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It was a special day when childhood sweethearts tied the knot in Kilmurry



Lynn Dunlea and Aidan O'Callaghan at Rosscarbery.



Lynn Dunlea with her sisters Jacqueline, Stephanie and Hilda.

Picture: Mike English

## Wedding is a real family affair for smitten couple

By CHRISTINA O'ROURKE

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**CHILDHOOD** sweethearts Lynn Dunlea and Aidan O'Callaghan finally tied the knot this year — both just as smitten with each other as they were when they first met, aged sweet 16.

Aidan attended De la Salle in Macroom, while Lynn was a pupil at nearby Mercy Convent.

"Although we were in separate schools, we had a lot of mutual friends who got us to together," said Lynn.

The couple stood the test of time through the college years, when Lynn went to Limerick and Aidan stayed in Cork.

"Even though we lived apart, we visited on alternate weekends, so it wasn't too bad," said Lynn, who now teaches infants at Coachford primary school. Her husband, Aidan



works as a civil engineer locally for PJ Hegarty.

After living apart for four years, the couple decided to travel to Australia together for a year. "It was the best year of our lives," said Lynn.

On their return last year, plans began for the big day. "It was a real family wedding, with my three sisters as bridesmaids and Aidan's three brothers as groomsmen. Our extended family did the music too," she said.

The wedding took place in Canovee Church, Kilmurry, and the reception was held at the Celtic Ross Hotel in Rosscarbery.



The grounds of Aidan's home made an ideal venue for the wedding photographs. Pictured are Aidan and Lynn with bridesmaids Jacqueline, Stephanie and Hilda Dunlea and groomsmen David, Niall and Mike O'Callaghan. Picture: Mike English





# Dunloy's first in nine years

The Glens of Antrim are gleaming with delight with the news that Antrim are into a third All-Ireland Intermediate championship Final in a row following their recent All-Ireland victory over the Dubs. However, success is mounting as Dunloy are into their first All-Ireland club championship semi-final in nine years. By Máire Uí Scoláir

## CLOSE ULSTER FINAL

They defeated Derry champions Swatragh in a close final while Rossa pushed them all the way in the county final. Managed by former Antrim player Brenda Kerins they are very much looking forward to their semi-final against the Connacht champions on October 19th. Earlier this year the Dunloy hurlers made a very colourful entry to Croke Park when they reached the All-Ireland club final but on that occasion they met a strong Birm side and thus Dunloy were denied an All-Ireland title on that occasion, but can the girls make up for that?

Proud camogie secretary Anne Cuning knows this Ulster victory means a lot to the club, "particularly as we lost the services of our former chairman Frank McKee when he passed away three years ago.

Frank was the father of club and intercounty player Ann and it would be a great tribute to him if the girls could win an All-Ireland title," commented Anne as we spoke at length on the telephone.

While the girls were playing their hearts out in the recent Ulster final the club senior hurlers were in Sligo on a training weekend which unfortunately could not be changed but Anne assured me the mobiles were extremely busy that day!

A family steeped in the GAA and camogie Anne's husband, Patrick is chairman of the Club while their son Conor plays for the county. Their three

other sons Cormac, Cathaoir and Colum are all playing hurling and football with the club. Colum is also an intercounty referee. Lets hope there are no red or yellow cards at the breakfast table on a Monday morning! They are not the only family with sons and daughters involved as the well known Sinéad McMullan, a sister of captain Majella have three brothers Frankie, Paudie and Damien all playing for the club.

Success at senior level can only be measured by the work done at juvenile level and former club player Collette Murphy has been putting in the hours in local primary school, St. Josephs with some great results. There are camogie teams at U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18 as well as a junior and senior team in Dunloy. The U16 team were beaten in the County final while the U18's reached the semi-final and with the seniors having won their first Ulster title since 1994 the camogie seems in very safe hands.

## CLUB COACHING AND ASSISTING

Talking to Anne regarding having enough mentors for all these teams she said they manage, but they are also receiving much assistance from the senior players. "The seniors are now starting to give back something to the club by helping with some of the young teams. We are thrilled with this," the camogie secretary commented.

A great example to these young players is the fact that there are four club camogie players on the county team, Ann McKee, Una Elliott, Elaine Dowds and Edel Mason. It would be some year if these players won an All-Ireland Intermediate medal as well as an All-Ireland club. Up to last year Sinéad McMullan played for the Saffrons, but she has taken very early retirement from the county or is it just a break?

## JULIE ANN MCCLEAN

The youngest Dunloy player to make her entrance on the field in their Ulster final victory was fifteen-year-old Julie Ann McClean. By all accounts Julie Ann is a player for the future and she was delighted to be brought in the forward line in their Ulster final.

While Julie Ann was the youngest player for Dunloy on the day the victory could not have been achieved perhaps without the expertise of six players who were all on the '94

team. They are, the McMullan sisters Sinéad and Majella, Donna Brogan, Ann McKee, Elaine Dowds and Una Elliott. The perfect blend of youth and expertise!

The club have their fair share of hurlers on the county team including the well known Gregory O'Kane, Darren Quinn, Colm McGuckian, the Richmond brothers Patrick and Liam as well as Malachy Molloy, whose sister Ann Marie plays for the club.

It appears that the hurlers are thinking along another Croke Park visit next year as they are into both the Minor and Senior county finals early next month.

With much talk these days of a coming together of the GAA and Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael and the Ladies Gaelic Football this club is a great example with all codes receiving the same treatment. When one considers the success they are achieving on the playing front it would appear to be in a healthy state. If the hurlers and camogie players reach both All-Ireland finals expect some great days ahead, as anyone who was in Croke Park last March would recall the colour that Dunloy brought to head quarters that day.

## COVERAGE

It is Ann's opinion that the camogie coverage is on the increase, "we had the BBC television cameras for the Ulster final, and so we will be hoping for further coverage the next day when we take on the Connacht champions." That match on October 19th will be a home venue for the Dunloy girls.

The second senior semi-final that day will see Kilkenny champions St. Lachtain's of Freshford take on the Munster champions. The same day will also feature the inaugural junior club championship semi-finals between Offaly champions, Druncullen and the Munster champions, while Ulster junior champions Crossmaglen of Armagh will take on the Connacht champions.

Both finals will take place on November 2nd and that will be a day to recall, as it will roll start the centenary celebrations for us. Did somebody mention close season "when is that, I hear myself asking?" Certainly not next year as we all look forward to what sounds like being a year long party. Has your club or school organised an event yet, don't forget, we will all only ever get the chance to celebrate one centenary, so let's be very proud of what ever we do next season.

Dunloy and Antrim star  
Ann McKee



# Valley Rovers girls go under narrowly in final

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CAMOGIE-BY E. NEWMAN

St. Catherine's .....2-5  
Valley Rovers .....1-4

Valley Rovers' dreams of re-establishing themselves in the intermediate grade next year were cruelly dashed at Church Road last Sunday week when they missed out narrowly to St. Catherine's in the county Junior A camogie final.

In a thoroughly entertaining hour's play, that contained all the ingredients and skills that have become so prominent at this grade over the years, both sides and their respective coaches can be justly proud of the contributions they have made to this year's competition, but, on the day, there had to be a winner and, no doubt, the Innishannon girls will be back in contention for next year's crown.

Played before a very vociferous and enthusiastic attendance, both teams have to be complimented on the way they played, in a what were atrocious conditions. Preceded by a heavy shower and then in an incessant drizzle throughout, it made ground conditions extremely soapy, but it didn't detract from what was a very competitive and sporting encounter.

## INSPIRATION

For the winners, they can thank wing forward Denise Twomey for providing the inspiration and the scores which came in the last ten minutes. With the sides deadlocked at 1-4 apiece, Twomey pounced for a real opportunist goal in the 53rd minute and in the 63rd followed with the insurance point to give the Imokilly side victory.

There were others who aided the St. Catherine's quest for honours on the night, most notably Cork minor Orla Cotter, who gave a towering display at midfield. She won a litany of ball around the centre and, given her high advantage, used it brilliantly over the hour.

For the losers, they too had some great displays. In goal-keeper Gillian Harrington the Valleys can be thankful, for, in the opening minutes, she made a string of point-blank saves and kept the Rovers in the contest. Outside her, Sinead Deasy was tenacious and always involved, Marie Hurley swept



Captains and referee pictured prior to the County Junior A camogie final at Church Road recently. Left is Esther Power, St. Catherine's, and right Elaine Burke, Valley Rovers, with, at centre, the referee Peter Downey, Inniscarra. (Pic-Mike English).

up and cleared a host of ball, Elaine Burke pointed some great frees, while Lucy Hawkes and Liz Bugler caused endless problems for a very busy Catherine's defence.

But it was the Rovers who had to be vigilant in the opening minutes as Catherine's raided the Rovers' goal-mouth and only for the goalkeeping heroics of Harrington, the Valleys could have been facing a rather arduous task. Time and again she kept out a string of fine shots from the ever-dangerous Denise Twomey, while outside her the brilliant Sinead Deasy, Elmarie Cottrell and Cora McSweeney were settling into their defensive duties.

## POSSESSION

Orla Cotter opened the scoring for Catherine's in the third minute but three minutes later the dashing Lucy Hawkes swept upfield latching on to a Sinead Deasy clearance to score a fine point on the run. At this stage, Rovers enjoyed a lot of possession and should have moved further ahead. Marie Hurley was really coming into her own at the back and in the 14th minute Elaine Burke

pointed her first free to give the Valleys a deserved first quarter lead.

Rovers continued to defend stoutly and moved further ahead when Burke pointed again as Valleys forwards, particularly Liz Bugler, caused the Catherine's backs endless problems.

But for all of Rovers' possession they couldn't move away for their opponents and St. Catherine's came downfield in the last five minutes to take another score, this time Helan Lane in the 26th minute, and levelled matters before the break when player of the match Orla Cotter added another free to leave it 0-3 each at the break.

But Rovers responded well to the challenge on the changeover through another Burke free as she pointed brilliantly from forty metres inside a minute and then it looked like Rovers were going to pull away when Liz Bugler latched onto a Burke free to score a fine goal in the 11th minute and give the Innishannon side a four point lead.

But three minutes later St. Catherine's were back in it when Lisa Higgins goalled fol-

lowing some hesitant Rovers defending. That was in the 14th minute and for then on St. Catherine's began to assert themselves all over the field and, with Cotter a tower of strength at midfield, Catherine's plundered the Rovers' goal incessantly and a 1-1 return from Cotter was enough to set off huge celebrations for the St. Catherine's girls.

Scorers - St. Catherine's: D. Cotter 1-1, L. Higgins 1-0, O. Cotter 0-3, H. Lane 0-1. Valley Rovers: E. Burke 0-3, L. Bugler 1-0, L. Hawkes 0-1.

St. Catherine's: Y. O'Neill, O. Neville, M. Twomey, E. Harper, N. Mulcahy, E. Power, S. Noonan, O. Cotter, E. O'Keefe, D. Twomey, E. Fitzgerald, L. Higgins, H. Lane, T. Leahy, D. Twomey, Subs: N. Howard, F. Noonan, A. Mangan.

Valley Rovers: G. Harrington, S. Deasy, E. Cottrell, C. O'Riordan-Donagan, B. Shiels-Crowley, M. Hurley, C. McSweeney, L. O'Mahony, M. Cottrell, L. Hawkes, E. Burke, M. McCarthy, E. O'Mahony, C. Deasy, Subs: E. Foley and M. Shiels.

Referee, P. Downey, Inniscarra.

## Éire Óg crush final opponents

Éire Óg  
Ballinora

8-4  
1-1

Camogie

Éire Óg were comprehensive winners over Ballinora in the final of the U12C Cork Co. Camogie League final and took home the Kitty Kelleher memorial Cup from Coachford last Saturday.

This is a new competition and the cup was sponsored by the Ballinora Camogie Club. Ballinora had qualified for this final overcoming Mallow the previous Monday evening. That game was a titanic low scoring encounter where both sets of backs proved dominant. Ballinora's two points came from frees early in the second half from Lisa O'Shea. Éire Óg had beaten Douglas the previous week in the other semi-final.

The first half of this final was very exciting affair with the difference being Aoife Scally full forward for Éire Óg was able to take her scoring chances while Ballinora's full forward line couldn't find the target despite Trojan work by Ciara Lucey supplying in quality ball. Éire Óg went in at half time leading 4-1 to 1-1. Éire Óg upped a gear in the second half.

Scorers: Éire Óg: A. Scally 6-3, A. McCarthy 1-1, M. Hennessy 1-0. Ballinora: C. Lucey 1-0, L. O'Shea 0-1, 4-5.

Teams: Éire Óg: M. Gleeson, C. Hogan, L. Stack, Y. Creedon, E. Corkery, K. McCarthy, A. Cronin, D. McAuliffe, C. O'Connor, C. O'Keefe (Capt), C. Meany, N. Foley, M. Hennessy, A. Scally, A. McCarthy, R. Murray, O. Boyle, A. Hennessy, A. O'Keefe, E. O'Shaughnessy, S. Gleeson.

Ballinora: E. Hayes, S. Crowley, D. Cronin, V. Minahan, J. Cronin, J. A. Martin, A. M. O'Connor, S. McLoughlin, C. Lucey, G. Beasley, L. O'Shea (Capt), A. O'Shea, E. O'Brian, S. Power, S. Kelleher, A. M. O'Shea, E. O'Donovan, N. Dorney, A. O'Leary, E. Lane, R. Corkery, F. McGrath, M. Fitzgerald.

Ballinassig  
Milford

5-8  
0-1

Ballinassig proved far too strong for Milford in the semi-final of the U12A Cork Co. Camogie League last Monday evening in Grenagh. Except for an early point from Rebecca Finn Milford had no answer for the skill

and accuracy of Ballinassig's centre forward Catriona Collins. Ballinassig meet Douglas in the final on Saturday.

Valley Rovers 2-3  
Fr. O'Neills 0-1

In the first semi-final of the U12B Cork Co. Camogie League last Wednesday evening in Carrigtwohill Valley Rovers started the stronger. Forwards Nora Murphy and Katie Richardson struck for a goal each in the 15th and 17th minute. With Mary Ann Hawkes very much in control in the back line and scoring three points from 45s Rovers never really looked in danger.

Glen Rovers 3-3  
Aghabullogue 2-1

The only difference between the sides in the first half of the second semi-final of the U12B Cork Co. Camogie League last Thursday evening in Ballincollig was a point from Aghabullogue's full forward Jenny O'Connell. Both 'keepers brought off some great saves. Denise Luby for the Glen was in for a goal one minute after the break. A minute later Norma Jean Bracken was in for another goal. For the next 15 minutes it was one-way traffic for Glen Rovers with Denise Luby taking the remainder of their scores. Aghabullogue recovered in the last seven minutes with two goals but time ran out.

Clonakilty 5-7  
Erins Own 1-1

Playing a marvellous brand of attacking Camogie Clonakilty overwhelmed Erins Own in the semi-final of the U16C Cork Co. Camogie Championship last Saturday in Coachford. With Aoife Deasy, Lynn Kelleher, Hazel O'Regan, Juanita Brennan and Hannah Coughlan in form Clon were too sharp.

## County Junior A camogie finalists



Valley Rovers who lost to St. Catherine's in the county junior A camogie final at Church Road.



# A History of Camogie in County Tipperary



Tipperary Senior team beat Cork 3-0 to 0-3 at Clonmel, Munster Final 1961. Back row l to r: Bridie Scully, Kathleen Treacy, Kitty Flaherty, Terry Cummins, Brid McGraith, M. O'Shea. Front row l to r: Kathleen England, Peg Maloney, Terry Griffin, Honor Flynn, Kathleen Griffin, Terry Maloney, Phyllis Ryan.

he centenary of An Cumann Camógaiochta, the Camogie Association, will be celebrated next year. Perhaps camogie was a bit late coming into existence, over twenty years after the formation of the G.A.A., but it reflected society's attitude to women participating in sport. Women's participation in the Olympics didn't begin until 1908, when they could enter archery competitions. Four years later they were allowed into one swimming event, the hundred metres free style, and not until 1928 at Amsterdam were they allowed into athletics events. It could, therefore, be said that the women of the Gaelic League were revolutionaries, when they sent young ladies chasing a ball around a field with sticks in their hands.

Camogie was an extension of Gaelic League activities. The Keating Branch of the Gaelic League in Dublin had excellent hurling and football teams. The female members of the league were great supporters of the men's teams. In the year 1903 some of the members of the branch thought it a good idea to have some sporting activity for the girls. Camogie was the result, a form of hurling for women. The gaelic scholar, Tadhg O'Donoghue, suggested camóguidheacht for the proposed new game, and Dublin All-Ireland footballer, Seamus O'Braonáin, later Director of Radio Eireann, drew up a code of rules based on hurling, but modified to suit female players.

The first public game of camogie to be played was at a Gaelic League Aeridheacht at Navan on July 17, 1904. The teams were from the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League,

and another side that played under the name, Cuchullains. Two thousand people attended. The report in the local paper gave the game banner headlines. The final score was Keatings 1-0 Cuchullains 0-0.

### FIRST GAME AT NENAGH

The game of camogie was introduced to Tipperary in 1906, when two Dublin clubs, Keatings and Árd Craobh, played an exhibition match in conjunction with a hurling tournament at Nenagh. The visit was probably intended to encourage camogie at local level. Keatings defeated Árd Craobh by 1-1 to 0-0 on August 12. A report on the match had this comment: 'It was, however, the opinion of many prominent Gaels that the existing rules are not suitable for the ladies, and it was suggested that some slight changes could be made to safeguard the fair camógs from their own sexual inexperience. The revision should provide against raising the hurley above the elbow. This alteration would not only enable the ladies to field better, but would be a safeguard against accidents.'

The first inter-county game of camogie was played between Dublin and Louth in July 1912. In the following year Kilkenny traveled to Cork to challenge the home side. However, almost twenty years were to elapse before an inter-county championship got under way.

### FIRST COUNTY BOARD

The game of camogie in Tipperary was organised for the first time in 1932 and Dan Breen, the War of Independence hero, played an

important part in the organization. He returned from the U.S. early in 1932, and addressed the County Convention at Thurles. He spoke of the strength of the games in New York, and also about the game of camogie there. Soon afterwards it was announced that a camogie county board was about to be formed in the county, and that a camogie championship was to be organised. The medals for the championship were donated by Breen, and the championship came to be known as the 'Breen Medals'. In fact some of his political opponents claimed his presentation of medals for purely for political purposes!

### THE FIRST COUNTY TEAM

The first team to represent Tipperary in camogie played in the Tailteann Games in 1932. Trial teams were chosen and the match was played at Golden.

Afterwards a selection committee appointed by the county board selected the best fifteen to represent the county in the Tailteann Games against Connacht at Croke Park on July 3. After the game the teams were entertained to tea

in the City Hall, Cashel and were afterwards taken to see the places of historic interest in and around the City of the Kings. At night they were the guests of the Cashel and Golden camogie clubs at a dance held in the City Hall.

The team selected was as follows: Misses Maureen Flanagan, Molly Minogue (capt.), Peg Young, Toomevara, P. Gorman, M. O'Brien, Cashel, May O'Connell, J. Meany, Clonmel, M. Ryan, J. Hackett, Ardmayle, M. Witherow, S. Moroney, The Blues, Thurles, B. Lanigan, The Mitchells, Thurles, M. Collins, Templemore, Ciss Daly, Roscrea. The team, representing Munster, were beaten, 3-4 to 2-0, by Connacht at Croke Park on July 3. S. Moroney scored the two goals for Tipperary. The lineup was as follows: Misses Maureen Flanagan (goal), Pidgie Lanigan, Molly Minogue (capt.), Mary Witherow, M. Looby, M. Collins, Josie Meany, K. Byrnes, T. Hackett, Sheila Moroney, May O'Connell, Peg Young.

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## Camogie

### History of Camogie in Britain Project

As part of the 2004 Camogie Centenary Celebrations Erin go Bragh GAA & Camogie Club in Birmingham are running a project to look at the History of Camogie in Britain. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (UK), the project aims to increase people's awareness of their own heritage and will involve a number of young people in the research work, some of whom will be making it part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. A book is also to be produced and an exhibition will tour for the centenary year.

The club are appealing for information from anyone who has played camogie in Britain, to come forward with their story, photos and memories.

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Sinead O'Connor has been appointed sponsorship and financial manager of the Camogie Association. This is a newly created position to develop the commercial potential of the game and is the first of its kind within women's sports.

O'Connor, who previously worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Ireland and the US, is an honours graduate from the University of Scranton (BS in Accounting) and the Smurfit School of Business (Masters in Accounting).

RIGHT: St Mary's School pupil Elaine O'Riordan of





# A history of Camogie continued

## THE FIRST COUNTY CAMOGIE FINAL 1932

The first county camogie final between Boherlahan and Coolmoynne attracted great interest. It was a pity it had to be played so deep in the winter, on January 15, 1932. The venue was the Sportsfield, Thurles and admission was 6d, with the stand as much more. The referee was Sean O Riain, Roscrea, the chairman of the board. An advertisement, 15cm x 10cm appeared in the *Tipperary Star* and it included the information that a Ceilidhe Mhor would take place the same night in the Confraternity Hall, Thurles, where dancing would last from 8 pm to 3 am, during which Dan Breen, T.D. would present the medals. What the players, mentors and supporters were to do between the end of the match, 3.45pm, and the commencement of the dance wasn't explained. Transport was rather primitive in those days.

The day was fine but cold and a large crowd attended. The ball was thrown in by the chairman of the G.A.A. county board, Rev. J. J. Meagher. The play was even enough but the report states that the Boherlahan forwards missed many chances, while their backs didn't hold their positions. Coolmoynne were ahead at the interval by 2-0 to nil. Early in the second half Coolmoynne scored a third goal and when it appeared that Boherlahan were losing heart their feelings were relieved a little when Josie Walsh scored a great goal from a free. However, it was to be their only score. Coolmoynne had another point to give them a comfortable margin of victory by 3-1 to 1-0.

## PREJUDICE AGAINST WOMEN IN SPORT

The girls who started playing the game of camogie in 1903 and 1904, had to overcome a lot of prejudice against women in sport. It was behind closed doors to some extent that the girls got their first lessons from the men, and had their first practices in Drumcondra Park. A place they had to themselves. So great was the bias at the time that the girls going to practise carried their sticks hidden under coats, or made up into neat brown paper parcels. They soon got tired of the enclosed space and went along to the Phoenix Park, where the game soon caught on.

## CAMOGIE IN NEW YORK EARLY THIRTIES

In a preview of the All-Ireland camogie final of 1953 there is an appreciation of the work of Sean O'Duffy, the Mayo man who devoted his lifetime to the organisation of camogie. It relates how O'Duffy found himself in New York in 1930, a member of the Tailteann Council. 'Seeing a match billed for Innisfail Park, between Offaly and Cork, Sean made straight for the grounds. Immediately he entered he was greeted by that grand old Tipperary gael, the now almost legendary 'Wedge' Meagher of Toomevara.

Need I say that the national Organisation of Camogie had the honour of refereeing the game. . . . While in the United States he met many famous Tipperary exiles, all of whom helped to make Ireland's game for women more widely known.'

## ROSCREA'S PROUD RECORD

Roscrea dominated the county championship between 1946 and 1964 as the record shows.

1946: 28/12/46 Roscrea 8-1. Loughmore 0-1 - Roscrea  
1947 29/05/48 Roscrea 8-3



Left to right: Colm O'Donnell, Chairman, Tipperary Camogie Board, Violet Nolan, Irish Beauty Queen and Chairman of Ballylongford Camogie Club, who travelled to Lismore for the Munster Camogie game between Waterford and Tipperary in 1948 - she wore a green costume with a pink confection in flowers with green trimmings - Jim Byrne, Chairman of Waterford Camogie Board, and Jim Devitt, Cashel, the referee. According to a contemporary report, the Beauty Queen was 'ready to do anything to promote Irish games and Irish culture among our Irish girls'.

Ballybacon 2-0	Cahir
1948 Roscrea w/o	
Ballybacon scr.	
1949 Roscrea w/o	
Ballybacon scr.	
1950 20/05/51 Roscrea 2-1	
Clonmel Strollers 1-0 Roscrea	
1951 30/09/51 Roscrea 4-3	
Clonmel Strollers 2-1 Clonmel	
1952 31/08/52 Roscrea 7-2	
Clonmel Strollers 0-1 Roscrea	
1953 Roscrea defeated	
Elmville Clonmel	
1954 26/09/54 Roscrea 9-1	
Elmville 1-1 Roscrea	
1955 07/10/56 Roscrea 8-7	
Sean Treacy's 1-1 Thurles	
1956 18/11/56 Roscrea 8-2	
Sean Treacy's 1-0 Cashel	
1957 Roscrea defeated Sean	
Treacy's	
1958 30/11/58 Roscrea 8-6	
Cahir St. Mary's 1-0 Thurles	
1959 07/11/59 Roscrea 9-2	
Cahir 3-0 Cashel	
1960 12/11/61 Roscrea 13-	
1 Cahir 0-3 Gaile	
1961 26/11/61 Roscrea 4-1	
Elmville 4-1 Gaile	
Replay: 10/12/61 Roscrea 2-2	
Elmville 1-1 Thurles	
1962 04/11/62 Elmville 5-	
5 Roscrea 1-1 Gaile	
1963 17/11/63 Roscrea 5-0	
Cahir 3-0 Clonoulty	
1964 30/07/64 St. Patrick's	
5-1 Roscrea 3-4	
Templemore	

## County Final Results 1981-2003

1981 08/11/81 Littleton	
Portroe Cashel	
1982 26/07/82 Borrisokane	
St. Mary's St. Bernadette's	
1983 24/08/83 Portroe 2-7	
St. Bernadette's 0-4	
1984 Portroe 0-2	
St. Mary's 0-1	
1985 28/07/85 Borrisokane	
Portroe 3-9	
Cappawhite 2-6	
1986 12/10/86 Drombane	
Cashel 5-7 St. Mary's 1-4	
1987 01/11/87 Holycross	
Cashel 3-5 St. Bernadette's 0-2	
1988 06/11/88 Cashel 4-10	
Cappawhite 2-0	
1989 27/08/89 Cashel 2-9	
Temple/Toom 2-6	
1990 19/08/90 Templemore	
Cashel	
1991 20/10/91 Templemore	
Cashel 3-16	
1992 12/09/92 The Ragg	
Toomevara 0-7	
1993 31/08/93 Holycross	
Toomevara 4-8	
1994 21/08/94 The Ragg	
Toomevara 2-5	
1995 20/08/95 The Ragg	
Toomevara 5-10	
1996 25/08/96 The Ragg	
Toomevara 2-10	
1-8	

1997 09/08/97 The Ragg	
Toomevara 4-10	
1998 08/08/98 The Ragg	
Cashel 0-8 Drom Inch 0-4	
1999 15/05/99 Dr. Morris	
Park Cashel 3-7 Toomevara	
1-5	
2000 19/08/00 Littleton	
Cashel 1-10 Toomevara	
2-6	
2001 28/07/01 The Ragg	

Cashel 2-10 Toomevara	
0-15	
2002 28/07/02 The Ragg	
Cashel 1-11 Toomevara	
0-12	
2003 16/08/03 The Ragg	
Drom-Inch 3-6 Toomevara	
2-9	
Replay 27/08/03 The Ragg	
Drom-Inch 2-11 Toomevara	
2-9	

## The women at the helm

by LIZ HOWARD



Miriam O'Callaghan, President Camogie Association.

While the players from Tipperary, Cork, Clare and Galway who are competing on Sunday have put in months of training and preparation, do you ever think about those behind the scenes who work to ensure that Cumann Camogaiachta and all it entails runs efficiently? Do you know who they are? Do you know who the President of Cumann Camogaiachta is? or who is Ard Stiurthoir? Are you aware that the association will celebrate its centenary in 2004? The camogie association has a membership of approximately 100,000, the largest female sporting organisation in Ireland.

While both the Camogie Association and the Ladies Gaelic Football Association are working with the GAA towards greater integration, they run their own business. Greater integration is mutually beneficial and moving along at present. However, a disappointing aspect is the clash of fixtures this weekend, the U/21 hurling final is scheduled for Thurles in direct opposition to the camogie final.

Galway are involved in the camogie and hurling, apart from that, camogie and hurling usually attract spectators from the same catchment areas. Anyway, the GAA can make amends by pairing the senior hurling and senior camogie finals in 2004. That would be integration at its best! This is not the first mention of such a pairing and won't be the last.

Back to the women at the helm of camogie. The current president, Miriam O'Callaghan from Offaly came into office at the last congress. She brings a wealth of experience to the role from her sporting background and from her business life. She was encouraged into camogie by Mary Hanley from Clare who was teaching in Tullamore. Miriam was one of the founder members of the Tullamore club, which was affiliated to the Laois Camogie Board before she and colleagues set up the Offaly

County Board in 1979. Tullamore actually won three Laois county championships, Miriam being a playing member as well as an officer. Apart from being a talented player at intercounty level she served in various positions within the Offaly Board, Chairperson, PRO, Development Officer, and delegate to Leinster Council.

The natural progression was to go on to become Vice-Chairperson of Leinster Council and Leinster delegate to Central Council. She also served as president of the colleges council for four years putting a lot of effort and emphasis on developing the game at that level. Miriam was one of a six-person committee that produced the development report for camogie in the new millennium.

The Ard Stiurthoir of Cumann Camogaiachta is Dubliner Sile Wallace, based in Croke Park. Sile, like her counterpart Liam Mulvihill in the GAA, is responsible for the overall management of the association. Her brief is wide and demanding. The buck stops with Sile. She is the axis from which the camogie branches out to every club. Definitely not a nine to five job. Apart from her own demanding schedule Sile has to fit in with the availability of the voluntary sector of the association in terms of meetings and availability. She is actively involved in leading the association in the integration programme with ladies football and the GAA. Sile took up her present role in 1986 and has initiated and implemented many new ideas. She has seen the membership grow to its' present impressive number. Particularly busy right now with the all Ireland finals approaching, a normal day includes, meetings with RTE, the Stadium Manager and staff, dealing with the competing counties and finalising arrangements for the final.

New kid on the block is Sinead O'Connor, sponsorship and financial manager. This is an exciting appointment to meet the needs of a changing association. Former Kilkenny and UCD star, Jo Golden held the position of treasurer for a number of years in a voluntary capacity. She did a very competent job. Such were the growing demands it was felt by Jo and Central Council that the time was ripe to install someone in a full time capacity to handle the financial aspect and develop the sponsorship side. Sinead from Mountbellew in Galway is an impressive young woman. She graduated from Scranton University with a BSc. in accounting, returned to Ireland to pursue a Masters at the Smurfit School of Business. Working as an Accounts

Manager with Pricewaterhouse Coopers, her clients included TV3, Unilever, Goodman International, Eircom and the Star newspaper. She spent a spell in California while with Price Waterhouse Coopers. This gave her experience of dealing in the area of technology, information, communications and entertainment. Working in the cutting edge of Irish business combined with the American experience, Sinead is well qualified to take on and develop her new role. Allied to her qualifications, her energy and natural effervescence create very positive vibes. Watch this space!

Sinead plays camogie with the Portobello club, known as the best social club, she plays piano and banjo as well as supporting her beloved maroon and white.

Maire Uí Scolai, in her capacity as voluntary PRO has a huge workload. Unlike the GAA games journalists do not cover all inter-county camogie games, so Maire is seen filing reports from various venues on match days. She writes a regular column for various newspapers and attends to other PR functions which include the production of All Ireland match programmes and the camogie annual. Curtailed at present by an occupational injury Maire looks forward to the centenary and a return to full health.

Back to the finals on Sunday. I expect to see two wonderful finals, junior and senior. Good luck to Raymie and Tipperary. Tiobraid Arann Abu.

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## CAMOGIE

**Cork Colleges first year blitz: First Year**  
A: Bandon 2-1 Christ The King 1-4, Charleville 2-2  
Christ The King 0-2, Bandon 3-3 Charleville 0-4.  
Coachford 4-6 Fermoy 1-1, St. Als 2-3 Fermoy 2-2, St. Als 0-2 Coachford 3-7. **Final:** Bandon 1-2 Coachford 0-2 **First year B:** Midleton 5-5 North Pres 0-1, Midleton 2-2 Carrigaline 2-1, Clonakilly 1-0 Coláiste Colm 0-2, Clonakilly 2-4 Bandon (B) 1-1 **Final:** Midleton 2-3 Clonakilly 1-4. **First Year C:** Coláiste Eoin 4-3 Coachford (C) 1-0, Coláiste Eoin 4-4 Charleville (C) 1-1, Coláiste Dalbhid 5-5 Cobh 2-2, Cobh 0-2 Dunmanway 0-1. **Final:** Coláiste Dalbhid 5-1 Coláiste Eoin 0-0.

## CAMOGIE

**Munster Senior Club final:** Granagh Ballingarry, Limerick 0-17 (E O'Brien 0-7, A Shoochan, J Clifford 0-3 each, V Shoochan 0-2, M Nash, J Cullinane 0-1 each) Drom-Inch, Tipperary 0-9 (M Harkin 0-4, M Shortt, J O'Connor 0-2 each, H Kiely 0-1)

**Munster Junior Club final:** Dunhill, Waterford 1-2 (M Murphy 1-1, T Gallagher 0-1) Newmarket on Fergus, Clare 3-5 (E Arthur 3-0, Ryan 0-3, I Kaiser, S Mc Mahon 0-1 each)

**Cork Junior B County Championship Final:** Rockban 3-7 Tracton 0-2; Junior B Championship 13-a-side quarter-finals: Castletyons 6-5 Mayfield 0-3, Cobh 6-5 Grenagh 4-8; U18 Championship Round 2: Ballinascorthy 2-5 Brian Dillon 1-2, St Catherine's 4-8 Inniscarra 4-1 **Final:** U18 A Cork Championship semi-final: Milford 3-8 St Finharris 4-1. U16 B Cork Championship quarter-finals: Ballincollig 2-7 Courcy Rovers 2-2, Enniskeane 2-6 Ballinhassig 1-0. U16 C Cork Championship first round: Ballinascorthy 3-3 Sliabh Rua 0-1. U16B Cork Co. League final: Aghabullogue 3-5 Éire Óg 3-1. U12 A Cork Co. League final: Douglas 2-5 Ballinhassig 2-5. U12 B Cork Co. League final: Valley Rovers 4-1 Glen Rovers 2-2.

**Galway County Final:** Davitts 6-12 Pearces 2-8.

**Fixture:** Saturday, Oct 4: All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final: Antrim v Tipperary, Páirc Tailteann, Navan, 1.45pm.



# Limerick outclass Drom/Inch

Granagh/Ballingarry 0-17

Drom/Inch 0-9

On Sunday last in Ballingarry (Limerick) Tipperary Senior Camogie Champions Drom/Inch's run of victory came to an end, when Limerick's champions Granagh/Ballingarry claimed the Munster Championship title by 0-17 to 0-9.

Michelle Shortt put Drom/Inch on the scoreboard with the 1st point of the afternoon in the opening minute. Three unanswered points from Granagh/Ballingarry put Drom/Inch under pressure immediately, but they quickly pulled themselves together and had taken the lead in the 11th minute, with points from Jackie O'Connor, Michelle Shortt and Marie Harkin. Both teams contested every ball with a fierceness and passion for success and Granagh/Ballingarry did not manage to level proceedings until the 20th minute, when a brilliant save from Drom's Roseanna Kenneally with a the rebound superbly connected on by Aoife Sheehan that went over for a super point. Maria Harkin once again put Drom/Inch ahead in the 22nd minute but this was short-lived when four unanswered points from Granagh/Ballingarry put them in the driving seat. Maria Harkin slotted over another point for the Tipperary champions while Granagh added two further points to leave the half time score Granagh/Ballingarry 0-10 Drom/Inch 0-6.

Again in the second half Drom/Inch set the pace and Maria Harkin pointed a 45m. free inside the 31st minute. Eileen O'Brien wiped this score out one minute later with a pointed free. At this stage Drom/Inch were getting the better of the exchanges and they were looking good. Helen Kiely and Melissa Stapleton had a point apiece over and just two points separated the sides. However from the 45th minute things started to go down hill for Drom/Inch, the ball hopped wrong, weather deteriorated

And Granagh/Ballingarry upped a couple of gears. Drom/Inch had no answer to their skill, speed and experience in the closing quarter and six unanswered points gave Granagh/Ballingarry their sixth Munster Club title by defeating Drom/Inch 0-17 to 0-9.

This was a spirited display from Drom/Inch, they have a very young team with their average age being 21, while this Granagh/Ballingarry outfit have a wealth of experience behind them with five Munster titles since 1996 and two All-Ireland back to back club titles in 1998 and 1999.

Well done to Drom/Inch they represented their club and county with distinction and will certainly have learned from this



Mary Looby comes out with the ball.

experience on Sunday.

Drom/Inch team and scorers: Roseanna Kenneally, Mary Looby, Deirdre Delaney, Jane Ryan, Linda Breen, Niamh Harkin, Theresa Maher, Julie Delaney, Joanne Ryan, Maria Harkin (0-4) Jacqueline O'Connor (0-2), Helen Kiely (0-1), Geraldine Kinnane, Melissa Stapleton, Michelle Shortt (0-2), Cathriona Butler, Amy O'Halloran, Siobhan Butler, Nora Kinnane, Josephine Ryan, Norma Harrington, Sarah O'Brien, Noelle Green, Therese Shortt, Aileen Kennedy, Eileen Hart, Mary Hassett, Sinead Walsh.

## Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship - Final Played in Pairc Ui Chaoimh 8/8/2003

Fr. O'Neills 3-13

Inniscarra 3-08

### TEAMS:

**Fr. O'Neills:** Mary Kennifick, Anna Corcoran, Liz Sweetman, Gearoidin Kearney, Clare Flavin, Clare Madden, Mags Finn, Val O'Sullivan, Maire O'Brien, Clare O'Leary, Nora Ahern, Sinead Cahalane, Catherine O'Shea, Roisin Corcoran, Fiona O'Driscoll  
**Inniscarra:** Ger Casey, Enda Dineen, Eadaoinne O'Mahony, Emma O'Keefe, Trisha Murphy, Maire O'Connell, Michelle O'Regan, Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan, Rene Buckley, Criona Harte, Margaret McCarthy, Treasa McCarthy, Grainne O'Mahony, Liz Hayes, Edel O'Sullivan

### SUBS USED:

Irene O'Keefe, Paula Goggin, Kathryn Ryan, Anne Golden

### Referee

Kevin Creedon (Mourne Abbey)

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### CAMOGIE

**Munster Colleges Senior League:** Clonakilty 5-7 Bandon 1-6; Mercy, Waterford 2-9 Coachford College 2-6; Loreto, Fermoy 6-6 Carrigaline 1-12.  
**Intermediate B championship:** Pres Mitchelstown 5-6 Coachford B 2-2; Borrisokane 1-4 Rathkeale 1-3.  
**Intermediate C Championship:** Mannix College 6-5 St. Brogan's 5-6.  
**U16 1/2 Championship:** Dungarven 7-0 Pres Mitchelstown 1-2.  
**Junior C Championship:** Borrisokane 10-5 Tulla 3-2.

## COUNTY CAMOGIE FINAL



Supporting opposite sides, but the best of friends, at the County Junior A camogie final at Church road, Cork, were Liz Bugler, Valley Rovers, at right, and Marie Daly, St. Catherine's, the winners.  
(Pic: Mike English).

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<b>Fixture Secretary:</b>	Mary Bugler	Valley Rovers



Jubilant Aghabullogue U16 captain Marion Twomey with the U16B league cup to the delight of her team in Ballincollig last Saturday after being presented with the trophy by Pat O'Riordan chairman of Cuman Camógaíochta na nÓg, Corcaigh, following their win over Éire Óg



## Valley Rovers hold off determined Glen Rovers

**Valley Rovers** 4-1  
**Glen Rovers** 2-2

Valley Rovers had to withstand a tremendous rally in the last 10 minutes by Glen Rovers before edging home in a lively contested final in the U12B Cork Co. Camogie League final in Ballincollig last Saturday.

**Scorers:** Valley Rovers: O Lehan 2-0, L Kelleher, N Murphy 1-0 each. MA Hawkes 0-1 45. Glen Rovers: K O Connell 0-2, D Luby, S Clifford 1-0 each.

**Teams:** Valley Rovers: T Hawkes, E Coughlan, A Glavin (Capt), E Forde (V Capt), K Murphy, M-A Hawkes, R O'Regan, S O'Shea, E O'Regan, J Hawkes, M Forde, N Murphy, L Kelleher, O Lehan, K Richardson, K O'Brien, M-E Buttimer, M O'Callaghan, A Dennehy, E Crowley, M Hayes, Maeve Lynch, A McCarthy, G O'Sullivan.

**Glen Rovers:** S Hill, L Hayes, C O'Keefe, E

O'Leary, L Egan, C Walsh, A Cotter, D Luby (Capt), A Keating, S Clifford, Z Buckley, S O'Brien, A-M Horgan, N J Bracken, K O'Connell, N O'Brien, S Fahy, K O'Sullivan, E O'Connell, L A Sheehy, E Tynan, Y Power, A O'Shea, D O'Donovan, A Rea, A Noonan, S O'Keefe, A Murphy, O Stephens, E O'Sullivan, C O'Sullivan.

**Ballinhassig** 2-5  
**Douglas** 2-5

In a nailbiting conclusion a point from a 45 in the last minute earned Ballinhassig an honourable draw with Douglas in the final of the U12A Cork Co. Camogie League last Saturday morning in Ballincollig.

**Scorers:** Ballinhassig: S Quinlan, G O'Callaghan 1-0 each, C Collins 0-5/0-1 free, 0-2 45. Douglas: M O'Donovan 1-5/0-3 free, 0-1 45. C Clarke 1-0.

**Teams**

**Ballinhassig:** L Jordan, F Murphy, M Barrett, R Dunlea (Captain), A Murphy, C Reynolds, H Cullinane, K McCarthy, S McCarthy, A Coleman, C Collins, A Coakley, A O'Brien, A O'Leary, S Kiely, S Quinlan, G O'Callaghan, M McCarthy, A O'Connor, J O'Leary, J Bracken, E Veale, S Tuohy, E Thompson.

**Douglas:** C Murphy, J Kavanagh, D Connolly, S Long, E Jordan, J Dempsey, K Horgan, M O'Donovan, J White (Capt), C Clarke, J Kelleher, M O'Mahony, K Mackey, A O'Donovan, T McCarthy, N Leo, C Kavanagh, L Nason, P Mackey, K O'Connell, C Lynch, A O'Donovan, L O'Sullivan, K Humpries.

U16 Cork Co. Camogie.

**Aghabullogue** 3-5  
**Éire Óg** 3-1

Aghabullogue justified their tag of favourites in this U16B Cork Co. Camogie League Final last Saturday in Ballincollig.

**Scorers:** Aghabullogue: M Healy 2-0, M O'Sullivan 1-0, E Healy 0-3/0-2 free, K O'Leary 0-2.

**Éire Óg:** E Corkery 2-1, M O'Herlihy 1-0.

**Teams:** Aghabullogue: N Moynihan, J Allen, M Twomey (Capt), C Dennehy, C Kiely, B Twomey, D Murphy, M Herlihy, L Roche, K O'Leary, E Healy, A Scully, E O'Callaghan, M O'Sullivan, A Twomey, N Healy, N O'Connell, M O'Connell, M Ronan, L Bergin, K McElroy, M Healy, C Murphy.

**Éire Óg:** L M O'Mahony, L Murphy, S Gleeson, D Twomey, S Donovan, C McCarthy, L Doyle, M Corkery (Capt), E Kelleher, C O'Connor, M O'Herlihy, C Purcell, E Corkery, K O'Flynn, M Galvin, M Kelleher, K White, C O'Keefe, A McCarthy, L Stack, M Gleeson, E Corkery, A Scully.

**Teams**  
**Cobh**

C Ronan, U Morgan, L McKiernan, J O'Keefe, D Meaney, E Carr, B Kenny, M Kearney, C Hogan, C Forrest, S Looney, M Guilfoyle, G Kilcullen, Sub: M Keogh for E Carr

**Grenagh:** D Corkery, K Barry, Lynn Buckley, Lisa Buckley, S Dorgan, S Golden, J Vaughan, L Dorgan, E Vaughan, L Corkery, M Buckley, E Lehan, S Vaughan Sub: A O'Regan for L Buckley

**Referee:** C O'Mahony St Finbarrs

**Castleyons** 6-5  
**Mayfield** 0-3

Two first half goals from Winnie Hallinane and Ciara O'Driscoll set the foundations for Castleyons to advance at the expense of Mayfield

## Rockban power to first title

**Rockban** 3-7  
**Tracton** 0-2

A solid defensive display with Inter County senior player Catriona Foley superb at centre back helped power Rockban to their first adult championship title when they took the Junior B county title over a spirited Tracton side at the superb Sarsfields venue on Sunday last.

Tracton started well with Marion Jaego opening the scoring, pointing a free after six minutes, but Rockban went into the lead after Sile Burns had notched up two points without reply.

With play swinging from end to end the game's opening goal came at the midway stage when Sile Burns set up sister Mairead who made no mistake from close range.

From here to the break Rockban looked the more dangerous. Therese Howard and Marion Jaego exchanged points, but Tracton's insistence on playing the ball down the middle outwitted Rockban who had Foley playing superbly in the central role clearing up any danger. Val Mulcahy edged Rockban further ahead before the break with a point to see her side turn around leading 1-4 to 0-2.

From the resumption Tracton came in search of scores but met stern resistance from the Rockban defence with goalkeeper Elaine Harte bringing off two excellent saves. The game turned in the 18th minute when Harte saved a penalty and then the rebound after strong pressure from Tracton.

From here on Rockban upped the pace. Goals from Sile Burns and Jessica Shine had put the result beyond doubt long before Valerie Mulcahy's late point.

**Teams**  
**Rockban:** E Harte, C Drinan, M Cronin, D M O'Keefe, N Keohane, C Foley, A Geaney, L Crowley, E Casey, C Conway, V Mulcahy, T Howard, S Burns, M Burns, S Coleman, J Shine for C Conway, M Foley for M Burns.

**Tracton:** S Corkery, P O'Callaghan, N Hayes, A Jaego, P Harrington, E Collins, J A Kingston, M Jaego, J Kind, K O'Sullivan, N Lynch, R Ambrose, C Coughlan, A Twomey, M Buckley Sub: J Lynch for N Lynch **Referee:** Cathal Egan Glen Rovers

## Douglas girls too strong for 'Collig

**Douglas** 1-7  
**Ballinhassig** 0-4

DOUGLAS proved far too strong for Ballinhassig in the replay of the final of the U12A Cork Co. Camogie League last Saturday in Blarney.

**Scorers:** Douglas: J White 1-1, M O'Donovan 0-4/0-2 free, 0-2 45. A O'Donovan, J Kelleher 0-1 each.

**Ballinhassig:** C Collins 0-4/0-1 free, 0-2 45.

**Douglas:** C Murphy, N Leo, D Connolly, S Long, C Driscoll, J Dempsey, K Horgan, M O'Donovan, J White (Capt), E Jordan, J Kelleher, M O'Mahony, K Mackey, A O'Donovan, C Kavanagh, J Kavanagh, C Clarke (for C Kavanagh, half time), T McCarthy, L Nason (for K Mackey 45 mins), P Mackey (for S Long 40 mins), K O'Connell, C Lynch, A O'Donovan, K Humpries.

**Ballinhassig:** L Jordan, F Murphy, M Barrett, R Dunlea (Captain), A Murphy, C Reynolds, H Cullinane, K McCarthy, S McCarthy, A Coleman, C Collins, A Coakley, A O'Brien, A O'Leary, S Quinlan, G O'Callaghan, M McCarthy, A O'Connor, J O'Leary, J Bracken, E Veale, S Tuohy, E Thompson.

**Referee:** C O'Mahony (St Finbarrs).

**Ballinascorthy** 3-3  
**Rockban** 0-1

BALLINASCORTHY had a deserved win over a youthful Rockban in the U16 C Cork Co Camogie Championship semi-final last Saturday in Blarney. The physically stronger Ballinascorthy side looked impressive throughout.

Ballinascorthy now go on to meet neighbours Clonakilty in what promises to be a mouth watering final provisionally fixed for next Saturday.

**Scorers:** Ballinascorthy: L Hennessy, M Condon 1-1 each, E Ryan 1-0, C Deasy 0-1 free.

**Rockban:** E Casey 0-1.

**Referee:** John Barry (Mallow)

## Scores galore as Cobh reach semi-final

**Cobh** 6-5  
**Grenagh** 4-8

by Mary Newman

A high scoring clash in Cobh saw the home side advance to the semi-final of the 13 a side junior B championship over a fancied Grenagh side.

Cobh led at the break by 3-4 to 0-5 after impressive displays which yielded scores from Siobhan Looney, Marcella Keogh, Grace Kilcullen and Sarah Guilfoyle.

Grenagh kept in touch with points from Linda Dorgan and

Elaine Vaughan. Grenagh showed determination from the start of the second half and goals from Linda Dorgan and Amanda O'Regan, helped cut the deficit.

Cobh worked hard to protect their advantage with Siobhan Looney and Clare Forrest grabbing vital goals.

In reply Grenagh hit back with goals from Linda Corker and Michelle Buckley, but Cobh with Grace Kilcullen, and Mary Guilfoyle pointing always held the upper hand and did enough to book their place in the semi-final



Éire Óg U12 camogie captain Ciara O'Keefe with the U12C league cup after her team had convincingly beaten Ballinora in the final at Coachford on Saturday week last.



# Eire Óg take the honours in style

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN  
Juvenile camogie

Eire Óg 8-4  
Ballinora 1-1

EIRE ÓG enjoyed a very comprehensive victory over Ballinora in the final of the U12C Cork Co Camogie League to take home the Kitty Kelleher memorial Cup from Coachford last Saturday.

This is a new competition and the cup was sponsored by the Ballinora Camogie Club. Ballinora had qualified for this final overcoming Mallow the previous Monday.

That game was a titanic, low-scoring encounter where both sets of backs proved dominant. Ballinora's two points came from frees early in the second half from Lisa O'Shea. Eire Óg had beaten Douglas the previous week in the other semifinal.

The first half was very exciting affair with the difference being Aoife Scally, playing at full forward for Eire



Jubilant Eire Óg U12 camogie captain Ciara O'Keeffe with the U12C cup,

Óg, and her ability to take most of her scoring chances while Ballinora's full forward line couldn't find the target despite trojan work by Ciara Lucey supplying in quality ball. Eire Óg went in at half time leading 4-1 to 1-1.

Eire Óg upped a gear in the second half and were very

much in control with all the full forward line adding on the scores without reply.

**Scorers for Eire Óg:** A Scally 6-3, A McCarthy 1-1, M Hennessy 1-0

**Scorers for Ballinora:** C Lucey 1-0, L O'Shea 0-1 45.

**EIRE ÓG:** M Gleeson, C Morgan, L Stack, Y Creedon, E Corkery, K McCarthy, A Cronin, D McAuliffe, C O Connor, C O Keeffe (Capt), C Meany,

N Foley, M Hennessy, A Scally, A McCarthy, R Murray, O Boyle, A Hennessy, A O Keeffe, E O Shaughnessy, S Gleeson.

**BALLINORA:** E Hayes, S Crowley, D Cronin, V Minahane, J Cronin, J A Martin, A M O'Connor, S McLoughlin, C Lucey, G Beasley, L O'Shea (Capt), A O'Shea, E O'Brian, S Power, S Kelleher, A M O'Shea, E O'Donovan, N Dorney, A O'Leary, E Lane, R Corkery, F McGrath, M Fitzgerald.

## Glen Rovers come out on top in hard fought league clash

Glen Rovers 3-3  
Aghabullogue 2-1

THE only difference between the sides in the first half of the semi-final of the U12B County Camogie League last Thursday in Ballincollig was a point from Aghabullogue's forward Jenny O'Connell.

Denise Luby for the Glen was in for a goal one minute after the break. A minute later Norma Jean Bracken was in for another goal. For the next 15 minutes it was one way traffic for Glen Rovers with Denise Luby taking the remainder of their scores.

Aghabullogue recovered in the last seven minutes with two goals but time ran out.

**Ballinhassig 5-8  
Milford 0-1**

Ballinhassig proved too strong for Milford in the semi-final of the U12A League in Grenagh.

Except for an early point from Rebecca Finn, Milford had no answer for the skill and accuracy of Ballinhassig's centre forward Catriona Collins.

Ballinhassig will meet in the final this Saturday.

**Valley Rovers 2-3  
Fr O'Neills 0-1**

The first of the U12B semi-finals

saw Valley Rovers come out on top.

Forwards Nora Murphy and Katie Richardson struck for a goal each in the 15th and 17th minute. With Mary Ann Hawkes very much in control in the back line and scoring three points from 45s, Rovers never really looked in danger.

**Ballinascarthy 0-1  
St Catherine's 0-0**

Ballinascarthy captain Rachelle Nyhan got the only score of the U12 12-a-side league semi-final in Bishopstown on Friday.

Ballinascarthy took their chance in the 12th minute of the first half with captain finding the target.

**Kildorrery 3-1  
Tracton 2-0**

Kildorrery edged out a gallant Tracton side to advance to the final of the U12 12-a-side Cork Co Camogie League final in Coachford last Saturday.

**Clonakilty 5-7  
Erins Own 1-1**

Clonakilty overwhelmed Erins Own in the U16C championship semi-final in Coachford. With Aoife Deasy, Lynn Kelleher, Hazel O'Regan, Juanita Brennan and Hannah Coughlan hitting form, Clonakilty were too sharp all over the field.

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## Captain fantastic, Anna Geary, gives Milford U-16s dramatic win

MILFORD ..... 5-4  
BALLYGARVAN ..... 3-3

### Juvenile Camogie with Tim Buckley

IN a nail-biting conclusion a goal, from the inspirational Anna Geary a minute into time added on, powered Milford their fifth Under-16 Cork County Camogie Championship title in a row last Saturday morning in Coachford.

On a day, when the wind was a huge factor, it was the moving of Geary to full forward, and her dominance in the last quarter of the game scoring three goals, which was the start and finish of this titanic turnaround struggle for victory by the minimum.

Aided by the strong wind Ballygarvan broke at lightning pace opening up a 5-0 to 1-1 lead by the 12th minute.

Caoimhe Dillon and captain Orlaith O'Riordan directed the one way traffic and Jessica Dunne raised three green flags. However an injury to wing back Rosann Byrne who had to be substituted seems to have unsettled Ballygarvan and ominously they added only three points to their tally subsequently.

Donna Watson's goal minutes before half time was crucial for Milford in reducing the mountain they

would have to climb in the second half.

Ballygarvan will rue their missed chances but none more so than sixteen minutes into the second half when they had a goal disallowed because of a square infringement. The resultant free was won by Geary who after a good solo run had her initial shot stopped by Bernadette Keohane in the Ballygarvan goal.

The rebound spilled back into Geary's path and she made no mistake to begin her match winning three goal burst in the final quarter.

**Scorers — Milford:** A Geary 3-1, A Watson 1-3, D Watson 1-0.

**Ballygarvan:** J Dunne 3-0, S Lynch 1-3 (1-0 45', 0-1 free), C Dillon 1-0.

**Teams — Milford:** R Finn, A Finn, S Carroll, M Broderick, J Lynam, S Sexton, C Galvin, A Geary (Capt), O'Mahony, S Fitzgibbon, A Watson, A Thompson, D Watson, J Dunne, Stephanie Browne,

S Carroll, M White, S Sexton, A Hayes, T O'Mahony, B Stokes N Browne.

**Ballygarvan:** B Keohane, D Kiely, A Moynihan, M Dunne, A O'Hea, D O'Mahony, R Byrne, S Lynch, A O'Riordan, M Keohane, V Browne, L Ryan, J Dunne, C Dillon, O O'Riordan (captain), E Lynch, C O'Hea (for R Byrne 20 mins, injured), C Bouse, L Cosgrave, F O'Halloran, R Ni Shé, S O'Mahony, D Bouse, L Walsh.

**VALLEY ROVERS ... 1-3  
EIRE OG ..... 1-0**

IN the third under-16 'B' quarter-final Valley Rovers took full advantage of the wind with Elma O'Mahony scoring all their 1-3 in the first half without reply.

Midway through the second half Erin Corkery had Eire Óg's only score a goal but Claire Twomey Valley's 'keeper put in a superb display.



A delighted Milford under-16 captain Anna Geary raises the Cup aloft after being presented it by Pat O'Riordan chairman of Cumann Camógaíochta na nÓg, Corcaigh.

**MALLOW ..... 4-7  
KILLEAGH ..... 1-3**

IN the fourth under-16 'B' quarter-final Mallow led all the way. Mallow built up a good first half lead 2-5 to 1-1.

The wind died down in the second half and Mallow went on for a comprehensive win.

**ENNISKEANE ..... 4-6  
BALLINCOLLIG ..... 1-3**

IN the under-16 'B' first semi-final played in Newcestown Ballincollig failed to get going and take advantage of the strong wind in the first half.

The outcome was never in doubt after Enniskeane's Aoife Connolly goaled on the stroke of half time to give her team a four-point lead.

**TRACTON ..... 10-8  
BARRYROE ..... 2-4**

IN the under-16 12-a-side first semi-final played in Newcestown Tracton easily overcame an understrength Barryroe side.

**GRENAGH ..... 3-4  
KILDORRERY ..... 1-5**

IT took 18 minutes for Grenagh to settle and Norma Downing to open the scoring with a goal. Aine Murphy added two more and they went in at half time leading 3-2 to 1-1.

Great displays from Jenny and Elaine Vaughan prevented Kildorrery taking advantage of the wind in the second half.

**KILDORRERY ..... 1-3  
BALLINASCARTHY ..... 0-0**

THE above scoreline does not do justice to a worthy Ballinascarthy side that competed effectively with Kildorrery in a lively contested final in the under-12 12-a-side Cork County Camogie League final in Coachford last Saturday but they lacked strength and finishing power up front.

Kildorrery were superbly led by the skilful Emma Coughlan who pointed in the first minute for the only score of the half. Ballinascarthy's tight defence led Rachelle Nyhan and the dependable Aine

O'Leary gave the winners little joy for the remainder of the half. Siobhan Hennessy and Marie O'Donovan gave good displays at midfield.

Aided by the elements Kildorrery also made the early running in the second half with a goal and a point from Sandra Nolan and Niamh Walsh inside two minutes.

Gritty Ballinascarthy did not give up but good defensive work from Kildorrery's Anne Marie McCarthy and Elaine O'Dwyer kept Ballinascarthy scoreless.

**Scorers — Kildorrery:** S Nolan 1-0, E Coughlan 0-2, N Walsh 0-1.

**Teams — Kildorrery:** C Butler, B Fouhy, A M McCarthy, M O'Regan, E O'Dwyer, N Walsh, D Fitzgerald, S Stapleton, E Coughlan (captain), L McCarthy, A Harding, S Nolan, E O'Connor, L Collins, C Collins, S Ni Chualáin, A Hunter, Ballinascarthy: K Hennessy, L Lordan, A O'Leary, K Condon, R Nyhan (captain), S Hennessy (vice-captain), M O'Donovan, L O'Brien, K O'Donovan, K Sweetnam, S Brennan, K Keohane, D Lordan, C Condon, L Hurley, E Walsh, E Kirby.



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# Three goals by Foley give Glen Rovers a first-class win

IN the third round of the u-18 championship, Glen Rovers, Inniscarra, and Ballinascarty won in their respective groups.

**Glen Rovers 5-5  
Watergrasshill 2-2**

Played at the Glen Field, the home side, Glen Rovers, always had the upper-hand in an entertaining match. Beth Walsh and Gerlyn Nolan scored a point each, settling 'The Glen', but, after Roisin Foley scored two goals in three minutes, they were in the driving seat. Glen Rovers continued to dictate matters and led, at the interval, 3-3 to 0-0.

The introduction of the inter-county player, Marie O'Neill, to the Watergrasshill side, at the interval, brought more pace into their attack, but she was well marked by Sarah Egan.

O'Neill scored a point, settling the visitors. When she evaded the defence, and scored a goal, Water-

grasshill were in contention. Nolan pointed a 45, before scoring a goal, to increase 'The Glen's' lead. O'Neill and Roisin Foley had swapped points before Foley scored her third goal. Deirdre O'Mahony scored a second goal for Watergrasshill, but, by then, the home side had victory secured.

**Glen Rovers:** C Boyle, A Murphy, J O'Regan, D Luby, A Corcoran, M Hegarty, K Lynch, G Nolan, B Walsh, R Foley, S Egan, J Murphy, L Cunningham, E Mulcahy, A Murphy. Subs: L Cotter for M Hegarty (in).

**Watergrasshill:** F Foley, C Cronin, H O'Neill, M Murphy, D O'Mahony, S Foley, L Bracken, E O'Leary, M McAteer, N Buckley, E O'Connell, E Sheehan, M Hogan, O Martin, C O'Farrell. Sub: M O'Neill for N Buckley, B O'Regan for O'Martin.

## U-18 win for Inniscarra

**Inniscarra 2-10  
Cloughduv 3-1**

INNISCARRA were too lively for Cloughduv on Sunday last in the u-18 championship. Inniscarra led 2-7 to 0-0 at the break, thanks to goals from Margaret McCarthy and Fiona O'Riordan, and points from Rena Buckley, Michelle O'Regan, and Margaret McCarthy.

The second-half was more entertaining, with Cloughduv rallying. Marie Kelly scored two goals in quick succession to reduce the deficit, before Louise Holland added a third.

Inniscarra battled on and held their composure: points from Rena Buckley, Margaret McCarthy, Michelle O'Regan, and Fiona O'Riordan reflected their stronger

finish and they won with six points to spare.

**Inniscarra:** N Healy, A O'Mahony, C O'Mahony, Mary Buckley, S O'Connor, Edel O'Sullivan, Elaine O'Sullivan, C O'Connell, R Buckley, M McCarthy, M Cosgrave, M O'Regan, F O'Riordan, A Herlihy, Maebh Buckley

**Cloughduv:** M O'Connor, J Lynch, A Dunne, M Murray, E Dunne, N Barrett, S Buckley, S Lucey, B Corkery, L Holland, M Lucey, F Murphy, M Kelly, A McDonnell, A O'Connor.

## Carrigaline hold on for victory

**Carrigaline 2-5  
St Catherines 2-4**

DESPITE losing the services of one of the players Carrigaline hung on by the narrowest of margins to advance to the semi-final of the Junior B shield.

The victors started well with points from Katie O Doherty and Clodagh Fitzgerald, but St Catherines settled with an Aileen Hogan pointed free.

Andrea Mangan gave St. Catherines the lead three minutes from the interval when she finished to the net, but the response from Carrigaline was immediate when Clodagh Fitzgerald did likewise from the puck out.

Katie O'Doherty and Aileen Hogan exchanged points before the interval to leave Carrigaline 1-3 to 1-2 ahead at the short whistle.

The second half was again a close affair with the lead changing hands inside 10 minutes as Mary Mulcahy grabbed a second St. Catherine's goal to restore their advantage. Inside six minutes the sides were again deadlocked thanks to the accuracy of Michelle Coakley and Katie O'Doherty. It was there for the taking and it was Carrigaline who despite being down to 12 players responded through a Clodagh Fitzgerald goal.

### Teams

**Carrigaline:** R Harrington, R Penfield, E Egan, S Penfield, C O Mahony, M Barry, L O Driscoll, C Fitzgerald, H Egan O Doherty, M Coakley, U O Farrell, A Dempsey, Sub L Kenny for U O Farrell

**St Catherines:** L Noonan, A Cotter, A Galvin, K Higgins, A Mangan, D Mulcahy, D O'Brien, A Fitzgerald, M Collins, A Hurley, C Twomey, M Mulcahy, C Leahy, Sub T Barry for A Hogan Ref C Egan Glen Rovers.

## Buttevant always in control

**Buttevant 6-6  
Dungourney 0-2**

A SOLID display saw Buttevant advance to the semi-final of the 13 a side junior B championship when they proved to strong for Dungourney on Saturday last.

Buttevant dictated matters from the start and led at the break 2-5 to

0-2 thanks to the accuracy of Triona O Connell and Marie Sheedy.

Dungourney kept in touch with points from Nicola Nagle.

From the restart Buttevant continued to hold the upper hand and further goals from Triona O'Connell and Mary T Foley put the result beyond doubt. For Buttevant the display of Triona O'Connell who

notched up two goals and six points was vital in securing victory.

**Dungourney:** A O'Neill, B Cullinane, M O'Riordan, C Murphy, K Fitzpatrick, K O'Sullivan, S Rohan, J Cronin, C Motherway, E Ronan, E Ryan, J Lane, N Nagle, subs K Hurley for C Motherway, E Collins for K Fitzpatrick

**Buttevant:** T Roche, E Murphy, A M Sheehan, J Farrell, M Sheedy, S Breen, N Healy, D Farrell, S Hegarty, M O Keefe, C Gammell, T O'Connell, M T Foley Sub A Cullen for C Gammell (injured)

### Juvenile Camogie

## Geary stars in Milford comeback

**Milford 5-4  
Ballygarvan 5-3**

IN a nailbiting conclusion a goal from the inspirational Anna Geary a minute into time added on powered Milford to their fifth U16 Cork Co. Camogie Championship title in a row last Saturday morning in Coachford. Geary scored three goals in the last quarter.

Aided by the strong wind Ballygarvan broke at lightning pace

opening up a 5 goals to 1-1 lead by the 20th minute. Caoimhe Dillon and captain Orlaith O Riordan directed the one way traffic and Jessica Dunne raised three green flags. However an injury to wing back Rosann Byrne who had to be substituted seems to have unsettled Ballygarvan.

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Barryroe 2-4**

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Ballinascarty 0-0**

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Above left, Eimear Sheehan and Natalie Murray of the Glen Rovers club, pictured at the recent Declan Crowley Memorial Under 10 camogie blitz in Ballinhassig. Right: Anna O'Keefe and Mariead Maguire of Carrigaline, pictured at the blitz.



## Camogiechat

with Mary Newman

**F**ORMER Cork hurling star Denise Burns guided Rockban to their first championship success at adult level when his side took the Junior 'B' championship crown over a Tracton side who had made a huge effort to reach the decider played at the magnificent Sarsfields grounds on Sunday last.

A close first quarter saw the sides evenly matched before Sile Burns set up sister Mairead for the game's opening goal to leave Rockban ahead at the break.

On the turn over Tracton pressed for the goal which would have brought them back into the contest but met stern

resistance from a Rockban defence where senior inter-county player Catriona Foley was majestic.

Time out of number she tidied up and drove her side on with some magnificent long range clearances.

To their credit Tracton contained the lively Rockban inside line who had only managed to add a point to their tally in the opening quarter of the second half.

Goalkeeper Elaine Harte was the heroine for Rockban when she saved an eighteenth minute penalty and in truth this was the match, as boosted by the let off Rockban added two goals inside six minutes from Sile Burns and substitute Jessica

Shine to ensure no way back for a spirited Tracton side who had superb displays from Marion Jaego and Janet Kind.

While all the praise must go to the new champions a word must also about Tracton who in the past year have worked so hard to keep camogie going in their club, the move down to junior B has been a good one and hopefully we will hear a lot more of them in the future.

My thanks to Denis Hurley and his club mates down in Sarsfields for the excellent care and attention shown to us all on Sunday last.

The thirteen a side junior 'B' league quarter finals saw Dungourney and Buttevant end all square with the replay down for decision on Saturday next in Buttevant at 5p.m.

Cobh had three points to spare over Grenagh in a high scoring game 6-5 to 4-

8 down in Cobh, Siobhan Looney, Grace Kilcullen, Clare Forrest and Marcella Keogh grabbing the goals for the home side, as Linda Dorgan, Michelle Buckley and Linda Corkery spearheaded the visitors challenge.

Castleyons proved to strong for Mayfield Clara O Driscoll, Winnie Hallinane Sarah Buckley and Emily Sexton leading the Castleyons attack.

The Mayfield club have asked me to pass on their thanks to referee Killian Looney for his help and kindness with their player who received a facial injury during the course of the game.

The junior 'B' league has reached semi final stage and the pairings are Youghal v Brain Dillon's, and Sliabh Rua v Delaney's.

In the thirteen a side junior shield for clubs with second teams it's down to quarter-finals and the

pairings are: Aghbullogue v St Finbarr's, Glen Rover's v Cloughduv, Valley Rovers v Inniscarra, Carrigaline v St Catherines.

The juvenile competitions continue to be decided and last weekend Aghbullogue took the under 16 'B' league title defeating Eire Og by four points. Valley Rovers had to withstand a late rally from Glen Rovers to take the under 12 'B' crown with five points to spare. Ballinhassig and Douglas will have to meet again after the Under 12 A final finished all square after a highly skilful contest.

On Saturday Ballinascorthy meet Kildorrey in the twelve a side under 12 final in Coachford at 11a.m, followed by the under 16 'A' final where holders Milford meet Ballygarvan at 12.30.

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**C**LUBS continue to be busy with plenty of under age and junior activities still in progress. Last weekend Buttevant secured their place in the junior 'B' thirteen a side semi final thanks to a comprehensive victory over Dungourney, four goals from Tracey O Connell helping them secure victory.

In the under 18 championship round two Inniscarra, with Margaret Mc Carthy and Fiona O'Riordan grabbing goals secured victory over Cloughduv.

At the Glen Field Roisin Foley had four goals for Glen Rovers as they defeated Watergrasshill, Gerlyn Nolan was on hand with a fifth for the home side. Ballinascorthy recorded a win over Brian Dillon's while Aghbullogue were to strong for Newcestown in the same competition.

At under age level Milford retained their county under 16 'A' title with an injury time goal from Cork captain Anna Geary to deny Ballygarvan by the narrowest of margins.

In the under 16 'B' quarter finals wins for Valley Rovers over Eire Og, while Mallow defeated Killeagh as Enniskeane advanced to the final with a win over Ballincollig.

In the same age level in a twelve a side competition, Tracton defeated Barryroe and Grenagh had a win over Kildorrey to set up an interesting final.



## Camogiechat

with Mary Newman

There was better luck for Kildorrey who took the under 12 'twelve a side' title at the expense of Ballinascorthy.

There is no let up in activities this coming weekend with three under age games on the agenda for Blarney on Saturday at 12.30, Grenagh and Tracton meet in the Under 16 'twelve a side' final and following on at 2p.m. the eagerly awaited replay of the under 12 'A' with Douglas and Ballinhassig renewing rivalry.

The under 16 'C' final follows at 3.30 featuring Rockban and Ballinascorthy.

At adult level there are two semi finals down for decision at Brinney at 3p.m. Valley Rovers meet Inniscarra in the Junior 'B' thirteen a side shield, while in the Junior 'B' thirteen a side championship Castleyons meet Buttevant in Castletownroche at 5p.m.

On Sunday there is only one game on the agenda due to the county hurling final and that is the meeting of Carrigaline and St Catherines in Carrigaline at 1p.m in the Shield semi-final.

Clubs and indeed individuals who have helped the County Board in the past are reminded that the annual collection takes place at the County Hurling Final on Sunday next in Paire Uí Chaoimh. Clubs are requested to have as many collectors as possible and to meet at Gate number 2 at the covered stand side of the grounds at 2p.m.

Nice gesture by the Cork Senior players on Monday night as they acknowledged the help give by the County Board and in particular chairperson Marion Mc Carthy who was surprised with a presentation at the fortnightly meeting, sometimes the people in the background are forgotten so well done to the girls.

While on the Cork team well done to my good friend and Trainer to the Cork Senior Camogie team Jim Mc Carthy who had better luck last weekend as he put the disappointment of the Croke Park defeat behind him to guide St Nicks to the Under 21 County Football title surely he will relax now and take a break.

The lotto continues to remain untouched with no winner on Monday night last.

Don't forget the collection Sunday see you in the Park. Until next week

## Buttevant turn on the style to win

Buttevant  
Castleyons

3-9  
1-3

A TREMENDOUS second half performance ensured Buttevant of their place in the 13 a side junior B Championship final and a meeting with either Bandon or Cobh.

A close opening half saw Buttevant hold a two point interval advantage 1-4 to 1-2 after Michelle O'Keeffe and Katie Kelleher had exchanged goals in an opening half where Buttevant were grateful to the free taking of Marie Sheedy who converted two while Michelle O'Keeffe and Mary T Foley were also on target. Castleyons had points from Maire Beechnor and Emily Sexton to keep in touch in a half where the sides were evenly matched right through.

From the start of the second half, Buttevant signalled their intent with a Triona O'Connell goal, and now beginning to gain the upper hand they came in search of further scores. Marie Sheedy had a third goal by the midway stage, and with their defence superbly marshalled by Ann Marie Sheehan and Jan Farrell they held the Castleyons attack.

At midfield Buttevant won the vital battle, with Norma Healy and Dawn Farrell dictating matters they continued to pile on the pressure, two points from Marie Sheedy further stretched their advantage while Emily Sexton had Castleyons only point of the half.

Castleyons battled on but met stern resistance from the excellent Buttevant defence and, indeed, from a side who on this display will go in as favourite to take the title.

**Buttevant:** J O'Hanlon, E Murphy, A M Sheehan, S Breen, M Sheedy, J Farrell, N Healy, D Farrell, A Cullen, C Gammell, S Hegarty, M O'Keeffe, T O'Connell, Subs M T Foley for S Hegarty, L Harrington for A Cullen, T O'Reilly for C Gammell. **Castleyons:** D Leahy, A Barrett, C Barry, M Barry, N Kearney, C Carroll, E Sexton, M T Murphy, C O'Driscoll, K Kelleher, W Hallinane, M Beechnor, Subs S Buckley for W Hallinane, M Drinan for M Barry, T Carroll for K Kelleher.

## Mason pulls the Antrim strings

**Antrim 2-9 Tipperary 0-10** Edel Mason made history in Paire Tailteann, Navan, yesterday when she was awarded the player of the match award following Antrim's 2-9 to 0-10 victory over Tipperary in the All Ireland Intermediate Final. Edel became the first player to win the award with two different counties having won it with Down some years ago.

In a closely contested match, a goal in the 17th minute from Noelle McCarry earned the Saffrons a 1-5 to 0-6 half-time lead. Tipp's Trish O'Halloran narrowed the gap immediately after the break with a second minute free.

Antrim's response was instant with points from midfielder Jane Adam and Mason.

However, a goal from supersub Elaine Dowds with five minutes remaining gave the Saffrons their second ever title at the grade.

**Antrim:** C Doherty, O Donnelly, M Graham, M McAllister, C McGinley, S McCloskey, B McKinley, J Adams, E Mason, N McCarry, G Connolly, A McKee, U Elliot, S Lagan, C Doherty. Subs: E Dowds for C Doherty. **Tipperary:** P Ryan, D McDonnell, H Breen, J O'Halloran, M Corcoran, N O'Dwyer, J Kirwan, L Burke, M Morrissey, A Mulcahy, T O'Halloran, J Nolan, G Kinane, M Looby, J Horan. Subs: N Connolly for D McDonnell, E Ryan for A Mulcahy, M Ryan for J Nolan, J O'Connor for M Looby. **Referee:** U Kearney, Armagh.

● **CONSIDINE SELECTED:** The Cork County Camogie Board, have named John Considine to succeed Pa Finn as manager-coach of the senior team.

## Antrim get early grip to foil Tipp

Antrim  
Tipperary

2-9  
0-9

by Jim O'Sullivan

THE midfield dominance Antrim enjoyed for the greater part of this game helped them to victory in the All-Ireland intermediate camogie final at Navan on Saturday.

Played on the ground where the first public camogie game was staged in 1904 (between two Dublin clubs), Antrim seized an early initiative though Edel Mason's goal in the 18th minute. The Northern girls had a two-point lead, (1-6 to 0-6) at half-time.

Playing with the wind for the second half, Tipperary started promisingly with an early point from a Trish O'Hanlon free, but from there on progress was limited.

It was an uphill battle for the Tipp girls and when Antrim got a second goal through Elaine Dowds they were certain of victory.

**Scorers:** Antrim - E. Dowds and E. Mason 1-1 each; J. Adams 0-3; G. Connolly 0-2; S. Lagan and C. Doherty 0-1 each.

**Tipperary:** T. O'Halloran 0-3; G. Kinane and A. Mulcahy 0-2 each; M. Looby and J. Horan 0-1 each.

**ANTRIM:** C. Doherty, O. Donnelly, M. Graham, M. McAllister, C. McGinley (capt.), S. McCloskey, B. McKinley, E. Mason, J. Adams, C. Doherty, G. Connolly, A. McKee, U. Elliot, S. Lagan, R. Duffin. Sub: E. Dowds for Doherty.

**TIPPERARY:** P. Ryan, D. McDonnell, H. Breen, J. O'Halloran, M. Corcoran, N. O'Dwyer (capt.), J. Kirwan, L. Burke, M. Morrissey, A. Mulcahy, T. O'Halloran, J. Nolan, G. Kinane, M. Looby, J. Horan. Subs: N. Connolly for McDonnell; S. Ryan for Morrissey; M. Ryan for Nolan; J. O'Connor for Looby.

**Referee:** U. Kearney (Armagh).



# Tipperary Intermediates bidding

By Noel Dundon

**TIPPERARY'S** Intermediate camogie team make the long trip to Navan on Saturday next for the All-Final as they bid to make it an historic double following on from the senior victory two weeks ago.

The intermediate's have been working hard to get into shape for this championship and victories over Cork and Derry brought them all the way to the final. They have been quite impressive in their approach and in their attitude to the championship and Manager Martin Browne is hoping that this will continue for one more day at least.

"We have a lot of work done with the squad and the fact that there are a number of very experienced players involved is a big help. We have fourteen of the squad that won the All-Ireland junior final two years ago in Croke Park - nine of them will be playing on Saturday. That gives some idea of their credentials," he said.

The mood in camogie circles is quite high at the present time following the fantastic win by the senior girls against Cork in Croke Park a few weeks ago. That win raised spirits quite considerably and Martin is hoping that it can inspire his charges to go on and add further honours to the Premier County's roll for 2003.

"The senior girls gave us all a great lift. I think it was the courage and determination they displayed to win back the O'Duffy Cup that really stood out and I will be hoping that our girls can produce a similar type of



Aine Mulcahy

display on Saturday. We are well capable of it, but we know that we have to be at our best to beat Antrim," Martin said.

Tipperary were defeated at semi-final stage in last years campaign by a single point by Antrim and this year represents an opportunity for the Premier County to gain revenge and win one over their northern rivals. The two teams know each other very well indeed

and Antrim have had the big advantage of playing in the senior league and championship already this season. This is also their first team, while it is Tipperary's second string.

"We know we will be up against it, but the girls are very determined and they are ready to give it a right go. If we can get going in this game, we will have a big say in the destination of the cup. The

experience we have will stand to us. I hope," Martin said.

Clonoulty's Nolette O'Dwyer, a hero of the junior win two years ago, will lead Tipperary out on Saturday on what will be a very proud day for her and her club. She is an inspirational captain and lining out at centre back, she will be hoping to drive the team on to victory. Only one injury doubt remains in the camp - JK Brackens player Lorraine Burke is carrying a leg injury but should be ok for the fray. She is selected at midfield.

"We hope to be back to Clonoulty village on Saturday evening at about 9:00pm with the cup to meet all our supporters. I know it will be a long trip to Navan but we would love a sizeable support up there. It would be a really big lift to all the players," Martin concluded.

The team is:

Paula Ryan (Toomevara)

Deirdre McDonnell (Burgess Helen Breen (Cashel) Jenny O'Halloran (Portroe)

Maedbh Corcoran (Moycarkey) Nolette O'Dwyer (Clonoulty) Julie Kirwin (Moneygall)

Lorraine Burke (Templemore) Mairead Morrissey (Cashel)

Aine Mulcahy (Burgess) Trisha O'Halloran (Portroe) Joanne Nolan (Silvermines)

Geraldine Kinnane (Drom-Inch) Mary Looby (Drom-Inch) Jill Horan (Clonoulty)

Subs: Niamh Connolly (Templemore), Sharon Ralph (Moycarkey), Jackie O'Connor (Drom-Inch), Siobhan Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Trisha Ryan (Toomevara), Mary Rose Tynan (Toomevara), Moira Ryan (Clonoulty), Eimear Ryan (Moneygall), Brigina O'Meara (Toomevara), Denise Fitzgerald (Cashel),

Trisha Ralph (Moycarkey), Claire Marie Fogarty (Cashel)



Tipperary mentors (from left): Brendan Murphy, Bernie O'Dowd and Martin Browne

## for double

### Mason makes it an historic double-up

Maire Uí Scolai Camogie

EDEL MASON entered the history books on Saturday when she became the first player to win All-Ireland Intermediate Championship medals with two different counties as Antrim overcame Tipperary 2-09 to 0-10 in the final in Páirc Tailteann, Navan.

Back in 1998 Mason won an Intermediate medal with her native Down but then she transferred to the Antrim club Dunloy Cuchullains.

In a very closely contested affair, there was very little between the sides until the closing stages when super sub Elaine Dowds was sprung from the bench.

With five minutes to go she became the Antrim hero when she scored the winning goal to give the Saffrons their second title at this grade and their first since 2001.

**SCORERS** — Antrim: E Dowds 1-1, N McCarty 1-0, J Adams, 0-3 (11), G Connolly 0-2, E Mason, S Lagan, C Doherty 0-1 each. Tipperary: T O'Halloran 0-3 (11), G Kinnane, M Looby 0-2 each, A Mulcahy, J Horan, S Ryan 0-1 each.

**ANTRIM** — Christy Doherty, O'Donnell, M Graham, M McAlister, C McGinley, S McCluskey, B McKinley, J Adams, E Mason, N McCarty, G Connolly, A McKee, A Elliot, S Lagan, Carla Doherty. Subs: E Dowds for Carla Doherty.

**TIPPERARY** — P Ryan, D McDonnell, H Breen, J O'Halloran, M Corcoran, N O'Dwyer, J Kinnane, L Burke, M Morrissey, A Mulcahy, T O'Halloran, J Nolan, G Kinnane, M Looby, J Horan. Subs: N Connolly for D McDonnell, E Ryan for A Mulcahy, M Ryan for J Nolan, J O'Connor for M Looby.

REF — Ara Kearney (Armagh).

## CAMOGIE

**ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE FINAL:** Navan: Antrim 2-9 (E Dowds 1-1, N McCarty 1-0, J Adams 0-3, G Connolly 0-2, S Lagan, C Doherty and E Mason 0-1 each) Tipperary 0-10 (T O'Halloran 0-3, G Kinnane and M Looby 0-2 each, A Mulcahy, J Horan and S Ryan 0-1 each)

## CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Intermediate final: Antrim 2-9 Tipperary 0-10

Cork: County Juvenile: U16 A final: Milford 5-4 Ballygarvan 5-3. U16 B semi-final: Enniskeane 4-6 Ballincollig 1-3. U16 B quarter-finals: Valley Rovers 1-3 Elre Og 1-0, Mallow 4-7 Killoagh 1-3. U16 12 a Side semi-finals: Trillick 10-8 Barryroe 2-4, Greenagh 3-4 Kildorrery 1-5. U12 12 a side Co. League final: Kildorrery 1-3 Ballinascarty 0-0, Junior B 13 a-side League quarter-final: Buttevant 6-6 Dungormey 2-2. U14 Championship Round 3: Inniscarra 2-10 Cloughduv 2-1, Glen Rovers 5-5 Watergrasshill 2-2, Ballinascarty 2-6 Brian Dillons 1-2.

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## CamogieChat

**W**ITH the weather again helping, last weekend's fixture programme was another action packed one. Buttevant turned in a superb second half display to book their place in the thirteen a side junior 'B' Final. Michelle O'Keefe, Triona O'Connell and Marie Sheedy had goals to see off the challenge of Castletons. They now await the winners of the Cobh/Bandon tie which takes place on Sunday next in Cobh at 3p.m.

In the junior 'B' shield the result was in doubt up to the final whistle as Carrigaline and St Catherine's battled it out for a semi-final spot. Carrigaline led by a point at the interval after Clodagh Fitzgerald and Andrea Mangan had swapped goals three minutes from the break. On the turn over the lead again changed hands with Mary Mulcahy putting St Catherine's in the driving seat with a tenth minute goal but again Carrigaline drew level with two well taken points. Both sides worked hard for a winner and it came in the shape of a Carrigaline goal from

Clodagh Fitzgerald with seven minutes remaining. St Catherine's cut the deficit with two points but time ran out and it was Carrigaline who advanced to the semi-final.

Saturday's under-age action saw Douglas and Ballinacorney replay the Under 12 'A' league final and again the two sides served up a thrilling contest. Douglas with Julia White, Moira and Aileen O'Donovan superb made no mistake and retained the title at the second time of asking. In the under 16 'C' final Ballinacorney took the title with a victory over Rockban.

Competition continues next weekend in the junior 'B' shield with two quarter finals down for decision, St Finbarrs travel to Aghabullogue to meet the home side while at the Glen Field, Glen Rovers play hosts to Cloughduv both games at 12 noon.

The Junior 'A' and 'B' league semi-finals are also on the agenda for decision. On Saturday at 12 noon St Catherine's and Killeagh meet in an interesting all East Cork clash a venue

for that game will be announced when available, in the second semi-final Valley Rovers and Douglas meet on Sunday in Ballinacorney at 11.30.

In the 'B' semi-finals on Sunday, Sliaha Rua meet Delaney's and Brian Dillon's play Youghal, again venues to be announced here.

Rob Lotty has informed me that Colleges action has once again resumed with the schools now fully back in the swing of things, good to see St Angela's participating in camogie competitions this year while St Aidan's are also hoping to compete this season and this can only augur well for the game at all levels.

Last weekend's County Board collection at the hurling final was a great success and I have been asked to pass on thanks to all who once again showed tremendous support for the venture and to all the clubs who supplied collectors. Clubs are reminded that as and from Monday next the fortnightly County Board meeting will be held Pairc Uí Rinn.





# The Future is Orange

Words: Claire Rogan  
Photos: Cathy McArthur

In the early '90's, Armagh were considered one of the top Camogie counties in Ireland. Junior and Intermediate All-Ireland Championship successes, along with National League titles, and much Ulster glory put them in a position to challenge the kingpins from Cork and Kilkenny. The pundits predicted success. Then something happened. The Orchard County went from one extreme to another. From All-Ireland Champions they failed to field...

Something had to be done...step forward Maggie McKee.

After a successful inter-county career as Armagh's 'last line of defence' the inevitable retirement came around for the Derrynoose stalwart. A spell as an inter-county coach compounded a problem area that had been generally ignored by many of the Ulster Counties. The gap in skill levels in underage, and the 16-18 age group, was glaring.

"It was then that I realised the work that had to be done. Now that my playing days were over, I felt I could contribute, but the work had to start in the area of most neglect - the kids. I had spoken to coaching colleagues in other counties who had realised long before me that a huge problem existed."

In 2002, Maggie McKee became the new Chairperson of the Armagh

Board and with her team in place a new dawn has emerged. As Maggie sees it the future will be bright and will be orange. "I often said as a player that one day I would Chair Armagh. It has always been an ambition, but as a player I never looked beyond my own needs and didn't look at the big picture. I now realise we need to work in many areas to have a successful and healthy future and what worked a generation ago does not apply. Times have changed and as an association we need to change with them."

Maggie has played Camogie all her life and next to her husband of twenty-five years, Paddy and her five children, it is her life. She laughs as she describes the perfect partnership. "Twenty-five years of passing each other in the hallway seems to have worked for us! To be honest Paddy is my anchor. Everywhere I went whether to play for club or County, Paddy has been there one hundred percent. I would never have been able to give the time if Paddy did not support me."

Originally from Middletown Co. Armagh, the young Maggie Connolly moved to Keady and played for St. Patrick's Youth Club until getting married at 18. "The only time away from the pitch was in 1979 when my first son Pat was born. The other four children followed like steps on stairs," said Maggie.

A late calling to the County ranks came in 1990 at the age of 31. She went on to play in Croke Park in 1993, guarding the net for a draw against a highly fancied Galway side. Today's Armagh Senior Manager, Ursula McGivern, also played a key role. The replay in Breffni Park erupted in celebrations never before witnessed in Ulster. Armagh City was brought to a standstill as an open sided lorry paraded the heroes through packed streets. Unbelievable scenes that Maggie would love to return to.

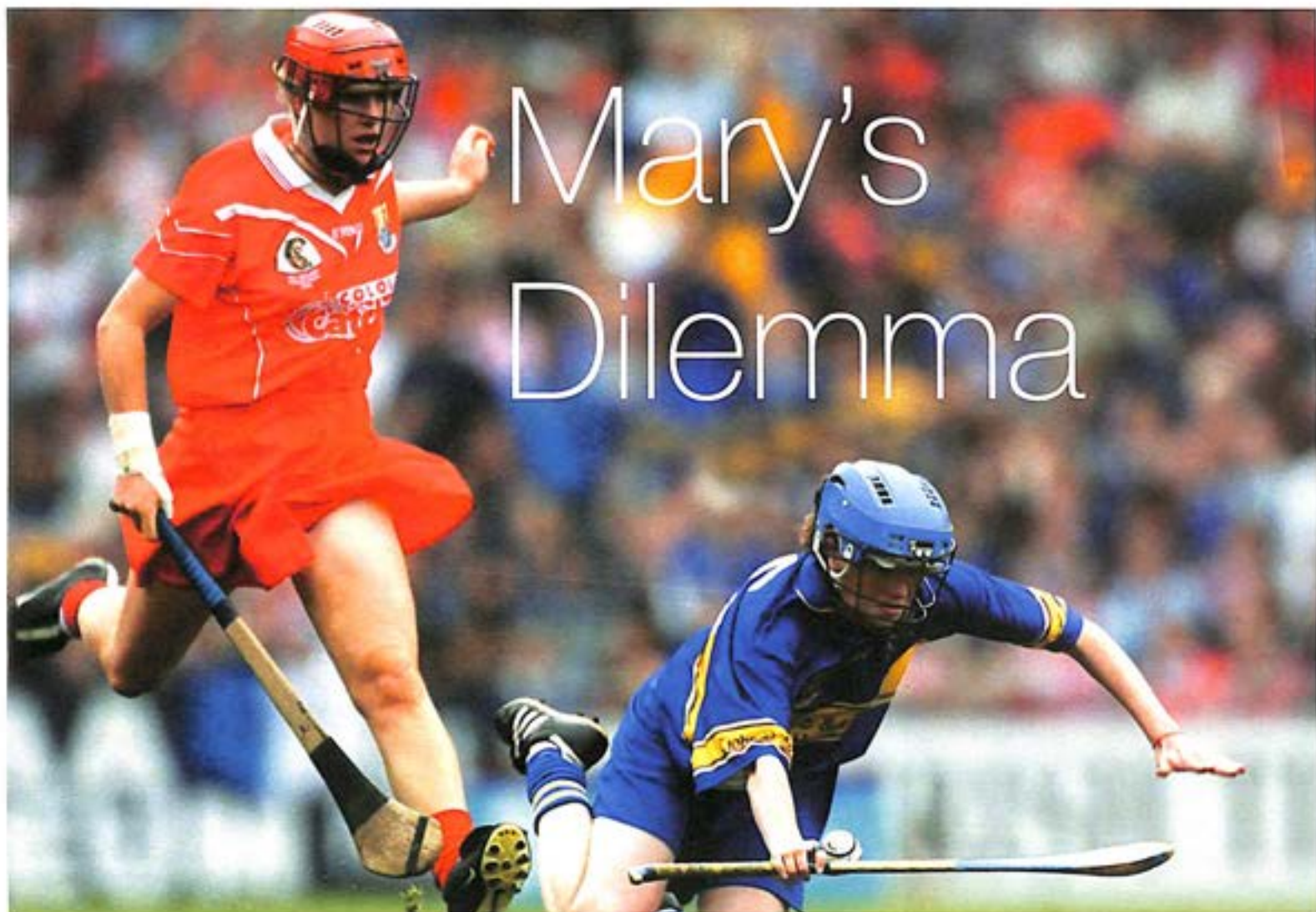
"We lost by a few points in this year's semi-final of the Junior All-Ireland Championship and the girls were gutted, but we did beat Antrim in the Ulster Senior Championship and look forward to the final. I think Armagh have finally turned a corner. We had so much success but others on the outside looking in knew it was not sustainable. Why did we fail to field for two years in a row after 1993 and Intermediate success in '94...? Well many reasons, but no development at underage and a closed shop at the top eventually left the county stagnating. The important thing is that we learn and move on."

As a County Board we are looking at all the aspects of running our sport. Funding is a major problem, but it should never be used as an excuse to do nothing. We have started to run our sport as a business. I think we are the only Camogie county to design and merchandise our uniform. We have a number of business outlets selling our kit and it has proved very successful for all concerned.

We also have a blueprint in place for the schools and intend to create Camogie Development Officer posts in this vital area. Primary and post-primary is where the Board needs to concentrate its efforts. It's too late at twelve, it just doesn't come naturally and we'll end up with the same old bad habits. The clubs in Armagh are fully behind what we are trying to do. We pick the brains of other visionaries in other counties and apply it to Armagh. The important area of promotion is in the hands of our PRO, Eileen Canavan, she is a real star. We have a steady flow of information in the papers which is very important in terms of selling the sport and of course our sponsors especially Mone Fuels who have been our county sponsors for the last two years."

Once again, the 'feel good' factor is returning to Armagh Camogie. With development plans in the pipeline and people of the calibre of Maggie at the helm, the future does indeed look orange!





# Mary's Dilemma

Words: Therese O'Callaghan

Photos: Sportsfile

**M**ary O'Connor knows no bounds. She has been playing inter-county football and camogie with the Rebel County for the past ten years and still wants more. Little wonder too that the 26-year-old is employed as the East Cork Juvenile Coaching Development Officer and just loves everything about sport. However, as with all dual players there are problems. Seven is not enough days in any one week and Sundays should come round more often.

"I was captain of the ladies football team this year and it was a real sickener when both the Camogie and Football League Finals clashed. As if that was not bad enough it happened again when the dates were announced for the first round of the Championships. I was being made to choose all the time, which I think is very unfair."

More unreasonable it would seem was that Mary played in the Camogie final - it was a titanic struggle to overcome Tipperary - opting not to travel to Ennis to play Roscommon and then later that day learning not only had she missed out on captaining Cork to a Division Two football win, but that she was also overlooked as a player when the medals were being dished out. "That was a big gripe with me. Okay I did not expect to get a medal over a player, but steps should have been taken so that the situation should never have arisen in the first place. Both

knew the predicament - definitely Ladies Football did - but there was no budge. Cork tried but the Munster Ladies Football Council would not change the game. I think there are enough Saturdays and Sundays in the year and both organisations should come together prior to the season and jointly pencil in their dates. The way it is at the moment does not give me any chance to play.

I give my allegiance to Camogie simply because there is better commitment from the players here in Cork. I joined the senior county panel in 1996 and these were good times. We won the All-Ireland the following two years. Growing up it was always my number one and I genuinely prefer it. But I have the energy for both. It does not bother me to stay in on a Saturday night."

Notwithstanding that the role of the double star is massively dwindling, the Donoughmore footballer still maintains that there should be a niche for girls if they wish to partake in both games.

"There are six girls presently on the Cork Camogie panel who are equally as good at football and I feel it is unfair to make them select one sport at such a young age when they have the talent for the two. It is not fair on the mentors either from both sides - some days they have players and others they don't. If these girls are made choose it would probably be Camogie and that is a big loss to football in the county."

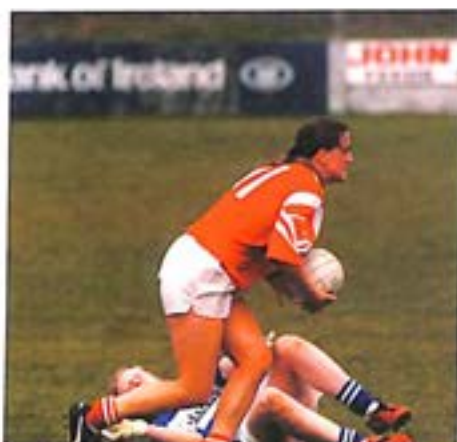
I made the point that like the GAA, where both hurling and football are operated under separate management, it would be difficult for both Camogie and Ladies Football associations to find enough dates to fulfil

their fixture list. Thus the lads have to decide on one or the other.

"Point taken and I do realise that it is difficult with the increased amount of matches. Maybe it could start at club level - it must be possible to cater for both. For the sake of the counties and the clubs something has to be done. It should certainly be open for discussion.

There are more players than me. My colleague Briege Corkery, Meadhbh Nash from Limerick and Noelle Cummins in Clare are all in similar situations. I am asking the powers that be to come together - maybe start with the Provincial Councils and progress to Central Council level.

I love all that is good about Gaelic. I love training, making new friends and meeting the gang. We travel all over the country and I think it is so important for young girls to be involved in the GAA - be it Camogie or Ladies Football. All I am asking for is to have the choice to participate in both."





Pat O'Riordan, Chairman of Cuman Camochta na gCorcaigh, presenting the u-16 12-a-side Cork County championship cup to Jennifer Vaughan after Grenagh defeated had Tracton in the final in Ballincollig last Saturday.

Picture: Tim Buckley



## Juvenile Camogie

# Ballinascorthy edged out by resilient Clonakilty

Clonakilty 1-5  
Ballinascorthy 1-2

CLONAKILTLY had to withstand a tremendous second half rally by Ballinascorthy before edging home in a tightly contested U16C Co. Championship final in Barryroe last Saturday.

Scorers: Clonakilty: S Whelton 1-1, H O'Regan 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45), H Coughlan, J Brennan 0-1 each. Ballinascorthy: L Hennessy, 1-1, C Deasy 0-1 45.  
Clonakilty: E Jennings, C Burke, M Fleming, K O'Brien, C O Mahony, A Deasy, L Kelleher, H O'Regan (V Capt), C Nagle (Capt), M Coone, H Coughlan, J Brennan, S Whelton, C O Leary, U McCarthy, A O'Connor, A Dorgan, K Cullinane, L Collins, A Burke, A Hayes, A Hayes.  
Ballinascorthy: M O'Brien, E Ryan, S Hurley, S Kir-

by: G Condon V Capt, C Deasy (Capt), S Carniffe: L O'Sullivan, E Ryan, L Hennessy, C Walsh, M Condon, S Walsh, M Hennessy, M Carroll, K O'Donovan, T Hegarty, I Cormican (for M Carroll 48mins), D Carroll, M Dullea.  
Referee: Barry Gray (Kinsale)

Grenagh 1-6  
Tracton 1-4

Saturday last was an historic day for Grenagh when they recorded their first Co final victory in the Cork County U16 12 a side championship.

Grenagh laid the foundations for victory in an opening half which yielded all their scores. Norma Hurley centre for-

ward played a key role winning and distributing a lot of ball. They led 1-6 0-3 at the break.

Scorers: Grenagh: A Murphy 1-0, E Vaughan 0-4 (0-1 free), J Vaughan 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45).

Tracton: CK O'Sullivan 1-3 (0-2 free), J Kind 0-1.

Grenagh: A Sheehan, N Sherlock, R Jones, S Sexton, J Vaughan (Capt), E McSweeney, E Vaughan, S Sexton, N Hurley, N Downing, A Murphy, A O'Connell, C Buckley.

Tracton: S Murphy, L Lynch, A Jagoel (Capt), C O Mahony, S Corcoran, J Kind, N Harrington, J Lynch, K O'Sullivan, L Harrington, K Twohig, K Kingston, R Murphy, D Mullane, N Mullane.

Referee: C O'Mahony St. Finbarrs.

## Cloughdub goals seal success

Cloughdub 3-8  
Glen Rovers 3-2

KAREN RIORDAN gave the Glen the lead with an early goal after Cloughdub withstood early pressure from the home side seeing them squander three goal scoring chances in this Junior B contest.

Marie Lucey and Eileen Bradley had points to settle Cloughdub before Marie Kelly tapped home from close range after Orla Murphy saved well in the Glen goal.

Eileen Bradley had a second Cloughdub goal before the break to which Karen Riordan replied for the It was 2-2 to 1-1 in favour of Cloughdub at the interval.

Cloughdub: L Nolan, M Murray, R O'Sullivan, S Corkery, S Lucey, M Lucey, L Holland, C Sullivan, O McCarthy, M Kelly, E Dunne, A McCarthy, E Bradley, Subs: A Dunne for C Sullivan, C Sullivan for A Dunne, A Dunne for A McCarthy.

Glen Rovers: O Murphy, L Davis, K Newman, K Laffin-Lynch, J Murphy, N Nealy, B Walsh, S Egan, A Cuthbert, K Riordan, S Fitzgibbon, B Kenefick, Y O'Donovan, S Collins for N Nealy, A Corcoran for S Collins.

Referee: P Downey Inniscarra

## Title shot for Catherine's

St Catherine's 6-8  
Killeagh 0-4

THE COUNTY champions, St Catherine's, sustained their bid for league honours when they recorded a comfortable victory over Killeagh in the

junior A league semi-final in Dungourney, on Saturday.

St Catherine's: Y O'Neill, O Neville, A Galvin, E Harper, N Mulcahy, E Power, S Noonan, O Cotter, E O'Keefe, D Twomey, M Daly, F Noonan, E Fitzgerald, T Leahy, H Lane.

Subs: P O'Brien for E Fitzgerald, M Collins for F Noonan, K Higgins for O

Neville, K Leahy for H Lane

Killeagh: C Deane, R Collins, C O'Brien, J Mc Carthy, K Kelleher, C Harney, A Manning, L Rohan, C Walsh, A M Walsh, A Walsh, C Tracey, K Linehan, M Smiddy, N O'Donovan, Subs: K Walsh for K Linehan, N Coleman for R Collins.

Referee: C McAlister.

## Junior A final place for Valley Rovers

Valley Rovers 2-14  
Douglas 1-4

VALLEY ROVERS beat Douglas in the junior A league semi-final, and thus qualified to meet St Catherine's in the final.

Valley Rovers: G Harrington, S Deasy, E Cottrell, C O'Riordan, C McSweeney, M Hurley, B Shields, L O'Mahony, M Cottrell, L Hawke's, E Burke, M McCarthy, L Bugler, E O'Mahony, C Deasy, Subs: D Twohig for E O'Mahony, E Foley for M Cottrell.

Douglas: M Maher, F McSweeney, T Buckley, G Carroll, F O'Donovan, A O'Regan, H O'Mahony, C Barry, L O'Regan, V Downey, E Morgan, J O'Donovan, L Walsh, L O'Mahony, G Burke, Subs: N O'Donovan for L Walsh, L Sheehan for V Downey.

Referee: H Kennelly

## Brian Dillon's comeback to win

Brian Dillon's 4-6  
Youghal 2-1

BRIAN DILLON'S turned a half time deficit into victory when they qualified for the Junior League final at the expense of Youghal.

Brian Dillon's: A Finnegan, C O'Mahony, A Dilworth, O Laurence, L Fleming, D Love, S Buckley, E Keane, N Ring, C Horgan, N Garvin, G. Flem-

ing, E Lane, T Drummond  
Youghal: M Slocum, S Cody, A O'Connell, J Twomey, C Tynan, T Byrne, N Cotter, S Cunningham, C O'Brien, S Downing, D Hickey, S Coyne, A Foley, A Corcoran, K McCarthy Delaney's

Delaney's 2-5  
Sliabh Rua 1-5

A close clash saw Delaney's grab a winner four minutes from full time to book their

place in the final. Delaney's led at the break 1-2 to 0-3.

Delaney's: D Golden, L Finnegan, E Cronin, C Cullinane, D Collins, P Lynch, C Slocum, O Collins, T Coleman, C Landon, A Guckin, E Golden, S Keohane, J Forde, C Lynch, Subs: L Lynch for S Keohane.

Sliabh Rua: E O'Regan, C Coleman, M Coleman, M Scully, E O'Brien, A Coleman, T Madden, D Edmunds, J O'Regan, C Broderick, C Cremin, N Horgan, E McCarthy, S Hallissey, G McCarthy-Whitnell.

## Mallow snatch late draw

Mallow 3-3  
Valley Rovers 3-3

by Tim Buckley

MALLOW started better in this closely contested game in the semi final U16 B Championship played in Blarney last Thursday.

By the 19th minute Mallow had 2-3 on the board thanks to great work from Michelle Browne, Faye O'Donoghue, Sinead O'Connor, Sinead Ducey and Karen McAuliffe.

It took 22 minutes for Valley Rovers to register a score — a point from Elma O'Mahony.

Michelle Browne snatched the equaliser for Mallow in the last puck of the game and the replay is down for Ballincollig at 3pm next Saturday.

Inniscarra 3-5  
Ballincollig 2-4

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seemed to play to their true potential in this hard fought U15 Muskerry league semi-final played in Ballynaly last Wednesday and Inniscarra took full advantage of the elements in the second half.

Inniscarra 7-3  
Rockbawn 1-1

IN a one sided affair, Inniscarra took control of this U13A Muskerry League final from the start and by half time were leading 6-1 to 0-1.

Inniscarra 1-1  
Eire Og 1-0

ALL the scoring was done in the first half of this U11A Muskerry League final played in Ballynaly on Wednesday. Inniscarra came under intense pressure in the second half and held out for a famous victory.

### CAMOGIE

Cork Junior A League final: St Catherine's 2-7 Valley Rovers 1-8, Junior B League final: Brian Dillon's 1-4 Delaney's 0-7, Junior B Shield semi-final: Cloughdub 2-9 Carrigrohane 0-3, Junior B Shield quarter-final: Aghabullogue 4-0 St Finbarrs 0-1; U16 B Championship round 4: Eire Og 2-3 Glen Rovers 1-1

### CAMOGIE

Cork Junior A League Semi-Finals: St Catherine's 6-6 Killeagh 0-4; Valley Rovers 2-14 Douglas 1-4, Junior B League Semi-Finals: Delaney's 2-5 Sliabh Rua 1-4; Brian Dillon's 4-6 Youghal 2-1, Junior B Championship 13-A-Side Semi-Final: Cobb 5-5 Bandon 3-8, Junior B Shield 13-A-Side Quarter-Final: Cloughdub 2-6 Glen Rovers 3-2, U16 C Championship final: Clonakilty 1-0 Ballinascorthy 1-2, U16 12-a-side: Grenagh 1-6 Tracton 1-4.





Emma Kingston, captain of Inniscarra's U11 camogie team accepts the U11 Muskerry Perpetual Trophy from Ber O'Brien, Chairperson of the Muskerry Camogie Divisional Board in Ballynaly last Wednesday.

Picture: Tim Buckley

## Buttevant Junior B's bridge 50-year title gap

Buttevant  
Cobh

5-13  
1-1

**B**UTTEVANT bridged a 50-year gap to take their first adult championship trophy since 1948 when they were crowned Junior B 13-a-side county champions.

In 1998 the club was reformed after the original club had disbanded and the hard work at under age level was rewarded on Sunday last.

Cobh, despite having the elements in their favour, had to work hard to stay in contention through the opening half. Grainne Kilcullen gave them an early lead with a fifth minute goal, but Michelle O'Keeffe and Marie Sheedy quickly had Buttevant level.

Cobh edged ahead with a Siobhan Looney point, but three Buttevant goals in 10 minutes helped them gain the upper hand. Norma Healy set up substitute Mary T Foley for the first before Triona O'Connell's pass found Michelle O'Keeffe who made no mistake to finish to the net. Three minutes later O'Keeffe was again tormentor when she struck for

Buttevant's third goal which stretched their interval advantage 3-3 to 1-1.

From the restart, aided by the strong wind, Buttevant came into their own with Dawn Farrell pointing inside a minute. Michelle O'Keeffe and Triona O'Connell extended the advantage with a goal, while at the other end Cobh were kept at bay by the superb Buttevant defence where captain Jan Farrell and Ann Marie Sheedy excelled.

Buttevant continued to pick off points as they extended their lead. Dawn Farrell, Emer Murphy, Michelle O'Keeffe and Triona O'Connell all getting on the score sheet, despite the efforts of a spirited Cobh side for which Grainne Kilcullen impressed.

For Buttevant the efforts of Michelle O'Keeffe, Dawn Farrell, Triona O'Connell and Captain Jan Farrell are deserving of special mention.

**BUTTEVANT:** J O'Hanlon, E Murphy, A M Sheehan, J Farrell, M Sheedy Breen, D Farrell, N Healy, S Hegarty, C Gamell, A Cullen, M O'Keeffe, T O'Connell, sub M. T Foley for A Cullen, T O'Reilly for S Hegarty, T Roche for C Gamell.

**COBH:** C Ronan, M Morgan, L Mc Kiernan, J O'Keeffe, D Meaney, C Forrest, B Kenny, M Kearney, C Horgan, G Kilcullen, S Looney, M Keogh, M Gullifoye.

Referee: K Looney.

## Kilbrittain defeat champs on way to final

Kilbrittain/Timoleague  
Fr O'Neills

0-9  
1-3

**SENIOR B** county champions Kilbrittain/Timoleague caused somewhat of an upset, defeating senior county champions Fr O'Neills to qualify for their first senior camogie league final.

Fr O'Neills held a slender one point advantage at the interval thanks to points from Roisin Corcoran (2) and Fiona O'Driscoll, while Val O'Keeffe and Siobhan Sexton were on target for the Kilbrittain girls.

On the turn over Fr O'Neills extended their advantage inside 10 minutes of the restart when Catherine O'Shea grabbed the game's only goal. Failing to panic the Senior B champions showed fierce determination and dug deep points from Val O'Keeffe and

Siobhan Sexton to cut the deficit before Val O'Keeffe had the sides level with two well struck points.

With their defence holding a tight reign on the O'Neills attack Kilbrittain's confidence grew and indeed again showing the same determination which saw them through the championship campaign they took the lead thanks to a Val O'Keeffe point.

Continuing to pile on the pressure they quickly extended their lead with a Miriam Deasy point before two further points from Val O'Keeffe ensured a place in the final for the John Considine-coached side who had superb performances from Sinead O'Donovan, Deirdre Coughlan and Maebh O'Sullivan, who were magnificent in their defence, while up front, Val O'Keeffe was superb.

## Dillons work hard for Junior B title

Brian Dillons  
Delaneys

3-7  
0-5

**BRIAN DILLONS** took the Junior B league title at the expense of Delaney's at the second time of asking after the sides had ended all square on Sunday last.

Caroline Horgan, who on Sunday last grabbed a vital equaliser for Dillons, had a goal after just four minutes. Delaneys worked hard and were quickly on the scoreboard thanks to a point from Trisha Coleman. Three further points without reply from Trisha Coleman saw Delaneys edge ahead and begin to get a grip on proceedings. Brian Dillons levelled matters four minutes from the interval with a Caroline Horgan point. The sides were deadlocked at the interval as Brian Dillons turned to play with the aid of the strong wind.

Delaneys threw everything at the Brian Dillons defence from the restart and Aoife Finnegan was called upon to bring off four outstanding saves. Trisha Coleman pointed a forty five to edge Delaneys ahead, but again, as happened in last weekend decider, Brian Dillons took over. Three points from Therese Drummond paved the way for Dillons as they began to gain the upper hand aided by the strong wind. Niamh Garvin stretched the advantage with a point.

Delaneys battled on but met strong resistance from the Brian Dillons' defence. Dillons grabbed a vital goal when Niamh Garvin outsmarted the Delaneys defence to snatch her side's second goal. Delaneys tried hard to get back into contention, but it was Brian Dillons who finished stronger with a Niamh Garvin point followed by a Joanne McGrath point that put the result beyond doubt and sealed victory for the Brian Dillons girls for whom Niamh Garvin, Caroline Horgan and Aoife Finnegan were superb.

**BRIAN DILLONS:** A Finnegan, Y Kelleher, A Dilworth, O Laurence, D Love, L Fleming, S Buckley, E Keane, E Lane, C Horgan, T Drummond, G Buckley, N Garvin, J McGrath, Sub C O'Mahony for E Love.

**DELANEYS:** D Golden, L Finnegan, E Cronin, C Callinane, D Collins, C Sloane, P Lynch, K Landon, O Collins, J Forde, T Coleman, C Lynch, S Keohane, A Guckin, E Golden, Subs: L Lynch for S Keohane, J Whelan for D Collins, C Allen for L Finnegan.

## Buttevant go on scoring spree

BUTTEVANT  
NA PIARSAIGH

6-6  
0-2

**BUTTEVANT** booked their place in the under 18 C County Final with an impressive victory over Na Piarasigh in Buttevant.

Michelle O'Keeffe was top scorer for the winners and there were superb defensive displays from Sarah Breen, Tracy Roche and Emer Murphy.

**BUTTEVANT:** D O'Keeffe, E Murphy, A M Sheehan, M Roche, S Green, M Sheedy, T O'Reilly, D Farr, N Healy, A Cullen, C Gamell, S Hegarty, M O'Keeffe, T O'Connell, M T Foley, Subs: L Harrington for A Cullen, D Daly for E Murphy, M O'Keeffe for T Roche, F O'Connell for T O'Connell, E Harrington for N Healy.

**NA PIARSAIGH:** C Lynch, T Lynch, A Murphy, A Burke, C Croke, M Morrison, L Burns, P Kearney, C Kearney, R Twobig, M Martin, T Mc Carthy, L Keating, N O'Donovan.

Referee: M O'Halloran - Churchtown.

● **CAMOGIE REWARD:** The Tipperary Camogie Supporters Club have arranged a number of fund raisers to raise €50,000 to help bring the All-Ireland Senior Camogie champions to Florida for a holiday next Easter.

Fund raising events will include the sale of a special Tipperary camogie calendar to mark the centenary of the Camogie Association in 2004; a challenge match between the girls and the All-Ireland Masters Hurling champions from Tipperary when the men will wear skirts and the production of a book on the history of camogie in Co Tipperary.

## St Catherine hold off Rovers challenge

St Catherine's  
Valley Rovers

2-7  
1-8

**ST CATHERINES** made it a league/championship double when they retained their Junior A League crown at the expense of the same opposition whom they defeated in the county final in Ballincollig on Sunday last.

Through the opening half little divided the sides. Orla Cotter and Elaine Burke had swapped points twice from placed balls before Denise Twomey edged St Catherine's ahead with points in the 15th and 17th minutes.

Valley Rovers were quickly back on level terms but it was St Catherine's who finished the half in the lead thanks to a Denise Twomey

point. Elaine Burke had Valley Rovers level inside three minutes, but St Catherine's hit the front eight minutes

into the half when Denise Twomey evaded the Valley Rovers defence to shoot to the net. A pointed Orla Cotter free extended the advan-

tage before Elaine Burke cut the deficit. St Catherine's pressed and when Denise Twomey hand passed to the net with 12 minutes remaining the gap was beginning to

widen. With three minutes of normal time remaining Lucey Hawke's threw Valley Rovers a life line with a well taken goal.

## Cloughduv, Aghbullogue always in control

Cloughduv  
Carrigaline

2-9  
0-3

Aghbullogue  
St Finbarr's

4-0  
0-1

Cloughduv advanced to the final of the 13 a side Junior B shield when they had a 2-9 to 0-3 victory over Carrigaline. The sides were evenly matched through the opening half but in the sec-

ond Cloughduv had too much power with Orla Mc Carthy and Emma Dunne impressing in the march to the final.

In the quarter final Aghbullogue booked their place and set up an all mid Cork semi-final meeting with neighbours Inniscarra when they had a 4-0 to 0-1 victory over St Finbarr's. First half goal from Katie Crowley and

Ger O'Sullivan laid the foundations for Aghbullogue's victory. In the second half Crowley grabbed two further goals to complete a successful outing for the mid Cork girls.

Eire OG  
Glen Rovers

2-3  
1-1

In the Glen Field Eire OG came away with a victory af-

ter a hard fought Under 18 B round four championship game with the home side. Points from Catriona O'Leary helped Eire Og to a 0-3 to 0-1 interval lead. On the resumption both defences came under pressure. A Glen goal from Lydia Cunningham edged her side into the lead but Eire Og fought back with two majors to take the points.



# Granagh/Ballingarry seek All-Ireland camogie 'hat-trick'



By JEROME O'CONNELL

GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY go in search of their third All-Ireland senior club camogie title this Sunday.

At 2.45 in Cusack Park, Mullingar, Galway champions Davitts provide the opposition.

The Limerick side's previous titles were won in 1998 and 1999 — in the latter Davitts were also the opponents.

Davitt's hail from the Woodford/Duniry/Tynagh area of East Galway.

"For the last three seasons they were beaten in the Galway County Final, by Pearse's who went on to capture All-Ireland honours on each occasion", explained Granagh/Ballingarry centre forward, Eileen O'Brien.

"They have a lot of county senior players and had players on the county Junior team that won the All-Ireland title earlier in

the month."

Among their better known players are Anne Broderick, sister of inter-county hurler, Kevin and Lourda Kavanagh, who is their scorer in chief.

Twenty-one year old Eileen O'Brien is one of half a dozen players that have progressed to the Limerick club's senior team from the All-Ireland U14 Féile winning team of the early 1990's.

"We won the All-Ireland community games the same year. Six or seven of us were on that team and have been playing and training together since, with the club, school (St Mary's Charleville) and county", said O'Brien, who is in her fourth year of studies for a Business and Computers Degree in Limerick Institute of Technology.

Granagh/Ballingarry have won the last eight Limerick titles, but their desire for more national success stems from a defeat in 2000 — Derry's Swatragh surprised the Limerick side, 2-8 to 1-7 in the All-Ireland semi final

as the Limerick side attempted for a hat-trick of titles.

Said Eileen: "We have a good lot on the county panel and a few that played before and nearly everyone played underage with Limerick. Different players would have All-Ireland senior club medals and All-Ireland senior colleges medals — we are all experienced, so there should be no fear and should be no nerves."

O'Brien was full of praise for team manager Mike Chawke.

"For the past few years Mike has brought along the underage and this year we also had a senior B team, so we now have a panel of about 30 for Sunday's final."

Team: Breda O'Brien, Amy McCarthy, Laura Leslie (capt), Maureen O'Gorman, Kay Burke, Ber Chawke, Deirdre Sheehan, Marie Collins, Vera Sheehan, Jean Cullinane, Eileen O'Brien, Aoife Sheehan, Joanne Clifford, Meadh Nash, Fiona Morrissey.

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# Clare's Marie keen to drive Granagh/ Ballingarry to honours in Mullingar

By JEROME O'CONNELL

MARIE Collins forms one half of an impressive midfield partnership for Granagh/Ballingarry as they face Davitts in the final of the All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Championship.

Centre forward for the Galway club side is Deirdre Murphy.

Just four years ago the two players were teammates on the Clare camogie team that won All-Ireland intermediate honours.

While members of the Clare side, the two were also chosen on the Rest of Ireland team, who played All-Ireland senior champions, Tipperary.

A native of the County Clare village of Scariff, Marie Collins works and lives in Limerick and therefore transferred, from club side Bodyke, to Granagh/Ballingarry.

Until this season, Murphy played her camogie with Quin/Clooney, but is now a central figure with the East Galway side.

"I know Deirdre very well, we would have played together for Clare for about four or five years. I would also have played club against her — I was centre back and she would have been centre forward", explained Collins, who is manager of Sports 2000 on Limerick's William St.

Her former county colleague joked that she is "relieved" not to have to

mark Collins.

"Maire is superb, she is one of the best players in Ireland. With herself, the Sheehans and Eileen O'Brien we will be up against it, but we feel we can beat them", said Murphy, who played with Clare, earlier in the month, in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final.

"We are quietly confident. I am really looking forward to it. Granagh/Ballingarry are an excellent team, but we will not be in awe of them."

Collins played with Clare for 14 years, winning two All-Ireland intermediate titles and two county club titles.

"This is my second season with Granagh/Ballingarry. I

actually played against them with Bodyke in the Munster club championship in 1998 or 1999. I had finished playing with Clare when I came to Granagh/Ballingarry — I am 31 now, but playing with them has given me back my appetite for camogie", she said.

"It is brilliant for me to get to a club final. Everything with Granagh/Ballingarry is so professional. Mike Chawke's training schedule is made out two months in advance, so you know where you stand."

Despite winning the Limerick championship for the past eight years, All-Ireland honours were only achieved in 1998 and 1999.



The St Mary's School, Charleville, camogie players who were members of the All-Ireland Cork minor A final winning team. Included are Mary Coleman, Ballyhea, Sarah Sexton, Milford, Tina Shanahan, Newtownshandrum, Edwina Waters, Ballyhea, Aine Watson and Anna Geary both of Milford.

## CAMOGIE

All Ireland Senior Club final: Granagh - Ballingarry (Limerick) 1-10 (M Nash 1-0, E O'Brien 0-5 (0-4 frees), J Clifford 0-3, J Cullinane 0-1, V Sheehan 0-1 free) Davitts (Galway) 1-6 (L Kavanagh 1-4 (0-2 frees), O Forde and M Kelly 0-1 each). Junior final: Granagh/Ballingarry (Limerick) 2-5 (D Lundy 2-0, P McAvoy 0-2, S Leneghan 0-2 (0-1 free), AM Cummins 0-1) Droichead (Offaly) 0-6 (M Lynch 0-3 (0-2 free), K Nugent 0-2 frees, E Corcoran 0-1).

Cork Co Juvenile Camogie U16 B semi-final: Mallow 1-5 Valley Rovers 1-2. Muskerry Juvenile Camogie: U15 League semi final: Inniscarra 3-5 Ballincollig 2-4. U12A League final: Inniscarra 7-3 Rockbawn 1-1. U12B League final: Eire Og 3-4 Ballinora 2-0. U11A League final: Inniscarra 1-1 Eire Og 1-0. U11B League final: Blarney 5-0 Ballinora 1-0. J B 13-A-Side championship final: Buttevant 5-13 Cobh 1-1. J B League final Replay: Brian Dillon's 3-7 Delany's 0-5. SL semi-final: Kilbrittain/Timoleague 0-10 Fr O'Neill's 1-3. J B Shield 13-A-Side quarter-final: Inniscarra 5-4 Aghabullogue 2-9. U18 Championship: Rockbawn 5-13 Ballygarvan 3-4. Rockbawn 5-10 Ballinacorney 1-7. Barryroe 3-10 Glen Rovers 1-3. Rockbawn 2-7 St Finbarr's 0-0.

## CAMOGIE

Munster College senior championship: Coachford 4-6 Fermoy 3-12; Mercy Waterford 2-9 Bandon 1-6; Newcastlewest 0-1 Scariff 4-9; Borrisoleigh 4-3 Roscrea 3-6. Senior League: Waterford 4-6 Thurles 0-8; Charleville (b) 0-3 Carrigaline 1-1; Nenagh 3-7 Bandon 3-8.



Murphy

In loving memory of NÓIRÉN, late of Old Youghal Road, who died on November 11, 1985. On her soul Sweet Jesus have mercy. Masses offered. (Always remembered, Thomas).

## CamogieChat

TITLES at adult level for Buttevant and Brian Dillon's while Inniscarra booked their place in the junior shield final, at under age level Mallow booked their place in the under 16B final as clubs continue to make progress in the under 18 championship competition.

In 1998 camogie was reorganised in the Buttevant club following a lapse of over twenty five years. Good work at under age levels saw titles annexed before the ultimate on Sunday last when the Junior B thirteen a side found its way to north Cork. Cobh provided the opposition but found the going tough against a Buttevant side who despite playing against the gale force wind led at the break 3-3 to 1-1.

From the start of the second half Buttevant really showed their strength as they added 4-10 to their tally without reply. Michelle O'Keefe was the heroine helping herself to three goals while Mary T Foley and Triona O'Connell were also on target with goals. With their first adult trophy now safely secured the club under the guiding influences of Phil Healy and Sheila Crowley can enjoy the celebrations.

There were celebrations also for Brian Dillon's who defeated Delany's to take the Junior B league title when the sides replayed in Ballincollig. With Caroline Horgan getting an early Brian Dillon's took the lead, Trisha Coleman with three points had the sides level and as the same players swapped points it was level at the interval.

Delany's edged ahead from the restart but aided by the wind Brian Dillon's gradually took control in the second half, four unanswered points before two goals from Niamh Garvin and Joanne McGrath aw the title on its way to the Tank Field.

Congratulations to Niall McLoughlin who has worked so hard for the game of camogie, I know

that he and his fellow mentors also enjoy the celebrations.

Senior B champions Kilbrittain/Timoleague caused somewhat of a surprise as they defeated county champions Fr O'Neill's to deservedly book their place in the senior league final.

Val O'Keefe made a huge contribution with six points of their total. Miriam Deasy, Siobhan Sexton and Eibhlin O'Regan were also on target. They now await the winners of the Aghabullogue/Milford semi final with the final pencilled in for Nov 30.

Inniscarra advanced to the junior B shield final with four points to spare over neighbours Aghabullogue. Goals from Catriona O'Connell, Mary Buckley and Clare Moloney helped secure victory in a high scoring clash.

In under 18 championship there were wins for Rockbawn, Buttevant Barryroe as competition in the grade draws to its conclusion with all results to be in for Nov 17.

At national level Limerick side Granagh Ballingarry took the All Ireland club title defeating Galway side Davitt's with four points to spare.

In under age divisional finals over the weekend in Seandun Douglas took the under 11 A title while Bishopstown took the B honours, out in Muskerry there were titles in under 13 A for Inniscarra and Eire Og while Inniscarra took the under 11 A with Blarney the B.

Sunday will see the last inter county competition begin as Cork entertain Limerick in the under 18 championship at Delany's at 2.30.

It's an all Mid Cork Junior B plate final with Inniscarra and Cloughduv meeting in Ovens at 11a.m, while in the Seandun division their under 15 club blitz takes place in Blackrock starting at 12 noon.

## CAMOGIE

Cork Colleges Second Year Blitz - Group A - Nagle Rice 2-1 Fermoy 0-1; Cobh 0-1 Ballyphehane 0-1; Ballyphehane 3-0 Fermoy 2-1; Nagle Rice 3-3 Cobh 1-0; Fermoy 0-0 Cobh 0-1; Nagle Rice 4-2 Ballyphehane 1-0. Group B: Carrigrohane 2-2 Coláiste an Phiaraisigh 1-4; Carrigrohane 4-1 Coláiste Cholim 4-2; Coláiste an Phiaraisigh 2-0 Coláiste Cholim 4-5. Group C: Blarney 3-0 Davis College (Mallow) 1-2; Ballincollig Community School 2-2 Kinsale 0-1; Blarney 1-0 Ballincollig CS 2-4; Kinsale 5-3 Davis College 0-0; Ballincollig CS 2-4 Blarney 0-0; Ballincollig CS 5-2 Davis College 1-0. Semi-finals: Coláiste Cholim 1-5 Kinsale 1-0; Nagle Rice 2-0 Ballincollig CS 1-1; Final: Coláiste Cholim 1-3 Nagle Rice 1-2. Munster Colleges Senior B quarter-finals: Ennis 6-9 Shannon 1-2; Roscrea 2-6 Borrisoleigh 3-3; Carrigaline 3-5 Ursulines Thurles 1-4; Scariff 4-9 Newcastle West 0-1.



# Granagh-Ballingarry 'hat-trick'

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Granagh-Ballingarry 1-10  
Davitts 1-06

GRANAGH-Ballingarry realised their dream at a wet and windy Mullingar on Sunday when they blew Davitt's aside to claim their third All-Ireland club senior camogie championship.

It was a victory richly deserved against a less experienced team and one which will rank up there with the best.

Granagh Ballingarry held most of the aces, with captain Laura Leslie magnificent in the heart of defence, Deirdre Sheehan master of all she surveyed at half back and Vera Sheehan providing a splendid service from midfield to Eileen O'Brien, Joanne Clifford and Meadhbh Nash.

Only once over the hour were the winners walking a knife edge and that was just after the interval when, favoured by the wind, Davitts cut arrears to two points, 0-6 to 0-4.

Scouting that danger might be just around the corner.

Granagh-Ballingarry, with that seasoned look about them, raised their game to a different level. Within another six minutes had the title in the bag, at 1-8 to 0-5, with Meadhbh Nash having claimed their goal with a beautiful strike from the edge of the square.

What was totally unacceptable about the 2003 final was the delayed start, with the ball thrown in a full 20 minutes after the appointed time. Both teams were on the pitch well in advance but for some reason the authorities kept them waiting around in the rain. This after all, was meant to be the showpiece of the camogie season.

When the match eventually got going the wind was at its strongest and the rain at its heaviest. Davitts had to play into the elements and exerted so much energy in keeping their goal intact that they had that drained look about them in the final quarter.

To their credit they kept an all action Granagh-Ballingarry scoreless for almost 10

minutes. Time after time, Rita and Anne Broderick denied opponents. Keeper Michelle Tynan had to be on full alert as Eileen O'Brien, Jean Cullinane and Joanne Clifford raided menacingly down the flanks. That the winner's were stalled for so long was not always due to the brilliance of Davitts; six wides inside the same number of minutes of dominance told its own story.

Seven minutes had elapsed before the Galway girls, with their backs to the wall, forced their way over the half way line.

Once Joanne Clifford got Granagh Ballingarry off the mark confidence soared. Joanne Clifford tackled on another. The rain eased off, the wind dropped and Davitts were given a lift when Deirdre Murphy opened their account.

With their early bout of nerves over them, the Limerick side proceeded to play like champions. They needed to because Davitts looked accomplished and possessed a fine talent in full forward Lourda Kavanagh.

Enjoying most of the play, Granagh-Ballingarry, thanks to Eileen

O'Brien (3) and Vera Sheehan, eased into a commanding 0-6 to 0-2 interval lead.

It might have been more had Meadhbh Nash not overran the ball when put through by O'Brien and, of course, all those wides at the start of the contest.

Davitts might have felt cheated in that the rain had by now disappeared and the wind reduced to half strength.

They started the second half with plenty of promise, Kavanagh and Olivia Forde sending over points.

'Keeper Breda O'Brien, who seen little of the action, made a telling save from Olivia Forde.

Granagh-Ballingarry, who had been through all this before, acknowledged their wake up call had sounded and Nash restored a three points advantage.

Cullinane made life even more comfortable.

With Kay Burke, Ber Chawke and Deirdre Sheehan leading from the back, Granagh-Ballingarry had the issue in safe keeping after 40 minutes. Jean Cullinane made

inroads along the left wing, parted to Meadhbh Nash and she flashed the

ball past Michelle Tynan. At 1-8 to 0-5 there was no way back for Davitts, whose heads were now starting to drop.

Olivia Forde gave them renewed hope but Eileen O'Brien put them firmly back in their place with two rapid-fire points. By now Davitts had that tired look about them.

With five minutes remaining, Lorda Kavanagh finally got the goal her efforts deserved, but Granagh Ballingarry, solid in all departments, were merely asked to play out time.

Given the conditions there was plenty of quality play from both teams.

Years of experience in the big time certainly stood to the new champions. Their teamwork was excellent, they carved some fine scores and on the few occasions that the pressure was applied they confidently played themselves out of trouble.

There wasn't a weak link in their make up, and most important of all their fitness levels were superb.

Davitt's, losing their second final, were mainly chasing the game but their eagerness was such that they kept interest



Granagh Ballingarry, crowned All Ireland club champions in Cusack Park, Mullingar.

alive to the end.

There was tremendous excitement and some emotional scenes as Laura Leslie accepted the All-Ireland trophy.

Granagh-Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien; Aimee McCarthy, Laura Leslie (captain), Maureen

O'Gorman, Kay Burke, Ber Chawke, Deirdre Sheehan; Marie Collins, Vera Sheehan 0-1; Jean Cullinane 0-1, Eileen O'Brien 0-5, Aoife Sheehan, Joanne Clifford (0-3), Meadhbh Nash 1-0, Fiona Morrissey.

Davitts: Michelle

Tynan; Orla Watson, Kelly 0-1. Sub. Anne Marie Broderick for Watson. Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin). The Cusack Park authorities must be complimented on their arrangements for the final.



Time to celebrate for Granagh-Ballingarry

Milford had it tough despite flattering scoreline

Milford 6-11  
Aghabullogue 2-5

DESPITE the scoreline Milford had to fight hard to book their place in the senior Camogie League final as they defeated spirited Aghabullogue side at Delaney's lining out short several of their regulars the Mid Cork side showed plenty of determination, but Milford's ability to pick off their scores was the crucial factor as they advanced to a final meeting with Senior B county Champions Kilbrittan/Timoleague. Milford led at the break 3-4 to 1-2 after Regina Curtin had opened the scoring with a Milford point.

Three goals from Noelle O'Riordan, Anna Geary and Emer Watson had the North Cork girls in command while Maura O'Leary kept Aghabullogue in touch with a goal. Marie Watson and Joan Twomey twice swapped points before the interval while Regina Curtin further extended the Milford advantage with similar scores.

From the resumption Aghabullogue gave it their all, but the stronger Milford were always that bit sharper. Impressive full forward Anna Geary, Noelle O'Riordan and Emer O'Friel all added goals to which 12-year-old Michelle Healy replied for Aghabullogue with a well taken goal.

Mary Buckley had three Aghabullogue points but the strength of Milford shone through with Marie Watson, Anna Geary, Emer O'Friel and Emer Watson all pointing.

Milford: J. Sheehy, L. Healy, E. O'Riordan, A. Dillan, S. Sexton, T. McLaughlin, D. Hayes, R. Curtin, A. Watson, M. Watson, L. Long, E. O'Friel, E. Watson, A. Geary, N. O'Riordan, Sub S. Carroll for S. Sexton.

Aghabullogue: Mairéad Twomey, M. Ennequess, S. Buckley, Mary Twomey, B. Twomey, J. Twomey, C. Murphy, F.

Buckley, J. Crowley, M. O'Leary, D. Twomey, M. Twomey, M. Healy, M. Buckley, O. McSwiney, Ref. Collette O'Mahony St. Finbarr's



# Marie Costine queen of camogie

**M**ARIE COSTINE is one of a family of 14, seven sisters and seven brothers. But she is also one of a hundred greats, and was recently recognised as one of the hundred greatest sports heroes of Cork.

The Cloyne woman is the holder of eight Cork Senior championship medals. She captained Cloyne to win the Cork Intermediate Camogie Championship of 1973 when her six sisters also played in the same team.

"That occasion is one that stands out in my memory, and indeed all our memories," says Marie.

"Another would be the Junior County Final against Eire-Og when hundreds of spectators were leaving the stands with 10 minutes to go, when hey presto, I scored one goal and Ber scored two goals within three minutes.

"That was a match we won't forget, neither will Eire Ogl!" Marie's sisters, Rita, Bernadette, Geraldine, Bunnie, Aislin and Kathleen all nod their heads in agreement. "It was a particularly proud day for our parents too," says Marie.

The girls agree that Joanne and Michael were instrumental in their camogie careers.

"Dad always encouraged us to play. Because there were 14 of us in the family, we had a ready made team," says Marie.

"We played with the lads,

## Christina Dunne talks to Cloyne legend Marie Costine on her career

which toughened us up, and playing with them made us very used to each other's moves. So when we went on to play for our club or county, the Costine sisters had an advantage, insofar that each of us knew exactly where the other was at all times and we could set up a ritual of play up and down the field."

The Costine girls have 13 All Ireland medals between them and 35 county medals. Each of their homes boasts medals and trophies from one end to the other.

"Mine have been put at the back of the presses," jokes Bunnie, mother of the famous Donal Og.

It is well known in sporting circles that Marie Costine ranks as one of the most accomplished full backs ever to grace the game of camogie. She read the game intelligently and positioned herself ideally to gain possession or put in a telling tackle. Tall, strong and very mobile, she had superb ball control that enabled her to get out of the most difficult situations.

"All those skills came from playing with my brothers and sisters," says Marie. "And, of course, from all the other kids as well, who lived in the terrace when I was growing up."

Marie was also privileged to be trained by the King of the sliothar, Christy Ring. "He was brilliant," says Marie.

"He used to get us to strike the sliothar from various distances and land in a bucket which he kept moving.

"I used to practice that for hours by myself.

"Christy always sent me in to goal and at first his shots were very tame, but when they gathered momentum, they went past me like bullets. Christy always advised me that wrist work was vital and I tried always to take his advice."

Later on Marie coached her nephew, Donal Og in the same way.

"He'd come over to me, when he was no more than a toddler and I got him to aim the ball at the bucket, just like Christy Ring taught me."

Marie says her dedication for the game was definitely motivated by her mother and father.

"They encouraged us to play sport from an early age, and all of us, whether it be camogie, football, tennis or volleyball, have excelled through the years as a result.



Marie Costine clears the ball in the Cork v Antrim All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park in 1973.

"I remember when Mam couldn't get a spin to one of our matches, she'd hire a car," says Marie.

"She was very ill in 1992, but refused to miss the All Ireland against Galway. She had to be wheeled to her seat."

Joanne died in 1993, but she witnessed many of her daughter's greatest sporting

moments.

"The present players are a lot fitter, but to me the attendances at games have not improved that much from my time.

"All the young people of today want to do is watch television and play on their computers and I think a lot of outdoor sports are suffering in a big way," says Marie.

Marie retired at the age of 40 after giving 20 years of playing service at the top.

"I enjoyed every minute of it. Camogie gave me friends, a social life, many happy memories and many achievements to be proud of."

Marie is queen without a doubt. Her sporting honours in camogie deserve a royal seal.

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## Watson sisters lead the rout as Cork U18 team reaches Munster final

Cork  
Limerick

8-25  
1-1

THE huge gap in standards was evident from early in this Munster under 18 championship semi-final at Delaney's.

Cork quickly got to grips with the task in hand and had three points in as many seconds thanks to the accuracy of Marie O'Neill and Marie Watson.

Two goals from the Watson sisters Marie and Emer, plus two points from Marie O'Neill saw Cork dominant before Sinead McAuliffe opened the Limerick scoring with a pointed free to which Anna Geary replied.

Limerick's Maebh Nash gave her side a boost with a well struck goal 16 minutes into the contest, but it failed to have the desired effect as Cork simply upped the pace with two Emer Watson goal before the break plus points from Anna Geary, Breige Corkery Marie O'Neill and Marie Watson to lead comfortably 4-12 to 1-1 at the break.

While the result was by now inevitable both sides still contested every ball with determination through the second half as Cork continued to hold the upper hand. Further goals from Marie Watson, Michelle Hegarty, and Marie O'Neill simply further stretched the Cork lead as they picked off points at will with good performances from Sile Burns, Marie O'Neill, Michelle Hegarty and Anna Geary. Cork now have a Munster final meeting with Tipperary on Nov 23rd.

Teams: Cork: D Twomey, J Lynch, E O'Riordan, M Donovan, S Burns, C Foley, M Hegarty, B Corkery, A Geary, M Mc Carthy, M O'Neill, C Murphy, E Watson, M Watson, M Coleman Subs: N Collins for C Murphy, E Waters for A Geary, O Coughlan for M Coleman, G Kearney for M O'Donovan, F Buckley for M Mc Carthy.

Limerick: D Carroll, C Carroll, S O'Mahony, S O'Donnell, S Brosnan, J Clifford, T. Mulcare, C Mulcahy, C Hickey, M Sheehan, A O'Connell, S McAuliffe, M McGrath, N Collins, L Nash, Subs: M Corkery for M McGrath, M Sheedy

for S Brosnan, F Morrissey for N Collins, S Sheedy for C Carroll, F Hickey for A O'Connor. Ref J Morrissey Tipperary.

## Cloughduv win shield

Cloughduv  
Inniscarra

34  
1-3

CLOUGHDUV took the inaugural Junior B shield title when they had too much experience for Inniscarra in an exciting final in Ovens.

This year the county board decided to introduce a competition for clubs with second teams and the competition certainly brought renewed interest.

Sunday's final certainly was of a very high standard. Louise Holland had Cloughduv ahead with an early goal and when Orla McCarthy stretched the advantage with a point Cloughduv were in the driving seat. Cloughduv had stretched their lead to eight points with an Eileen Bradley goal before Inniscarra set-

led with a pointed Mary Buckley free. Cloughduv led 2-2 to 0-3 at the interval.

From the resumption Inniscarra showed their determination and were rewarded with a Catherine O'Leary goal. Louise Holland and Orla McCarthy gave Cloughduv breathing space with points as they again stretched the advantage to four. Rita McSullivan had the final say as she grabbed a Cloughduv goal on full time.

Cloughduv: L Nolan, R Sullivan, S Corkery, S Lucey, E Dunne, M Murray, O McCarthy, L Holland, C McSullivan, M Lucey, M Kelly, E Bradley, A McCarthy Inniscarra: N Healy, M O'Sullivan, N O'Brien, R McCarthy, A O'Mahony, C Maloney, C O'Callaghan, M Buckley, C O'Connell, E O'Sullivan, M Lynch, M Cosgrave, C O'Leary. Subs: S Ni Riann for N Healy, N McSweeney for M Lynch, S O'Connor for C Maloney.

## Eire Óg continue their impressive run

Eire Óg  
Clonakilty

2-6  
0-1

Eire Óg continued to impress in the under 18 B championship when they took the points at the expense

of Clonakilty in the round robin championship series.

The victors set the foundations for victory in the opening half as they led 2-2 to no score at the break the goals coming from Erin Cork-

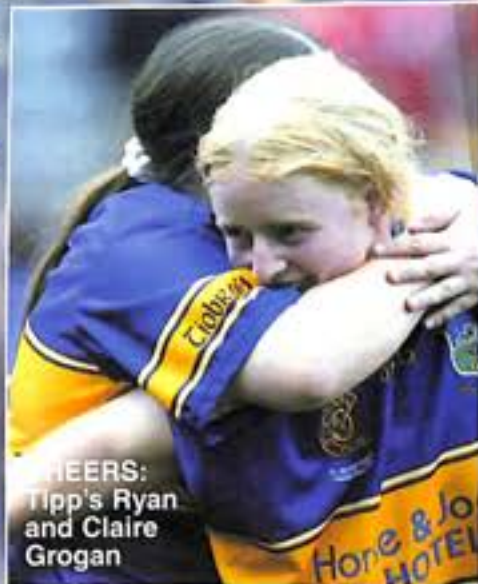
ery with Clare McKenna and Clare Purcell adding points.

From the resumption Eire Óg held the upper hand on a hard working Clonakilty attack who found it hard to breach the strong

Eire Óg defence. Ciara McKenna and Clare Purcell notched up further points before Hazel O'Regan got one back for a Clonakilty side who had to give best to more experienced Mid Cork side.



# Tipp stick it out 'till very end



**CHEERS:** Tipp's Ryan and Claire Grogan

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**T**HE Chicks with Sticks revolution continued apace this year, with Tipperary beating 2002 champions Cork in a thrilling All-Ireland senior final.

The new round-robin format for the camogie championship provided teams with more games than ever before.

Preparations are already underway to celebrate their Centenary Year in 2004.

There are even hopes that next year's All-Ireland camogie final could be played prior to the senior hurling decider.

The Association has even appointed a full-time Sponsorship and Marketing Manager — a move which is unprecedented in Irish ladies' sport.

Galway native Sinead O'Connor was appointed in July this year and is confident that the

**GORDON MANNING** salutes the thrilling efforts of All-Ireland camogie champions Tipperary as they look for further success



popularity of the sport will continue in an upward trend.

"The standard of the game has definitely risen, and the new format benefited all the teams by way of getting more games," said O'Connor.

"The All-Ireland final between Cork and Tipperary was attended by over 16,000 spectators and RTE had an average of 224,000 viewers for the game."

But the 27-year-old, who played camogie back home in Moycullen, admits that the year wasn't without its disappointments.

"The semi-finals were disappointing, because they were two poor games unfortunately."

"They were played before the All-Ireland U-21 hurling semi-final between Galway

and Tipperary in Ennis. "And it seemed to make sense for us to play our semi-finals there also."

"We got few chances to show off our game and this was one, so it was disappointing that both semis were so one-sided."

"However, both the senior and junior finals certainly made up for it and that was encouraging."

Cork and Tipperary have dominated the game in recent times.

**So Tipp's All-Ireland victory was revenge.**

after the Rebels had beaten them in the 2002 final.

However, their supremacy is set to be seriously tested in the near future.

"Part of our plans are to help develop the teams that have nearly made the breakthrough, so that competition increases."

"The standard of the game has continued to rise and there is a much more professional approach to team preparation now."

"We are trying to promote the game, raise its public profile and bring in sponsorship."

"We need a DJ Carey-type figure for camogie — somebody that we can market to the general public and we are keeping our eyes open."

"Next year will be huge for the Association because of the Centenary."

"We have already started to make plans for the future and it is all geared now towards keeping camogie in the news — and improving and bettering the game's coverage and image right across the country," O'Connor concluded.



**LADIES WITH AN ATTITUDE:** Tipperary players celebrate (above) Cork fans (left) and (far left) Tipp's Una O'Dwyer lifts the Cup



**BLOW:** An upset Rachel Moloney of Cork after the final whistle goes

**● TIPP AWARDS:** SPORTS stars from all over Tipperary and from twelve different sports have been chosen by the Tipperary United Sports Panel for this year's Cidona Awards.

The list includes hurler Brendan Cummins, snooker champion Brendan O'Donoghue, world handball champion Kevin Collins, Clonmel boxing club, Irish amateur champion jockey Alan Crowe, camogie star Eimear McDonnell and Cahir GAA club which this year won the county senior football championship for the first time.

The full list of award winners is **Athletics:** Templemore A.C. **Basketball:** G. Dwyer, Presentation Thurles. **Boxing:** Clonmel club. **Camogie:** E. McDonnell, Burgess. **Cycling:** R. Clarke, Clonmel. **Gaelic Football:** Cahir club. **Handball:** F. Collins, Ballina Horse Racing. **A. Crowe, Bansha. Hurling:** Brendan Cummins, Ballybacon/Grange. **Snooker:** B. O'Donoghue, Nenagh. **Soccer:** K. Blanche, Clonmel Town. **Sports Executive:** M. O'Loughlin, Cidona Carrick Wheelers. **Knocknagow Award:** T. English, Marlfield.

## BON VOYAGE

Bon Voyage to Una O'Dwyer who is heading for greener pastures down under in Aussie Land this week. Before departing Una was awarded with the "Irish Tatler Sports Woman of the Year Award" in The Four Season Hotel, Dublin. This is a highly commended "Sports Star Award" and Una was chosen as the most deserving player with a very bright future ahead and an inspiration for the next generation. We wish Una a safe journey in her travels and hope to see her back in the blue and gold for both club and county in the Spring.

## Rena's GAA talent to be rewarded with an All-Star

By Félim McMahon

SIXTEEN year old dual GAA talent Réna Buckley from Inniscarra, has been named as this year's All Star Munster Young Player of the Year.

Before she collects her award, in front of the RTE news cameras, at a black tie affair in a famous hotel in the capital, Réna has a more important date in Dublin.

On Sunday, she will take her place midfield on the Donoughmore Senior Ladies Football team to contest the All Ireland Club's semi-final in Croke Park.

Réna, who also plays camogie with Inniscarra and Cork, has been on the Donoughmore senior team since she was 14 years old, when she won her first All Ireland medal.

"She was the youngest on the Donoughmore team back then," said her coach, Mossie Barnett, "but she was already years ahead of herself at that age."

The fifth year student of St Aloysius, Cork city, is hoping to help Donoughmore move one step closer to another All Ireland title, next weekend, in the semi-finals, before she collects her award on Saturday, November 15.

"We're absolutely thrilled for her," said Mossie, "Réna has been outstanding for her club and this is nothing more than she deserves."

"There was a massive buzz in the team when we heard about her nomination."

"You would have to see her perform to believe it," he added, "she has outplayed inter-county players."

Mossie, who ranks Réna in the top five players he's ever worked with, praised her "dedication, fitness and skill."

"No one has anything over her," he said.

"In terms of her personality," according to Mossie, "Réna is years ahead of her age in her mentality. If you heard her talk and didn't see her, you would say she's in her 20's."

Proud dad, Tim Buckley, said he was very proud of his daughter's achievement as is her mum, Helen.

"She's very much her own person and loves her sport," he said.

Although he says his own GAA career 'wasn't too great', Tim, who is PRO of the juvenile camogie board, is delighted with his children's abilities.

Réna's brother, Gerry, is in UCC while her twin sister, Mary, is also a talented camogie and football player.

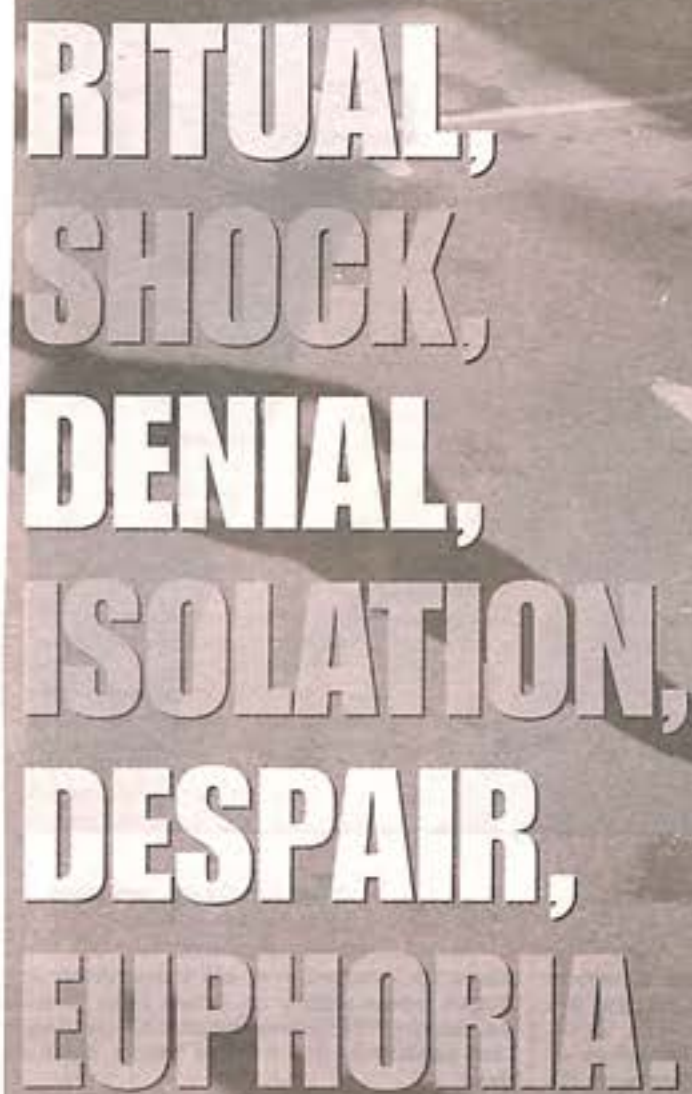


Réna Buckley (seen here with Inniscarra) will be honoured with an All-star award in Dublin later this month.



Burgess Camogie Club organised a night in honour of Tipperary senior camogie team at Reidy's, Newtown, from left: Noelle Kennedy, Therese Brophy, Deirdre Hughes, Sinead Nealon and Catherine Byrne. (Picture: Bridget Delaney)





**RITUAL,  
SHOCK,  
DENIAL,  
ISOLATION,  
DESPAIR,  
EUPHORIA.**

Therese  
O'Callaghan  
has won All-Ireland  
camogie medals with  
Cork, and is a religious  
trainer. But nothing  
prepared her for the  
26.2 miles of distress  
that was the Adidas  
Dublin Marathon.

**THE MARATHON EXPERIENCE**



Nov. 2003

**I** WAS the Jazz weekend in Cork and we were leaving for Dublin with a plastic bag of fruit and bottles of water. We had dodged the obvious questions and feeling good about ourselves. This was a lifelong dream. I had always wanted to run a marathon. A full marathon. Not a 5k, 10k or even half marathon. The full monty.

Eight months previously in the gym — where else? — I suggested as much to my friend, Geraldine Barry, a fitness trainer. We agreed to give it a go. Hours of great long runs were going to prepare us for our first marathon experience on the October Bank Holiday Monday. Or that was the theory.

In training, the longest haul was 18 miles. Castlemartyr to Cork was our first long-distance run — up to then I regarded this place as nothing more than an East Cork GAA venue, now it will haunt me as the ghost town that propelled me into marathon frenzy.

We planked six bottles of water on the way down — our first lesson was a harsh one as we only found three on the way back. Nine miles of hallucinating and our marriage was almost off.

Most people told us that 20 miles would be adequate training as the Dublin marathon was one of the flattest and easiest routes to negotiate. True, it is horizontal, but it is still 26.2 miles. I will never forget the last fifth of a mile because when your feet bleed and you have blisters like quail eggs, this is extra yardage you can do without. In fact, I will never forget the 6.2 miles — a torture chamber must hold more appeal.

We booked into the Mespil Hotel on Baggott Bridge and arrived on Sunday at noon — we were greeted by marathon mania. It seemed like the entire 8,000 athletes had booked into the same hotel. Big lanky men in black Lycra numbers staring at the two novices dressed for Temple Bar hastened our exit to the RDS for registration where we listened intently to various speakers including Catherine McKiernan about her wins in the Berlin, London and Amsterdam marathons.

The best of all was Brendan O'Shea, who as a veteran of over 100 marathons told us we could drink alcohol after the race — two beer shandies would, in fact, be good for us. You will grab at anything in the darkest hours.

We also learned of the seven deadly marathon stages — ritual, shock, denial, isolation, despair, euphoria, and the seventh is a repeat of all of the above. This made us giddy and think of Brad Pitt, but it was all too real, as we would learn.

Sunday evening turned into Pasta Party Night. Every restaurant around Ballsbridge had buckets of the stuff — we were willing participants, sans vino. This was the one time we would have loved a tippie, but seeing as we had come this far we decided another day wouldn't kill us. As events unfolded, it nearly did.

The race starting time was 9am, which meant an alarm call at 5.15am to get some breakfast — plenty of brown bread, over-ripe bananas and coffee. I added a few Lemsips as the night was spent coping with the early stages of flu. Nevertheless, my anxiety pushed thoughts of a runny nose, streaming eyes and cough to the back of my mind. Ger did not get much sleep because of my spluttering — like a true friend she never heard a gasp!

Our next alarming moment was at 7am. We had to be at the start line in Nassau Street at 8am. We got nervous as the goodwill texts arrived — for me it was a bit like the eve of an All-Ireland camogie final except this time I was on my own. Little things like pinning numbers to our vests became difficult — the fingers were beginning to shake.

The foyer of the hotel gave us a sample of the start line — strong odours of deep heat and guys swinging arms and legs in all directions. It was a beautiful sunny morning but freezing cold. We were so cocky we jogged up Baggott Street hyped with enthusiasm. Along the way we encountered a man who had run every race since the start — all 24.



**Therese O'Callaghan** clutches her last bottle of water as she struggles to complete the last stretch of the Dublin City marathon.

Lots of Americans, costumes of all sorts, grannies and even participants in knee-high wellies provided the fun element — many others were running for a cause, with pictures of loved ones who passed away from debilitating diseases.

After handing in our outer garments to the baggage area we decide to join the long queues for the portable loos. Bad mistake — the eastern type hole was awash with steaming piles of pong. Ger is fairly traumatised. Her empty-reaching almost gets me going.

On our way to Trinity College we spot the Kenyans doing cartwheels around Frederick Street. They smile as we stare. After watching their warm-up, we run away to hide.

Our start position is calculated on our estimated finishing time. We move along with the other hopefuls to the 4-5 hours spot. The banter is mighty and the support unreal. A quick hug and we are off.

**W**E head up O'Connell Street and down the North Circular Road. It is great fun with lots of supporters on the footpaths shouting either for us, or at us (there are some sadistic people out there, y'know). We joke with our fellow-athletes — even cod ourselves this is not so bad. We pass the zoo in the Phoenix Park and at the ten-mile mark the clock reads 1.43.02. Every three miles there is water. We sip but it appears that oth-

ers must be gulping as people are pissing all over the shop.

We pass Inchicore and the South Circular Road. We are still in good form after 15-miles. Children helpfully (teasingly?) hand us jelly babies and barley sugar sweets. These instant bursts of energy are most welcome. Onlookers shout support as our faces begin to grimace. Power Aids (nutrition packs) are available but we tried them before and found them nauseating. We would do this un-aided — entirely from our own reserves!

Terenure now. On to Rathgar where I lived in my Civil Service days. It looks so different now. Then again all I can see is the road coming up to meet me. My body is protesting. Seriously. Each mile is posted on a big red cardboard square. People are opting out all over the place, stretching against walls and some just sitting on the pavement refusing to go another inch.

Ger and I lose each other. The loneliness is unbearable because at this stage most of the chat is drained from our exhausted bodies. 'You are doing great. Keep it up.'

Words of encouragement are being dangled in front of us. I am hallucinating about nice things. A man shouts 'you only have 10k to go.' Since when was 10k regarded as merely. I dart towards him for a swig out of the water bottle in his sports coat pocket. He is relieved I did not hit him.

My feet are blistering and I notice blood seeping through my white runners. The back

of my left knee is swelling at the rate of knots. For the first time, thoughts of stopping wash over me.

I think back to early morning training stints on stretches of the Mallow and Ballincollig roads, and my burning ambition that is to run a marathon. I look for Ger — still can't find her. Of the seven stages, I am definitely at despair. I start playing mind games. Instead of searching for the 21-mile mark I count backwards — only five more to go. I am hurting big time. On passing the Radisson Hotel, I wonder have they a Jacuzzi.

I see a sign for UCD and remember someone mentioning that getting this far would thrill him. Not me, though the thought does lift me. I know my way around here so we must be almost there. Shit. Diversion down Nutley Lane and Merrion Road. There is one last hill. Whoever said that the crowd bringing you home need their head examined!

They are cheering, but I'm oblivious. Next time — I tell myself — I will drive around here. I am negotiating my third 'wall', desperate to grasp inspiration from someone, something, somewhere. At 24 miles my throat is raw from the cold air. I clutch my last bottle of water and bring it with me. Something to squeeze as I fight this battle. I frantically look for the 25-mile mark. It seems like an eternity as I trudge along Grand Canal Street. I go around Westland Row and on to Pearse Street, then I see the red mark high up on a pole in the distance. 'Only one more,' I whisper to my weary limbs.

Oh, there is a God. I somehow missed the 25-mile spot and this is 26. I get an unbelievable burst of energy as the adrenalin begins to pump. Hoards of well-wishers line the streets and suddenly my legs take over and I begin to gallop. I sprint to the finishing line and the feeling is indescribable.

Four hours and 24 minutes of mind boggling slog. Twenty-six miles of battering and bruising.

I am presented with my medal and T-shirt as I collapse on a nearby timber crate. My legs are seizing. My ribs are sore and my lips are blue.

Ger and I are re-united. We are too wasted to talk. We shuffle back to the hotel and take turns to soak in endless baths. We lie on our beds with our legs walking up the wall. Nothing soothes the pain. I cannot even stretch my muscles. Every tendon and ligament has gone into distress. So have I.

**I**T IS about 5pm and we feel we should be celebrating. Three drinks later we help each other (not in a drunken state) back to the safety of our room. My coughing and sneezing re-emerges and the rest of the night is spent in various uncompromising positions. Tuesday morning arrives and rigor mortis comes calling. At funeral pace, we head for Cork. We stop to get some water but neither can get out of the car.

All day Wednesday and Thursday my body is fractured. By Friday and after many visits to the steam room and sauna, little by little it is beginning to thaw out. It is now though that the flu really kicks in.

Was it worth it? Without a doubt.

Would I do it again? I might but I never thought I would do one. Maybe I should be happy with that.



# Ten who made their mark on Irish sport in 2003

Some of the country's best-known sports personalities are honoured in the 46th Texaco Awards, which are announced today. The awards will be presented at a banquet in Dublin next week.

The full list of winners is:  
**Athletics:** Gillian O'Sullivan;  
**Camogie:** Eimear McDonnell;  
**Gaelic Football:** Peter Canavan;  
**Golf:** Darren Clarke; **Horse Racing:** Dermot Weld; **Hurling:** JJ Delaney; **Rowing:** Gearoid Towey and Sam Lynch; **Rugby:** Paul O'Connell; **Snooker:** Ken Doherty; **Soccer:** Damien Duff.



## Peter Canavan

Peter Canavan had long been regarded as one of the greatest Gaelic footballers never to have won an All-Ireland medal. However, the 32-year-old finally laid that ghost to rest when he captained Tyrone to their first All-Ireland victory in September. For a player who won his first All-Ireland title with the Tyrone Vocational Schools team in 1988, it took 15 years of perseverance and huge disappointments before getting his hands on a coveted medal.

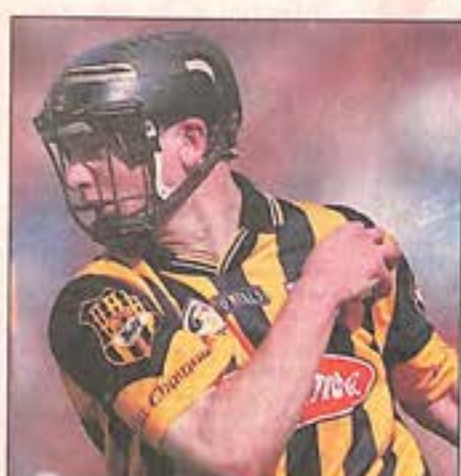
An ever-present in the Tyrone senior team since 1990, Canavan scored an amazing 11 points but still figured on the losing team when his county went down to Dublin in the 1995 All-Ireland final. This season he again showed that, at his best, there is simply no forward in the country who can match him. In the eight games that Tyrone played in the championship, he scored 1-47, making him the top scorer in the country by some distance.



## Darren Clarke

The Northern Ireland player wins another Texaco award for his consistency throughout the 2003 season which saw him finish second in the European Order of Merit table with winnings in excess of €2.2 million. Although Clarke confessed that he was disappointed with some of his own performances throughout the year, he became only the second player, after Tiger Woods, to win more than one world golf championship event when he captured the NEC Invitational at Akron in Ohio in August.

In 2000, Clarke won the Accenture Matchplay championship, beating David Duval and Woods on his way to the title. His victory in Ohio was a little more comfortable, coming home four shots ahead of Jonathan Kaye to lift the first prize of \$1 million.



## JJ Delaney

The 21-year-old Fenians Johnstown player proved himself to be the outstanding defender in hurling as Kilkenny completed back-to-back All-Ireland and National League victories. Delaney, who only joined the senior Kilkenny squad in 2002, was a dominant figure in the Kilkenny rearguard throughout the summer as he produced a string of spectacular performances at left-half back.

In the four games Kilkenny played in the championship, Delaney's opponents managed just a single point from play with all four being replaced before the end of the games. He kept Dublin's Tomás McGrane and Wexford's Rory McCarthy scoreless in the Leinster semi-final and final, followed that with another inspirational display against Tipperary's Mark O'Leary and then repeated the effort in the final against Cork's Ben O'Connor, who managed one point from play before being substituted.



## Ken Doherty

Ken Doherty brought snooker comebacks to a new level when he captivated the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield and the watching TV millions with a series of outstanding performances during the World Championship in May. The Dublin player appeared to be on his way out of the tournament in his second-round tie against Graeme Dott but fought back to win through to the semi-finals 13-12, having trailed 7-2 at one stage.

That comeback was surpassed in the semi-final when Doherty recovered from a 15-9 deficit to reach the final 16-15 against Paul Hunter.

Drained by the effort, Doherty made a disastrous start to the final against Mark Williams and trailed 10-2 after the first day. But in an enthralling final day, Doherty recovered to level the match at 12-12 before finally succumbing 18-16 to the world number one.



## Gillian O'Sullivan

Gillian O'Sullivan became only the third Irish athlete to win a medal at the World Championships when she took silver in the 20 kilometre walk in Paris in August.

Following in the footsteps of Eamonn Coghlan and Sonia O'Sullivan, the 27-year-old walker from Farranfore in Kerry delivered on years of promise by coming home in second place behind Russian Yelena Nikolayeva, the most successful woman walker of all time who has won numerous world and Olympic titles.

O'Sullivan took up walking at 13 when she competed in the Community Games and has progressed through all ranks of the sport to reach the stage where she is now rated one of the best walkers in the world and Ireland's best hope of a medal at next Olympic Games in Athens.



## Damien Duff

For the second year running, the 24-year-old Dubliner wins the award for soccer after a series of outstanding individual performances for his new club, Chelsea, and the Republic of Ireland. Although Duff was forced to play in a variety of positions for the Republic, he never failed to make an impact in the Euro 2004 qualifying games.

His individual goal against Russia in September guaranteed that the Republic's interest in the competition would go down to the final qualifying game while his form since joining Chelsea for £17 million in the summer has been one of the main contributory factors to the team's successful run in the Premiership and Champions League.



## Sam Lynch and Gearoid Towey

The Irish lightweight double scull pairing, who came together as a partnership only this year, captured a bronze medal at the World Championships in Milan in August. It was Ireland's first medal in an Olympic class event at the World Championships since single sculler Seán Drea took silver in 1975. Six weeks earlier Lynch and Towey had only lost out by 11 hundredths of a second when they finished fourth in the World Cup regatta in Lucerne.

Building on that performance they went to Milan where they showed remarkable reserves of strength and self-belief to finish third behind world champions Italy and Olympic champions Poland. Their performance in Milan guaranteed them a place at next summer's Athens Olympics where they will be among the favourites for the double sculls title.



## Eimear McDonnell

The 22-year-old UCC graduate was Tipperary's outstanding player in their march towards another All-Ireland camogie title. Having helped UCC to win the Ashbourne Cup in the early part of the year, McDonnell then turned her attentions to the intercounty scene. Displaying power, accuracy and deft touches throughout Tipperary's campaign, McDonnell capped a wonderful year with a towering display in the 2-11 to 1-11 victory over arch rivals Cork in the All-Ireland final.

As well as creating and scoring a vital goal for Tipperary shortly before half-time, the Camogie Player of the Year, also contributed four points of Tipperary's 2-11 total. Her performance earned her the Player of the Match award.



## Paul O'Connell

In a year dominated by the Rugby World Cup, the 24-year-old Munster forward proved himself to be one of the best second row international players to emerge in recent seasons. O'Connell made his debut for Ireland against Wales in 2002, and marked that occasion by scoring a try. His subsequent progress with Munster and Ireland was interrupted by injury and he only returned to the national side when he came on as a replacement against England in the Grand Slam decider in March at Lansdowne Road.

A huge asset for Munster, the 17st Ard Scoil Ris past pupil travelled to the World Cup with a growing reputation. However, his performances in all five games for Ireland were world class and he capped a great tournament with an outstanding display in Ireland's pool game against the reigning world champions Australia.



## Dermot Weld

Group One victories in three different countries this year confirmed Dermot Weld's reputation as one of the world's top trainers. Vinnie Roe became the first horse to win three Irish St Legers in a row and Dimitrova won the Flower Bowl Handicap at New York's Belmont Park. However, the highlight for the 55-year-old Weld came in May with Refuse To Bend's victory in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. That was Weld's first success in an English classic for 22 years since Blue Wind won the Epsom Oaks.

At home it was another big year for the Curragh-based trainer although the Galway festival, where he is traditionally dominant, didn't live up to expectations. But it did see the racecourse debut of Grey Swallow, who won by 10 lengths and subsequently won his only other Group Three start to put himself top of the classic betting for 2004.



# Clare put it up to a fancied Tipp side

**TIPPERARY 3-12 CLARE 4-2**

Tipperary U/18 camogie team had their work cut out for them on Sunday last in the Munster Championship in the County Camogie Grounds when they defeated Clare by 3-12 to 4-2.

Tipperary hot favourites going into this game had only one point to spare at the half time break by 2-3 to 2-2. Clare playing with a strong wind had 1-1 on the scoreboard inside the opening three minutes, but a goal from Noreen Flanagan and a pointed 40m free from Claire Grogan had the sides level in the 12th minute. Both sides were contesting every inch of play and nothing was left to chance with Fiona Lafferty for Clare and Eimear Ryan for Tipperary in excellent scoring form had both sets of backs on their toes. A chance on the stroke of half time from Claire Grogan was the tonic Tipperary needed at the stroke of half time when Claire put a superb shot past the Clare goalie.

On the resumption of play Tipperary got going from the throw in and recorded nine points to Clare solitary goal coming in the 7th minute, it was all one way traffic in the second half and Tipperary never looked as if they were in any trouble, but for the brilliant accuracy of Clare's full forward Fiona Lafferty who scored all of their scores, the match would have been over as a contest ten minutes into the second half with the full forward recording a goal in the 37th minute and again in the 59th minute, while Tipperary's side added a further 1-1 to their tally the goal coming from the stick of Noreen Flanagan in the 54th minute to leave Tipperary ahead at the final whistle by 3-12 to 4-2.

Tipperary now play Waterford in the Munster semi-final on Sunday next in the County Camogie Grounds at 2.30. A win here will see them through to the final against Cork.

Tipperary Team, subs and scorers: Roseanna Kenneally, Ailish Langton, Helena Costigan, Fiona O'Dwyer, Linda Breen (0-1), Danielle O'Connell, Julie Kirwan, Michelle Shortt, Lorraine Davis, Joanne Nolan, Eimear Ryan (0-2), Mary Ryan (0-3), Alison Loneragan, Claire Grogan (1-4), Noreen Flanagan (2-1) Marie Jones (0-1) for Joanne Nolan, Trish Ralph for Fiona O'Dwyer, Ciara O'Sullivan for Helena Costigan, Ciara Johnson for Alison Loneragan, Marie Tynan for Noreen Flanagan, Deirdre Dunne, Tara Carey, Sarah Morrissey, Ciara Heffernan, Mairead O'Donoghue, Meadhbh Moloney, Caroline Ryan, Caroline Greed, Fiona Fox, Lizzie Woods.

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CLUB and inter county games were decided over the weekend while in the Seandun division a very successful under 15 day of camogie was held in Blackrock.

Cloughduv took the junior shield title defeating divisional neighbours Inniscarra in a close affair out in Ovens. Louise Holland gave Cloughduv the lead with an early goal and continuing to apply the pressure they had extended their advantage with points from Orla Mc Carthy and Marie Lucey before Eileen Bradley struck for goal number two. Inniscarra worked hard to get into the game and opened their account when Mary Buckley pointed a free. Inniscarra applied the pressure and further points from Catriona O'Connell and Margaret Cosgrave had them back in contention by the half time break.

From the restart Inniscarra showed great heart and when Catherine O'Leary goaled to put just two points between the sides the title was there for the taking. It was here that Cloughduv showed their experience as driven on by the experienced Orla Mc Carthy and Louise Holland they came in search of the score that would secure the title and it was Mc Carthy and Holland who obliged with points to stretch the lead to four. Inniscarra battled on but could not breach the Cloughduv defence where Leonie Nolan, Siobhan Corkery and Emma Dunne were superb. On the full time whistle Caroline Mc Sullivan sealed the result with a Cloughduv goal to ensure the inaugural title for her side.

Cork entertained Limerick in the under 18 championship semi-final at Delaney's and here the huge gap in standards was very evident from early in the contest. Stronger in all sectors Cork had built up an impressive 4-12 to 1-1 interval lead after playing against the strong wind in the opening half. Marie O'Neill, Emer and Marie Watson, and Breige Corkery getting the scores, to which Sinead Mc Auliffe and Liz Nash replied for a Limerick side who despite being totally outclassed never gave up.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first with Sile Burns and Michelle Hegarty also getting their name on the score sheet as Cork ran up an

impressive 8-25 score line.

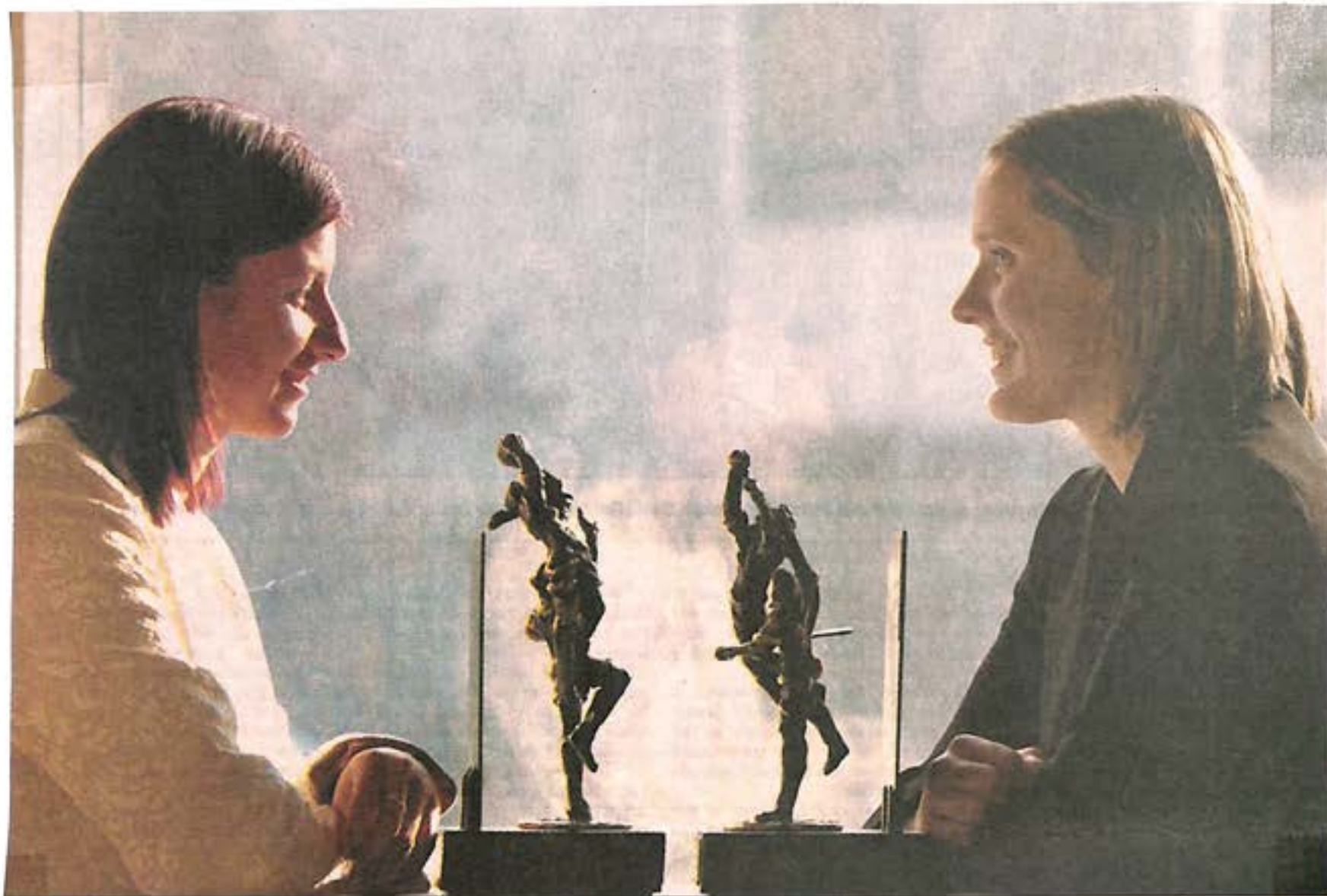
While Cork will no doubt be pleased with their performance one must wonder about the huge gap in standards that exists. Limerick are working hard at the game as we saw at senior level this year when they put up a god show in the All-Ireland semi-finals but they will certainly be concerned with last week's result. It's on to a Munster final meeting with Tipperary for the Cork girls on Nov 23rd at a venue to be decided.

The Seandun committee held a most successful under 15 blitz at Blackrock over the weekend with ten clubs taking part. Activities started at 11am as clubs participated in game continuously before Bishopstown and Douglas came through a tough group to contested the A final with Douglas emerging as winners.

In the B final St. Vincent's had to give way to Douglas 2 in an exciting final, it was good to see St Vincent's participating in the blitz and hopefully the game will continue to grow in the north side club.

Marion McCarthy will chair her first convention when clubs gather at Pairc Ui Rinn on Monday evening next at 7.15. All the outgoing officers are returned unopposed and there are several interesting motions down for discussion. Amongst of which are several related to playing rules while there is also a call to increase the number of selectors on the senior selection committee from three to five. There is also a call to introduce a back door system for the senior county championship, a motion sure to also evoke lively debate.

Clubs and supporters are reminded that the County Camogie Jersey is now for sale in time for the Christmas present list. It will be available in Pairc Ui Rinn at Monday night's convention, by contacting any board officer or alternatively log on to the camogie web site at [www.corkcamogie.com](http://www.corkcamogie.com) where you can leave all your contact details. Sunday next will see Aghbullogue and Milford in action in the senior league semi final while it's last round up for clubs with games outstanding in the under 18 championship before the Nov 17 deadline.



Mayo footballer Christina Heffernan and Tipperary camogie player Eimear McDonnell (right) after winning the Vodafone GAA Player of the Year awards for October, presented in the Westin Hotel, Dublin yesterday.

Picture: David Maher



## St Mary's retain Munster 7-a-side title in style

ST. MARY'S Charleville retained their Munster 7-a-side title last week by beating St. Mary's Nenagh in the final in wet conditions in Newtownshandrum.

Loreto Fermoy and Christ King also participated in the blitz, but it is Charleville and Nenagh who will now progress to the All-Ireland blitz to be held in Dublin. In the final there were fine performances from Shannon Brosnan, Fiona Chawke, Mary Coleman, Aine Watson and Anna Geary from Charleville and Joanne Nolan and Mary Ryan from Nenagh.

The Munster Colleges competitions are well under way at this stage. In the Senior A Championship, Loreto Fermoy have made the Munster final with victories over Coachford and Mercy Waterford and they await the winners of St. Mary's Charleville and Clonakilty. In the Junior A Championship Fermoy have beaten Mercy Waterford and will play St. Mary's Charleville in one semi-final. On the other side Christ King have beaten St. Mary's Nenagh and play Bandon in the other semi-final.

During the last few weeks, there has also been Cork County Blitzes held.

Bandon came out on top in the First Year A Blitz, while Col. Choilm Ballincollig emerged victorious in the 2nd Year B Blitz in an exciting competition.

**Munster 7-a-side Blitz Results:** St. Mary's Charleville 7-5 St. Mary's Nenagh 4-4 Loreto Fermoy 3-7 Christ King 2-5 St. Mary's Charleville 5-6 Loreto Fermoy 2-4 Christ King 3-3 St. Mary's Nenagh 6-6 St. Mary's Charleville 6-4 Christ King 2-4 Loreto Fermoy 2-4 St. Mary's Nenagh 3-6 Final: St. Mary's Charleville 6-7 St. Mary's Nenagh 2-5 Munster Junior B Championship: Borrisoleigh 7-8 Shannon 9-2 St. Als 2-1 St. Canins 6-4 Ennis 3-9 Roscrea 1-2 Scariff 7-2 Newcastlewest 0-2 Clonakilty 3-4 Coachford 2-6 Templemore 3-8 Lismore 1-0

## St. Mary's Qualify For All-Ireland

St. Mary's have qualified for the All-Ireland 7-a-side competition which will be held in Dublin in April. On Wednesday last the 12th of November the Nenagh girls beat Loreto, Fermoy and Christ the King from Cork on their way to the Munster final where we lost narrowly to arch-rivals Charleville, in what was a very exciting match, which was played in a downpour, and thunder and lightning. With two teams qualifying from each province, St. Mary's can now look forward to another clash with Charleville, perhaps in another All Ireland final. The panel were: Aoife

Ryan, Joanne Nolan Michelle Dunne, Breda O'Mearaine, Mary Ryan (capt.), Aoife McLoughney, Fiona Kennedy, Sinead Quinlan, Aine Shanahan, Corina Lawlor, Ciara Ryan and Orla Williams.



Rena Buckley.



The Enniskeane camogie team that won the county under 16 B championship when they defeated Valley Rovers at Brinny on Sunday. Included are E Dixon, B Lynch, B Collins, M O'Donovan, M O'Sullivan, M Nyhan, K Buttimer, B Crowley, O Coughlan, captain, K Hennessy, C O'Neill, E Healy, A Connolly, A Nyhan, M Burns, N Hurley, K Crowley, N Buttimer, M A Hayes, E Milner, T Sheehan, S Desmond, L Harte.

## Enniskeane girls take title

### UNDER AGE CAMOGIE

Enniskeane ..... 2-3  
Valley Rovers ..... 0-5

In a nail-biting conclusion, a point from Orla Coughlan and the score of the game in the 24th minute, when Noelle Buttimer doubled in the air on a high dropping ball to flick home a superb goal from 30 metres, powered Enniskeane to their first ever Cork County Camogie Championship title last Sunday morning in Brinny.

Crucially as well for

Enniskeane, their keeper Eileen Dixon managed to somehow save a shot that, having been deflected twice, seemed destined for the net, to Enniskeane a point to the fore at that stage.

Scores were very hard to come by in the first half with both defences excelling. It ended 0-1 apiece, the points coming from a Lucy Hawkes free in the 28th minute and Anna Nyhan in the 29th minute.

Mid-way through the second half Valleys were 0-3 to 0-2 ahead when Orla Coughlan, Enniskeane, sent the ball cross field to the waiting Ellen Healy who made no mistake to blast to the back of the net, setting up Enniskeane for a grand finish.

Scorers - Enniskeane: E Healy, N Buttimer 1-0 each, O Coughlan 0-2, A Nyhan 0-1. Valley Rovers: L Hawkes 0-4, 0-2 frees, M Cottrell 0-1.

**Enniskeane:** E Dixon, B Lynch, B Collins, M O'Donovan, M O'Sullivan, M Nyhan, K Buttimer, B Crowley, O Coughlan, captain, K Hennessy, C O'Neill, E Healy, A Connolly, A Nyhan, M Burns, N Hurley, K Crowley, N Buttimer, M A Hayes, E Milner, T Sheehan, S Desmond, L Harte.

**V. Rovers:** A O'Donovan, K Sedas, A Coughlan, E Downes, A O'Callaghan, L Hawkes, A Lynch, M A Hawkes, V Melia, C Twomey, M Cottrell, captain, C Ryan, C O'Donovan, E O'Mahony, O Deasy, C O'Shea, L McCarthy, T Pollock, S O'Sul-

livan, M O'Callaghan, S O'Shea, C Palmer, E Butler. Referee, C Egan, Glen Rovers.

### MUSKERRY LEAGUE

Eire Og ..... 2-3

Inniscarra ..... 1-3

Inniscarra started the better in this closely contested game between two fully committed teams in the final of the U15 Muskerry League played in Coachford last Sunday morning. Despite all their possession, Inniscarra were only 1-2 to 1-1 ahead at the break. On the turnover, Eire Og upped their game especially at centre field and went on to win thanks to two second half points from Margaret O'Herlihy and a fine goal from Erin Corkery. Inniscarra's only reply was a point from Niamh Dilworth.

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## Five-star Inniscarra prove too much for Aghabullogue

INNISCARRA ..... 5-4  
AGHABULLOGUE ..... 2-9

**AGHABULLOGUE** started at blistering pace with Jill Crowley and Brid Twomey dominating at centre-field in this junior B camogie game last week.

By the 12th minute Aghabullogue had 1-5 on the board when Caitriona O'Connell got Inniscarra's first score a goal. Inniscarra then took over and went on to add 1-2.

Corner forward Katie Crowley finished the half strong for Aghabullogue, with three unanswered points, making it 1-8 to 2-2 at the break.

Inniscarra put more heart in the second half and by the 11th minute had drawn level 3-3 to 1-9.

In the 17th minute Mary

Buckley sent in what was a speculative shot that deceived the 'keeper and went all the way to the net. This was followed a minute later with a point from a free to put Inniscarra four points clear.

With a minute to go Claire Moloney sent a blistering shot to the net to put the game beyond Aghabullogue's reach. However Katie Crowley brought the margin back with a goal for in time added on.

**Scorers - Inniscarra:** C O'Connell 2-1, M Buckley 1-3 (0-2 free), N McSweeney, C Moloney 1-0 each. **Aghabullogue:** K Crowley 1-7 (0-2 free), A Lehane 1-1.

**Teams - Inniscarra:** N Healy, N O'Brien, M O'Sullivan, R McCarthy, A

### Juvenile camogie round-up

with Tim Buckley

O'Mahony, M Lynch, M Buckley, C O'Connell, H Fogarty, C Moloney, E O'Sullivan, C O'Leary, N McSweeney. **Subs:** J Lyons, G Meehan, AM Casey, F O'Riordan, S Ni Riain and A O'Herlihy. **Aghabullogue:** M Sullivan, S Leary, R Crowley, M Crowley, M McSweeney, M Twomey, J Crowley, B Twomey, K Flynn, A Lehane, G Sullivan, P Flynn, K

Crowley. **Subs:** K O'Leary, C Kiely, M O'Herlihy, M Twomey and D Murphy. **Referee:** K Creedon (Mallow).

### Muskerry camogie leagues:

INNISCARRA ..... 3-5

BALLINCOLLIG ..... 2-4

BALLINCOLLIG never seemed to play to their true potential in this hard fought U-15 Muskerry league semi-final played in Ballynanly last Wednesday week.

Inniscarra took full advantage of the elements in the second half and ground out a four-point victory.

**INNISCARRA ..... 7-3**

**ROCKBAN ..... 1-1**

IN a one-sided affair Inniscarra took control of this U-13 'A' Muskerry

league final from the start.

By half time were leading by 6-1 to 0-1 in this mismatch in Ballincollig last Sunday week. In the second half the winners added a further 1-2 while Rockban could only manage a goal.

**Scorers - Inniscarra:** Catherine O'Brien 3-0, Katie O'Mahony 2-1, Fiona O'Connell 1-1, N Dilworth 1-0, A Kavanagh 0-1. **Rockban:** Sinead Dilworth 1-0, Sinead Daly 0-1.

**INNISCARRA ..... 1-1**

**EIRE OG ..... 1-0**

ALL the scoring was done in the first half of this U-11 'A' Muskerry league final played in Ballynanly on Wednesday.

Inniscarra came under intense pressure in the second half and held out for a famous victory.



# Cork teams scoop 16 post-primary titles

THE secondary school teams of Cork dominated the 16 post-primary camogie competitions at provincial level with 12 titles brought back to the Rebel County. In Munster competitions, Charleville, Coachford, Bandon, Clonakilty, Loreto Youghal, Christ the King and Glanmire were victorious. For one Muskerry school the season was an historic one — Coachford College won the school's first ever All Ireland title by virtue of a one point margin over Presentation, Athenry in the Senior B decider.

RTE, with Marty Morrissey do-

ing the commentary, showed the highlights on the Sports Saturday program. St. Mary's, Charleville retained the All-Ireland Junior A title and added to their impressive total by defeating Loreto, Fermoy in the Sevens final. Vince Harrington has been coaching successful Charleville teams for the past two decades, where his enthusiasm and craft has helped position St. Mary's at the top of the Colleges Camogie ladder.

Cork Colleges Chairman John Joe Breen (Nagle Rice) has been instrumental in the drive to increase the number of Cork schools participat-

ing in the thirteen county competitions. Coláiste Daibhéid, St. Angela's, Ballincollig CS, Coláiste Mhuire Buttevant, Mannix College, Coláiste Mhuire Cobh, Dunmanway, North Pres and Coláiste An Pharsaig have joined the ranks in recent years.

Charleville dominated the Cork Colleges A grade competitions with victories over Coachford, Fermoy, Bandon and Christ the King in the senior, sevens, junior, second and first year competitions respectively. Coachford defeated Bandon in the Munster senior B with Middleton

narrowly accounting for Rena Buckley's St. Als at Intermediate A. Briege Corkery inspired Macroom when they overwhelmed Buttevant in the Intermediate B final whilst Bandon derailed Clonakilty in the Junior B grade. Kinsale ousted Middleton at junior C level but Cork U14 coach Ollie Troy was delighted with his Second year charges from Carrigaline when they eventually beat Fiona O'Driscoll's Coláiste Choilm by a point after extra time.

Glanmire and Ballincollig took the first year B championship and blitz trophies respectively.

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Tina Shanahan of Newtownshandrum Camogie Club presenting Cork Minor Team selector Anne Watson of Milford with a bouquet of flowers at a camogie function in Newtownshandrum.

## Eimear wins Texaco award

Tipperary camogie star Eimear McDonnell is one of ten Irish sportstars chosen to receive an award at this year's 46th Texaco Sportstars Awards ceremony.

In winning her award, Eimear, from Ballintoher, Nenagh and a member of the Burgess club will be one of six sports stars to receive a Texaco Award for the first time this year. Others are athlete Gillian O'Sullivan, Tyrone captain Peter Canavan, Kilkenny hurler J. J. Delaney, Irish rugby international Paul O'Connell and rowing's Gearoid Towey.

In their citation, the judges praised Eimear's contribution in helping Tipperary win back the All-Ireland title scoring a



Eimear McDonnell

goal and four points in their thrilling victory over Cork for which she was voted Player of the Match.

In winning her Texaco trophy, Eimear is the first camogie player to win a Texaco award

since 1986 when the recipient was Kilkenny star Angela Downey. Prior to that, one must go back almost four decades to 1966 and 1967 when the winners were Dublin star Una O'Connor and Antrim's Sue Cashman.

Decided upon by Sports Editors representing print and broadcast media, north and south, this year's 46th Texaco Sportstars Awards will be presented by An Tunaiste, Mary Harney TD at an awards ceremony which takes place in Dublin later this month.

Also included in this year's winners are Darren Clarke (Golf), Dermot Weld (Horse Racing), Sam Lynch (Rowing), A. N. Other (Rugby), Ken Doherty (Snooker) and Damien Duff (Soccer). Two additional awards will be presented to the Texaco Hall of Fame and Special Achievement Award winners both of whose names will be announced shortly.



Pictured at the recent Ladies Football All Star Awards function at City West, Dublin was Rena Buckley, Berrings and Donoughmore club, recipient of the provincial award for the Young Player of the Year, with her parents.



Caltriona O'Mahony of Newtownshandrum Camogie Club making a presentation to Anne Geary of Milford to mark her appearance in the All-Ireland winning Cork minor team.



# Cumann Camógaíochta Comhairle na Mumhan

## U-18 Munster Final

in Ballinlough, Cork @ 2:30pm

Reiteoir: Rose Kelleher

Tiobraid Árann				Vs	Corcaigh			
(Tipperary)					(Cork)			
(Blue & Gold)		1			(Red & White)		1	
		Joanne Nolan					Denis Towmey	
2	3	4			2	3	4	
Helena Costigan	Danielle O'Connell	Fiona O'Dwyer			Jamie Lynch	Elaine O'Riordan	Marion O'Donovan	
5	6	7			5	6	7	
Linda Breen	Julie Kirwan	Michelle Shortt			Sheila Burns	Cathiona Foley	Michelle Hegearty	
8		9			8		9	
Mary Ryan		Maria Jones			Anna Geary		Breige Corkery	
10	11	12			10	11	12	
Lorraine Davies	Emer Ryan	Deirdre Dunne			Margaret McCarthy	Marie O'Neill	Ciara Murphy	
13	14	15			13	14	15	
Claire Grogan	Noreen Flanagan	Mairead Luttrell			Eimear Watson	Marie Watson (Capt)	Mary Coleman	
Subs:					Subs:			
16 Rosanna Kenneally	17 Ailish Langton	18 Ciara Johnson			16 Noelle Collins	17 Edwina Waters	18 Val McCormack	
19 Lizzy Woods	20 Alison Loneran	21 Ciara O'Sullivan			19 Orla Coughlan	20 Geraldine Kearney	21 Caroline O'Keeffe	
22 Meadh Moloney	23 Tara Carey	24 Marie Tynan			22 Carol Dineen	23 Emma Dunne	24 Fiona Buckley	
25 Sarah Morrissey	26 Sarah Gleeson	27 Ciara Heffernan			25 Aine Watson	26 Marguerite Nyhan		
28 Caroline Ryan	29 Caroline Greed	30 Fiona Fox						
31 Mairead O'Donoghue	32 Trish Ralph	33 Andrea Davies						

## CamogieChat

THERE was plenty of activity on and off the playing fields in the week gone by as Milford advanced to their first senior final while on Monday evening county convention took place in Paire Uí Rinn.

Despite the score line Aghabullogue and Milford served up an excellent contest as the North Cork side advanced to a league final meeting with Kilbrittan/Timoleague. Eight points separated the sides at the interval after Noelle O'Riordan, Anna Geary and Emer Watson had grabbed Milford goals. Maura O'Leary pegged one back for the Mid Cork side and we had some excellent points coming from Regain Curtain, Marie Watson and Joan Twomey in a good half hour where Milford's ability to get goals was crucial.

On the turn over Milford maintained their advantage but not before the determined Aghabullogue made them fight hard. Again goals proved vital and it was Anna Geary, Noelle O'Riordan and Emer O'Friel who provided same to secure a first senior final appearance for a side that on this display will provide tough opposition for Senior 'B' champions Kilbrittan/Timoleague.

While defeated Aghabullogue had some excellent displays none more so than from twelve year old Michelle Healy who confidently grabbed her sides second goal midway through the second half, while Margery Twomey and Joan Twomey also impressed.

In the under 18 'C' championship Buttrvant continued to impress with a victory over Brian Dillon which secured them a semi final spot. Mary T Foley, Triona O'Connell and Norma Healy all played well for the victors.

A huge agenda with over forty motions down for decision saw Chairperson Marion McCarthy seek permission, and was granted, to adjourn convention with a reconvened date down for Monday December 8th.

Over half of the motions on the agenda were decided with the major one being the decision of convention to adopt a motion from the Eire Óg club to increase the senior selection committee from three to five. The passing of the motion means that the reconvened meeting

will now elect five selectors who will guide the fortunes of the Cork side as they strive to take the O'Duffy Cup for the twenty first time. Delegates also decided to extend the trial period of the very successful juvenile board for a further two years to 2005.

All outgoing officers were re-elected while Mairead Uí Mhaoileoin from the Blackrock club takes over the appointment of Oifig Gaeilge after defeating the outgoing Bishopstown's Pol Ni Mhuiri.

Tracy Sheehan Mayfield will join Sheila Golden and Kay Dunne to guide the fortunes of the County Intermediate team, while Brian Dillon's Liz O'Mahony and Lillian Zincent Sarsfields were elected as Junior selectors and they will be joined by a representative from county champions St. Catherines.

Convention placed a vote of confidence in the very successful minor selection committee of John Cronin and John Quinn who led the county to three in a row of All Ireland titles re-election the duo were unopposed and they will be joined by a representative from county champions Milford and that will almost certainly be Ann Watson who has worked in that role for the last four years.

The under 18 selectors will be outgoing Ann Marie Healy who is joined by Sheila O'Brien from the Eire Óg club.

The curtain falls on the inter-county stage on Sunday next when Cork entertain Tipperary to decide the destination of the provincial crown.

Both sides recorded comprehensive semi-final victories as they defeated Limerick and Waterford respectively but a close encounter is expected this time, it's a 2.30pm start at Ballinlough.

In the under 18 'C' semi-final Buttrvant and Na Piarasigh meeting. Buttrvant while in the 'A' championship Ballinhassig and Ballyhea have a play-off pencilled in to decide to determine who progress's to the next round.

Clubs are reminded that the county camogie jersey is now available in smaller sizes from age 7 upwards and can be purchased by contacting any County Board officer.

## Outlook bright for Leesiders

Cork Tipperary 2-7 1-5

by Therese O'Callaghan

OPTIMISM for next season could well be judged on this Munster U-18 camogie championship final played yesterday at Ballinlough.

It was the home side that made the early running with the scoring prowess of sisters Emer and Marie Watson to give them an interval lead of 1-5 to 0-1. Tipperary senior Claire Grogan hitting their point in the opening minutes.

On the resumption, the visitors toiled hard to get back into contention with points from Lorraine Davies and Grogan only for Cork to come storming back with a goal from Mary Coleman.

However, the Blue and Gold had goal from Davies and points from Julie Kirwan and Grogan left just four points between the sides, but the Rebels held out.

Scorers for Cork: M Watson 1-3, M Coleman 1-0, E Watson 0-2, A Geary and M O'Neill 0-1 each. Tipperary: L Davies 1-1, C Grogan 0-3, J Kirwan 0-1.

CORK: D Twomey; J Lynch, E O'Riordan, M O'Donovan; S Burns, C Foley, M Hegarty; A Geary, B Corkery; M McCarthy, M O'Neill, C Murphy; E Watson, M Watson, M Coleman. Subs: N Collins for C Murphy, E Waters for C Foley (in).

TIPPERARY: J Nolan; H Costigan, F O'Connell, F O'Dwyer; L Breen, J Kirwan, M Shortt; M Ryan, M Jones; L Davies, E Ryan, D Dunne; C Grogan, N Flanagan, M Luttrell.

Subs: A Loneran for D Dunne, C Johnson for N Flanagan. Referee: R Kelleher (Limerick).

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## Death of camogie stalwart

THE death has occurred in Dublin of Orla Ryan, daughter of the late GAA Director-General Sean O'Siochain and mother of Dublin dual player Shane Ryan who was a member of the Irish squad which toured Australia in October.

A well-known camogie player in her youth, she was married to Jack Ryan — son of former GAA President Seamus O'Riain — who was a member of the All-Ireland winning Tipperary team of 1971.

Playing as a midfielder and forward, Orla won three All-Ireland camogie medals with Dublin in 1964, '65 and '66, as well as National League Inter-provincial and All-Ireland club medals.

Her playing career involved spells with the Celtic, Austin Stacks and Naomh Marnog clubs. Last night the President of the Camogie Association, Miriam O'Callaghan, paid tribute to her for her work for camogie, not on as a player — one of the youngest to win an All-Ireland medal — but as a referee and mentor.

One of her daughters is married to former Dublin footballer Paddy Gogarty.

RYAN (nee Ní Shiocháin) (Portmarnock) — Dec. 21, 2003, at home after a courageous battle. Orla, wife of Jack and daughter of the late Sean and Caitlin O'Siochain; a great loss to Jack and to her daughter Naomh. Sons Shane and Feargal, son-in-law David Madden, brothers Donal and Ronán, sisters Aisling, Fiona and Bláithín, father-in-law Seamus, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and many more relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from her home this (Tuesday) evening, to St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock, arriving 5.30 o'clock. Funeral tomorrow (Wednesday) after 11 o'clock. Mass, to Fingal Cemetery. "Bé an Tiarna m'áire"

CAMOGIE  
Munster U18 Championship final: Cork 2-7 Tipperary 1-5. U18C Championship: Buttrvant 3-4 Brian Dillon's 0-2. Semi-final: Buttrvant 4-6 Na Piarasigh 0-2. Mid Cork U15 final: Eire Óg 1-5 Inniscarra 1-0. Co. juvenile U16 B final: Enniskeane 2-4 Valley Rovers 0-5. Muskerry U15 league semi-final: Eire Óg 2-3 Inniscarra 1-3.  
Inter firm: Connacht JF final: Crown Equipment, Galway 4-12 SDS-An Post, Roscommon 0-2. Connacht SF final: Aclaire Plastics, Sligo 2-10 Allergan, Mayo 1-4. Leinster SH final: Danesdy Eire, Kilkenny 3-18 CIE, Laois 2-10.





Tipperary camogie star Eimear McDonnell pictured being presented with her Texaco Sportstars Award by Republic of Ireland Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Harney, T.D. at the awards ceremony which took place in Dublin earlier this week. With them is Texaco Chairman, Pat O'Shaughnessy.

## Camogie—

### Munster Under 18 Final—

# Tipperary's brave battle for Munster title fails

Cork.....27  
Tipperary.....1-5

THE curtain fell on the inter county scene on Sunday last in the Munster U/18 Final as Cork retained their Provincial title with a five point victory over Tipperary in a thrilling contest in Ballinlough, Cork.

Tipperary opened the scoring with a Claire Grogan pointed free after four minutes of play. Cork quickly replied with an Eimear Watson point. Aided by a strong wind Cork pressurised the Tipperary defence and inside ten minutes the holders led by 1-2 to 0-1 after Marie Watson had pointed a free before finishing well to the net from a close range.

Tipperary continued to absorb the strong Cork pressure and were content to continue with their tactic of playing an extra player in defence in an effort to curtail the lively Cork forward division. The tactic seemed to work against Tipperary as when they came in search of scores they were minus in attack and the Cork defence simply revelled in the situation with Marion O'Donovan

unmarked for most of the opening half doing an amount of clearing up.

Marie Watson had further stretched the Cork lead with two further points before Anna Geary added the fifth as Cork led 1-5 to 0-1 at the break.

On the turn over Cork had it all to do as Tipperary aided by the strong wind applied the pressure two points inside eight minutes from Lorraine Davies and Claire Grogan quickly cut the arrears. Mary Coleman gave Cork breathing space when she showed quick thinking kicking to the net after a goal mouth scramble.

Marie O'Neill quickly added a point and Cork looked to be in a comfortable position. Undeterred Tipperary came in search of scores and when Lorraine Davies struck for a magnificent goal with thirteen minutes remaining Tipperary were back in the game and in with a good chance of capturing the U/18 title.

Now applying all the pressure Tipperary cut the Cork lead with two points without reply from Julie Kirwan who was the star of the show for Tipperary and showing that

she is on the look out for senior status. Now with the Cork lead down to four points the pressure was on but credit to the Cork defence who were superb, time out of time Michelle Hegarty drove Cork forward with some magnificent clearances. But credit must also go to the Tipperary camp as they never gave up the belief that this game could turn and the cup could be on the way home to Tipperary.

Unfortunately it was Cork who got the lucky breaks and four minutes from full time Eimear Watson gave Cork breathing space with a point and from here on to the final whistle Tipperary worked hard to get the vital scores but the Cork defence weathered the storm and held out for victory.

To be fair to this gallant Tipperary team five of the girls are still only fifteen and only two of the whole panel will not be eligible for next year's championship.

Tipperary's danger woman Claire Grogan was carrying an injury going into the game and had one of her quieter games, while captain Michelle Shortt, Helena Costigan and Mary Ryan and

Lorraine Davies were outstanding for Tipperary it was Julie Kirwan who covered all the angles and played a star game.

Tipperary team, subs and scorers: Joanne Nolan, Helena Costigan, Danielle O'Connell, Fiona O'Dwyer, Linda Breen, Julie Kirwan (0-1), Michelle Shortt, Mary Ryan, Marie Jones, Lorraine Davies (1-1), Eimear Ryan, Deirdre Dunne, Claire Grogan (0-3), Noreen Flanagan, Mairead Luttrell for Deirdre Dunne, Ciara Johnson for Noreen Flanagan.

## FIXTURES

Under 16 C final, venue Borrisokane, time 12 o'clock: Shannon Rovers v. Kilruane McDonagh.

Under 16 A semi-final in Camogie Pitch, Drom-Inch v. Toomevara at 12 o'clock.

Templemore v. Clonoulty - Rossmore at 2 p.m.

Under 18 A championship, Sunday, 12 o'clock, first named team home venue.

Drom - Inch v. Toomevara, Cashel v. Bournea.

Under 18 'B' championship Sunday at 12 o'clock: Slievenamon v. Clonoulty - Rossmore, Burgess v. Silvermines.

## CamogieChat

### Cork finish year on winning role

CORK concluded their inter-county activities for 2003 by retaining the provincial under 18 championship crown in hard fought battle with Tipperary on Sunday last.

Clare Grogan opened the scoring with a Tipperary point after just four minutes of play but that was to be their only score of the half as aided by the strong wind Cork proceeded to take control. Marie Watson's tenth minute goal plus points from Anna Geary, Emer Watson and Marie ensured the home side led at the interval 1-5 to 0-1.

From the restart Tipperary with the elements now in their favour proceeded to put Cork under pressure and two points in the space of eight minutes had them back in contention.

Mary Coleman steadied the Cork nerves when she kicked home from close range followed quickly by a Marie O'Neill point.

At this stage Cork looked to have regained the initiative but a Lorraine Davies goal plus two points in succession cut the gap to four points with twelve minutes remaining.

Now it was the Cork defence who were under pressure but to their credit they responded superbly with Sheila Burns, Catriona Foley and Michelle Hegarty forming a solid half back line and Elaine o Riordan excelling at full back Cork quelled the Tipp attack, while up front the hard working Breige Corkery and Margaret McCarthy kept Cork on the attack.

It was left to Emer Watson to have the final say with a point four minutes from full time as Cork held out to record a tremendous victory, what a pity this competition only goes to provincial level as the display of camogie from both sides on Sunday last was a pleasure to watch.

A word of thanks to the City Division and Mr Donal O'Connor and their team who were

on duty last Sunday for the wonderful condition of Ballinlough.

Elsewhere Buttevant's Michelle O'Keeffe contributed four goals to ensure her sides place in the Under 18 'C' championship final as they defeated Na Piarraigh, well done to Enniskeane who had a great victory over Valley Rovers to take the Under 16 'B' championship crown and to Eire 'Og who had one goal to spare in their thrilling Muskerri Under 15 final victory over Inniscarra.

In Seandun Bishopstown and Glen Rovers will have to meet again after their under 13 semi-final finished all square.

Looking ahead next weekend is another busy one when Milford and Kilbrittan/Timoleague contest their first Senior League final which will take place in either Carrigrohoid or Coachford.

Also over the weekend Fr O'Neill's will travel to Dungourney on Saturday at 2.30 to contest the second semi-final of the under 18 'C' championship.

In the under 18 'A' semi-final Rockban meet St Catherine's on Sunday at 11.30 in Carrig Na Bhfeair, while the 'B' semi-final will see Carrigaline travel to meet Barryroe at 1.15, while Eire 'Og host Valley Rovers in Owens at a time to be announced.

Meanwhile Ballinhassig and Ballyhea will play off in Ballinhassig at 12 noon to decide who goes forward to the under 18 'A' semi-final.

Just a reminder that the Lotto is worth 1200 at next Monday nights County Board meeting, while the County Camogie jersey is still available to purchase to supporters.

On a personal note thanks to ever body for the good wishes and cards on my recent absence through illness, and yes I am definitely back for good this time no more little breaks, Until Next Week.....

## COUNTY TIPPERARY CAMOGIE HISTORY

The County Tipperary Camogie History, written by Martin Bourke and Seamus J. King, will be formally launched at Templemore Arms on Wednesday December 3rd at 8 p.m.

The launch will be performed by Meadh Stokes, Ambassador for camogie in Tipperary and captain of the county senior camogie team, that won the first All-Ireland senior camogie title in 1999.

The book which has taken over two years to complete, is a monumental work of nearly 700 pages. It traces the history of the game in the county from the foundation of the Camogie Association in 1904 to the end of 2003. In particular it gives a detailed account of the game

from 1932, when the first county championship was played, and Tipperary became involved in the All-Ireland camogie championship for the first time.

As well as tracing the story of the game in text, the book includes a wonderful selection of photographs, over three hundred in all, which makes this history an outstanding visual record as well.

There is also a very detailed statistical section of over one hundred pages which records the roll of honour of clubs, the records of games, the results of championships and leagues, and the huge number of teams that played with county and club during the period.

As well there is a chapter of club profiles, the history of the game in primary and secondary schools, the names to camogie players who won hurling championships, ballads relating to the game in the county, and an obituary section.

The authors are confident the book is a comprehensive record of the game of camogie in County Tipperary and are delighted to publish it at this point of time, after the county senior team's outstanding success this year. It is appropriate that such a book should appear in time for 2004, the centenary year of Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael.



# Camogie's centenary plans revealed



Seán Moran  
reports

A large attendance turned out at Croke Park yesterday for the launch of the Camogie Association's centenary celebrations in 2004.

At the announcement attended by John O'Donoghue TD, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, the President of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, Miriam O'Callaghan, outlined the plans to mark this milestone in the game's history.

Noting that the association predated women's suffrage she added: "Reaching a centenary is a significant achievement by any standards but reaching it in such a healthy and vibrant state is more than significant. Since 1904 our game has grown beyond the expectations of its founders."

"Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael has made a significant statement in its very formation and right throughout its history has impacted on the life of Irish women and Gaelic games. It continues to be a ground breaking organisation with vision and courage."

The association is due, with the women's football association Cumann Peile na mBan, to amalgamate under the umbrella of Croke Park and the president referred to this, saying that "the next milestone will be the successful integration of the three organisations".

Seán Kelly, GAA President, also referred to this process in his speech: "We in the GAA are delighted to be associated with you, our sister organisation in this historic year. Of course the recent pilot scheme aimed at establishing the best framework for complete integration."

"It is our intention to move forward in a confident and ambitious manner as a united body with the combined membership, skills, expertise and resources of the three associations at our disposal."

Among the milestones of the camogie association's first century picked out by O'Callaghan were the institution of a university competition, the Ashbourne Cup, in 1914, the export of the game to the United States in the 1930s, the appointment of the first full-time officers in the 1970s, the recent expansion of teams from 13 to 15 players and the appointment of a full-time sponsorship and finance manager, Sinéad O'Connor.

In his speech the minister paid tribute to the association: "I am sure that those pioneers who organised the first public game of

camogie in Páirc Tailteann between Craobh A'Cheithnigh and Cuchullains in 1904 would be delighted with the way camogie has grown to become one of the most popular and widely played female sports in Ireland with approximately 84,000 players.

"I would like to pay tribute to those pioneers for introducing a wonderful sport to the multitudes of Irish women who have graced the fields and stadiums of Ireland throughout the last 100 years."

He concluded by thanking the association's president for her invitation and wishing "you all every success in celebrating your first 100 years. Here's to the next 100".

The minister praised the appointment of a team of ambassadors, including one from each county, whose function it will be to promote the game.

Next year's centenary events include: the staging in February of the Ashbourne Cup in UCD, the first university to field a camogie team and later that month the announcement of the Team of the Century; in March a camogie exhibition will be mounted in the GAA Museum, a history will be launched and a set of centenary stamps will be issued by An Post.

June's Féile na nGael finals will be held in Navan, where the first camogie match took place in 1904.

Next year's All-Ireland finals take place on September 19th and the following month the association will participate, with the assistance of a €25,000 grant from Croke Park, in the GAA's International Rules events by playing against shinty players from Scotland - an exchange that has only hitherto taken place at club level - and organising a tournament with clubs from overseas.

A documentary on the game will be broadcast by RTE and the centenary year logo designed by Mark Dignam was unveiled.

Finally, the camogie All Stars for this year were announced. Sponsored by the Lynch Hotels Group, the awards were formally presented at an awards dinner last night in one of the sponsor's hotels, The Green Isle in Dublin.

Not surprisingly All-Ireland champions Tipperary lead the way with seven players, followed by finalists Cork with four.

Limerick have a strong presence with three at the end of a year that saw them reach the All-Ireland semi-final - although there is no representation for the other defeated semi-finalists Galway.

Intermediate champions Antrim complete the team with centrefielder Jane Adams gaining the only place to go outside of Munster.

**2003 CAMOGIE ALL STARS:** 1 Jovita Delaney (Tipperary); 2 Rose Collins (Limerick); 3 Una O'Dwyer (Tipperary); 4 Stephanie Dunlop (Cork); 5 Mary O'Connor (Cork); 6 Clara Gaynor (Tipperary); 7 Therese Brophy (Tipperary); 8 Vera Shoshan (Limerick); 9 Jane Adams (Antrim); 10 Emer Dillon (Cork); 11 Clara Grogan (Tipperary); 12 Eileen O'Brien (Limerick); 13 Eimear McDonnell (Tipperary); 14 Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary); 15 Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork).



GAA President, Seán Kelly, with models wearing different versions of camogie playing gear from over the years at Croke Park yesterday for the launch of plans to commemorate the centenary of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. - (Photograph: Brendan Moran/Sportsfile)



# Munster players dominate camogie's new star scheme

CAMOGIE'S first ever All-Star team was announced yesterday and it was dominated by seven of Tipperary's All-Ireland senior title winning side.

Cork are represented by four players, while Limerick have three, and Antrim one, while noticeably the team features not one player from Leinster or Connacht.

The All-Stars scheme is the latest step in camogie's marked modernisation in recent years and the inaugural team announcement yesterday was also made in conjunction with the launch of the association's centenary year celebrations for the coming season, 2004.

As the scheme is sponsored by Lynch Hotels, the players are named the '2003 Lynchpins'.

The historic first selection clearly demonstrates just how much the balance of power in camogie has swung towards Munster in recent years.

No fewer than 14 of the 15 players honoured come from the southern province, with All-Ireland champions Tipperary, as expected, getting the lion's share with seven representatives.

Tipperary goalkeeper Jovita Delaney, defenders Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor and Therese Brophy were all picked, as well as teammates Claire Grogan, Eimear McDonnell and Deirdre Hughes.

Four of the Cork side who were beaten in the All-Ireland senior final — Stephanie Dunlea, Mary O'Connor, Emer Dillon and Fiona O'Driscoll — were also honoured for their heroics during the year.

Rose Collins, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien of Limerick also were named in the team.

But perhaps most thrilled of all to be picked was Antrim midfielder Jane



Brenda Quirke, Fiona Quirke, Mary Rose Ryan and Fiona Munnely wearing camogie apparel from the last 100 years at yesterday's announcement of plans to celebrate the centenary of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. Picture: Pat Murphy.



Cliona FOLEY

Adams who was her province's only representative.

"I can't believe it, I really am delighted and feel so privileged to have received such a great honour," said Adams who plays for Belfast club O'Donovan Rossa

## 2003 CAMOGIE ALL-STARS

R Collins

(Limerick)

M O'Connor

(Cork)

V Sheehan

(Limerick)

E Dillon

(Cork)

E McDonnell

(Tipperary)

J Delaney

(Tipperary)

U O'Dwyer

(Tipperary)

C Gaynor

(Tipperary)

C Grogan

(Tipperary)

D Hughes

(Tipperary)

S Dunlea

(Cork)

T Brophy

(Tipperary)

J Adams

(Antrim)

E O'Brien

(Limerick)

F O'Driscoll

(Cork)

and was the 'Player of the Match' when Antrim won this year's All-Ireland Intermediate final.

A 22 year-old Leisure Event Management student at University of Ulster Jordanstown, her selection will

be a huge encouragement to other Ulster players.

However, she could not afford to celebrate yesterday as she is due to line out for UUJ today against Athlone IT in the opening round of the Ashbourne

Cup, the universities' camogie competition.

The All-Stars scheme will continue under the current sponsorship for the next two years at least and is just one of the many innovations which were announced to a large, star-studded crowd, including the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, John O'Donoghue, at Croke Park yesterday.

The 'Lynchpins' are also part of a 40-strong team of specially selected camogie 'ambassadors' who will be used to promote the game over the coming season.

A centenary logo and calendar were unveiled yesterday, to be followed by a range of commemorative merchandising, and the 100th-anniversary will also

be marked by a series of major events and innovations.

This includes camogie's 'Team of the Century', to be announced at the Centenary banquet on February 28.

An Post are launching special centenary stamps in March when the GAA will also host a special camogie exhibition in the GAA Museum.

There will be a commemoration of the first ever camogie match in Navan on July 17 — Craobh A'Cheithinnigh and Cuchulainns played in that historic match in 1904.

The camogie association had been canvassing heavily behind the scenes to have their centenary All-Ireland final played as the curtain-raiser to the men's hurling final next year, but hopes of that seemed to be dashed by the announcement of September 19 as the date for next year's camogie All-Irelands.

However, the GAA has noticeably donated €100,000 in grants, €25,000 of it to go directly to the hosting of an international camogie tournament.

And GAA President Sean Kelly promised them every support yesterday, saying that the strengthening of the camogie association would in turn help strengthen the GAA.

"I hope every club, county board and province in the country will honour this special occasion in every way possible," he said.

Camogie president Miriam O'Callaghan said their association has "made a significant statement in its very formation and right throughout its history has impacted on the life of Irish women and Gaelic games and continues to be a ground-breaking organisation with vision and courage."

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Coláiste Múire Senior College Camogie Champions, 2002-2003. Back row l to r: R. Cahill, L. Clancy, T. Cummins, S. Conman, C. Power, N. Shannon, A. Griffey, C. Donnellan, E. Malone, G. Kenny. Front row l to r: C. Collieran, S. Lafferty, E. O'Sullivan, D. Hegarty, C. Daly, M. Raftery, F. Lafferty, N. Arthur.



Miriam Uí Cheallacháin presents Camogie Féile Skills Certificate to Fiona Lafferty (Cill na Móna)



# Camogie celebrates a special year

by Mark Gallagher

A SPECIAL year for camogie kicked off in Croke Park yesterday, as the Association launched its calendar of events to celebrate their centenary year.

"This is a special occasion, marking the centenary year of our Association," said president Miriam O'Callaghan. "Not only that, but we are reaching it in such a healthy and vibrant state."

GAA President Sean Kelly and Minister for Sport John O'Donoghue both paid tribute to the great strides made by the sport.

"I am sure those pioneers who organised the first public game in Pairc Tailteann, Navan, between Craobh A Cheithinnigh and Cuchulainns in 1904 would be delighted with the way camogie has grown to be one of the most popular and widely played female sports with 84,000 members," he said.

As part of their centenary celebrations, the Camogie Association will re-enact the first ever camogie game in Navan next July. And in March, An Post will release stamps commemorating the team of the centenary which will be announced at camogie's gala event on February 28.

"We have grown beyond the expectations of our founders to become the most popular female sport in Ireland.

At Croke Park yesterday where plans were announced to celebrate the centenary of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael were models wearing camogie apparel throughout the hundred years, from left, Brenda Quirke, Fiona Quirke, Mary Rose Ryan and Fiona Munnelly.

Picture: Pat Murphy



"Since our formation, we have made a significant statement and right through its history, it has impacted on the life of Irish women and Gaelic games. It continues to be a groundbreaking organisation with vision and courage," said Miriam O'Callaghan.

She said the next milestone for the organisation will be the successful integration of the Camogie Association,

the GAA and the Ladies Football Association.

Sean Kelly also referred to that. "The pilot scheme will establish the best framework for complete integration. It is our intention to move forward in a confident and ambitious manner with the combined membership, skills, expertise and resources of the three associations."

Yesterday also marked the announcement of the 'Lynchpins' (their version of the All-Stars). Unsurprisingly, Eimear McDonnell, the first camogie player to be awarded a Texaco prize since Una Downey in 1986, was honoured along with five of her Tipperary team-mates.

The Camogie Association also unveiled their team of ambassadors who

will further rise the profile of the sport in the next year.

**Camogie Lynchpins 2003** J Delaney, (Tipperary); R Collins, (Limerick); U O'Dwyer, (Tipperary); S Dunlea, (Cork); M O'Connor, (Cork); C Gaynor, (Tipperary); T Brophy, (Tipperary); V Sheehan, (Limerick); J Adams, (Antrim); E Dillon, (Cork); C Grogan, (Tipperary); E O'Brien, (Limerick); E O'Donnell, (Tipperary); D Hughes, (Tipperary); F O'Driscoll, (Cork).

## Camogiechat with Mary Newman

### BUTTERVANT MAKE IT TITLE NUMBER TWO

CONGRATULATIONS this week go to Buttervant who brought 2003 to a satisfactory conclusion by adding the Under 18 "C" championship crown to the Junior "B" twelve a side title captured just four weeks ago.

The superb condition of the city division's pitch in Ballinlough made Saturday's final an exciting one and certainly added to the occasion as Fr O'Neills and Buttervant battled it out for the title. Buttervant held a slender two point advantage at the break after Marie Sheedy's had pointed two frees before Michelle O'Keefe and Gearoidin Kearney swapped goals.

From the restart Marie Sheedy again pointed two frees before goals from Mary T Foley and Triona O'Connell ensured there was no way back for the

Ballymacoda girls.

While Buttervant had many stars on the day special mention must go to Triona O'Connell and Marie Sheedy who were superb in attack while in defence the performances of Dawn Farrell, Norma Healy, Tracy O'Reilly and substitute Laura Harrington also impressed. Well done to Martin Murphy and Phil Healy two men who are doing trojan work in promotion camogie in the club, the celebration's I hear went on long into the night at the clubs victory dinner dance which co-incidentally had been organised for Saturday evening.

Milford continued their dominance of under-age competitions when they comfortably booked their place in the under 18 "A" championship final as they defeated Ballinhassig. Milford as they have so often done in the past laid the foundations for victory with a powerful opening half display.

Three goals from Julie Dunne with Anna Geary contributing two goal and five points along with the Watson sisters Marie and Emer also getting on the score sheet gave them a lead of 6-6 to 1-3 at the interval despite the best efforts of Ballinhassig's Emer O'Sullivan and Deirdre Coomey.

The second half was a much closer affair as the Ballinhassig defence held a tight grip on the Milford attack, substitute Ashling Thompson and Anna Geary extended the lead with Emer O'Sullivan keeping Ballinhassig in touch, however such was Milford's interval advantage that it was enough to book their place in next Sunday's decider where

Rockban will provide the opposition.

Sunday will also see Valley Rovers and Barryroe meet to decide the destination of the under 18 'B' county title and here two very evenly matched sides will vie for the last honour of 2003.

It's a tribute to chairperson Marion McCarthy and her county Board officers that come Sunday evening barring a draw all competitions for 2003 both championship and league in every grade will be completed, when one considers that Cork contested All Ireland finals in Senior and Minor level that is a marvellous achievement and it's a goal I know Marion set out to achieve when she took office last December.

Mention of Marion leads me briefly to last Wednesday's reconvened County Convention where the senior selectors who will guide the counties fortunes were elected.

All-Ireland senior hurling medal holder John Considine who will coach the side also takes on the role of selector and he is joined by Seamus Coffey from UCC who is assuming that role for the first time, Sheila O'Brien Eire Og and Watergrasshill's Mairead O'Callaghan both of whom bring a vast knowledge of selecting coun-

ty team with them, Mary Kenefick is the nominee of county champions Fr O'Neills so it all systems go for Centenary Year as Cork aim for title number twenty one.

Still some Colour Catcher jerseys left if anybody still wants to write to Santa contact the county board on their web site at [www.corkcamogie.com](http://www.corkcamogie.com) and leave you details.

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## Valley and Barryroe in final clash

### Camogie

Valley Rovers 1-6  
Eire Og 0-7

by Mary Newman

VALLEY ROVERS and Barryroe recorded victories in their under-18 B championship semi-finals to set up a final meeting next weekend.

In their clash in Ovens the home side held a narrow one-point interval advantage, thanks in the main to the accuracy of Catriona O'Leary with five points while Erin Corkery was also on target for the Eire Og girls. Two Clodagh Deasy points plus a Clare Twomey goal ensured Valley Rovers kept pace with their opponents in a close opening 30 minutes.

Inside two minutes of the restart Lucey Hawkes had Valley Rovers on level terms. Both sides work hard to regain the lead and it was Clodagh Deasy who shot the Innishannon girls ahead with a point.

Diane Twohig and Majella McCarthy had extended the Valley Rovers lead before Margaret O'Herlihy had one back for Eire Og.

**VALLEY ROVERS:** J Harrington, A Coughlan, E Cottrell, L Davis, M A Hawkes, L O Mahony, A Lynch, C Deasy, M Cottrell, L Hawkes, D Twohig, M McCarthy, S Whelton, E O Mahony, C Twomey, Subs O Deasy for S Whelton.

**EIRE OG:** L M O Mahony, A Desmond, S Gleeson, L Murphy, C McCarthy, M Corkery, C McKenna, A McCarthy, C Purcell, C O Leary, M Herlihy, E Kelleher, E Corkery, E McKenna, P Murphy Ref C O'Mahony St Finbarr's

Barryroe 1-6  
Carrigaline 2-2

IN the second semi final Barryroe had to hold off a strong second-half rally from Carrigaline before booking their place to meet Valley Rovers in the final. A Carol Ann Donovan goal and four Rosemary Dineen points in the opening half set the foundations for victory as Barryroe led 1-4 to 0-1 at the break.

Despite the strong second-half rally from Carrigaline Barryroe held on thanks to points from Dineen and Donovan.



At St. Mary's on the Hill Christmas Fundraiser in St Vincent's H&F club were Eleanor Manning and Ann Hegarty from Loral Ridge and Holly Hill. Picture: Ria Bonus B / Photo 0868130353



# Clare camogie earns respect once again

Clare took no part in competitive camogie in 2002, but at the beginning of the current season the Board officials were determined to make an impression in intercounty competitions in 2003.

They noted that many Clare camogie players were involved at third level colleges in the Ashbourne Cup and Purcell Shield competitions, and it was hoped that these players would form part of the county panel.

They got their campaign off to a successful start with a 4-7 to 2-9 victory over Down in the National Junior League at Whitegate. The experienced Noelle Comyns had an outstanding game and she got most support from Catherine O'Loughlin and Deirdre Murphy.

In their second game at Woodmount, Ballinasloe, a late point by Aoife Ryan gave Clare a share of the spoils against Roscommon, who scored 1-3 to Clare's 6 points.

Clare travelled to Portlaoise for their third round game and had a very easy victory over the home county by 3-12 to 0-1. Clooney native, Deirdre Murphy was in excellent scoring form accounting for 1-10 of Clare's total, including 0-07 from placed balls.

Clare again had to travel to their opponents territory for their fourth round game but they returned triumphantly from Longwood where they defeated Meath by 3-9 to 0-4.

Cusack Park was the venue for Clare's next engagement, and, in a low scoring game, they were held to a draw by Kildare, each county scoring 1-4. The absence, through injury, of Catherine O'Loughlin, proved a big blow to the home side.

Clare and Kildare were now level on points and a play-off was necessary to decide who would go forward to the knockout stages. The play-off was at neutral Ballinasloe and on this occasion the Clare girls had a four points victory 1-8 to 2-1. However, their involvement in the All-Ireland Junior league came to an end one week after when Galway defeated the Clare girls at Mullingar 1-9 to 1-4. Deirdre Murphy (1-2), Aoife Ryan and Claire McMahon (0-1 each) were the Clare scorers.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The League was lost but the championship was still to be played and Clare had an away game in the Munster semi-final against Tipperary at the Rugg, a popular venue for Camogie games. With a very respectable score of 2-13 they defeated the home county, Deirdre Murphy with 7 points was Clare's top scorer, Catherine O'Loughlin and Laura Linnane accounted for the goals.

The semi-final was played in early May and Clare now had to wait two months for the Munster final. Newmarket-on-Fergus was the venue and Cork were the opponents.

Francie Mahon, Mick Maher and trainer Helen Murphy were leaving no stone



Clare's captain, Catherine O'Loughlin is presented with the Munster Junior Camogie Cup

Photo: Clare Express

untaken in their efforts to bring the Munster Junior title, last won in 1986, back to the Banner county.

At last the day arrived and the downturn in the Clare camogie fortunes of recent years was halted with a wonderful victory. Two survivors from the 1986 team Catherine O'Loughlin and Noelle Comyns, played a leading role in winning the title.

Cork held a three point lead at the interval but allowing for the strength of the wind that had assisted them in the first half, Clare were nicely poised at this stage.

On resumption it took Clare just six minutes to draw level, Cork pointed to take the lead again but moments later Catherine O'Loughlin playing a real captain's part had the ball in the Cork net. Now with a two point lead, Clare hurled with great confidence and picked off some excellent points eventually winning by 1-12 to 2-5.

The Clare lineout was Patricia O'Grady, Jane Scanlon, Denise Lynch, Catherine McMahon, Marie O'Looney, Noelle Comyns, Marie Whelan, Moira McMahon, Deirdre Corcoran, Laura Linnane, Deirdre Murphy, Ann Keane, Claire McMahon, Catherine O'Loughlin (capt), Pauline Rochford, Aisling Kelleher and Aoife Ryan came on as substitutes.

The cup was presented to the captain, Catherine O'Loughlin, and the victory was suitably celebrated.

The Clare girls were now in the All-Ireland junior semi-final, for which they had a six week wait. In the meantime the local senior championship was completed with Newmarket retaining their title.

Cusack Park was the venue and Armagh were Clare's opponents in the semi-final. In the Clare champion match report, Peter O'Connell stated that Clare just about outstripped Armagh on the scoreboard but both teams contributed in

almost equal measure to a clash which taxed every nerve and sinew on the field, the sideline and indeed in the stand.

The final score was 4-7 to 3-8 and Clare had qualified for the All-Ireland final.

A number of special buses brought Clare supporters to Croke Park for the final while others travelled by car and train. The team went on Saturday, by plane from Shannon and Clare and Galway were providing the curtain-raiser for the senior final.

Again I quote from the Clare Champion report, Heart, Guts, Determination, Will to win. All these qualities surfaced when Clare needed them most to snatch a dramatic draw after four extraordinary minutes of extra time. As so often in the past the saviour was Catherine O'Loughlin who crowned a great 30 metre solo run by sending a powerful drive to the corner of the Galway net.

Clare were considered lucky to have survived to fight another day. Clare 3-9, Galway 3-9 was the final score. Galway had surrendered a four point lead in the closing minutes and their players were crestfallen at the final whistle, while the Clare girls celebrated as if victory had been achieved.

O'Connor Park, Tullamore, was the surprise venue for the replay on October 11th, but there was no joy for Clare as the Galway forwards made most use of their chances and their defence limited Clare to just three scores from play. Clare dominated for parts of the game, particularly in the third quarter, but failure to turn their supremacy into scores proved very costly. 1-12 to 2-5 was the final score.

While there was disappointment at failing at the final hurdle, all concerned are optimistic that a national title can be won in the near future, and that Clare camogie is on a firm footing once more.

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## Milford capture league title

**Milford**  
**Kilbrittan/Timoleague**

**3-12**  
**1-3**

MILFORD came of age on Sunday last when they captured their first Senior Camogie League title at the expense of Senior B county champions Kilbrittan/Timoleague. The score line does little to reflect a good contest played at the excellent Aghbullogue venue in Coachford.

Miriam Deasy opened Kilbrittan's account with a fourteenth minute point. Kilbrittan's Val O'Keefe was unlucky to have been adjudged to have stepped over the line and have her fifteenth minute goal disallowed. Marie Watson registered a Milford point in the twentieth minute and when Anna Geary finished a Theresa McLoughlin hand pass to the net Milford hit the front. Marie Watson extended the lead with a point but Deirdre O'Sullivan replied for Kilbrittan as Milford finished the half with a pointed Marie Watson free to hold a 1-3 to 0-2 interval advantage.

Milford showed fierce determination from the restart and inside four minutes held an eight point advantage after Marie Watson had pointed a free and Theresa McLoughlin goalied despite two su-

perb Sadie McCarthy saves. Val O'Sullivan converted a Kilbrittan free but her side found it hard to get past a Milford defence where Elaine O'Riordan and Aoife Dillon were superb.

Five unanswered points had Milford in a comfortable position but refusing to be second best Kilbrittan struck back with a Miriam Deasy goal. Boosted by the score Kilbrittan fought hard but again found it tough against the strong Milford defence. Three points from the Watson sisters Emer and Marie before younger sister Aine had their third goal saw Milford deservingly annex their first senior trophy which was presented to Milford captain Lelia Long by county board president Sheila Golden.

**Milford:** E Linehan, T Mc Loughlin, E O Riordan, A. Dillon, S Sexton, L Healy, D Hayes, R Curtain, A Geary, M Watson, L Long capt., E O Friel, A Watson, N O Riordan.

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## Munster award winners

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Speaking at the announcement was John O Donoghue TD, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism. This is a particularly important occasion for Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael as it announces the calendar of events for 2004, its centenary year, commented Minister O Donoghue. I am sure that those pioneers who organised the first public game of camogie in Páirc Tailteann between Craobh Chéithinnigh and Cúchulainns in 1904 would be delighted with the way camogie has grown to become one of the most popular and widely played female sports in Ireland with 84,000 members. I would like to pay tribute to those great people for introducing a wonderful sport to the multitudes of women who have graced the fields and stadiums of Ireland throughout the last 100 years.

I would like to compliment Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael on their plans to select a team of Ambassadors from each county as well as from the US and the UK whose remit is to promote the game of camogie, particularly in areas where it has not been traditionally strong. I am sure those selected will be excellent role models for the younger generation of players and indeed for our youth as a whole.

He finished by encouraging everyone who has played the game to fully support the efforts of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael to ensure that its centenary year is a great success.

Also speaking at the Press Conference was Miriam O Callaghan, Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael who added,

Reaching a centenary is a significant achievement by any standards but reaching it in such a healthy and vibrant state is more than significant. Since 1904 our game has grown beyond the expectations of its founders to become the most popular and widely played female sport in Ireland.

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael has made a significant statement in its very formation and right throughout its history has impacted on the life of Irish women and Gaelic Games. It continues to be a groundbreaking organisation with vision and courage.

An tUachtarán then announced the LynchPins Team of 2003, proudly sponsored by Lynch Hotels Group.

These top 15 players will herald in the 2004 Celebrations and who better than Ireland's top camogie players:

1. Jovita Delaney (Tipperary), 2. Rose Collins (Limerick), 3. na O Dwyer (Tipperary), 4. Stephanie Dunlea (Cork), 5. Mary O Connor (Cork), 6. Ciara Gaynor (Tipperary), 7. Therese Brophy (Tipperary), 8. Vera Sheehan (Limerick), 9. Jane Adams (Antrim), 10. Emer Dillon (Cork), 11. Claire Grogan (Tipperary), 12. Eileen O'Brien (Limerick), 13.

Eimear McDonnell (Tipperary), 14. Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary), 15. Fiona O Driscoll (Cork).

In her speech An tUachtarán also commented on the importance of the establishment of camogie competitions at third, second and primary levels, as well as the significant appointment of a full-time Ardr na nGael in 1980 and a Sponsorship & Finance Manager in 2003 to service the growing demand of an expanding Association.

She said that the centenary is a year in which the Association will reflect on the past, celebrate its achievements and plan for the continued development and promotion of our game a game that surpasses all other field games for excitement, skill and sheer enjoyment.

The President stated that Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael is more than a sporting organisation. It is not only dedicated to the promotion of the game but also supports activities that enrich the culture of the nation including Irish people in their adopted countries, and it endeavours to strengthen pride in the communities it serves.

Also in attendance was Seán Ceallaigh, Uachtarán, C.L.G. who spoke of the GAA's delight to be associated with Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael in their historic year. The recent pilot scheme aimed at establishing the best framework for complete integration of the GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football Associations has brought all even closer together.

He stated that it is the GAA's intention to move forward in a confident and ambitious manner as a united body with the combined membership, skills, expertise and resources of the three Associations at their disposal.

This day belongs to Camogie, said Sean Kelly. In a colourful and vivid history, you have given much to the women of Ireland. You have provided not only a sports and cultural outlet but a confidence and sense of pride that few national institutions can claim to have matched.

## MILESTONES OF 2003

Highest ever TV viewership for 2003 All-Ireland Senior Final almost one million

First Camogie Texaco Award since 1986 Presented to Tipperary's Eimear McDonnell Irish Tattler Highly Commended Sports Star of the Year Award, to Tipperary's Úna O Dwyer

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# Historic year for Galway Junior Camogie

by Ann Kearney, Galway Camogie PRO

It was a historic year for Galway Junior Camogie team. In 2003 they became the only adult Galway team to win an All Ireland title in Gaelic Sport and to add the that victory it came as the second part of a great double. Earlier in the year Galway Junior Camogie team also captured the National Junior Camogie title which laid the platform for greater success as the year went on.

At the start of the year Noel Finn from Cappataggle was appointed as manager and with his selectors Pat Kelly, Angela Cooney and John Joe Donoghue they set the plan in motion.

The first outing of the year was a trip to Ballyhea in Co Cork where two second half goals from Orla Curtin ensured that Galway had a resounding victory in their opening league game. In their next League outing against Offaly, Emma Kilkenny, Susan Keane, Breda Hanney and Cathy Bowes all scored goals for Galway as they recorded another easy victory. The Galway side then traveled the long journey to Wexford and the Slayney side custodian Emma Barnes made a series of excellent saves and although Orla Curtin did send one ball past the 'keeper, Galway were lucky to come home from the Model County with a share of the spoils.

Galway qualified for the National League Semi final and a clash with neighbours Clare in Cusack Park, Mullingar. Trying to facilitate other teams and bringing these two teams to Mullingar made little sense but Galway and Clare travelled and played a highly entertaining game. On a day when Clare left their scoring sticks at home having seventeen wides, Galway emerged victorious and qualified for the National League final against Armagh.

It was a journey to at Ballymacnab in County Armagh for the League final but Galway had little fears. They held Armagh in high esteem but traveled to win and recorded a merited victory as Galway captured the National League title for the third time, the previous victorious being in 1985 and 1995.

All was now set for the All Ireland championship. Preparation was carefully planned and the panel of players was finalised. The Connacht final could be more than just a formality. While Galway had captured the previous two Connacht junior finals Roscommon could never be taken for granted. However at a sun drenched Dr. Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, Galway Junior Camogie Team paved the way towards the All Ireland series when they captured their third

successive Connacht title with a facile victory over Roscommon, winning on a scoreline of 3-9 to 0-5. The fact that Roscommon failed to raise a single flag from play over the hour, was an indication of Galway's impressive start on the championship campaign. Two Emma Kilkelly goals in the opening seven minutes paved the path to victory and a Susan Keane goal early in the second half put the issue beyond doubt.

All was now set for an All Ireland Semi final meeting with Wexford at Marian Park, Portumna but once again another quality display brought Galway through easily against the Leinster champions as the Tribes girls emerged victorious by 3-6 to 1-6. Good work from Captain Brenda Kearns set up Ann Marie Hayes and Emma Kilkelly in the third quarter to put Galway 2-3 to 0-3 in front at half-time. A Wexford from Josie Dwyer whittled Galway's lead to just three points early in the second half, but Emma Kilkelly added a late goal that ensured Galway's place in eth All Ireland final.

Sunday, September 21st dawned, the biggest day in the Camogie calendar, All Ireland final day in Croke Park. While Tipperary and reigning champions Cork were battling out in the All Ireland Senior final, an experienced Clare side were going to battle against a very young Galway side in the All Ireland Junior final which provider the curtain raiser.

For the Hayes family from Kiltormer the day provided a quandary. While daughter Ann Marie Hayes was lining out for Galway Junior camogie team in an All Ireland final in Croke Park, her brother David was lining out for Galway Under Hurlers 21 side in the All Ireland Under 21 Hurling final in Semple Stadium, Thurles. Such the joys for sporting families. On a year when Galway were one of the counties selected for the pilot area for the integration of three bodies, Gaelic Athletic Association, Camogie and Ladies Football, such a clash should not have taken place as it was unfair to be asking parents and family members to be at two places at the one time.

The Galway team travelled from the magnificent City West Hotel in Saggart on the Sunday morning in a relaxed mood before arriving at Croke Park in plenty of time. A quick departure from the large dressing room area to take a look at the ground. For these young players setting foot on the hallowed turf of the Theatre of Dreams was daunting, but Noel Finn and his team kept the team in a relaxed mood.

Galway Senior and Minor Camogie teams

had lost out and much now depended on the Junior team to deliver. In the League campaign Galway defeated Clare by five points, a day when Clare were not on scoring form. This Clare team had quality and experienced players of which several captured the All Ireland Intermediate medals in 1999. Galway were young but many of these players had a lot of underage experience behind them.

As expected Clare drove forward from the start but Galway custodian Susan Earner was in top form early on. An Ann Marie Hayes settled Galway and the Connacht champions were four points clear at the end of the opening quarter. Good combination from Deirdre Murphy and Catherine O'Loughlin saw the latter score a Clare goal and by half time the score read Galway 1-7 Clare 1-3. Galway held their nerve against the Clare side that dominated the third quarter, but received a major boost early in the final quarter when a marvellous passing movement involving Sinead Keane, Caroline Kelly, Brenda Hanney, Ann Marie Hayes, Cathy Bowes and Brenda Kerins, ended with Emma Kilkelly crashing the ball to the Clare net.

Catherine O'Loughlin again for Clare and Claire McMahon pointed to bring the game to parity for the first time, with eight minutes left. Galway fought back and an Ann Marie Hayes goal was followed by a Collette Glennon point with a minute of normal time remaining. Deirdre Murphy pointed a free and in four minutes of injury time Galway were denied victory when Clare full forward Catherine O'Loughlin crashed the ball to the Galway net to level the game at 3-9 each and a replay date was set for Saturday, October 11th at O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

With Galway Under 21 Hurler's losing in Thurles, The Junior Camogie team were now the only team that could salvage pride in Gaelic sport in Galway. This they did in style in Tullamore as they became the only adult county team to take All Ireland honours on the Gaelic fields. Although Clare's Catherine O'Loughlin finished as she left off in the drawn game with a goal early on, after Ann Marie Hayes goaled for Galway they never looked back. Galway tagged on points at will and it was the last puck of the game before Clare registered a second goal as Galway had march to victory with the final score Galway 1-12 Clare 2-5. Galway had captured their seventh All Ireland Junior Camogie title to add to the honours list of 1972, '79, '85, '88, '94 and '98.

# Another successful year for Davitts

Davitts Camogie Club had another very successful year in 2003, the highlight being the winning of the Senior County Final bearing arch rivals Pearces in the decider. As early as May, Davitts had a comprehensive win over Pearces in the league final defeating them 3 - 19 to 1 - 10. This lay down the gauntlet for the remainder of the year, with victories over Castlgar, Mullagh and Kinvara in a semi final it set up a meeting with old enemies Pearces in the County Final. Pearces were totally outclassed by a superior and more determined Davitts team at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe. There was no denying the destination of this season's county honours when Davitts had the warning bells ringing for the Ballymacward side as early as the sixth minute. With a brace of goals in less than 60 seconds, Davitts had raced into a 2 - 2 lead by the time Pearces had their first serious attack. Pearces were a pale shadow of the side that had taken five All Ireland titles in the past seven years while Davitts needed little motivation against a team that beat them by just the minimum in the past three years and had marched on to win All Irelands.

Our next outing was a long trip to Dunloy for the All Ireland semi-final. This proved to be a difficult outing for the Davitts girls, who won on a score line of 2 - 14 to 3 - 3, thus qualifying for All-Ireland Club final, against Granagh-Ballingary of Limerick.

All-Ireland finals are days like no other. Ultimately they are about winning and the victors bask in the glory, while the losers are left to ponder on what might have been. It was no different when Davitts were left crestfallen after the greater all-round balance, pace and experience of Granagh/Ballingary proved too much for the gallant Galway champions thus ending Davitts dream for another year of winning their first club All-Ireland. Many thanks to Michael Ryan, Anne Fahy and David Blake for their much work and commitment to this team.

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## U-16

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DAVITTS SENIOR TEAM - ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CLUB FINALISTS

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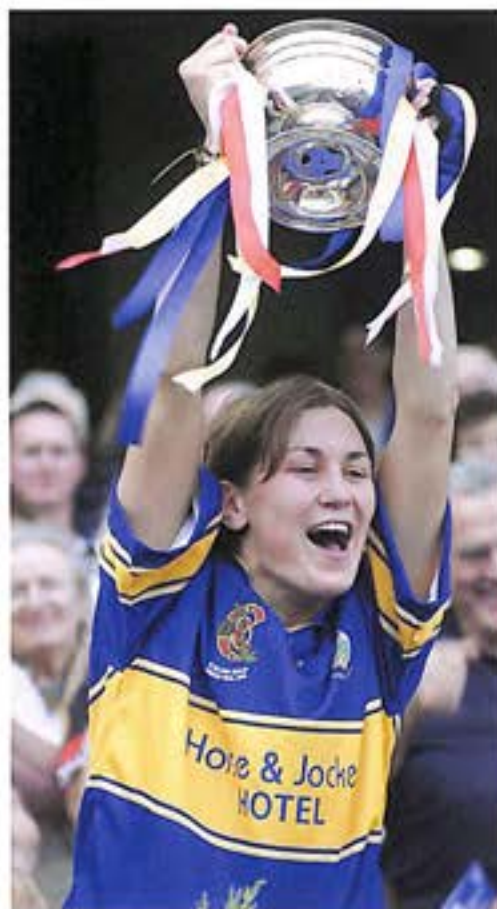
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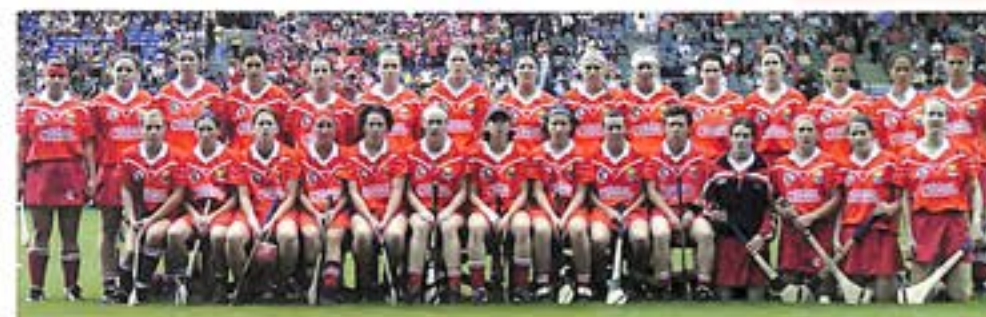
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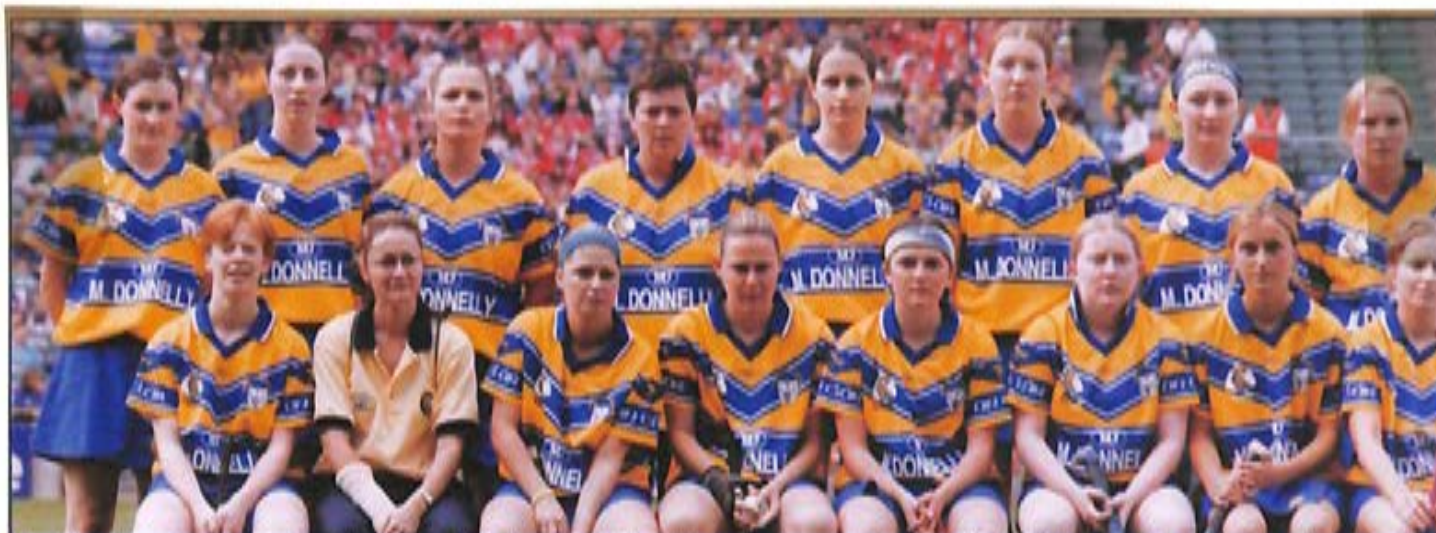


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Newmarket on Fergus Senior Camogie Champions and League winners 2003. Back row 1 to 11: Carol Toomey, Cathiona Plunkett, Marie Hannon, Marie O'Looney, Jane O'Leary, Ruth Kaiser, Patricia O'Grady, Deirdre Cassidy, Aileen Kilmartin, Geraldine O'Grady, Louise Hickey, Dee Smith, Breeda O'Looney. Front row 1 to 10: Edel Arthur, Aoife Ryan, Claire Arthur, Elaine McMahon, Moira McMahon, Cathiona Collins, Sharon McMahon, Almee McInerney, Iris Kaiser, Aisling Garry, Sinade Cullinan, Sinade Ryan.



Cill na Mona Under 16 A winners, 2003. Back row 1 to 11: M. Mullins, B. Mullins, C. Quinn, C. Power, M. Perrill, S. Commene, C. Roseingrave, S. Taggfe, C. O'Connor, S. Lee. Front row 1 to 5: J. Griffin, T. Roseingrave, A. Cullinan, F. Lafferty, S. Lafferty (capt), R. Cahill, J. O'Grady, M. Roseingrave, K. Tierney.



# Scariff bridge 15-year gap to claim Munster title

**Scariff CC 4-5  
Ursulines 3-0  
Munster Colleges  
Junior Championship**

SCARIFF were crowned Munster Colleges junior camogie champions last Saturday when they defeated Ursulines from Thurles at Scariff. In winning the title, Scariff bridged a 15-year gap to their last Munster camogie title which was achieved in 1989 at the expense of St Mary's, Macroom.

The Jack Treacy and Marie Kenneally trained Scariff side deserved this success but they had to fight all the way before being crowned champions.

The visitors played with the aid of the breeze in the first half and they took the lead after five minutes when Linda Fanning scored their opening goal.

Scariff fought back and five minutes later they were on level terms after Ann Marie Fitzgerald goaled. The same player was unlucky not to have had a second goal two minutes later.

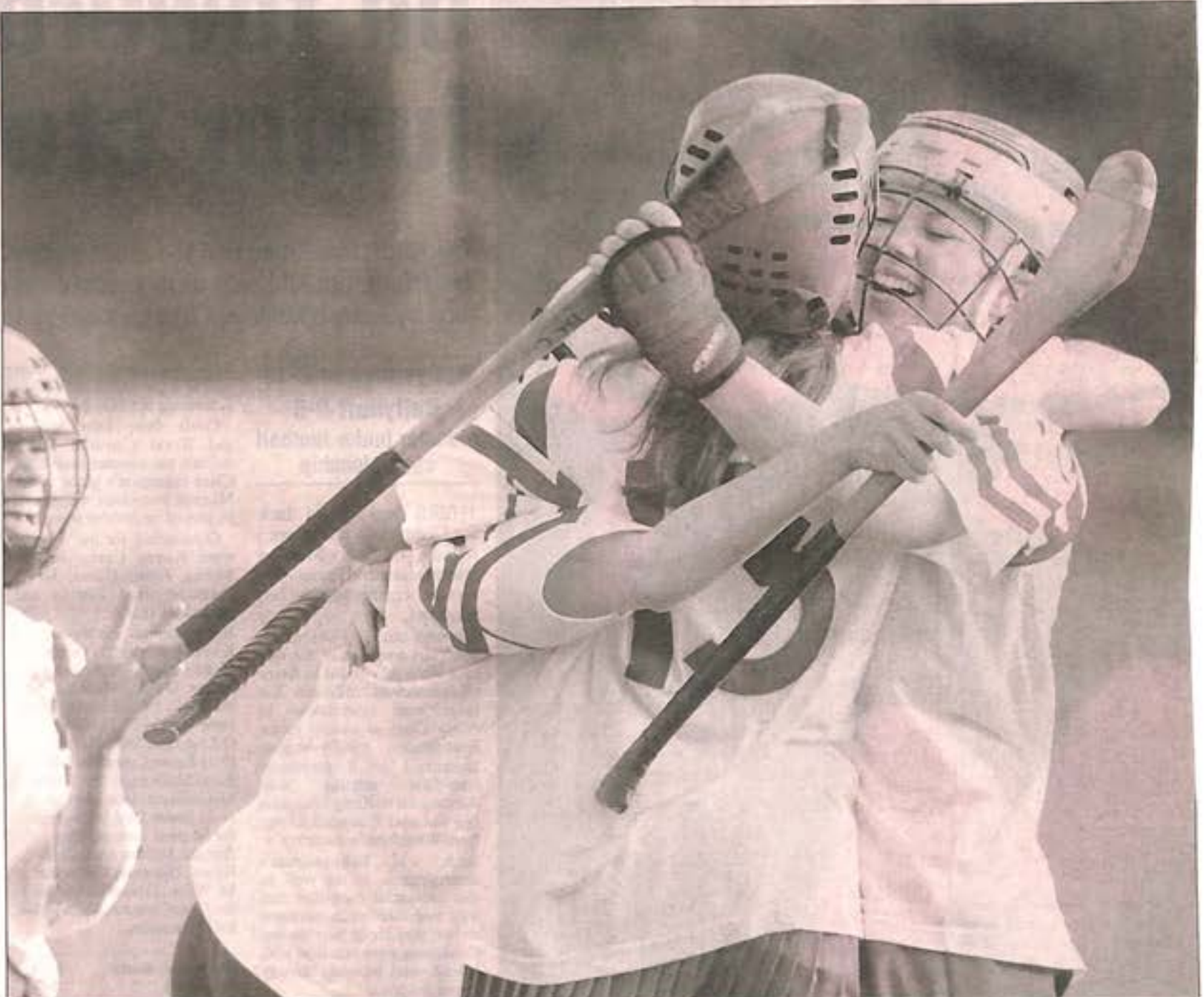
The strong wind was a big advantage and Ursulines went back in front when team captain, Ciara Johnston, goaled and they followed this with a similar score by Teresa Burke.

Their lead would have been much greater at this stage but for the outstanding play of the Scariff defence and, in particular, goalie Susan Vaughan who made a number of great saves. In addition Ciara O'Leary at full-back, Barbara Burke, Ashling Treacy and Catherine McNamara were also prominent while the midfield duo of Louise Hayes and Marian O'Brien also excelled in their defensive duties.

Ashling Treacy notched a point for Scariff before the break to leave the visitors leading at the interval on a score of 3-0 to 1-1.

The Tipperary outfit took up where they had left off when the second half got underway and they piled on the pressure but the Scariff defence held firm. Ten minutes into the half Ciara McDermott goaled for the home side and points followed from Louise Hayes and Marian O'Brien to tie up the scores midway through this period.

Urged on by the big home following, Scariff stepped up a gear and went in front with a Lorraine Lynch goal. Points followed from Ciara McDermott and Marian O'Brien before they sealed victory with



a Mairead Scanlan goal five minutes from the end.

The switch of Scanlan to centre forward in a swoop with Lorraine Lynch proved to be a vital move in the second half and played a huge part in the East Clare school's victory. They will now play the Connacht champions in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Scariff: Susan Vaughan (Ogonnellloe); Sandra Counihan (Bodyke); Ciara O'Leary (Whitegate); Catherine McNamara (Bodyke); Sinead Durack (Whitegate); Barbara Burke (Bodyke); Aisling Treacy (Whitegate); Louise Hayes (Bodyke); Marian O'Brien (Ogonnellloe) captain; Ciara McDermott (Whitegate); Lorraine Lynch (Bodyke); Mairead Dooley (Whitegate); Laura Brody (Scariff); Mairead Scanlan (Scariff); Ann Marie Fitzgerald (Bodyke)

Subs: Amanda Flaherty

(Killanena) for C McNamara; Sarah Myles (Scariff) for M Dooley; not used: Eibhlín Bowler (Bordford); Roisin O'Brien (Ogonnellloe); Edel O'Grady (Bodyke); Aisling Kelly (Whitegate); Sinead Flaherty (Killanena); Lisa Chapman (Whitegate); Lisa Donnellan (Whitegate); Triona Kelly (Whitegate); Michelle Dooley (Whitegate); Roisin Loughnane (Killanena); Niamh O'Connor (Killanena).

## ■ O'Callaghan's Mills

The annual general meeting of the O'Callaghan's Mills camogie club was held last weekend when the following officers were elected: chairperson - Sarah Donnellan; secretary - Marie Nash; PRO - Nollaig Baker. Jim Noonan and David Baker continue to take charge of the intermediate team and training has commenced in preparation for the league.

**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE ■** The girls from Scariff Community College celebrate their victory over Ursuline of Thurles in the junior colleges camogie final at Scariff. ■ Mairead Scanlan sets up another attack for Scariff despite the attentions of her Ursuline opponent. ■ Scariff Community College's Sinead Durack challenges Antoinette Kennedy of Ursuline.

Photographs by John Kelly





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## DIARMUID O'DONOVAN

With the low-down on local sport

# Story of camogie shines in women's sport

**THIS year is a special year for the sport of camogie.**

July 17 next will be the 100th anniversary of the sport's first official game — played in Navan, County Meath.

The game was one of the attractions at a Gaelic League festival that was being held in the town at the time.

The teams were comprised of members of the Gaelic League. One team was made up entirely of members of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League in Dublin.

This team was called Keatings. The other side was known as Cuchullains. The records show that Keatings won the game by one goal to nil.

In her book, "Cork's Camogie Story" Mary Moran, points out that the sport of Camogie was well ahead of it's time in promoting the participation of women in sport.

She tells us that women did not compete in the Olympic Games until 1908.

Even then, they were only allowed to compete at the "rather sedate sport of Archery." The 100 metres freestyle swim was added in 1912 and it was not until 1928 that women were allowed to compete in athletics.

The first recorded games of Camogie to be played in Cork took place in 1905. The first team was formed in the Blarney Street area and was known as Fainne an Lae.

Later, two of their members, the Walsh sisters, left to live in Blackpool. They joined a branch of the Gaelic League based in Pine Street and through this branch they formed Cork's second club. This club was called Clan na nGael.

Clan na nGael's first captain was Ellis Walsh. She later mar-

ried Cork's future Lord Mayor, Tomás MacCurtain.

Camogie grew from these beginnings into the organisation it is today.

I met the Camogie Board's PRO Mary Newman-McCarthy at the weekend and she tells me that there are several events planned to celebrate the centenary.

The first big event is a Gala Formal Dinner at the City West Hotel, in Dublin to coincide with their Annual Congress on February 28th next. I believe that tickets are still available for this and anybody interested in attending should contact their local camogie club or the county camogie board for details.

On April 10 next, each camogie club in Cork is promoting an open day. The day will be known as Lá na gClub. Each club will hold a variety of events including long puck competitions, athletics events, mini-tournaments etc.

These events will be open to all — not just the club members and their families.

In an effort to promote their events throughout the year and to increase the profile of the Camogie Association, each county has appointed two ambassadors.

Former All-Ireland winning captain, Linda Mellerick is the Cork County Senior Ambassador and last year's All-Ireland Minor winning captain, Anna Geary from Millford is the Schools and Colleges Ambassador.

One of the more interesting projects of the year is the selection of a "Team of the Century".

Whatever team is picked, you can be sure there will be controversy. The selectors are glad that the number of players on a team was increased from 12 to 15 some years ago. At least three more opinions can now be satisfied.

I would not be qualified to



Linda Mellerick is the Cork County Senior Ambassador in camogie.

judge the ability of the players of the first 70 or 80 years of camogie but I have a few nominations.

The goalkeeper position must lie between Peggy Hogg who won four All-Irelands with Cork in the 1930s and Marion McCarthy who won eight All-Irelands in the 1970s and 80s.

The Downey twins from Kilkenny should also make the team. In fact, Angela Downey was as good a hurler as any player on the current Kilkenny senior hurling team.

Four other players from Leinster who should make the team are Kathleen Mills and Una O'Connor from Dublin, Elsie Walsh from Wexford and Bridie Martin from Kilkenny.

Kathleen Mills is the holder of 15 senior All-Ireland Camogie medals and Una O'Connor has 13. I doubt if anyone would object to their selection. Elsie Walsh is better known these days as Mrs Brian Cody but she was probably a better player than Brian himself.

Bridie Martin's feats were a little overshadowed by Angela and Anne Downey but she would run them a close third for the best

Kilkenny player of all time.

Other Cork players who should be 'dead certs' are Sandie Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick of Glen Rovers, Pat Moloney of Killeagh and Marie Costine of Cloyne.

While Noreen Duggan (Blackrock) arguably the best player never to win an All-Ireland medal, Hannah Dineen (South Pres.), Liz Garvan (Old Als), Mary O'Leary (Watergrasshill), Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr O'Neills) and Anna Crotty (Glen Rovers) could also make the team.

Finally, if I was to suggest a Club of the Century, it must be Glen Rovers. (Not because they are my own club or because both my mother, Shiela Cahill and my wife, Anne Delaney both captained the club to senior county titles — I wanted to get that in).

All that is co-incidental. I propose the Glen because since 1950, they have 22 senior county titles and four All-Ireland Club titles.

Even more remarkably, they have won the senior county title seven times in-a-row twice.

To be county champions seven times in a row once is brilliant. To do it twice has to be divine.



# Fourth Munster title in a row for St Mary's of Charleville

ST MARY'S  
LORETO

1-7  
2-1

IN a thrilling Munster Senior (A) Camogie Colleges final at Glanworth on Saturday last, champions St Mary's held out for a close win to record their fourth Munster title in a row.

The game was played in heavy conditions with the cross wind making scoring rather difficult. St. Mary's had the aid of the near gale force wind in the opening half. They were slow to get on top but two points each by Mary Coleman and Marie Watson (frees) had them 0-4 ahead after 12 minutes.

St Mary's had a goal from a free by Marie Watson at the end of the first quarter. Loreto improved as the half progressed and they defended very well with Noreen Mulcahy, Ciara Lynch and Orla Cotter doing very well.

The Fermoy side forced three frees up front as the half came to a close, they were all cleared but on the third they forced a penalty. Team captain Noreen Mulcahy's effort from the penalty struck the crossbar and from the melee there was a second penalty awarded. On this occasion Noreen Mulcahy found the net and left just four points between the sides at the break, 1-4 to 1-0.

On the restart the wind was not as strong and Loreto failed to make the expected impact.

Sinead McAuliffe pointed for the St Mary's side. Charleville set up a number of attacks but the Fermoy defence held firm. Fermoy were wides from frees by Orla Cotter and Denis Twomey.

Fermoy's defence continued to do well as the Charleville forwards attacked. Marie Watson



The St Mary's Charleville team that defeated Loreto Fermoy in the Munster Senior A camogie colleges final at Glanworth on Saturday.

was wide from a St Mary's free before Fermoy had a pointed free by Orla Cotter.

Marie Watson then pointed a free midway through the second half that opened up a five point lead, 1-6 to 1-1.

Fermoy battled very well in the last quarter. First a well-taken free by Michelle McAteer was gathered by Noreen Mulcahy who was denied a goal by Natasha Murphy.

At the other end Sinead McAuliffe was denied a goal by Valerie McCormack. With five minutes remaining a great delivery by Orla Cotter to Marie O'Neill produced a hand-passed goal that left just two points between the sides.

Loreto tried hard for the equaliser but the St Mary's defence held firm. In a last ditch effort St Mary's had the last score of the game by Sinead McAuliffe to run out

victors by a three-point margin.

After the game Theresa O'Callaghan, on behalf of the Camogie Board, presented the cup to the winning captain Marie Watson.

**SCORERS — ST MARY'S,** Charleville: Marie Watson 1-3 (frees), Mary Coleman and Sinead McAuliffe 0-2 each.

**LORETO, FERMOY:** Noreen Mulcahy 1-0 free, Marie O'Neill 1-0, Orla Cotter 0-1 free.

**TEAMS — ST MARY'S,** Charleville: Natasha Murphy (Kilmallock); Amy Morrissey (Ballyhea), Elaine O'Riordan (Milford),

Aisling O'Brien (Granagh-Ballingarry); Sarah O'Mahony (Ballyagran), Shannon Brosnan (do.), Edwina Waters (Ballyhea); Anna Geary (Milford), Lisa Healy (do.);

Mary Coleman (Ballyhea), Sinead McAuliffe (Ballyagran), Marie Watson (Milford, captain); Emer Watson (do.), Fiona Morrissey (Granagh-Ballingarry), Aine Watson (Milford).

**LORETO, FERMOY:** Valerie McCormack (Kildorrery); Laura Cronin (Watergrasshill), Noreen Mulcahy (St Catherine's, captain), Marie Twomey (do.); Orna Neville (do.), Orla Cotter (do.), Aileen Hogan (do.); Ciara Lynch (Kildorrery), Michelle McAteer (Castletynes); Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill), Andrew Mangan (St Catherine's), Noreen O'Farrell (Watergrasshill); Denise Twomey (St. Catherine's), Trisha Carroll (Castletynes), Deirdre Twomey (St Catherine's). **SUB:** Mairead Finn (Ballyduff) for Andrea Mangan.

**REFEREE:** Colette O'Mahony (St Finbarr's).

**MILLSTREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL 3-2**  
**ST FANAHAN'S, MITCHELSTOWN 3-0**

THIS was a closely contested County Vocational Schools Senior Camogie quarter-final at Shanballymore on Friday last.

A very good standard of camogie was witnessed with both sides using the ground ball to great effect. Millstreet edged ahead with an early goal by Deirdre Murphy. St Fanahan's levelled in the 11th minute through Avril Noonan.

The Mitchelstown side edged ahead when a free by Deborah O'Mahony from about 50 yards found its way to the net. Millstreet improved as the half progressed.

Both sides missed a few scoring chances but it fell to Siobhan Tarrant to force level in the dying moments of the first half 2-0 each.

On the restart Millstreet were on the ascendancy with their half back line doing very well. They had two points by Fiona O'Donoghue free and the outstanding Deirdre Looney.

At the end of the third quarter St Fanahan's again edged in front when Avril Noonan had her second goal. The last quarter was very close and tense with St Fanahan's forcing a number of frees and a '65'.

It was the Millstreet side who had a goal by Eileen O'Sullivan in the 54th minute that proved decisive in the end. They held out for a 2 point winning margin.

**TEAMS — MILLSTREET:** Ann Buckley; Deirdre O'Flynn, Michelle O'Sullivan, Helen Cooney; Angelina Taylor, Louise O'Connell, Deirdre Looney; Blathnid O'Donoghue, Mary Keane; Fiona O'Donoghue, Eileen O'Sullivan, Christine Carroll; Laura Healy, Siobhan Tarrant, Deirdre Murphy.

**SUB:** Emma Coleman for Laura Healy (all Millstreet).

**ST FANAHAN'S:** Fiona O'Donoghue (Ballyporeen); Sandra Slattery (St Fanahan's), Samantha Walsh (Galtee Gaels), Mary O'Brien (Kildorrery); Lisa Crotty (Skeheenarinky), Catriona O'Gorman (St Fanahan's), Deborah O'Mahony (do.); Ruth Kelly (Ballylanders), Bridget Hanley (St Fanahan's); Avril Noonan (do.), Róisín O'Sullivan (Anglesboro), Denis Coffey (Kildorrery); Christine Hanley (St Fanahan's), Martin McCarthy (Ballyporeen), Regina Fitzgerald (Fr Sheehy's).

**REFEREE:** Arthur Philpott (Fermoy).

## LIMERICK COUNTY CAMOGIE BOARD LIMERICK PLAYERS LINE OUT IN THIRD LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

U.C.C. 3-11 NULG. 1-1

M.L.C.L. 1-3 C.I.T. 0-2

U.L. 1-8 W.I.T. 1-6

Limerick players fielded

with 4 of the teams involved

in last Saturday's Ash-

bourne Cup quarter finals.

Meadhbh Nash (Granagh

Ballingarry) was at centre-

forward for U.C.C. in their

big win at the Mardyke,

Maire Fleury (Ahane) was a

panellist with Eamon Crea-

gan coached Mary I. who

surprised C.I.T. Mairead

Kelly (Galway) 0-1 mid-

field, Amy McCarthy

(Granagh/Ballingarry) full

forward and Aoife Sheehan

(Granagh/Ballingarry) 0-1

was at wing forward. Moira

Dooley (Ahane) came on as

a substitute and Alison

White (Ballyagran) were

with Tom Hennessy. J.

Moloney managed U.L. in

Waterford.

The Ashbourne Cup and

Shield semi finals and finals

take place in Belfield on

the weekend of February 14th/

15th.

### PURCELL CUP AND SHIELD

The Purcell Cup and Shield

semi finals and finals are

scheduled for Maynooth on

Saturday and Sunday Feb-

ruary 7th/8th. The draw is as

follows: Purcell Cup semi-

finals: Athlone I.T. v

G.M.I.T. and L.I.T. v Garda.

Purcell Shield semi-finals:

Carlow I.T. v St. Mary's

Belfast and Maynooth Col-

lege v Sligo I.T. The semi-

finals are scheduled for

Saturday and the finals will

take place on Sunday, L.I.T.

(Limerick Institute of Tech-

nology is backed by

Limerick players Eileen

O'Brien, Joanne Clifford

(Granagh/Ballingarry),

Marie Keating, Noreen

Barry (Killeedy), Marian Neville (Croagh/Kilfinny), Nora and Eileen Collins (Milford), Ciara Hogan (Bruff) and is coached by Noel Hartigan (South Liberties).

### POST PRIMARY MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior A Final

St Mary's, Charleville. 1-7

Loreto, Fermoy.....2-1

Sinead McAuliffe (Bally-

agran) 0-2 was at centre

forward with St. Mary's while

other Limerick players in

action with the North Cork

school in Glanworth on

Saturday last were Natasha

Murphy (Kilmallock) in

goals, Aisling O'Brien

(Granagh/Ballingarry) cor-

ner back, Sarah O'Mahony

(Ballyagran) wing back,

Shannon Brosnan (Kilmal-

lock) centre back, Fiona

Morrissey (Granagh/ Ball-

ingarry) corner forward,

Fiona Chawke (Granagh

Ballingarry) a sub at wing

forward and Christine O'

Shea (Granagh/ Ballingarry,

while Anne Maria O'Keefe

(Feohanagh/Castlemahon

was assistant trainer to

Vincent Harrington.

The junior final is scheduled

for Feenagh on Saturday

next at 3.15pm. The follow-

ing Limerick players line

out with St. Mary's: Fiona

Morrissey (Granagh/ Ball-

ingarry), Fionnuala Dore,

Aisling McAuliffe, Aine

Geary and Lisa Fitzgerald

(all Ballyagran).

Other championship games

of interest to Limerick

camogie supporters are

S.M.I. Newcastlewest v St.

Mary's Charleville in the

Intermediate A Champion-

ship Final this Thursday at

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National Junior Camogie League Champions 2003.

Back row: Brenda Hanney, Linda Dillon, Maureen Finnerty, Niamh Hanney, Susan Earner, Collette Glenon, Laura O'Brien, Emma Kilkelly, Nicola Gavin, Aoife Doherty, Susan Keane, Patricia Kelly, Carol Kelly. Front Row: Caroline Kelly, Lizzie Flynn, Marese Flanagan, Cathy Bowes, Nicola Lawless, Orla Curtin, Sinead Cahalan, Sinead Keane, Stephanie Griffin, Brenda Kearns, Elaine Tarran.



# CAMOGIE

## PURCELL CUP

Semi-finals: LIT 5-4, Garda 4-4,

Athlone IT 0-8, GMT 1-4

## PURCELL SHIELD

Semi-finals: Carlow IT 5-6 (C Doherty

4-5 (D-1F), S Jordan 1-1) St Mary's Bel-

fast 1-1 (F Mc Noughton 1-0, G Coulter

0-1F); Maynooth College 6-8 (A

Moroney 2-2, B Corroon, D Moran 1-1

each, D O'Carroll, L Harrison 1-0 each, L

Murphy 0-2, Y Kearney, S Bernard 0-1

each) Sligo IT 1-1 (S Sullivan 1-0, S

Griffin 0-0) (F)

## MUNSTER COLLEGES J CHMPS

Finals: Junior A St Mary's Charleville

0-8 (Watson 0-4, D Coomey 0-2

(D-02F), A Mc Auliffe, A Thompson, 0-1

each) Presentation Bandon 1-5 (G Cro-

rin 1-0, S O'Callaghan 0-1 (F), C Long,

M Condon, F Morrissey, L Fitzgerald 0-1

each).

## MUNSTER SCHOOLS GIRLS JUNIOR

FINAL, Scariff Scariff CS 4-5 Un-

line Convent, Thurles 3-0.

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# CAMOGIE

Munster Colleges Intermediate A semi-final -

Scariff 5-4 Macroom 2-5.

Intermediate B semi-final - Blackwater CS,

Lismore 5-5 Loreto Youghal 1-3.

Picture: Munster Colleges Intermediate C Final at

Doneraile, 11.30 am. Nagle Rice, Doneraile v St.

Mary's, Mallow.

Leinster Colleges Junior Championship Final:

Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy 5-11 Mercy, Callan 1-6

## St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville Munster Senior Camogie Champions



# CAMOGIE

Cork Colleges Intermediate A final: St.

Aloysius 3-9 St Mary's 2-4.

St. Aloysius' scorers: R. Buckley (1-7), R.

O'Sullivan (1-0), J. Cullinane (0-2), S. ni Rinn

(1-0).

St Mary's scorers: B. Corkery (1-3), E. Healy

(1-1).

Picture: Munster Colleges Intermediate B

Semi Final: Loreto, Youghal v Blackwater

Community School, Lismore, 1 p.m., Youghal.

# CAMOGIE

Munster Colleges senior A: Loreto, Fermoy 5-9

Mercy, Waterford 2-6

Senior A League: Ursuline Thurles 0-5 Loreto,

Fermoy 4-7.

Senior B: Ennis 3-3 Roscrea 1-3.

Intermediate B: Laurel Hill 2-6 Borrisokane 2-5.

Junior: Clonsilla 7-2 Templemore 3-1; Borrisokane

4-6 Camignaver 1-0.

Friday: Intermediate B semi-final: Loreto v Lismore,

Youghal, 1pm. Intermediate C: Dunmanway v Mercy

Mallow, Bandon, 1pm.





# Bandon prevent St Mary's from sealing the double – for now at least!

**ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE  
PRESENTATION, BANDON**

**0-8  
1-5**

By PAT RYAN, COLLEGES CAMOGIE

THIS was a thrilling Munster Junior (A) Colleges Camogie final at Feenagh, Co. Limerick, on Saturday last.

The game was played in dry wintry conditions. The cross wind made scoring rather difficult. Charleville started well and had two early points by Anna Watson and Fiona Morrissey.

Gradually the West Cork side settled and a good movement led to a kicked goal by Grainne Cronin in the 11th minute that put them ahead. St Mary's forced level by the end of the first quarter through Aisling McAuliffe. Aisling Thompson struck a brilliant point for the Charleville side from an acute angle.

However the Bandon side dominated the last 10 minutes and had points from Sinead O'Callaghan and Deirdre Coomey (free), in the

28th minute, to lead at the break by 1-2 to 0-4.

On the restart St Mary's early attacks but were repelled by a solid Bandon defence in which Lucy Hawkes and Anna Nyhan were in great form. Indeed the West Cork side stretched their lead with points from Colleen Long and Deirdre Coomey, in the 36th and 39th minutes, to put a goal between the sides, 1-4 to 0-4.

St Mary's fought back very well, with their defence getting on top and their midfielders beginning to get the upperhand around the centre. The Avondhu side were in regular attack but missed a lot of scoring chances.

Great play from Aine Watson, Aine Geary, Aisling Thompson and Fiona Morrissey led to the Bandon defence being under severe pressure. The Bandon 'keeper, Lisa O'Sullivan, was in tremendous form making a number of fine saves all through this half as Charleville advanced. A '30' was conceded and Aine Watson pointed. Two minutes later a great movement involving Aisling McAuliffe and Eileen O'Mahony led to a superb point from Lisa Fitzgerald.

At the end of the third quarter Aine Watson hit the equaliser from a long-range, 1-4 to 0-7.

Both sides battled very hard in the last quarter. Bandon substitute Marie Condon gave her side the lead in the 50th minute with a well-taken point after good work by Colleen Long and Deirdre Coomey.

The Charleville side now battled back very well they forced level in the 55th minute with a pointed free by Aine Watson. They were in constant attack in the last five minutes but a series of wides, from frees and from play, along with some good saves by Lisa O'Sullivan saw the game finish level.

The previous Saturday St Mary's took the Senior (A) Munster title. They tried very hard to secure the double but it did not happen on the day but they have a very well balanced a skilful side that could take the title in the replay.

**SCORERS — ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE:** Aine Watson 0-4 frees, Lisa Fitzgerald, Aisling Thompson, Fiona Morrissey and Aisling McAuliffe 0-1 each.

**PRESENTATION, BANDON:** Grainne Cronin 1-0, Deirdre Coomey 0-2 (0-1 free), Colleen Long, Sinead O'Callaghan and Marie Condon 0-1 each.

**TEAMS — ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE:** Sinead O'Connor (Mallow); Orla Carroll (Ballyhea); Mary O'Mahony (Newtownshandrum); Joanne Herlihy (do.); Lisa Fitzgerald (Ballyagran); Fionnuala Dore (do.); Sarah Sexton (Milford); Aine Watson (do.); Valerie O'Dea (Granagh-Ballingarry); Aine Geary (Ballyagran); Eileen O'Mahony (Newtownshandrum); Michelle O'Connor (do.); Aisling Thompson (Milford); Fiona Morrissey (captain, Granagh-Ballingarry); Aisling McAuliffe (Ballyagran). Sub: Rachel Waters (Ballyhea) for Lisa Fitzgerald.

**PRESENTATION, BANDON:** Lisa O'Sullivan (Newcestown); Amy O'Riordan (Ballinhassig); Lucy Hawkes (Valley Rovers); Sarah Walsh (Ballinhassig); Danielle O'Sullivan (Kilbrittain); Anna Nyhan (Enniskeane); Francis Deasy (Newcestown); Colleen Long (do.); Brenda Tuohy (Ballinhassig); Deirdre Coomey (Ballinhassig); Mary Ann Hawkes (Valley Rovers); Bridget Crowley (Enniskeane); Ann O'Donovan (Valley Rovers); Sinead O'Callaghan (Ballinhassig); Grainne Cronin (Bandon). Sub: Marie Condon (Ballinascorthy) for Ann O'Donovan.

**REFEREE:** Michael Sheehan (Liscarroll).

## Watson's late point earns Mary's replay

**Presentation, Bandon 1-5  
St Mary's, Charleville 0-8**

by Therese O'Callaghan

A DRAW was the fairest result in this Munster Colleges Junior A camogie decider at Feenagh on Saturday.

Despite St Mary's early advantage, wind-assisted Presentation went into the lead after a 12th minute goal from Grainne Cronin. However, with Mary O'Mahony and Fionnuala Dore soaking much of the Bandon pressure, Charleville reached the break trailing by one point.

But, it was the visitors who added points from Coomey and Long to stretch their lead to three within minutes of the restart. With the help of Aine Watson the sides were level entering the closing quarter. Bandon substitute Marie Condon put her side a point clear before Watson's last strike fittingly ensured another meeting.

**Scorers Bandon:** G Cronin 1-0, D Coomey 0-2 (free), S O'Callaghan, C Long and M Condon 0-1 each.

**Charleville:** A Watson 0-4 (0-3 frees, 0-1 45m), F Morrissey, A McAuliffe, A Thompson and L Fitzgerald 0-1 each.

**BANDON:** L O'Sullivan; S Walsh, L Hawkes, A O'Riordan; F Deasy, A Nyhan, D O'Sullivan; D Coomey (capt), C Long; B Crowley, B Tuohy, MA Hawkes, G Cronin, S O'Callaghan, A O'Donovan. Subs: M Condon for A O'Donovan (40 mins).

**CHARLEVILLE:** S O'Connor; O Carroll, M O'Mahony, J Herlihy; V O'Dea, F Dore, S Sexton; L Fitzgerald, A Watson; A Geary, E O'Mahony, M O'Connor; A Thompson, F Morrissey (capt), A McAuliffe. Subs: R Waters for J Herlihy (40), F O'Connell for M O'Connor (53 mins).

**Referee:** M Sheehan (Cork).

**Scarliff Community School 4-5  
Ursulines Thurles 3-0**

GOALS from Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Ciara McDermott, Lorraine Lynch and Mairead Scanlon powered the Clare side to the Munster Junior B title at Scarliff on Saturday. Stunned by goals from Linda Fanning, Ciara Johnson and Therese Burke, the home side reacted better to the elements.

**Scorers for Scarliff:** C McDermott 1-1, AM Fitzgerald, L Lynch and M Scanlon 1-0 each, M O'Brien 0-2 (0-1f), A Treacy and L Hayes 0-1 each.

**Thurles:** L Fanning, C Johnson and T Burke 1-0 each.

**SCARLIFF:** S Vaughan; S Counihan, C O'Leary, C McNamara; S Durack, B Burke, A Treacy, L Hayes, M O'Brien (capt); C McDermott, L Lynch, M Dooley; L Brody, M Scanlon, A M Fitzgerald.

**THURLES:** K O'Dwyer; L English, P McGrath, M O'Regan; S Ryan, S McGrath, L Medley; C Johnson (capt), T Shortt, I Fitzgerald, E Ryan, L Fanning; A Kennedy, T Burke, M Ryan.

**Sub:** N O'Connell for I Fitzgerald, M Flanagan for L Medley.

**Referee:** N O'Connor (Limerick).

**LYONS** (nee O'Brien) (College Grove, Ennis): On February 3, 2004, suddenly, at home, JACINTA, beloved wife of Gerard and loving mother of Sean, Fergus and Jack. Deeply regretted by her heartbroken husband, children, her parents Jack and Lil O'Brien (The Lough, Cork), sister Anna, brother Colin, mother-in-law Mary, relatives and her many friends. Rest in peace. Reposing at her home on today (Wednesday) from 5pm with removal at 7.30pm to Ennis Cathedral. Celebrated Funeral Mass on tomorrow (Thursday) at 1pm. Burial afterwards in Drumcliffe Cemetery.

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## New secretary appointed

by SEAMUS HAYES

IT'S AN indication of the interest in Clare camogie at this time that there were two candidates for the post of secretary of the board at Monday's meeting at the Auburn Lodge hotel.

Ruan club official Brid McNamara, last year's assistant secretary, defeated Michelle McMahon from Eire Og for the position.

The camogie association is celebrating its centenary this year and plans are presently being finalised for the annual congress which will take place in February.

Meanwhile, preparations for this season's intercounty junior campaign will commence this Saturday night when players will attend a meeting at the Auburn Lodge hotel at 7 pm.

Members of last year's panel are invited to this meeting along with players who feel that they have something to offer the panel. Clubs who feel that they have players worthy of inclusion in the panel for 2004 are asked to have them in attendance on Saturday.

Clare's opening game of the season will be on March 14 when they will travel to play Wexford in the first round of the league. Two weeks later (March 28), they will be at home to Derry and they will follow this with another home game (April 11) against Antrim before travelling to play Dublin on April 25.

Last year, Clare reached the league semi-final where they lost to Galway who also defeated them in the All-Ireland championship final after a replay.

## APPRECIATION

### Sudden death of UL lecturer

MS Jacinta O'Brien, originally from The Lough, Cork, died suddenly at her home in Ennis this week. She had been living in the town for the past four years.

The forty-five year old lecturer at the University of Limerick Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences and showed a keen interest in sport from an early age.

Jacinta captained the St Aloysius camogie team in 1976 to win the All-Ireland senior colleges final, beating the holders Presentation College of Athenry.

Ms O'Brien is survived by her three sons Sean, Fergus and Jack and her husband Ger Lyons. Her parents Jack and Lil, brother Colin and sister Anna also survive Ms O'Brien.

"Jacinta will be remembered as a wonderful teacher and as a wonderful friend. She had thousands of friends and everybody who met her loved her. She never forgot anybody she met and remained in constant contact with all of her friends," said Margaret Loughheed, a personal friend of Ms O'Brien.

She was due to submit her PhD to Loughborough University in the coming months, which she had worked on for two years.

Ms O'Brien began her teaching career at Christ King Secondary School on Douglas Road in the early 1980s, where she taught PE and Irish. She was a well-known contributor to Radio na Gaeltachta and loved speaking Irish. She then went on to study a masters in education at Springfield University, Massachusetts, US where she lived for one year.

On her return to Ireland, Ms O'Brien continued to teach and then began to start a family. She began working at University of Limerick in the mid-1980s, taking on her post as sports and recreation officer. She then moved into the academic area where she excelled as both a teacher and as a researcher.

The Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences at UL will remain closed until Friday as a mark of respect to Jacinta O'Brien.

**St Mary's Charleville 1-7  
Loreto, Fermoy 2-1**

by Therese O'Callaghan

CHARLEVILLE are through to the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie semi-final but were made fight all the way by an unyielding Fermoy side in Saturday's Munster Final at Glanworth.

The winners stuttered early on and were thankful when Marie Watson's 30 yard free ended in the back of the net. Her side retired at the interval four points clear (1-4 to 1-0), with Fermoy's only score coming courtesy of a penalty from the outstanding Noreen Mulcahy.

Entering the final moments five points separated the sides and it looked as if St Mary's would romp to their fourth consecutive Munster title.

But, in a brilliant move, Marie O'Neill finished Orla Cotter's lengthy clearance to the net, to narrow the gap to two points (1-6 to 2-1).

However the tideholders upped their game and finished with another fine point from McAuliffe.

**Scorers St Mary's:** M Watson 1-3 (frees), M Coleman and S McAuliffe 0-2 each.

**Loreto:** N Mulcahy (penalty) and M O'Neill 1-0 each, O Cotter 0-1.

**ST MARY'S:** N Murphy; A Morrissey, E O'Riordan, A O'Brien; S O'Mahony, S Brosnan, E Walters; A Geary, L Healy; M Coleman, S McAuliffe, M Watson (capt); E Watson, F Morrissey, A Watson.

**LORETO:** V McCormack; L Cronin, N Mulcahy (capt), M Twomey; M McAteer, C Lynch, M O'Neill; O Neville, O Cotter; A Hogan, Denise Twomey, A Mangan; N O'Farrell, T Carroll, Deirdre Twomey. Subs: M Finn for A Mangan (49 mins).

**Referee:** C O'Mahony (Cork).

Carrigaline Community School captured their first ever Munster senior B title when they defeated Coláiste Muire Ennis 4-4 to 1-5 in Kilbehenny.

Two superb second half goals from Terri O'Keefe and some excellent goalkeeping from Laura Thompson clinched this victory.

The foundation though was laid in the opening half when Sandra Moran and Jacqui O'Keefe both netted.

**Scorers:** Carrigaline: T O'Keefe 2-0, S Lynch 0-4 (frees), S Moran and J O'Keefe 1-0 each. Ennis: F Lafferty 0-5 (0-4 frees), J O'Grady 1-0.

**CARRIGALINE:** L Thompson, E Egan, L O'Driscoll (capt), H Egan, D Crowley, R O'Herlihy, D O'Mahony, J O'Keefe (1-0), L Kelleher, T O'Keefe (2-0), K O'Sullivan, M Coakley, A Dempsey, S Moran (1-0), S Lynch (0-5, 4 frees). Sub: U O'Farrell for Dempsey.

**ENNIS:** S Commans, S O'Gorman, C Cullinan, R Lillis, R Cahill, H Collins, N Shannon (capt), S Lafferty, M Rafferty, C Collieran, E Molone, F Lafferty (1-5, 1-4 from frees), N Arthur, C Power, J O'Grady (1-0). Subs: M Kelleher for O'Grady, C Rosengrave for Arthur.



# Clare camogie can look to the future with confidence

by SEAMUS HAYES

CLARE camogie can look to the future with confidence. That was the message from board chairman Tom Woulfe when he addressed the attendance at the victory function at the Auburn Lodge hotel on Monday night last. During the evening, the members of the County junior panel were presented with their Munster championship and All-Ireland runners up medals.

"It was a most exciting year for the game in Clare as apart from contesting the All-Ireland final, twenty three clubs participated in competition in the county", said the chairman before paying special tribute to the members of the County junior panel who he described as "marvellous ambassadors for the County during 2003".

"You did Clare and Munster proud and I hope that you can go on and win that All-Ireland title in 2004", said Munster secretary Rose Malone before presenting the medals to the members of the County panel. She paid tribute to the officers of the board and also to all those who promote the game in the clubs.

"Our association will celebrate its centenary in 2004 and while we must look to the future, it is also important to look to the past and to those who kept the game alive for the past one hundred years", she said.

The Provincial secretary described Clare's minor team in 2003 as "the most unlucky team of the year. They lost by a point to Waterford in the Mun-

ster final and Waterford went on to win the All-Ireland".

The Munster official also paid tribute to Deirdre Corcoran, a member of the Clare junior side, on winning the Provincial long puck for camogie.

Looking to the future, she said that "the GAA needs us and we need them and we must work together". Later this view was also put forward by Clare GAA secretary Pat Fitzgerald when he said that "there is no question but that we need each other". He paid tribute to all involved with the junior team which contested the All-Ireland final. "I salute you on your success. This is a night for the players and their mentors and they deserve praise for their achievements", he told the gathering.

Team captain Catherine O'Loughlin told the attendance that it was "a dream come through to get to the final and we want to get back there and complete the job next year". She thanked the clubs and the county GAA board for providing pitches during the year and she went on to pay tribute to all who helped the team during the year. She had special mention for Ann Maher, Rita Clancy, Catherine Durack and Edel Maher while she made a special presentation to the team mentors, Michael Maher, Francie Mahon and Helen Murphy for their work during the year.

Replying on behalf of the selectors, Francie Mahon said that the panel had gone from strength to strength during the year. "We know that the future is very bright. The majority of the panel are very young. We were all very proud to be in Croke Park next year we hope to go that step further", he told the gathering.

Christy Killeen, chairman of the Friends and Supporters of Clare GAA in Dublin, said that "this is a celebration night and we were delighted to have been able to support you in some way. The sight of a Clare jersey excites us where ever we are and I am delighted to hear people speak tonight of unfinished business".

Fr. Liam Murray said he was "particularly delighted" to be present as he had been involved in the promotion of camogie since 1959 when he helped form the Killanena club after returning from England. Later he helped with the formation of the Ahane club in Limerick. "Where ever there is a hurling club there should be a camogie club", he said.

Long time board official Maura Sheedy made a presentation to Munster secretary Rose Malone to mark her visit to Clare while presentations were also made to Ann and Edel Maher and Rita Clancy for their work for the junior team during the past year.

St. Josephs, Doora-Barefield hurler Patsy Fahy was a capable M.C. for the evening

## Search for new secretary

CLARE Camogie will hope to appoint a new secretary at their meeting on Monday night next. The position had been filled at the annual meeting but the new appointee had to withdraw. The search is now on for a successor to fill the important post. All delegates are reminded to have their nominations ready for the meeting. The January meeting of the Clare Camogie Board will be held on Monday next, January 5 in the Auburn Lodge Hotel at 8.30pm sharp.

Deirdre Corcoran, the winner of the inaugural camogie puc fada competition.  
Francie Mahon and Mike Maher, co-trainers, discuss their charges performances during the Clare camogie team's All-Ireland championship campaign.

Photograph by Eamon Ward  
Photograph by John Kelly





# Colaiste Muire fall at the final hurdle

**Carrigaline C.S 4-4  
Colaiste Muire 2-5  
Munster Senior B  
camogie final**

THERE was no joy for the Colaiste Muire camogie team when they played Carrigaline Community School from Cork in the provincial senior B final at Kilbehony on Saturday.

The match was switched from Carrigaline to Kilbehony because of the difficult weather conditions which prevailed.

Colaiste played with the aid of the wind in the first half but the writing appeared to be on the wall at the interval when they were on level terms - 1-3 each - with their opponents.

Good play by Edel Malone, Siobhan Lafferty, Helen Collins and Ruth Cahill ensured a good supply of ball for the Ennis side's forwards but they failed to turn this into scores and this was to prove costly.

Fiona Lafferty scored three first half points, two from frees while the goal came from Jacinta O'Grady. The visitors fought bravely in the second half and found themselves just two points behind with five minutes remaining and still very much in contention.

Carrigaline finished strongly, however, and a brace of goals left a somewhat flattering look to the scoreboard.

Fiona Lafferty was the Ennis team's top scorer contributing 1-5 from her wing forward position while others to impress for the side, trained by Leo Quinlan (Sixmilebridge) and Tara O'Loughlin (Clarecastle), were Ciara Cullinan, Siobhan



Despite their tough training regime, Colaiste Muire went down to Carrigaline in the Munster Senior B camogie final at the weekend. Photograph by Eamon Ward

Lafferty, Helen Collins, Marie Raftery and Ruth Cahill.

**Colaiste Muire:** S. Commanc; S. O'Gorman, C. Cullinan, R. Lillis; R. Cahill, H. Collins, N. Shannon; S. Lafferty, M. Raftery; C. Cullinan, E. Malone, F. Lafferty (1-5); N. Arthur, C. Power, J. O'Grady (1-0). **Subs:** M. Kelleher for O'Grady, C. Rosengrave for Arthur.

## O'Callaghans Mills

The annual general meeting of the O'Callaghans Mills club took place last weekend when the following officers were elected: chairperson, Sarah Donnellan; secretary, Marie Nash; P.R.O., Nollaig Baker; intermediate management, Jim Noonan and David Baker.

Training will commence in Kilkishen on this Sunday at

11 am.

## Clarecastle

Whether or not Clarecastle will have a camogie club in 2004 will be decided at a meeting in the GAA clubrooms on Wednesday next, February 11 at 8.30 pm.

An appeal has been issued to players, past players, parents, family members and supporters to attend

Wednesday's meeting when the chairman of the Clarecastle GAA club will also be in attendance. The meeting will be asked to decide whether or not the club will continue. This has come about following the failure to hold the annual general meeting due to lack of numbers.

## Scariff chase Munster glory

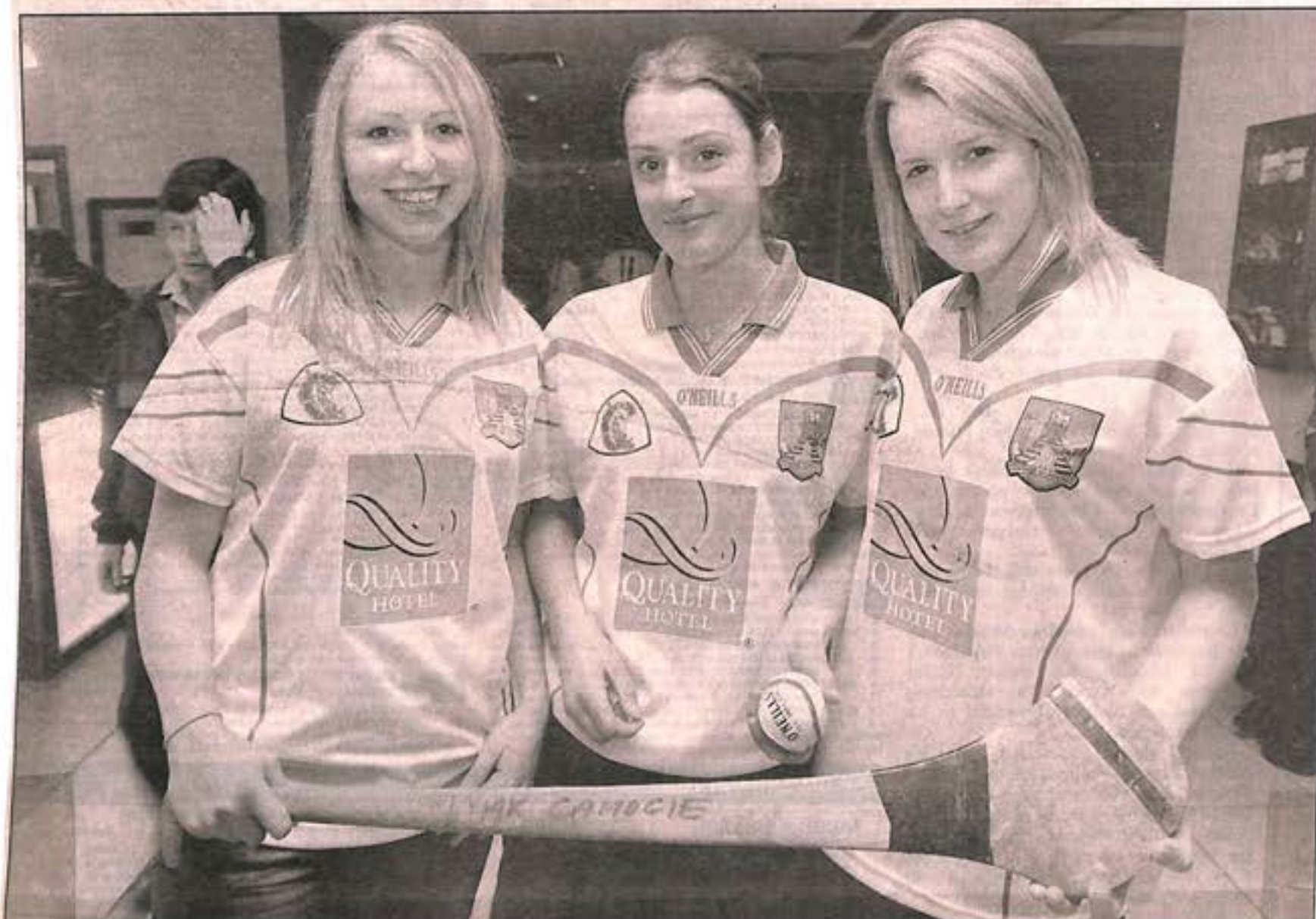
Scariff will be the venue on

this Saturday for the Munster colleges junior camogie final in which the local community college will take on Ursuline College from Thurles at 2 pm.

On their way to the final, the Clare girls beat Salesians from NewcastleWest. Colaiste Muire and Carrigaline.

Ursulines beat a fancied Cashel team in the semi-final and will start Saturday's final as favourites

## Quality choice: Sponsorship deal for Limerick camogie team



Limerick camogie players Carol Hickey, Claire Mulcahy and Jordana Dolan model the new jerseys, sponsored by Quality Choice Hotels, in the Clarion Hotel, Limerick.

Picture: Brian Gavin

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## CORK BEGIN QUEST FOR LEAGUE HONOURS

THERE was no joy for either of the Cork sides who travelled to U.C.D. for last weekend's Ashbourne Cup. CIT had to give way to NUIG in the shield semi-final while UCC were thwarted in their attempt to complete three in a row by a University of Limerick side who went on to take their second Ashbourne Cup. Cork were well represented as Amanda O'Regan, Niamh Bowles, Jennifer O'Leary and Roisin Corcoran all played leading roles in the Limerick side's victory.

My old school St. Als., tasted victory in the week gone by when they defeated St. Mary's Macroom to take the Cork Colleges Intermediate 'A' crown. Inniscarra's Rena Buckley was the star of the show contributing 1-7 for St. Als., while once again Breige Corkery impressed for Macroom.

The news was not so good for Macroom either on Friday when they had to give way to Scariff in the Munster Intermediate 'A' semi-final, while in the 'B' semi-final Loreto Youghal lost out to neighbours Lismore.

THIS weekend will see two Cork teams travel to Kinvara in Galway as the first games in the National Leagues get under way and certainly new Cork coach John Considine will be hoping that his charges get the defence of their crown off to a good start while the junior side will be seeking revenge for defeat at the same stage last season.

The senior selection committee of John Considine, Seamus Coffey, Mairead O'Callaghan, Mary Kenefick and Sile O'Brien have been busy over the last number of weeks in preparation for Sunday as have junior selectors Lillian Zincent, Liz O'Mahony and Marie Clancy and certainly we can expect to see new faces on both panels in what promises to be a few interesting months ahead.

### Sad week

THE week gone by was a sad one, when camogie lost one of its stalwarts with the death of Na Piarsaigh president Noreen Kent. The late Mrs Kent was a well known figure at Camogie and GAA games most especially when her beloved Na Piarsaigh were in action and it was no surprise given the strong involvement of husband Michael and all her family. Noreen herself was a former player with the Lee Hosiery club, and was one of the founders of the camogie section in the Farranree based club and up to her death was actively involved with the clubs ladies section.

A great lover of the game she was tremendously proud of all her club players but most especially of her daughter Jean Paula who brought the All-Ireland Feile Na Gael skills titles to Cork in 1983. Jean went on to win All-Ireland minor honours with the county and watching quietly in the background one could always see just how proud Noreen and Michael Kent were of their only daughter.

It was lovely to see all the familiar faces on Wednesday evening last as Noreen was brought to Farranree Church with a guard of honour formed by her old girls from the club all paying their tribute to somebody I always regarded as a lady.

I well remember many a day going up to the Farranree where my club Glen Rovers would be playing Na Piarsaigh and Noreen would be on the sideline giving it her all but once the game was over that was that and always some kind words were exchanged, she will be sadly missed by both friend and foe alike but none more than by her beloved family to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

CAMOGIE also lost another fine member with the passing at an early age of Jacinta O'Brien. Jas captained St Als to All-Ireland glory in 1976 and later went on to be actively involved in sport in her job at University of Limerick but she never forgot her roots or indeed her beloved Old Als.

To her husband, young family and parents Jack and Lil, our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.



Noreen Kent

## Tributes paid to Na Piarsaigh president

PRESIDENT and founding member of Na Piarsaigh's camogie branch Noreen Kent, who died yesterday morning aged 73, has been thanked for her life-long contribution to the club. Mrs Kent, from Farranree, was involved in establishing the Ladies Committee over 30 years ago and took part in the club's first camogie competition in 1972, playing for the junior team. She also played camogie for Lee Hosiery, North Main Street and Brian Dillon's for a short period and was a member of Na Piarsaigh Hurling and Football Club's Ladies Committee until her death.

"Mrs Kent dedicated over 30 years to Na Piarsaigh, and was very well known throughout many clubs," said Paula Martin of Na Piarsaigh. Mrs Kent's daughter Jean-Paula Kent is also a well-known camogie player. "The whole family has been involved in Na Piarsaigh," she added. Mrs Kent's sons Jimmy, Michael Anthony and Thomas are also members of the club, while her husband Mick Kent is an honorary member.

Meanwhile, Peggy Lane, formerly of Marina Park, died aged 104 at Beaumont Residential Care. Funeral will take place tomorrow at St Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road at 11am.



Noreen Kent, who died yesterday, aged 73.

## LIMERICK COUNTY CAMOGIE BOARD HABEMUS SECRETARY (ET TREASURER ET ASST. TREASURER)

Tournafulla camogie club's Olive Sheehan (all action midfielder with Tour and also secretary) is the new secretary of the Limerick County Camogie Board. She was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved at last Wednesday's County Board meeting at the Woodlands Hotel, Adare. Treasurer of the board since the board's annual convention, Olive is succeeded in that position by Newcastle West camogie club's Mary Herbert, a Trojan worker with her own club (and for camogie in general) for many years, with former Granagh/Ballingarry Chairperson Grace McCarthy taking up the Asst. Treasurers portfolio. Limerick camogie is fortunate to have 3 such able administrators offering their skills and expertise and all in camogie wish Olive, Mary and Grace the best of luck in their period in office.

### PURCELL CUP SEMI-FINAL

L.I.T. 5-4  
Garda College 4-4

### FINAL

L.I.T. 1-6  
Athlone I.T. 2-6 (a.e.t.)

Purcell Cup favourites L.I.T., backed by Limerick players Eileen O'Brien, Joanne Clifford (both Granagh/Ballingarry), sisters Nora and Eileen Collins (both Milford), Maria Keating, Noreen Barry (both Killeedy), Marian Neville (Croagh/Kilfinny), Zara Fitzgibbon (Knockaderry) and Ciara Hogan (Bruff) lost out in extra time to A.I.T. in an exciting final at Maynooth on Sunday last. Scores from Eileen O'Brien (0-5), Joanne Clifford (0-1) and Maria Keating (0-1) had the teams level at 1-6 at the end of an exciting hour. However, A.I.T. had the best of extra time with Galway senior Therese Maher scoring the vital, heartbreaking game winning goal. There was some consolation for

Limerick Institute when three players, Eileen, Joanne Clifford and Maria Keating, were selected on the Purcell team.

### PURCELL SHIELD FINAL

N.U.I. Maynooth pipped Carlow I.T. 1-6 to 1-5 in a game that was anybody's up to the final whistle.

### ASHBOURNE CUP AND SHIELD SEMI-FINALS/FINAL

For the 8 teams in contention all roads lead to Belfield on Saturday/Sunday next for the ultra competitive Ashbourne semi-finals and finals. Limerick interest will centre on U.L. (Aoife Sheehan, Granagh/Ballingarry), Moira Dooley (Ahane), Alison White (Ballygran), who play U.C.C. (Meadhbh Nash, Granagh/Ballingarry) in one Cup semi and on M.I.C.L. (Maire Fleury, Ahane) who play U.C.D. in the other. The Ashbourne Shield between beaten quarter finalists W.I.T., N.U.I.G., C.I.T. and U.U.J. will be equally competitive.

### SECOND LEVEL LIMERICK CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR FINALS

A: Newport v S.M.I. Newcastle West, Thursday, 1p.m., Adare.  
B: Desmond College Newcastle West v Laurel Hill, Friday, 1.30p.m., venue to be arranged.  
B Plate: Scoil Pól Kilfinane v St. Mary's Corbally, Thursday, time/venue to be decided.

Organiser Peter Brosnan who does Trojan work at second level has three very attractive finals pencilled in for this year. His own school S.M.I. are aiming for a senior/junior double when they clash with Newport at Adare on Thursday at 1p.m. The following day Mike Nash's Desmond College will hope to make it a Newcastle West double with Pierce Farrell's Laurel Hill sure to provide stiff opposition, while St. Patricia's Scoil Pól (backed by Blackrock players) will get nothing soft from John Mullane's St. Mary's, Corbally who will be able to call on players from the Banner.

A visit to all three finals should prove very worthwhile.

### SECOND LEVEL MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

A: St. Mary's Charleville 0-8, Bandon Pres. 1-5.  
B: Scariff Community College 4-5, Ursaline Thules 3-0.  
Charleville came from behind to force a draw at Feenagh on Saturday last. Fiona Morrissey (Granagh/Ballingarry), Fionnuala Dore, Aisling McAuliffe (0-1), Aine Geary and Lisa Fitzgerald (all Ballygran) lined out with St. Mary's. There was Limerick involvement in the B Final also with Noel O'Connor and Gerard Sheehy (both Newcastle West) reffing and umpiring at Scariff on Saturday and enjoying a great game. Scariff beat S.M.I. Newcastle West in an earlier round.

### SPONSORSHIP NEWS LAUNCHING

The County Board is delighted to announce that Choice Hotels have come on board with generous sponsorship for 2004. Details of the sponsorship package will be announced at the launching which will take place at the Clarion Hotel on a date to be finalised. All clubs are to be well represented at this reception/launching.

### FUNDRAISERS HAPPENING NOW AND LATER

The following fundraisers are in the pipeline: (1) Bag packing at the Parkway (by kind permission) on this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Again clubs are expected to actively support the fundraiser by organising members to do the bag packing. An enthusiastic commitment is expected and clubs will be apportioned times etc. (2) Dog Night. This is being organised now and as with the bag packing, all clubs are expected to be fully supportive.

### INTERCOUNTY SENIOR, U16 (MINOR) TRAINING

Both teams are in training. The seniors on Wednesdays at 8pm (U.L.) and on Fridays at Neville Park. The seniors are out v Tipperary in round 1 of the N.L. Div. 1 at a Tipp venue on Sunday, February 22nd, while the U16s who train on Fridays at 7p.m. at L.I.T. see Munster Championship action at the end of March. The seniors may have a challenge v Clare on Sunday next.

### WEST BORD NA nOG ANNUAL AWARDS

As usual the progressive West Bórd na nOg dynamically led by Chairman Davy O'Keefe and Secretary/P.R.O. Breda Breen has included camogie in its award scheme. The '03 West Camogie All Stars are U16 Fiona Morrissey (Granagh/Ballingarry), U14 Cliona Lane (Adare) and U12 Brid Hannon (Croagh/Kilfinny). All three were outstanding in 2003 and are very deserving of selection. The All Stars dinner and presentation takes place at the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare on Saturday, February 28th at 8.30p.m. sharp.

### IN CONCLUSION! CELEBRATING CENTENARY YEAR

Many clubs are intent on celebrating 100 years of camogie with (1) tournaments (eg. 7-a-side); (2) essay competition; (3) publication of club history; (4) exhibition at local hall/library/school of camogie memorabilia; (5) reunion of players, among some of the ideas mooted. Plenty is happening at national level with the centenary banquet on February 28th; (2) The announcement of team of the century on February 28th; (3) Camogie exhibition, Croke Park, launch of camogie history booklet, launch of centenary stamps with An Post scheduled for March.

## CAMOGIE CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN

The name of Kilnamona's Catherine O'Loughlin is synonymous with Clare camogie since the mid-eighties.

After failing to field at adult inter-county level in 2002, Clare enjoyed tremendous success last year and Catherine's performances were one of the many highlights.

As team captain, she was an inspiration throughout a season which saw Clare win the provincial junior title before losing, after a replay, in the All-Ireland final. In a thrilling drawn final at Croke Park, Catherine scored a superb equalising goal in the final minute to force a replay with neighbours Galway, captained by her cousin Brenda Kerins.





# Kilkenny sets Cup Final alight

Máire Uí Scolai  
Camogie

ORLA Kilkenny was the toast of UL yesterday when they captured their second ever Ashbourne Cup by defeating UCD on a convincing scoreline of 6-5 to UCD's 1-8 in O'Toole Park, Crumlin. Host college UCD got the best possible start with a Sharron Daly goal after only two minutes, however their purple patch was short lived as a very determined UL team stepped up a gear when senior Galway player Orla Kilkenny struck the first of her three goals four

minutes later. By the break UCD trailed 1-4 to UL's 3-4, Kilkenny having grabbed her second goal and Offaly's Jeanette Feighery scoring the other.

Playing against the wind in the second-half the Dublin college were quick on to the score board with a Ciara Lucey free. However, UL answered immediately with a Jenny O'Leary point and then a second goal from Feighery, with goal number five coming from Roisin Corcoran ten minutes later. The Dubs' best response as UL piled on the pressure was a point from play by Niamh

O'Connor, while Lucey added a further two frees. With one minute of normal time remaining Kilkenny crowned her and UL's day when she fired home their sixth goal and her third of the day.

Meanwhile, the Ashbourne Shield appeared to be Waterford bound until the very last few minutes of this thrilling curtain raiser which saw NUIG snatch victory from WIT in the dying moments, 2-07 to Waterford's 1-07.

Holders of the Shield NUIG were behind 0-2 to Waterford's 1-3 at the break

the Waterford goal having come from Tipperary inter-county player Patricia O'Halloran after only five minutes.

However, it was NUIG's inspirational captain Lourda Kavanagh who kept the Galway college in the hunt with her accurate free taking. Waterford, who seemed to be coasting, were quickly brought back to reality with a Lourda Kavanagh goal after 23 minutes of the second half which left only a point in it, at WIT 1-6 to NUIG'S 1-5.

Nollaig Houlihan became the toast of NUIG with the winning goal in injury time.

## Holdes UCC eye Ashbourne Cup again

UCC  
NUIG

by Therese O'Callaghan

TITLEHOLDERS UCC proved far too strong for NUIG in the quarter-final of the Ashbourne Cup played at the Mardyke on Saturday.

With inter-county stars Lizzie Lyng, Emer Dillon and Ann Hardiman in impressive form, the goals that eased them through to a semi-final clash with UL came from Lyng, Ciara Healy and Jill Horan.

**Scorers** UCC: C Healy 1-5 (0-3 frees), L Lyng 1-2, J Horan 1-0, R Moloney 0-2 (0-1 free), C Desmond 0-2

**NUIG:** M Hayes 1-0, L Kavanagh 0-1 (free).  
**UCC:** B Aylward, J O'Callaghan, R Holland, J Browne, A Hardiman, S Hayes, E Aylward, L Bourke, R Moloney (capt), L Lyng, M Nash, E Dillon, C Healy, J Horan, C Desmond.

**NUIG:** R Lynch, A Kelliher, M Maher, P Kelly, M Keane, C Glynn, N Hanrahan, L Shannon, R Kaiser, C Malone, L Kavanagh (capt), S Keane, S McDonagh, C O'Mahony, M Hayes.

MICL  
CIT

BOTH sides had difficulty dealing with the adverse weather conditions in this quarter-final clash played at CIT on Saturday. However, it was the father and daughter managed Limerick team of Eamonn and Ciara Cregan that edged to a penultimate date with UCD on Feb 14.

County players Moira McMahon, Sinead Cahalane and Marion Jagoe were most impressive.

**Scorers** MICL: Mary Kelly 1-0, S Kelly 0-3 (0-2 frees). CIT: M Kelly (free) and Deirdre Delaney 0-1 each.

**MICL:** C Briggdale, G Kearney, J Scanlon, A Dillon, C Moran, S Cahalane, J O'Halloran, M McMahon, D Coen, H McMahon, E McEvoy, S Kelly, M Jagoe, D Daly, M Kelly.  
Subs: A M Hayes for D Daly.

**CIT:** G Harrington, E Carroll, A M Raftice, A Coughlan, C Harrington, K McCarthy, M O'Sullivan, M Kelly, J Duffy, S Quinn, E O'Farrell, D Delaney, A Crowley, A McCarthy, K McCarthy.

UL  
WIT

A GOAL three minutes from time by Tipperary's Siobhan Ryan powered UL to victory at the De La Salle grounds on Saturday.

The home team sailed into a 1-5 to 0-1 interval lead.

However, their advantage was not enough as the Limerick College backed by centre back Amanda O'Regan and Aoife Sheehan gradually reduced the deficit before Ryan's vital strike.

**Scorers** UL scorers: S Ryan 1-4, A O'Regan 0-2, A Connolly and A Sheehan 0-1 each.  
WIT: L Young 0-5 (0-3 frees), M Hannrick 1-0, M Collins 0-1.

**UL:** L Comerford, N Bowles, S O'Gorman, S Sullivan, L Lally, A O'Regan, G Glynn, S Ryan, O Barnbury, A Sheehan, A Connolly, J O'Leary, O Kilkenny, R Corcoran, J Feighery.

**WIT:** F Kavanagh, B Grennan, H Jacob, L Flynn, N Markin, H Breen, C Greed, T O'Halloran, A Fitzpatrick, E Quigley, M Hannrick, L Young, G Kinnane, M Holland, C Corkery.

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#### ASHBOURNE CUP

Semi-finals: UL 1-10 (A O'Regan 1-0 (Pen), S Ryan 0-5 (0-4), A Connolly 0-2, J Feighery, J O'Leary, R Corcoran 0-1 each) UCC 3-3 (C Healy 1-3 (0-2), J Horan, C Desmond 1-0 each)  
UCD 2-7 (E Darnody 1-1, L Mahony 1-0, C Lucey 0-2 (0-1), C O'Loughlin, J O'Sullivan, N O'Connor, N Maher 0-1 each) Mary 1-5 (M McMahon 1-3 (0-2), D Coen, AM Hayes 0-1 each)  
Shield, Semi-finals: WIT 3-9 ULU 0-9; NUIG 1-14 CIT 0-7

## LIMERICK CO. CAMOGIE BOARD INTER-COUNTY, SENIOR, NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 ROUND 1 LIMERICK FACE ALL- IRELAND CHAMPIONS IN NATIONAL LEAGUE OPENER

### Limerick v Tipperary

Templemore is the venue for next Sunday's (2.30p.m.) intimidating National League opener. Teams don't come much better than the present Tipperary outfit and if the girls in green are to take the formidable Premier scalp they will have to play camogie of the highest quality.

Limerick should not lack in fitness. Many of the team have been immersed since Christmas in Ashbourne and Purcell Third Level Championship action, while those not so involved

have been training twice weekly at U.L. and Neville Park. Manager John Lacey will select from the following panel: Pauline McCarthy (Ah-ane), Marian Neville

(Croagh/Kilfinny), Carol Murphy (Croagh/Kilfinny), Michelle Casey (Killeedy), Rose Collins (Milford), Alison White (Ballygran), Moira Dooley (Ahane), Aine O'Reilly (Ballygran), Eileen O'Brien (Granagh/Ballingarry), Deirdre Fitzpatrick (Killeedy), Jordana Dolan (Ballygran), Angela Sheehy (Ballygran), Aoife Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry), Dymphna O'Brien (Killeedy), Grace McNamara (Adare), Mairead Kelly (Galbally), Nora Collins (Milford), Maria Keating (Killeedy), Joanne Clifford (Granagh/Ballingarry), Shannon Brosnan (Ballygran), Carol Hickey (Granagh/Ballingarry), Claire Mulcahy (Ahane), Meadhbh Nash (Granagh/Ballingarry), Maria McGrath (Knockaderry), Sinead McAuliffe (Ballygran), Vera Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry) - 2003 Limerick All Star, 2003 captain, Player of the Match in the '03 All Ireland Club Final is currently down under and unavailable for the league. On Sunday last, Limerick, minus the Ashbourne contingent as well as a few unavailables played Clare in Cratloe and had a useful outing scoring 4-13 in a comprehensive win over the Banner, defeated '03 Junior All-Ireland finalists, Natur-ally support in Templemore is appreciated.

### SPONSORSHIP LAUNCH THIS WEDNESDAY

The Clarion Hotel on the Dock Road is the venue for this Wednesdays (7p.m.) launching of the Quality Choice group of hotels sponsorship package and the thorough and committed attendance of each and everyone of the county's 23 clubs is expected. Members of the Limerick County Senior panel will be present, Tom Hennessy and T.J. Moloney, distinguished mentors and Ashbourne Cup winners U.L. will no doubt parade the famous cup (the winning U.L. team are expected) and there also will be many guests of honour, press representatives, photographers and of course representatives of the new sponsors. All in camogie are delighted with the sponsorship.

## Tipp defenders in Ashbourne opposition

TWENTY ONE counties are represented in the Anglo Irish Bank Ashbourne Cup and Shield this weekend, an event that will see All-Ireland winning Tipperary defenders Therese Brophy and Suzanne Kelly on opposite sides.

Kelly lines out with Mary Immaculate College Limerick (MICL) while Brophy will add much power to the UCD challenge. The father and daughter (Eamonn and Ciara Cregan)-trained MICL meet UCD in the first of the cup semi-finals tomorrow in Devlin Park, Belfield.

However, the Dublin team manager, Caroline Duggan, says the pressure of hosting the event might just be the tonic they need to claim the honours they last won 16-years ago.

In the other semi-final, UL play UCC and, while the Cork students have lost some better-known players — namely Una O'Dwyer and Texaco award recipient Eimear McDonnell — they still are a forceful side. Captain Rachel Moloney and her clubmate from Courcey Rovers, Sara Hayes, Ciara Healy, Meadhbh Nash, Ann Hardiman, Elaine Aylward, Lizzie Lyng, Emer Dillon and Joanne O'Callaghan will travel with the sole intention of leading UCC to their third title on the trot. Both finals are on Sunday in O'Toole Park, Crumlin. Shield at 12.30pm and Cup 2.30pm.

**Kent (Cork):** On February 10, 2004, peacefully, at the Mercy Hospital, NOREEN (nee McCarthy), (President of Na Pairsaigh Camogie Club and late of Lee Hosiery), beloved wife of Michael, Knockpogues Avenue and loving mother of Tom, Jimmy, Michael Anthony, Jean Paula. Sadly missed by her loving husband and family, grandchildren, daughters-in-law, sisters Aine, Mary and Margaret, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and large circle of friends. Requiescat in pace. Reposing at O'Connor Bros. Funeral Home, North Gate Bridge. Rosary on this (Wednesday) evening at 6.30pm, followed by removal to the Church of the Resurrection Farranree. Requiem Mass at 11am on tomorrow (Thursday). Funeral afterwards to St. Catherine's Cemetery Kilkenny. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu to the Mercy Hospital.



# Considine wants winning start from Cork girls

by Therese O'Callaghan

THE National Camogie League commences this weekend with some exciting ties in prospect in Division One.

The two games in the top flight tomorrow are a repeat of the 2003 All-Ireland semi-finals with Galway meeting Cork and Tipperary hosting Limerick.

Cork's new manager, former Allstar

John Considine will bid for a winning start to his reign.

"There is a lot of talent on the way up," said Considine. "We want to come out of the league with potential for the summer. We would be hoping for tight games that we could learn from."

"We want to be in a situation come the closing stages of the championship

to have a strong panel fighting for places. When Tipperary won the All-Ireland last September they had the majority of the side that captured their first title in 1999. Cork have many players on the go for the last number of years."

The other game should also be a thriller. Galway served up two brilliant displays to capture the junior All-Ireland title last autumn and

consequently Noel Finn has stepped up to manage the senior team while Limerick are continuing to improve.

All eyes will focus on the two main clashes especially since Galway players rose to the top in the Ashbourne and Purcell Cups — the widely-acclaimed Therese Maher with Athlone IT, NUIG's seriously talented Lourda Kavanagh and Orla Kilkenny's dazzling performances with UL.

See digest for fixtures.

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## Burns on song for new-look Cork

Cork 3-9  
Galway 0-7

by Therese O'Callaghan

NATIONAL league champions Cork enjoyed a winning start to their Division One campaign against Galway at Kinvara yesterday.

Former minor Sile Burns was the most impressive Cork performer, scoring 2-2, as manager John Considine's new-look side proved too strong for their hosts.

Mary O'Connor at full-back, debutante Regina Curtin at midfield, Vivienne Harris and Ciara Healy, who notched 1-3 from the corner, also played significant roles for the visitors.

Cork played against the wind in the first half and led 2-3 to 0-6, with UL's Ashbourne player Orla Kilkenny emerging as the home side's top scorer.

All-Ireland champions Tipperary defeated Limerick by seven points, 2-5 to 0-4, in their Division One tie at the Ragg.

Fielding just six of last September's title winning side, Tipperary proved they possess talent in abundance.

Captain Joanne Ryan, playing at full forward, was top-scorer with 1-4 and newcomer Jill Horan scored Tipp's opening goal after 24 minutes.

Elsewhere, Cork's second string proved too powerful for Galway in Division Two, emerging victorious by 2-11 to 0-7 at Kinvara.

Also in Division 2, at The Ragg, Tipperary had to give way to a stronger Armagh outfit, 3-5 to 1-3, with the inspirational Donna McCluskey hitting a hat-trick for the northerners.

Kilkenny went down to Offaly, 2-8 to 2-4, while Mairin McAleenan also raised three green flags for Down as they easily overcame Meath, 3-12 to 1-6.

Kildare had 11 points to spare over Roscommon, 2-8 to 0-3, in Newbridge.



## Cumann Camogaiochta celebrates centenary

A year of festivities is planned to celebrate the centenary of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael in 2004. We caught up with national camogie PRO Maire Ui Scolai to discuss the special events that will mark one hundred years of camogie.



Wearing camogie kits from throughout the 100 years of the association at the launch of the Centenary Celebrations, ltr: Fiona Munnally, Brenda Quirk, GAA President Sean Kelly, Fiona Quirke and Mary Rose Ryan

Maire Ui Scolai commences her fourth year as national camogie PRO in March 2004. By then, Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael's centenary celebrations will be in full swing.

The former Dublin camogie board PRO is delighted by the progress the game has made over these past few years and points out that - appropriately, given the year that's in it - camogie has never been in a healthier state than it is now.

"Since live coverage of the All-Ireland finals began in the late-nineties, camogie has made a huge impact. A lot of people have

realised that the girls can play, as well as the lads. Another significant breakthrough arrived in 1999, when camogie was changed to 15-a-side on a full-sized pitch. Since then, we've never looked back."

Around this same time, the rules of the game were tweaked slightly, to accommodate 15 players and a bigger pitch and the combination of all these changes have been to the drastic betterment of the game at national and local levels.

Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael is the oldest female sporting movement in Ireland, with 84,000 members. And 2004 is going to



be the game's biggest year yet!

At present, there are only six counties (Kerry, Longford, Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo and Donegal) without structured County Boards, but the powers-that-be are working hard to change this. With club games already taking place in the two counties, Donegal and Mayo are at a more advanced stage than the other four, but soon there will be County Board structures up and running in all 32 counties.

Indeed, the game already has a strong international dimension as well, with a presence abroad in the States, Scotland, England and Dubai. One of the events planned to mark camogie's centenary is an international tournament and a grant of 25,000 euro has been received from the GAA to help organise this (as well as an additional 75,000 to fund the 100 year celebrations).

Work on these centenary celebrations began last November and the camogie association's Centenary Year plans were officially unveiled in Croke Park on Tuesday November 25th 2003.

The national PRO continues: "We realised a couple of years ago that this was going to be a huge occasion for camogie, so we set up a Centenary Committee. We were very fortunate with the committee, as we managed to enlist five young players with an average age of only 27."

The committee comprises Therese O'Callaghan, an All-Ireland medallist with Cork (chairperson); Germaine Noonan, an All-Ireland winner with Dublin; Eithne Duggan, who also won an All-Ireland with Cork; Olivia Forde, winner of an All-Ireland medal with Galway; and Jayne Monaghan from Armagh.

The task facing this energetic, vibrant and youthful committee was to draw up a calendar of events, which would then be submitted to Central Council. Says Maire Uí Scolai: "They proved an extremely polished and professional committee. They came up with an itinerary of events for the year, with something taking place each month at national level as well as a host of activities at provincial, county, schools (primary and secondary) and club levels."

The main starting point of the celebrations is Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael's Annual Congress, which commences in the Citywest Hotel on Friday February 27th and then runs all day Saturday, concluding with a banquet, which is a black-tie affair.

At this special function, the Camogie Team of the Century will be announced. Congress will then take place during the day the following day.

The organising committee is hopeful that every county will be represented at the banquet, with at least two tables each. Tickets for this once-off event cost 70 euro per person and are available to the general public as well as those affiliated to the game. Information can be obtained by emailing the camogie office - info@camogie.ie - or by ringing 01 8364619.

Needless to say, the possible make-up of the Team of the Century is generating a lot of interest and sparking much debate. One thing that's for sure is that the players named will be immortalised as 15 of the greatest Irish female sports stars ever. "It promises to be a great night," Maire enthuses. "A number of special guests will appear and all the players on the centenary team will either be present or have a family representative in attendance."

Already this month, the 2004 Ashbourne Cup got the centenary celebrations off to a swinging start. The Ashbourne Cup is the oldest competition in camogie and the third-level colleges tournament took place over the weekend of February 13th-15th inclusive.

A gaelic sports re-union banquet was held in Croke Park on the Friday night. This was effectively a get-together of players who have played in the Ashbourne Cup over the years, or who were involved in colleges gaelic games in general (including football and hurling).

This year's Ashbourne Cup was hosted by UCD, with the semi-finals taking place on the Saturday and the final itself on Sunday February 15th.

Other events organised by camogie's Centenary Committee include a camogie exhibition in the GAA Museum and the launch of a booklet entitled 'Camogie's History'. Meanwhile, An Post has also agreed to mark the occasion with two specially commissioned postage stamps in late summer, which will attain worldwide recognition for the ladies code.

Also, the third-level colleges are holding a special Centenary Sevens competition, which is being hosted by Carlow IT on April

## CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA NA NGAEL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 7th	Purcell Cup Competition
February 13th	Gaelic Sports Reunion Banquet
February 14th	Ashbourne Cup Competition
February 27th	An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil (Annual Congress), Citywest Hotel, Dublin
February 28th	Centenary Banquet, Citywest Hotel Dublin Announcement of Team of the Century
March	Camogie Exhibition, GAA Museum Launch of Camogie History Booklet Launch of Centenary Stamps with An Post
April 9th	CCIA Centenary 7's
April 10th	Lá na gClub
April 17th	Féile Pan-Cheilteach, Tralee
May	National Senior and Junior League Finals
June	Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Championship (Senior & Junior)
June 24th-26th	Féile na nGael, Midlands, Finals in Navan
July 9th	Camogie Golf Classic, Kilkenny
July	All-Ireland Senior Championship commences
July 17th	Commemoration of first public game in Navan
August	All-Ireland Minor A&B Finals
August	All-Ireland Senior & Junior semi-finals
August	All-Ireland Intermediate Championship commences
September 18th	Kilmacud Crokes 7's Tournament
September 19th	All-Ireland Senior & Junior Camogie Final, Croke Park All-Ireland Bunscoileanna Mini-Games
October	All-Ireland Intermediate Final
October	International Competition
October	Shinty/Camogie Tournament
November	All-Ireland Club Championship, Senior & Junior Finals
November	Camogie All-Stars



Munster Council Award Winners 2003 - Eimear McDonnell (Camogie) and Ballina's Ger Coonan (Handball).

## Éire Óg girls welcome back the good times with camogie success

By CATHERINE KETCH

WITH a young side that has gathered an impressive array of silverware in 2003, Éire Óg Camogie Club may be on their way to the glory of former years.

With just 26 players distributed among teams ranging from U12 to U18, Éire Óg Camogie Club had a tremendous year on the playing field. Medals were presented to U12 and U14 County Champions, U13 and U15 Mid Cork Champions at the Lee Valley Golf Club.

The other teams had a lot to be proud of reaching the final at U16 and the semi-final at U18 level.

The U10s played ten matches and won them all during the year and a number of players were on the U14 Cork panel.

The Club was founded in 1966 and were the first team to have a Mid Cork win.

They went on to win senior championship County finals in '77, '78, '79 and '84.

They had eight places on the Cork team in the 70s and 80s and ex-player members of the Club held positions as Munster Council Secretary and Treasurer.

If the girls keep up their interest they have every chance of getting to that level again.



Winning captains: Ciara O'Keefe U12, Lorraine Murphy U14, Marian Galvin U15, Ella Kelleher U13 at the Éire Óg Camogie presentations at the Lee Valley Golf and Country Club. Photo by Catherine Ketch



# County Glory Finally Dawns for Gallant Fr O'Neills



Cork Minor Captain Anna Geary is presented with the All Ireland trophy by President Miriam O Callaghan

By Mary Newman McCarthy

It's been another successful year for Cork Camogie, without doubt the highlight being the retention of the All Ireland minor crown and the recording of a minor three-in-a-row. The Senior National league also came Leaside and another championship final appearance shows the game continues to prosper both at local and national level.

As well as Ashbourne Cup success for UCC, two Munster titles found their way to Cork with Coachford College and St Mary's Charleville also taking All-Ireland honours.

There was a first and long-awaited Senior County Championship success for Fr O'Neills, while Kilbrittan/Timoleague, St Catherine's and Rockban took county titles at adult level.

Under age championship success came to Milford, Clonakilty and Grenagh, while a host of clubs enjoyed league success. Douglas took the Cork Feile Na Gael title for the second year in a row, while Niamh Dilworth from the Inniscarra club took the Cork Skills title.

Off the field of play there was also plenty of activities, as the year began with a new county chairperson taking over the reigns as Sile Golden retired and was duly elected to the position of Hon President for a five-year term. Marion Mc Carthy from the St Finbarr's club, who had served as vice chairman for 15 years, was elected to the chair, while Mary Bugler took over as vice chairman and so the wheels were set in motion for another hectic year in Cork camogie with the number of clubs growing continuously.

These were but a few of the stories to hit the headlines through a busy 2003.

## All Ireland Senior

Following the success of 2002, hopes were high for the new year as former inter county star Sandie Fitzgibbon joined Pa Finn and Kathleen Healy on the senior selection committee. The trio set about their business joined by Jim McCarthy who continued the training duties. Linda Mellerick and Eithne Duggan, both of whom gave such outstanding service to Cork camogie, retired and the back-room team introduced several new faces to their panel.

Cork again entered two teams in the national league. The senior side advanced comfortably to the semi final where they recorded a comprehensive victory over Dublin to set up another meeting with Tipperary in the league Final at Páirc Uí Rinn on May 20th. The fare served up on the day was classic, despite the earliness of the season with Cork giving a superb display

play to regain the title they had lost a year earlier.

Now the scene was set for another championship season and certainly on the basis of league displays, hopes were high for the retention of the O'Duffy Cup.

In an effort to improve standards at senior level, Central Council announced a new format to the championship with the competition to be played on a league basis of two sections, with the two top teams in each to emerge to contest the semi finals. Despite the change, Cork experienced little difficulties in a group that included Galway, Antrim and Kilkenny and qualified comfortably for the semi final where, remarkably, they met the runners up from their own group, Galway.

In a game that did little to enhance the reputation of camogie, Cork totally overpowered the westerners while Tipperary eventually brushed aside the challenge posed by a tenacious Limerick side that had made great progress in the season.

And so the scene was set for a repeat of the 2002 clash: would Cork again work the oracle or could Tipperary regroup and find the winning formula under the leadership of new coach Ramie Ryan?

Cork's preparation went smoothly in the lead-up to the big day with sponsors Colour Catcher again easing the financial burdens of an All Ireland appearance. On the training ground, the panel went through their paces with determination. However on the day, the game never lived up to its pre-match expectations as Cork relinquished their crown to a very determined Tipperary side.

Despite the disappointment, Cork are already looking ahead to centenary year and have already named a successor to coach Pa Finn who having completed a three-year term retired from the post. Sarsman John Considine has been handed the task of guiding the side's fortunes as they go in quest of Cork's 21st title.

## Inter County

At Intermediate grade, Cork took the Munster title with a victory over Limerick, but in the open draw had to give way to Tipperary at semi final stage. Failure to take the many chances that came their way saw Cork lose out by the narrowest of margins to a side that went on to contest the final where Antrim took ultimate honours.

Losing out to Galway in their opening game of the league was to prove costly with the Cork Juniors losing out on qualification for the play-off stages. This, however, failed to deter the team that prepared very well and faced into the Munster

championship confidently, eventually reaching the final. In an exciting contest, Cork had to relinquish their crown to a Clare side that had successfully regressed from senior to junior status. Failure to perform and lack of leadership on the field of play cost the side dearly and so ended the year on a disappointing note.

The minor team defeated Waterford and Tipperary to retain the Munster title with ease before brushing aside the challenge posed by Kilkenny in the semi final to set up a repeat of the previous year's final with Galway.

A close opening half saw the champions lead by the minimum at the interval but it was in the second half that Cork showed their class. Totally dominating all over the field, they retained their title with confidence superbly led by inspirational captain Anna Geary who was also named as "player of the match".



Cork All Ireland Minor Camogie Champions

Cork's dominance at minor level is due in no small way to the wonderful work being put in by the clubs and schools and the victory augurs well for further success at junior and senior level in the years ahead.

Once again John Cronin, Ann Watson and John Quinn worked tirelessly with their charges and without doubt they must take huge praise for the manner in which they have applied themselves to their task guiding the fortunes of Cork minor teams to five All Ireland minor titles in six years.

Already several of their charges have gone on to greater success, amongst them to name but a few Emer Dillon, Gemma O'Connor, Jenny O'Leary, Rachel Moloney and Brieghe Corkery. Cork camogie is indeed grateful for the wonderful work of these people.

## Home Front

On the senior scene, a new era dawned as Fiona O Driscoll led Fr O'Neills to their first Senior County championship title.

Champions Cloughduv, aiming for three in a row, failed to survive their opening round test against the students of UCC and so the race was thrown wide open. St Finbarr's were many peoples favourites, given their disposal of the students in round two but Inniscarra were having none of that as they edged out the 'Barrs in a thrilling semi final to make it to the final for the first time. In the second semi final Fr O'Neills had to call on all their resources to hold off the challenge of championship debutants Milford and so the stage was set.

Páirc Uí Chaoimh was the venue as two totally committed teams served up an exciting final. Fiona O Driscoll was the

heroine, grabbing vital scores as the Ballymacoda side put the torment of losing four finals behind them to finally mount the victory rostrum. The evergreen Mag's Finn and Mary Kenefick who have given so much to the Fr O'Neill's club finally had got that elusive county medal and certainly the performance given by both of them truly justified their success.

Up front, O'Neills had many stars but one stood tall above the rest and there were no dissenting voices when Fiona O Driscoll was named as "Player of the Match" sponsored by Gerald Mc Carthy trophies.

In Senior B there was huge rejoicing in Kilbrittan/Timoleague as John Considine guided their fortunes to take their first crown. An exciting final where their ability



to score points was vital saw them record a 3-4 to 3-0 victory over Aghbullogue. There were many fine displays in their campaign no more so that from lion hearted Miriam Deasy, Sadie Mc Carthy, Val O' Keffe and Marion Murphy.

In the Junior A grade, St Catherines lived up to their tag of pre-championship favourites to take the title for the first time. Captain Esther Power, Denise Twomey, Helen Lane and, Noreen Mulcahy were very much to the fore as the Conna side defeated Valley Rovers in a thrilling final. Three months later the sides again met in the league final and again a thrilling contest saw St Catherines hold out to make it a double, despite a brave challenge from Valley Rovers.

It was a new look Junior B championship in 2003, confined as it was to clubs with only a Junior B team participating in the grade; any club with a second team played in a Junior B plate competition. While many clubs enjoyed the experience, others missed the challenge and buzz associated with championship fervour.

There was plenty of surprises throughout with Tracton knocking out a strong Ballyhea side to book their place in the final against Rockban (who defeated Youghal). Led superbly by Catriona Foley and Sile Burns, Rockban under the guidance of former Cork and Barrs hurler Denis Burns took their first adult championship trophy and for people such as Mary Walsh and Kay Conway, the win was a most deserved one.

Earlier in the season, Rockban laid the foundations for success taking the Junior B League title for 2002 with a victory over Ballyhea. At the time of going to print, Delany's and Brian Dillon's had to meet again to decide the destination of the league title for 2003, while in the 13-a-side Junior B Championship, Cobh and Buttrvant contested the final.

### Under Age

The ever-growing interest in camogie at under age level was again very evident with the juvenile committee under the chairmanship of Pat O Riordan organising competitions for the Under12 to 16 age groups.

The under 12 grade was divided into three grades A, B and C. A close A final went to a replay before Douglas retained their title as they defeated Ballygarvan with good performances from Moira and Aileen O Donovan. Valley Rovers

emerged victorious in the B section with a victory over Glen Rovers thanks in the main to Mary Ann Hawks, as they held off a late Glen rally before emerging victorious. Eire Og proved way too strong for opponents as they coasted to honours in the C grade with a win over neighbours Ballinora. Here Clare Meaney, Ciara O Connor and Aoife Scally shone for the Mid Cork side.

In the 12-a-side Under 12 competition, Kildorrey defeated Ballinascarty to be crowned champions. Competition at Under14 level again proved very strong in all grades. Douglas who had captured the Cork Feile Na Gael crown retained the under 14A league defeating Buttrvant in the final thanks to skilful play from captain Hilary O Connor, Rachel O Sullivan and Niamh O Donovan. Eire Óg and Blackrock contested the under 14 B league final with the Ovens girls emerging victorious.

Just three points separated Clonakilty and Valley Rovers as the Clon girls took the club's first major camogie trophy in the Under 14 C competition, while in the 12-a-side, Dungourney recorded a victory over Grenagh.

Milford continued their success at 16 A level as they took the championship for a fifth year in a row but they had to depend on an injury time goal from Anna Geary to do so as they came from behind to break the hearts of Ballygarvan.

In the league, a new name was carved on the trophy when Douglas defeated Ballygarvan in an exciting final. Here Douglas had great performances from Emma Heffernan, and Jenny O Donovan. In the C Championship final Clonakilty had two points to spare as they held off the challenge of neighbours Ballinascarty. The B Final has as yet to be completed with competition at semi final stages at the time of going to print.

In an all-mid Cork Under16 B league final, Aghbullogue had four points to spare over Eire Og as they took the honours. Newtownshandrum having regressed to C proved much too strong as they strolled to the league title with a final victory over Sliabh Rua.

Just two points decided the destination of the under-16 12-a-side championship crown with Granagh holding off the challenge of Tracton. Kildorrey continued their impressive season as they had three points to spare over Barryroe to be crowned league champions in the same grade.

### Third Level

UCC hosted the 2003 Ashbourne Cup, which was again a wonderful weekend of college camogie as the home team retained its crown. Rachel Moloney, Ger Casey, Sarah Hayes, Ciara Healy, Una O'Donoghue, Joanne O'Callaghan and Criona Harte were joined by Tipperary's Emer McDonnell and Una O'Dwyer and Kilkenny's Lizzie Lyng as UCC captured their 32nd Ashbourne title.

### Sciath Na Scol

As always, Sciath na Scol provided us with plenty of camogie action and as the Sciath celebrated 100 years of competition, congratulations are extended to the many people who have ensured great success down through the years. Our gratitude is again extended to the unsung heroes, the teachers and parents, without whom the competitions would not be possible.

In the C1, St. Columbas, Douglas, took the honours at the expense of Scoil Oilibeir Dublin Hill. The honours in the C2 final went to Cloghroe who defeated Scoil Eoin Innishannon; Ballinora took C3 honours defeating St Patrick's, while Farran defeat Maria Assumpta Ballyphehane to take the C4 title.

The DC 1 title came to Carrignavar who were victorious over Kilcredan. DC 2 was won by Berrings while the DC 3 crown was annexed by Ballyheda with a win over Clonpriest. D C 4 saw Gael Scoil Mahon get the measure of Glenville.

### Centenary Year

The game continues to flourish in the county and as we bid goodbye to the year 2003, thoughts are already looking to 2004 and Camogie Centenary Year which will no doubt be celebrated throughout the length and breadth of the county.

It's a tribute to the many people who have helped kept camogie alive, some who have gone to their eternal reward but the legacy has been left behind. To mention but a few names such as Mary Moran, Rose Malone, Mary Nott, Kay Dunne, Maire Ni Ceallachain, Lil O Grady, Lil O Sullivan, Carmel Desmond, Ide Bean Ui She, Siobhan O Sullivan, Nora Newman and Sile Golden spring to mind all who helped in no small way to fashion the game in Cork as it is today.

Let's hope as we face into a new milestone for camogie the torch will continue to be carried by future generations of Cork camogie personnel.



# Minor Man...Major Success

By Mary Newman McCarthy

**F**ive All-Ireland minor titles, two senior county championships and a host of minor provincial honours are all listed on the Curriculum Vitae of a gentleman who has without doubt been one of the most successful under-age coaches Cork camogie has produced.

John Cronin first came on the inter-county camogie scene after his club Cloughduv won the county minor championship title in 1997. Among the players on that Cloughduv side were Una O'Donoghue, Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan and Sinead Buckley, all of whom would go on to win further honours in the red and white of Cork at later stages in their career.

Without doubt the win by Cloughduv helped in no small way to bring the talents of many girls to the fore but more importantly it helped Cork camogie to discover someone who has turned out to be a valuable asset to the game.

The club nominated John to the post of selector for the 1998 season and while reluctant at first he soon got into the swing of things as he joined the late Tadie Roche from Aghabullogue and his fellow club person Kathleen Healy in the bid to bring Cork's first minor All Ireland crown since 1985.

The selectors worked tirelessly scouring the county for talent and under the guiding influence of John Cronin as coach they assembled a panel that retained the Munster title in a blistering final against Tipperary.

All-Ireland champions Galway stood between Cork and a place in the final on a day when the excellence of Rosalie Holland, Emer Dillon and Sarah Hayes helped Cork defeat the champions by two points.

Derry had defeated Kilkenny to book their place in the final where the Cork girls showing too much skill and craft recorded a comprehensive victory and so bridged a 13 year gap.

The victory was repeated the following year with Cork defeating Galway in a final where just one point separated the sides before Niamh Bowles stepped up to receive the Tailteann Trophy from President Phyllis Breslin.

Cork set out to make it three in a row in

Millennium year but got a rude awakening, losing out to Tipperary in the Munster final, a defeat that certainly upset the team coach. After that game I interviewed John for local radio and he gave me his views: "We should never have lost out to Tipperary, we allowed them get ahead of us and we were chasing the game, at the finish we almost clawed it back but it's sickening to lose out on a chance of three in a row."

While many would have walked away, Convention unanimously re-elected John Cronin to the position of selector and he set about his task of restoring pride in the Cork minor side with fellow selector's John Quinn and Ann Watson.

There followed a remarkable journey that has seen a three-in-a-row of All-Ireland minor titles brought to the county a feat last achieved only once from 1983 to 1985.

Away from the county scene John still finds time to be actively involved with his beloved Cloughduv, a club where he himself wore the jersey with pride.

The holder of county championship honours at Minor, Junior and Intermediate grades he was unlucky to break his hand in the senior county hurling championship of 1974, however it did not dampen his enthusiasm for the game he has served loyally.

These days while not involved on the training or committee side of the hurling club, he can still be seen on big match days collecting gates or helping the club host such events.

In 2000 Una O'Donoghue led the club to its first senior county championship title when they defeated Fr O Neills 12 months later Stephanie Dunlea repeated that feat and very much to the fore in those two success stories was one John Cronin who in the words of Kathleen Healy, "is the life and soul of Cloughduv camogie Club: without him we would have no club. He is trainer, selector and mentor to every team from under age to adult that goes out to represent our club."

Without doubt much of the work under-



John Cronin

taken by the busy camogie coach would not be possible without the backing of a very loyal and understanding family network and here again John Cronin made a very wise choice as wife Norma (née Creedon) needs no introduction to Gaelic games followers, coming as she does from a family steeped in tradition with the Macroom club.

Daughter Ciara is the holder of two county senior championship medals, while Aoife is actively involved also on the playing side.

As Cork set out to create another piece of unique history as they go in quest of four-in-a-row, you can be certain that John Cronin coach extraordinaire will leave no stone unturned in his efforts to do just that.

Cork Camogie is fortunate that this genial man from Cloughduv is at the helm of a very important team in our county, because the minors of to-day are the seniors of to-morrow, and you know what they say 'success breeds success.' Roll on the Minor C'ship of 2004.

# Coachford Girls 'lap up' Title



Coachford College, Munster Senior B Champions 2003, Senior A League Champions, All Ireland College Senior B Camogie Champions 2003

by Riobárd Lotty

**T**he secondary school teams of Cork dominated the 16 post primary camogie competitions at provincial level with a whopping 12 titles brought back to the Rebel County.

In Munster competitions, Charleville, Coachford, Bandon, Clonakilty, Loreto Youghal, Christ the King and Glanmire were victorious. But for one Muskerry school, the season was an historic one: Coachford College won its first ever All Ireland title by virtue of a one point margin over Presentation, Athenry in the Senior B decider, shown by RTE.

St. Mary's, Charleville retained the All-Ireland Junior A title and added to their impressive total by defeating Loreto, Fermoy in the Sevens final. Vince Harrington has been coaching successful Charleville teams for the past two decades, where his enthusiasm and craft has helped position St. Mary's at the top of the Colleges Camogie ladder.

Cork Colleges Chairman John Joe Breen (Nagle Rice) has been instrumental in the drive to increase the number of Cork schools participating in the 13 county competitions. Coláiste Daibhéid, St. Angela's, Ballincollig CS, Coláiste Mhuire Buttevant, Mannix College,

Coláiste Mhuire Cobh, Dunmanway, North Pres and Coláiste An Phiarsaigh have joined the ranks in recent years with Ollie Troy (Carrigaline), Evelyn Quinlivan (Coláiste Choilm), Ger Donovan (Charleville), Angela Sheehan (Glanmire) and Riobárd Lotty (Coachford) officers of the board.

In 1999, James Hurley (RIP) from St. Als initiated the Cork Colleges under 14 development squad, which involves specialist training over five months from Level One coaching tutors, culminating with the All Ireland blitz hosted annually by Cork. 2003 saw Galway retain the title with Cork gaining revenge by winning the corresponding Limerick tournament at Rathkeale. Denise Cronin (Ballincollig), Deirdre Twomey (Fermoy), Áine Moynihan (Christ the King), Sarah Coleman (Glanmire) and Brid Twomey (Coachford) proved to be stars in the making in games against Clare, Waterford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Galway, Wexford and Dublin.

Charleville dominated the Cork Colleges A grade competitions with victories over Coachford, Fermoy, Bandon and Christ the King in the senior, sevens, junior, Second and First Year competitions respectively.

Coachford added to the Munster senior A league title by defeating Bandon in the senior B with Middleton narrowly account-

ing for Rena Buckley's St. Als at Intermediate A.

Briege Corkery inspired Macroom when they overwhelmed Buttevant in the Intermediate B final, whilst Carberry side Bandon derailed rivals Clonakilty in the Junior B grade. Kinsale ousted Middleton at Junior C level but Cork under-14 coach Ollie Troy (originally from Waterford) was delighted with his Second Year charges from Carrigaline when they eventually beat Fiona O'Driscoll's Coláiste Choilm by a point after extra time.

Glanmire and Ballincollig took the First Year B Championship and Blitz trophies.

The creation of a new webpage <http://welcome.to/camogie>, the introduction of five new competitions for beginner schools coupled with a streamlined grading system have all improved the status of camogie as a first choice sport for many schoolgirls.

In her post-All Ireland victory interview, Joan Twomey, captain of the Coachford panel, personified the role sport has played in the development of the students' character. When asked what contributed to her team's success, she stated: "31 training sessions, three team meetings, sponsorship to pay for the sliotars and hurleys, 15 competitive matches, a strong panel but, above all else, not one lap done in any training session!"