Cloughduv led 1-2 to 0-2 at the interval having squandered several scoring chances.

## Aided

Aided by the strong wind the holders started the second half in determined fashion. Vivienne Harris pointed a 45 after two minutes. Following on immediately Sinead O'Callaghan gave her side the break they needed when she ran the length of the field past the Cloughduv defence and finished to the net.

This settled the Bishopstown girls and a goal from Clara Healy plus points from Brid Sheehan, Aine White, Healy, and O'Callaghan had Bishopstown well in front long before Una O'Donoghue pointed with two minutes left.

Three further points before full time had the holders safely in the final ready to defend their title for which they will be favourites.

**BISHOPSTOWN:** R Desmond, D Quigley, R Cahalane, A Buckley, C Enright, E Duggan, J O'Sullivan, V Harris, S Morley, S O'Callaghan, A White, B Sheehan, C Kenny, S White, C Healy. **SUBS:** N Bonar for S White, D O'Brien for C Enright.

**CLOUGHDUV:** C Collins, C Cronin, O O'Callaghan, A Murray, Z McDonnell, M Corkery, E Conlon, O McCarthy, S Corkery, C Corkery, S Buckley, J O'Callaghan, J Lucey, U O'Donoghue, A M Healy. **SUBS:** C O'Donoghue for O McCarthy, B Corkery for A M Healy.

**REF:** Collette O'Mahony.

# Galway to dethrone champions Tipperary in semis



Sarah Hayes who will be in action for the Cork seniors in the All-Ireland semi-final against Wexford at Parnell Park.

# Cork to advance to final showdown

**PARNELL PARK, Dublin,** hosts the semi-finals of the **Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship** next Saturday.

Holders Tipperary meet Galway, who, following a strong league campaign are fancied by many to make it to Croke Park, while league champions Cork meet Wexford.

Cork will go in as firm favourites to advance against against a young Wexford side.

The sides met in the national league when Cork ran out easy winners.

## Contrast

Wexford had no trouble disposing of Dublin in the quarter-finals, advancing 4-12 to 0-6.

In contrast Cork had to dig deep to overcome Kilkenny.

The selectors haven't yet named their side but it is expected to be along the lines of that which finished in Nolan Park.

Cork had a narrow escape again Kilkenny and the backroom know their charges will need to put in a more balanced performance to book a final spot.

Wexford are bidding to reach their first All-Ireland senior final since 1991.

Aoife O'Connor, daughter of former inter-county hurler Teddy, Kate Kelly



Rachael Moloney, left, who lines out with the Cork intermediate side, and Una O'Donoghue, who will be in action with the senior side.

and Tina Bergin are among the younger generation who are determined to put Wexford back on top in the senior grade.

The county, having taken the last three Feile na Gael titles, are pleased with the youth policy. The minor team have reached the All-Ireland final where Galway await.

Without doubt, the game of the day is the meeting of All-Ireland champions Tipperary and Galway.

The sides met in the

national league semi-final where it took extra time to decide proceedings.

Tipp brushed aside Clare in the quarter-final whilst Galway, after a tight opening half, ran up 4-13 against Limerick.

Galway's Sharon Glynn has found a new role at full-forward and, with Veronica Curtin contributing 3-5 against Limerick, the Tipperary defence will need to be at their best.

Tipp, coached by former inter-county star Michael

Cleary, will look for solid performances from Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes and Emer Mc Donnell.

On form, Cork look set to reach the final but they will need to tread carefully against a determined and improving Wexford side.

The Tipp and Galway encounter looks like going right down to the wire.

Tipp are the champions but Galway have impressed throughout the year and they look right to book a final spot.

# Rebels set for a win

CORK play hosts to Dublin on Sunday next at St Finbarr's in the opening round of the intermediate championship.

Dublin will be fielding the county's first-choice team as the team losing out in the first round of the senior championship is eligible to participate in the intermediate competition.

Winning the inaugural title in the grade in 1992 Dublin have since struggled to reclaim the title.

Having suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Wexford in the senior competition, hopes are high that Cork will have gained sufficient experience at the higher grade to see them through.

The Cork side will be well accustomed to winning, given that all but two of last year's All-Ireland winning junior team are eligible. The team has yet to be announced but players of the calibre of Rosalie Holand, Marie Corkery, Ruth Cahalan, and Ger Casey are likely to start.

## RESULTS & FIXTURES

**RESULTS**  
**Senior League:** Valley Rovers 5-6, Watergrasshill 1-0; St. Finbarr's 4-6, Eire Og 0-3.  
**Junior A League:** Ballinacorney 2-3, Douglas 1-3; Sarsfield 2-7, Tracton 2-2; Douglas 4-6, Brian Dillon's 1-2.  
**Junior B League:** St. Catherine's 4-9, Delany's 2-0; Clonsilla 2-0, Slabht Rua 1-3; Carrigaline 6-2, Kilbrittain 2-6; Bandon 5-4, Youghal 0-2; Castlemagner 3-0, Ballincellig 0-0; St. Finbarr's 4-15, Courcey Rovers 0-0; Delany's 3-7; Kilbrittain 1-5; Carrigaline 4-6, St. Catherine's 2-0; Carrigaline 6-10, Youghal 1-1; Grenagh 2-6, Clonsilla 1-1.

**Under 16 League:** Kilbrittain 4-5, Clonsilla 0-0; St. Finbarr's 1-6, Glen Rovers 1-0; Courcey Rovers 2-2, Clonsilla 0-2; Sarsfield 2-1, Mayfield 1-3; Na Piarasigh 4-1, Sarsfield 1-0; Ballygarvan 3-7, Iniscarra 1-3; Carrigaline 6-6, Erin's Own 0-0.

**FIXTURES**  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 12**  
**Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland semi-finals:** Cork v Wexford, Parnell Park, Dublin, 5.15pm; Tipperary v Galway, 6.30pm.  
**MONDAY AUGUST 13**  
**All-Ireland Intermediate Championship:** Cork v Dublin at St Finbarr's, 3pm.

# Cork girls will be facing four sets of sisters from Laois

FRESH from last weekend's All-Ireland quarter final victory over London, the Cork junior Camogie side have a semi-final date with Laois pencilled in for Bank Holiday Monday in Mountrath.

It's a semi-final pairing which few could have predicted early in the season given that Cork were fielding a new line up this year, and with Offaly hotly tipped to emerge from Leinster.

Upsetting the form books, Laois, who have already made tremendous strides at under age level under the guidance of Co. Secretary, Joan Dunphy, where they have taken provincial titles in U-14 and U-16 grade.

Building on these successes they have brought together a strong outfit with the

nice blend of youth and experience who looked extremely good in taking the first Leinster title, defeating Offaly.

Fielding no fewer than four sets of sisters, Sinead and Karen Cuddy, Yvonne and Therese Keenan, Ber and Mary Fitzpatrick and Niamh and Aoife O'Loughlin, the side is captained by long serving Patricia Cuddy from the Camross club,

whilst coach Margaret Dowling is a former Co. Star.

Cork looked impressive in their comprehensive victory over London last weekend, and whilst the London girls were no match for the Munster champions, one would be more inclined to look back on the Munster championship victory over Tipperary as a guide to the

present state of the teams form.

Ace goal poacher Jenny O'Leary, Emer Dillon, Joanne O'Callaghan and Mary Ennequess are all experienced campaigners.

The side will be without Aine O'Regan and Aine Kelleher who are unavailable for Monday's game. But Cork will be tipped to advance.



All-Ireland Minor camogie championship decider in Tullamore

# Battling Wexford girls fall at the final hurdle

Galway 2-9, Wexford 0-3: Galway claimed their eighth All-Ireland Under-16 camogie championship title with a comfortable victory over Wexford at O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Saturday last on a scoreline of 2-9 to 0-3.

Wexford started the game the brighter and had a point by full-forward and captain Caroline Murphy after only two minutes to open the scoring. However, Galway equalised through full-forward Emma Kilkenny three minutes later, although it took them a long time to show their superiority.

In fairness though, Wexford then produced their best moments of the half, with wing-forward Catherine O'Loughlin bringing a great save from Susan Eamer in the Galway goal after six minutes. Meanwhile, a free by corner-forward Ciara O'Connor went narrowly wide moments later.

Galway with a point by centre-forward Cathy Bowes took the lead totally against the run of play after eight minutes. Wexford replied with a shot from Emma Kilkenny wonderfully saved by Ursula Jacob in goal whose long clearance was fielded by Catherine O'Loughlin.

She soloed towards goal only for her shot to be saved and cleared by the Galway goalie Susan Eamer in the tenth minute.

Wexford continued to dominate and a clearance by wing-back Caoimhe Fitzpatrick was fielded by wing-forward Diane Redmond who soloed through the Galway defence, only for her shot to be saved and cleared to safety.

Having weathered the storm, Galway replied with a second point by Cathy Bowes in the 13th minute and a minute later a long shot from midfielder Shauna Murphy ended up in the back of



■ The Wexford Minor camogie team pictured before Saturday's All-Ireland final. Back row (l to r): Roisin O'Donohoe, Jenny O'Leary, Catherine O'Loughlin, Mary Leacy, Caroline Murphy (capt.), Marian Hanrick, Aine Doran. Front row (l to r): Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Aisling Hogan, Diane Redmond, Ciara O'Connor, Linda Burke, Ursula Jacob, Josie Dwyer, Marie Mythen.

the net.

Despite appeals by the Wexford defence that a forward was almost on the goal line for a square ball infringement, the score stood.

Wexford made two changes, bringing on Louise Codd and Deirdre Codd for Marian Hanrick and Caroline Murphy in the closing minutes of the half.

Galway added to their lead with a second goal following a goalmouth scramble, with the sliotar falling to Cathy Bowes who kicked the ball to the net with five minutes remaining.

From the resultant puck-out by Ursula Jacob, the ball was fielded by centre forward Josie Dwyer whose shot hit the crossbar and rebounded to hit the goalie's head.

It almost crossed the line only to be cleared by the Galway defence to safety, leaving the score at 2-3 to 0-1 in favour of the westerners at the interval.

The second-half was scoreless until the tenth minute when midfielder Lorraine Lally added a Galway point, with Emma Kilkenny doing likewise moments later.

Wexford then replaced Jenny O'Leary with Annette Moroney and al-

most immediately the Slaneysiders saw a shot by Catherine O'Loughlin hitting the post. This was probably their last chance of getting back into the game.

Galway added two more points by wing-forward Ashling Connolly and Shauna Murphy to leave the score at 2-7 to 0-1 after fourteen minutes.

Wexford made one more change to their team by moving Ursula Jacob out to centre-forward and putting Josie Dwyer in goal.

This move seemed to work with Josie saving brilliantly twice in rapid succession to prevent certain goals, and full-back Ashling Hogan also denying a certain score with a great blockdown and clearance.

Wexford, with Ursula Jacob fielding and soloing towards goal, won a 45 metre free which Ciara O'Connor pointed after twenty minutes.

They got their third and last point of the match when a free by centre-back Mary Leacy was fielded by Ursula Jacob who pointed two minutes later.

Galway finished the game with points by Emma Kilkenny and by substitute Sarah Donohoe, leaving the final score at

2-9 to 0-3.

The Galway victory was greeted by great jubilation as they were appearing in their sixteenth All-Ireland final at this grade and winning their eighth title.

Wexford on the other hand were appearing in their third, having lost in '86 before their sole victory in 1995.

The Wexford performance was not as good as their Leinster final victory over Kilkenny or the All-Ireland semi-final win over Tipperary. Galway were always first to the ball and they seemed to be that bit fitter than the Wexford players.

Wexford will look back on a match where they did not do themselves justice on the day or play to their full potential. The shot that hit the crossbar in the first-half was a turning point - if they had got a goal coming up to the break, it would have lifted the spirits of the players.

The second-half shot that hit the post would also have put Wexford into the game going into the final twenty minutes of the game.

Best for Wexford were Ursula Jacob, who had a superb game in goal, thwarting the Galway defence on many occa-

sions; the defenders Aine Doran, Aisling Hogan, Marian Hanrick, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Mary Leacy, Linda Burke; Jenny O'Leary, Roisin O'Donohoe; Catherine O'Loughlin, Josie Dwyer, Diane Redmond; Marie Mythen, Caroline Murphy (capt., 0-1), Ciara O'Connor (0-1). Subs. - Louise Codd for Hanrick, Deirdre Codd for Murphy, Annette Moroney for O'Leary, also Nicola O'Brien, Aoife Barron, Mary O'Hanlon, Karen Murphy, Kate Kehoe, Ann Marie Kelly, Nicola Scully, Jenny Mooney.

**Galway:** Susan Eamer; Catherine Moran, Roisin O'Connor (capt.), Michelle Raymond; Edel Pierce, Darrelle Carr, Aoife Doherty; Shauna Murphy (1-1), Nicola Galvin; Aisling Connolly (0-1), Lorraine Lally (0-1), Deirdre Burke; Cathy Bowes (1-2), Emma Kilkenny (0-3), Rebecca Lally; Sub. - Sarah Donohoe (0-1) for Deirdre Burke.

**Referee:** Aoife Woods (Armagh).



■ Wexford captain Caroline Murphy gets in her shot in the early stages of the final.



■ Diane Redmond in the clash of the ash with her Galway opponent.



■ Roisin O'Donohoe races away from a Galway rival.

## Slaneysiders didn't do themselves justice

THE GAME itself did not live up to the expectations both for the players and supporters who were expecting a lot more from this very talented team. Wexford did have their moments in the game and the scoreline did not do justice to the team's endeavours.

### AFTER-MATCH REACTION

In the first-half a goal for Galway that Wexford felt was a square ball infringement was allowed. Then a Wexford effort hit the crossbar while in the second-half a shot hit

the post - these incidents changed the course of the game.

The fact that Galway were appearing in their sixteenth All-Ireland final to Wexford's three may have had a bearing on their performance on the big occasion.

Galway were the better team on the day. They took their scores and were always first to the sliotar and won most of the personal duels.

Wexford manager Bernie Higgins said 'the team did not play to their full potential'.

'My heart goes out to the players, most of whom are eligible to play

again next year,' she added. 'Every breaking ball went to Galway and Wexford hit the crossbar and post. If these had gone into the net for goals who knows what might have happened.'

Jack O'Brien, like Bernie, was also disappointed at the team's performance because he knows they can play much better. However, he has high hopes and optimism for next year.

'Galway were the better team on the day and deserved their victory,' he agreed.

Jack revealed that Galway

trained three times a week in preparation for this All-Ireland final and hoped that Wexford would endeavour to do the same if they are to challenge for an All-Ireland title in the future.

Wexford captain, Caroline Murphy, was obviously disappointed at being substituted towards the end of the first-half but paid tribute to her team and substitutes who trained well throughout the year.

'We won the Leinster title, and with eighteen of this present panel available next year, things are look-

ing bright for Wexford,' she said. Caroline also thanked Bernie and Jack for their coaching and training through the year, along with the Wexford Camogie Board.

Finally, thanks are extended to the sponsors for the All-Ireland, namely:

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No 1  
**Marguerite Sythes**  
Ballyfin Club

No 2  
**Elaine Downey**  
Ballyfin CC

No 3  
**Sinead Collier**  
Camross CC

No 4  
**Blainaid Clancy**  
St. Brigids CC

No 5  
**Niamh O'Loughlin**  
Mountmellick CC

No 6  
**Mary Moore**  
Camross CC

No 7  
**Lenora Lyons**  
Slieve Bloom CC

No 8  
**Therese Keenan**  
Camross CC

No 9 (Capt)  
**Trish Cuddy**  
Camross CC

No 10  
**Bernadette Whelan**  
Slieve Bloom CC

No 11  
**Paula Mortimer**  
Camross CC

No 12  
**Niamh Dowling**  
Camross CC

No 13  
**Maureen Bennett**  
Castletown CC

No 14  
**Yvonne Phelan**  
Camross CC

No 15  
**Denise Quigley**  
The Harps CC

### IONADAITHE:

16: **Karen Cuddy** - Camross, 17: **Aoife O'Loughlin** - Mountmellick,  
18: **Fiona Grady** - Camross, 19: **Browyn Doyle** - Castletown, 20: **Mary Tracey** -  
Castletown, 21: **Lorraine Hill** - Ballyfin 22: **Sharon Lynch** - The Harps

**Manager/Coach: Mag Dowling** - Camross

**Selector: Tom Dooley** - Castletown

**Massure: Tom Doheny** - Castletown

## CORCAIGH

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No 1  
**Orla O'Callaghan**  
Cloughduv CC

No 2  
**Sinead Buckley**  
Cloughduv CC

No 5  
**Sinead Corkery**  
Cloughduv CC

No 8  
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Kilbrittain-Timoleague CC

No 10  
**Jean O'Sullivan**  
Bishopstown CC

No 13  
**Emer O'Friel**  
Milford CC

No 3  
**Joanne O'Callaghan**  
Cloughduv CC

No 6  
**Emer Dillan**  
Ballygarvan CC

No 9  
**Maire O'Connell**  
Inniscarra CC

No 11  
**Mary Enneguess**  
Aghabullogue CC

No 14  
**Jennefer O'Leary**  
Ballyroe CC

No 4  
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Douglas CC

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**Kathleen Healy** - Cloughduv.

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## Amanda back to face Laois in semi clash

AMANDA O'REGAN has been recalled to the Cork junior camogie team to play Laois in the All-Ireland championship semi-final at Mountrath on Monday.

O'Regan, who played in the earlier rounds, starts at cornerback replaces the unavailable Aine Kelleher.

In the only other enforced change from the side that won easily against London, Mary Enneguess comes into the attack instead of Aine O'Regan.

Otherwise, Jenny O'Leary, who greatly impressed in helping Barryroe to their first ever senior county final, and Catherine Corkery, who was on the losing Cloughduv side in their semi-final

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

defeat to Bishopstown, will both be hoping for lively performances against a Laois side who won their first provincial title five weeks ago against a fancied Offaly outfit.

### Goals

Yvonne Phelan was the toast of the county that day when her three-goal return gave the Leinster team a historic two-point victory.

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## Cork triumph in a thriller

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CORK defeated Laois in a thrilling All-Ireland junior camogie semi-final at Mountrath, Co. Laois yesterday.

Laois got off to a dream start when Mary Bennett shot a goal after five minutes. Cork replied with a point from Máire O'Connell, and Bernadette Whelan increased the lead with a point at the end of the quarter. Almost immediately, Cork hit back and left corner-forward Emer O'Friel goal.

The final 10 minutes before half-time produced some great hurling. Laois twice took the lead with points from Bernadette Whelan and Niamh Dowling, but on both occasions Cork's star full-forward, Jenny O'Leary equalised and at the interval it was all square 1-3 apiece.

Cork took complete control in the third quarter, two early points by full-forward Jenny O'Leary, one from a free and one from play gave the Cork girls a lead they would never lose.

Scorers - Cork: J. O'Leary 0-5, M. Enneguess 1-1, E. O'Friel, D. O'Reilly 1-0, E. Dillon, M. O'Connell, C. Corkery 0-1 each. Laois: B. Whelan 0-3, M. Bennett 1-0, T. Keenan, N. Dowling 0-1 each.

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LAOIS: M. Sydes, E. Downey, S. Collier, B. Clancy, N. O'Loughlin, M. Moore, L. Lyons, T. Keenan, T. Cuddy, B. Whelan, P. Mortimer, N. Dowling, M. Bennett, E. Phelan, D. Quigley, sub: K. Cuddy for M. Bennett.



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# Toomevara & Cashel for County Final

Toomevara 2-8; Drom/Inch 1-7

by MARION GRAHAM

Cashel (Holders) and great rivals Toomevara have qualified for the County Senior Camogie on Saturday 19th following semi-final wins over Templemore and Drom/Inch respectively.

A classic encounter was expected between two great rivals in the Senior Camogie semi-final on Tuesday evening last played at the County Camogie Grounds. However a very subdued Drom/Inch side went down badly to a spirited Toomevara team.

For the first 15 minutes Drom/Inch showed class and had 1-4 to Toomevara's 2 points on the score board, Drom/Inch's goal coming from an excellent taken free by Cathriona Hennessey, with the points coming from Niamh Harkin (1) from play and Cathriona Hennessey (3), two from play and one from a free. Toomevara's points came from Noelle Kennedy and Louise Young.

From this point onwards Toomevara dominated and Drom failed to score again in the opening half. Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Grainne Shanahan and Louise Young between them notched a further 2-6 the points coming from Noelle Kennedy (4), Louise Young (1), Lena Woods (1) the goal being secured by a excellent pass from Deirdre Hughes to Grainne Shanahan who made no mistake finding the Drom net, the other goal coming from a powerful surge from Deirdre Hughes with a blistering shot to the back of the net.

The second half was played with fire and zest, both sides tightly marking and the large attendance saw very little classic camogie, which they expected from the "Sars". Toomevara however were always in control, their defence was compact and rarely looked like allowing Drom get that badly needed goal. Toomevara set the pace from the first ten minutes and had three points secured without a reply from Drom/Inch the points coming from Grainne Shanahan (1) and Noelle Kennedy (2).

However this was the last score of the game for Toomevara. The final fifteen minutes Drom/Inch tried everything to penetrate the Toomevara back line but Suzanne Kelly, Siobhan Cusack, Catherine Byrne and Kathleen Kennedy stood firm and allowed no lee way for Drom. An excellent run by Joanne Ryan who passed to Cathriona

Hennessey was saved by Suzanne Kelly. Cathriona Hennessey, Niamh Harkin, Jacqui O'Connor, Joanne Ryan and Jane Ryan best served Drom. Drom/Inch scored a further three points before Eamon Browne blew the final whistle to leave Toomevara ahead by 2-8 to Drom's 1-7.

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## FOGARTY SHINES FOR CASHEL

Cashel 1-14; Templemore 0-9  
by NOEL HENNESSY

An excellent performance by Philly Fogarty saw her team qualify for Tipperary's Seidie Camogie final on Saturday, 19th August, which Cashel had an 8 pt. margin over Templemore. This does not reflect a powerful performance by Senior Championship new comers Templemore, and Cashel had to dig deep to ensure victory over its gallant opponents.

The game started at full speed and Templemore showing no nerves matched Cashel on the scoreboard and in general play and were it not for some great hurling by the afore mentioned Philly Fogarty, Cashel could have easily found themselves in trouble.

The Grogan sisters of Templemore were making use of every ball bringing the team total to 6 points at half time with an excellent point coming from Fiona Loughane. Cashel were replying

with points from Philly Fogarty, Norma Coffey, Jovita Delaney and Libby Toomey. A Cashel goal by Norma Coffey with a hint of OG attached was the only difference separating the two teams at half time Cashel being 1-6, Templemore 0-6.

At the start of the second half Cashel showed the true Championship form and in a devastating period of 15 minutes registered 5 points without reply. Cashel added a further 3 points until Templemore answered with 3 themselves but the damage had been done and Cashel were worthy victors.

Templemore can be very happy and proud of themselves with the fine performance and certainly lay down a marker to the Senior Championship for the future. They had a fine performance from Linda, Clare and Helen Grogan. Fiona Loughane and a very young Lorraine Bourke showed the great future she has in camogie. All in all it was a great team performance.

Cashel who were disappointed with their performance will certainly know they have a lot more to offer and no doubt will up a major gear for the final. They had great servants in Philly Fogarty, Jovita Delaney, Michelle Kennedy and the experienced Triona Hennessey marshalled her fellow forwards well.

Cashel: Sandra Ricken, Anne Marie Fitzgerald, Helen Breen, Michelle Kennedy, Meave Stokes, Una Dwyer, Kaiffe O'Connell, Emily Hayden, Paula Bulfin, Philly Fogarty (0-4), Anne Barry (0-1), Triona Hennessey, Norma Coffey (1-2), Jovita Delaney (0-4), Libby Toomey (0-3). Subs: Michelle Ryan, Marie O'Dwyer, Irene Dwan, Mairead Morrissey.

Templemore: Ciara Ormond, Leona Bourke, Niamh Connolly, Ailish Delaney, Sorcha Loughane, Lorraine Bourke, Noelle Bergin, Fiona Loughane (0-2), Elizabeth Jones, Grace Ormond, Norma Maher, Linda Grogan (0-1), Helen Collier, Helen Grogan (0-1), Claire Grogan (0-5). Subs: Laura Bourke, Catherine Ryan, Sara Ryan, Siobhan Bourke.

# Barryroe girls on top

Barryroe ..... 4-8  
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Both these clubs have made a significant contribution to the progress of camogie in Cork during recent years and although Newtown entered this semi-final as favourites, Barryroe quickly made it clear to all and sundry that their victories over Glen Rovers and Seandun were no flash in the pan.

## SCORING

With the strong South West breeze to their backs, Newtown broke from the throw-in and Siobhan Buckley found the net in the first minute and points from Aine Kelleher and C. Harrington had them five points clear after ten minutes.

With two points from a free and from play, Jennifer O'Leary reduced the deficit midway through the half, before Cork star C. Harrington raised another white flag for Newtown.

Barryroe were by now, showing much more cohesion and points from J. Leary and Marie Moloney reduced the arrears to two but Paula O'Connor (Ben's sister), with a brace of points (one from a free) restored Newtown's advantage. However, within two minutes of the break, Josephine Cahalane sent a crossing ball into the Newtown goalmouth and Jenny O'Leary was on it like a flash to bulge the net for a half time score of 1-5 to 1-4. On the resumption, Jenny O'Leary had the teams level with the first puck but a few minutes later, from a poor Barryroe clearance, Paula O'Connor restored the lead for Newtown for the last time with a point.

For the next fifteen minutes Barryroe were to strike a purple patch, Geraldine Collins had the teams level again after six minutes and in a few minutes scorer-in-chief Jenny O'Leary had them in front for the first time with a point and midway through the half, she

took a free which put Barryroe well into the driving seat.

From forty yards, she sent in a beauty which bent like a fishing rod and deceived the goalie and a point from Marie Moloney with five minutes to go had Barryroe five points to the good.

However, disaster almost struck for them a few minutes later when, from a free, C. Harrington sent a rather harmless effort, which deceived backs and goalie, for an easy goal but when Jenny O'Leary fielded, Cora Keohane's long puck-out, the fleet-footed Cork forward raced for the target before unleashing a piledriver which bulged the net. Two pucks from goal to goal - some class.

C. Harrington was to get a consolation point for Newtown before Emer O'Donovan showed her class by scoring a brilliant goal for Barryroe to seal the issue and a place in the county final.

For Barryroe, Jennifer O'Leary was again the star of the show, contributing 3-5 after her 3-7 for Cork against London.

While most of the spotlight centres on the forwards, spare a thought for the backs who thwarted every effort of the Newtown forwards, especially in the second half and the return of Ann Sheehy/Collins, just home from her honeymoon, had a steadying effect on the last line of defence.

For Newtown, Paula O'Connor, C. Harrington, Lisa and Aine Kelleher and Sarah Reidy (Jimmy's daughter), made gallant efforts all through the game.

Barryroe: Cora Keohane, Ann Sheehy-Collins, Mary Sheehy, Eileen Carroll, Ann Marie Fleming, Rosalie Holland, Eilish O'Regan, Karen McCarthy, E. Dinneen, Eimear O'Donovan, Elaine McCarthy, Geraldine Collins, Jennifer O'Leary, Josephine Cahalane and Marie Moloney.

Scorers: Barryroe: Jennifer O'Leary 3-5; Eimear O'Donovan 1-0; Marie Moloney 0-2; Geraldine Collins 0-1. Newtownshandrum: C. Harrington 1-3, Paula O'Connor 0-3, Siobhan Buckley 1-0, Aine Kelleher 0-1.

Referee Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield, did an excellent job but had little difficulty with two sporting and well disciplined teams.

Barryroe now meet the winners of Bishopstown/Cloughduv in the county final.

—John Sexton

# Oulart-The Ballagh's clean sweep of titles

OULART-THE BALLAGH easily won the Under-14 Roinn 1 League title by defeating Buffers Alley at St. Patrick's Park, Enniscorthy, on an 8-3 to 1-0 scoreline.

## U-14 LEAGUE FINAL

They were adding to their Slaney Festival and championship titles, and having also made it a hat-trick of Felle na nGael titles, this crowned a memorable year for the club at this age group.

Oulart-The Ballagh opened the scoring with a goal direct from a free by corner-forward Una Leacy after three minutes and the same player added a second four minutes later following a pass by wing-forward Clare Sinnott.

Oulart-The Ballagh continued to dominate and Aine Devereux scored the third major before Una Leacy completed her hat-

trick, leaving them ahead by 4-2 to nil at the break.

Oulart opened the scoring on the restart with a point from a narrow angle by corner-forward Christine Fortune. And the goals continued to flow, with Tanya Stamp, Christine Fortune, Stamp again and Sarah Joe Sinnott all raising green flags.

Buffers Alley did get a consolation goal by midfielder Emer Kenny following a goalmouth scramble in the final minute.

Oulart-The Ballagh have now won all under-age competitions to date: Under-12 Roinn 1 championship; Under-14 Roinn 1 championship and league; Under-14 Slaney festival; Under-16 Roinn 1 championship and league and also the national Felle na nGael title for the third year in a row.

Great credit is due to their

management team of Margaret Leacy, Dave Sinnott, Ann Kirwan, Aidan Moran, Marian Quigley, Annette Sinnott, Hughie O'Connor, and to their main sponsors O'Connor Brothers Builders.

Oulart-The Ballagh: Ashling O'Dowd; Siobhan Cullen, Tracey McCormack, Rebecca Parle, Karen Atkinson, Elaine Dempsey, Stacey Redmond; Emma Moran, Sharon Kehoe; Clare Sinnott (capt.), Sarah Jo Sinnott, Tanya Stamp; Christine Fortune, Aine Devereux, Una Leacy. Subs. - Louise Harris, Chloe Kenny, Emma O'Connor, Sinead O'Connor, Ciara Storey.

Buffers Alley: Edel O'Brien; Frances Doran, Sinead Laffan, Denise O'Sullivan; Mary O'Connor, Laura Dempsey, Aine Roche; Emer Kenny, Emer O'Leary; Doreen Kenny, Bonnie Breen, Sarah Furlong; Clodagh O'Sullivan, Clare O'Sullivan, Janice Broaders. Subs. - Clara Whelan and Tanya Byrne.

Referee: Walter Byrne (Buncloody).