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Veteran Dunlea leaves Galway girls in a spin!

Cork 1-16 :: Galway 2-9

—by Declan Tierney—

GALWAY may have taken the lead midway through the second half at Ballinasloe on Saturday evening, but there was little doubting Cork's overall superiority as they clinched a fourth consecutive National Camogie League crown.

Their win was to a large degree down to the accuracy of veteran full forward **Lynn Dunlea** who clocked up a personal tally of a goal and twelve points in what was an outstanding individual performance.

Cork had dominated for most of the game but Galway took their chances well in the early stages of the second half before taking the lead for the first time — however, it was short lived as the Munster side rose to the challenge.

In fact the margin of defeat could have been much greater had Cork taken several chances in the opening half after coming out with all guns blazing and putting the Galway defence under extreme pressure — only four points separated the teams at half time which certainly flattered the home side.

But the performances of full back **Olivia Broderick** along with half backs **Tracy Laheen** and **Pam Nevin** was also a contributory factor in Galway staying in touch and, indeed, getting right back into the game with a brace of timely goals.

They failed, however, to build sufficiently on these scores to

really put Cork under pressure and the reigning champions' better finishing brought them the rewards they deserved — although it was also a fighting performance from Galway.

The scoring prowess of Lynn Dunlea was in evidence from an early stage when she never missed a placed ball and also put over three points from play. It was obvious that she was going to have a major influence on the game for Cork.

Even though Cork looked the dominant force, they still failed to put sufficient daylight between themselves and Galway to leave them comfortable at the break — in fairness to Galway they trailed by five points at one stage before the pace and ingenuity of **Collette Nevin** put them right back in the picture again with two wonderful points from play.

Furthermore, **Sharon Glynn** enjoyed quite a lot of possession around the centre of the field and was also not found wanting from frees — as Galway trailed by 0-8 to 0-4 at half time.



IN FULL FLIGHT... Galway camogie star **Sharon Glynn** embarks on a solo run but is chased by **Mary O'Connor** and **Ursula Troy** of Cork during the National Camogie League final at Ballinasloe on Saturday.

The margin might have been much closer following a move initiated by Glynn which involved **Collette Nevin** and **Veronica Curtin** before **Ann Forde** had the chance, but her shot was well stopped by the Cork goalkeeper.

Galway lost midfielder **Carmel Hannon** during the first half following a leg injury she sustained in a fall and her replacement **Therese Maher** made an immediate impression with some attacking runs to put the Cork defence under pressure.

But it was **Ann Forde** who made the first big scoring impact for Galway four minutes

into the second half when a move involving Glynn, **Denise Gilligan** and **Curtin** enabled the wing forward to palm the ball into the net.

This put Galway just a point behind but Dunlea responded immediately with two pointed frees before **Veronica Curtin** and Dunlea exchanged further scores.

Galway sensed that Cork were beginning to look a little vulnerable in defence and **Ann Forde** won possession before passing to substitute **Maher** who embarked on a 30 metre solo run before driving the sliotar home.

A Sharon Glynn pointed '30

put Galway ahead for the first time but it didn't last long as Cork's **Fiona O'Driscoll** equalised before Dunlea scored a well worked goal after a pass from substitute **Caoimhe Harrington**.

Galway received a further blow when a now heavily bandaged Glynn was sent to the line along with Cork's **Vivienne Harris** after getting involved in a tussle.

In any event, Galway now looked a spent force and not even points from play by **Veronica Curtin** and **Denise Gilligan** could spur life into the side as Cork rounded off a fine display with two points to

emphasise their dominance in camogie at the moment.

Cork: C. Keohane; E. Duggan; D. Cronin, V. Harris, M. Finn; L. Mellereck, M. O'Connor, U. Troy; I. O'Keefe, S. Callaghan (0-1), F. O'Driscoll (0-3); L. Dunlea (1-12, 0-6 frees, 0-3 '30s). Sub.: C. Harrington for O'Keefe.

Galway: L. Curry; O. Broderick; A. Kelly, T. Laheen, P. Nevin; D. Gilligan (0-1), S. Glynn (0-4, 0-2 frees, 0-2 '30s), C. Hannon; C. Nevin (0-2), I. Hobbins, A. Forde (1-0); V. Curtin (0-2). Subs.: T. Maher (1-0) for Hannon inj.; M. Glynn for Hobbins.

Referee: A. Derham (Dublin).

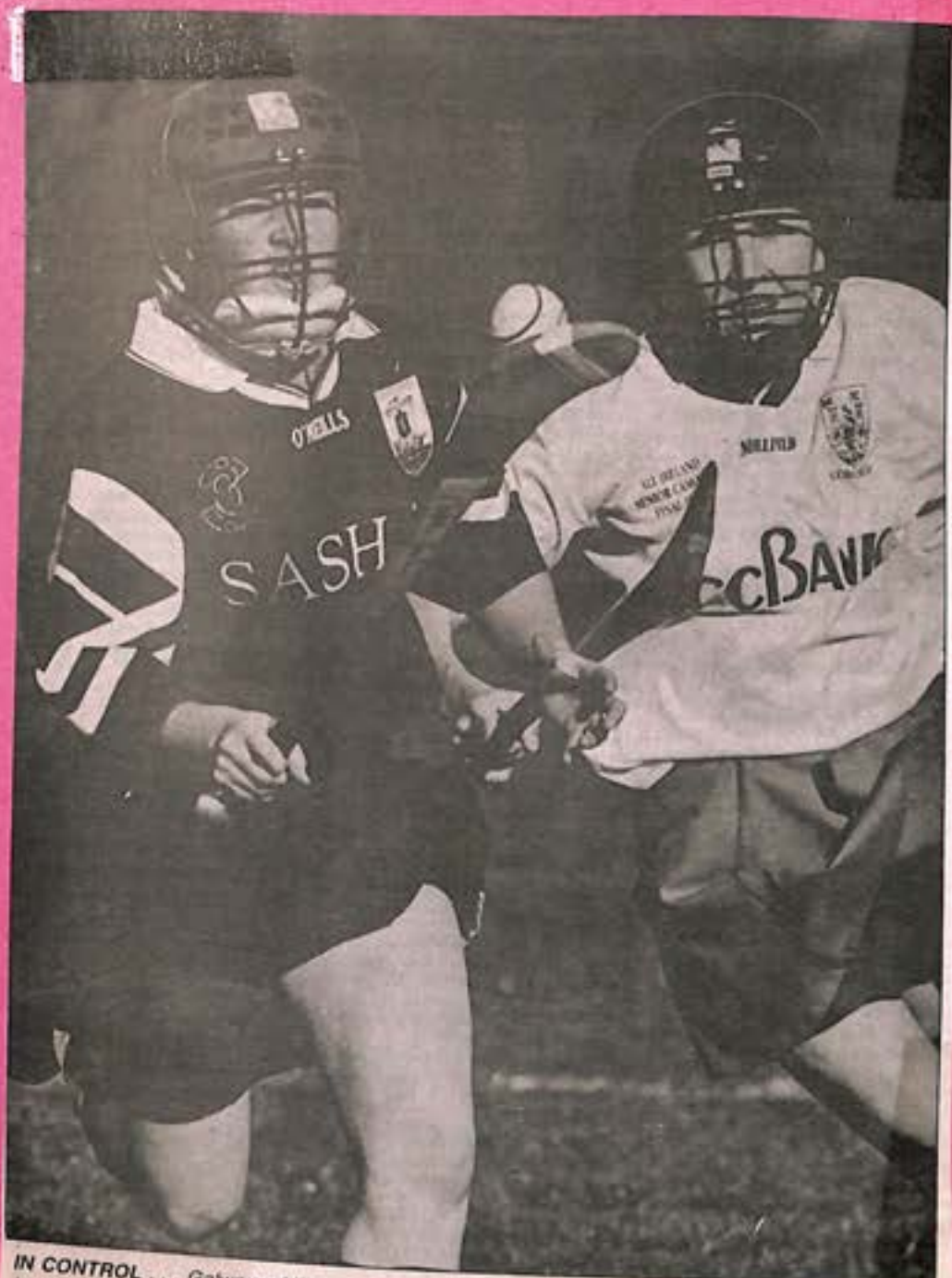


Members of the Seamount College, Kinvara Junior A Camogie panel who defeated St. Mary's, Magherafelt, Co. Derry (3-8 to 1-2) recently, seen above with their mentors and trainers, **Teresa Kavanagh**, **Mary Callanan**, **Eileen Keane** and **Collette Kennedy**, Galway Camogie PRO, who presented the All-Ireland medals. Front row (from left): **Annmarie Lynch**, **Orla Curtin**, **Collette O'Connor**, **Emer Bermingham**, **Anne Duffy**, **Orla McCormack**, **Linda Gill**, **Linda Flaherty**, **Michelle Quinn**, **Majella Hynes**. Back row: **Teresa Kavanagh**, **Mary Callanan**, **Sharon Kavanagh**, **Pamela Huban**, **Lisa Bourke**, **Sherry Mannion**, **Karen Huban** (captain), **Siobhán Huban**, **Siobhán Canny**, **Elsie Kerins**, **Claire Donoghue**, **Roisín O'Connor**, **Eileen Keane**, **Collette Kennedy**.

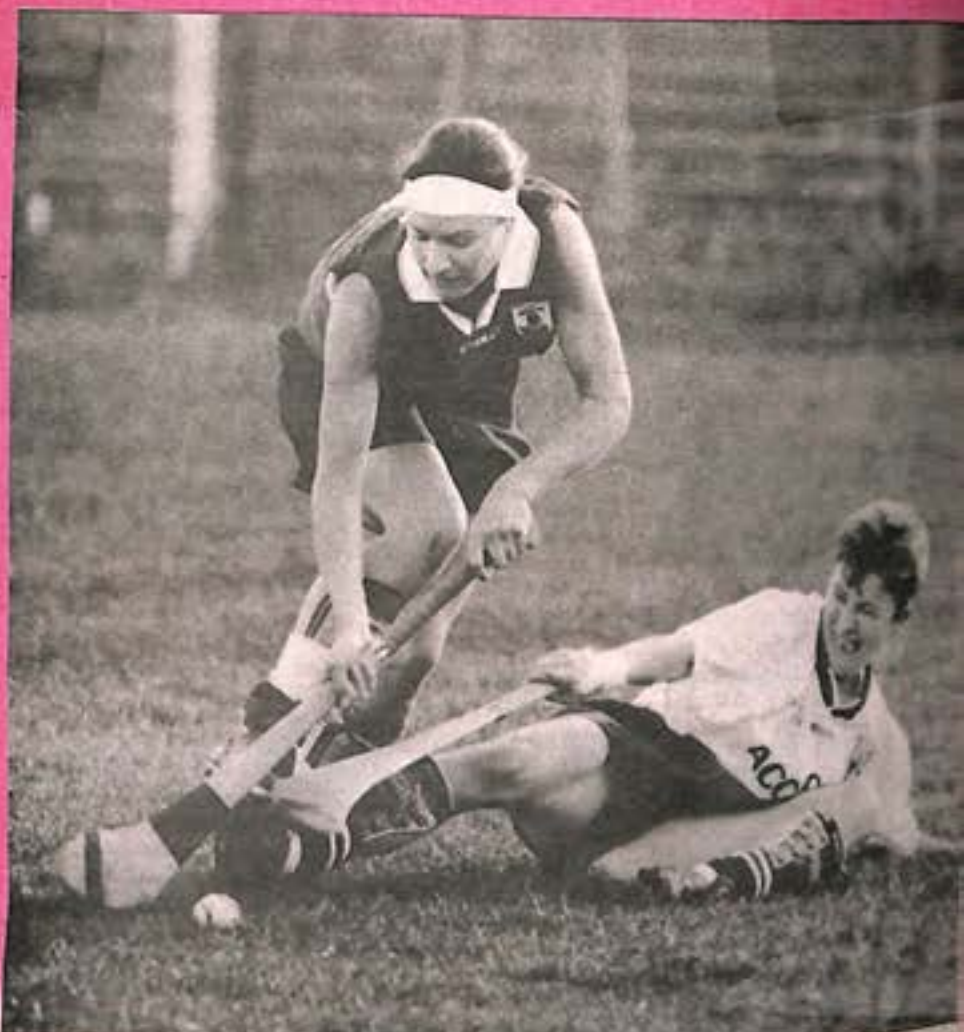
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DEFEATED . . . the Galway senior camogie team who were defeated by Cork in the national league final at Ballinasloe on Saturday evening. Back row: Alva Kelly, Veronica Curtin, Louise Curry, Sharon Glynn, Pam Nevin, Tracey Laheen. Front row: Collette Nevin, Carmel Hannon, Olivia Broderick, Imelda Hobbins, Ann Forde, Denise Gilligan.



IN CONTROL . . . Galway midfielder Carmel Hannon launches an attack with Ursula Troy of Cork in hot pursuit during the national senior camogie league final at Ballinasloe. Photos Joe O'Shughnessy.



SKILL . . . Galway defender Pam Nevin gets the better of the grounded Cork forward Irene O'Keeffe during the National Camogie League final at Ballinasloe.

Bishopstown girls play camogie role

Eithne and Vivienne in final win

BISHOPSTOWN Camogie Club made a major contribution to the Cork senior camogie team's league final victory over Galway in Ballinasloe on Saturday, May 30.

Eithne Duggan, who had an excellent game at full-back, also captained the side and became the first ever Bishopstown camogie player to captain Cork to a national senior title.

Her fellow Bishopstown player Vivienne Harris, playing at centre-back, also gave a great display.

Despite still being in her teens she managed to capture her fourth successive national senior league title with Cork — as did team player Eithne.

The club's underage coach, Cllr Pat Murray, in his first year as a Cork senior selector, also made a vital contribution to the Cork success.

In the preliminary rounds, Cork beat Tipperary, Wexford, Kilkenny and Clare to qualify for the semi-final with maximum points.

Triumph

In the semi-final, Cork defeated Antrim in Casement Park, Belfast and in the final the Leesiders triumphed in a close and highly entertaining game by 1 goal and 16 points to 2 goals and 9 points.

Independent councillor, Pat Murray said: "It was indeed a proud moment for everyone in the Bishopstown club to see one of our members accepting the league trophy on behalf of the Cork team, from the president of the camogie association, Phyllis Breslin.

"Both Eithne and Vivienne began their camogie careers with Bishopstown and it's great to see them achieving success at the highest level of the game, given their great dedication to Bishopstown camogie club over the years.

"The club is also very proud of the achievements of Trish Doyle (team captain) and Ruth Cahalan who were on the Cork junior camogie panel.

"Unfortunately, they lost a final to Down after a gallant display recently in Ballincollig.

"Finally, U-16 player Ciara Healy, was full forward on the Cork U-16 team who recently beat Tipperary after extra-time in a closely contested game," councillor Murray said.

"All things considered, the Bishopstown girls have made a great contribution to the Cork camogie teams so far in 1998 and the club wishes to acknowledge their achievements.

"And we also wish all their players doing their Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations the very best of luck," he added.

Camera eye Camógs

With major rule changes due to come in to operation next year, camogie is bracing itself for a higher profile. The first step is live television coverage of the 1998 All Ireland final. PJ Fullam casts his eye over the Camogie scene.

■ There will be live coverage of the All-Ireland Camogie Final which takes place on September 6th. This decision was greeted favourably by the 80,000 membership of the Association.

Next year will see a change which could be here to stay, when fifteen players instead of the usual twelve will line out for fixtures at all levels and will play on a full size G.A.A. pitch.

This is initially for a one year trial. Incidentally it will commence with the National Junior League in October.

League Final

■ The League reaches a climax this month. Title holders, Cork came through the campaign with full points as did Galway. Antrim did well by making it to the semi-final, where they came up against the 'Rebel' County. In the first half they led 1-8 to 0-5 at the break. Cork showed their true mettle of champions in the final half when they ran out winners 5-15 to 2-12.

Cork are a strong outfit. Their full-forward Lynn Dunlea is a gifted forward with style to match and is absolutely lethal when on her game. A school teacher by profession, Cork are going for their fourth title on the trot and will be aiming to equal Kilkenny's record of four league titles in a row.

Galway have been playing well through-out the campaign and won all their matches convincingly. They have an abundance of talent. Sharon Glynn, at 22 is a player of great ability and is a great inspiration to the team. A gifted free-taker, her scoring total has been astounding.

Cork Senior Panel

■ Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin, Mags Finn, Linda Mellerick, Vivienne Harris, Mary O'Connor, Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe, Lynn Dunlea, Stephanie Dunlea, Mary Kenefick, Hilda Kenneally, Eileen Buckley, Miriam Deacy, Ursula Troy, Lisa Kelleher, Linda O'Sullivan.

The pairings for the junior semi-finals are Cork v Galway and Down v Tipperary. The winners should produce an excellent final. Of the four involved Galway are the only county to have ever won the title. Down has been defeated in the last three finals.

Gael Linn

■ The Gael Linn Inter-provincial series has seen many changes down the years since the series was inaugurated at senior level in 1956 and junior in 1975.

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Sunday in June.

This year it takes place on Saturday 6th June. It has been played in Dublin in recent years and will take place in St. Vincent's Park.

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NOTICE BOARD

May 31st

National Senior League Final: - Cork v Galway/Tipperary/Kilkenny
National Junior League Final: - Cork/Galway v Tipperary/Down

June 6th

Gael Linn at St. Vincents Park, Dublin:
Junior Semi-Finals:
Connacht v Leinster 11.30 am; Ulster v Munster 11.45am.
Senior Semi-Finals:
Connacht v Leinster, 1pm, Ulster v Munster 1.15pm

Junior Final: 2.30pm
Senior Final: 4pm

June 25/26/27/28th

Féile na nGael in Wexford.

GAEL LINN SERIES TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY

One of the highlights of the Camogie Calendar is Gael Linn, Inter-Provincial series in senior and junior. The senior was inaugurated in 1956 and the junior in 1975. This competition has seen many changes down the years, from being played in the month of October over two weekends, rotating around the Provinces, to being played on a Sunday in June.

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The following are the pairings: Connacht v Leinster, Munster v Ulster.

Junior semi-finals: 11.30 and 1.45pm. Senior semi-finals: 12.45 and 1.00 pm. Junior final: 2.15pm. Senior final: 3.45pm

Offaly advanced to the quarter final of the Leinster junior championship when they gained victory over Louth at Drumcar. This was an outstanding game between two evenly matched sides. After an end to end first half battle Offaly led 0-8 to 1-2.

A further goal by Martina Quigley midway through the second half left Wee county well in contention, but Offaly's Maggie Lynch continued to pick off points from placed balls, enough to give them a four point victory.

Final score: Offaly 0-15 Louth 2-5

Scorers: Offaly: Maggie Lynch 0-10, Michelle Davis 0-4, Amanda Glennon 0-1. Louth: Ann McDonnell and Martina Quigley 1-1 each, Caroline Lynch 0-2, Ann-Marie King 0-1. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Dublin secured victory over Westmeath in a Leinster junior championship tie played at St Anne's, Bohernabreena. Westmeath fielded without six of their regulars owing to exams. A soft goal gave Dublin an early start but by half time the sides were level: Dublin 1-3, Westmeath 0-6.

The sides were level on four occasions during the game and with two minutes remaining Dublin pointed two frees and Westmeath missed an open

goal.

Final score: Dublin 2-8 Westmeath 1-9

Scorers: Dublin: Sinead Elliott 1-3, Irene Kirwan 0-4, Orla Connolly 1-0, Marie Byrne 0-1. Westmeath: Mary Henry 0-7, Celeste Dermody 1-1, Sarah Weir 0-1.

Referee: Ray Quigley, Wexford L.J.C. Wexford 1-19, Kildare 1-14, Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

L.M.C Final: Kilkenny 3-7, Wexford 1-7, Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath

L.U14 C Laois 4-6 Offaly 4-4 Referee: Brendan Brennan, Williams

Ulster Junior Championship quarter-finals:

Cavan 3-16 Fermanagh 0-6. Scorers: Cavan: Marie Brady 2-6, Emer Brennan 1-6, Joanne Hayes and Teresa Smyth 0-2 each. Fermanagh: Glenda Fitzpatrick 0-6.

Down 3-14 Monaghan 1-6

Scorers: Down: Jennifer Braniff 2-1, Angeline Fearon 1-1, Claire McGrath 0-6, Colleen Hynda 0-2, Majella Murray, Cathy Mulholland, Valerie Hynds and Clara Cunningham 0-1 each. Monaghan: Lizzie McCarron 1-0, Pauleen Woods/Jones 0-3, Rosemary Merry 0-2, Elaine Laville 0-1.

Derry 3-14, Tyrone 3-3.

Scorers: Derry: Martina Mulholland 0-9, Orla Downey, Aileen O'Kane and Roisin Pickering 1-0 each, Claire Mulholland 0-2, Siobhan Convery, Grainne Maguire and Shauna McCaul 0-1 each.

Tyrone: Leona Fay 2-0, Brenda Burke 1-3

Antrim: 6-12 Donegal 0-0. Scorers: Antrim: Kerri O'Neill 4-8, Roisin Duffin and Lynette Connolly 1-2.

Ulster Minor Championship semi-final: Antrim 7-11 Fermanagh 0-1.

Munster retain crown with ease

Munster
Leinster

6-20
1-11

IN a game played in atrocious weather conditions, Munster retained their senior interprovincial camogie crown when they had a comprehensive 24-point victory over Leinster at St Vincent's GAA Grounds, Dublin on Saturday.

A Deirdre Hughes goal helped the winners to an interval lead of 1-13 to 0-7. Munster continued to dominate throughout the one-sided second half and goals by Deirdre Hughes, Fiona O'Driscoll, Noelle Kennedy and Moira McMahon finished the game as a contest well before the final whistle.

Earlier in the day, Munster were not so lucky in their efforts to retain their junior crown when in an exciting semi-final they lost out to Ulster 1-12 to 1-10.

Ulster went on to take the title later in the day at the expense of Leinster 3-12 to 1-12.



DOWN

Memory lane...

CORK'S recent hurling revival has brought renewed hope of success for the county's hurling team, but there is always hope of an All-Ireland win with the Cork camogie team. The tradition in camogie dates back years. This picture shows the Cork camogie team, taken in October 1942. Does this bring back any memories for you? Drop us a line and tell other readers your stories.

'Bridge girls magnificent comeback in Feile final

Clarenbridge.....4-3
Kinvara.....3-4

HOW many times have we heard that a match is never over until the final whistle, well a truer word was never said in relation to the county U-14 camogie final played in Ardahan last Saturday.

With thirteen minutes remaining Kinvara were leading by six points and were odds on favourites to advance to the All-Ireland Feile finals to represent Galway at the end of June in Wexford, but Clarenbridge had other ideas and a three goal blitz put paid to Kinvara's dreams and saw a never day die Clarenbridge team win by two points.

Kinvara opened the scoring with two pointed frees from Pamela Huban, Miriam Kerins then pointed two for the 'Bridge and the sides were level midway through the first half.

Kinvara's first goal came from one of their star forwards Pamela Huban but the 'Bridge's star Miriam Kerins replied with their first goal almost immediately, leading the sides level yet again. With Roisin O'Connor doing well for Kinvara at centre-back the 'Bridge found scores hard to come by from play. It was Kinvara that broke the deadlock just before half-time when Emma Kilkelly found the net.

Kinvara started off well in the second half and within five minutes they had stretched their lead to six points, 1-1 coming from

Emma Kilkelly and Clarenbridge's point coming from Miriam Kerins.

A Kinvara win now looked on the cards but Clarenbridge were not giving in without a fight, and when Nicola Lally beat Sharon Kavanagh in the Kinvara goal the revival began.

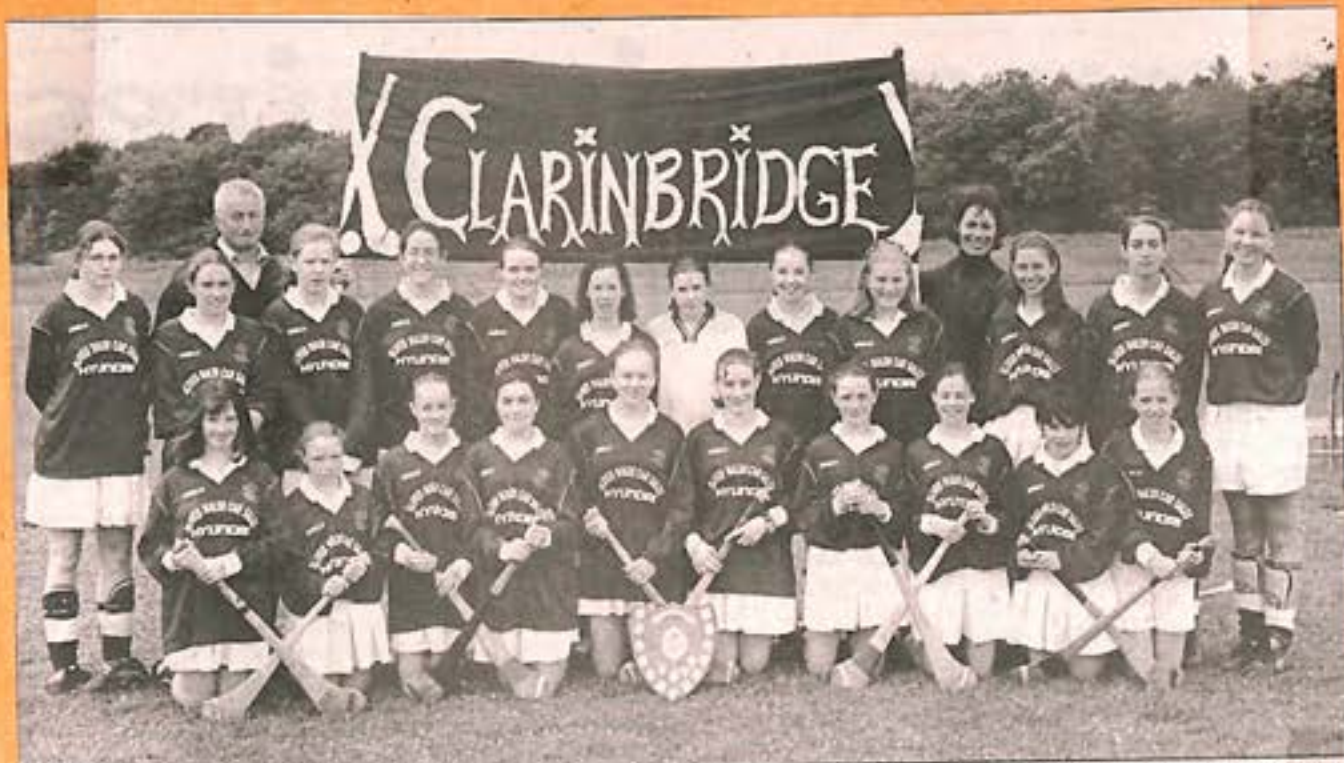
Enter two goal hero Claire Dillon and Kinvara had no answers try as they did. Pamela Huban did add a final minute point and Kinvara did lay seige to the 'Bridge, but to no avail as Sharon Corless

held out well.

And so Clarenbridge are the 1998 County Feile champions and travel to Wexford to hopefully follow in the footsteps of Athenry, last year's All-Ireland Feile winners. Kinvara had fine performances from Roisin O'Connor, Pamela Huban and Emma Kilkenny.

Clarenbridge showed great team spirit and had fine performances from Miriam Kerins, Lorraine Lally, Nicola Lally, two goal Claire Dillon and Aine Coen up front.

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The Clarenbridge Camogie Club team who were the winners of the county under 14 A championship. They will represent Galway at the Feile na nGael finals in Wexford at the end of the month. Front row, left to right: Michelle Callanan, Samantha Geaghan, Sarah Trowell, Caitriona Murphy, Nicola Lally, captain; Laura and Claire Dillon, Lorraine Lally, Louise Moran, and Rachel O'Connor. Back: Eimear O'Leary, Deirdre Conneely, Mike Dillon, club chairperson; Deirdre O'Connor, Natalie Murphy, Maura Minnock, Aine Coen, Sharon Corless, Sinead O'Leary, Catherine Moran, Anne Kerins, team manager; Miriam Kerins, Claire Donohue, and Caroline Lally. Selector with the team is Anita Lally.



Berrings National School, winners of the camogie Roinn D4 C final.

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SCIATH NA SCOL



Scoil Oilibheir, Ballyvolane, celebrate their victory in Roinn C1.

Camogie (1)

Scoil Oilibheir 3-3 Maria Assumpta 2-3
This was a day to remember for the rest of her life for Sile Burns, the winning captain, as she collected her fourth Sciath na Scol Medal in a row. Not only that, but she scored all her team's scores in the final. Gemma O'Connor was best for Maria Assumpta.

Camogie (2)

St Patrick's GNS 3-0 Scoil Barra 1-1
St Patrick's had to come from behind as Scoil Barra opened the scoring with an Ann Marie Murphy goal. However, two quick goals from Carmel Burke and Caroline Horgan soon had them in the driving seat. Triona Crowley scored their third goal in the second half to seal victory for St Patrick's.

Camogie (3)

Brooklodge 2-0 Watergrasshill 1-2
The girls from Brooklodge made up for their boys' defeat when they overcame Watergrasshill in a very close encounter.

No hidden agenda as the kids simply get on with it

by Conor George

DREAMS were realised and shattered at Pairc Ui Rinn yesterday with the opening day of the 1998 Suttons Sciath NA Scol Hurling/Camogie finals.

For some the joy was unbridled as they collected their winner's medals with unchecked jubilation, but half the teams competing in yesterday's gaelic games extravaganza could only watch in disappointment as the tears flowed freely.

Throughout the years the annual event has always been a huge success and judging by yesterday's offerings this year will be no exception.

Every game was played with a passion and honesty that is like a breath of fresh air when one considers the 'spoiling tactics' that have become part and parcel of the game at senior level.

For the schoolchildren however there is no hidden agenda and their love for the game is evident with every movement.

For as long as the event has been running there is at least one game a day that captures the imagination of the crowds that flock to Pairc Ui Rinn. Yesterday that game was the meeting of Carrignavar and Whitechurch in the D1 Hurling Final.

Level for much of the match, the game was forced into extra-time after 40 minutes of scintillating hurling failed to separate them and when

Carrignavar eventually won through one could not but feel a pang of sorrow for their opponents and in particular Sean O'Neill.

Wing-forward O'Neill contributed seven points of his side's 1-7 total and gave a display of striking that many a senior player would be proud of. But, unfortunately, not even his Herculean efforts could keep a majestic Carrignavar at bay.

The opening camogie game of the week between Ballincollig and St. Patrick's GNS was another for the purists and the added attraction of having former Cork camogie star Therese O'Callaghan commenting on the game obviously acted as a boost to both teams.

In the day's opening game it was Rennie's who emerged victorious from their meeting with Ballynoe when they triumphed 2-2 to 2-0 while the scoreline of the Dungourney/Minane Bridge meeting did little to reflect the true nature of the game.

Dungourney won comfortably in the end on a 5-3 to 0-0 scoreline did not do justice to Minane Bridge who put in a tremendous effort for the full game.

In the day's final game Bun Scoil Mhuire Youghal had to rely on a late goal to see off the challenge of Carrignavar in the D1 Camogie final. Youghal won 1-0 to 0-1.

The action continues at Pairc Ui Rinn today from noon.



Kate McCarthy, captain of St Patrick's, Gardiner's Hill, holds the trophy aloft after her side's win in Sciath na Scol at Pairc Ui Rinn yesterday.

Picture: Dan Linehan.

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Special day for Sheila

AN occasion to be indelibly etched in the memory bank for all concerned. The venue Pairc Uí Rinn on Wednesday June 11th; the achievement, Scoil Oilibhéir Ballyvolane winning their fourth Scoliath na Scoil camogie title in a row.

For one young girl it was a day she will remember for the rest of her life. Sheila Burns the captain of the team was collecting her fourth Scoliath medal in a row, an unprecedented achievement and one that may never be equalled.

The daughter of former Cork and St Finbarrs hurling star, Denis, Sheila made the achievement all the more noteworthy by getting all her team's scores, 3-3 in their victory over Ballypheane.

By JOHN HORGAN

Sheila was only in third class when this success sequence began back in 1995 and she has been on a roll ever since.

It was a real family occasion for them as her mother Phil was coach to the team.

Praise

Jim Daly who is Deputy Vice Principal in the 800 pupil school was loud in his praise for the role young Sheila had played in entering the history books.

"First and foremost it was a marvellous team effort but no doubt Sheila was the star of the show.

"She is a remarkable young woman and

what made her achievement all the more noteworthy was the fact that on morning of the game she wasn't feeling well.

"But she proceeded to play a blinder and she was an inspiration to all the other girls.

"She is a very talented person and she proved that by qualifying for the finals of the soccer skills competition in Corinthians a few weeks ago."



RIGHT:
Carrignavar
camogie side
who played in
the Roinn D/C
Final of Scoliath
na Scol.



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Ballinspittle camogie side who lost to Barryroe in the Roinn D2 C final.



Ballygarvan who won Roinn D3 C camogie final at Sciath na Scol.



St. Mary's NS, Youghal, who won the D1 camogie section at the finals.



Brooklodge who won the Roinn C3 Sciath na Scol camogie final.



Barryroe who had a good win over Ballinspittle in the Roinn D2 C final.



Maria Assumpta, Ballyphehane, who lost to Scoil Oilibheir in the Roinn C1 final.

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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

by Mary Moran

Congress '98 meandered through a long agenda of reports with a few decisions of note being taken. The early motions were either lost or withdrawn. When it seemed that the annual gathering was to be remembered as a non-event, the delegates sat up and passed some far-reaching motions.

In 1999, all competitions at All-Ireland, Provincial and County Board level will be played on a full sized hurling field by fifteen aside teams. Considering that an effort by Kilkenny to introduce this revolutionary change a few years ago won little support, the margin in favour on this occasion was surprisingly high.

Supporters of the change point to the gruelling training schedules that the modern players undertake and the resultant improvement in fitness levels and advocate a larger stage for the players to demonstrate their skills. Nobody doubts that the game's top players will be able to cope with the increased playing area.

Misgivings remain as to how the lower levels will cope. Several clubs find it hard to fill teams with players of the required standard. How many clubs can field six good forwards? Will weak teams be able to handle the change? Will the less talented players draw the required satisfaction to persevere and master the game? Will young players be reluctant to play in the big goal?

By the time 1999 draws to a close, everybody will have had an opportunity to assess this Test Series. The advantages and drawbacks will have surfaced. No doubt the backers of the change will table a motion to the Rules Congress of 2000 when a decision will be made on how the game of camogie will be played in the new century.

Wexford sought to have the two All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-finals played on the same day at a neutral venue. Even they must have been suprised at the huge support for the idea. It is now possible for a county to win the All-Ireland without playing before their home supporters! On the positive side, it will be an event not to be missed. The four top teams in the game should make it a gala occasion.

Down called for a working party to examine the structures of the All-Ireland Championships. Promotion and relegation, grading and regrading, marketing and protocol applied to each

Pictured here are Seamount College, Kinvara - 1998 All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Champions in their first season of competitive camogie.



Final are included in the terms of reference. The findings of the group will be submitted to Congress 1999.

A sponsor's name and logo was permitted to be displayed on a player's jersey some years ago. The original dimensions were so restrictive that it proved very difficult to obtain sponsorship. It was impossible to read from a seat in the stand. Now the measurements have been significantly increased.

The curtain has come down on another exciting post primary season. A highly talented St. Mary's, Charleville outfit sailed through the Munster Senior Championship to qualify for a tilt with old rivals, St. Raphael's, Loughrea in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Championship. Seven points from the stick of Eileen O'Brien swung the game in Charleville's favour. Jenny Codd, Michelle O'Leary and Elaine Holohan steered Colaiste Bride to their first All-Ireland Senior final at the expense of St. Patrick's, Maghera.

Colaiste Bride put up a valiant display against the reigning champions. They defended heroically but could not match the Charleville scoring machine. Laura Leslie was magnificent at full-back for Charleville. Caoimhe Harrington, Niamh Bowles, Claire Walsh held the edge in midfield. Up front Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Brien and Angela Sheehy were match-winners. It was a fitting climax for captain, Sinead O'Callaghan who has won All-Ireland Junior and Senior medals with Cork, Gael-Linn medals with Munster and the Examiner Junior Sports Award for 1997 in a short space

of time.

The Colaiste Bride team contained several sporting connections. Full-forward Siobhan Gahan is a daughter of Josie Kehoe, one of the famous Kehoe family of Clonleigh. Her aunts, Kit, Bridget, Gretta and Annie, as well as her mother won All-Ireland Senior medals with Wexford. Full-back, Helena Jacob is a daughter of All-Star hurler, Mick Jacob. Twins, Lennie and Elaine Holohan are nieces of Wexford star, Jimmy Holohan while sisters, Claire and Niamh O'Connor are daughters of Wexford and Leinster hurler, Teddy O'Connor.

Seamount, Kinvara made history by winning the All-Ireland Post Primary Junior Championship in their first season in competitive camogie. But the opposition was soon to discover that Kinvara were no beginners. Elaine Kerins, Orla Curtin and Sherry Mannion are holders of All-Ireland Minor medals with Galway. Seamount edged out Charleville by two points and showed skill and flair when defeating the 1996 champions, St. Mary's, Maghera in the final.

In the past few months, I have brought out two camogie books. The first "Gymfrocks to Headbands" covers thirty years of Munster Colleges Camogie and is priced at £3, postage £1.20. The second is titled "Camogie Champions". It deals with the full range of All-Ireland Championships, Inter-Provincials, National Leagues, Ashbourne Cup and Colleges Championships. It also highlights the top players, teams and coaches and sells at £5, postage £1.80. Copies may be had from myself at 16 Firgrove Gardens, Bishopstown, Cork.

CORK AND DOWN COLLECT LEAGUE TITLES

Cork held on to their national league title when they fought off a strong challenge from Galway in the final played at Ballinasloe. It was a ding dong battle all the way through. At the interval, Cork led 0-8 to 0-4, after Lynn Dunlea had pointed four from frees.

Therese Maher goaled early in the second half to leave one point separating the sides. Lynn Dunlea picked off some nice points from frees before Galway got their second goal, and a point by Sharon Glynn left the sides level on the 20th minute. Veronica Curtin put Galway one point up. Fiona O'Driscoll put the sides level with five minutes remaining. However, Lynn was Cork's saviour with a goal in the closing stages to give her side a one point victory.

Final Score: Cork 1-16, Galway 2-9

Scorers: Cork: Lynn Dunlea 1-12, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-3, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-1. Galway: Therese Maher and Anne Forde 1-0 each, Sharon Glynn 0-5, Veronica Curtin and Colette Nevin 0-2 each.

Cork team: Coa Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris, Linda Mellerick, Ursula Troy, Mary O'Connor, Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lynn Dunlea, Irene O'Keeffe. Rest of panel: Leonie Nolan, Stephanie Dunlea, Muireann Harrington, Caoimhe Harrington, Linda O'Sullivan, Mary O'Rourke.

Galway team: Louise Curry, Olivia Broderick, Alva Kelly, Tracy Laheen, Pam Nevin, Denise Gilligan, Sharon Glynn, Carmel Hannon, Colette Nevin, Imelda Hobbins, Anne Forde, Veronica Curtin. Rest of panel: Olive Coen, Ann Broderick, Helan Ryan, Michelle Glynn, Fiona Healy, Ann Hardiman, Rita Broderick, Esther Martin.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Down collected their first junior league title with a win over Cork at Ballincollig. It was Down's 4th final appearance on the trot and they were well primed for this encounter. Nine of

the team put their names on the scoreboard. Although the first half was a ding dong affair, score for score, a point by Down's Mairin McAleenan gave her side a 0-10 to 0-9 lead at the break. In the second half Down stretched their lead by six points without a reply from Cork, whose first score in this half came in the 12th minute by Tina Roache. Caoimhe Harrington had two points for the Leesiders on the 15th and 16th minute. From then on, the Mourne County was well on target and ran out easy winners.

Final score: Down 0-20, Cork 0-12.

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 0-6, Joan Henderson 0-4, Edel Mason, Coleen Hynds, Nuala McGee and Jennifer Braniff 0-2 each, Valerie Hynds and Ciara Cunningham 0-1 each. Cork: Caoimhe Harrington 0-10, Sinead Cahalane and Tina Roche 0-1 each.

Down team: Teresa McGovern, Donna Greenan, Deirdre Savage, Edel Mason, Pauleen Green, Valerie Hynds, Nuala McGee, Coleen Hynds, Jennifer Braniff, Mairin McAleenan, Joan Henderson, Majella Murray. Sub: Ciara Cunningham for J Braniff.

Rest of panel: Angeline Fearon, Claire McGrath, Nicky Magee, Maeve McNeill.

Cork team: Leonie Nolan, Enda Dineen, Trish Doyle, Muireann Harrington, Sinead Burkley, Sinead Cahalane, Helan Kelleher, Paula O'Connor, Tina Roche, Val O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Harrington, Emma Harte. Rest of panel: Geraldine Casey, Jill Hannon, Una O'Donoghoe, Ruth Callinan, Cora Murphy, Orla O'Sullivan, Linda O'Connell, Emer O'Sullivan.

Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary

Ulster minor championship final: Derry 5-6 Antrim 1-1

Scorers: Derry: Jane Kelly 2-0, Claire McColgan 1-2, Aisling Kealey 1-1, Paula McCloy 1-0, Lorna Mulholland 0-2, Monica O'Neill 0-1.

Antrim: Eleanor McConville 1-0, Mairead O'Connell 0-1.
Down Feile na nGael final: Leitrim/Fontenoy's 2-6, Clonduff Shamrock's 1-4.

Munster Senior Championship semi-final: Tipperary 3-11, Clare 1-10

Westmeath: Midland Feile sponsored by Peter Curran, hurley manufacturer took place on the Bank Holiday weekend and was once again a great success. The following under 14 teams were hosted by clubs in the Midland County: Truagh, Monaghan; Naomh Brid, Donegal; St Mary's, Fermanagh; Four Roads, Roscommon; Camross, Laois; Clane, Kildare; Gleneally, Wicklow. The first round games were played on host club grounds on Saturday morning, with quarter finals in the afternoon.

The following are the semi-final results: Group (A) Camross 5-6, Four Roads 1-0, Truagh 2-0, Gleneally 0-4.

Group (B) All Westmeath clubs: Raharney 6-2, Cullion 2-0, Lough Lein Gaels 2-2, St Munnas 0-0.

The finals took place on Sunday in St Loman's Park after a parade through Mullingar which was a great spectacle.

Group (A) Final: Camross 2-1, Truagh 0-0

Group (B) Final: Raharney 4-2, Louth Lene Gaels 2-6 after extra time.

There are two Leinster junior championship quarter-finals down for decision on Sunday, Meath have the venue against Offaly and this is sure to be quite an encounter. If Meath can field at full strength they could surprise the visitors, who had four points to spare over Louth in the first round.

Kilkenny travel to Dublin and should produce a good tussle. Kilkenny may shade it. Dublin and Kilkenny also meet in the Under 14 Roinn 9 A final on Saturday while Westmeath take on Laois in Roinn (B) final also on Saturday.



The Glenville team that lost out to Berrings in the Sciath na Scol Roinn D4C Camogie final at Pairc Ui Rinn.

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Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by P.J Fulham

The Gael Linn Camogie Inter Provincials took place in St Vincents Park, Dublin, recently. It was a great Saturday's entertainment, but the heavy rain acted as a spoilsport and made it hard for the players to produce their best. Some provinces had to co-opt players from their junior side on to the senior team because of the unavailability of players owing to exams etc.

In the senior semi-finals Leinster defeated Connacht 2-7 to 2-4. Connacht Panel: All Galway players. Louise Curry, Ann Broderick, Tracey Laheen, Alva Kelly, Denise Gilligan, Olivia Broderick, Ann Hardiman, Ann Forde, Fiona Healy, Rita Broderick, Helen Ryan, Fiona Ryan, Aine Hillary, Olive Costello, Dymphna Maher, Gretta Maher, Martina Harkin, Olivia Coen, Carmel Hannon.

In the other semi-final Munster accounted for Ulster.

In the final Munster had an easy win over Leinster. This was Munster's fourth title on the trot. They were superior on most parts of the field, leading 1-13 to 0-8 at the break.

In the second half they continued their dominance over a much depleted Leinster side. Cork county star Fiona O'Driscoll was in great scoring form, notching 3-9.

Final score: Munster 6-20 Leinster 1-11

Scorers: Munster - Fiona O'Driscoll 3-9, Deirdre Hughes, Mary O'Connor, Moira McMahon 1-3 each, Vera Sheehan 0-3.

Leinster - Brigid Mullaly 1-4, Marina Downey 0-5, Aine Codd 0-2.

Munster - Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Ciara Gaynor, Claire Madden, Ursula Troy, Mary O'Connor, Catherine O'Loughlin, Vera Sheehan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Moira McMahon, Deirdre Hughes. Subs - Irene O'Keeffe for V Sheehan,

Noelle Kenny for M O'Connor, Mary Burke for M Finn.

Leinster - Miriam Holland, Cathy Walshe, Tracey Millea, Germaine Noonan, Catherine Boyle, Marina Downey, Aine Codd, Patricia Clinton, Sonya Byrne, Brigid Mullaly, Mags Kelly, Patricia Murphy. Subs - Nuala Quirke for M Kelly, Marie Sheehan for M Downey. Rest: Sandie Carr (injured).

Referee - John Morrissy, Tipperary.

In the junior semi-finals, reigning champions Munster went out to a determined Ulster side in a thrilling encounter. It was a ding dong battle all the way and was any side's game right up to the final whistle.

Final score: Ulster 1-13

Munster 1-11

Munster panel: Lenora Nolan, Muireann Harrington, Ciara Enright, Terese Burke, Enda Dineen, Alice Deane, Trudy Collins, Julie Delaney, Trish Doyle, Caoimhe Harrington, Aoife Drohan, Emma Harte, Siobhan Ryan, Maeve Corkery, Paula O'Connor, Ciara Ormond, Phil Fogarty, Marie Harkin, Jovita Ryan, Angela McDermott.

In the other semi-final Connacht lost out to Leinster.

Connacht Panel: Eimear Kearney, Anne Dolan, Alva Kelly, Orla Watson, Collette Duffy, Eileen Earls, Aoife Lynskey, Fiona Healy, Mary Winters, Lorraine Donnelly, Brenda Daniels, Ann Hardiman, Ann Murray, Helen Ryan, Fiona Ryan.

In an exciting final, Ulster collected the title when they defeated Leinster. The first half was a ding dong battle with the sides drawing level on four occasions. A goal by Shauna McCaul gave Ulster a 2-5 to 1-5 lead at the break.

Ulster opened the second half with points from Jane Adams and Brenda Burke. A Leona Fay goal on the 6th minute put them on the way to

victory.

Final score: Ulster 3-12 Leinster 1-12

Scorers: Ulster - Brenda Burke 1-4, Shauna McCaul 1-3, Leona Fay 1-0, Jane Adams 0-3, Martina Mulholland, Nuala Magee 0-1 each. Leinster - Valerie Crean 0-8, Nuala Quirke 1-0, Marie Sheehan 0-2, Maggie Lynch and Miriam Malone 0-1 each.

Ulster team - Theresa McGowan, Donna Greeran, Paula Daly, Nuala Magee, Mary Rose McGrady, Martina Mulholland, Shauna McCaul, Majella Murray, Jane Adams, Michelle Curry, Brenda Burke, Leona Fay. Sub - Claire McGrath for M Curry.

Rest of panel: Cathy Mulholland, Glenda Fitzpatrick, Karen Kelly.

Leinster team - Niamh Leahy, Nuala Kerrigan, Bernie Holohan, Melanie Treacy, Liz O'Donoghoe-Byrne, Louise O'Hara, Michelle Davis, Sarah Weir, Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Miriam Malone, Maggie Lynch.

Subs - Mary Glynn for B Holohan, Marie Sheehan for S Weir, Mary Henry for M Davis. Rest of panel: Shiela Carroll, Eileen Smyth, Charmaine Gibson, Kathleen Brennan, Majella Bergin.

Referee - Noeleen Cormican, Galway.

Feis An Duin

Senior Sevens Final

Leitrim/Fontenoy's 3-6 Beann Dearg 1-1

Scorers: Leitrim/Fontenoy - Mairin McAleenan 2-2, Roisin O'Higgins 1-0, Bernie Kelly and Majella Murray 0-2 each.

Beann Dearg - Orla Hynds 1-0, Valerie Hynds 0-1.

Minor Sevens - Leitrim/Fontenoy - 2-6, Ballycran 0-4 (after two periods of extra time)

Leitrim scorers - Lisa McCrickard 2-4, Caitriona McCrickard 0-2.

Ballycran - Catherine McGourty 0-4.

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The girls at Togher National School in Cork have one of their regular games of camogie.

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Camogie finds a bright new star

by Conor George

EVERY year the annual Sciath Na Scol finals at Páirc Uí Rinn unveil a new star for the future. There is always at least one player who stands out from the vast number of competitors at the week long event.

Many of the greats of Cork hurling and camogie have caught the eye during the gaelic games extravaganza and, this year, it was Scoil Oilibhéir captain Sheila Burns who caught the eye.

Not only did she lead her school to an unique fourth successive camogie title but she also gave the performance of a lifetime when scoring all 3-3 of their finishing total.

This she did with a poise and skill belying her years and when she hoisted the trophy aloft after a gripping encounter with Ballyphehane (they won 3-3 to 2-3) none present could begrudge her a joyful smile.

Sheila, the daughter of former Cork and St. Finbarrs hurling star Denis, raised the skill level of the contest to a new plateau with her exquisite striking and overall leadership qualities. What is all the more fascinating about

Sheila's performance during the final was that on the morning of the game she had not been feeling well but she quickly dispelled any talk of her being under the weather with a blistering performance.

The day was made all the more special as her mother Phil was coach to the team.

Deputy vice-principal Jim Daly echoed the sentiments of the whole school soon after the game when he paid tribute to Sheila's contribution to their history-making victory.

"Obviously it was a marvellous team performance but there is no doubting that Sheila was the star of the show. She is a remarkable young woman and was an inspiration to the other girls," said Mr. Daly.

Sheila's talents are not only confined to camogie. She has also a keen interest in soccer and recently qualified for the finals of a soccer skills competition in Castletreasure.

Should she continue with camogie and continue to play at the high level she did last week, few who witnessed her tremendous performance will doubt that she will go on to even greater glory.

Mayor Carmel to meet President Mary

IF THE Mayor of the Village meets the President of Ireland this year it will be good news for Kilkenny camogie.

For it is the wish of Mayor Carmel Savage, a former camogie star, that Kilkenny reach the all Ireland camogie final.

And there, complete with robe and chain, the Walslough mother will shake hands with President Mary McAleese.

Carmel is the second Mayor of the Village. She was presented with her robe and chain of office by outgoing mayor, Alan Larkin at Springhill Court hotel on Thursday.

She was 400 votes ahead of her nearest rival in a field of five candidates.

Others in the fund raising election, organised by St Patrick's Cemetery Commit-

tee, were Gerry Gaule, Matty Lawlor, Batty Brennan and Jack Power.

Over £6,000 was raised and this will be distributed to local charities.

All candidates received engraved crystal mementos while Mayor Carmel was presented with a crystal vase.

The mayor's first official function was at a barbecue in Kells on Friday and on Sunday she attended St Patrick's field day.

Already plans are being made for the next election, to select a man or woman to lead the village into the new millennium.

Organising Committee: Sean Leahy, Michael O'Dwyer, Bobby Kearney, Michael Hennessy, Martin Smith.



Alan Larkin, outgoing Mayor of the Village hands over the chain of office to Carmel Savage after her election as Mayor of the Village for 1998 in Hotel Kilkenny. Photo: Michael Brough.

Cork and Tipp in camogie final

CORK and Tipperary clash at Páirc Uí Rinn tonight to decide who will be crowned Munster senior camogie champions.

Since the All-Ireland series is run on an open draw basis, a lot of the pressure involved in Munster Championship is now lost. However, this evening both sides will still be anxious to take the trophy and set themselves up nicely for their respective All-Ireland Championship opening rounds on July 4, where Cork will meet Dublin and Tipperary will take on Kilkenny.

Cork ladies the queens of Munster

Cork
Tipperary

3-16
2-17

DESPITE the All-Ireland series being run on an open draw basis, the ladies of Cork and Tipperary served up a classic in true championship fashion in the Senior Munster Camogie Championship final at Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday evening.

Cork's Caoimhe Harrington opened the scoring with a goal after three minutes. Midway through the half the sides were level with six points. Cork's Lynn Dunlea put her side into the lead in the 16th minute when she split the Tipperary defence and finished to the net, before Fiona O'Driscoll added two further points to stretch the Cork lead to five. But Tipperary, sensing the game beginning to slip away from them, fought back strongly.

With Deirdre Hughes causing all sorts of problems for the Cork defence the inevitable happened; gaining possession from a defensive clearance she scored a gem of a goal. Three Tipperary points without reply saw them edge in front 1-9 to 2-5 with five minutes to the break.

Sensing Cork's hesitance Tipperary came forward in waves. Hughes again turned the Cork defence and handpassed to the net, underlining Tipperary's dominance. Fiona O'Driscoll pointed a 30 metre free for Cork but it was Tipp who finished the half strongest with points from Eimer McDonnell and Deirdre Hughes to lead a the break, 2-11 to 2-6.

Cork came out for the second half minus the services of Lynn Dunlea who had sustained a hand injury early in the opening half. However, the switching of Denise Cronin to full back from centre back to curb Hughes and the moving of Stephanie Dunlea to full forward was to pay dividends for Cork.

With Fiona O'Driscoll at centre forward and Linda Mellerick at midfield beginning to gain control Cork began to take a grip and were back on level terms after 10 minutes thanks to a Stephanie Dunlea goal.

After 17 minutes Fiona O'Driscoll had the Leesiders two points ahead after some excellent free-taking. However, Tipperary refused to wilt and with Sinead Nelan popping over an 18th minute point only the minimum separated the sides. Linda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll again stretched the Cork lead to three with two excellent scores. Tipperary lost the services of Deirdre Hughes with a leg injury.

Both sides added three further points each but at the finish it was Cork who held on for a narrow but deserving victory.

Scorers: Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-10, (6 frees, 1 30), L Dunlea 1-2, S Dunlea 1-0, C Harrington 1-1, L Mellerick 0-2, L O'Sullivan 0-1. Tipperary: N Kennedy 0-8 (7 frees), D Hughes 2-2, H Kiely, S Nelan 0-2, E McDonnell, T Bonner, C Madden 0-1. Cork: C Keoghane, E Duggan (capt), P O'Connor, M Finn, U Troy, S Dunlea, L Mellerick, D Cronin, S O'Callaghan, C Harrington, F O'Driscoll, L Dunlea. Subs: L O'Sullivan for L Dunlea (h/t-injured). Tipperary: E Wall, J Delaney, M Stokes, C Gairnor, U O'Dwyer, S Nelan, C Madden, C Bonner, H Kiely, E McDonnell, M Kennedy, D Hughes. Subs: E Hayden for D Hughes (inj). Referee: M Pollard (Waterford).



DOWN Memory lane...

DO you recognise anybody from this picture, that was taken at the old GAA pitch on Church Road, in Blackrock? The pitch no longer exists, but maybe this picture will bring back happy memories to some people.

The team is South Presentation Convent and they were playing Castlemartyr in a county championship at Blackrock.

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All the action on the camogie front...

DIVISION 1 CAMOGIE

Section A: Rathnure v. Inniscarra (Cork), in Rathnure, 9.30 a.m. (Maria Pollard); Buncloody v. Templemore (Tipperary), in Buncloody, 9.30 a.m. (Valerie Crean).

In Rathnure: Inniscarra v. Templemore, 12 noon; Rathnure v. Buncloody, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Maria Pollard).

In Buncloody: Inniscarra v. Buncloody, 5.30 p.m.; Templemore v. Rathnure, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Valerie Crean).

Section B: Buffers Alley v. Shamrocks (Kilkenny), in Monamolin, 9.30 a.m. (Larry Cullen); Oulart-The Ballagh v. Clarinbridge (Galway), in Oulart, 9.30 a.m. (Biddy Phillips).

In Oulart: Shamrocks v. Clarinbridge, 12 noon; Oulart-The Ballagh v. Buffers Alley, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Biddy Phillips).

In Monamolin: Clarinbridge v. Buffers Alley, 5.30 p.m.; Shamrocks v. Oulart-The Ballagh, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Biddy Phillips).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 27): in Buncloody - winners A v. runners-up B, 11.30 a.m. (Aine Derham); winners B v. runners-up A, 12.15 p.m. (Bernie Higgins).

Final (Sun., June 28, 2.30 p.m.): in Bellefield (Aine Derham).

DIVISION 2 CAMOGIE

Section A: Duffry Rovers v. Adare (Limerick), in Coolree, 9.30 a.m. (John Morrissey); Cloughbawn v. Ballyboden St. Enda's (Dublin), in Castleboro, 9.30 a.m. (Michael Gannon).

In Coolree: Adare v. Ballyboden St. Enda's, 12 noon; Duffry Rovers v. Cloughbawn, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: John Morrissey).

In Castleboro: Adare v. Cloughbawn, 5.30 p.m.; Ballyboden St. Enda's v. Duffry Rovers, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: John Morrissey).

Section B: Shamrocks v. Wolfe Tones (Clare), in Fr. Murphy Park, 9.30 a.m. (Oliver Ryan); Monageer-Boalavogue v. Shinrone (Offaly), in Monageer, 9.30 a.m. (Dorothy Kenny).

In Fr. Murphy Park: Wolfe Tones v. Shinrone, 12 noon; Shamrocks v. Monageer-Boalavogue, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Oliver Ryan).

In Monageer: Wolfe Tones v. Monageer-Boalavogue, 5.30 p.m.; Shinrone v. Shamrocks, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Oliver Ryan).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 27): in Pairc Uí Shiocháin - winners A v. runners-up B, 11.30 a.m. (Biddy Phillips); winners B v. runners-up A, 12.15 p.m. (Jack O'Brien).

Final (Sun., June 28, 1.30 p.m.): in Bellefield (Maria Pollard).

DIVISION 3 CAMOGIE

Section A: St. Martin's v. Harps (Laos), in Piercestown, 9.30 a.m. (James Flood); St. Ibar's v. St. Mary's (Fermanagh), in Hollymount, 9.30 a.m. (Aine Derham).

In Piercestown: Harps v. St. Mary's, 12 noon; St. Martin's v. St. Ibar's, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Aine Derham).

In Hollymount: St. Ibar's v. Harps, 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin's v. St. Mary's, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Aine Derham).

Section B: Oylegate-Glenbrien v. Delvin (Westmeath), in Oylegate, 9.30 a.m. (Aodhagán Swords); Faythe Harriers v. St. Patrick's (Armagh), in Pairc Charman, 9.30 a.m. (Ray Quigley).

In Pairc Charman: St. Patrick's v. Delvin, 12 noon; Faythe Harriers v. Oylegate-Glenbrien, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Ray Quigley).

In Oylegate: Oylegate-Glenbrien v. St. Patrick's, 5.30 p.m.; Faythe Harriers v. Delvin, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Aodhagán Swords).

Section C: Ferns St. Aidan's v. St. Malachy's (Antrim), 9.30 a.m. (Walter Byrne); Naomh Eanna v. Leitrim Fontenoys (Down), in Gorey, 9.30 a.m. (Breda Byrne).

In Ferns: Leitrim Fontenoys v. St. Malachy's, 12 noon; Ferns St. Aidan's v. Naomh Eanna, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Walter Byrne).

In Gorey: Naomh Eanna v. St. Malachy's, 5.30 p.m.; Ferns St. Aidan's v. Leitrim Fontenoys, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Walter Byrne).

Section D: Glynn-Barntown v. Oran (Roscommon), in Kiltur, 9.30 a.m. (Joe Donohoe); Rapparees v. Celbridge (Kildare), in Bellefield, 9.30 a.m. (Aidan Breen).

In Kiltur: Oran v. Celbridge, 12 noon; Glynn-Barntown v. Rapparees, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Aidan Breen).

In Bellefield: Rapparees v. Oran, 5.30 p.m.; Glynn-Barntown v. Celbridge, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Aidan Breen).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 27): in Blackwater - winners A v. winners B, 11.30 a.m. (Maria Pollard); winners C v. winners D, 12.15 p.m. (John Furlong).

Final (Sat., June 27, 7.15 p.m.): in Bellefield (Bernie Higgins).

DIVISION 4 CAMOGIE

Section A: Bannow-Ballymitty v. Kildavin (Carlow), in Grantstown, 9.30 a.m. (Jack O'Brien); St. Mary's (Rosslare) v. Kiltegan (Wicklow), in Rosslare Hbr., 9.30 a.m. (Ornagh Darcy).

In Grantstown: Kildavin v. Kiltegan, 12 noon; Bannow-Ballymitty v. St. Mary's, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Jack O'Brien).

In Rosslare Hbr.: Kildavin v. St. Mary's, 5.30 p.m.; Kiltegan v. Bannow-Ballymitty, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Ornagh Darcy).

Section B: Marshalstown v. Kilrush, in Farmleigh, 9.30 a.m. (Claire Swaine); Blackwater v. Butlerstown (Waterford), in Blackwater, 9.30 a.m. (Bernie Higgins).

In Farmleigh: Butlerstown v. Kilrush, 12 noon; Marshalstown v. Blackwater, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Bernie Higgins).

In Blackwater: Kilrush v. Blackwater, 5.30 p.m.; Butlerstown v. Marshalstown, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Bernie Higgins).

Section C: Davidstown-Courtnacuddy v. Castleblayney (Monaghan), in Boolabawn, 9.30 a.m. (John O'Rourke); Geraldine O'Hanrahans v. Aodh Ruadh (Donegal), in O'Kennedy Park, 9.30 a.m. (Betty Joyce).

In O'Kennedy Park: Aodh Ruadh v. Castleblayney, 12 noon; Geraldine O'Hanrahans v. Davidstown-Courtnacuddy, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Betty Joyce).

In Boolabawn: Aodh Ruadh v. Davidstown-Courtnacuddy, 5.30 p.m.; Castleblayney v. Geraldine O'Hanrahans, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Betty Joyce).

Section D: Taghmon-Camross v. Kilcolman (Kerry), in Taghmon, 9.30 a.m. (Tommy Roche); Clonard v. Slaughtneil (Derry), in Coolcotts, 9.30 a.m. (John Furlong).

In Coolcotts: Kilcolman v. Slaughtneil, 12 noon; Clonard v. Taghmon-Camross, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: John Codd).

In Taghmon: Slaughtneil v. Taghmon-Camross, 5.30 p.m.; Kilcolman v. Clonard, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: John Codd).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 27): in Hollymount - winners A v. winners B, 11.30 a.m. (Walter Byrne); winners C v. winners D, 12.15 p.m. (Betty Joyce).

Final (Sat., June 27, 8.15 p.m.): in Bellefield (John Furlong).



Mrs. Ann Fahy, P.E. Teacher Presentation College, Athenry with the students that received Camogie Awards during the school's Achievements Day. Sheila Ryan (Senior Camogie), Poinard (Junior) and Darelle Coen (First Year). The school won the Connacht Senior B title this year.



Gemma O'Connor is Cork's representative in this year Féile na nGael Camogie Skills Competition. Gemma who is a member of the St Finbarrs Club won the Cork Final convincingly and will now take part in the All Ireland Final which will be held in the Buffers Alley GAA Grounds, Co Wexford on Friday next at 2pm.

Aged 13, Gemma is a very talented player and has shown a keen interest in the game from an early age. She won a Sciath na Scoil medal last year with Maria Assumpta School and captained the side which were only narrowly defeated in this year's Roinn 1 Final. Her outstanding performances during the Sciath na Scol competition has earned her a place on the Cork Primary Schools team. No doubt this skilful and talented young lady will go on to greater glory in the years ahead. (Pic: Mike English)



■ The Oulart-The Ballagh squad who captured the Coca-Cola Féile na nGael Division 1 camogie title with a marvellous win over Templemore.



■ Oulart-The Ballagh captain, Caroline Murphy, displays the spoils of victory. Looking on are Silé Wallace, national Camogie Secretary; Alfie Lydon, General Manager, Coca-Cola; Phyllis Breslin, national Camogie President.

Focus on the Coca-Cola Féile na nGael Division 1 camogie final

Oulart-The Ballagh tops in thriller

Oulart-The Ballagh 4-6, Templemore (Tipperary) 4-5: Two late points from Elaine Doyle gave the tremendously talented young ladies of Oulart-The Ballagh a famous victory when they pipped Templemore of Tipperary in a high-quality Coca-Cola Féile na nGael Division 1 camogie final in Bellefield on Sunday last.

It was Wexford's first win in the top grade since Rathnure captured the inaugural camogie title in Limerick 24 years ago.

And the general consensus at the completion of Féile was that this was the best of the nine finals without a shadow of a doubt. It had everything that one could wish for, with the excitement at fever pitch as the lead changed hands on several occasions in a high-scoring encounter.

Oulart-The Ballagh appeared to be in severe trouble when they fell in arrears by six points two minutes into the second-half, but they dug deep to record a marvellous win that lifted the hearts of all Wexford people in the large crowd.

Templemore made the early running with two points from the excellent Claire Goggin, but Oulart-The Ballagh were in business when a pointed free from Mary Leacy was followed by a Clara O'Connor goal in the tenth minute.

The Tipperary side responded with another Goggin point and a goal from captain, Noleen Bergin, although Marie Mythen restored the locals' lead with a well-taken major (2-1 to 1-3).

Luck was on Templemore's side when a free from Claire Goggin

went all the way to the net approaching the interval, and they went on to lead by 2-4 to 2-1 at half-time.

Prospects looked bleak when Sara Ryan goaled for Templemore two minutes after the re-start (3-5 to 2-2), but this marked the beginning of a memorable comeback from the Oulart-The Ballagh girls.

The stylish Mary Leacy pointed a '30 before Ursula Jacob - daughter of Mick, the prince of centre-backs - slammed a stinging ground shot to the roof of the net (3-5 to 3-3).

Oulart-The Ballagh were on a roll at this stage, and Mary Leacy added another point before they hit the front eight minutes from time with a Karen Atkinson goal.

There was a momentary lapse

shortly afterwards when another speculative free from Templemore's Claire Goggin went all the way to the net (4-5 to 4-4), but Oulart-The Ballagh weren't going to be denied.

Elaine Doyle gathered the resultant puck-out and struck over a mighty point to equalise, and she proceeded to strike the winner with two minutes remaining.

Joyous scenes were witnessed on the Bellefield pavillion as Oulart-The Ballagh captain, Caroline Murphy, was presented with the trophy by Phyllis Breslin, national Camogie President.

Incidentally, a notable feature of Oulart-The Ballagh's Féile weekend is that they didn't concede a solitary score in four games prior to

the final!

Oulart-The Ballagh: Carina O'Dowd, Caroline Murphy (capt.), Clara Nolan, Mary Leacy (0-4, 3 frees, 1 '30), Mary Doyle, Ciara O'Connor (1-0), Karen Atkinson (1-0), Claire Sinnott, Una Leacy, Elaine Doyle (0-2), Ursula Jacob (1-0), Marie Mythen (1-0). Subs. - Tracey McCormack for Sinnott, also Anita Doyle, Sharon Kehoe, Tanya Stamp, Elaine Dempsey, Sheena Atkinson, Emma Moran, Rebecca Parle.

Templemore: Barbara Larkin, Marilyn Purcell, Patricia Jones, Patricia Ryan, Orlaith McDonnell, Jean Timmons, Claire Goggin (2-4, 3-3 frees), Sara Ryan, Siobhan Brennan (0-1), Sinead Scully, Sara Ryan (1-0), Noleen Bergin (capt., 1-0).

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).



■ Blackwater officials Senan Lillis and Michael Gray collecting the trophy for best Wexford camogie banner in the Féile parade from national President, Phyllis Breslin.

FEILE AWARD WINNERS



■ Manager-Boilavogue officials, Deirdre Breen and Mary Carton, receive the award for the best dressed camogie team from national President, Phyllis Breslin.

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Féile na nGael results

OULART THE CHAMPIONS



■ Oulart-The Ballagh won the Co. under 12 camogie title during the week and here captain Karen Atkinson and her colleagues receive the trophy from Co. chairman, Jim Bolger.

Naomh Eanna 2-0.

Leitrim Fontenoy's 1-2, St. Malachy's 0-2; Ferns St. Aidan's 3-4, Naomh Eanna 1-0.

St. Malachy's 1-4, Naomh Eanna 1-2; Ferns St. Aidan's 3-5, Leitrim Fontenoy's 3-2.

Section D: Glynn-Barntown 3-1, Oran (Roscommon) 1-1; Rapparees 1-1, Celbridge (Kildare) 0-2.

Oran 2-5, Celbridge 2-1; Glynn-Barntown 2-1, Rapparees 0-0.

Oran 1-2, Rapparees 1-1; Celbridge 2-2, Glynn-Barntown 1-2.

Semi-finals: Harps 3-5, St. Patrick's 2-4; Glynn-Barntown 3-1, Ferns St. Aidan's 1-3.

Final: Harps 3-10, Glynn-Barntown 0-2.

DIVISION 4 CAMOGIE

Section A: Kildavin (Carlow) 2-2, Bannow-Ballymitty 0-0; Kiltegan (Wicklow) 2-3, St. Mary's (Rosslare) 2-0.

Kildavin 2-2, Kiltegan 1-2; Bannow-Ballymitty 2-0, St. Mary's 1-0.

Kildavin 3-1, St. Mary's 0-0; Kiltegan 5-2, Bannow-Ballymitty 0-0.

Section B: Marshalstown 7-0, Kilrush 1-0; Butlerstown (Waterford) 1-7, Blackwater 0-1.

Butlerstown 7-6, Kilrush 0-0; Blackwater 4-0, Marshalstown 0-0.

Blackwater 8-3, Kilrush 0-0; Butlerstown 6-12, Marshalstown 0-0.

Section C: Castleblayney (Monaghan) 3-6, Davidstown-Courtnacuddy 0-0; Aodh Ruadh (Donegal) 3-2, Geraldine O'Hanrahans 0-0.

Castleblayney 2-2, Aodh Ruadh 0-1; Geraldine O'Hanrahans 6-0, Davidstown-Courtnacuddy 0-0.

Aodh Ruadh 4-4, Davidstown-Courtnacuddy 0-0; Castleblayney 4-3, Geraldine O'Hanrahans 0-0.

Section D: Taghmon-Camross 7-0, Kilcolman (Kerry) 0-0; Slaughtneil (Derry) 8-3, Clonard 0-2.

Slaughtneil 10-7, Kilcolman 0-0; Clonard 3-1, Taghmon-Camross 2-1.

Slaughtneil 3-6, Taghmon-Camross 0-0; Clonard 4-2, Kilcolman 0-0.

Semi-finals: Butlerstown 3-3, Kildavin 0-2; Castleblayney 3-2, Slaughtneil 2-3.

Final: Butlerstown 3-8, Castleblayney 0-1.

DIVISION 1 CAMOGIE

Section A: Rathnure 3-3, Inniscarra (Cork) 3-3; Templemore (Tipperary) 6-4, Buncloody 0-0.

Templemore 2-5, Inniscarra 3-1; Rathnure 3-1, Buncloody 0-3.

Buncloody 2-3, Inniscarra 1-3; Templemore 5-6, Rathnure 1-2.

Section B: Buffers Alley 2-1, Shamrocks (Kilkenny) 1-1; Oulart-The Ballagh 0-6, Clarinbridge (Galway) 0-0.

Clarinbridge 1-2, Shamrocks 1-1; Oulart-The Ballagh 5-10, Buffers Alley 0-0.

Clarinbridge 2-3, Buffers Alley 0-4; Oulart-The Ballagh 2-4, Shamrocks 0-0.

Semi-finals: Oulart-The Ballagh 0-3, Rathnure 0-0; Templemore 3-4, Clarinbridge 1-2.

DIVISION 2 CAMOGIE

Section A: Adare (Limerick) 2-2, Duffry Rovers 0-3; Ballyboden St. Enda's (Dublin) 4-1, Cloughbawn 0-1.

Ballyboden St. Enda's 2-4, Adare 0-1; Cloughbawn 2-0, Duffry Rovers 1-1.

Adare 2-4, Cloughbawn 1-1; Ballyboden St. Enda's 3-3, Duffry Rovers 1-1.

Section B: Wolfe Tones (Clare) 4-3, Shamrocks 0-0; Shinrone (Offaly) 5-6, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-0.

Wolfe Tones 5-3, Shinrone 0-3; Shamrocks 6-0, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-2.

Wolfe Tones 3-2, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-0; Shinrone 5-6, Shamrocks 0-2.

Semi-finals: Shinrone 0-3, Ballyboden St. Enda's 0-2; Wolfe Tones 3-6, Adare 2-2.

Final: Wolfe Tones 4-2, Shinrone 2-5.

DIVISION 3 CAMOGIE

Section A: Harps (Laois) 1-4, St. Martin's 0-2; St. Ibar's 3-2, St. Mary's (Fermanagh) 2-0.

Harps 5-6, St. Mary's 1-0; St. Ibar's 1-1, St. Martin's 0-2.

Harps 5-4, St. Ibar's 0-2; St. Martin's 0-4, St. Mary's 0-2.

Section B: Oylegate 1-1, Delvin (Westmeath) 1-0; St. Patrick's (Armagh) 4-0, Faythe Harriers 1-0.

St. Patrick's 2-3, Delvin 0-1; Faythe Harriers 5-0, Oylegate 1-1.

St. Patrick's 2-12, Oylegate 1-0; Faythe Harriers 7-1, Delvin 1-3.

Section C: Ferns St. Aidan's 1-6, St. Malachy's (Antrim) 2-0; Leitrim Fontenoy's (Down) 3-3,



TALENTED St. Finbarr's youngster Jemma O'Connor is off to Wexford to represent Cork in the All-Ireland skills competition next weekend.

The competition takes place in conjunction with the national festival of juvenile hurling - Féile na nGael - and Jemma is being hotly tipped to figure among the prizewinners.

She has already made a big impression this season, playing a leading role in the Maria Assumpta Schools team which contested the re-

Jemma's mission

cent Sciath na Scoil final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

She showed on that occasion that she is a player of tremendous ability and one day she could well represent her county at the very highest level.

All that is for the future, though, and next weekend Jemma will be hoping to make a big impression on the All-Ireland stage.

HANDBALL RESULTS

Boys 40 x 20 Div. 1: Williamstown (Galway) beat Ballyporeen (Tipperary). Skills winner: Noel McHugh, Williamstown.

Boys 40 x 20 Div. 2: Cavan Gaels beat Ballymacelligott (Kerry). Skills winner: Patrick Clerkin, Cavan Gaels.

Boys 40 x 20 Div. 3: Monavea (Laois) beat Touraneena (Waterford). Skills winner: Mark Brennan, Monavea.

Girls 40 x 20 Div. 1: Toonagh (Clare) beat St. Coman's (Roscommon). Skills winner: Ailish Hansen, Toonagh.

Girls 40 x 20 Div. 2: Ballymacelligott (Kerry) beat Garryhill (Carlow). Skills winner: Maria Daly, Ballymacelligott.

Boys 60 x 30 Div. 1: St. Coman's (Roscommon) beat Clogh (Kilkenny). Skills winner: Gerard Coonan, Ballina (Tipperary).

Boys 60 x 30 Div. 2: Kingscourt (Cavan) beat Dunlavin (Wicklow). Skills winner: Sean Gargan, Kingscourt.

VARIOUS AWARDS

Tomás Ó Murchú Memorial trophy (for the most skillful hurler in Féile): James Fitzpatrick, Shamrocks (Kilkenny).

All-Ireland hurling skills final: 1, Dermot Conlon (Sixmilebridge, Clare), 48 points; 2, Kenneth Burke (St. Thomas, Galway), 40 points; 3, Kevin McGarry (Lisbellaw, Fermanagh), 38 points (defeated Karol English of Carlow Town in a play-off).

Wexford's Leigh Aylward from the Our Lady's Island club finished in ninth position from the field of 21 with a total of 28 points.

All-Ireland camogie skills final: 1, Aoife Sheehan (Granagh-Ballingarry, Limerick); 2, Jennifer Mooney (Faythe Harriers, Wexford); 3, Karen Kelly (Butlerstown, Waterford).

Best Wexford hurling banner: Geraldine O'Hanrahans.

Best visiting hurling banner: Ballygalget (Down).

Best Wexford camogie banner: Blackwater.

Best visiting camogie banner: Leitrim Fontenoy's (Down).

Best dressed hurling team: Rapparees.

Best dressed camogie team: Monageer-Boalavogue.

Primary schools quiz final: 1, Kilmuckridge; 2, Monaseed who beat Glenbrien and Ballyhack in a play-off.

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Undercover Camogs

Every county team finds preparing for the championship is a tough business. But then they don't have to cover your own travelling expenses Brian McDonnell finds real dedication on the training fields for the 1998 camogie championship.

RTE recently announced that it will broadcast the Camogie All-Ireland finals for the next two years. Although it will be on a provisional basis, it is a significant break with the past for Camogie in Ireland.

However, a spot-check on the health of Camogie in general hardly makes for pleasant reading.

Cork Camogie Board PRO Mary Newman-McCarthy points out that not one county can afford to pay players' expenses on a regular basis to travel to matches never mind training. Only a handful of counties actually own their own playing field and Mary has often found herself battling against the fellas to play matches as she regularly will make up to forty phone calls just to get one game played.

When faced with such a lousy synopsis politicians would tend to apply a quick foreign policy plan to distract attention. Luckily the leading personalities in the camogie world do not intend to paper over such cracks.

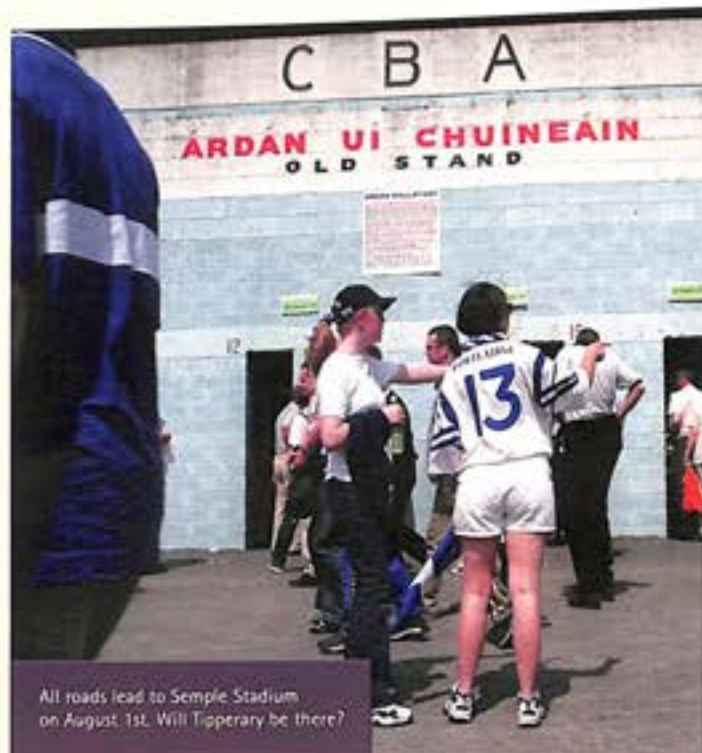
Within a year the Tipperary County Camogie Board have opened two new chapters in the Camogie history books.

Last year they finally won a long over due Intermediate All-Ireland when they beat Clare by seven points and now find themselves in the senior inter-county grade for the first time since 1985.

The prospect of their first senior championship in thirteen years will hardly overwhelm the Tipperary girls even though they have never won the O'Duffy cup. Alongside last years intermediate success their U-18s took the Munster title. While Tipperary's most promising club won the All-Ireland seven-a-side at Kilmacud Crokes and Munster Club championship. The minor side were the only county side to disappoint when failed to claim honours for the first time in six years. And while the inter-county sides have been developed at an incredible rate, the County Board have put a forty thousand pound grant from the Minister for Sport, Bernard Allen to good use. In a new departure for Camogie in Ireland Tipperary are developing their own grounds at the Ragg with a new club house including three dressing rooms and outdoor toilet facilities. The Board have succeeded in raising an extra twenty thousand and are in the throws of raising an extra ten to finish off the project which should establish Tipperary as the most progressive Camogie county in Ireland. Much of the credit for this success story must be attributed to people like Inter-County manager Biddy Phillips and the tireless work of Martina Graham.

But while Tipperary have established themselves as a team to beat, the logistics of keeping the talent together remain overwhelming. When the hurlers lost to Waterford it proved a cruel blow to the girls chances. Conal Bonnar had proved invaluable as when he travelled down from Dublin to train with the men he often gave a lot of the girls a lift. This asset is gone by the way side now and training numbers have been decimated by girls finding it hard to travel down and others going through exams.

Preparation has been far from ideal and this fact concerns the Tipperary management team of Biddy Phillips, last years All-Ireland final referee, Jim Madden and Brian McDonnell. They know that



All roads lead to Semple Stadium on August 1st. Will Tipperary be there?

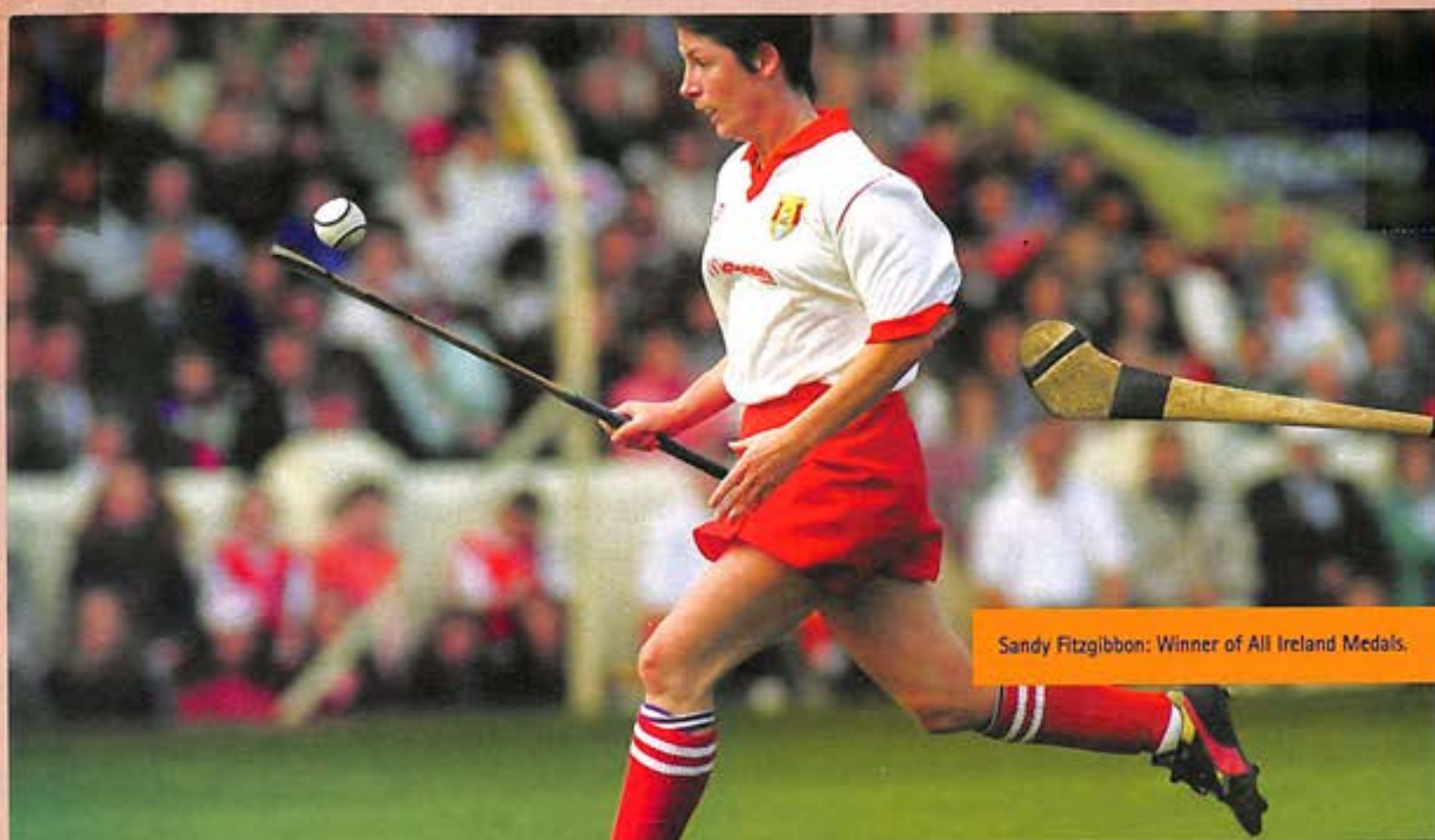
everything they do in training before the first round game with Kilkenny will be reflected during that match and then hopefully translated into a good performance. But that is just not possible at the moment.

Tipperary remain optimistic and must be included as dark horse candidates considering Deirdre Hughes and Ciara Gaynor had such a strong role to play in Munster's recent win in the Gael-Linn inter-provincial series. Players like Sínead Nealon, Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer, Catriona Hennessey and Noelle Kennedy who scored 1-18 in last years Intermediate final will also contribute to their challenge.

Hope, of course, springs eternal, but shrinks a little with a serious examination of the draw against Kilkenny.

"It hasn't been a happy time at county level for us. Club rivalry has become a major problem. Players as a result have more of an allegiance to their particular clubs and, of course, we are in the post Angela Downey era and the junior team hasn't been functioning as it should be so I am fairly worried about the Tipperary girls," although Kilkenny manager Pat Treacy shows genuine concern, Tipperary selector Brian McDonnell appreciate the challenge ahead: "by right you shouldn't have to rely on players who are only 16 but that's the position we find ourselves in. If we are to beat Kilkenny we'll need an early goal to get in front and then just try and hold it. That could be a bit much to hope for." Unfortunately, for all their efforts, it is unlikely to be their year.

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Sandy Fitzgibbon: Winner of All Ireland Medals.

Sandy Says

"I think the All-Ireland could only be between Kilkenny, Cork and Galway with maybe Tipperary as outsiders." Recently retired camogie superstar, Sandy Fitzgibbon takes a look at the prospects for the 1998 Bord na Gaeilge championships.

CORK

"Cork are up against Dublin in the first round. Even though Dublin have so many players they have not had a good team for nearly eight years now. But Cork still have a great team with players like Linda Mellerick, Eithne Duggan at full-back, Vivienne Harris at centre-back and Lynn Dunlea has been top scorer for the last four years. Other than that the panel is very strong but the centre-field's aren't settled yet. Vivienne Harris played well there last year but since I left she's gone back to centre-back and so there are problems there now."

KILKENNY:

"I've heard that Kilkenny are having a few problems between the clubs with one club I think are not getting involved with the county at all. Sínead Mullea, one of their really good forwards is injured at the moment but is expected to be alright in a few weeks and they also have Ann Downey, Gillian Dillon, DJ Carey's sister who's only 16 and Marina Downey as well. But they'll really have to get all the infighting sorted out because they've been unsettled for a few years now."

GALWAY

"If Kilkenny beat Tipperary in the first round I expect them to meet Galway in the semi-final and I think that would be a really great game. Galway are really big and strong and maybe have a better balanced side than Kilkenny with Tracey Dineen and Sharon Glynn outstanding."

TIPPERARY

"Tipperary ahead the best full-forward in the country in Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy is brilliant as well. But I think they are relying on too many young players. There is no way, in say Cork, that 16 years olds would be so important to the team unless they were of extreme talent. You need girls that bit older, maybe 18 at least."

PREDICTIONS

"If I had to put my head on the block I'd have to say Cork will win the All-Ireland this year again especially after winning the league."

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Preview of Senior Camogie Championship 1998

This is a big year for the Bord na Gaeilge Camogie championship. Not just because of live television and the prospect of a biggest ever attendance at the All Ireland final. Nor because both semi-finals will be staged at a neutral venue on the same day for the first time ever (a veritable trip to Tipp: Semple Stadium in Thurles on the Saturday of the August bank holiday weekend). It is because Highball is providing a comprehensive preview to the Bord na Gaeilge championship, the most extensive provided by any publication in camogie history. Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael has grown out of all recognition since the Association was founded in 1904, from forty minute finals in the '30s to sixty minutes in the '80s, increased pitch size. Uniforms changed dramatically. The All-Ireland senior championship has been decided on Open Draw system since 1973.

BORD NA GAEILGE ALL IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP 1988

1ST ROUND: SATURDAY JULY 4TH: Ath Cliath v Corcaigh Venue: Ath Cliath Tiobraid Arann v Cill Chainnigh Venue: Tiobraid Arann An Clar v Loch Garman Venue: An Clar

SUNDAY JULY 5TH: Luimneach v An Ghaillimh Venue: Luimneach

SEMI FINALS: Saturday August 1st: Semple Stadium, Thurles Luimneach/An Ghaillimh v Tiobraid Arann/Cill Chainnigh An Clar/Loch Garman v Ath Cliath/Corcaigh

ALL IRELAND FINAL: Sunday September 6th: Croke Park.

CLARE: COLOURS - BLUE & GOLD

Number of Clubs: 26

Team Mentors: Bernie Ryan & Patricia O'Grady.

Panel: Moira McMahon (Wolfe Tones), Debbie McDonagh (Wolfe Tones), Clodagh Lennon (Wolfe Tones), Pauleen O'Brien (Bodyke), Sinead O'Brien (Bodyke), Marie Collins (Bodyke), Deirdre Murphy (Clooney), Amy Collieran (Clooney), Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona), Ann Keane (Kilnamona), Niamh Commiane (Kilnamona), Noelle Connolly (Kilnamona), Edel Arthur (Newmarket on Fergus), Cathy Hally (Truagh), Olive Crowe (Truagh), Sinead McMahon (Doora Barefield), Carmel Duggan (Doora Barefield), Fiona Kinsella (Tulla), Dymphna Killeen (Kilmaley), Michelle McNamara (Bodyke), Erica Minogue (Whitegate), Theresa Naughton (Wolfe Tones).

Clare reached the play-off stages of the National League. They have never advanced past the first round of the senior championship, but have two All Ireland Intermediate Championship titles to their credit in 1993 and 1995. The Banner County are drawn against Wexford in the first round and after easily disposing of the Slaneysiders in the league, will be optimistic of a favourable result.

CORK: COLOURS - RED AND WHITE

All Ireland Senior Champions 18 times: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997. Finalists 14 times. National Senior League 8 times: 1984, 1986, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998. Finalists 5 times. Munster Champions 46 times: 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997.

Number of Clubs: 51 Team Manager: Tim Nott Senior Panel: Cora Keohane (Ballyroe), Eithne Duggan (Bishopstown), Mags Finn (Fr. O'Neills), Denise Cronin (Glen Rovers), Vivienne Harris (Bishopstown), Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers), Ursula Troy (Newtownshandrum), Mary O'Connor (Killeigh), Sinead O'Callaghan (Ballygran), Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills), Lynn Dunlea (Cloughduv), Irene O'Keeffe (Inniscarra), Leonie Nolan (Inniscarra), Stephanie Dunlea (Cloughduv), Muirean Harrington (Newtownshandrum), Caoimhe Harrington (Newtownshandrum), Linda O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig), Mary O'Rourke (Glen Rovers).

Cork are riding the crest of the wave at the moment. 1997 All-Ireland Champions and current National League holders. Fielding without the services of Vivienne Harris in the opening defence of their title against Dublin will not worry the Leesiders. They have a wealth of experience. Four of the panel hold four All-Ireland medals each, Irene O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Driscoll, Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin. It looks like there is no real obstacle in their path to their 33rd All-Ireland Final appearance.

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DUBLIN: COLOURS - BLUE & NAVY

All Ireland Champions 26 times: 1932, 1933, 1937, 1938, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948 to 1955, 1957 to 1966, 1984.
Finalists 10 times. National League 3 times: 1979, 1981, 1983. Finalists 4 times. Leinster Champions 43 times: 1932, 1933, 1935, 1937 to 1967, 1975, 1979, 1981 to 1987.

Number of Clubs: 37. Team Manager/Trainer: Tommy Carew. Panel: Veronica Trehy (Na Fianna), Germaine Noonan (St. Vincent's), Cathy Walsh (Crumlin), Carmel Gray (Na Fianna), Anne McCluskey (Erin's Isle), Annmarie Grey (Na Fianna), Mary Duane (Erin's Isle), Trish Clinton (St. Vincent's), Catherine Boyle (Crumlin), Ruth Lyons (Crumlin), Louise O'Hara (Erin's Isle), Carmel O'Byrne (St. Vincent's), Emer Brannigan (St. Vincent's), Sonya Byrne (St. Vincent's), Louise Lynch (St. Vincent's), Denise O'Leary (St. Vincent's), Róisín Brady (St. Vincent's), Mary O'Regan (St. Vincent's), Eve Tolbot (Good Council), Irene Kirwan (Ballyboden), Ciara Conway (Ballyboden), Fiona Corcoran (Ballyboden).

After failing to field in the Championship last year, Dublin are getting their act together. They secured three points in the National League and now under a new trainer, there is a great buzz in the camp. They face a tough test in the opening match and being realistic, the Metropolitan side stand very little chance of getting over the first round when their opponents are the All Ireland Champions, Cork.



GALWAY: COLOURS - MAROON & WHITE

All Ireland Senior Champions in 1996. Finalists 10 times. National Senior League in 1994. Finalists twice in 1996 & 1998. Connacht Champions 29 times: 1932 to 1951, 1960 to 1966, 1968, 1969.

Number of Clubs: 33 Team Trainer: Tony Ward. Panel: Louise Cuury (Na Píarsaigh), Olivia Broderick (Davitt's), Alva Kelly (Davitt's), Tracey Laheen (Na Píarsaigh), Pamela Nevin (Cappataggle), Denise Gilligan (Craughwell), Sharon Glynn (Na Píarsaigh), Carmel Hannon (Na Píarsaigh), Collette Nevin (Cappataggle), Imelda Hobbins (Mullagh), Ann Broderick (Davitt's), Helan Ryan (Shamrock's), Michelle Glynn (Na Píarsaigh), Fiona Healy (Craughwell), Ann Hardiman (Mullagh), Rita Broderick (Davitt's), Esther Martin (Craughwell).

Galway have a huge panel of players to choose from. After patiently waiting in the wings for so long, their breakthrough finally came in 1996 when they brought home the O'Duffy Cup for the first time. They had a great campaign in the National League earlier this year. After coming through their division with full points they beat Kilkenny in the semi-final, but failed to Cork in the final by four points. At this stage, the Western County are not looking beyond their first round against Limerick.

KILKENNY: COLOURS - BLACK & AMBER

All Ireland Senior Champions 12 times: 1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1985 to 1991, 1994.
Finalists on 3 occasions. National League 8 times: 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987 to 1990, 1993.
Finalists 3 times. Leinster Champions 12 times: 1970, 1972, 1976, 1977, 1980, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997.

Number of Clubs: 25 Team Manager/Trainer: Pat Treacy Panel: Miriam Holland (Lisdowney), Ann Downey (Lisdowney), Marina Downey (Lisdowney), Kelly Long (Lisdowney), Sandra Gleeson (Lisdowney), Brigid Barnaville (Lisdowney), Tracy Millea (St. Brigid's), Sinead Millea (St. Brigid's), Margaret Commerford (St. Brigid's), Pauleen Commerford (St. Brigid's), Ursula Walton (St. Brigid's), Laura Sweeney (St. Brigid's), Sinead Costello (Freshford), Maread Costello (Freshford), Margaret Hickey (Freshford), Gillian Dillon (Freshford), Brigid Mullally (Glenmore), Caitriona Ryan (Tullagher), Una Murphy (Tullagher), Eleanor Walsh (Shamrock's), Grace Fennelly (Shamrock's).

Kilkenny's panel include Ann Downey, holder of 12 All Ireland medals. Marina Downey another kingpin holds five All Ireland medals. They will meet with stiff opposition from Tipperary in their opening match. They had mixed fortunes against the Premier County in the League, but reached the Semi Final. The Noreiders are a settled, experienced side who will be going all out to impress this year.

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LIMERICK: COLOURS - GREEN & WHITE

All Ireland Senior Finalists once.

Number of Clubs: 25 Team Manager: Marguerite Quinn, Panel: Kay Burke (Granagh/Ballingarry), Jean Cullinane (G/Ballingarry), Anne Lenihan (Croagh/Kilfinny), Liz Leonard (C/Kilfinny), Laura Leslie (G/Ballingarry), Pauleen McCarthy (C/Kilfinny), Breda O'Brien (G/Ballingarry), Bernie O'Brien (G/Ballingarry), Eileen O'Brien (G/Ballingarry), Marie O'Brien (G/Ballingarry), Sharon O'Kelly (C/Kilfinny), Vera Sheehan (G/Ballingarry), Deirdre Sheehan (G/Ballingarry).

Limerick have drawn players from only two clubs to start with leaving plenty of scope to increase the panel. Their only appearance in an All-Ireland senior Championship Final was in 1980 when they were defeated by Cork by three points after a re-play. If defeated by Galway in their first outing, they will be eligible to take part in the Intermediate Championship.

TIPPERARY: COLOURS - BLUE & GOLD

All Ireland Finalists 7 times National League in 1977. Finalists twice. Munster Champions 14 times: 1946 to 1951, 1953, 1958, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1969, 1977.

Number of Clubs: 28 Team Coach/Trainer: Biddy Phillips, Panel: Nora Dwan (Toomevara), Emily Hayden (Cashel), Claire Madden (Portroe), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Meadhaidh Stokes (Cashel), Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane), Una Dwyer (Cashel), Caitriona Hennessy (Drom/Inch), Nichola Kelly (Toomevara), Eimear McDonnell (Burgess), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara), Helan Kiely (Drom/Inch), Triona Bonar (Burgess), Niamh Bonar (Burgess), Siobhan Ryan (Drom/Inch), Helan Campion (Cashel), Aine Hogan (Burgess), Sheena Howard (Burgess), Sinead Nealon (Burgess).

Tipperary are an up and coming team with a blend of youth and experience. They field quite a number of players from their All-Ireland successful minor teams of the '90s. After winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship last year, the Premier County will be anxious to impress in senior. They had mixed fortunes in the National League defeating Kilkenny in the first round, but the Noreiders turned the tables in divisional play-off. Their opponents in the first round will be Kilkenny and with home venue advantage Tipperary are quietly confident of advancing.

WEXFORD: COLOURS - PURPLE & GOLD

All Ireland Senior Champions 3 times: 1968, 1969, 1975 Finalists 5 times. National League once: 1978. Finalists 3 times. Leinster Champions 9 times: 1968, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1978, 1991, 1994, 1995.

Number of Clubs: 25 Team Manager/Trainer: Jack O'Brien Panel: Michell Hearne (St. Ibar's), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Mags Kelly (St. Ibar's), Emma Carroll (St. Ibar's), Sandie Carr (St. Ibar's), Edwina Roache (St. Ibar's), Catherine Doyle (St. Ibar's), Marion O'Leary (St. Ibar's), Paula Rankin (Buncloody), Fiona Dunne (Oulart), Helena Jacob (Oulart), Liz Murphy (Bunnahally), Oral Heron (Monageer), Brenda Murphy (Monageer), Mavis Nolan (Monageer), Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure), Claire O'Connor (Rathnure), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Aine Codd (St. Martin's).

Wexford have a very young panel the youngest 16, made up mostly of their 1995 All Ireland Minor Champions. Stalwart defender Stella Synott will not be playing this year. Neither will Esme Murphy. The Slaneysiders had a very poor run in the league and their aim in the Championship is to get over Clare in the first round and take it from there. Their next outing would be either Cork or Dublin.



Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

CHAMPIONSHIP JUST AROUND THE CORNER

With the first round of the 'Bord na Gaeilge' All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship drawing near, counties are primed up for the event. Speculation is growing as to who will hoist the coveted O'Duffy Cup this year. Will it be one of the outsiders in the form of Dublin, Clare, Tipperary or Limerick to spring a surprise or will it be left between the holders Cork, Galway, Kilkenny and Wexford as has been the trend for many years.

Cork contested their fourth National senior league title on the trot recently and are playing very well. Galway will be giving their best shot again says their manager Tony Ward. The Sarsfield club man, who won an All-Ireland club hurling championship medal in 1992 had this to say "Kilkenny are an improving team, they were virtually gone out of the league but bounced back with a win over Tipperary and they took us all the way in the semi-final. We were lucky to get away with a three point victory". Its like this says Tony "whichever county beats Kilkenny will win the All-Ireland". Incidentally Galway and Kilkenny could meet in the semi-final.

Cork camogie star Linda Mellerick, holder of four All-Ireland senior championship medals intends to collect her 5th this year, as she is adamant that the Rebel County can hold on to their title. Linda agrees with Galway Manager Tony Ward that Kilkenny are an improving team. "It looks like we will be there on All-Ireland day and ready to give our best shot against any opposition", says Linda, last years captain.

Linda welcomes changes in the competition next year. She said the fifteen aside on a big pitch will be good for the game creating more open play.

The semi-finals being played on the same day at neutral venue should be a big

attraction. It will also give teams a chance to weigh up the opposition for the final. Linda Mellerick is a very committed camogie player to both club and county. She said the sweetest of her four All-Ireland titles was when they dethroned Kilkenny in the 1995 final.

(Next week we will take a look at the first round of the All-Ireland senior championship which takes place on July 4th.

LEINSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINALS:

Offaly 0-15 Meath 1-7

Scorers: Offaly: Maggie Lynch 0-6, Edel Corcoran, Majella Bergin and Eileen Kinsella 0-3 each. Meath: Christine O'Brien 0-6, Sandra Gavigan 1-0, Annmarie Dennehy 0-1.

Offaly: Bernie Nugent, Lorraine Corcoran, Amanda Kelly, Michelle Davis, Audrey Hennessy, Amanda Glennon, Eileen Kinsella, Honour Kinsella, Majella Bergin, Maggie Lynch, Edel Corcoran, Catherine Byrne.

Sub: Orla Carey for H Kinsella

Meath: Michelle Connolly, Mary Burke, Ann Gorman, Sharon Ralfeigh, Derina Smyth, Linda Telford, Annmarie Dennehy, Eileen Donnelly, Christine Ralfeigh, Christine O'Brien, Michelle Lucey, Sandra Gavigan.

Subs: Margaret Burke for E Donnelly, Marie Claire Hickey for M Lucey.

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath

Dublin 5-4 Kilkenny 4-2

Scorers: Dublin: Fiona Ni Chorcain

and Orla Connolly 2-1 each, Miriam Carty 1-0, Irene Kirwan 0-2.

Kilkenny: Deirdre O'Keeffe and Grace Fennelly 2-0 each, Aine Dunne and Deirdre Lannon 0-1 each. Referee: Pat Reynolds, Louth.

Leinster Under 14 Roinn A Final: Kilkenny 4-3, Dublin 1-5.

Scorers: Aoife Neary and Ann Mahon 2-1 each, Mairead O'Connor 0-1.

Dublin: Ciara Lucey 0-4, Derville O'Reilly 1-0, Emer McFadden 0-1

Referee: Jimmy Donnelly, Kildare

Leinster Under 14 Roinn B: Laois 6-9 Westmeath 0-2

Scorers: Laois: Louise Mahony 3-6, Eilis Dowling, Lisa Clancy and Sinead Lanham 1-1 each.

Ulster Junior Championship semi-final: Down 2-14 Cavan 1-5

Scorers: Down: Colleen Hynds 0-9, Angeline Fearon and Cathy Mulholland 1-0 each, Majella Murray and Jennifer Braniff 0-2 each, Valerie Hynds 0-1.

Cavan: Marie Brady 1-2, Louise Collins 0-2, Lorraine Day 0-1.

Derry 3-21 Antrim 0-3

Scorers: Derry: Claire Mulholland 1-4, Martina Mulholland and Aileen O'Kane 0-6 each, Eimear Lee 1-2, Shauna McCaul 1-0, Orla Downey 0-3.

Antrim: Kerrie O'Neill 0-2, Helena Connolly 0-1.

Ulster Minor League Final:

Derry 4-9 Down 3-8

Scorers: Derry: Lorna Mulholland 3-8, Susan Kelly 1-0, Paula McCloy 0-1.

Down: Lisa McCrickard, Caitriona McCrickard, Catherine McGourty 1-1 each, Michelle Murphy 0-4, Emma O'Hare 0-1.



The Ulster squad that was victorious in the Junior Gael Linn competition

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A Dublin test for Red girls

ON Saturday next the Cork Senior team open their All Ireland Senior Championship campaign when they play Dublin at O'Toole Park. Throw in 5pm.

At local level Aghabullogue and Newtownshandrum contest the '97 Under 16 'A' League Final tonight at Glantane at 7.30pm.

Cork will face a tough challenge at O'Toole Park on Saturday when they take on Dublin in the first round of the All Ireland Senior open draw.

When the selectors sit down to pick their team they will certainly have a daunting task.

A number of their prominent and experienced players will be unavailable and these include star midfielder Vivienne Harris, currently under suspension and Lyn Dunlea, Irene O'Keeffe and Mary O'Connor who are all unavailable because of injury.

They will certainly be a huge loss but it will give the girls who have been on the fringe of the team in recent times a chance to

A daunting task for the Rebel selectors

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prove to the selectors that they are able to make the step up to inter-county level.

While Cork will still be slightly favoured, it is going to take a top class performance from all involved if they are to advance, especially with Dublin favoured with a home venue.

Support

With the home support the Dubs are likely to mount a mighty challenge.

In their last outing Cork defeated Tipperary in one of the best Munster Senior Finals for years.

During that game they certainly showed great character

and came from behind to defeat a gallant Tipp side.

The team will not be picked until later in the week but is certain to include goalkeeper Cora Keohane, full back Eithne Duggan from Bishopstown who captains the side this year, Mags Finn, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll.

Others likely to be in the side are Caoimhe Harrington, Ursula Troy and Stephanie Dunlea.

In the Under 16 'A' League Final Aghabullogue spearheaded by Sinead Buckley, Mary Enguss, Linda Ronan and Sheila Crowley should have the edge over a Newtown side.

Newtown will look mainly to Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher to carry them through what is going to be a tough game.

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Dublin provide first test for All-Ireland camogie champions

Cork will have to be on their guard to ensure their passage to the All-Ireland semi-finals. In the other game down for decision, Tipperary, who lost out so narrowly in the Munster Senior Championship final to Cork, will make the going tough for a Kilkenny side who have been struggling to find their feet. However, having got it together towards the end of the National League season, one would fancy Kilkenny to just about edge it.

The Minor team reached the All-Ireland semi-final last season and hopes are high of a revival of good fortunes in the county in the near future. Their line-out includes captain Cathy Walsh who led the County to their Intermediate title in 1992. Survivors from that victory also include Catherine Boyle, Ruth Lyons and Mary Duane whilst winners of All-Ireland Senior medals in 1984 Germaine Noonan and Carmel O'Byrne are still members of the panel. The side is coached by former Kildare footballer Tommy Carew and with home venue the Dubs are always a threat.

making her Championship debut. A probable centre-field combination will be Linda Mellerick, Ursula Troy and Caoimhe Harrington whilst Stacey Dunlea, Sinead O'Callaghan, sharp shooter Fiona O'Driscoll and Irene O'Keeffe if pushed fit to play, will feature in attack. Others hoping for inclusion on the side will be Muireann Harrington and Linda O'Sullivan. Dublin have not enjoyed great success in the last number of years - they last took a Senior All-Ireland title in 1984. However, having took the Intermediate All-Ireland title in '92, they have worked hard since then under the Chairmanship of Charleville man Jim Carroll.

Fitzgibbon, who retired after last year's All-Ireland final. The Cork girls have had a great National League campaign, taking the title with a fine victory over Galway. A fortnight ago they overcame a strong Tipperary challenge coming from behind in the Munster final to take the honours. However, because of their injury worries, the selectors have delayed naming their team. Still, one would expect to see Cora Keohane guarding the goal whilst the defence will probably have captain Eithne Duggan at full-back, Denise Cronin, Mags Finn and possibly New-townshandrum's Paula O'Connor who will be

CORK set out in defence of their senior All-Ireland camogie title this evening at O'Toole Park, Crumlin when they take on Dublin in the opening game of the Championship. In Tipperary, the home side and Kilkenny will battle it out in their opening game. Cork have been forced to make several changes to their panel because of injury to key players. Out are Lynn Dunlea, Mary O'Connor and possibly Irene O'Keeffe whilst Vivienne Harris is unavailable because of suspension. A familiar face will be missing, however, as for the first time in 13 seasons, a Cork Senior side will field without the services of Sandy

CORK (panel): C. Keohane, E. Duggan, M. Finn, D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, L. Mellerick, C. Harrington, U. Troy, F. O'Driscoll, I. O'Keeffe, S. Dunlea, S. O'Callaghan, M. O'Connor, L. Nolan, M. Harrington, L. O'Sullivan, T. Doyle.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMMENCES

This weekend the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship for the O'Duffy Cup gets underway, with four quarter-final ties down for decision.

Cork, the holders, travel to take on Dublin. The Leesiders have already tucked the National Senior League and the Munster Championship titles under their belt and have not suffered a defeat since the All-Ireland Final of 1996. They are a very dedicated and experienced side who will not be unduly worried by the Dublin challenge. They will be without Vivienne Harris but have star performers in Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe, Eithne Duggan and Mags Finn. Dublin are only finding their feet, having failed to field in last year's competition. They secured three points in the league and with new trainer Tommy Carew, there is a great buzz in the camp. They have a good mix of youth and experience and will be depending on Germaine Noonan, Cathy Walshe, Mary Duane, Trish Clinton, Emer Branagan and Irene Kirwan to put up a good performance on home ground.

Semple Stadium, Thurles is the venue for the clash of Tipperary and Kilkenny. Tipperary won the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship last year. This is their first year in senior since 1987. It will be Tipperary and Kilkenny's third meeting this year. When they met in the National League, the Premier County had an impressive 2-12 to 1-9 win, but when it came to a divisional play-off Kilkenny turned the tables and went on to the semi-final on a score of 4-11

to 2-9.

Tipperary are an up and coming team and have star performers in Deirdre Hughes, Caitriona Hennessy, Noelle Kennedy, Sinead Nealon, Meadh Stokes, Jovita Delaney and Helen Kiely. The Noresiders went under to Galway by just three points in the semi-final while Tipperary failed to Cork in the Munster senior championship final by two points. The Premier County will be going all out to impress and will be quietly confident on home ground.

Kilkenny will be doing their best to get back into the limelight. They are giving a good commitment to training under new trainer Pat Treacy, and have an experienced panel which include Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Brigid Mullally, Gillian Dillon and the Millea sisters Tracey and Sinead. It will be close, going down to the wire.

Clare host Wexford. When they met in the National Senior League the Banner County had four points to spare, 3-14 to 3-10 and reached the play-off stages where they lost to Tipperary.

Clare have never got over the first round of the senior championship but feel this may be their year. They have a good, strong panel which includes players of the calibre of Moira McMahon, Sinead McMahon, Catherine O'Loughlin, Noelle Comyn, Pauline O'Brien and Sinead O'Brien.

Wexford will be fielding a very young side. Esme Murphy and Stella Synott will not be available. However, they can call on good performers such as Marion O'Leary, Michelle O'Leary, Aoife O'Connor, Claire

O'Connor, Kate Kelly, Mags Kelly, Aine Codd and Paula Rankin.

It should be another close encounter, the home side could shade it.

Galway, last year's All-Ireland finalists and this year's league finalists, are away to Limerick. The Connacht county, although without the services of Sharon Glynn, will carry a wealth of experience. Nevertheless, the Limerick ladies will be going all out to give a good performance. They have a large panel of young players with plenty of experience. These include Eileen O'Brien, Breda O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan, Pauleen McCarthy and Laura Leslie.

Galway have to be favourites here, parading players such as Martina Harkin, Olivea Broderick, Ann Broderick, Tracey Laheen, Collette Nevin, Denise Gilligan, Ann Forde and Veronica Curtin. Galway look set for a semi-final tilt against either Tipperary or Kilkenny.

Bord na Gaeilge

All-Ireland Senior Championship 1998

Saturday July 4th

Ath Cliath v Corcaigh at O'Toole Park, Crumlin 6pm

Tiobraid Arainn v Cill Chainnigh at Semple Stadium, Thurles 7pm

An Clár v Loch Garman at Cusack Park, Ennis. 2pm

Sunday July 5th

Luimneach v an Ghaillimh at Mary Immaculate College. 3pm

Champions Cork cruise into the last four as Dublin crumble

Cork 3-18
Dublin 1-3

ALL-IRELAND senior champions Cork booked their place in this year's Bord Na Gaeilge All-Ireland Camogie semi-final when they coasted to victory over a poor Dublin side at O'Toole Park, Crumlin, on Saturday night.

Forced to field without Lynn Dunlea, Mary O'Connor and Vivian Harris, the titleholders gave championship debuts to Caoimhe Harrington and Paula O'Connor at centre field and corner back respectively.

As early as the seventh minute Cork had stamped their authority on the game with Fiona O'Driscoll topping over four points, the third and fourth beautiful long-range scores from 60 yards. With O'Driscoll leading the Cork attack, they drove forward, continuously picking off points at will. Such was Cork's dominance that Dublin's opening score did not come until the 25th minute — a Ruth Lyons pointed free.

At half time the champions led 11-1 having played against a strong wind. Three Sinead O'Callaghan points' within nine minutes of the restart stretched the Cork lead further. Denise

O'Leary had the Dubs second point in the 10th minute but hope of a Dublin revival was quickly dashed with a Stephanie Dunlea goal.

To their credit, Dublin tried hard but could not match Cork's skill and fitness. With Linda Mellerick, Ursula Troy and Caoimhe Harrington giving a plentiful supply to the inside forwards, the points came fast and furiously. Louise O'Hara had a Dublin goal with eight minutes left but again Cork replied with an Irene O'Keeffe goal. Sinead O'Callaghan and O'Hara swapped points in the dying minutes but it mattered little as Cork progressed to meet Clare in the semi-final on August 1. Dublin will wonder where they go from here.

Scorers: Cork: Fiona O'Driscoll 0-7, Sinead O'Callaghan 1-4, Stephanie Dunlea 1-2, Irene O'Keeffe 1-2, Caoimhe Harrington 0-2, Linda Mellerick 0-1, Dublin: Louise O'Hara 1-1, Denise O'Leary 0-1, Ruth Lyons 0-1.

CORK: C. Keohane, E. Duggan (Capt.), M. Finn, D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, L. Mellerick, C. Harrington, U. Troy, F. O'Driscoll, I. O'Keeffe, S. Dunlea, S. O'Callaghan.

DUBLIN: M. Regan, C. Walsh (Capt.), G. Noonan, C. Boyle, V. Trehy, R. Lyons, T. Clinton, D. O'Leary, L. O'Hara, M. Dwane, E. Branigan, C. O'Byrne, Subs: L. Lynch for Dwane, R. Brady for Branigan, I. Kirwan for O'Byrne.

Referee: Caitriona McAllister (Antrim).

Bord Na Gaeilge All-Ireland Championship: Clare 1-13 Wexford 1-9; Tipperary 3-11 Kilkenny 3-10, Galway 1-15 Limerick 2-10.

Tasty double on the menu

ON Saturday night next at Ballyanly there is an interesting double header in the Senior "A" Championship, with Newtownshandrum facing Carrigdhoun (7.00 p.m.) and Seandun playing Cloughduv (8.00 p.m.)

Newtownshandrum will be fancied to have the edge on what is expected to be a fairly young South East side.

Newtown have some marvellous performers in the Harrington twins Caoimhe and Muireann, Ursula Troy, Paula O'Connor, Helen Kelleher and Niamh Bowles.

Three of the above named were on the Cork senior team last Saturday night when they defeated Tipperary in the Munster final last weekend so these girls will be formidable opposition.

Young

On the other hand Carrigdhoun will be fielding a relatively young side but will be in a position to call on players of the calibre of Linda O'Sullivan, Ballinhassig, Cora Murphy, Shirley and Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes, from Courcy Rovers.

In the second game Cloughduv should advance at the expense of Seandun.

The city side will draw their players mainly from the Barrs, Delaneys, Mayfield and Douglas clubs but are expected to be a very young outfit.

The U-12 League has now reached the quarter final stage and the following are the pairings.

St. Catherine's v Ballinhassig, Brian Dillons v Killeagh, St. Finbarr's v Milford and Eire Og v Rockban.

This coming week Iniscarra U-14 team will fly the Cork flag in the Feile na nGael in Wexford.

Senior Championship Fixtures:

Thursday June 25
Fr. O'Neills v Muskerry at Caherlag 8 p.m.

Saturday June 27.
Newtownshandrum v Carrigdhoun at Ballyanly 7 p.m. Seandun v Cloughduv at Ballyanly 8 p.m.

O'Donoghue inspires Cloughduv

Cloughduv 2-8
Seandun 2-7

THE curtain-raiser at Ballyanly on Saturday evening in the Cork county senior camogie championship was a thriller. Cloughduv, forced to field without inter-county star Lynn Dunlea with a hand injury, had opened up a six point lead 20 minutes into the game, courtesy of Una O'Donoghue's 19th minute goal.

Five minutes later she was the engineer of her side's second goal when she cleverly hand-passed to the unmarked Catherine Corkery who made no mistake from close range.

Amanda O'Regan pointed a Seandun free one minute into injury time, but it was Cloughduv, backed by the strong wind, who led 2-5 to 0-3 at the interval and looked comfortable.

Seandun set about the task of reducing their arrears from the throw-in. Three points within seven minutes gave them the lift they needed but Una O'Donoghue stretched Cloughduv's lead with a 15th minute pointed free.

Seandun, squandering several scoring chances from close range, continued to press and were rewarded in the 19th minute when Rachel Myers goaled from close range.

Seandun were back in the game. Orla O'Sullivan pointed a 30-meter free to cut the lead to two points, but once again Una O'Donoghue replied with a superb long-range point.

Enjoying maximum possession Seandun came forward in waves and when Amanda O'Regan picked out Catherine Barrett with a precision pass, Barrett gave Aoife Murray no chance in the Cloughduv goal to tie the game.

Both sides worked furiously and in the fourth minute of injury time Una O'Donoghue broke through the Seandun defence and kicked for goal. The shot was deflected by Sandra Ricken and Stephanie Dunlea duly converted.

Scorers for Cloughduv: U O'Donoghue 1-2, S Dunlea 0-4 (0-2, 0-1 free), C Corkery 1-1, A Buckley 0-1.

Seandun: O O'Sullivan 0-3 (0-1 thirty), R Myers and C Barrett 1-0 each, J Duffy 0-2 (both frees), A O'Regan 0-2 (0-1 free).

Cloughduv: A Murray, C Cronin, E Murray, J O'Callaghan, M Corkery, C Corkery, S Dunlea, J Dunlea, S Buckley, A Buckley, M Barry Murphy, U O'Donoghue.

Seandun: S Ricken (St Vincent's), C Kirby (St Finbarr's), L O'Connell (St Vincent's), A O'Regan (Douglas), B Maher (St Finbarr's), J Duffy (St Vincent's), K Landon (Douglas), R Myers (St Finbarr's), C Lynch (St Vincent's), C Barrett (Mayfield), C Kirby (St Finbarr's), Sub: O O'Sullivan (St Finbarr's) for C Lynch; N Nash (St Finbarr's) for C Landon.

Referee: J. Daly (Sarsfields).

O'Driscoll stars for Fr O'Neills

Fr O'Neills 1-9
Muskerry 0-6

A SUPER display by Cork inter-county star Fiona O'Driscoll, who contributed six points for Fr O'Neills, was the major difference in this entertaining Cork county senior camogie championship opening round game at Caherlag last night.

Eight minutes into the game the sides were deadlocked at 0-2 apiece and two minutes later Fr O'Neills got the break they so desperately needed when Mary Kennefick chased and stopped a ball that looked to be going over the end line, sent it across the square to Clare Flavin who finished from close range.

Muskerry refused to panic and two quick points from Eileen Buckley and Maria Noonan kept them in touch. At the break the sides were level 1-3 to 0-6.

The opening five minutes of the second-half were even but it was the East Cork side's ability to take their points which proved crucial and five points without reply saw them run out winners.

Scorers: Fr. O'Neills — F. O'Driscoll 0-6, C. Flavin 1-1, M. Kennefick 0-2.

Muskerry — M. Ennigues 0-2, E. O'Halloran, E. Buckley, E. Noonan, 0-2.

Fr O'Neills: A. M. Brennan, F. Hennessy (Capt), L. Sweetnam, M. Finn, S. Cahalane, N. Ahern, S. Meade, V. O'Sullivan, C. Flavin, F. O'Driscoll, S. McCarthy, M. Kennefick, Sub: A. Corcoran for S. McCarthy.

Muskerry: M. McCarthy, S. Buckley, D. Twomey, H. Walsh, Y. O'Leary, M. Ennigues, T. Walsh, E. Buckley, M. Noonan, A. McKenna, E. O'Halloran, D. Healy, Sub: H. Moynihan for D. Healy, C. O'Callaghan for H. Moynihan.

Referee: D. Daly.

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on Saturday evening. Tipp led by 1-7 to 0-5 at the break and looked to be on their way to a comfortable win when Errol McDonnell added another goal after the break. A Marina Downey goal and some well taken points from Bridg Mullally brought Kilkenny back into the game. A goal by Deirdre Hughes on the 22nd minute turned out to be Tipperary's life-saver as Kilkenny goaled twice though Bridg Mullally and Sinead Miles.

Tipperary: N Kennedy 1-3, D Hughes 1-2, E McDonnell 1-0, Kilkenny: B Mullally 1-0, S Miles 1-0, M Downey 1-0.

CLARE 1-13 WEXFORD 1-9

CATRIONA O'LOUGHLIN was Clare's scoring star, amassing a tally of 1-7, as the Banner county overcame Wexford in Saturday's All-Ireland quarter-final at Ennis. Wexford had a goal from Paula Rankin inside the first minute. Catriona O'Loughlin hit back for the Banner with a goal and three points. The winners led 1-8 to 1-4 at the break.

Clare: C O'Loughlin 1-7, M McMahon 0-5, E Arthur 0-1, Wexford: J Kelly 0-7, P Rankin 1-0, A Codd 0-2.

CORK 3-18 DUBLIN 1-3

ALL-Ireland camogie champions Cork roared a new-look Dublin side in the quarter-final at O'Toole Park on Saturday. Cork led by 0-11 to 0-1 at half-time.

Cork: I O'Keefe, S O'Callaghan 1-3 each, S Dunlea 1-2, F O'Driscoll 0-5, C Hamilton, L Mellenck 0-2 each, U Troy 0-1. Dublin: L O'Hara 1-1, D O'Leary 0-2.

LEINSTER JUNIOR FINAL

CARLOW 4-12 WEXFORD 4-6

CARLOW retained the Leinster Junior Championship title when they survived a late Wexford rally at Buncloody yesterday. Carlow led by 2-4 to 1-6 at the break and were seven points clear in the closing stages until Wexford staged a late rally with a goal by Rosemary Breen and a point by Elaine Holohan to leave just three points separating the sides.

Carlow: N Quirk 3-0, O Maye 1-4, V Crean 0-6, M Coady, AM Sheehan 0-1 each. Wexford: E Holohan 0-6, A O'Connor 2-1, M O'Leary, RM Breen 1-0 each.

Ref: Pat Reynolds (Louth).

COUNTY FINALS — Westmeath: St Murnas 3-7, Rahamey 2-7. Wicklow: Aughrim 3-5, Glencaly 0-4.

Camogie tourney honour

THE contribution of the late John Keane, Colesgrove, to camogie in Galway in general and Craughwell in particular, is to be commemorated by the local club who are currently organising an U-16 tournament involving thirty teams within the county. It is hoped to run off the games on the weekending 3rd/4th of July. Venues and match times to be verified by club officers.

Craughwell

A perpetual memorial cup has been donated by the Keane family. John, who was killed in a road traffic accident in October last year, was well known in hurling and camogie circles. His legacy to local clubs is a enviable one, having been involved in Craughwell's only Intermediate hurling success in 1986, and played a major role in the camogie County junior title for his parish in 1992.

He brought his team to Connacht success the same year and repeated the double again at Intermediate level the following season. He was a Co. minor selector from '92 to '95 and also a selector in '94 and again in '96 with Co. junior and senior sides. The sporting highlight of his life was returning to his native Craughwell in '96 with the first Galway team to win a camogie All-Ireland.

Granagh

LOCAL U/14 camogie player Aoife Sheehan, confirmed that the admiration of her skill and style of camogie by her club mates and supporters was justified at the All-Ireland Feile na nGael Skills Competition last weekend in Wexford. Aoife at 13 years of age possesses a great craft of all-round camogie abilities, which indicates a very bright future for her in her chosen sport.

Aoife is backed by a long and successful hurling tradition in her family over a hundred years and in later times brothers, sisters and cousins have indeed set the standards admirably high for their younger sister to follow. She has won the confidence of all local supporters to succeed, or indeed even to suppress.

Newtownshandrum score confidant win over Carrigdhoun

Newtownshandrum 2-12
Carrigdhoun 0-9

IN this Cork county senior camogie championship game at Ballyanly, Newtownshandrum led from 15 seconds into the game with a Paula O'Connor point.

The same player was to be the tormentor of the divisional side, scoring 1-5 of her club's total for the game.

Carrigdhoun seemed to panic after Muireann Harrington had Newtown-

shandrum's first goal, 22 minutes into the game, and after this they could never come to proper grips with the task in hand.

However, trailing by only two points at the break, 1-6 to 0-7, they failed to avail of many chances in front of goal and Newtownshandrum capitalised on this.

With Caoimhe Harrington and Niamh Bowles winning possession from Carrigdhoun at will, the North Cork side's second goal came 11

minutes into the second half from Paula O'Connor and from here on in they dominated the remainder of the game.

Carrigdhoun can blame sloppy play in front of goal in the first half when they missed two clear goal chances whilst Newtownshandrum can be pleased with the performance which saw them go safely through to the next round.

Scorers for Newtownshandrum: C Harrington 0-7 (0-3 frees), P O'Connor 1-5 (0-1 free), M Harrington 1-0.

Carrigdhoun: L O'Sullivan 0-4 (0-3 frees), E Burke and R Moloney 0-2 each, S Hayes 0-1.

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: G Coleman, T Hickey, F Kelleher, C Gilman, C Marston, U Troy, H Kelleher, N Bowles, C Harrington, M Harrington.

Sub: A Mulcahy for S Reidy.

CARRIGDHOUN: E Dillon (Ballygarvan), C Hannon (Courcy Rovers), C Murphy (Courcy), S Hayes (do.), L Bugler (Valley Rovers), M Hurley (Valley Rovers), J Lyons (Tracton), N Downey (Courcy Rovers), L O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig), R Moloney (Courcy Rovers), E Burke (Valley Rovers), M Scully (Carrigaline).

Sub: J Hayes (Courcy Rovers) for J Lyons, H Bugler (Valley Rovers) for N Downey, S Moloney (Courcy Rovers) for M Scully.

Referee: T Sheehan (Mayfield).

Hally Excels as Clare make history

By Seamus Hayes

Clare 1-13 ● Wexford 1-9

SINCE winning senior camogie status four years ago, Clare scored their first championship win at this level when they accounted for Wexford in the Gael Linn All-Ireland championship at O'Garney Park in Sixmilebridge on Saturday.

It was a deserved win for the Clare girls but officials and supporters alike were given many anxious moments as Clare failed to hammer home the advantage at vital times. They had a total of fifteen wides, some from good positions, and would not have been flattered had the winning margin been greater.

That said, it must be recorded that Wexford had their share of chances in the second half when they played with the aid of the wind but they found the commitment

and determination of this Clare side too much on this occasion.

Wexford got off to a dream start and they had the ball in the Clare net after just thirty seconds. Full forward Paula Rankin was the goalscorer and she gave Pauline O'Brien no chance from close range. It was a cruel blow for Clare but they quickly showed that they were determined to do well in this one.

They bounced back in great style with a brace of fine points from Catherine

O'Loughlin before team captain Moira McMahon scored the equaliser following as clearance from the star of the match, Cathy Hally. Points were exchanged before the captain gave Clare a lead they were never to lose.

This score by McMahon was really an excellent one as it came following some great work by two of her team mates. Wexford looked set to score a goal but Sinead O'Brien managed to dispossess Kate Kelly and get the ball away to Deirdre Murphy. The young Clooney star made a tremendous run before passing to her captain who sent over her third point.

At the mid point of the half Catherine O'Loughlin broke through to crash home a superb goal and stretch Clare's lead to four points. They went on to maintain this advantage to the break at which stage the score was 1-8 to 1-4.

There were two worrying aspects about Clare's first half display. They had shot seven wides while only two of their forwards—Catherine O'Loughlin and Moira McMahon—had managed to get on the scoresheet. In addition they would have to face a fairly stiff breeze in the second period.

Two minutes after the restart Wexford had a great goal chance but Pauline

O'Brien in the Clare goals made a magnificent save from Paula Rankin. The third quarter produced just one score and this was a Wexford point from a Kate Kelly free. The same player scored from another free eighteen minutes into the half to leave just two between the sides.

Clare finally got through for their first score of this half when Edel Arthur pointed with eleven minutes to go. This was quickly followed by a like score from Catherine O'Loughlin following a great pass from the team skipper.

In an effort to get the scores they needed, Wexford now brought goalkeeper Michelle Hearn to their attack but the Clare defence was rock solid and none more so that the outstanding Cathy Hally. Points were exchanged three times in the final eight minutes leaving Clare worthy winners and through to the semi-finals and a meeting with Cork or Dublin.

An indication of the good work of the Clare backline in the second half is the fact that all of Wexford's five points in this period came from frees by Kate Kelly. In fact they only managed one score from play and this was their goal in the opening seconds.

Clare were naturally thrilled with the result and none more so that their hard working team mentors Bernie Ryan

and Patricia O'Grady. Clare had entered this game without the services of a number of their regulars due to holidays and work commitments. Truagh's Cathy Hally was outstanding at wing back and

Wexford had no answer to her pace which saw her break up many of their attacks. She made some excellent interceptions and helped set up quite a number of her team's scores.

The excellent work rate of Noelle Comyns was another reason for this win. She was in tremendous form particularly in the third quarter when Wexford launched attack after attack in search

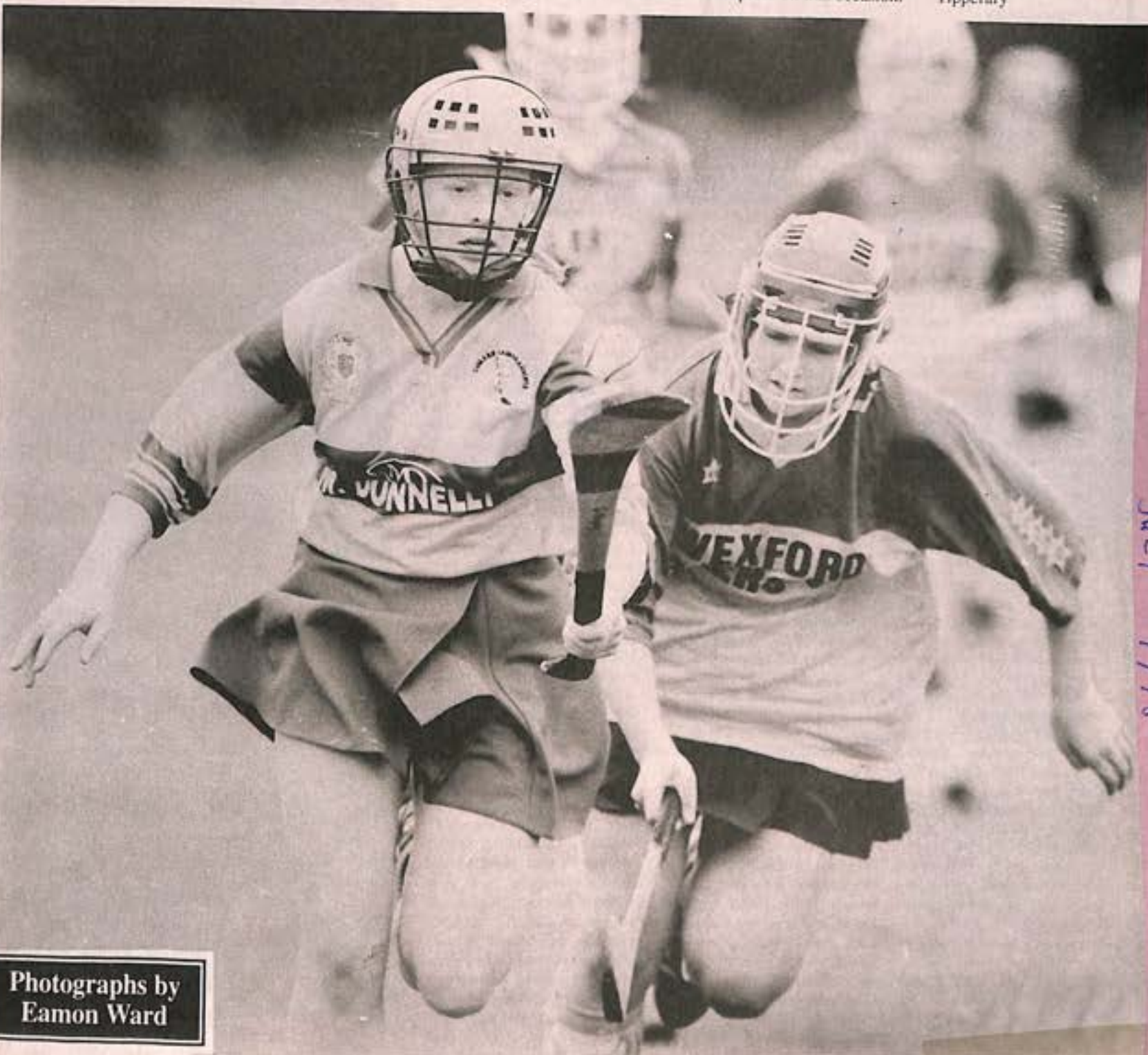
of the scores they needed to get back into contention.

Catherine O'Loughlin was, once again, the team's top scorer and she finished with a tally of 1-6 to her credit while team captain Moira McMahon chipped in with five points. Sinead O'Brien, Clodagh Lennon, Sinead McMahon and goalkeeper Pauline O'Brien were others to impress on this occasion.

For the visitors, Kate Kelly, Aine Cody, Paula Rankin, and Liz Murphy did best.

Scorers--Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin (1-6), 0-3 from frees; Moira McMahon (0-5), 1 free; Edel Arthur Noelle Comyns (0-1) each. **Wexford:** Kate Kelly (0-7), all frees; Paula Rankin (1-0), all frees; Aine Codd (0-2), all frees.

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary



Photographs by Eamon Ward

Clare's star Cathy Hally prepares to launch another attack for her side in last Saturday's win over Wexford.



Noelle Comyns races away from her opponent in last week's camogie win over Wexford.

Understrength Galway almost come to grief in senior championship

Galway.....1-15 :: Limerick.....2-10

BEATEN finalists in last year's senior All-Ireland, Galway travelled to Limerick on Sunday last to commence this year's road to Croke Park. They had to field without many team regulars and the last minute withdrawal of captain Olivia Broderick due to an ankle injury was also a big blow.

Fielding three championship debutants, Fiona Ryan in defence, Ann Hardiman in midfield and Colette Nevin up front, Galway played with the breeze in the first half.

Limerick opened the scoring with a pointed free from the ever reliable Pauline McCarthy, but from the puck-out Galway went back—a long delivery from Louise Curry found Veronica Curtin inside the defence and she flicked a line shot to the net.

Midway through the half the sides were separated by two points, Galway's three coming from two frees from Colette Nevin and one from play by centre Therese Maher. Limerick's ace free-taker Pauline McCarthy and Nevin continued to swap pointed frees, and with two minutes to go the scoreboard read Galway 1-7, Limerick 0-7.

However star colleges' player Helen O'Brien set up club-mate Vera Sheehan and she found the Galway net despite the advancing Louise Curry. Pauline McCarthy and Colette Nevin pointed and with the sides level approaching half-

time Veronica Curtin found the target to give Galway a point lead at half-time.

Facing a stiff breeze in the second half, Galway upped their game. Ann Forde now at centre-forward, won plenty of ball and after been fouled on two occasions Nevin pointed a free after Curtin had opened Galway's second half scoring with a point from a throw-in.

However Limerick never gave up and their free-taker McCarthy pointed to leave the score midway through the half Galway 1-13 Limerick 1-9. Galway now began to exert further pressure and with Ann Hardiman and Aine Hillery on top in the middle, their forwards got more ball and Limerick's persistent fouling was penalised by unerring accuracy of Colette Nevin as she closed her team's tally at 1-15.

But Galway had to endure a testing finish as Limerick came looking for scores. Pauline McCarthy pointed to narrow the deficit and then Kathleen O'Connor found the net leaving Galway hanging on for victory.

While a win is a win Galway will have to greatly improve

their performance if they want to overcome Tipperary in four weeks time in the All-Ireland semi-final. They had good performances from the championship debutants, none more so that Colette Nevin with 0-11, all from frees.

Ann Forde did well up front as did Veronica Curtin the first half with a personal tally of 1-3, the goal proving vital in the end. Aine Hillery and Fiona Ryan had their moments as did the never say die Ann Hardiman, Tracey Laheen and Pam Nevin especially in the second half.

Meanwhile, the Craughwell Camogie Club hosted a successful under-16 tournament in memory of the late John Keane. Over twenty teams from clubs all over the county took part and the final produced a great game between near neighbours, Clarinbridge and Kinvara. Clarinbridge emerged victors by one point. The 'Bridge scores coming from Elaine Kerins and Sherry Mannion while the Kinvara scores came from Orla Curtin and Pamela Huban.



On the ball... Action from last year's All-Ireland final.

A call to arms for rebel fans

AS A selector of the Cork senior camogie team, I would like to call on the tens of thousands of Cork GAA followers who travelled recently to Thurles and Kilkenny in great numbers to support the Cork hurlers and footballers, to come out to support the camogie team, who contest the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Semi-Final against Clare in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on August 1. As the only Cork senior team that can now contest an All-Ireland Senior Final in Croke Park in 1998, the girls deserve the support of the Cork GAA followers. The girls have already won the 1998 National Senior League title and the Munster Championship. On Saturday last, they defeated Dublin by 3-18 to 1-3 in the All-Ireland quarter-final.

The girls put in long hours

of training and make many sacrifices because of their pride in wearing the Cork jersey.

Given the high skill level of the team as well as their great spirits, I know that supporters who travel to see the game on August 1 will be guaranteed a great performance by the Cork senior camogie team, who will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to reach the All-Ireland final and, unlike their male counterparts, hopefully they will prove too good for Clare.

I appeal to all Cork supporters to travel on August 1 to ensure that their team will have the support they deserve.

Cllr Pat Murray,
Independent, St Francis,
Rossa Avenue,
Bishopstown,
Cork.

Tipperary.....3-11
Kilkenny.....3-10

A NEW era in the history of Tipperary camogie may have begun in Semple Stadium, Thurles, on Saturday evening last when Tipperary, on its return to senior ranks for the first time in fourteen years, scored a dramatic one-point victory over neighbours Kilkenny in a gripping All-Ireland quarter-final.

What a finish! Tipperary, in their first championship outing, looked set for a clear-cut victory as they led by nine points six minutes into the second half only to see a sensational fightback from 'the Cats' that yielded two goals in the last three minutes from Sinead Millea and Marina Downey. With only the point separating the sides two minutes into injury time, Kilkenny went on to a last gasp attack and Tracy Millea was fouled about fifty metres from the Tipperary goal. Bridget Mullally, who hit 1-9 of her side's total, dropped the free short and, while a battle for possession ensued, referee Miriam Uí Cheallachain signalled full time. Tipperary just about survived a contest they should have won decisively while Kilkenny, understandably, were shattered to have lost by the minimum margin.

The game was remarkable for the fact that both Bridget Mullally and Noelle Kennedy ended with 1-9 to their credit. Mullally hit 0-8 while Kennedy struck 1-9 in both cases from frees. Tipperary, with the breeze in the first period,

deservedly led at the interval on a 1-7 to 0-5 scoreline. Kennedy hit all but a point of Tipperary's tally while Mullally was responsible for all but a single score of her side's total; Sinead Millea getting the remaining score.

Tipperary led by 0-5 to 0-3 after 22 minutes before Noelle Kennedy dipped a 30-metre free all the

by

John Guiton

way to the net. The score gave Tipperary a fine cushion and they were well positioned at the break leading by five points.

A goal six minutes into the second half from Eimear MacDonnell after Kilkenny goalkeeper Miriam Holland saved from Deirdre Hughes gave Tipperary a nine point lead and 'the Cats' were in serious trouble. But, in typical spirit, they fought back and a great surge yielded 1-3 in a ten minute spell. Ann Downey and Sinead Millea combined to put Bridget Mullally through for their goal in the 9th minute and Mullally followed up with three scores from frees (2-10 to 1-10). With eight minutes remaining Noelle Kennedy set up Deirdre Hughes for a nice point and a minute later Tipperary were coasting when Una O'Dwyer, now operating at midfield, and Noelle Kennedy set up a movement for Deirdre Hughes to crash home a great goal (3-11 to 1-10).

Tipperary looked comfortable at this stage, their seven point lead restored,

but there was more drama on the way. A goal from Sinead Millea three minutes from the end of normal time set the game on fire and the closing stages were fought with tremendous fervour. Ciara Gaynor made a vital interception from Mullally and Tipperary looked to have weathered the storm. However, Tipperary followers could scarcely believe their eyes with right on the 30th minute Marina Downey whipped in her side's third goal following incessant pressure (3-11 to 3-10). Kilkenny made one last attack in injury time for the equaliser. Tracy Millea was fouled but it was expecting too much of Bridget Millea to score from such a long distance. Her effort dropped short and Tipperary scrambled the ball to safety. It was all over.

So, a great triumph for Tipperary and their management team of Bridget Phillips (Thurles), Brian McDonnell (Burgess) and Jim Madden (Portroe). The backroom team had their charges in great shape for this test and whatever happens in the remainder of the championship it's clear that the future for Tipperary in the grade looks bright. For now, however, it's back down to business in preparation for the semi-final against Galway, a tough assignment indeed.

Congratulations to all concerned in the achievement. From goalkeeper Nora Dwan right up to Deirdre Hughes and substitutes introduced, Cathriona Hennessy and Sinead Nealon, their's

was a fine effort. Helen Kiely had a fine hour while Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Una O'Dwyer and Eimear McDonnell were much to the fore. The entire defence worked very hard with Meadh Stokes making a vital clearance towards the end of the game when the pressure was great.

Kilkenny, naturally, were so disappointed to have come so near and yet lose by a point. In the process of team building at present following many successful years in the grade, they badly miss Angela Downey who has retired from the game. Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon, Tracey Millea, Sinead Millea, Bridget Mullally and substitute Cathriona Carey were prominent for the side.

Tipperary - N. Dwan (Toomevara); J. Delaney (Cashel); U. O'Dwyer (Cashel); C. Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonagh's); C. Madden (Portroe); M. Stokes (Cashel); H. Kiely (Drom-Inch); E. Hayden (Cashel); T. Bonnar (Cashel); N. Kennedy (Toomevara) 1-9; E. McDonnell (Burgess) 1-0; D. Hughes (Toomevara) 1-2.

Substitutes - C. Hennessy (Drom-Inch); S. Nealon (Burgess).

Kilkenny - M. Holland; T. Millea; M. Hickey; F. Shore; S. Gleeson; M. Downey 1-0; G. Dillon; A. Downey; K. Long; M. Comerford; B. Mullally 1-9; S. Millea 1-1.

Substitutes - U. Walton; C. Carey; T. Kennedy.

Referee - M. Uí Cheallachain (Offaly).

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Limerick beaten by the champs

Limerick.....2-10
Galway.....1-15

ON Sunday afternoon in Mary Immaculate College the Limerick ladies went within two points of upsetting the '97 All-Ireland finalists. A fast flowing game with points being exchanged throughout both halves. The half time score was 1-7 to 1-8. Four points from Pauline McCarthy three from frees, a point from Eileen O'Brien and a great goal and two points from Vera Sheehan left Galway in no doubt they had a match on their hands.

The scores for Galway came from Veronica Curtin with the opening goal and last point in the first half. Collette Nevin their free taker who score a total of four points, two from frees and Therese Maher who got two points. Limerick settled down and dug in, two frees from Pauline McCarthy kept them within reach, with a sound Limerick defence Galway only scored three points from play in this half with a thirty and a free bringing their tally for this half to seven points. The final score of the match went to Limerick when Pauline McCarthy stepped up to take a free. Galway knew she was going for goal and lined it well, the sliotar bounced back right in the path of Kathleen O'Connor who without hesitation, set it into the back of the Galway net. With a lighter wind the match could surely have gone to Limerick. The teams were as follows - Limerick: Breda O'Brien, Mary Lonergan, Katie O'Shea, Deirdre Sheehan, Leslie, Marian Neville, Paula Cronin, Rose Collins, Eileen O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy, Kathleen O'Connor, Vera Sheehan. Subs: Emer Cregan, Sharon O'Kelly.

Galway: Louise Curry, Ann Broderick, Fiona Ryan, Tracey Laheen,

Junior camogie team swamp Roscommon

Galway.....2-12 :: Roscommon.....0-1

THE Galway junior camogie team captured their second Connacht title in a row on Saturday evening last in Duggan Park when they had a comprehensive win over a poor Roscommon side.

With only one point separating the sides after extra time in last year's final, Galway went into this game expecting a challenge that never came.

Two fine points from Michelle Glynn and Veronica Sweeney opened the scoring for Galway and when free-taker Aoife Lynskey sent a close in free to the back of the Roscommon net shortly afterwards the writing was on the wall for them.

While they did exert some pressure the Galway defence marshalled ably by Ailbhe Kelly and captain Ann Dolan were never really troubled. Aoife Lynskey was in fine form from frees and she converted three in a row to increase Galway's lead before Lizzie Glennon pointed what was to be Roscommon's only score of the evening.

Galway added a further 1-1 before half-time, the goal coming from Sandra Tannian after a pass from Brenda Daniels and a long range Michelle Glynn free, leaving the half-time score Galway 2-6 Roscommon 0-1.

Even though Galway faced a stiff breeze in the second half they never looked under pressure. Sandra Tannian pointed right away to continue Galway's dominance of this game. Aoife Lynskey pointed two frees to increase Galway's lead and with Caroline Murray and Veronica Sweeney on top around the middle, a Roscommon revival was never on the cards.

Galway's Brenda Daniels pointed two more for Galway to add to their tally and three further points from player of the game Aoife Lynskey saw Galway's final tally come to 2-12 to Roscommon's 0-1.

Galway had fine performances from Aoife Connelly in goals, the backs already mentioned plus Fiona Healy and Rita Broderick plus all the forwards. They now play the winners of the Leinster Championship or London in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by P.J. Fulham

There was a big interest in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship quarter-finals last weekend. Clare and Tipperary have gained semi-final places as Wexford and Kilkenny bow out.

Clare 1-13

Wexford 1-9

Clare went through to the semi-finals of the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship for the first time ever when they got the upperhand on Wexford in this quarter-final tie, played at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday last.

Wexford were first to score with a goal by Paula Rankin inside the first minute. Catherine O'Loughlin hit back for the Banner County with a goal and three points and the winners led 1-8 to 1-4 at the break. The second half was a ding-dong battle with both sides adding five points to their tally.

Scorers: Clare - Catherine O'Loughlin 1-7, Moira McMahon 0-5, Edel Arthur 0-1.

Wexford - Kate Kelly 0-7, Paula Rankin 1-0, Aine Codd 0-2.

Clare - Pauleen O'Brien, Sinead McMahon, Cathy Hally, Michelle McNamara, Debbie McDonagh, Clodagh Lennon, Edel Arthur, Sinead O'Brien, Deirdre Murphy, Moira McMahon, Noelle Comymn, Catherine O'Loughlin.

Wexford - Michelle Hearne, Avis Nolan, Catherine Doyle, Sandra Carr, Emma Carroll, Liz Murphy, Aine Codd, Kate Kelly, Mags Kelly, Orla Hernan, Aideen Gordan, Paula Rankin.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary.

Tipperary 3-11

Kilkenny 3-10

Tipperary have booked their ticket to the All-Ireland senior championship semi-final when they edged out a fancied Kilkenny side at Semple Stadium on Saturday last. It was a sparkling encounter all the way through. The winners led 1-7 to 0-5 at the break. A goal by Emer McDonnell early in the second half put the Premier County seven points in front.

However, the lead was whittled away with a goal by Kilkenny's Marina Downey and some well taken points by Brigid Mullally. A goal by Deirdre Hughes in the 22nd minute turned out to be Tipperary's life saver as Kilkenny goaled twice by Brigid Mullally and Sinead Millea to leave one point separating the sides at the final whistle.

Scorers: Tipperary - Noelle Kennedy 1-9, Deirdre Hughes 1-2, Emer McDonnell 1-0.

Kilkenny - Brigid Mullally 1-9, Sinead Millea 1-1, Marina Downey 1-0.

Tipperary - Nora Dwan, Jovita Delaney, Una Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor, Claire Madden, Meadbhdh Stokes, Helen Kiely, Emily Hayden, Triona Bonar, Noelle Kennedy, Emer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes. Subs - Sinead Nealon for T Bonar, Caitriona Hennessy for D Hughes.

Kilkenny - Miriam Holland, Tracey Millea, Margaret Hickey, Kelly Long, Sandra Gleeson, Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon, Ann Downey, Fran Shore, Margaret Comerford, Brigid Mullally, Sinead Millea. Subs - Caitriona Kennedy for S Gleeson, Caitriona Carey for F Shre, Ursula Walton for C Kennedy.

Referee - Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Cork 3-18

Dublin 1-3

All-Ireland champions Cork coasted over Dublin in this senior quarter-final played at O'Toole Park. A new look Dublin side put up quite a good display, missing many scoring chances in the first half, at the end of which the winners led 0-11 to 0-1. Cork produced their championship fire power in the second half to run out easy winners.

Scorers: Cork - Irene O'Keeffe and Sinead O'Callaghan 1-3 each, Stephaine Dunlea 1-2, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-5, Caoimhe Harrington and Linda Mellerick 0-2 each, Ursula Troy 0-1.

Dublin - Louise O'Hara 1-1, Denise O'Leary 0-2.

Cork - Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Denise Cronin, Paula O'Connor, Linda Mellerick,

Caoimhe Harrington, Ursula Troy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe, Stephaine Dunlea, Sinead O'Callaghan.

Dublin - Mary Regan, Cathy Walsh, Germaine Noonan, Catherine Boyle, Veronica Trehy, Ruth Lyons, Trish Clinton, Denise O'Leary, Louise O'Hara, Mary Duane, Emer Brannigan, Carmel O'Byrne. Subs - Louise Lynch for M Duane, Roisin Brady for C O'Byrne, Irene Kirwan for E Brannigan.

Referee - Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

Galway 1-15

Limerick 2-10

Galway went through to the All-Ireland Bord na Gaeilge senior semi-finals when they fought off a strong challenge from a gallant Limerick side in this quarter-final tie, played at Mary I College on Sunday last. The home side made last year's beaten finalists fight all the way in an edge-of-the-seat affair. Goals by Galway's Veronica Curtin and Limerick's Vera Sheehan left one point separating the sides at the interval, Galway 1-8 Limerick 1-7.

The second half continued to be a ding-dong battle with further points from Galway's Collette Nevin and Veronica Curtin. Kathleen O'Connor crashed home Limerick's second goal but Galway held on to a two-point victory.

Scorers: Galway - Veronica Curtin 1-6, Collette Nevin 0-7, Therese Maher 0-2.

Limerick - Pauleen McCarthy 0-6, Vera Sheehan 1-2, Kathleen O'Connor 1-0, Eileen O'Brien 0-2.

Galway - Louise Curry, Fiona Ryan, Ann Broderick, Tracey Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Ann Hardiman, Therese Maher, Aine Hillary, Imelda Hobbins, Veronica Curtin, Collette Nevin, Ann Forde.

Limerick - Bernie O'Brien, Mary Lonergan, Deirdre Sheehan, Katie O'Shea, Laura Leslie, Marion Neville, Paula Cronin, Rose Collins, Eileen O'Brien, Pauleen McCarthy, Kathleen O'Connor, Vera Sheehan.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.



THE Galway junior camogie team which won the Connacht Junior Camogie title by defeating Roscommon in Ballinasloe on Saturday last. Back row, left to right: Maureen Fahy (selector), Miriam Lynch, Sandra Tannian, Aoife Connelly, Lourda Kavanagh, Caroline Murray, Shauna Ward, Veronica Sweeney, Fiona Healy, Ruth Callinan, Susan Regan, Siobhan Cummins, Fiona Gohery and D. Mitchell. Front row, Michael Broderick (manager), Eileen Earls, Rita Broderick, Alva Kelly, Brenda Daniels, Ann Dolan (captain), Aoife Lynskey, Lorraine Donnelly, Michelle Glynn and Anita Kearns.

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Cork in search of elusive title

THE CORK Intermediate camogie side begin their quest for their first All-Ireland honours since the inception of the championship in 1992. Cork have failed to make it to the closing stages of the competition, which was initiated to bridge the gap between the senior and junior grades.

Cork, having won the Junior All-Ireland title in 1996, will be hoping to go one better with this squad. They are a young side. However, Leone Nolan, Enda Dineen, Jill Hannan and Emer O'Sullivan, to mention but a few, are all experienced players who will not be overawed by an Armagh side, who already, in the short existence of the Intermediate competition, have taken the title in 1994.

In that year also the county took the National Junior title and they are now anxious to make the big breakthrough to the senior ranks and a win tomorrow will set them on that path.

It's an onerous task for Cork, who are fielding the county's second string, to take on Antrim's first squad. However, with the determination the Cork team displayed throughout the National League, when they reached the final only to lose to a superb Down side, a win tomorrow is well within their reach.

In the two other first round ties down for decision Galway take on a Limerick side who would be fancied to advance, whilst All-Ireland Junior champions, Antrim will be favourites to overcome the Dublin challenge.

Cork make light work of a fancied Armagh

Cork 4-16
Armagh 0-6

CORK caused an upset in the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie championship semi-final by defeating fancied Armagh at a wet and windy Ballincollig yesterday.

Cork, playing with wind advantage, led inside five minutes thanks to three Criona Harte pointed frees. By the 11th minute they had extended their lead 0-6 to 0-1 and with Tricia Doyle and Sinead Cahalane insuring a steady supply to the inside forwards Cork continued to press. The goal they needed came in the 15th minute when Una O'Donoghue hand-passed to Criona Harte and she made no mistake from close range.

Armagh kept in touch with three points. But Cork added four points, three from frees from Criona Harte and one from Sinead Cahalane, to leave them in a strong position leading at the break, 1-10 to 0-4.

A younger and fitter Cork side made life difficult for Armagh. When Una O'Donoghue goaled inside four minutes it gave the Northerners a mountain to climb. They had a Karen Kelly point in the 8th minute but such was Cork's dominance Armagh didn't score again until two minutes from time, a point from Joan Rice.

But at this stage Cork had put the result beyond doubt with Sinead Cahalane in the 14th minute and substitute Emma Harte adding further goals. For Cork Criona Harte, who finished the game with a personal tally of 1-10, Sinead Cahalane and Una O'Donoghue were superb. For Armagh Mary Black, Karen Kelly and Bernie McBride did best.

Cork now go on to meet Limerick who had a 1-13 to 0-15 point victory over Galway on Saturday evening. A contribution of 1-11 from their stalwart Pauline McCarthy booked Limerick's place.

In the third quarter-final clash All-Ireland Junior champions Antrim were made to fight hard for a two-point victory over Dublin. They now go on to meet Down in the other semi-final.

Scores: Limerick 1-13 Galway 0-15; Antrim 3-8 Dublin 2-9.
Scores: Cork: C Harte 1-10 (7 frees, 1 30); S Cahalane 1-3 (1 free); U O'Donoghue 1-2; E Harte 1-0; E Burke 0-1. Armagh: M Black 0-3 (2 frees, 1 30); B McBride, K Kelly, J Rice 0-1.
CORK: L Nolan (capt); E Dineen, S Buckley, C Guinan; T Roche, T Doyle, H Walsh; S Cahalane, E Burke, K Foley, C Harte, U O'Donoghue. Subs: O Murphy for T Doyle, E Harte for S Cahalane, O O'Sullivan for K Foley.
ARMAGH: A Donnelly; M Moriarty, U Carney, C Curry, S Hammell; B McClusker, M Black, J O'Neill; K Kelly, B McBride, J Rice, M Donnelly. Subs: D McClusker for S Hammell, D McCreannor for K Kelly, K Kelly for C Curry. Ref: R Kelleher (Limerick).

Mixed luck for Ulster counties

ANTRIM had to battle hard to overcome Dublin yesterday eventually running out 3-8 to 2-9 winners in a hard fought All-Ireland Intermediate Quarter-final.

Water lying on the Casement Park surface made ground play difficult and resulted in quite a scrappy contest.

By the end of the hour Jim Nelson and his Antrim hopefuls were very relieved to survive the conditions and the Dublin challenge.

Antrim now face Down on the last weekend in August with Ulster guaranteed a representative in the final on the third Sunday of September.

Antrim were sluggish yesterday. Dublin grabbed a goal and two points in the opening 10 minutes and that eventually raised the forward line into action.

A fine move involving Grainne Connolly and Jane Adams ended with Oonagh Elliott handpassing a goal after 15 minutes then set Grace McMullan up for another goal in the next minute to give the Saffrons the lead.

Oonagh Elliott finished off Caitriona Higgins' 50-yard solo run with another goal in the 21st minute and Antrim led by 3-3 to 1-5 at half-time, after a half when the visitors more than equalled their opponents.

Although Jane Adams twice pointed in the early minutes of the second half, a series of Dublin points and then a 55th-minute goal from substitute Eve Talbot levelled the game.

However, Anne McKee pointed immediately from a free and added another soon after to squeeze Antrim through to meet Down.

Most of the Antrim players have had better games but nevertheless the efforts of Sinead McMullan, Brenda McNeill, Denise O'Boyle, Anne McKee and Oonagh Elliott were enough to give them the verdict on the day.

Meanwhile Armagh, as expected, struggled in their quarter-final clash in Ballincollig against Cork yesterday afternoon and in the end went down by a wide margin, 4-16 to 0-6.

Cork led by 0-7 to 0-2 after 18 minutes when Corrina Harte blasted home their first goal.

Harte had an outstanding opening half, hitting 1-6 from Cork's 1-10 to give the Munster side a commanding half-time lead.

Mary Black hit three of Armagh's first-half points but her team were unlucky to be trailing by so much at the break.

As the rain poured down, Una O'Donoghue crashed home an early

second-half goal. From then to the finish Armagh fought hard with little reward for their efforts while scores seemed to come easier to Cork.

It will be an all-Munster semi-final after Limerick squeezed past Galway on a 1-13 to 0-15 scoreline on Saturday evening.

In the minor championship a brilliant team performance by Derry in Castledawson yesterday means that Ulster will be represented in the All-Ireland minor final for the first time since Armagh in 1989.

Kilkenny were caught early in the game and were always struggling to keep pace with a very committed home side for whom Claire Lagan, Sinead Stevenson, Aisling Kealey and scorer-in-chief Lorna Mulholland gave outstanding individual performances.

Derry's two goals came at exactly the right times. In the 12th minute Kilkenny's Bronagh Neary finished a great right-wing movement with a brilliant shot from 30 yards to the Derry net.

However, a minute later Jane Kelly forced home a Derry goal to put them back in the lead. Several points from Lorna Mulholland and a fine effort from Monica O'Kane gave the Oak Leaf a deserved 1-6 to 1-2 half-time lead.

In the second half, Derry defended brilliantly, while Kilkenny managed only two points to Lorna Mulholland's one with six minutes left on the clock, and three points between them.

Susan Kelly then placed Paula McCloy for a top-class finish and although Kilkenny responded with three points, Lorna Mulholland popped up again for the insurance point, a minute from time.

The second semi-final between Galway and Cork will be played next Sunday and the result will be eagerly awaited in the Oak Leaf county.

Antrim: K Coyle, B McNeill, C Nelson, S McMullan, H Healey, C Higgins, D O'Boyle, G Connolly, A McKee (0-6, 0-5 frees), G McMullan (capt, 1-0), J Adams (0-2), O Elliott (2-0).

Sub: D Brogan for S McMullan (inj) (55th min).
Dublin: M Regan, C Walsh, V Trehy, P Clinton (0-1), G Noonan (capt), A M Gray (0-1), D O'Leary (0-3, 0-2 frees), L O'Hara, I Kirwan (0-1), E Brennan (0-2), C O'Byrne (0-1), C Gray (1-0).
Sub: E Talbot (1-0) for C Gray (50th min).

12cm subbed Cork
Cork Scores: Corrina Harte 2-9, Una O'Donoghue 1-2, Elaine Burke 1-2, Sinead Cahalane 0-3.

Armagh Scores: Mary Black 0-3, Bernie McBride 0-1, Joan Rice 0-1, Karen Kelly 0-1.
Derry scorers: J Kelly and P McCloy (1-0 each), L Mulholland (0-7), M O'Kane (0-1).

Kilkenny scorers: B Neary (1-1), A Neary and L O'Connor (0-2 each), S Kavanagh and L Lynn (0-1 each).

Love of the game runs deep in the Doyle household

THE SAME excitement, anticipation and profile may not be there, but the empathy is. The parallels are poles apart, but when Sinead Doyle watches her husband, Liam play for Clare she can relate in part to the trappings. For the most part of the '90's, she has been one of Clare's best camogie players.

"I suppose the fact that I can play myself makes it a little bit easier. It makes me aware to an extent of what is involved and what is expected."

Last weekend when the Clare hurlers were preparing for today's Munster final the Clare senior camogie team were beating Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Championship. When the sides met in the league earlier in the year Clare were convincing winners and were expected to advance last Saturday. But this time victory meant history. It was the first time they advanced past the first round of the senior championship.

As the Clare hurlers head to Thurles and back on the heat of an old trail, each one of the players will have their own way of dealing with what's involved. Security comes from the knowledge of having got it right before and been content with the method.

Paul Finn, Liam Dunne and Martin Storey have always travelled together on the morning's of Wexford's big games. Finn has always driven for no other reason than he has always done it that way. For some of the Clare lads the routine will be the same. For Sinead Doyle and a lot of the other

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wives and girlfriends it will be likewise. She will leave early as always and travel together with her sister and there will be no breaking of the chain.

During the week the time will crawl as it always does before a big game and the thoughts of Thurles will tug at her. Last night herself and Liam will have gone to a club match in Bodyke and her mood will have been relaxed. Today it will ebb and flow like the game.

"It would depend on how things were working out on the field. To be honest, last year was a bit unbearable at times. It always seemed to be going down to the wire and you could never really relax, especially the All-Ireland final. Real edge of the seat stuff."

When Liam Doyle won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1993, Sinead O'Brien won an All-Ireland intermediate medal the same year. When he added a senior medal in 1995, she added another intermediate. Last March she became Sinead Doyle and now when she watches Clare she is also watching her husband.

"You feel the extra bit of pressure and I find myself nearly hitting every ball Liam hits. But it's great to be so closely linked to it and be involved in that capacity. I've always been really interested in hurling and have always gone to games, but there is so much more interest when you have somebody playing. It makes it much more special."

Sinead Doyle... shares Liam's passion for the game



Glen are champs again

THE holders, Glen Rovers, retained their Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title as a result of their very decisive 6-4 to 1-1 win over Seandun in the final at the UCC grounds.

The teams were: Glen Rovers - R. Saville, B. Lucey, M. O'Callaghan, T. Murphy (capt) B. Kiely, M. Buckley, C. Buckley, M. Brown, M. Murphy, K. Dempsey, P. Deane, A. Crotty.

Seandun: D. Sutton, K. Buckley, M. Cuneen, B. Naughton, A. Hanrahan, C. McShane, A. O'Connell, A. Connolly, M. O'Callaghan, A. O'Connor, A. Healy.

40 YEARS AGO

Semi-final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship: Newtownshandrum 2-8

Glen Rovers 1-7
Scorers: Newtownshandrum: C Harrington 2-5, P O'Connor 0-2, H Kelleher 0-1. Glen Rovers: E Harte 1-1, L Mellerick 0-2, K Riordan, T Murphy, J Hannon, M Kenefick 0-1.

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: D Coleman; J Hickey, S Kelleher, L Kelleher; C Gultinan, U Troy, H Kelleher, N Bowles; P O'Connor, S Reidy, C Harrington; A Mulcahy.

GLEN ROVERS: L Long; Y McCarthy, M Burke, R Williams; S Fitzgibbon, J Hannon, L Mellerick, D Cronin; K Riordan, P Murphy, M Kenefick; E Harte. Subs: N Goulding for S Fitzgibbon (inj), O Murphy for Y McCarthy.

Ref: J McGrath (Carrigaline).

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Bord na Gaeilge

by P.J. Fulham

This weekend the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship gets underway with three games down for decision. On Saturday, Galway play host to Limerick. This should be a very interesting encounter. Limerick played in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship and incidentally were defeated by Galway senior team by just two points 1-15 to 2-10. They gave a great performance in that game and with a little luck could have won. However, they will be quietly confident of taking Galway's second string, who will be strong enough on home ground. It should be close at the finish.

Limerick panel: Bernie O'Brien, Eileen O'Brien, Breda O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Vera Sheehan, Mary Lonergan, Katie O'Shea, Laura Leslie, Marion Neville, Paula Cronin, Rose Collins, Pauleen McCarthy (capt), Katie O'Connor, Emer Cregan, Sharon O'Kelly, Kay Burke, Jean Cullinane, Anne Lenihan, Liz Leonard.

On Sunday, Cork show their hospitality to Armagh. The Rebel County made their exit from the competition at this stage last year when they were defeated by the eventual winners Tipperary. Armagh reached the semi-final but were also beaten by the Premier County. The sides seem well matched. If the Orchard County can field at full strength they could be hard to overcome, and on the other hand it is hard to get the better of Cork down by the banks of the Lee.

Dublin make their way up north to take on Antrim. The Metropolitans were knocked out of the senior championship by Cork. This is Antrim's first year in intermediate after winning

the All-Ireland junior championship last year. The visitors have a hard task on hand here.

Dublin panel: Mary O'Regan, Cathy Walshe (capt), Germaine Noonan, Catherine Boyle, Veronica Trehy, Ruth Lyons, Trish Clinton, Denise O'Leary, Louise O'Hara, Mary Duane, Emer Brannigan, Carmel O'Byrne, Irene Kirwan, Louise Lynch, Roisin Brady, Ann Marie Gray, Sonya Byrne, Eve Talbot, Ciara Conway, Carol Gray.

The All-Ireland minor championship semi-final takes place on Saturday when Ulster champions Derry have the venue against Leinster champions Kilkenny. This should be a cracker. Derry defeated Antrim 5-6 to 1-1 in the Ulster Final, while Kilkenny accounted for Wexford 3-7 to 1-7.

Carlow retained the Leinster junior championship when they got the better of Wexford in the Leinster junior championship final played at Bunclody.

It was a close encounter all the way through. The winners led 2-4 to 1-6 at the break. Carlow had a seven point advantage approaching the final whistle. A late rally by Wexford ended with a goal by Rosemary Breen and a point by Elaine Holohan to leave just three points separating the sides at the end. Final score: Carlow 4-12 Wexford 4-9.

Scorers: Carlow - Nuala Quirke 3-0, Olivia Maye 1-4, Valerie Crean 0-6, Mary Coady and Marie Sheehan 0-1 each.

Wexford - Elaine Holohan 0-8, Aoife O'Connor 2-1, Michelle O'Leary and Rosemary Breen 1-0 each.

Carlow team - Helen Lawlor, Sile Ryan, Charmaine Gibson, Olivia O'Neill, Joanne Lawlor, Mary Coady, Caitlin Brennan, Marie Sheehan, Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Sharon Keohane,

Mairead Hogan. Subs - Olivia Maye for M Hogan, Ann Marie Ryan for K Brennan, Fiona Griffith for S Keohane. Rest of panel - Clodagh Byrne, Marie Coady, Patricia Stacey, Lisa Grennan, Jenny Nevin. Wexford team - Linda Byrne, Noelle Doran, Orla Gahan, Claire O'Connor, Bernie Holohan, Joan Redmond, Aoife O'Connor, Ita Kelly, Eilish Kavanagh, Michelle O'Leary, Elaine Holohan, Rosemary Breen. Subs - Bernie Higgins for E Holohan, Ailish Atkinson for I Kelly. Rest of panel - Sinead Quigley, Helena Jacob, Anne Doyle, Pearl Kinsella, Fiona Synott, Vera Bolger, Evelyn Quigley. Referee - Patrick Reynolds (Louth).

County Championship Finals
Armagh:
Ballymacnab 3-8 Crossmaglen 4-5

Scorers: Ballymacnab - Sally Rafferty 3-0, Bernice Gribbon 0-4, Rosie Smyth 0-2, Olive McGeown and Sinead Gray 0-1 each.

Crossmaglen - Patricia McAvoy 3-4, Pamela Dooley 1-0, Sinead Carraher 0-1.

Down:
Leitrim/Fontenoy's 1-9
Portaferry 1-2

Scorers: Leitrim - Mairin McAleenan 0-4, Majella Murray 1-0, Maureen O'Higgins 0-3, Clair McCrickard and Liz Quinn 0-1 each.

Portaferry - Lisa Mason 1-1
Siobhan Savage 0-1.

Tyrone:
Ardboe 3-9 Eglishe 1-12

Wicklow:
Aughrim 3-5 Gleneally 0-4

Offaly: Drumcullen 5-11
Tullamore 1-2

Westmeath: St Munnas 3-7
Raharney 2-7

Juniors to face Tipp at Caherlag

FOCUS this coming weekend on the camogie front will be on the Munster Junior Championship semi-final which will see Cork and Tipperary in action on Saturday night next at Caherlag at 7 p.m. while at local level the final of the 1997 u-16 'B' League will be decided at Ballygarvan on Friday night at 7.30 p.m.

Tipperary who defeated Kilkenny by a single point last weekend in the first round of the All-Ireland senior championship will be hoping that their junior squad will do equally as well and advance to this season's Munster Junior final.

Tipperary's success at minor level during the past number of years appears to be now reaping the rewards at adult level and on Saturday next the Cork girls will face formidable opposition.

For this game Cork will have lost the services of the Newtownshandrum pair of Caoimhe Harrington and Paula O'Connor.

Both these girls lined out with the Cork Seniors in their victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland senior championship last weekend and no doubt they will be a huge loss.

However Cork still have a strong panel of players to choose from and while the team will not be named until later in the week it will almost certainly include players like goalkeeper Sandra Ricken, Emer O'Sullivan, Muireann Harrington, Helen Kelleher and Emma Harte.

At club level we should have a close encounter in the u-16 'B' league final between Eire Og and Douglas.

The city side have been starved of success for a number of years and no doubt will be very eager to do well on this occasion.

However they will have to put in a huge performance if they are to curtail an Eire Og side that will be backboned by Cork minor Ellen O'Herlihy.

Board delegates are reminded that next Monday night's board meeting has been changed to Tuesday, July 4.

Minors face stiff test from champs

ON Saturday next the Cork minor team make the long journey to Loughrea to play Galway in the All-Ireland Minor semi-final at 2.30 and here the Cork girls will be hoping to make amends for last year's defeat in the All-Ireland final by the same opposition.

In the Munster campaign Cork easily accounted for Waterford in the semi-final but their Munster final clash went to extra time with Tipperary before the Leesiders eventually came out on top by the narrowest margins.

In this game the Cork side

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showed great character and since then have put in a lot of preparation and hopefully the fruits of the trainer and selectors hard work will come to fruition on Saturday next.

However they face formidable opposition in this present Galway side. They will be fielding a number of last year's winning side and with the advantage of home venue will start as favourites to advance to the decider.

Cork will not name their side until later in the week but it is expected to be similar to the side

which defeated Tipperary and should see Catherine Corkery from Cloughduv who captains the side, along with club team mates Joanne O'Callaghan and Aoife Murray, Courcy Rovers pair Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney, Marie Noonan, Aghabullogue; Brid O'Neill, Watergrasshill; Ciara Healy, Bishops-town; Amanda O'Regan, Douglas; Emer Dillon, Ballygarvan and Niamh Bowles, Newtownshandrum, all in the line out.

At club level the Junior 'A' and Junior 'B' leagues have commenced and are listed for Tuesday and Thursday nights.



Memory lane...

THE cream of Cork's camogie players and organisers were captured on camera when they held their annual convention in 1961. The county board met at Dun Laoi on January 23 that year. Do you recognise anybody in the picture? Write and let us know. The reference number is 591L.

Cork blown off track as Tipp wind up easy winners

Tipperary 3-12
Cork 0-11

SUCH was the strength of the wind at Caherlag on Saturday evening, it was obvious that whichever team made the better use of it would advance to the final of the Munster Junior Camogie Championship.

Holders Cork, backed by the strong wind, opened the scoring quickly with an Elaine Burke point after only 30 seconds.

They settled quickly and with Jill Hannon at centre field and forwards Criona and Emma Harte popping over points, Cork ran up a convincing six points lead after 13 minutes.

Una O'Donoghue and Valerie O'Sullivan had stretched their lead

by the 19th minute, before Tipperary registered their opening score after Siobhan Ryan scored a point from a free.

This settled her side and they added a further three points to which Criona Harte, with three points, replied for Cork to leave the Leesiders leading 0-11 to 0-4 at the break.

Having squandered several scoring chances in the opening half, Cork had their backs to the wall from the beginning of the second half.

Two quick points from Joan Ryan and Paula Bulfin set the trend for Tipperary's comeback.

Cork did have a great chance of a goal in the fifth minute but Una O'Donoghue's handpass was quickly

dealt with by goalkeeper Louise Ryan.

Three minutes later, Tipperary took the lead when they upset Cork with two goals.

The first, a long-range effort from centre back Sheenagh Howard from all of 80 yards, deceived Sandra Ricken in the Cork goal.

The second from Niamh O'Dwyer a minute later put Tipperary ahead for the first time in the game and they were never to relinquish this lead.

With substitute Angela McDermott superb at centre field, Alice Deane and Philomena Fogarty commanding the defence, the Cork attack crumbled.

Were it not for goalkeeper Sandra Ricken, the score would have been

much greater and, much to the consternation of the Cork camp, the result was a foregone conclusion long before Niamh O'Dwyer's 17th minute goal.

Tipperary were dominant in all areas, popping over six further points without reply to run out convincing winners.

Scorers, Tipperary: S. Ryan 0-6, (4 from free), N. O'Dwyer 2-0, S. Howard 1-0, P. Bulfin 0-3, A. McDermott, J. Ryan, A. Deane 0-1 each.

Cork: C. Harte 0-4 (3 from free), J. Hannon 0-3, E. Harte, V. O'Sullivan, E. Burke, U. O'Donoghue 0-1 each.

CORK: S. Ricken, S. Buckley, N. Harrington, H. Kelleher, E. O'Sullivan, V. O'Sullivan, T. Roche, J. Hannon, E. Burke, C. Harte, E. Harte, U. O'Donoghue. Subs: L. O'Connell for V., O'Sullivan, R. Myers for M. Harrington (inj.).

TIPPERARY: P. Fogarty, N. Connolly, S. Howard, N. Corcoran, A. Deane, J. Delaney, S. Ryan, N. O'Dwyer, S. Loughnane, J. Ryan, P. Bulfin. Subs: A. McDermott for S. Loughnane.

Douglas 1-9
Eire Og 1-6

DOUGLAS took the U-16 League title when they had three points to spare over Eire Og in an exciting contest at Ballygarvan.

Trailing at the break by six points, the Douglas girls turned in a superb second half performance to take the title with a goal from Emer Coakley ten minutes into the second half.

The city side continued the pressure which resulted in them being rewarded with some excellent scores from their Cork minor star, Amanda O'Regan.

Scorers for Douglas: E. Coakley 1-2, A. O'Regan 0-7.

Eire Og: E. McKenna 1-2, E. O'Herlihy 0-4.

The All-Ireland Minor Camogie championship semi-final takes place on Saturday July 25th when Galway host Cork in a repeat of last year's All-Ireland minor final in which Galway lifted the title on a score of 2-14 to 1-6. This is sure to be a sparkling affair between two counties that are capable of producing the best.

Galway will be hoping to make it to the final with the intention of taking their third title on the trot in this the 25th year of the competition. Cork are the only county to have won three minor championships in a row. They achieved this on two occasions. The last time that a minor title went to the Banks of the Lee was in 1985. The Rebel County will be trying hard to make this year their year by making it to the final and having a tilt with either Kilkenny or Derry.

Over the last few weeks counties were busy with their county finals and getting ready for the Club Championship. In Leinster it starts early. The winners of the junior section join Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford champions in the semi-finals of the senior.

The All-Ireland junior championship is now taking shape. The draw is as follows:- Carlow v Galway. Derry became the Ulster champions

when they bridged a twelve year gap and they face either Tipperary or Limerick.

Tipperary scored a terrific win over Cork in the Munster Junior championship semi-final played recently. Cork were first to settle and had their first point on the board after only 30 seconds. Indeed they had registered eight points before Tipperary opened their account with a point from a free by Siobhan Ryan on the 20th minute and at the interval were trailing by 0-11 to 0-4.

However, Cork has been playing with a strong breeze and should have been further ahead but for the brilliant defending of Niamh Connolly, Philomena Fogarty, Sheena Howard and Maeve Corcoran.

Tipperary's first score of the half came from Joanne Ryan who pointed only minutes after resumption. This set Tipperary on their way, and with Angela McDermott dominating at centre field the forwards were not short of supply and scored at will. They notched up 3-8 to Cork's no score, the goals coming from Sheena Howard and two from young full forward Niamh O'Dwyer.

Final Score: Tipperary 3-12 Cork 0-11

Tipperary team and scorers: Louise Ryan, Philomena Fogarty, Maeve Corcoran, Sheena Howard 1-0, Niamh Connolly, Alice Deane 0-2, Julie Delaney, Angela McDermott, Paula Bulfin 0-3, Joanne Ryan 0-1, Siobhan Ryan 0-6, Niamh O'Dwyer 2-0.

Subs: P Loughnane, S Cusack

National Feile na nGael was hosted by Wexford recently and was a tremendous success. Twenty three Camogie teams from all over the country were hosted. Great credit is due to the Wexford Camogie Committee, who left no stone unturned to make sure that everything ran off smoothly.

The visiting clubs had great praise for the hospitality afforded them, everyone enjoyed the weekend.

The following are the results of the knock-out stages:

Div. 1 Semi-finals: Templemore, Tipperary 3-4, Clarenbridge, Galway 1-2

Oulart-the-Ballagh, Wexford 0-3 Rathnure Wexford 0-0

Final: Oulart 4-6 Templemore 4-5

Div. 2 Semi-finals: Shinrone, Offaly 0-3, Naomh Mearnog, Dublin 0-2

Wolfe Tones, Clare 3-6 Adare, Limerick 2-2

Final: Wolfe Tones 4-2 Shinrone 3-4

Div. 3: Semi-finals: Harps, Laois 3-4 Keady, Armagh 2-4

Glynn-Barntown, Wexford 3-1 Ferns, Wexford 1-3

Final: Harps 3-10 Glynn-Barntown 0-2

Div 4: Semi-finals: Butlerstown, Waterford 3-3 Kildavin, Carlow 0-2

Castleblayney, Monaghan 3-6 Slaughtneil, Derry 2-3

Final: Butlerstown 3-9 Castleblayney 0-2

Cork aim to avenge defeat

TOMORROW, the Cork minor camogie team travel to Loughrea to play Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final at 2.30pm, hoping to make amends for last year's defeat in the final at the hands of the westerners.

In the Munster campaign, Cork easily accounted for Waterford in the semi-final, but, their Munster final clash went to extra time with Tipperary before the Leesiders triumphed by the narrowest of margins. In this game, the Cork side showed great character and, since then, have put in a lot of preparation, in anticipation of progressing to the final. However, they face formidable opposition in this present Galway side. They will field a number of last year's winning side and, with the advantage of a home venue, will start as favourites to advance to the decider.

The Cork team is expected to be similar to that which defeated Tipp in the Munster final and should see Catherine Corkery, Cloughduv, who captains the side, along with club team-mates, Joanne O'Callaghan and Aoife Murray; Courcy Rovers pair, Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney; Marie Noonan, Aghabullogue; Brid O'Neill, Watergrasshill; Ciara Healy, Bishoptown; Amanda O'Regan, Douglas; Emer Dillon, Ballygarvan and Niamh Bowles, Newtownshandrum, in the line out.

At club level, the Junior A and Junior B leagues have started and are listed for Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Minor camogie team attempt to confirm superiority over Cork

DEFENDING minor camogie champions Galway take on Cork in Loughrea on Saturday next in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final. This is a repeat of last year's final which Galway won to retain their title.

Galway have only two surviving players from that winning team plus the three subs which came on in that final, while Cork have five of last year's team and at least five of the subs. Galway go into this game without a competitive game this year—the Connacht final was not played as Roscommon were unable to field.

Cork, however, came through a strong Munster championship where they defeated Tipperary after extra time in a high scoring game and no doubt these competitive games will stand to them on Saturday.

Underage camogie is strong in Galway thanks to the great work being done by the clubs. There are 15 clubs represented in the panel, and five of the Seamount College team which won the All-Ireland Colleges' title earlier this year.

Galway will be looking to Elaine Kerins, who has been a member of the panel for the last three years, Fiona Gohery who plays in goals for the Davitts senior club team which won the Pan Celtic All-Ireland in April, Sherry Mannion and Orla Curtin, who were members of the Seamount team which won the All-Ireland Colleges' title and Orla Kilkenny who was player of the game when Holy Rosary College won the Junior Colleges' title in 1997.

Galway have some injury worries going into the game. Karen Ryan, Colette Glennon and Mary Keogh are all carrying injuries but hopefully should be recovered by Saturday. Cork's key player is Rachael Moloney who scored 1-9 against Tipperary in the Munster final, not forgetting Sarah Hayes and Amanda O'Regan who played against Galway in last year's final. The winners of Saturday's game will play Derry in the All-Ireland final in four weeks time. The Northerners had a surprise win over Kilkenny in the other semi-final played last weekend.

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Thrilling win earns Cork minors return trip to All-Ireland final

Cork 0-13
Galway 1-9

CORK earned their place in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship final for the second successive year when they had a thrilling victory over holders Galway at windy Loughrea on Saturday.

Sarah Hayes opened the scoring for Cork with a point in the first minute but Galway, backed by the wind, took over and by the 13th minute they were 0-3 to 0-1 in front thanks to points from Elaine

Kerrins, Karen Ryan and Clare Conroy. Rachel Moloney, who finished the game as Cork's top scorer, with eight points reduced the gap to a point before Galway struck for a goal on 14 minutes.

Orla Curtin then finished to the net after her initial effort was well saved by Cork goalkeeper Aoife Murray. It helped Galway to a lead of 1-3 to 0-2 and, with Moloney and Conroy exchanging points, Galway led 1-5 to 0-5 approaching half time before Catriona Kelly reduce the deficit to just two points to leave

Cork, with wind advantage to come, in a good position.

The second half was full of drama as both sides played some fine camogie and it was Cork who made the better start. With ten minutes played they had scored five points without reply to open up a four-point lead, 0-11 to 1-5.

Now it was Galway's turn to fight back and, as champions do, they responded in style. Two Clare Conroy points put just one between the teams before Rachel Moloney got a Cork point with just eight minutes

left. With tension mounting and the large home following urging their team on the Galway girls drew level with points from Elaine Kerrins and Clare Conroy.

A replay looked certain but Cork struck for the crucial score when the ice cool Moloney pointed a 30 metres free under intense pressure to put her side ahead at the vital time.

Galway did have one chance to salvage the game through the puck out. But to the consternation of the home following referee Miriam O'Callaghan blew the final whistle just

when it seemed Galway's Doreen Kelly was in the act of scoring.

For Cork it was a dream finish to what was an enthralling contest and they now go on to meet Derry in the final on August 23.

Scorers: Cork: R Moloney 0-8 (5 frees, 1 30); S Hayes 0-3 (2 frees); C Kelly, C Healy 0-1. Galway: C Conroy 0-6 (5 frees, 1 30); O Curtin 0-2; E Kerrins 0-2; K Ryan 0-1.
CORK: A Murray, A Holland, A O'Regan, J O'Callaghan; S Hayes, A O'Neill, M Bowles; C Corkery, C Healy, R Moloney; E Dillon, C Kelly.
GALWAY: F Gohery; M Fahy, R O'Donnell, K Ryan; P Burke, P Kelly, S Mannion, C Conroy; O Kilkenny, E Kerrins, M Keogh; O Curtin.
Referee: M O'Callaghan (Offaly).

Galway girls count the cost of controversial refereeing decisions

CORK.....0-13 :: GALWAY.....1-9

HOPES of a hat-trick of minor camogie titles for Galway were halted on Saturday in Loughrea by last year's beaten finalists by the narrowest of margins. The defeat was made all the more painful by the fact that referee Miriam O'Callaghan from Offaly blew the final whistle with Galway's Doreen Kelly bearing down on goal and only 30 seconds injury time played.

Playing against a strong breeze in the first half and fielding seven of last year's team, Cork opened the scoring with a long range pointed free from Sarah Hayes. However Galway settled and had three unanswered scores from captain Elaine Kerins, centre-back Karen Ryan and free-taker Claire Conroy. Rachel Moloney pointed for Cork to leave a point between the teams midway through the first half.

While Galway had the breeze, the Cork half-backs were difficult to penetrate until a long ball from 'keeper Fiona Gohery found Orla Curtin and she kicked to the Cork net for the only goal of the game. Two pointed frees from Cork's Rachel Moloney kept them in touch before Claire Conroy pointed two for Galway to bring their half-time score to 1-5 to Cork's 0-6, their other two points coming from Rachel Moloney and Cathriona Kelly.

Facing a strong breeze in the second half, a two point lead

did not look enough for the Galway girls and 0-5 for Cork without reply meant that the writing looked on the wall for the home side. However, Galway's never say die attitude shone through. Claire Conroy pointed two frees before Rachel Moloney added one for Cork. Elaine Kerins pointed for Galway but Cork extended their lead with another pointed free from Rachel Moloney.

With sub Colette Glennon doing well on the wing, she found Orla Kilkenny who in turn passed to Kerins who found the target to leave a point between the teams with time running out. Galway tried hard for the point to level and when Orla Curtin was fouled, Claire Conroy pointed to leave a point between the teams with time running out.

However Cork broke upfield and their attack yielded a 30 metre free which Rachel Moloney pointed. With time now up but at least two minutes of injury time warranted a fast puck out from Fiona Gohery found Doreen Kelly and as she soloed towards goal, the final whistle went much to the disbelief of both teams and spectators.

Offaly referee Miriam O'Callaghan was the central figure in the game. During the course of the match, she saw fit to ignore various infringements on Galway players while, in stark contrast, Cork were awarded a number of close in frees which were debatable.

Galway has fine performances from Fiona Gohery in goals, Michelle Fahy at full-back, Karen Ryan at centre-back, Claire Conroy and Doreen Kelly in the middle along with player of the game, Sherry Mannion, who ran and ran. Up front Orla Curtin and Orla Kilkenny tried hard as did captain Elaine Kerins.

TOOMEVARA:

Senior Championship: In what proved to be a very interesting and controversial county semi-final, our senior girls were narrowly beaten by Cashel. The Toome' girls got off to a dream start and had a lead of 4 points at the interval. With the elimination of Deirdre Hughes during the first half because of serious injury, the Toome' girls knew they had it all to do after the break. The Toome' girls went out with fighting spirit in the second half and seemed to have the edge on Cashel until a very controversial free was given and Cashel scored a goal, this seemed to be the turning point in the game and Cashel emerged victorious by a single point in the end.

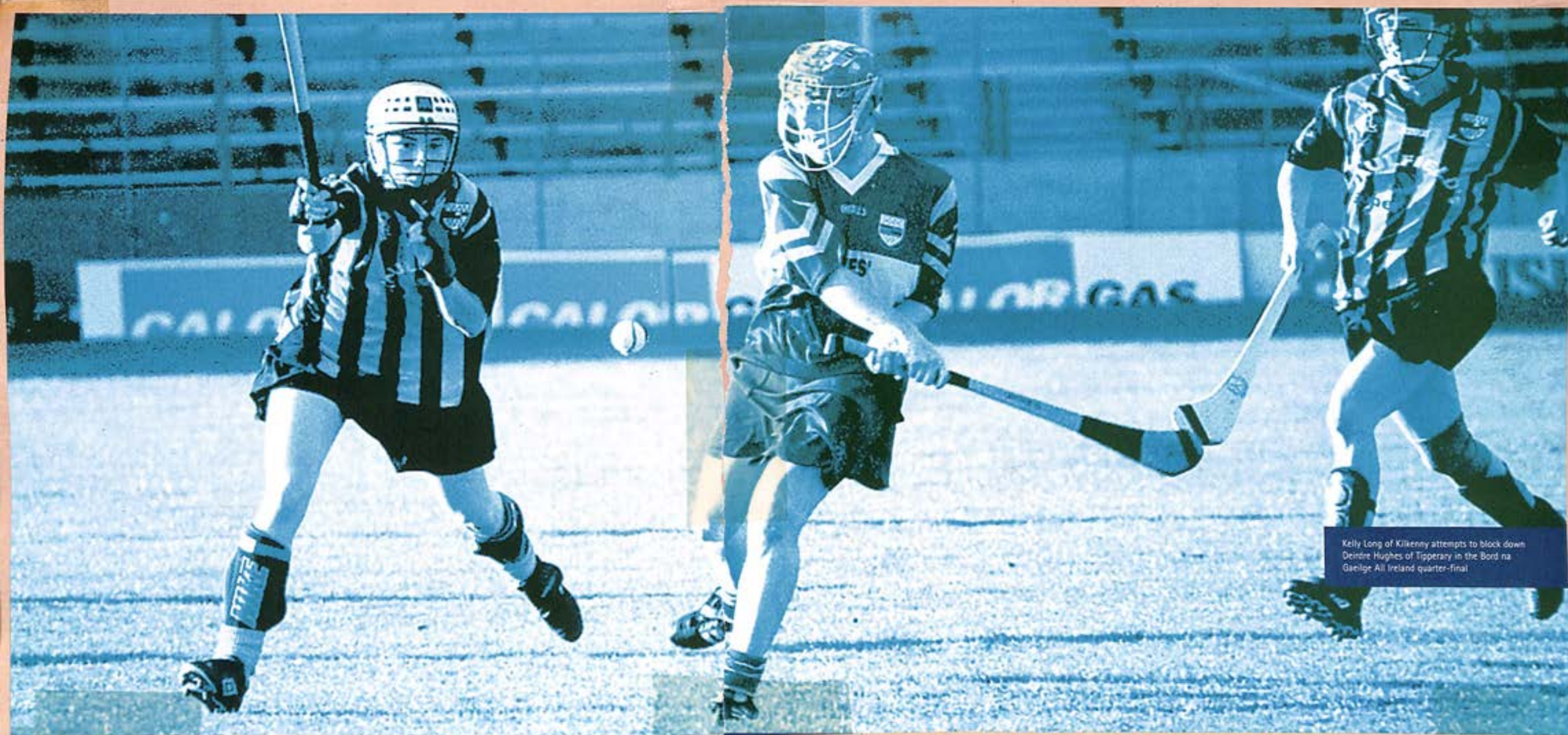
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When Myshall recently won the Carlow Senior Camogie final by beating Naomh Brid, the star of the show was Olivia O'Neill, daughter of Dan O'Neill the owner of the great Danoli. Many observers felt that Olivia's display was the finest seen in the county for many years. It was Myshall's seventh successive title and their seventeenth in total while Naomh Brid were failing at the final hurdle yet again. ... they have not won the title since 1991. Their best player was former Myshall star Valerie Crean.



(Bottom left) St Finbarrs winners (left) and Kilbrittain (right) runners-up with Teresa Lynch at the camogie final; (top) Betty Dennehy, John Budden and Joe Heffernan at the Arts and Crafts exhibition; (Above) Camogie captains Emer O'Sullivan and Clare Barry with referee Tracy Sheehan;



Kelly Long of Kilkenny attempts to block down Deirdre Hughes of Tipperary in the Bord na Gaeilge All Ireland quarter-final

Flowers of August

The Bord na Gaeilge camogie championship has repackaged its semi-final day. Brian McDonnell and PJ Fullam look at the contenders.

The Clare girls had the most obvious cause for celebration after the quarter-final stage of this year's Bord na Gaeilge All Ireland camogie championship, and the manner in which they did celebrate said a lot. Considering their laboured 1-13 to 1-9 victory over Wexford was their first ever, they were entitled to go a little crazy.

Although Catherine O'Loughlin, Moira McMahon and Noelle Comyn are in outstanding form, their victory may only prove a token one in the grand scale of things. Clare now face Cork, defending champions, League champions and Munster champions. Even without Vivienne Harris, Cork destroyed Dublin 3-18 to 1-3 and as per usual are a compact and experienced unit with Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea and Eithne Duggan outstanding.

Clare Camogie PRO Mary Cusack remains defiant: "The most pleasing thing about our win over Wexford was that we didn't play particularly well and still

won. That was so important for us because we were so nervous.

"Cork, of course, will feel they have a run through to the final now. Every time they've played us they've beaten us and beaten us well. But the win over Wexford has given us hope and I'm sure we'll make it very difficult for them." Cusack has a point. Clare did not impress, but that day in Six-Mile-Bridge nerves played a major part. Never having won a senior championship game is not just a slump it's a tradition, after all Clare had annihilated Wexford in the league.

For the Cork game Clare will assume the role of the underdog and will have nothing to lose against an over-confident Cork side. I'm sure the management team of Bernie Ryan and Patricia O'Grady will play this up and if Tom Nott in the other corner is not careful Clare could ram Cork complacency down their throats.

From a neutral's point of view the other semi-final, which pits Tipperary against Galway, may prove the more attractive spectacle.

Doubts surround the Galway side however. They failed to clear their quarter-final hurdle over Limerick in the requisite manner, leaving only two points to spare in a close finish. Sharon Glynn, their most influential player, has yet to recover from injury. In the past Glynn has controlled games to the point of utter domination and is a grave loss. But her injury is not the only one bothering manager Tony Ward: "The amount of injuries I'm having to deal with is ridiculous. Sharon Glynn has just had an operation, and now it looks like Ann Broderick, Pamela Nevin and Olive Costelloe are gone too. I'm down to my third choice full-back at this stage and well things do not look good, they just aren't going well. "To tell you the truth at this stage I would rather have played Kilkenny. I didn't realise how much Tipperary had come on. But we won't lie down, even if we are stretched to our limits."

But what a remarkable return Tipperary have made to the senior grade? My pessimism concerning Kilkenny's visit to the Ragg last month was pleasingly wrong. Although their win was by the slimmest of margins, the scoreline of 3-11 to 3-10 concealed Kilkenny's humiliation. For those involved in Kilkenny Camogie it was an embarrassing and unacceptable performance. Kilkenny surrendered possession cheaply, sparing Tipperary the nuisance of having to win it and finally confounded their effort was staging

their rally far too late.

For Tipperary, the match had a "Beecher's Brook" element to it and as a result confidence is very high. In a recent challenge match Tipperary beat Galway by six points and when you throw in Deirdre Hughes' expected superiority at full-forward, Galway look in trouble. But that's not all. Tipperary also have the talent of Noelle Kennedy, Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor and Eimear McDonnell to offer, leaving manager Biddy Phillips in rude good humour: "We're very, very, very confident. The victory over Kilkenny was great psychologically for us. We'll still be very cagey about the Galway game but I'm definitely predicting a win for us. Our hurlers are as good as anyone. People say we're young, we are, but we'll beat anyone."

Crippled by injury, Galway look Tipperary's for the taking. However, Galway were not last year's finalists and the 1996 champions for nothing. They will be in defiant mood and hopefully the game will turn into a classic collision of iron will and blazing ambition. Neutrals would prefer to see another Cork-Galway contest in the final but it appears likely that Galway may not be allowed to fill their part of that equation. Chances are errors will be the key to this tight contest and as Tipperary pride themselves in doing the simple things right and may prove the more accomplished side in the percentages of the long haul.

Clash of the big guns set to provide an enthralling contest

IT will be a unique event for the Camogie Association this evening when for the first time ever the Bord na Gaeilge Senior All-Ireland Championship semi-finals will be played together at a neutral venue, Nowlan Park.

All-Ireland Champions, Cork, are under no illusions as to the task facing them when they take on Clare. Last season the sides met in the first round of the Championship and for long periods in that game it looked as if an upset was on the cards. Despite losing by ten points at the end of the game the result did scant justice to Clare's efforts on the day.

However, more recently the sides met in Cratloe in the National League and here, after a tremendous encounter, Cork were extremely lucky to come away with just three points to spare.

En route to this evening's semi-finals Cork have had a comprehensive victory over Dublin. Despite having to field that day without the injured Mary O'Connor, Lynn Dunlea and the suspended Vivienne Harris, the Leesiders cruised to victory with newcomers Paula O'Connor and Caoimhe Harrington very impressive.

Whilst the team has not yet been announced, speculation is rife as to the line up for today's contest.

With all panel members with the exception of Muireann Harrington re-

ported fit, the backroom team have a tough job in naming their side such is the talent at their disposal. One notable absentee from last season's encounter will be Sandy Fitzgibbon who has retired from intercounty camogie. However, with a strong panel Cork will be confident of advancing.

Clare, in their path to today's game, defeated Wexford. They are a tough, physical side, who will call on the experience of Catherine O'Loughlin, Edel Arthur and Moira McMahon to make Cork fight hard to hold on to their title.

Back on the side this season is Clodagh Lennon, a grand-daughter of the legendary Mick Mackey. Last season Clodagh did not line out with the sen-

ior side and her inclusion this year will be a big boost to them.

With the game on a high in the county at present the ladies of Clare will be equally as determined as the men to make it to Croke Park and it will take a mighty effort from the champions to stop them.

However, remembering that champions die hard, it promises to be a cracker of a contest, not to be missed.

In the opening game of the evening Tipperary, following on their great victory over championship specialists Kilkenny, are now determined to put a stop to Galway.

Having won the title in 1996, Galway were dismayed to lose last year's

final to Cork. However, reports are that they are seriously troubled by injury and may also be without Carmel Hannon.

Tipperary, on the other hand, having only narrowly lost the Munster Final to Cork, have really got it together this year.

Goal poacher, Deirdre Hughes may be a doubtful starter through a shoulder injury, picked up in the recent Tipperary County Final, and were she not to start would be a huge loss to the side. With the first game at 5.30pm and the second at 7pm, we are in for a feast of camogie, with the odds on an all-Munster line-up in Croke Park on September 6.

At half-time in the second game this evening teams from the four participating counties will play an Under 14 mini exhibition camogie game.

It's the first time that a team has represented the county at Under 14 level.

On the local scene Courcy Rovers and Barryroe clash in the Senior 'B' Championship in Kilbrittain tomorrow, while on Thursday Aghabullogue and Newcestown will meet in the same competition.

In the Senior 'A' Championship on Friday County Champions, Bishopscollig, take on Inniscarra at Ballinacollig, whilst Cloughduv meet Fr. O'Neills at Caherlag.

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL WEEKEND LOOMS

The All-Ireland Bord na Gaeilge senior camogie championship semi-finals take place on Saturday next at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. The pairings are reigning champions Cork versus Clare; and Tipperary take on the 1996 champions and 1997 finalists Galway. They should be two cracking semi-finals played together at a neutral venue for the first time ever.

Clare and Tipperary are newcomers to the scene. This is mainly due to the success of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship which is now in its 6th year. Clare won the Intermediate twice and this is the first time they got over the first round of the senior championship. They will come up against stiff opposition from Cork who recorded a massive 3-18 to 1-3 victory over Dublin in the quarter-final. Seven of the Leesiders put their names on the scoreboard that day. This will give them great confidence for the next hurdle.

Clare are taking it one step at a time. Their victory over Wexford in the quarter-final was a historic one for the Banner County as it was their first breakthrough in this competition. They had four points to spare, 1-13 to Wexfords 1-9.

Catherine O'Loughlin is a star performer for Clare. She had a tally of 1-7 in that game. Moira McMahon is another player who can cause problems for the Cork defence, as is Noelle Comynns. The last time the sides met was in the National league when Cork had six points to spare, 1-11 to 0-8. The champions are a compact outfit with a wealth of experience. Centrefield player Linda Mellerick, holder of four All-Ireland senior championship medals, is noted for her solo runs which penetrate the opposing defence and can pick off her share of scores as well. Lynn Dunlea at full forward is a natural. She is absolutely lethal on her game, while captain Eithne Duggan is a top class full back.

It should be an entertaining encounter, with the Rebel County favourites to reach the final.

Cork panel:
Cora Keohane (Ballyroe), Eithne

Duggan (Bishopstown), Mags Finn (Fr. O'Neill's), Denise Cronin (Glen Rovers), Vivienne Harris (Bishopstown), Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers), Ursula Troy (Newtownshandrum), Mary O'Connor (Killeigh), Sinead O'Callaghan (Ballyagran), Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neill's), Lynn Dunlea (Cloughduv), Irene O'Keeffe (Inniscarra), Leonie Nolan (Inniscarra), Stephanie Dunlea (Cloughduv), Muireann Harrington (Newtownshandrum), Caoimhe Harrington (Newtownshandrum), Linda O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig), Mary O'Rourke (Glen Rovers)

Clare panel: Moira McMahon (Wolfe Tones), Debbie McDonagh (Wolfe Tones), Clodagh Lennon (Wolfe Tones), Pauleen O'Brien (Bodyke), Sinead O'Brien (Bodyke), Marie Collins (Bodyke), Deirdre Murphy (Clooney), Amy Collieran (Clooney), Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona), Ann Keane (Kilnamona), Niamh Commene (Kilnamona), Noelle Comynns (Kilnamona), Edel Arihur (Newmarket on Fergus), Cathy Hally (Truagh), Olive Crowe (Truagh), Sinead McMahon (Doora Barefield), Carmel Duggan (Doora Barefield), Fiona Kinsella (Tulla), Dymphna Killeen (Kilmaley), Michelle McNamera (Bodyke), Erica Minogue (Whitegate), Theresa Naughton (Wolfe Tones).

The other semi-final should also produce lots of flair and determination with plenty of firepower when Tipperary take on Galway. Tipperary will be quietly confident of a place in the final, after disposing of Kilkenny by the minimum margin 3-11 to 3-10 in the quarter-final. The Premier County's last appearance in an All-Ireland senior championship semi-final was in 1984 when they defeated Wexford.

They are a very determined squad and have a good performer in roving full forward Deirdre Hughes.

Noelle Kennedy is a very accurate free taker. Jovita Delaney, Una Dwyer and Ciara Gaynor are all very staunch defenders. Galway will have the services of Sharon Glynn who was absent for the first round. Sharon is able to dominate and

dictate a match. A gifted free taker, her total scoring tallies are astounding. Their defence line of former Dublin keeper Louise Curry, Fiona Ryan, Olivia Broderick Ann Broderick and Tracey Laheen has great experience. Nevertheless, Galway were stretched by Limerick in the quarter-final and had just two points to spare at the finish, 1-15 to 2-10.

This will be a sparkling tussle, going down to the wire.

Galway panel: Louise Curry (Na Piarasigh), Olivia Broderick (Davitt's), Alva Kelly (Davitt's), Tracey Laheen (Na Piarasigh), Pamela Nevin (Cappataggle), Denise Gilligan (Craughwell), Sharon Glynn (Na Piarasigh), Carmel Hannon (Na Piarasigh), Collette Nevin (Cappataggle), Imelda Hobbins (Mullagh), Ann Forde (Na Piarasigh), Veronica Curtin (Craughwell), Olivia Coen (Mullagh), Ann Broderick (Davitt's), Helen Ryan (Shamrock's), Michelle Glynn (Na Piarasigh), Fiona Healy (Craughwell), Ann Hardiman (Mullagh), Rita Broderick (Davitt's), Esther Martin (Craughwell).

Tipperary panel:
Nora Dwan (Toomevara), Emily Hayden (Cashel), Claire Madden (Portroe), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Meadhbdh Stokes (Cashel), Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane), Una Dwyer (Cashel), Caitriona Hennessy (Drom/Inch), Nicola Kelly (Toomevara), Eimear McDonnell (Burgess), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara), Helen Kiely (Drom/Inch), Triona Bonnar (Burgess), Niamh Bonar (Burgess), Siobhan Ryan (Drom/Inch), Helen Campion (Cashel), Aine Hogan (Burgess), Sheena Howard (Burgess), Sinead Nealon (Burgess)

Fixtures:
Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi-Finals:
Saturday August 1st at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny
Galway v Tipperary @ 5.30pm
Cork v Clare @ 7pm

Great day at Nowlan Park for fans CAMOGIE

NOWLAN Park Kilkenny is the venue on Saturday next for what should be a fantastic day for all Camogie enthusiasts.

The two All-Ireland Senior semi-finals will be decided and the programme also includes two Under 14 exhibition games between the same counties.

The first of the All Ireland semi-finals will see Tipperary and Galway in opposition at 5pm while at 7pm Cork and Clare will battle it out.

Cork will certainly not underestimate their

Clare opponents in next Saturday's senior semi-final. The standard of Camogie has improved dramatically at this level in the Banner county and last seasons first round Cork were put to the pin of their collar to defeat the same opposition.

However Cork will start as favourites to advance. They have prepared very well for this game and looked quite impressive when total outclassing a disappoint-

ing Dublin side in their first round game.

The introduction of the Newtownshandrum pair Caoimhe Harrington and Paula O'Connor for this game both of whom played extremely well, gives an indication of the strength of the panel available to the selectors.

Vivienne Harris was not available for that game due to suspension and Mary O'Connor was also out due to injury. Both players will be available for selection for Saturday's clash and may get the nod to start.

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Tipperary senior camogie selectors (l. to r.) Jim Madden (Portroe), Bridget Philips (Thurles, coach) and Brian McDonnell (Burgess) photographed before taking another charge of another training session at The Ragg recently.

CAMOGIE:

Munster title for Juniors

TIPPERARY 3-19

LIMERICK 0-4

Tipperary recorded a 24 pt. victory over Limerick at the Camogie Pitch, The Ragg on Saturday evening last in the Junior Munster Camogie Final.

Limerick were playing with the breeze in the first half and were first to register a score after three minutes with a point from Mairead Kelly. It took Tipperary seven minutes to open their account with a Niamh O'Dwyer goal, and scored seven more points without reply. Limerick scored three more points before the interval. This left the score at half-time Tipperary 1-7, Limerick 0-4.

The second half was a repeat of the semi-final with Tipperary completely dominating, and added 2-12 to Limerick's no score, the goals coming from Siobhan Ryan in the fifth minute, and Joanne Ryan in the 13th minute.

Alice Deane at mid-field played a captain's part and led by example, notching up three points. She was ably assisted by Julie Delaney and Angela McDermott who covered an immense amount of ground. The backline of Maeve Corcoran, Sheena Howard, Philomena Fogarty and Niamh Connolly again gave nothing away and really frustrated the Limerick forwards. The Tipperary half-forward line of Joanne Ryan, Siobhan Ryan and Paula Bulfin were really dangerous in possession.

This was a fine team

performance from Tipperary with everyone playing their part. We now face Derry in the Junior All-Ireland semi-final on the week-end of August 15th/16th.

TIPPERARY TEAM:

Louise Ryan (Holycross); Philomena Fogarty (Cashel), Niamh Connolly (Templemore), Sheena Howard (Burgess), Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey), Alice Deane Capt. (Kilruane) 0-3, Julie Delaney (Drom-Inch), Angela McDermott (Knockavilla/Kickhams), Joanne Ryan (Drom-Inch) 1-4, Siobhan Ryan (Holycross) 1-8 (0-6 frees), Paula Bulfin (Cashel) 0-2, Niamh O'Dwyer (Moycarkey) 1-2.

Subs: Fiona Loughnane (Templemore) for Julie Delaney; Mary Looby (Drom-Inch) for Joanne Ryan; Siobhan Cusack (Toomevara) for Philomena Fogarty; Tess Bourke (Shannon Rovers), Grainne Shanahan (Toomevara), Nicola Kennedy (Bournea).

SENIOR ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

As all Camogie supporters know by now Tipperary Senior team face Galway in Nolan Park, Kilkenny on Saturday evening next August 1st. in the first of the Senior All-Ireland semi-finals. Cork will face Clare in the other semi-final.

Tipperary go into this game as underdogs as their opponents were runners-up to Cork in last year's final, but are approaching this game with confidence having had a good run in the Munster Championship.

and failing only at the last hurdle when defeated by Cork by a single point.

Tipperary have improved by leaps and bounds considering this is their first season in Senior ranks in recent times. They have a blend of youth and experience in their team and will push Galway all the way. They have trained very hard for this game and will give 100% commitment. A win over Galway would indeed be a historic event. It is hoped that the Tipperary supporters will turn out in their droves to support this team.

A mini-sevens Camogie game between Tipperary and Galway will take place at half-time of the Cork and Clare game.

TIPPERARY PANEL:

Nora Dwan, Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Siobhan Cusack (Toomevara), Jovita Delaney, Maeve Stokes, Triona Bonnar, Una O'Dwyer, Helen Campion, Emily Hayden (Cashel), Cathriona Hennessey, Helen Kiely (Drom-Inch), Eimear McDonnell, Sinead Nealon, Niamh Bonnar (Burgess), Louise Ryan, Siobhan Ryan (Holycross), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane), Claire Madden (Portroe).

CLUB CAMOGIE:

Junior 'A' League final: Moycarkey 4-11, Bournea 0-4.

Moycarkey proved too strong for Bournea in the Junior 'A' League final played at the weekend. Moycarkey seemed to be the fitter and more eager side and took their scores well when the opportunity

arose. Bournea on the other hand were chasing from the throw in and never got into the game. This was Moycarkey's first title for a number of years and the scenes of jubilation were much in evidence after the game.

Cashel, last year's County final runners-up scored the narrowest of victories over champions Toomevara in a closely-fought Senior Semi-final on Sunday evening last.

Toomevara playing with the wind in the first half were ahead at the interval by 4 pts. Cashel reduced the lead bit by bit, and had the ball deflected to the Toomevara net from a free half way through the half. Toomevara, with their never say die attitude, came back and equalised with only a few minutes remaining, but Cashel were last to score with a point from a free by Norma Coffey.

Toomevara have been champions for the past six or seven years, and did Tipperary proud with some fine performances in the Munster Club Championships and All-Ireland Club Championship, and no doubt will be there again next year looking to regain the title. Cashel now face Drom-Inch in the Senior County final on Wednesday, 5th August in the Camogie Pitch at 7.30 p.m.

FIXTURES:

All-Ireland Senior Semi-finals: Nolan Park, Kilkenny, Saturday, 1st August. Tipperary v. Galway at 5.30 p.m. Cork v. Clare at 7 p.m.

Injuries leave Galway women vulnerable against Tipperary

THE Galway senior camogie team will be aiming to make it three consecutive All-Ireland final appearances when they travel to Nowlan Park on Saturday next to take on Tipperary.

This will be the first time since the 1995 league final that these teams have met in competitive battle—on that occasion Galway were victorious to record their first ever senior league title.

So far this championship has not been a memorable one for Galway, due mainly to injury and the fact that they struggled against Limerick in the first round.

in the league final, won the All-Ireland in 1996 and were narrowly defeated last year will give them an experience advantage over this youthful Tipperary team aiming to qualify for their first final in many years.

Both teams have met in challenge games in recent months and the honours are equal with Tipperary winning the most recent of those games but Galway were very understrength on that evening. This is the first year that Galway go into the semi-final with a good competitive game behind them and this should be an advantage.

and the youthful Emer McDonald from the Burgess Club.

Galway still have injuries worries. Carmel Hannon, who has not played since the league final, is still doubtful but could make an much needed appearance. Captain Olivia Broderick who missed the Limerick game with an ankle injury should be fit to play, but Denise Gilligan and Sharon Glynn look very doubtful.

The experience, however, of players like Pam Nevin, Veronica Curtin ace goal-getter Ann Forde, last year's



Tipperary senior camogie players listening to coach, Bridget Philips (out of picture), at a recent training session at The Ragg.



Craobhchomórtas na Sinsear

faoi urraíocht ag
Bord na Gaeilge

An Ghaillimh
v.
Tiobraid Árann
5.30 i.n.

An Clár
v.
Corcaigh
7.00 i.n.

Páirc Ó Nualláin
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Áine Derham

Na Réiteoirí agus na Maoir



Seán Ó Muiríosa

Áine Derham

Áth Cliath

An Ghaillimh v Tiobraid Árann
Is Réiteoir sean-chleachtaithe í Áine agus í tar éis a bheith i mbun na feadóige ag na Cluichí Ceannais de gach comórtas de chuid an Chumainn. Áine has refereed All-Ireland Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Minor, Gael Linn and Club Championship Finals and National League Senior and Junior Finals. She is one of the most experienced Réiteoirí in the Association. Is í an Rúnaí ar Lárchoiste na Réiteoirí. Imríonn sí a cuid camógaíochta le Cumann Celtic, Áth Cliath, ceann de na clubanna is sine sa chontae.

Ionadaí: Máire Uí Pholáird,
Portláirge

Seán Ó Muiríosa

Tiobraid Árann

An Clár v Corcaigh

Réiteoir críochnaithe eile atá againn i Seán agus taithí aige ar an gCamógaíocht ag gach leibhéal laistigh dá chontae féin agus lasmuigh de.

Seán has refereed at every Inter-County level, including the Gael Linn senior Final of 1998. He was a line-umpire and the stand-by Réiteoir for the Junior Championship Final of 1997. He has also refereed Third Level Colleges Finals and Féile na nGael Finals.

Is Réiteoir Iománaíochta chomh maith é. Is ball den Chlub Camógaíochta i nDúrlas Éile é agus d'imir sé Iománaíocht le Naomh Mhuire, Cluain Meala.

Ionadaí: Miriam Uí Cheallacháin,
Uíbh Fáighle



Gabhtar buíochas le



Bord na Gaeilge

as ucht na hurraíochta

An Clár

Gorm agus Cróc

Corcaigh

Dearg agus Bán



1
PÓILÍN NÍ BHRIAIN
Pauline O'Brien
Bodyke

2
SINÉAD NIC MHATHÚNA
Sinéad McMahon
St. Joseph's

3
GOBNAIT NIC DHONNCHA
Debbie McDonagh
Wolfe Tones na Sionna

4
CLÓDA NIC LEANNÁIN
Clodagh Lennon
Wolfe Tones na Sionna

5
MÁIRE NÍ CHOILEÁIN
Marie Collins
Bodyke

6
CÁIT NÍ AILCHE
Cathy Hally
Truagh

7
MÁIRE NIC MHATHÚNA
Molra McMahon
Wolfe Tones na Sionna
CAPTAEN

8
CAITRÍONA NIC LOCHLAINN
Catherine O'Loughlin
Kilnamona

9
EDEL NIC ARTÚIR
Edel Arthur
Newmarket on Fergus

10
NOLLAIG NÍ CHUIMÍN
Noelle Comyn
Kilnamona

11
DEIRDRE NÍ MHURCHÚ
Deirdre Murphy
Clooney

12
SINÉAD NÍ BHRIAIN
Sinéad Ó Brien
Toomevara
IONADAITHE:

- 13. **DAMHNAIT NÍ CHILLÍN**
Dympna Killeen, Kilmaley
- 14. **ÓRLAGH NÍ SHLATAIRE**
Órla Slattery, Bodyke
- 15. **FIONA CHINSEALACH**
Fiona Kinsella, Tulla
- 16. **AMY NÍ CHALLARÁIN**
Amy Collieran, Clooney

- 17. **MICHELLE NIC CONMARA**
Michelle McNamara, Bodyke
- 18. **EIMHEAR NÍ MHURCHÚ**
Emer Murphy, Sixmilebridge
- 19. **ÁINE NÍ CHATHÁIN**
Ann Keane, Kilnamona
- 20. **CAIRMÉAL NÍ DHUAGÁIN**
Carmel Duggan, St. Joseph's

1
CÓRA NÍ CHEOCHÁIN
Cora Keohane
Barryroe

2
EITHNE NÍ DHUAGÁIN
Eithne Duggan
Bishopstown
CAPTAEN

3
DENISE NÍ CHRÓINÍN
Denise Cronin
Glen Rovers

4
BÉIBHINN NÍ EARCHAÍ
Vivienne Harris
Bishopstown

5
MAIRÉAD NÍ FHINN
Mags Finn
Fr. O'Neills

6
LINDA NÍ MHAOILGHEIRIC
Linda Mellerick
Glen Rovers

7
MÁIRE NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR
Mary O'Connor
Killeagh

8
URSULA NÍ THROITHIGH
Ursula Troy
Newtownshandrum

9
SINÉAD NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN
Sinéad O'Callaghan
Ballyagran

10
FIONA NÍ DHRISCEOIL
Fiona O'Driscoll
Fr. O'Neills

11
LYNN NÍ DHOINNLEIBHE
Lynn Dunlea
Cloughduv

12
IRENE NÍ CHAOIMH
Irene O'Keeffe
Inniscarra

IONADAITHE:

- 13. **LEONIE NÍ NUALLÁIN**
Leonie Nolan, Inniscarra
- 14. **STIOFÁINÍN NÍ DHOINNLEIBHE**
Stephanie Dunlea, Cloughduv
- 15. **PAULA NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR**
Paula O'Connor, Newtownshandrum
- 16. **CAOIMHE NÍ ARRACHTÁIN**
Caoimhe Harrington

- 17. **LINDA NÍ SHÚILLEABHÁIN**
Linda O'Sullivan, Ballinhassig
- 18. **MÁIRE de BÚRCA**
Mary Burke, Glen Rovers
- 19. **MIRIAM DHÉISEACH**
Miriam Deasy, Kilbrittain
- 20. **PÁDRAIGÍN NÍ DHÚILL**
Trish Doyle, Bishopstown

An Clár



Ar chúil: (ó chlé): B. Ó Riain (Bainisteoir), Ó Ní Shlataire, M. Nic Conmara, S. Ní Bhriain, P. Ní Bhriain, D. Nic Dhonnchadha, M. Ní Chuimín, C. Nic Lochlainn, P. Ní Ghrada (Roghnóir).

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): F. Chinsealach, E. Nic Artúir, C. Ní Dhuagáin, C. Ní Ailche, P. Bhreatnach, Á. Ní Eathaim, S. Nic Mhathúna, captaen, D. Ní Mhurchú, E. Ní Mhurchú.

Tiobraid Árann



Gorm agus Ógra

1
NÓRA NÍ DHUBHÁIN
Nora Dwan
Toomevara
CAPTAEN

2
JOVITA NÍ DHUBHSHLÁINE
Jovita Delaney
Cashel

3
ÚNA NÍ DHUIBHIR
Una O'Dwyer
Cashel

4
CIARA NIG FHIONNBHAIRR
Ciara Gaynor
Killruane

5
CLÁR NÍ MHADÁIN
Claire Madden
Portroe

6
EIMÍLE NÍ ÉIDEÁIN
Emily Hayden
Cashel

7
LÉAN NÍ CHADHLA
Helen Kiely
Drom and Inch

8
MÉABH de STÓC
Maeve Stokes
Cashel

9
EIMHEAR NIG DHÓNAILL
Emer McDonald
Burgess

10
NOLLAIG NÍ CHINNÉIDE
Noelle Kennedy
Toomevara

11
CAITRÍONA NIG AONGHUSA
Caitriona Hennessy
Drom and Inch

12
DEIRDRE NÍ AODHA
Deirdre Hughes
Toomevara

IONADAITHE:

13. **LAOIGHSE NÍ RIAIN**
Louise Ryan, Holycross
14. **TRÍONA NÍ CHNÁIMHSÍ**
Triona Bonnar, Cashel
15. **SINÉAD NÍ NIALLAÍN**
Sinéad Nealon, Burgess
16. **SIOBHÁN NÍ CHEALLAIGH**
Suzanne Kelly, Toomevara

17. **SIOBHÁN NÍ RIAIN**
Siobhán Ryan, Holycross
18. **LÉAN CHAIMPION**
Helen Campion, Cashel
19. **NIAMH NÍ CHNÁIMHSÍ**
Niamh Bonar, Burgess
20. **SIOBHÁN CHÍOSÓG**
Siobhán Cusack, Toomevara



An Ghaillimh

Marún agus Bán

1
LAOISE NÍ CHAMHRAÍ
Louise Curry
Na Píarsaigh

2
OILBHE NÍ BHRUADAIR
Olivia Broderick
Davitts
CAPTAEN

3
ÁINE NÍ BHRUADAIR
Anne Broderick
Davitts

4
TRACY NÍ LAITHÍN
Tracy Laheen
Na Píarsaigh

5
PAMELA NIG CNÁIMHÍN
Pamela Nevin
Mullagh

6
TREASA NÍ MHEACHAIR
Therese Maher
Shamrocks

7
ÁINE NÍ ARGADÁIN
Ann Hardiman
Mullagh

8
ÁINE NÍ IRIGHILE
Áine Hillary
Na Píarsaigh

9
COLETTE NIG CNÁIMHÍN
Colette Nevin
Cappataggle

10
IMELDA NIG OIBICÍN
Imelda Hobbins
Mullagh

11
VERONICA NIG CUIRTÍN
Veronica Curtin
Craughwell

12
ÁINE MHC GIOLLARNÁTH
Ann Forde
Na Píarsaigh

IONADAITHE:

13. **OILBHE NÍ CHADHAIN**
Olivia Coen, Mullagh
14. **CAIRMÉAL NÍ ANNÁIN**
Carmel Hannon, Na Píarsaigh
15. **FIONA NÍ RIAIN**
Fiona Ryan, Shamrocks
16. **SHARON NIG FHLOINN**
Sharon Glynn, Na Píarsaigh

17. **MUIREANN NÍ MHIACHÁIN**
Marian Meehan, Na Píarsaigh
18. **SHAUNA NIG an BHÁIRD**
Shauna Ward, Na Píarsaigh
19. **LÉAN NÍ RIAIN**
Helan Ryan, Shamrocks
20. **DENISE NÍ GHIOLLAGÁIN**
Denise Gilligan, Craughwell

An Ghaillimh



Ar chúl (ó chlé): L. Ní Chamhraí, I. Ní Oibicín, T. Ní Mheachair, L. Ní Riain, Á. Ní Bhrudair, O. Ní Chadhain, Á. Ní Argadain, T. Ní Laithín, Á. Ní Irighile, C. Ní Annáin, S. Ní an Bháird, S. Ní Fhloinn.
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): V. Ní Cuirtín, O. Ní Bhrudair, captaen, F. Ní Riain, D. Ní Ghiollagáin, Á. Ní Giollarnáth, C. Ní Chnámhín, M. Ní Mhiacháin, P. Ní Chnámhín.

Cork Stand Between Clare And All-Ireland Final

Having won their one and only championship match in four years a few weeks back, the Clare senior camogie team now find themselves on the threshold of the big time and within sixty minutes of a first ever All-Ireland final appearance.



Dual star, Noelle Comyns who is expected to be in the Clare team to face Cork

However, if they are to secure their passage to Croke Park they will first of all have to strip national league and All-Ireland champions, Cork of their title. It is a tall order given the fact that Clare's track record against the Rebels is hardly the sort to inspire confidence.

In last year's championship Cork easily defeated the Banner in the long run after Clare had failed to capitalise on their early dominance and put the scores on the board.

A few weeks later in the closed Munster Championship final Cork repeated the dose but this time the gap was much closer.

Only three points separated the teams in the end with Cork triumphing on a 3-10 to 3-7 scoreline at Newtownshandrum.

On that particular evening, it must be noted, that Clare launched a late revival and two late goals brought them within striking distance. While the momentum was

with them the clock wasn't and time ran out before they could salvage a result.

Clare's All-Ireland successes have been confined to junior and intermediate levels. They won junior titles in 1974, 1981 and 1986 while the intermediate title was annexed in 1993 and 1995. Players who featured on the latter two wins now form the spine of the current senior side.

Clare's opening engagement was against Wexford in O'Garney Park in Sixmilebridge and marvelous contributions from Cathy Hally, Catherine O'Loughlin (1-6) and Moira Mc Mahon (0-5) helped them to a deserved 1-13 to 1-9 win.

Clare have a number of dual players and they are team captain Moira Mc Mahon, Edel Arthur, Noelle Comyns, Catherine O'Loughlin. Indeed, these have been busy times for the four as they are also tied up in training with the ladies senior footballers who faced Waterford in the Munster final on August 16.

Saturday's game will be part of a double header in Nolan Park, Kilkenny and the Clare game will have a 7 pm throw-in. Team manager Bernie Ryan (Clarecastle) and his selector Patricia O'Grady (Sixmilebridge) will not finalise the team until later in the week but its likely that changes will be kept to a minimum.

Cork's path to this year's semi-final was a relatively easy one and they hammered Dublin on a 3-18 to 1-3 scoreline. Clare and Cork have clashed in the national league this year and despite having home advantage Clare were beaten by six points.

Sandy Fitzgibbon has retired from last year's team but her replacement Vivienne Harris is already making a name for herself. They also have good players in Denise

Cronin, Sinead O'Callaghan, Cora Keohane and Ursula Troy together with the likes of Lynn Dunlea, Mary O'Connor and Eithne Duggan.

They are a truly formidable force and the strength in depth to their squad is reflected by the fact that Stephanie Dunlea and Caoimhe Harrington are on the subs. bench.

Overall, Clare will have to take their scoring opportunities if they stand any chance of creating an upset. Cork have a habit of controlling the game in the final quarter and if Clare are to win they cannot afford any lapses during the sixty minutes.

The Clare team will be selected from the following panel - Pauline O'Brien, Marie Collins, Sinead O'Brien, Orla Slattery and Michelle Mc Namara (Bodyke), Sinead Mc Mahon and Carmel Duggan (St. Joseph's), Debbie Mc Donagh, Clodagh Lennon and Moira Mc Mahon (Wolfe Tones), Cathy Hally and Olive Crowe (Traugh), Deirdre Murphy, Amy Collieran and Paula Walsh (Cloonery), Noelle Comyns, Catherine O'Loughlin and Ann Keane (Kilnamona), Edel Arthur (Newmarket), Dymphna Killeen (Kilmaley), Fiona Kinsella (Tulla) and Emer Murphy (Sixmilebridge).

Under 14 7-a-side

An under 14 seven-a-side match will be played between Clare and Cork during the interval of the senior decider at Nolan Park involved the same counties. The Clare panel for that game is Valerie Hogan (Tulla), Denise Lynch (Kilmaley), Melissa O'Connell and Nora Murphy (Kilkishen), Audrey Shanahan and Laura Linnane (Wolfe Tones), Karen Corbett (Sixmilebridge), Deirdre Cassidy (Newmarket), Jane Scanlan (Clarecastle) and Lisa Clancy (Corofin).

Cork on course to retain title after impressive

Cork
Clare

2-15
1-9

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork remain on course to retain their Bord na Gaelle All-Ireland senior camogie championship title, but they will need to show considerable improvement if they are to do so.

Whilst they never looked in any danger of losing this disappointing semi-final, their tally of 16 wides (12 in the opening half) on

another day could have proved costly.

Clare's Moira McMahon got the game's opening score when she pointed from a free in the fifth minute.

Mary O'Connor had Cork level, then good play by Lynn Dunlea and Vivien Harris set up Sinead O'Callaghan for a goal to give Cork a lead they never lost. With Vivien Harris and Linda Mellerick dominating around the mid-field, Cork remained in control.

Four points from Fiona O'Driscoll, who on the night was Cork's most outstanding forward, plus one apiece from Lynn Dunlea and Sinead O'Callaghan, helped Cork to a 1-7 to 0-4 interval lead, with Catherine O'Loughlin two and Deirdre Murphy getting the Clare scores.

Cork introduced Irene O'Keefe for the second-half and she made an immediate impact with two points, with Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll adding a point

apiece, Cork led 1-11 to 0-4 by the 11th minute. Clare to their credit battled on. O'Loughlin pointed a free, and two minutes later, Clodagh Lennon set up O'Loughlin for a goal, and the gap was down to six points with 15 minutes remaining. There was still six between the team, 1-13 to 1-7 with nine minutes left before Cork finally killed off the Clare challenge with points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea and a kicked goal from Irene O'Keefe, who jus-

tified her introduction with a tally of 1-2. Clare did get the last two scores, one an excellent point from Marie Collins.

But they came too late to effect the outcome, and when impressive referee John Morrissey brought proceedings to a halt.

Cork were worthy winners, with fine displays from Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll and goalie Cora Keohane.

The final on September 6 will be a repeat of the 1996 and 1997 de-

victory

ciders between Cork and Galway.

Scorers for Cork: F. O'Driscoll 0-7 (free), S. O'Callaghan 1-2, I. O'Keefe 1-2, L. Dunlea 0-3 (0-1 free), M. O'Connor 0-1.
Clare: C. O'Loughlin 1-3 (0-3 free), M. McMahon 0-2 (0-1 free), M. Collins 0-2, N. Comyns 0-1, D. Murphy 0-1.
CORK: C. Keohane; E. Duggan (C), D. Cronin, V. Harris; M. Finn, L. Mellerick, M. O'Connor, U. Troy; S. O'Callaghan, F. O'Driscoll, L. Dunlea, P. O'Connor. Sub: I. O'Keefe for P. O'Connor.
CLARE: P. O'Brien; S. McMahon, D. McDonagh, C. Lennon; M. Collins, C. Hally, M. McMahon (C), C. O'Loughlin; E. Arthur, N. Comyns, D. Murphy, S. O'Brien. Sub: A. Collieran for S. O'Brien, D. Slattery for M. McMahon.
Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary.

Galway leave it late to claim place in decider

Galway 2-11
Tipperary 0-14

GALWAY got their ticket to the Bord na Gaioige All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final but they had to pull out all the stops in the final seven minutes to overcome a gallant Tipperary side in this Bord na Gaioige All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final at Nowlan Park Kilkenny last evening.

It was a very entertaining encounter with little separating the sides at any time. Tipperary were short their star full-forward Deirdre Hughes through injury but took the game to their opponents from the start. By the end of the first quarter they led 0-4 to 0-1.

Galway then came to grips with the game and points by Collette Nevin, Imelda Hobbs and Aine Hillary brought the sides level on the 20th minute. It became a close

battle with the teams drawing level on three occasions until Noelle Kennedy, who scored a total of 14 points, pointed to give her side an 0-8 to 0-7 lead at the break.

From the throw-in, Collette Nevin levelled again. Then came a great goal by Veronica Curtin, which resulted from a tremendous clearance by Olivia Broderick. At this stage, Sharon Glynn replaced Ann Hardiman for Galway.

Tipperary's spirit was not daunted — Eimer McDonnell cut

the tally to two points and Noelle Kennedy had a further two points from frees to put the sides level on the seventh minute.

With ten minutes to go Tipperary led 0-14 to 1-9 and they looked good at this stage. However it was Galway that took over the scoring from then on, with their second goal coming from Ann Forde who added another point and the final score coming from Tracey Laheen. Galway's defence stood staunch in the final stages.

Scorers — Galway: C. Nevin 0-6 (0-5 frees), A. Forde 1-2, V. Curtin 1-0, A. Hillary 0-2 (0-1 free), T. Laheen 0-1 (free). **Tipperary:** N. Kennedy 0-12 (0-9 frees), M. Stokes and E. McDonnell 0-1 each.

Galway: L. Curry, O. Broderick capt, A. Broderick, T. Laheen, P. Nevin, T. Maher, A. Hardiman, A. Hillary, C. Nevin, I. Hobbs, V. Curtin, A. Forde. **Subs:** S. Glynn for A. Hardiman.

Tipperary: N. Dwan capt, J. Delaney, U. O'Dwyer, C. Gaynor, C. Madden, E. Hayden, H. Kiely, M. Stokes, E. McDonnell, N. Kennedy, C. Hennessy, S. Nealon. **Subs:** T. Bonner for C. Madden.

Referee: A. Delham (Dublin).

Galway rally to qualify for final

Galway 2-11
Tipperary 0-14

FOR long periods in this game, Tipperary looked set to qualify for their first All-Ireland senior camogie final since 1990. However, a late rally gave victory to a determined Galway side who have overcome injury problems.

At the end of the first quarter, Tipperary led 4-2, with Noelle Kennedy, who finished the game with 12 points, giving them an early lead. In the opening half, strong play from Galway's Collette Nevin ensured there was just one point between the sides at the interval, 8-7 in favour of Tipperary.

Galway made a dream start to the second half, when a Veronica Curtin goal inside three minutes put them ahead for the first time in the game. However, with ten minutes remaining, Tipperary had regained the lead, thanks mainly to the accuracy of Kennedy who had notched up three points. At this stage, Tipp seemed set for a place in the final, but, Galway showed their greater experience and were rewarded with a goal from Anna Forde four minutes from full time. With Aine Hillary now dominating at mid-field two further points from Ann Forde and Tracy Laheen gave them a victory that owed much to their determination and spirit.

Scorers — Galway: C. Nevin 0-6 (0-5 frees), A. Forde 1-2, V. Curtin 1-0, I. Hobbs 0-1, A. Hillary 0-2 (0-1 free), T. Laheen 0-1. **Tipperary:** N. Kennedy 0-12 (0-9 frees, 1-30 free), E. McDonnell 0-2.

GALWAY: L. Curry, O. Broderick (capt), A. Broderick, T. Laheen, P. Nevin, T. Maher, A. Hardiman, A. Hillary, C. Nevin, I. Hobbs, V. Curtin, A. Forde. **Subs:** S. Glynn for A. Hardiman.

TIPPERARY: N. Dwan capt, J. Delaney, U. O'Dwyer, C. Gaynor, C. Madden, E. Hayden, H. Kiely, M. Stokes, E. McDonnell, N. Kennedy, C. Hennessy, S. Nealon. **Subs:** T. Bonner for C. Madden.

Referee: Aine Delham, Dublin.



The Clare team defeated by Cork in the All-Ireland senior semi-final at Nolan Park, Kilkenny at the week-end. Standing, from left, Sinead O'Brien, Edel Arthur, Pauline O'Brien, Noelle Comyns, Debbie Mc Donagh and Clodagh Lennon. Front, from left, Deirdre Murphy, Sinead Mc Mahon, Cathy Hally, Moira Mc Mahon, capt., Marie Collins and Catherine O'Loughlin.

again, topped the scoring charts.

Scorer - Clare - Catherine O'Loughlin (1-3), Moira Mc Mahon (0-2), Marie Collins (0-2), Deirdre Murphy (0-1) and Noelle Comyns (0-1). **Cork -** Fiona O'Driscoll (0-7), Irene O'Keeffe (1-2), Sinead O'Callaghan (1-2), Lynn Dunlea (0-3) and Mary O'Connor (0-1).

CLARE: Pauline O'Brien (Bodyke) (7), Debbie Mc Donagh (Wolfe Tones) (7),

Sinead Mc Mahon (St. Joseph's) (6), Cathy Hally (Truagh) (6), Marie Collins (Bodyke) (7), Edel Arthur (Newmarket) (6), Moira Mc Mahon (Newmarket) (7), Clodagh Lennon (Wolfe Tones) (6), Deirdre Murphy (Clooney) (6), Noelle Comyns (Kilnamona) (7), Sinead O'Brien (Bodyke) (6) and Catharine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona) (7). **Subs:** Orla Slattery (Bodyke) (7) for Mc Mahon and Amy Collieran

(Clooney) (6) for S. O'Brien. **CORK:** Cora Keohane (7), Eithne Duggan (8), Denise Cronin (7), Vivienne Harris (8), Mags Finn (7), Linda Mellerick (7), Mary O'Connor (7), Ursula Troy (6), Sinead O'Callaghan (7), Fiona O'Driscoll (8), Lynn Dunlea (7) and Paula O'Connor (6). **Subs:** Irene O'Keeffe (8) for O'Connor.

Ref.: John Morrissey, Tipperary.



Clare defender, Debbie Mc Donagh closes in to challenge Cork's Lynn Dunlea during the All-Ireland semi-final clash in Nolan Park.

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BORD NA GAEILGE CAMOGIE

Galway swoop for late goal victory

Galway 2-11, Tipperary 0-14

By Gerry Slevin

Tipperary's ambition of reaching the Bord na Gaeilge All Ireland senior camogie final was cruelly dashed in the closing minutes of Saturday evening's thrilling semi final in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. As the game entered its final minute, Tipp were two points to the good but of course a two point lead is never one to feel comfortable with. Then Galway struck against the run of play when a free over on the wing from Colette Nevin saw the ball reach Ann Forde and she belted it to the Tipp net.



Tipperary camogie panel and mentors before Saturday's All-Ireland semi-final. Back, from left: Brian McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Siobhán Cusack, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Jovita Delaney, Claire Madden, Ciara Gaynor, Helen Kiely, Maedbh Stokes, Biddy Phillips (coach), Jim Madden. Front: Louise Ryan, Triona Bonnar, Helen Campion, Eimear McDonnell, Una O'Dwyer, Caitriona Hennessy, Nora Dwan, Emily Hayden, Sinead Nealon, Siobhán Ryan, Niamh Bonar. B.D.

It was a score that lifted Galway considerably and with Tipp heads now wilting, the '96 champions, the bit between their teeth, imposed their authority on proceedings and two points followed to leave Tipp a dejected and cruelly defeated side.

For so much of this game, Tipp had control, once more Noelle Kennedy's immaculate free taking being such an inspirational factor in their bid to reach the final. They were rather wasteful in their shooting in the first half though, and ultimately paid the price for some bad wides that should have been better dealt with.

But even when Galway landed the game's first goal three minutes into the second half to send them 1-8 to 0-8 ahead, Tipp were back on level terms within six minutes, Eimear McDonnell and Noelle Kennedy (two frees) seeing to that.

ENTHUSIASM AND FLAIR

Such was the enthusiasm and flair of the Tipp girls that Galway, for all their advantage in experience and stature, could not get to grips with them and

after Colette Nevin had edged Galway ahead again at the end of the third quarter, Tipp were dealt a bitter blow as Eimear McDonnell careered her way through the Galway defence, and goaled only to be whistled back for an infringement committed on her en route.

From the moment she set off, a goal looked on but referee Aine Derham did not allow any advantage and Tipp had to be content with a Noelle Kennedy point from the resultant free.

The teams were level seven times in the hour, an indication of how evenly matched they were and Tipp showed no signs whatever of being in any way overawed by the might of the opposition. However, as against Kilkenny in the previous round, they could not put their opponents away and in this regard, the loss of star forward Deirdre Hughes was a blow of immense proportions, and one that was all the more aggravating because of the circumstances surrounding her loss. Only the previous Sunday, she received a broken collar bone while playing for her club Toomevara against Cashel in the county semi final.

WHAT URGENCY?

Why there was such an urgency to play this game just six days before an All Ireland semi final is difficult to understand. It certainly cost Deirdre her place on Saturday's team and possibly Tipp's place in the All Ireland final.

In her absence the selectors sent Caitriona Hennessy to full forward, brought Helen Kiely to the attack and drafted Sinead Nealon in at mid field. From the start the Tipp defence got on top with Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor and Claire Madden settling in quickly in front of a confident Jovita Delaney. Sinead Nealon more than justified her inclusion with some inspired shots into the Galway goal area and Maedbh Stokes was also doing very well.

Noelle Kennedy in addition to her free taking did a lot of spade work and Eimear McDonnell also threatened but apart from Noelle's strikes, scoring attempts were scarce. In this regard one would have to pay tribute to the sturdiness of the Galway defence with Olivia Broderick, Tracy Laheen and Anne Broderick especially

prominent.

By half time it was 0-8 to 0-7 in Tipp's favour, all Tipp's scores, bar the point immediately before the break (Maedbh Stokes) coming from Noelle Kennedy and five of them from frees. Colette Nevin pointed four times for Galway in that half, all from frees with Ann

because of injury did not start, and though she was off target with five scorable frees before the end of the game, she brought a degree of steadiness to Galway as Tipp clawed their way back.

Had Eimear McDonnell's goal been allowed, it would probably have set Tipp up but it wasn't to be and though Galway were struggling and finding it difficult to contain Tipp, once their second goal game, its timing proving so crucial, there was no stopping them.

To have lost so narrowly to Galway without the services of Deirdre Hughes speaks highly for Tipp's contribution to the game. There was also the disallowed goal and the fact that Claire Madden couldn't feature in the second half. In all the circumstances quite a good evening, even if the result wasn't one to cherish. Surely the day is not far away when that long felt desire of a senior All Ireland title will be a reality.

SCORERS AND TEAMS

Scorers for Galway were C. Nevin 0-6 (5 frees), A. Forde 1-2, V. Curtin 1-0, I. Hobbins, A. Hillery, T. Laheen (free), 0-1



Eimear McDonnell prepares to strike as Galway captain Olivia Broderick tries to intercept. B.D.

Forde, Aine Hillery and Imelda Hobbins pointing from play.

It was anybody's game at half time but Tipp's cause was lessened somewhat on returning, when Claire Madden who had gone over on her ankle towards the end of the first half, wasn't fit to resume. Triona Bonnar came on for her with Tipp being placed under immediate pressure and conceding an early free. Colette Nevin's shot was signalled wide but following consultation between referee and umpires, the white flag was raised.

FIRST GOAL

Then came Galway's first goal in the 3rd minute, Veronica Curtin rather easily getting through a hesitant Tipp defence. Galway now introduced one of their great stars of the modern game, Sharon Glynn, who

each.

Tipp's scores came from, N. Kennedy 0-12 (9 frees), M. Stokes and E. McDonnell 0-1 each.

Tipp had eight wides in all, all in the first half, Galway having eight in the second half to add to their five in the first half.

GALWAY: Louise Curry, Olivia Broderick (capt), Anne Broderick, Tracy Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Therese Maher, Ann Hardiman, Aine Hillery, Colette Nevin, Imelda Hobbins, Veronica Curtin, Ann Forde. Sub: Sharon Glynn for Hardiman.

TIPPERARY: Nora Dwan (capt), Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor, Claire Madden, Emily Hayden, Maedbh Stokes, Sinead Nealon, Eimear McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Helen Kiely, Caitriona Hennessy. Sub: Triona Bonnar for Madden.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.



The goal that wasn't - Eimear McDonnell beats the Galway defence but the goal was not allowed. B.D.

Resurgent Bodyke Capture Second Title In Three Years

Bodkye 1-8

Sixmilebridge 1-5

By Dan Danaher

Last April, things hit rock bottom for Bodyke Senior Camogie players. Turnout at training sessions were abysmal with just two or three players bothering to make the required effort.

In fact, at one session there was more trainers than women. Regulars were absent for a host of different reasons - exams; work commitments and a lack of interest.

However, it didn't long to turn things around completely. Attendance at training improved dramatically and for the last six weeks everyone put in a huge effort.

This extraordinary turnaround had a happy ending in Newmarket last Saturday evening when Bodyke deservedly captured their second county title in three years after a heart stopping exciting decider.

Bodyke Manager Ted Slattery was full of praise for his charges after the game. "We knew it would be difficult to beat Sixmilebridge who have a good team. We struggled a little before half time. Both teams missed chances and we were unlucky to hit the crossbar after half time. A goal at that stage would have made it much easier. All the players battled very hard," he explained.

Bodyke regained the title the hard way by dethroning the title holders Wolfe Tones on a 2-10 to 2-6 scoreline at the penultimate stage. Their success was all the more noteworthy when you consider they won without talented players like Myra McNamara (injured), Sarah O'Meara and Tina O'Connell (retired).

But they were forced to

battle all the way by a youthful Sixmilebridge outfit who battled all the way and had enough chances particularly in the opening half to lay the foundation for victory but poor finishing undid a lot of their approach work.

However, apart from Patricia O'Grady, Noleen Neylon and Mairead "Mull" Twoomey the 'Bridge have a promising young outfit. During the eighties they were the dominant club side winning nine titles on the trot including a Munster Club crown. Their last title was back in 1991 and if they can build on this display they could go on to become a prominent force in the near future.

This hard fought entertaining contest provided plenty of excitement for the attendance which swelled to over 600 people as the game wore on. The swirling cross-field wind wasn't a big factor in the game.

The winners were quick off the mark when Sinead O'Brien raised a white flag after a shot from Pauline O'Brien was blocked and cleared. A few minutes later defender Marian Baker picked up a ligament injury which eventually forced her to retire injured.

But the sides were level in the fifth minute when Bridget O'Halloran found the target after some good work by Emer Murphy. Sixmilebridge veteran Mairead Toomey put

her side in front from a forty five before Marie Collins tied up matters again in the ninth minute.

Three minutes later the 'Bridge were dealt a cruel blow when Bodyke grabbed a goal. The defence splitting move was started by Marie Collins who burst through on a blistering solo, she hand passed over an advancing 'Bridge defender before dispatching the sliothar into the goalmouth.

Bodyke captain Pauline O'Brien rose highest and deflected it to the net in spite of the best efforts of 'Bridge 'keeper Patricia O'Grady who got a touch but couldn't prevent it from going to her left.

Although Marie Collins put Bodyke four points in front in the 14th minute after another great solo run, this goal actually stung their opponents into action. The 'Bridge began to dictate things at this stage but some poor finishing undid some of their good approach work.

Orla Fitzgerald and Bridget O'Halloran were unlucky with shots and afterwards the 'Bridge were left to rue their six first half wides from good positions. They increased this tally to nine after the break while Bodyke finished with 11 wides in total with eight of these coming in the second period.

Emer Murphy found the target before Sinead O'Brien and Mairead Twoomey traded points from forty fives to leave Bodyke 1-4 to 0-4

ahead at the interval.

On resuming, the 'Bridge escaped with a let off when a shot from Pauline O'Brien rebounded off the crossbar. The winners went four points in front once more when Marie Collins split the posts from a 60 yards free.

Five minutes into the second half the 'Bridge were right back in the hunt when Mairead Twoomey displayed all her guile and craft by blocking down a clearance from Bodyke custodian Claire O'Driscoll before crossing to the in rushing Emer Murphy who netted from close range.

Midway through 'Bridge captain Jean Flynn needed some assistance for an injury and shortly afterwards Sinead O'Brien, who had an off day, was booked by referee Orla Murphy.

The 'Bridge were always in contention thanks to some good work from Noleen Neylon, Jean Flynn and Sinead Crowe but they found it hard to register scores and relied too much on Orla Murphy and Mairead Twoomey.

Although some of Bodyke's big names weren't as influential as other games, Marie Collins, Orla Slattery, Michelle McNamara and Pauline O'Brien ensured they always kept in front.

Points from two Pauline O'Brien frees left Bodyke 1-7 to 1-4 ahead after 49 minutes. Tension reached fever pitch

in the closing minutes when the 'Bridge threw everything into attack for an equalising goal. And they almost succeeded when Orla Fitzgerald put Emer Murphy through for a goal but the latter blasted it over the crossbar much to her own dismay.

Pauline O'Brien was unlucky with an attempt at the other end before Claire Akers burst through to put his side three points clear. But the drama wasn't finished yet. Just before the end Jean Flynn saw her goal bound shot skid off the post before Marie Collins averted the danger with a timely clearance.

Bodyke survived and the 'Bridge were left rue what might have been.

Scorers: Bodyke: Pauline O'Brien (1-2, 0-2 from frees), Marie Collins (0-3, one free), Sinead O'Brien (0-2, one '45'), Claire Akers (0-1). Sixmilebridge: Emer Murphy (1-2), Mairead Toomey (0-2, one '45'), Bridget O'Halloran (0-1).

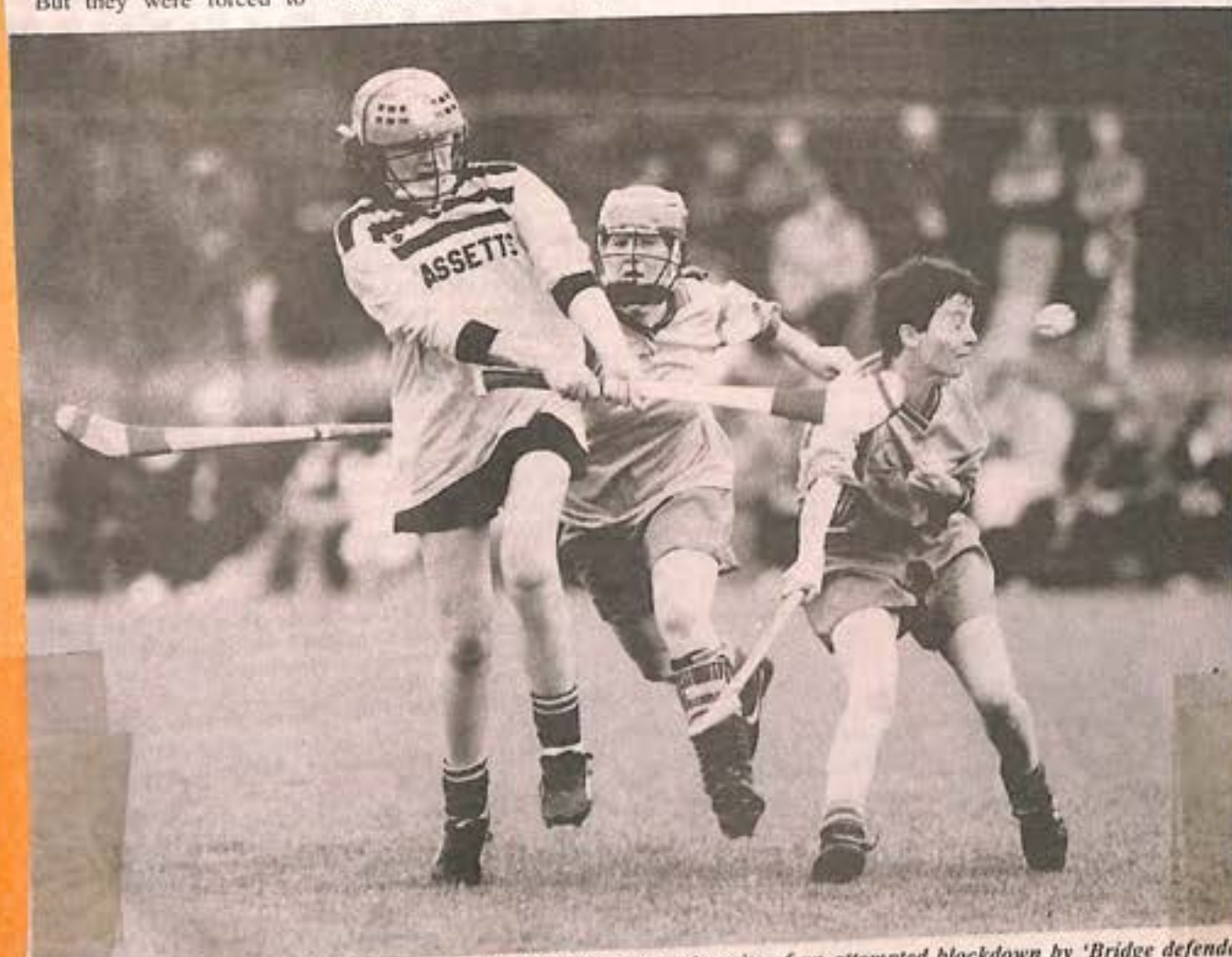
BODYKE: Claire O'Driscoll (7); Geraldine Counihan (7); Orla Slattery (8); Marie Collins (8); Marian Baker (7); Pauline Rochford (7); Claire Akers (7); Michelle McNamara (8); Michelle McNamara (7); Sinead O'Brien (6); Aileen Wiley (7); Pauline O'Brien (8).

Sub: Bobby Stack (7) (for Marian Baker, injured ligament).

SIXMILEBRIDGE: Pauline O'Grady (7); Linda Quinn (7); Sinead Crowe (7); Noleen Neylon (8); Yvonne Chaplin (7); Jean Flynn (7); Deirdre O'Gorman (6); Siobhan Flannery (6); Emer Murphy (8); Bridget O'Halloran (7); Orla Fitzgerald (7); Mairead "Mull" Twoomey (8).

Subs: Jean Toomey (7), 40 mins (for Siobhan Flannery), Marie Crowe (7), 45 mins (for Deirdre O'Gorman).

Ref.: Orla Murphy (Tulla).



Bodyke midfielder Michelle McNamara gets in a good delivery in spite of an attempted blockdown by 'Bridge defender Noleen Neylon in last Saturday's senior camogie county final.

Champions in a Different Class

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Last year Clare ran them mightily close but there was no danger of such repeat performances or heroics at Nolan Park in Kilkenny last Saturday evening as Cork swept past Clare in the style of true champions.

Clare had courage and character in abundance but Cork had the craft and in the end of a disappointing game their guile and undoubted superiority eased them through to a third successive senior camogie final tilt with Galway.

In actual fact the challengers took the lead but, thereafter, were hard pressed to stay in touch as Cork, enjoying a profound dominance at midfield, and with Fiona O'Driscoll unerringly accurate from frees, drove a deep wedge between themselves and Clare.

The difference in class was quite apparent as Cork, much more composed, were playing the game on their terms. They bossed Clare with the result that the Banner girls were playing catch up all evening.

The champions led 1-7 to 0-4 at the interval, with Sinead O'Callaghan bagging the goal in the tenth minute, but, in truth, the lead should have been much more com-

manding.

Cork were guilty of some terrible shooting during that half. They registered eleven wides and such wastefulness in front of the posts allowed Clare to stay in touch.

And in the heel of the hunt that's all the Clare girls were doing. On the evening they just weren't good enough and their cause wasn't helped either that a number of their more established players struggled to express themselves.

To have a chance Clare needed everyone playing well but, sadly, on Saturday evening very few did. And given such a scenario the final result was inevitable.

Clare, with a lot of positional switches from the selected team, faced into the breeze and team captain Moira Mc Mahon led the way with a pointed free after five minutes of scrappy play.

But it was a score shrouded in controversy. From my position in the stand it looked as if the ball was wide. The

umpire thought so too but not the referee who reversed the decision and awarded the point to Clare.

Clare, who needed all the breaks they could get got one, but they failed to build on their stroke of good fortune. Instead, it was the champions who began to take control through the forceful play of Linda Mellerick, Eithne Duggan and Vivienne Harris while Sinead O'Callaghan was posing a threat in attack.

Indeed, it was a poor clearance out of defence by Marie Collins which presented Mary O'Connor with the chance to open Cork's account and she duly obliged.

Moments later the Clare defence was breached for a well executed Sinead O'Callaghan goal. Vivienne Harris' well flighted delivery set up O'Callaghan and she placed the sliothar wide of Pauline O'Brien.

But Clare's response was immediate. From the puck

out Deirdre Murphy won possession, slipped inside her marker Mags Finn to point. In fact, it was to be Clare's solitary score from play in the opening half.

The action was swinging from end to end but it was Cork who were carving out the better chances. Thankfully, from a Clare perspective, Cork's finishing wasn't matching their approach play.

Sinead O'Callaghan pointed from a very acute angle before Pauline O'Brien was pressed into action to preserve her goals. A powerful run by Mary O'Connor set up Lynn Dunlea but her shot was batted away to safety by the Clare keeper.

Catherine O'Loughlin and Fiona O'Driscoll swapped 30's before Lynn Dunlea, again profiting from a Clare error, pointed to leave Cork 1-4 to 0-3 in front ten minutes from the interval.

Then Clare had a marvelous chance of a goal. Noelle Comyns worked hard to win

Cork 2-15 Clare 1-9

possession and she timed her pass to perfection to set up Moira Mc Mahon. Unfortunately, her shot lacked power and Cork keeper Cora Keohane easily saved.

The challengers were struggling in a number of areas and were it not for some staunch defending by Debbie Mc Donagh and Marie Collins the outlook would have been much bleaker. It was bad enough as it was.

By this stage they had struck eight wides and their inaccuracy ensured that Clare stayed in touch. O'Driscoll and O'Loughlin exchanged pointed frees as Cork continued to dominate everywhere but on the scoreboard.

Bodyke's Orla Slattery was introduced in defence to curb the threat of Sinead O'Callaghan but at this stage Fiona O'Driscoll had assumed the mantle and was really warming to the task in the Cork attack.

She pointed frees in quick succession to leave the Rebels 1-7 to 0-4 in front at the interval and, in truth, Clare were flattered to be as close.

On the changeover, Clare needed a quick score to really throw down the gauntlet and liven up proceedings and they did have a chance. Clodagh Lennon, who had switched to attack near the end of the opening half, did well to get a flick on a Catherine O'Loughlin delivery but keeper Keohane was equal to the task and kept her goals in tact.

Irene O'Keeffe, who cried off before the start, was introduced to the Cork attack and she proved a real handful for Cathy Hally. Three rapid fire points by Dunlea, O'Driscoll and O'Keeffe had Cork 1-10 to 0-4 clear twenty minutes from the end.

O'Keeffe's effort could just as easily have been a goal when she doubled overhead on a pass from Lynn Dunlea from no more than a few yards out.

At this stage they seemed to be well out of sight and Clare were in danger of being swept away in a red tide. But true to form and to their credit they stuck to the guns and battled on gamely even in the knowledge that their cause was a lost one.

Such fighting spirit eventually had its reward in the shape of a Catherine O'Loughlin goal fifteen min-

utes from the end. That left the scores standing at 1-11 to 1-5 and hopes were harboured of what would be a remarkable revival.

However, Cork snuffed out any such danger as their defence really battered down the hatches. Marie Collins pointed a free from well inside her own half while sandwiched in between two Fiona O'Driscoll frees was a great Moira Mc Mahon point.

The game was drifting to its inevitable conclusion when Cork heaped on further misery. Dunlea, who was well mastered by Mc Donagh in the opening half, was much more influential. She pointed before placing O'Keeffe for a well worked goal just on the call of time.

Indeed, such was O'Keeffe's contribution to her introduction, that it begged the question why she wasn't started in the first place. She's sure to be a starter in Croker on All-Ireland final day.

In additional time Noelle Comyns and Marie Collins registered Clare points but by then it was the classic case of too little way too late.

Pauline O'Brien was assured in goals while in an overworked defence Debbie Mc Donagh, in the opening half, and Marie Collins were prominent.

Clare struggled all afternoon at midfield while in attack Noelle Comyns was in the thick of the action while Catherine O'Loughlin, on



Fancy stickwork from Clare's Marie Collins as she heads on a solo run towards the Cork goals.

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ FulhamGALWAY AND CORK ADVANCE TO
THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL

It was a very pleasant evening in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Saturday last, one of the best weather-wise in quite a long time. The setting was perfect for the 'Bord na Gaeilge' All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-finals. The pitch was like a carpet, as Galway and Tipperary marched behind the band for the opening semi-final. Most knew this encounter was going to be very close. Tipperary had to field without their star full forward Deirdre Hughes who was injured in a match the previous Sunday, and Galway without star Sharon Glynn, who has been out injured for some time. She took her place on the bench.

From the start Tipperary looked sharper, showing great flair and determination. They opened the scoring after four minutes when Noelle Kennedy, who recorded a personal tally of twelve points, sent one over the bar from a thirty metre free. She added a similar score two minutes later. Galway's first point came on the 9th minute. A Colette Nevin free blocked down by Ciara Gaynor, who was having an outstanding game at centre back for Tipperary, was picked up by Ann Forde and sent over the bar. Tipperary hit back with two points after both sides exchanged wides on two occasions.

This tussle had turned into a ding-dong battle and at the end of the first quarter Tipperary led 0-4 to 0-1. Galway began to get more of a grip on the game especially at centre field and points by Colette Nevin, Imelda Hobbins and Aine Hillary put the sides level with ten minutes of play remaining in the half.

Tipperary edged in front with a Noelle Kennedy point one minute later, and almost from the puck out by Louise Curry Collette Nevin put the sides all square. They drew level on two occasions after that until Maeve Stokes put Tipperary in front again to leave the half time score

Tipperary 0-8 Galway 0-7.

As this stage Triona Bonnar replaced Claire Madden for Tipperary. Galway got off to a good start and inside three minutes Colette Nevin had pointed from a free and Therese Maher, who was playing great at centre field, set up Veronica Curtin for a well taken goal to leave the connacht county three points in front, 1-8 to 0-8. Sharon Glynn entered the fray for Galway, replacing Ann Hardiman. Tipperary then showed their mettle by fighting their way back and by the 8th minute a point by Emer McDonnell and two by Noelle Kennedy had the sides level 1-8 to 0-11. The teams again exchanged points. Both sides had their fair share of wides and some great defensive work was exhibited by both teams.

Noelle Kennedy put the Premier County in front with a point from a free and on the 20th minute Noelle pointed from play which was to be Tipperary's last score of the game leaving them two points up and looking much the better side.

A good clearance by Olivia Broderick, Galway, full back went to Aine Hillary who placed Ann Forde in possession for Galway's second goal. Tipperary sent wide of the post while Galway's Ann Forde notched off another point on the 26th minute and the last score of the game came by Galway's centre back Tracey Laheen from a free 40 meters out. For the remaining minutes Galway defence survived some anxious moments as Tipperary tried hard for the equalising score. Galway 2-9 Tipperary 0-14.

Scorers: Galway: Colette Nevin 0-6 (0-5f), Ann Forde 1-2, Veronica Curtin 1-0, Imelda Hobbins 0-1, Aine Hillary and Tracey Laheen 0-1 each (Frees)

Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 0-12, Maeve Stokes and Emer McDonnell 0-1 each.

Galway team: Louise Curry, Olivia

Broderick (Capt), Ann Broderick, Tracey Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Therese Maher, Ann Hardiman, Aine Hillary, Colette Nevin, Imelda Hobbins, Veronica Curtin, Ann Forde. Subs: Sharon Glynn for A Hardiman.

Tipperary team: Nora Dwan (Capt), Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor, Claire Madden, Emily Hayden, Helan Kiely, Maeve Stokes, Emer McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Caitriona Hennessy, Sinead Nealon. Sub: Triona Bonnar for C. Madden.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Cork 2-15 Clare 1-9

Cork will be Galway's opponents in the final. They recorded a nine point win over Clare. The All-Ireland champions were never really worried. A goal by Sinead O'Callaghan gave them a 1-7 to 0-4 lead at the break. The Banner County put in a good second half but found the experience of the Rebel county too much.

Scorers: Cork: Fiona O'Driscoll 0-7, Sinead O'Callaghan and Paula O'Connor 1-2 each, Lynn Dunlea 0-3, Mary O'Connor 0-1.

Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 1-3, Marie Collins and Moira McMahon 0-2 each, Deirdre Murphy and Orla Slattery 0-1 each.

Cork: Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan (Capt), Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris, Mags Finn, Linda Mellerick, Mary O'Connor, Ursula Troy, Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lynn Dunlea, Paula O'Connor. Sub: Irene O'Keeffe for P O'Connor.

Clare: Pauleen O'Brien, Sinead McMahon, Debbie McDonagh, Clodagh Lennon, Marie Collins, Cathy Hally, Moira McMahon (Capt), Catherine O'Loughlin, Edel Arthur, Deirdre Murphy, Sinead O'Brien, Noelle Comyn. Sub: Orla Slattery for S McMahon.

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary

Birt the
saviour

TIPPERARY..... 3-10
DERRY..... 2-13
SUPER sub Bronagh Birt's goal on the stroke of full time gave Derry a second bite of the cherry after a spirited All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship semi-final played at The Ragg, Thurles yesterday.

The first half was a ding-dong battle with some great play from both sides.

Well taken points from frees by Derry's Martina Mulholland kept them in front, but a goal by Tipperary's Siobhán Ryan left the sides level at the break (1-4 to 0-7).

By the end of the third quarter, Tipperary had a seven-point cushion with goals coming from Grainne Shanahan and Siobhán Ryan.

However, Derry whittled away the lead and just on full time were awarded a sideline free which was batted out by a Tipperary defender into the path of Birt who banged it to the net to put her side on level terms and give them the venue for the replay on August 30.

SCORERS — Tipperary: S Ryan (2-4, 1-4 frees), G Shanahan (1-1), J Ryan (0-3), N O'Dwyer, A McDermott (0-1 each), Derry: M Mulholland (0-10, 0-8), B Birt (1-1), C Mulholland (1-0), A O'Kane, G Maguire (0-1 each).

TIPPERARY — L Ryan, P Fogarty, N Connolly, S Howard, M Corcoran, A Dean, T Burke, A McDermott, J Ryan, S Ryan, P Burtin, N O'Dwyer. Subs: G Shanahan for P Burtin.

DERRY — A Crilly, G Maguire, C Doherty, S Convery, R Doherty, S McCaul, P McGuigan, M Mulholland, A O'Neill, A O'Kane, C Mulholland, P McAtteney. Subs: B Birt for P McGuigan, S McEneaney for R Doherty, A Tahir for S McCaul.

REFEREE — A Derham (Dublin).

Galway
in final

GALWAY..... 3-10
CARLOW..... 1-11

BATTLING Galway booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship final when they got the upper hand over Carlow in a keenly-contested semi-final played at Carlow Hurling Ground yesterday.

Little separated the sides for most of the game. However, two second half goals by Sandra Tannion and Eileen Earls destroyed Carlow's chances of gracing Croke Park on All-Ireland day.

The first half was evenly contested with some well taken points from Carlow's Valerie Crean and Galway's Lourdea Kavanagh who also was responsible for a goal. Just before half-time, Nuala Quirke shot to the net for the home side to give Carlow the edge at the break (1-6 to 1-4).

Carlow were still in contention in the second half but were unable to overcome the two goal setback.

SCORERS — Galway: L Kavanagh (1-7), E Earls (1-1), S Tannion (1-0), V Sweeney, M Glynn (0-1 each), Carlow: V Crean (0-8), N Quirke (1-0), M Coody (0-2), O O'Neill (0-1).

GALWAY — A Connolly, A Dolan, R Broderick, O Kelly, V Healy, M Glenn, C Murray, V Sweeney, L Kavanagh, A Lynskey, S Tannion, B Daniels. Subs: E Earls for C Murray, M Lynch for A Lynskey.

CARLOW — M Nolan, S Ryan, K Brennan, O O'Neill, J Lawlor, C Gibson, M Sheehan, M Coody, N Quirke, V Crean, O Maye, M Hogan. Subs: S Keohane for M Hogan.

REFEREE — J Morrissey (Tipperary).

Bishopstown girls
reach decider

Bishopstown 2-15
Newtownshandrum 1-5

BISHOPSTOWN are through to the Cork County Senior 'A' Camogie Championship final after their big win over Newtownshandrum in the semi-final in Banteer last night.

Cork minor Ciara Healy contributed 1-8, 1-5 from play. Her goal was a gem, scored near full time and she was also involved in their first goal nine minutes into the game when her cross was met by Caroline Kenny. Bishopstown led at the interval 1-9 to 0-2.

Scorers — Bishopstown: C. Healy (1-8), C. Kenny (1-0), V. Harris (0-3), T. Doyle (0-3), A. White (0-1), Newtownshandrum: C. Harrington (1-2), P. O'Connor, H. Kelleher, U. Troy (0-1 each).

BISHOPSTOWN — B. Desmond, L. Towler, C. Murphy, E. Duggan, A. Buckley, S. Morley, V. Harris, M. Cahill, C. Kenny, C. Healy, T. Doyle, A. White. Subs: C. Knight for C. Kenny, N. Falvey for A. White.

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM — G. Coleman, K. Hickey, F. Kelleher, C. Giltinan, L. Kelleher, U. Troy, H. Kelleher, C. Marlon, N. Bowles, P. O'Connor, C. Harrington, A. McElaney. Sub: M. Harrington for C. Marlon.

Referee: T. Sheehan (Mayfield).

Injury-time goal heals Derry's ills

Tipperary 3-10
Derry 2-13

AN INJURY-TIME goal by Roisin McCloskey earned Derry a draw in a thrilling All-Ireland Junior Camogie semi-final against Tipperary at The Ragg yesterday.

There was little between the teams all the way. Derry made the early running but a goal by Siobhán Ryan from a free before half-time brought Tipperary level, 1-4 to 0-7.

Tipperary had the upper hand for 20 minutes of the second half when goals from Grainne Shanahan in the 4th and Siobhán Ryan in the 20th minute opened an eight-point lead.

A Claire Mulholland goal in the 23rd minute rallied Derry and as the game went into injury

time, Roisin McCloskey was their saviour with the goal to level the match.

Siobhán Ryan, Angela McDermott, Niamh Connolly and Grainne Shanahan were the best for Tipperary while Grainne Maguire, Martina Mulholland, Aileen O'Kane and Rosin McCloskey starred for Derry.

Tipperary scorers: S Ryan 2-4, G Shanahan 1-1, J Ryan 0-3, A McDermott and N O'Dwyer 0-1 each.

Derry: H Mulholland 0-10, R McCloskey 1-1, C Mulholland 1-0, C Doherty and A O'Kane 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: L Ryan, P Fogarty, N Connolly, S Howard, M Corcoran, A Deane, T Bourke, A McDermott, J Ryan, S Ryan, P Burtin, N O'Dwyer. Sub: G Shanahan for Burtin.

DERRY: A Crilly, G Maguire, C Doherty, S Convery, R Doherty, S McCaul, P McGuigan, M Mulholland, E Lee, A O'Kane, C Mulholland, R Pickering. Subs: M O'Kane for McCaul, E O'Neill for O'Doherty, R McCloskey for McGuigan.

Referee: A Derham, Dublin.

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CUMANN CAMOGAIOCHTA BHAILE AN EASPAIG.

Bishopstown Camogie Club has a membership of approximately 150 players and field teams at U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U16, U18, Junior and Senior Levels. Since its foundation in the mid seventies, the club has achieved success at various levels. This is particularly true of the present senior panel, the vast majority of whom have graduated through the underage ranks of the club, where they were ably coached by local independent City Councillor Pat Murray, during their formative years. Cork Feile na nGeal titles were won in 1981, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987 and 1992, with the national title also being won in 1987. Munster Community games title were won in 1981, 1985 and 1986. Numerous Cork County leagues and championships at both adult and underage level have been won over the years, with the highlights being winning the inaugural Cork Senior B Championship in 1994 and the clubs first Senior A title in 1997, when they defeated Fr. O'Neills.

Over the years, the club has made a great contribution to various Cork teams. Of the current senior panel Rose Desmond, the longest serving club member, Liz Fowler, Eithne Duggan and Vivienne Harris have all won Senior All - Ireland Medals with Cork. Whilst Trisha Doyle has won a Junior All Ireland Medal Ciara Healy is on the Cork under 16 team who meet Derry in the All Ireland minor final in Ballincollig on Saturday next, 22nd August. Eithne Duggan in 1998 has captained Cork to the national league and the Munster Championship titles and the Munster team to interprovincial title. On the first Sunday in September, she will captain Cork in the All Ireland Final against Galway, in Croke Park. Vivienne Harris, R.T.E. player of the match winner in the 1997 All Ireland final and Trisha Doyle are also on the Cork Senior squad. Whilst club member Cllr. Pat Murray is a Cork Senior Selector. Trisha is also involved as a key player in the Cork Intermediate Team, who met Limerick in the All Ireland semi-final and she also captained the Cork Junior team who reached the 1998 league final. Cllr. Pat Murray is also both a selector and coach to the intermediate team.

The current senior team's manager Neil de Faoite has been associated with the senior team for the past number of years and has guided them to County Titles at Junior B, Junior A, Intermediate, Senior B and Senior A level. Great credit is due to him and fellow selectors Bernard Olden, Conor Kerry and Pat Harris for their hard work and dedication over the years. This year Bishopstown beat Inniscarra and Newtownshandrum on their way to the final and we are hopeful of regaining their title, for a second year in a row even though Fr. O'Neill's should provide formidable opposition.

BISHOPSTOWN CAMOGIE PANEL

16	Rose Desmond
2	Liz Towler
3	Aine Buckley
4	Eithne Duggan
5	Clare Murphy
6	Sheenagh Morley
7	Vivienne Harris
8	Martha Cahill
9	Caroline Kenny
10	Trisha Doyle
11	Aine White
12	Ciara Healy
13	Ciara Enright
14	Nicola Falvey
15	Sinead Kelly
1	Sinead White
17	Brid Sheehan
18	Denise O'Brien
19	Margaret Kearney
20	Catherine Kearney
21	Aoife McCarthy
22	Ciara Moriarty

TEAM MENTORS:

Neil White - Team Manager

Bernard Olden
Conor Kerry
Pat Harris

Selectors

CUMANN CAMOGAIOCHTA AN tATHAIR O'NEILL

The present Fr O'Neill's Camogie Club was formed in 1976, but Camogie was played in the parish prior to this.

Our club caters for the girls from Ballymacoda and Ladysbridge. Kilcredan School is the source of our underage players where the girls take part in Sciath na Scoil and Indoor Camogie under the guidance of the teachers there. Girls join us from other areas where they have no local camogie club.

After reaching many finals at Junior B and underage level success came to the club in 1985 by beating Killeagh after a replay for the Junior A Championship. In 1986 Fr O'Neills went on to win the Intermediate Championship over Cloyne. In 1997 we met Bishopstown in our first Senior A Final.

There followed a few lean years, however, club and teams worked away taking part in U14 Feile na Gael, Community Games, U16 O'Driscoll Tournament. Our Senior team have travelled to Pan Celtic, Kilmacud All Ireland 7's and Buffers also organised supporters to travel to the All Ireland in Croke Park.

This year we field teams at U12, U14'B', U16'B', U18, Junior B and Senior A with the help of all the trainers, selectors, players and parents.

The Club has supplied players to play on the Cork Minor, U18, Junior Intermediate and Senior teams. We have had the pleasure of hosting All Ireland Cups in our school and Parish.

1998 Team Trainer/Selectors are Nelius Ahern, Dick O'Shea and Phil Ahern.

This years panel of players includes 16 players from last years final. In addition we have Sinead Cahalane, Val & Karen O'Sullivan, Deirdre Pomphrett, Sharon McCarthy to complete our panel of 20 players.

We take this opportunity to thank previous committees and club trainers who have kept the club going and brought the team this far. Thanks to all our supporters and sponsors in our second Senior 'A' appearance in a final.

1998 is a special year for our parish with the 1798 commemoration celebration taking place for Fr Peter O'Neill.

On the way to the final we have overcome Muskerry and Cloughduv.

THE SCIENCE CUP - SYMBOL OF CORK SUPREMACY

To-night we witness the sixty-seventh Cork County Senior Championship Final. Not many Counties can boast of such a long uninterrupted run. Club competition existed in Cork for many years before 1932. But the Cork Championship as we know it today got off the ground in the same season as the first All - Ireland Championship.

The new championship attracted a large entry. Muskerry, Kanturk, Ashwell, Scoil Ite, St. Aloysius School, Bandon, Cara Clíodhna, Hillside, Duhallow, Fermoy, Carrigtwohill, Youghal, Bride Rovers, Ballinhassig, U.C.C., St. Finbarr's, Mallow, St. Enda's, St. Michael's and Cobh entered teams. Punch & Company presented the Science Cup and the scene was set for invigorating contests.

The game was so strong in St. Aloysius School at the time that the Cork School's Championship provided no real challenge and new heights were sought to conquer. Many of the girls, who were to star with Cork in subsequent years, bought the Science Cup to its first resting place in the famous nursery at Sherman Crawford Street.

The Roll of Honour of the Cork County Senior Championship now stands:

Glen Rovers	-	22
Old Aloysians	-	15
Imokilly	-	6
Killeagh	-	5
Eire Og	-	4
South Pres Past Pupils	-	3
St. Aloysius School	-	2
Lee Hoisery	-	2
Blackrock	-	2
Muskerry	-	1
Mayfield	-	1
U.C.C.	-	1
Sarsfield	-	1
Bishopstown	-	1

Glen Rovers are way out in front with an unassailable lead. Siobhan O'Brien carried the Science Cup to Blackpool for the first time in 1950. Stars of that side were Sheila Cahill, Bridie Lucey, Noelle Deane, Peg Lucey, Eva Dempsey and

the O'Brien sisters, Nancy and Nora.

The Glen added four more titles in the fifties. Anna Crotty, Teresa Murphy, Maura Brown, Margaret Buckley, Ann Cronin and Pauline Deane were stalwarts of those victories. Glen achieved a spectacular seven in a row from 1962 to 1968. Deirdre Sutton, Peggy Dorgan, Stephaine O'Connell, Nuala Humphries, Noreen O'Callaghan, Nora O'Mahony and Maura Coleman excelled to achieve the record.

Glen claimed three more titles in the Eighties and set off another dazzling run from 1990 to 1996 inclusive. Val Fitzpatrick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Marie Mackey, Mary Ring, Ger McCarthy, Anne Delaney, Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellrick, Denise Cronin, Lynn Dullea sparkled in the familiar black, green and yellow. These players bought four All - Ireland Club Champion titles to Blackpool.

Old Aloysians, who fill second position in the Roll of Honour, are defunct for a number of years. Founded in 1937, Old Als immediately produced a four in a row team that included some of the greatest players ever seen in Cork camogie. Wearing the famous grey, green and white in those years were Josie McGrath, Kitty Buckley, Peggy Hogg, Lil Kirby, Eileen Casey, Renee Fitzgerald, Maureen Hegarty and Mary Fitzgerald.

By 1961, Old Als had brought their collection of County titles to fifteen. Mona Hobbs, Eila Horgan, Betty Walsh, Angela Lane, Lil Coughlan, Joan Clancy, Mona Joyce, Jos O'Grady, Rena Manley, Mary Clancy, Maura Fitzgerald, Deirdre Young, Gerry Vaughan and Audrey Geaney contributed to the Club's success.

Imokilly fielded a talent-laded side that made the Championship their own from 1972 to 1976. The impressive line up of Marie Costine, Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney, Nuala Guilly, Mary O'Leary, Angela Higgins, Mary Canavan, Rosie O'Sullivan, Bernie Costine and Cathy Landers reflects how strong the game was in East Cork at the time. Watergrasshill provided Imokilly with four sisters, Angela, Margaret, Elizabeth and Nora Higgins, to make a bit of history.

Formed in 1973, Killeagh won five titles between 1980 and 1988 and were the first club to bring the All - Ireland Club Championship title to Cork. Practically all the players were natives of the parish. Their stars included Pat Moloney, Cathy Landers, Marie Costine, Marion Sweeney, Betty Joyce, Patsy Keniry, Ann Marie Landers and Patricia Fitzgibbon.

Eire Og were promoted to the senior grade in 1977 and celebrated by taking the Science Cup. Four O'Driscoll sisters, Nancy, Mary, Noelle and Aileen, Eileen Dinneen, Marion McCarthy, Mary Geaney, Hilda Horgan, Eileen

FR O'NEILL'S CAMOGIE PANEL

1	Ann Marie Brennan
2	Frances Hennessy (c)
3	Liz Sweetman
4	Mags Finn
5	Sharon Meade
6	Sharon McCarthy
7	Sinead Cahalane
8	Valerie O'Sullivan
9	Anna Marie Corcoran
10	Claire Flavin
11	Mary Kenefick
12	Fiona O'Driscoll
13	Karen O'Sullivan
14	Rosin Corcoran
15	Carrie Shanahan Higgins
16	Marie O'Brien
17	Sinead Kenefick
18	Amy Lane
19	Deirdre Pomphrette
20	Nora Ahern

TRAINER: Nelius Ahern

SELECTORS:

Nelius Ahern
Phil Ahern
Dick O'Shea

Kavanagh, Marion Reck and Joan Shanahan stretched the run to three titles. Captained by Noelle O'Driscoll, Eire Og Picked up another crown in 1985 by which time Miriam Higgins, Margo Twomey, Grainne Mackey and Sarah Murphy had joined the side.

There was great rejoicing when the turn of the South Pres Past Pupils came around. Lead by Mary Crowley, South Pres made the breakthrough in 1969. Mel Cummins, Betty Sugrue, Hannah Dineen, Sheila O'Sullivan (now Sheila Golden, Cathaoirleach of the Cork Board) Mary Whelton, Marion McCarthy (who won medals with Eire Og) and Kay Dunne made it three in a row. Eliz Dunphy, Lilian Zinkant, Eileen Noonan, Ann Brady and Val Twomey enjoyed a famous hour with Sarsfield in 1989. Great work by Eithne Duggan, Eliz Towler, Vivienne Harris, Rose Desmond and Sheena Morley brought the cup to Bishopstown last year. Will Bishopstown consolidate their superiority or can Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn, Frances Hennessy, Sinead Cahalane, Ann Marie Brennan and Mary Kennefick engineer a famous victory and carry the Science Cup to Ballymacoda?

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'Town set to retain the title

IN an eagerly awaited Cork County Senior "A" Championship final Bishopstown and Fr. O'Neill's will battle it out at Caherlag tonight at 7.30 p.m. to decide the destination of the Science Cup for 1998.

This is a repeat of last year's final when Bishopstown won their first ever Senior "A" title and on this occasion they will no doubt be hoping to continue their winning ways and on their performances to date in the championship they could be well on their way to taking the title for the second year in a row.

In their first outing they comprehensively defeated a disappointing Inniscarra side and then easily accounted for a fancied Newtownshandrum in the semi-final.

During these games they looked strong in all sectors with some outstanding performers in Sheenagh Morley, who captains the side, Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris, Liz Towler, Ciara Healy, Aine White and goalkeeper Rose Desmond.

All these girls have been through the mill before and will not be overawed by the big occasion but I am sure they are still very much aware that it will take a top class performance from all involved if they are to succeed as they will face formidable opponents in the Ballymacoda based Fr. O'Neill's side.

Impressive

The latter's path to the final included victories over Muskerry and Cloughduv and while their performances were not as impressive as their city opponents, they are still very worthy of a place in tonight's final.

Having been defeated by the same opposition last season they will no doubt be very anxious to make amends.

This season they have the addition of two former Killeagh players Sinead Cahalane and Valerie O'Sullivan and have other very fine performers in Cork senior Fiona O'Driscoll who is playing tremendous camogie this year, Mary Kenefick, goalkeeper Ann Marie Brennan, Sharon Meade, Sharon McCarthy and full back Frances Hennessey who captains the side.

If these girls play to form we should have a terrific contest in store and a game that should not be missed by all Camogie enthusiasts.

On Saturday next at Ballincollig at 2.30 p.m. the Cork minors will play Derry in the All-Ireland Minor final in what should be another excellent game. Cork have not won a minor title since 1985 but with victories over Clare, Waterford, Tipperary and Galway behind them will hopefully end what has been a very lean time for minor camogie in Cork.

Pressure all on Bishopstown girls to retain Cork senior camogie crown

IN a repeat of last season's Science Cup decider, county champions Bishopstown take on Father O'Neill's at Caherlag this evening in the Cork senior camogie championship final (7.30).

Having taken their first title last year, the pressure is now on Bishopstown to retain their crown. Following impressive displays in their opening game against Inniscarra and semi-final outing versus Newtownshandrum, they will start as firm favourites.

Their defence — in particular former inter-county player Liz Towler, goalkeeper Rose Desmond and Cork senior captain Eithne Duggan — has kept a tight reign on opponents, while up front Cork minor Ciara Healy, Tricia Doyle and Caroline Kenny have all proven more than capable of taking their scores. They are further strengthened by the inclusion of Ciara Enright, whose transfer from Waterford side Lismore, came through recently.

Bishopstown side are captained by Sheenagh Morley, whose

mother Joan won senior championship honours with the Old Aloysius club in the 60's and are coached by the long-standing Neil White, who has given tremendous service.

Their selectors are Pat Harris, Conor Kenny and Bernard Olden. East Cork side Fr O'Neill's enter the final in determined mood. Having lost out to Bishopstown last season they are going all out for revenge. In their opening game against Muskerry they did not look overly impressive and indeed against Cloughduv in the semi-final had to fight all the way.

Since winning the 'B' title in 1995 they have worked extremely hard to establish themselves in the senior grade and now stand on the threshold of their first senior county championship crown.

Tonight they will look to their inter-county star Fiona O'Driscoll to lead their attack as she has been doing superbly this season for club and county.

However, were Bishopstown to close her down Fr O'Neill's could find themselves in trouble. Cork

senior Mags Finn marshals their defence from centre-back and they welcome the return of Sharon McCarthy. They are captained by long-serving full-back Francis Hennessey while the transfer of Cork intermediate player Sinead Cahalane and the O'Sullivan sisters Karen and Valerie from the Killeagh club, has added strength to their side.

Cahalane has fitted in well to the centre-field and her ability to take scores could be crucial to their cause. However, Nora Ahern is at present nursing a broken thumb, sustained early in the season but is expected to be in their line-up.

It remains to be seen if Fr O'Neill's can become the first East Cork club since Killeagh's last success ten years ago, or if Bishopstown can maintain the city's grip on a competition which stretches back to 1990.

It promises to be an intriguing encounter with Tracey Sheehan from the Mayfield club getting proceedings under way with a 7.30 throw-in.

'Town backed to retain crown

BISHOPSTOWN put their county senior camogie championship title on the line at Caherlag tonight (7.30 p.m.) when they play Fr. O'Neill's in this year's decider.

Twelve months ago both these clubs met in the final at the same venue and produced a cracking contest before the city club emerged winners to claim their first title in the

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grade.

Bishopstown will look to their inter-county captain Eithne Duggan (daughter of former Cork senior hurling star Phil), Vivienne Harris and former inter-county players Liz Towler and Rose

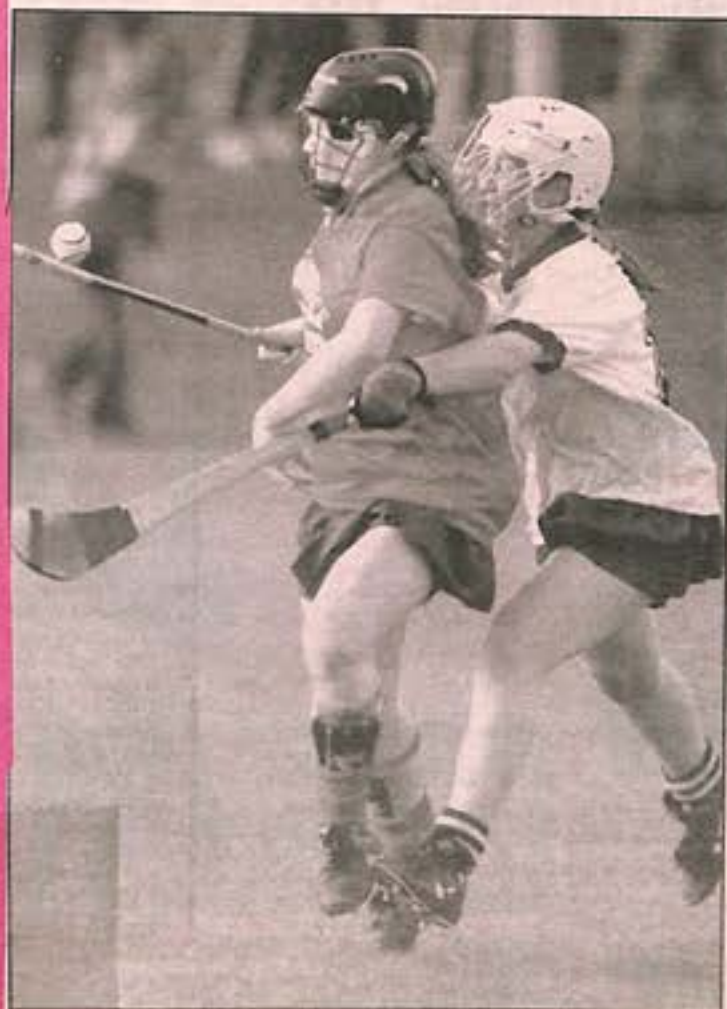
Desmond to ensure the title stays in the city for at least another year.

Fr. O'Neill's whose challenge has been strengthened considerably this year by the transfer of Sinead Cahalane, Karen and Valerie O'Sullivan from the Killeagh club, will include inter-county stars Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll in their side.

Bishopstown, captained this season by Sheenagh Morley, will start favourites to retain their title, but wouldn't want to take anything for granted from a side that are hell-bent on making amends for the disappointment of last year's defeat.

●See Pride in Cork supplement inside for more camogie.

New ladies on the Cork block



Fr. O'Neill's Claire Flavin is tackled by Bishopstown's Trisha Doyle during the Senior A Camogie Championship final. Picture: Richard Mills.

Bishopstown 2-10
Fr O'Neill's 1-10

BISHOPSTOWN have taken over from Glen Rovers as the new camogie kids on the block.

At Caherlag last night they beat Fr. O'Neill's in the county senior championship final to record back to back titles.

Fielding five newcomers from the team that won their first title last year, the champions produced a masterful display last night when the need was greatest.

Fr. O'Neill's threatened to reverse last year's final result when Fiona O'Driscoll had a goal and a point inside the opening three minutes.

However the 'Town weathered the storm and with Liz Towler, Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris and Ciara Healy playing magnificent camogie, they went on to record a thrilling 2-10 to 1-10 win.

For coach Neil White it was a very pleasing result. "It's fantastic for the girls. It was tough and good for a while but we came good in the end."

"Fr. O'Neill's really put us through the mill, particularly in the first half when they led almost from the throw-in."

"Our girls never let them get too far in front, and I was reasonably confident at half-

Bishopstown are camogie's new kingpins

By BRENDAN LARKIN

time when we went in just a point in arrears and the strong wind to come in our favour in the second half.

"I would have to say that giving Liz Towler the task of marking Fiona O'Driscoll was the winning of the game for us."

"Fiona is one of the top forwards in the game at the moment but Liz had the skill, speed and experience to do a good marking job, and she certainly kept a tight rein on her after Fiona threatened to run riot."

For team captain Sheenagh Morley it was a dream come true. "This win is all the more meritorious given that it was our third championship game in 10 days and some of the girls were showing signs of fatigue."

"A lot of hard work has gone into winning this final and I would like to pay a particular tribute to those players who travelled long distances for training. It has paid off for them."

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Bishopstown's double delight

City side show spirit to weather Fr O'Neill's rally

Bishopstown 2-10
Fr O'Neill's 1-10

by Brendan Larkin

BISHOPSTOWN became Cork county senior camogie champions for the second year in a row at Caherlag last night, when they withstood a tremendous rally from Fr O'Neill's.

This was a marvellous final, which was a repeat of last year, and drew rave notices from the huge crowd who delighted in the skill and pace of the game.

The winners owed much to the brilliance of their defence for this success. Rose Desmond was flawless in goal, county captain, Eithne Duggan, was unbeatable at centre-back, but, the jewel in the crown was full-back Liz Towler. The former Cork star looked to be in for a torrid time from O'Neill's full-forward, Fiona O'Driscoll, who rattled in 1-1 in the opening three minutes.

However, Towler warmed to her task and, playing magnificent camogie, completely blotted out the threat of O'Driscoll for the remainder of the game.

The east Cork side won the toss and elected to play with the strong wind in the opening half. It looked a wise decision, when the impressive Mary Kennefick had their opening point after just 50 seconds. Half a minute later Fiona O'Driscoll palmed home a goal and the defending champions looked in trouble, as Fr O'Neill's made maximum use of the elements.

Bishopstown settled well after the early onslaught and grabbed a goal in the fourth minute, when Ciara Healy first-timed Vivienne Harris's long-range free to the net. It was to prove a crucial score.

O'Neill's continued to dictate matters in most areas of the field and, with defenders Liz Sweetman and Mags Finn holding their opponents in a vice-like grip, they hit over four points in a row, two each from Claire Flavin and Mary Kennefick, to lead 1-5 to 1-1 after 15 minutes.

Despite their territorial advantage, O'Neill's began to waste

chances to consolidate their lead and, with Eithne Duggan finally beginning to exercise her authority at centre-back, Bishopstown finished the half in style to be just the minimum in arrears at the short whistle.

Facing into the strong wind on the change-over, O'Neill's threw down the gauntlet to the champions with a Mary Kennefick point a minute after the resumption and, as Bishopstown began to chalk up the wides, there was every chance the east Cork girls could cause an upset.

However, like true champions, Bishopstown responded to the challenge and were on level terms after 32 minutes, with points from the impressive Ciara Healy and Vivienne Harris, before we had the major talking point of the game.

A marvellous diving save by Bishopstown keeper Rose Desmond gave O'Neill's a 30. Up stepped Mary Kennefick who duly pointed, which would have given her side the lead. Surprisingly, she was ordered to retake the 30 after a Bishopstown defender was adjudged to be too close and, yes, you guessed it, Mary's second effort was blocked and cleared to Trisha Doyle, who pointed at the other end to give the champions the lead for the first time.

With the bit firmly between their teeth, Bishopstown struck for the decisive goal 10 minutes from time, when Ciara Healy finished a great move to the net to open up a four-point lead.

O'Neill's moved Fiona O'Driscoll to the 40 for the last few minutes in the hope she might pull the game out of the fire, but, a resolute Bishopstown defence held firm for a thrilling victory.

Scorers — Bishopstown: C. Healy 2-3 (0-1 free); T. Doyle 0-3; V. Harris 0-2; A. White, C. Kenny 0-1 each; Fr O'Neill's: F. O'Driscoll 1-2; M. Kennefick 0-6 (0-2 30s, 0-1 free); C. Flavin 0-2.

BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond; L. Towler, A. Buckley, E. Duggan, C. Murphy, S. Morley, V. Harris, M. Cahill, C. Kenny, T. Doyle, A. White, C. Healy.

FR O'NEILL'S: A. M. Brennan; F. Hennessy, L. Sweetman, M. Finn, S. Meade, S. McCarthy, S. Cahalane, V. O'Sullivan, A. M. Corcoran, C. Flavin, M. Kennefick, F. O'Driscoll. Sub. N. Ahern for Corcoran.

Referee: T. Sheehan (Mayfield).



Fr O'Neill's Claire Flavin is tackled by Bishopstown's Trisha Doyle during the Senior A final at Caherlag.

Picture: Richard Mills.

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Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by P.J. Fulham

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals are down for decision. Tipperary, Munster champions, will host Derry. Tipperary won three Munster titles in a row in 1990, '91 and '92, securing the All-Ireland in '92. They came through this year's campaign with flying colours, defeating Limerick in the final, 3-19 to 0-4.

Derry bridged a 12 year gap when they defeated a fancied Down side, 1-11 to 1-9 in the Ulster final. They won this competition twice back in 1969 and '78.

Tipperary will be quietly confident on home ground and have useful performers in captain Alice Deane, a very sound midfield player who will be assisted by Julie Delaney and Angela McDermott. They have strong forwards in Joanne Ryan, Siobhan Ryan and Paula Bullin. Between them they scored 2-14 against Limerick.

The Oak Leaf County will be no pushover. They are a very compact outfit and have waited a long time for this break. They will be looking for a good performance from the Mulholland sisters Martina and Claire,

Roisin Pickering, Shauna McCaul and Siobhan Convery captain, to take them to Croke Park on September 6th. It should be a sparkling contest with little separating the sides at the finish. However, the Premier County are due a bit of luck and could just shade it.

Tipperary - Louise Ryan, Philomena Fogarty, Niamh Connolly, Sheena Howard, Maeve Corcoran, Alice Deane captain, Julie Delaney, Angela McDermott, Joanne Ryan, Siobhan Ryan, Paula Bullin, Niamh O'Dwyer, Fiona Loughnane, Mary Loobey, Siobhan Cusack, Tess Bourke, Grainne Shanahan, Nicola Kennedy.

Derry - Aileen Crilly, Grainne Maguire, Claire Doherty, Rhonda Doherty, Siobhan Convery captain, Shauna McCaul, Pauleen McGuigan, Martina Mulholland, Claire Mulholland, Brid Mulholland, Eimear Lee, Aileen O'Kane, Roisin Pickering, Orla Downey, Eileen Downey, Therese McCann, Broagh Birt, Roisin McCloskey, Claire Scullian, Paula McAtamney, Deirdre O'Doherty, Aileen Tohill, Sinead Donnelly.

In the other semi-final, Leinster champions

Carlow will host Galway in a game that should produce lots of flair and determination. Galway won the All-Ireland junior championship in 1994. They were beaten in the league semi-final by Cork earlier this year. They will want to be in top form to get the upper hand of Carlow, who were also Leinster champions in 1993 and last year when they bowed out at this stage to Antrim. On the path to the final they had a close call against Dublin in the Leinster semi-final, with just one point to spare, 2-14 to 3-10 and defeated Wexford 4-12 to 4-9 in the final. They have experienced players in Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Sile Ryan, Charmaine Gibson, Mary Coady, Joanne Lawlor, Olivia Maye and Marie Sheehan.

Galway are an experienced side and with their seniors in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland final, will be hoping to have their juniors there as well on September 6th. If they strike form they will be hard beaten.

Carlow - Nuala Quirke, Sile Ryan, Joanne Lawlor, Olivia Maye, Olivia O'Neill, Patricia Stacey, Mairead Hogan, Clodagh Byrne, Riona Griffith, Eileen Huff, Marie Coady, Charmaine Gibson, Ann Marie Ryan, Lisa Grennan, Mary Coady, Aine Murphy, Valerie Crean, Marie Sheehan, Caitlin Brennan, Jenny Nevin.

Also on Sunday the Leinster under 18 championship semi-finals take place. Wexford, the holders, travel to face Kilkenny in what should be a skillful encounter between two evenly matched sides. Kilkenny have a good squad who will be quietly confident of dethroning the champions but that maybe difficult as when the sides met in the minor semi-final two years ago, Wexford got the verdict, 2-9 to 1-8. The Slaneysiders secured the title, defeating Dublin in the final, and carry the tag of favourites.

Wicklow will show their hospitality to Dublin. The Garden County got a bye in the quarter final while Dublin had a good win over Laois and should stay on the winning trail.

FIXTURES

Sunday August 16th: All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals

At The Ragg: Tipperary v Derry, 1pm

At Carlow Hurling Ground: Carlow v Galway, 3pm

Leinster Under 18

At Avondale: Wicklow v Dublin, 3pm

A great second half by Limerick secured them a place in the All-Ireland Intermediate championship semi-final when they emerged with one point to spare over Galway in this All-Ireland Intermediate quarter-final played at Loughrea.

Galway led by 0-11 to 0-6 at the break and went a further two points ahead early in the second half. Limerick's Pauline McCarthy was in great scoring form and notched off some valuable scores before she crashed home a goal at a crucial time on the 20th minute. Almost immediately McCarthy put her side one point up, a lead they never lost.

Final score: Limerick 1-13 Galway 0-15
Scorers: Limerick - Pauleen McCarthy 1-11, Pauleen O'Connor and Marian Neville 0-1 each.

Galway - Lourda Kavanagh 0-7, Aoife Lynskey, Michelle Glynn, Caroline Murray and Veronica Sweeney 0-2 each.

Referee - Biddy Phillips (Tipperary).

North Ulster rivals clash in club semis

THERE are two very intriguing semi-finals in the Ulster club championship this weekend and while all four teams are familiar enough with the latter stages of the provincial title-race, the semi-final pairings are unique.

The big one has to be the north Ulster derby between Dunloy and Swatragh. It is widely anticipated that the eventual winners of the competition will emerge from this game.

Swatragh won the last of their four provincial titles in 1990 but only Margaret McAtamney, Shauna Turner and Deirdre O'Doherty survive from the Sarah Quinn era.

The experience of this trio was crucial to their Derry championship final victory over Lavey. Newcomer to the club Monica Doherty is in search of her fifth successive Ulster club final appearance and she has contributed at least a goal in each of Swatragh's championship ties this season.

Monica of course picked up two winners medals with Liatroim Fontenays in 1995 and 1996, the latter incidentally against Dunloy.

However, it has been the strength and skill of the younger Swatragh players which has taken them this far. Claire McNicholl and Aileen Tohill have been forceful in midfield while Grainne Maguire has dominated their defence.

The return after injury by Paula McAtamney has further strengthened the side as illustrated by her 1-7 from play against Newtowncunningham.

Dunloy though have had high-scoring victories over Teemore and Castleblayney to date and players such as Elaine Dowds, Anne McKee, Oonagh Elliott and Edel Mason seem to have regained the starting ability which was curtailed in the Antrim final against Loughgl.

Despite some good passages of play in that game, they lost their way and had to rely on a couple of very late goals to see them through.

The Dunloy team on paper looks very strong indeed - stronger than Swatragh, but they did look vulnerable in the Antrim final. The derby at most may have been responsible.

Against Swatragh, they should not

show the same inhibitions.

By contrast the other semi-final is more low key - despite the fact that Liatroim Fontenays are bidding for a fifth successive final.

However, they do not look like the force of the past four seasons. The transfer of Monica Doherty to Swatragh has left a gap in midfield that they do not seem to have adequately filled.

Add in the fact that a third of the team was contemplating retirement prior to the 1994 saw to the Ulster final!

They have not been as convincing in the Down championships, while they struggled for long periods against Castlebar of Cavan in the Ulster quarter-final, relying on 2-10 from Mairin McAlleenan to pull them through.

She is their star-performer but the contributions of Majella Murray, Donna Greeran and Nuala Magee cannot easily be dismissed.

The experiment of playing Donna Greeran in midfield did not look to be paying off and - given the danger posed by Mary Donnelly - she may well feature again at full-back.

Opponents Ballymacnab also seem to have gone through a period of championship experimentation - particularly in regard to Sally Rafferty.

In the drawn county final, the veteran county player scored 3 goals - yet featured in defence in both the replay and the thrilling 5-10 to 5-7 victory over English.

The Armagh side's strength is their midfield of Rosie Smyth, Pauline McConnell and Olive McGeown, while Bernice Gribbin and Mary Donnelly carry the scoring threat.

They have a solid 'keeper in Arlene Donnelly and a tight-marking defence into which captain Roisin Cosgrove is expected to return after sustaining a nasty injury in the English game.

While many expect Liatroim to progress, Ballymacnab certainly have the know-how and skill to upset the odds.

Saturday: 2.30 pm - Ballincollig - All-Ireland Minor Final - Cork v Derry

Sunday: Ulster club championship semi-finals
Liatroim 2pm: Liatroim Fontenays (Down) v Ballymacnab (Armagh)
Dunloy 3pm: Dunloy (Antrim) v Swatragh (Derry).



Limerick captain Helen Clifford McCarthy with the 1995 All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship Cup. Will they be in contention for 1998 Intermediate honours?

Ulster Club Camogie

Dunloy and Liatrom for final clash

Liatrom Fontenoy's will meet Dunloy in this year's Ulster camogie final after both sides triumphed on their semifinals at the weekend.

Another five-star scoring performance from Mairin McAleenan brought Liatrom Fontenoy's a 0-19 to 3-2 victory over Ballymacnab.

However it was the home side's ability to shut out all the opposition's danger players which provided McAleenan with the opportunities to shoot 13 points, some of them from inside her own half.

Despite playing into the stiff breeze, four points from McAleenan and another from Brenda Gallagher put Liatrom in control. Goals from Bernice Gribbin and Tanya Harvey though edged the Armagh champions into a narrow 2-2 to 0-7 half-time lead.

Majella Murray shot Liatrom level within 30 seconds of the restart, two points from McAleenan restoring their early lead. However a fourth minute goal from Shauna Gribbin rocked the home side but it proved to be no more than a hiccup as they fired over nine unanswered points, before the finish.

McAleenan was the star but Majella Murray and Brenda Gallagher can also be pleased with their showings. Olive McGeown and Mary Donnelly were blotted out and Ballymacnab's stars were in defence, with Arlene Donnelly superb in goals and Pauline Smyth and Roisin Cosgrove working hard.

Liatrom's Ulster final opponents will be Dunloy.

The Antrim club can consider themselves lucky to be there after leaving it very late to secure a one point win over Swatragh, running out 1-10 to 1-9 victors.

In the Antrim final, a month ago, the camogie team pulled back a two goal deficit to win. Yesterday they were in just as much bother in an Ulster semi-final, although they only trailed by a point. But two injury time frees by Sinead McMullan turned imminent defeat into a third provincial final appearance in five seasons.

They looked in trouble with only a pointed free from Anne McKee to show for second-half effort and

Swatragh having pegged back a half-time deficit of 1-7 to 0-3 to take the lead in the 26th minute with a Claire McNicholl goal.

It looked at that stage that Dunloy's dominance of the first-half had been worthless, but experience told in those final minutes as Edel Mason and then Anne McKee soloed into the Swatragh defence, forcing frees which full-back Sinead McMullan duly delivered into scores.

However Dunloy were rampant during the opening half, taking the game to Swatragh, who simply could not get to grips with the match.

Oonagh Elliott punished slackness in their defence with a ninth minute goal and they led by 1-3 before Bernice O'Loughlin opened the Derry champions' account with a point after 17 minutes, although they did bring one excellent save from Clara McKinley.

Further points from Anne McKee (2), Edel Mason and Elaine Dowds brought Dunloy nine points ahead although two injury time pointed frees kept Swatragh in the game.

Their comeback started in earnest at the start of the second-half and although they missed several openings they started to control the game and gradually the score difference narrowed.

However they will rue missed frees in both halves and wonder what the result might have been if Claire McNicholl's free had not flashed back off a post minutes before the interval.

Dunloy: C McKinley, S McMullan (0-2, free), M Dowds, D Brogan, C Maguire, H McMullan, E Mason (0-2), C McCampbell, O Elliott (1-0), A McKee (0-4, 0-2, frees), E Dowds (0-2), B Elliott.
Subs: C McAuley for B Dowds (58 mins)

Swatragh: M McAtamney, G Maguire, P McKenna, C Soutin, J McKeagney (0-1), B O'Loughlin (0-2), A Tohill, C McNicholl (1-0), B McGuirk, P McAtamney (0-6, all frees), D O'Doherty (0-1), S Turner.

Subs: M Doherty for S Turner (22 mins), C Logan for B McGuirk (42 mins)

Ref: Brendan Beattie (Down).
Liatrom Fontenoy's scorers: Mairin McAleenan (0-13, 0-6 frees); Majella Murray (0-2), Caltrona McCrickard (0-2), Brenda Gallagher (0-1), Bernice Kelly (0-1)

Ballymacnab: Bernice Gribbin (1-1), Tanya Harvey 1-0, Shauna Gribbin (1-0), Olive McGeown (0-1)
Referee: Catherine McAulister (Antrim)