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Goal-hungry Loreto power their way to first camogie title

We were led to believe that they were new to the sport and still finding their way in the world of post-primary schools' camogie. However, going on what we saw in Cashel last Saturday, it looked like Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy, had invented the game. Making light of the incessant drizzle and slippery underfoot conditions, Loreto dominated this game from start to finish, and with the goals flowing freely (7 in total), they were never troubled by Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe, who battled away till the end.

The scores came early and often for Loreto - their supporters were barely in their seats, when midfielder and captain, Marie O'Neill had the ball in the net, courtesy of a long range free. The inspirational number 9 was at it again a couple of minutes later when she finished to the net, after Ballinasloe failed to clear their lines. Highly rated forward Denise Twomey, also got off the mark quickly, and struck over a nice point after 5 minutes. The diminutive St Catherine's player was a thorn in the side of the Ballinasloe defence all afternoon, and followed up her early point with a well-taken goal. On the points front, Scoil Mhuire were holding their own, and succeeded in raising 4 white flags during the first half. However, goals proved elusive, unless that

is, you were wearing a Loreto jersey.

Marie O'Neill was on the goal trail again midway through the first half, bursting past the opposition's keeper, Trisha Carroll, who plays her club camogie with Castlelyons was a constant threat in front of goal, and hit the net twice during the first 30 minutes. The first was a scrambled effort after good work by Ciara O'Driscoll and the second a neat ground stroke that gave the goalie no chance. Noreen O'Farrell, who surprisingly, didn't get on the score-sheet, was busy making scores for others, and can be well pleased with her efforts over the hour.

The six forwards all performed up to scratch with Orla Cotter, turning in another polished display. Showing no ill effects from her early season injury, the St Catherine's player always had the beating of her opponent, and by the time she was called ashore towards the end, Loreto were home and hosed (Aileen Hogan was her able replacement). Waterford girl, Mairead Finn, who plays with the Ballyduff club may be better known for her footballing skills, however she too, looked very comfortable throughout and did her fair share of defending as well as attacking.

When réiteoir, Rose Kelleher blew her whistle for half time, the electronic

scoreboard read Loreto 5-05 to Ballinasloe's 04 points. In their heart of hearts, the Westerners probably knew, that even at this early stage, the game was lost.

During the interval, Loreto players had a composed look about them, and following a team talk by coach Ger Holland, who counselled against over confidence, they took to the pitch again. Goalkeeper Valerie McCormack (Kilworth) who had a quiet first 30 minutes, was called into action early in the second half, and had to be very alert to keep out a goal-bound effort. After that wake-up call, normal service was quickly restored with scores coming from: Marie O'Neill (goal), Marie O'Neill (point), Marie O'Neill (point), Denise Twomey (goal), Marie O'Neill (point), Denise Twomey (point), Marie O'Neill (point from free) and Marie O'Neill a point. That catalogue of scores tells its own story and excluding Trisha Carroll's 2 first half goals, Marie O'Neill and Denise Twomey accounted for all of Loreto's scores.

As was expected, the Loreto backs were much busier in the second half, with Claire O'Farrell, Noreen Mulcahy and Tracey Barry all pressed into defensive duties. Helena O'Neill, sister of Marie, and Marie Twomey were quick to snuff out any danger, with the pacy Laura Cronin



• **TEAM EFFORT WINS THE DAY FOR LORETO** - Coach Ger Holland and acting Principal, Veronica Whyte with members of the All Ireland winning team, Tracey Barry, Noreen Mulcahy, Trisha Carroll, Marie O'Neill and Denise Twomey. (J)

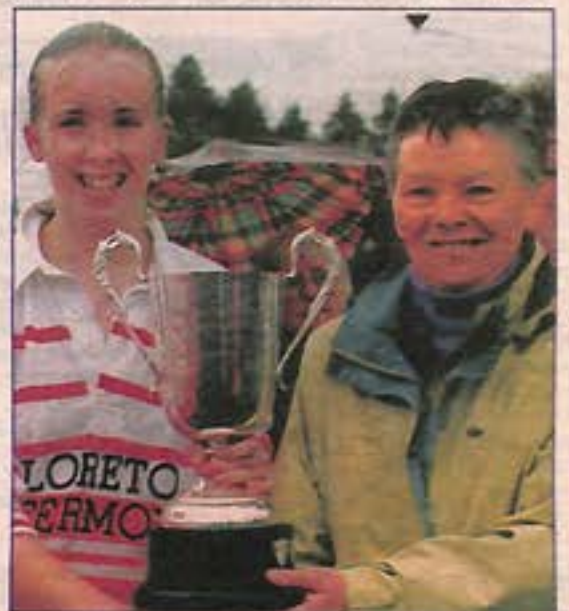
(Watergrasshill) acting as a sweeper at the back. When the back line did need a bit of help, Michelle McAteer was always close at hand to help relieve the danger. Michelle, who partnered Marie O'Neill at midfield covered a lot of ground during the hour, and having given her all, was replaced by her Watergrasshill club-mate Elaine O'Leary late on in the game. The other Loreto sub used was Ciara Lynch - corner back Laura Cronin making way for the Kilworth girl, who was understandably delighted to be part of the occasion. Indeed, Loreto had plenty of quality substitutes and no doubt the likes of Aoife Gardiner, Sarah Russell, Paula O'Brien, Aoife O'Brien, Deirdre Twomey, Orla Neville and Deirdre Mulcahy will all get their chance in the not too distant future.

Ballinasloe did manage to pull back 2 goals, but by then the game was over as a



• **JUBILATION AS LORETO ARE CROWNED ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS** - Joy unconfined as Loreto players celebrate a famous victory over Scoil Mhuire in last Saturday's All Ireland final. (Back L-R) Clara O'Driscoll, Tracey Barry, Noreen Mulcahy and Denise Twomey. (Front L-R) Marie O'Neill, Aoife Gardiner and Trisha Carroll. (J)

contest. Amid scenes of great jubilation, Loreto captain, Marie O'Neill accepted the Cup from Mary Moran, President of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools' Council. In her acceptance speech she paid tribute to all the players on the panel, Ger Holland (coach), Acting Principal, Veronica Whyte, and the noisy, colourful and very enthusiastic Loreto fans who travelled in great numbers to see the game. Three cheers were raised for a brave Scoil Mhuire side, who did their best in difficult circumstances and against a very formidable side. The player of the match was unquestionably, midfielder and captain, Marie O'Neill from Watergrasshill. A superb performance from a fiercely committed player, Marie led by example and scored a remarkable 3 goals and 10 points. All in all, a great day for the ladies of Loreto, who created history by capturing their first All-Ireland camogie title.



• **HISTORIC FIRST FOR LORETO** - Mary Moran, President of the All Ireland Post Primary Schools' Council, presenting the cup to Loreto captain Marie O'Neill, after her side's victory over Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe in last Saturday's Junior 'B' All Ireland final played in Cashel. It was Loreto's first camogie title. (J)



• **LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL - ALL IRELAND POST PRIMARY JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONS 2002** - (Back L-R) Noreen O'Farrell, Orla Cotter, Trisha Carroll, Valerie McCormack, Mairead Finn, Helena O'Neill, Michelle McAteer and Marie O'Neill. (Front L-R) Denise Twomey, Ciara O'Driscoll, Laura Cronin, Marie Twomey, Tracey Barry, Noreen Mulcahy and Claire O'Farrell. (J)

All-Ireland camogie double for Cork schools

ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE... 4-10
COLAISTE BRIDE, ENNISCORTHY... 4-8

AFTER winning the All Ireland senior camogie title the previous week, St Mary's Charleville went in search of a double on Saturday last at wet and windy Leahy Park, Cashel, when the junior side faced Enniscorthy.

This was a tremendous game with the issue in doubt right to the end.

The Charleville girls started well with an early goal by Emer Watson.

Colaiste Bride then had a point from Brona Furlong and by the 20th minute Charleville, with a goal by Elaine O'Riordan, edged seven points clear, 2-4 to 0-3.

Enniscorthy then goaled in the closing minutes through Ann Murphy to make it 2-4 to 1-5 at the break.

On the restart Louise Codd pointed a '45' for Enniscorthy. St Mary's never panicked and inspite a lot of pressure from the Enniscorthy side it was Emer Watson who came to the rescue with two brilliant goals in quick succession that opened up a ten-point lead by the end of the third quarter 4-7 to 1-6.

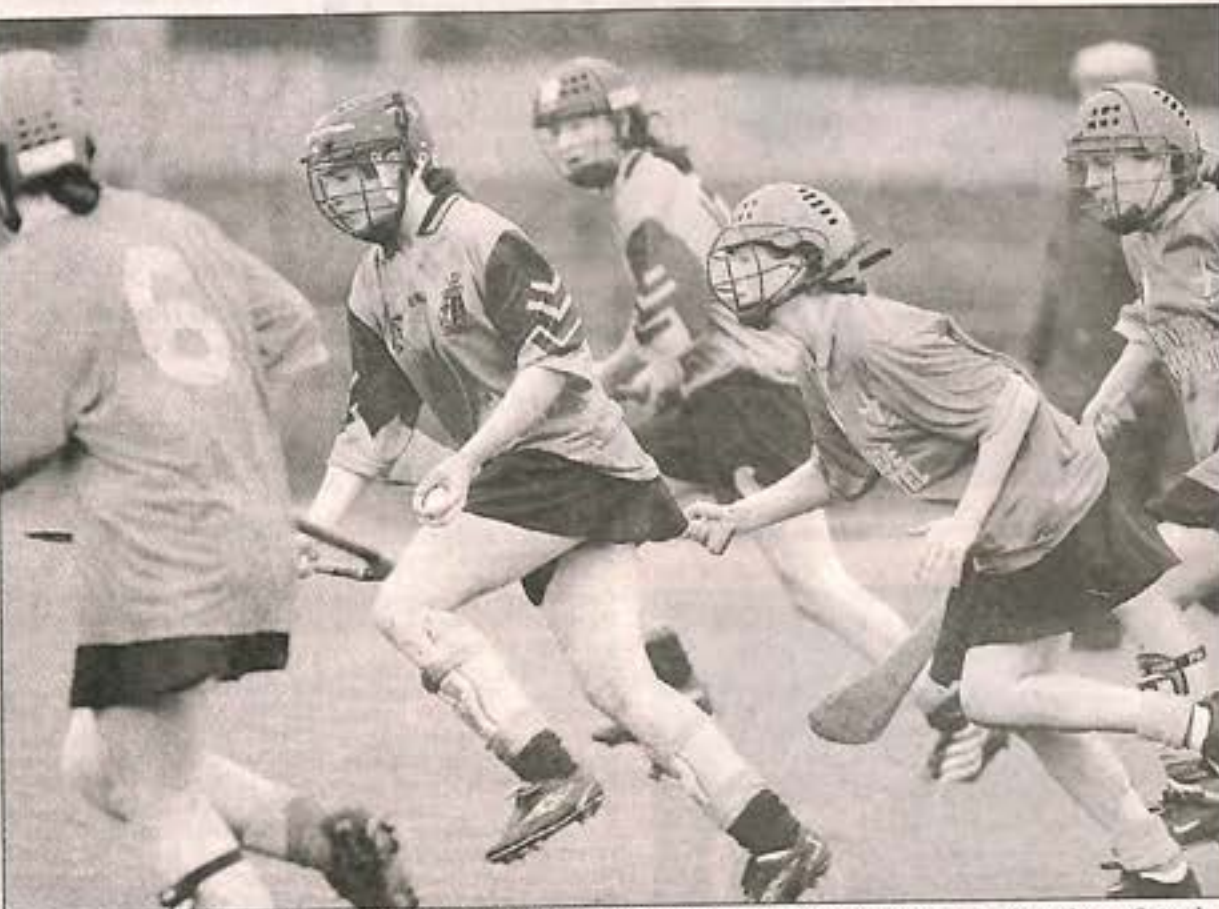
Louise Codd then struck for two goals in the 48th and 50th minutes. Deirdre Codd with a 53rd minute point cut the lead to a solitary point. Enniscorthy forced level with 5 minutes remaining Louise Codd gave Colaiste Bride the lead with only three minutes remaining.

However the experience of the Charleville girls told when it mattered most. Sinead McAuliffe pointed a free followed by the lead from Emer Watson. In injury time Sinead McAuliffe had another point that ensured victory by a very narrow two-point margin.

After the game Mary Moran President Camogie Board presented the cup to the winning captain Emer Watson.

Scorers — St Mary's, Charleville: Emer Watson 3-2, Elaine O'Riordan 1-1, Sinead McAuliffe 0-6 (0-3 frees), Tina Shanahan 0-1.
Colaiste Bride: Louise Codd 3-7 (0-1 free) Ann Murphy 1-0, Deirdre Codd 0-1.

Teams — St Mary's, Charleville: Nathassa Murphy (Kilmallock); Fiona Chawke (Granagh-Ballingarry); Fiona Geary (do), Janet White (Ballyagran); Sarah O'Mahony (do), Edwina Waters (Ballyhea), Lisa Murphy (Milford); Shannon Brosnan (Kilmallock), Anna Geary (Milford); Mary Coleman (Ballyhea), Elaine O'Riordan (Milford), Sinead McAuliffe (Ballyagran); Tina Shanahan (Newtownshandrum), Emer Watson (Milford).



St Mary's Emer Watson, who notched 3-2 in the All-Ireland final against Colaiste Bride from Enniscorthy on Saturday, slips past Colaiste Bride's Stacey Redmond.

Pat Ryan reports on a double triumph for Cork schools in All-Ireland camogie finals

captain), Christine O'Shea (Granagh-Ballingarry).
Colaiste Bride: Claire Sinnott (Oulart The Ballagh); Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boolavogue), Jackie Codd (Duffrey Rovers), Tracey Breen (Rapparees); Elaine Dempsey (Oulart The Ballagh), Ann Marie Foley (Duffrey Rovers), Olivia Murphy (Monageer-Boolavogue); Brona Furlong (Duffrey Rovers), Deirdre Codd (Duffrey Rovers); Louise Codd (do), Sarah Murphy (Rathnure), Una Leacy (Oulart The Ballagh); Sarah Murphy (Rathnure), Emma Moran (Oulart The Ballagh), Anna Murphy (Monageer-Boolavogue). **Subs:** Statia Redmond (Oulart The Ballagh) for Tracey Breen, Siona Nolan (Monageer-Boolavogue) for Emma Moran.
Referee: Joan Morrissey (Tipperary)

JUNIOR 'B' CAMOGIE FINAL:

LORETO, FERMOY 7-12
SCOIL MHUIRE, BALLINASLOE... 2-7

IN VERY bad weather conditions at Leahy Park Cashel on Saturday last, Loreto, Fermoy emerged deserving winners over Scoil Mhuire Ballinasloe in the All Ireland Junior 'B' Camogie final.

This was a first title for the Fermoy College and they were well on top all



Sinead McAuliffe, of St Mary's, Charleville, who scored 0-6 of her sides' final score tries to round Colaiste Bride's Jacqui Codd in the All-Ireland schools senior camogie final.

through. Marie O'Neill, Trish Carroll and Denise Twomey up front were in devastating form for the winners getting the entire 7-11 between them.

The winners led 5-5 to 0-4 at half time. The Connaught champions battled hard in the second half but two early goals for the Fermoy side put the game out of reach and they ran out convincing winners in the end by a massive 22-point margin. Eilish Ryan had the Ballinasloe sides two second half goals.

After the game Mary Moran President Camogie Board presented the cup to the winning captain Marie O'Neill.

Scorers — Loreto, Fermoy: Marie O'Neill 3-11 (0-4 frees) (1-0 (45) Denise Twomey 2-1, Trish Carroll 2-0,

Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe: Eilish Ryan 2-3, Clodagh Glynn 0-3 (frees) Eileen Flynn 0-1.

Teams — Loreto, Fermoy: Valerie McCormack (Kilworth); Laura Cronin (Watergrasshill), Marie Twomey (St Catherine's), Helena O'Neill (Watergrasshill); Claire O'Farrell (do), Noreen Mulcahy (St Catherine's), Tracey Barry (do); Michelle McAteer (Watergrasshill), Marie O'Neill Watergrasshill (captain); Mairéad Finn (Ballyduff), Denise Twomey (St Catherine's), Orla Cotter (do); Ciara O'Driscoll (Castletyons), Trish Carroll (do), Noreen O'Farrell, (Watergrasshill). **Subs:** Aoife O'Brien (St Catherine's) for Orla Cotter, Ciara Lynch for Laura Cronin, Elaine

O'Leary for Michelle McAteer.

Scoil Mhuire Ballinasloe: Adrienne Cormican (Kiltormer); Siobhan Kelly (Ballinasloe), Anna Gilcrest (Kiltormer), Marie Kelly (do); Marie Madden (do), Celine Donnelly (do), Jacinta McHugh (Ballinasloe); Clodagh Glynn (Kiltormer), Michelle O'Neill (Ballinasloe); Aine Kelly (Ballinasloe), Eilish Ryan (do), Catriona Cormican (Cappataggle); Eileen Flynn (Kiltormer), Ciara Cormican (do), Lorraine Canavan (Ballinasloe). **Subs:** Emer Cormican (Kiltormer) for Michelle O'Neill, Regina Curley (Ballinasloe) for Ciara Cormican, Gillian Gormally for Lorraine Canavan.
Referee: Rose Kelleher (Limerick).

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ST CATHERINES CAMOGIE CLUB

St Catherines in thrilling semi final draw

2001 U-16 LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL
St Catherines 4-5 v
Rockban 4-5

Renewing their rivalry from last year's County Final St Catherines and Rockban, defying the underfoot weather conditions, served up a thriller at Carrignavar on Wednesday night last.

The only change in personnel from the successful County-winning team saw Ciara O'Brien coming in for the unavailable Laura Kearney. However, numerous positional switches saw Andrea Mangan moving to full-back, Elaine Kearney to the right corner, Orna Neville to midfield and Orla Cotter to centre-back.

Rockban had the better of the early exchanges and were 1-1 to no score in front after five minutes. St Catherines improved however and, after fifteen minutes were in the lead by 2-2 to 1-1 with Denise Twomey contributing 2-1 and Noreen Mulcahy 0-1. Rockban added 0-1 before half-time but, were it not for two brilliant saves by Marie Twomey the score-line could have been very different. Noreen and Denise added 0-1 each before the break to leave the half-time score at 2-4 to 1-

2 in favour of St Catherines.

The second half began with Rockban in total control and after twenty minutes of play were leading by 4-5 to 2-5. St Catherines, however refused to give in and by the twenty fourth minute were back on level terms thanks to 2-0 from Denise Twomey. The remaining five minutes were played out in a welter of excitement with neither team managing to register a score. All our team played well on the night but we had outstanding performances from Marie Twomey, Andrea Mangan, Orna Neville, Orla Cotter, Noreen Mulcahy and Denise Twomey.

Team: M Twomey, E Kearney, A Mangan, D Mulcahy, L Noonan, O Cotter, T Barry, N Mulcahy, O Neville, C O'Brien, M Collins, A Hogan, M Morrison, D Twomey, D Twomey.

Subs: A O'Brien, E Lane, P Moroney, S Davern.

No date has been set yet for the replay of this match.

2002 U-16 LEAGUE

By the time you read this St Catherine's will have played Na Piarasigh in the second round of this league as this match will be played in Conna on Tuesday

night.

LORETO COLLEGE, FERMOY, ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all the St Catherines players who contributed handsomely to Loreto's All Ireland success. As a club we should be very proud of our eleven All Ireland medal winners. Well done to Marie Twomey, Denise Twomey, Noreen Mulcahy, Tracy Barry

and Orla Cotter who were on the starting fifteen and to our other six panel members, Deirdre Twomey, Aileen Hogan, Orna Neville, Aoife O'Brien, Deirdre Mulcahy and Paula O'Brien.

Congratulations also to Denise Twomey and Noreen Mulcahy who figured on the Cork minor team who defeated Limerick recently.

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St Mary's Charleville camogie team who won an All-Ireland junior school's title last weekend.



Captain of Loreto College, Fermoy, Marie O'Neill accepts the All-Ireland Junior 'B' Camogie trophy from Camogie Board President, Mary Moran.



Loreto, Fermoy's Noreen mulcahy solos away from Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe's Ellis Ryan during Loreto's 7-12 to 2-7 win in the All-Ireland junior 'B' camogie final.

Leading Cork camogie player hangs up her boots

LYNN DUNLEA RETIRES FROM HURLING: Lynn Dunlea, a teacher at Coachford NS, and a leading Cork senior camogie player has retired from top class camogie.

Daughter of John Dunlea, Canovee footballer and Cloughduv hurler, and Whitechurch mother, who played and won co and All Ireland honours with Glen Rovers, Lynn has had a rather chequered career in top class camogie. Her youthful talent was spotted and rewarded on being selected to the Cork senior team in 1990, but that new look Cork side were beaten by Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi final, which took place in Blinlough where the Leinster champions won by a goal.

She retired from senior hurling, however, she made a dramatic comeback three years later when she and

her sister, Stephanie joined Glen Rovers, with whom she showed her power as one of the leading players. Accordingly she was selected for the Cork senior panel, and introduced to the team as a sub. I think against Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi final at a period of the game, when Cork were struggling with two points down, and time ticking away. Lynn Dunlea though surrounded by Kilkenny backs skillfully side stepped each of her swarming opponents whom she stunned beyond belief on scoring a goal. Cork supporters went wild when the ball crossed the goal line, and she was hailed a hero.

In the interim, Lynn Dunlea has accumulated a bag of medals won in every grade of the game.

The Dunlea sisters returned to Cloughduv, and helped the side in the championships, all the way to the senior county in 1997 final against Bishopscourt in 1999, which Cloughduv lost to the defending champions, in Cloughduvs first senior final.

D Day for Aghabullogue intermediate hurlers is in two weeks time. It is hoped they are ready to catch Cobb on the hop.



The Loretto Fermoy team who were crowned All Ireland Junior B Colleges champions.

An All Ireland double for Cork girls' Colleges

ST. MARY'S Charleville retained their All Ireland Colleges Junior A title on the same day Loreto Fermoy made it a great day for Cork and Munster by taking the B title in great style.

The margin of Loreto's victory tells its own story as the girls from Fermoy totally outclassed their opponents. A personal contribution of 3-10 from Watergrasshills' Marie O'Neill set Loreto on the road to victory with Denise Twomey, Valerie McCormack and Orla Cotter all prominent. St Catherine's booked their place in the Under 18B County Final, where they will meet Clonakilty, with Denise Twomey contributing 4-3 to their score against St. Finbarr's.

Andrea Mangan opened the scoring with a St. Catherine's point but from here on it was Twomey who caused the Barr's defence the most problems as her side led 2-3 to 0-3 at the break. With their defence on top St Catherine's contained the lively St Finbarr's attack but to their credit the Barr's tried hard with Gemma O'Connor and Valerie Maher impressive. But, it was Ester Power, Noreen Mulcahy and Denise Twomey who ensured St. Catherine's passage to the final.

Junior A league semi final previews: In the Junior A league Watergrasshills recorded a big victory over Sarsfields to set up a semi final meeting with Carrigaline. In the second quarter final off Ballinhassig defeated Glen Rovers at the Glen Field to book their semi final spot where they meet St Vincent's. On their performances to date Ballinhassig look set to add the league title to the championship crown. Linda O'Sullivan is an ace forward who will trouble any defence, Trisha Holland and Caroline Finn form a formidable mid field while Cathy Coleman commands the defence from her goal line. St Vincent's have worked hard to reach the semi final with Michelle Cotter leading their challenge however the county champions get the nod to advance.

The second semi final has defeated county finalists Watergrasshills meeting Carrigaline and here a cracker is in prospect. Watergrasshills Marie O'Neill who had such a marvellous game notching up 3-10 for Loreto Fermoy will need to be marked tightly if Carrigaline are to succeed.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS

U16 League: Ballygarvan 7-4 Brian Dillon's 4-1; Valley Rovers 2-2 Barryroe 0-1; Buttevant 4-2 Mallow 2-1; Erin's Own 7-3 Mayfield 1-2; Tracton 7-6 Sarsfield's 0-1; Killeagh 2-0 Slabhu Rua 1-1.

U14 League: Ballygarvan 2-3 Glen Rovers 2-1; Ballincollig 6-4 Aghabullogue 1-0; Ballygarvan 9-5 Courcy Rovers 5-0; Enniskeane 4-4 Douglas B 0-0; Dungourney 2-3 Buttevant 0-6; Na Piersaigh 2-1 Watergrasshills 2-0; Killeagh 5-1 Sarsfield's 0-0.

Junior A League: Ballinhassig 3-8 Douglas 0-5; Ballinhassig 6-1 Glen Rovers 1-8.

FIXTURES

Under 16 A League Final (2001): Carrigaline v Milford, Mallow 7pm.

Under 16 B League Semi Final (2001): Douglas v Watergrasshills, Douglas 6.45pm.

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Junior A League Semi Final (2001): Carrigaline v Watergrasshills at Carrigaline 7pm.

SUNDAY APRIL 28

Junior A League Semi Final (2001): St Vincent's v Ballinhassig at St Vincent's 12 noon.

Senior National League Play Off: Cork v Kilkenny, venue to be arranged.

Divisional sides to meet for third time

THE Cork senior county camogie championship draw has pitted divisional sides Seandún and Muskerry against each other for the third year in a row.

Last season was one of particular success for Seandún as they reached the semi final, where they lost out to Fr O'Neill's.

This year they will be without the services of the St Finbarr's players who won the B championship last season and are now graded 'A' so they will be somewhat limited.

Muskerry put in a tremendous effort last season and will relish the prospect of another clash with Seandún. Muskerry will rely on players from the Aghabullogue, Ballincollig and Ballinora clubs. Their most prominent player is Sinead Buckley, a member of the Cork senior squad.

St Finbarr's will be reasonably pleased with their draw, which sees them pitted against Éire Óg, who are only in their second year in the A grade.

Both have young sides, with St Finbarr's very determined to make their mark in the grade and reportedly preparations in Togher are going well under Jerry Murphy.

Éire Óg are always determined campaigners and Con Malone will have his young charges motivated for the challenge posed by the Blues.

Two years ago Glen Rovers and Barryroe

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Camogie correspondent

battled it out, with the youngsters from Barryroe coming out on top and later continuing on to contest their first county final where they lost out to Bishopstown.

This year both the Glen and Barryroe have young sides who will look to their inter-county players for inspiration.

Glen Rovers have Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin on the senior team and their inter county team mates Cora Keohane, Jennifer O'Leary and Rosalie Holland line out in the blue of Barryroe.

The Glen are building with their younger players. Trisha Murphy has retired but has thrown her lot in with the selection committee.

Barryroe are in a similar position, with youth very much in evidence as they contested the recent U18 A county final and the nucleus of this squad will carry their championship hopes.

Bishopstown and Inniscarra will meet, as they did in last season's opener.

Winning four in a row titles from 1997 to 2000, Bishopstown went out at the quarter final stage last year to Fr O'Neill's after coming through a tough game which many felt Inniscarra could have taken.

The mid Cork side have enjoyed successes at under age level over a four year period and are now blending the younger players into their

team, which includes senior inter player Ger Casey, Irene O'Keeffe and Paula Goggins.

The progressive outfit will relish another clash with a Bishopstown side who will be very determined to re-establish themselves as queens of Cork camogie.

Clara Healy expects to be fit for championship action and her return would be a huge boost to the Bishopstown outfit.

County champions Cloughduv met Carbery at the quarter final stage last season and this time out the divisional outfit will be their first round opponents.

With fourteen sides anxious to knock out the champions, Cloughduv's John Cronin was giving little away as he smiled through Monday night's draw, but he did contend: "Championship is always tough and we will have to be on our toes to retain our title."

A title won in great style last year may be contested this year minus Lynn Dunlea, who has announced her retirement from the game, however with the young talent that the club has at its disposal we can be assured they will be there or thereabouts come judgement day.

The full championship draws is as follows: Seandún v Muskerry; Newtownshandrum v Fr O'Neill's; Barryroe v Glen Rovers; Éire Óg v St Finbarr's; Carbery v Cloughduv; Courcy Rovers v Carrigrohoun; Inniscarra v Bishopstown.

Second rounds: 1. Inniscarra / Bishopstown v Courcy Rovers / Carrigrohoun; 2. Seandún / Muskerry v Newtownshandrum / Fr O'Neill's; 3. Carbery / Cloughduv v Barryroe / Glen Rovers; 4. Imokilly v St Finbarr's / Éire Óg.

Semi finals: 2 v 3 and 4 v 1.

Milford and Carrigaline make finals

CARRIGALINE will face county champions Milford in the U16 A final this evening in Mallow at 7pm.

Douglas, who are enjoying great under age success will be hoping to reach the under 16B league final when they take on Watergrasshills in Douglas tonight.

The under 16 league shows Valley Rovers recording a victory over Barryroe, Buttevant had a 4-2 to

2-1 victory over neighbours Mallow. Erin's Own took their first set of league points with a good 7-3 to 1-2 victory over Mayfield. Tracton's defence with Sinead Corcoran and Ann Jaego in top form were the stars as they defeated Sarsfields. Killeagh had their first win when they had two points to spare over Slabhu Rua on 2-0 to 1-1 scoreline when the sides clashed in

Killeagh.

The Under 14 leagues got under way recently. Ballygarvan took on and easily beat Courcy Rovers in their second game they visited Glen Rovers and held them in the second half, taking a 2-3 to 2-1 victory.

Killeagh scored a good victory over Sarsfields. Ballincollig got their campaign off to a winning one with a victory over Aghabullogue

in an evenly matched clash Dungourney were to strong for Buttevant in their outing while Enniskeane who last season were runners up in the Feile na n-Gael All Ireland C Final defeated Douglas B in their opening game of their campaign.

Na Piersaigh had a point to spare in a close game against Watergrasshills on a 2-1 to 2-0 scoreline.

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Coláiste Bríde's All-Ireland Post-Primary schools junior 'A' camogie championship finalists. (Pic: John D. Kelly).

Charleville offer up some late heartbreakers

ALL-IRELAND CHAT

CHARLEVILLE 4-10
COLÁISTE BRÍDE 4-10

Report by Ronan Fagan

BETWEEN THE 43rd and 54th minutes, Coláiste Bríde turned around the emotions of their supporters at a rain sodden Leahy Park in Cashel, when from trailing by 4-7 to 1-6 they hit back to blast in front by 4-8 to 4-7.

The All-Ireland schools junior 'A' camogie championship title was now within their grasp, before Charleville, the holders, displayed greater faith than their own mentors - who admitted afterwards to suspecting it was to be Coláiste Bríde's day - when reeling off three decisive points.

Those unanswered strikes made for a heartbreaking finish for the champions of 2001, who reacted with grim determination once Charleville had surged 10 points clear approaching the mid-point of the second-half.

Afterwards, however, one was left to wonder would the Enniscorthy students actually have been celebrating had they given a truer indication of their renowned potential during the opening-half.

Instead, many of the Coláiste Bríde challengers seemed nervy during that

first period, when they were particularly slow to react to the breaking ball, something Charleville capitalised upon to develop much of their total.

Still, Coláiste Bríde were only in arrears by 2-4 to 1-5 at the break, with corner-forward Anna Murphy having netted on the stroke of the 30th minute to boost Wexford hopes.

Charleville burst 1-2 to no-score clear after nine minutes, aided by 1-1 from their star full-forward Emer Watson, before two of Coláiste Bríde's best, Bróna Furlong and Louise Codd hit back with a point apiece. Stacey Redmond was soon summoned from the bench to try thwart the influence of Watson, and the Oulart-The Ballagh girl was very impressive, even emerging as a close contender for 'player of the final'.

Codd then negated a Sinead McAuliffe point, before the winners hit 1-1, the goal coming via Elaine O'Riordan, a tricky centre-forward talent (2-4 to 0-3).

But the Leinster champs were far from discouraged, and after Louise Codd hammered over two further points (including a free), Anna Murphy played her part in boosting morale at the changeover with her goal.

Those hopes rose even further three minutes into the new half as Louise Codd began to develop into somewhat of a nightmare for Charleville's defence, with the enthusiastic right half-forward goaling direct from a '45, which Una Leacy had forced.

It went a bit pear-shaped for Coláiste Bríde over the next ten minutes, as Charleville hammered 2-3 without reply, the goals both being finished by Watson.

The gap was now 4-7 to 1-6, and you'd probably have forgiven Coláiste Bríde for throwing in the towel. But they were having none of that.

The fire-in-the-bellies that, with the exception of goalie Claire Sinnott, Bróna Furlong and Louise

'We put our hearts into that game, and it's devastating to have lost. We were very nervous in the first-half, but we turned it around in the second-half. We just have to get over this - we'll definitely be back to win a senior All-Ireland'

- Louise Codd, Coláiste Bríde attacker.

'We knew Coláiste Bríde were an exceptionally good team - they beat us in a semi-final replay in 2000, while they have some of Oulart's Felle champions too. For some reason they didn't play well in the first-half, but we became worried when they came back at us'

- Vincent Harrington, St. Mary's, Charleville coach.

'We left ourselves with too much ground to make up in the second-half. But fair dues to the girls - they really battled to the very end, and we could have stolen it'

- Elva Moriarty, Coláiste Bríde coach.

Codd, was missing beforehand came more into their play, as they took the game to Charleville with tremendous passion.

It was Codd who stole the headlines in an eleven minute spell of uninterrupted Enniscorthy pressure; she goaled on 43, 46 and 53 minutes, while tagging on a point along with her cousin Deirdre.

The tables were now well and truly turned, with Coláiste Bríde ahead by 4-8 to 4-7, and only six minutes shy of glory.

However, St. Mary's had more of the huff and puff late on, with Watson levelling things at 4-8 apiece from a 57th minute free, before adding 59th and injury-time strikes to seal a double-double, as they retained both the senior and junior trophies.

In fact, Watson along with midfielder Anna Geary, the aforementioned Elaine O'Riordan and Sinead McAuliffe, were involved in the previous weekend's All-Ireland senior triumph, and the experience of those players was crucial in this junior victory.

Coláiste Bríde will hurt knowing it could have been their day, but they'd be better advised to challenge such emotions into stealing the thunder of such sides as Charleville in the senior ranks over the coming years.

Coach Elva Moriarty has done wonders for camogie in the school, and deserves great credit, along with her band of loyal assistants, for ensuring the school continue to be heavily involved in the business-end of campaigns.

All associated with the Enniscorthy hopefuls stayed behind to cheer Charleville as Emer Watson lifted the cup - a true representation of Coláiste Bríde's sporting nature.

St. Mary's, Charleville - Natasha Murphy, Fiona Chawke, Fiona Cheary, Janice White, Sarah O'Mahony, Edwina Waters, Lisa Healy, Shannon Brosnan, Anna Geary, Mary Coleman, Elaine O'Riordan (1-1), Sinead McAuliffe (0-4, 2 frees), Tina Shanahan (0-1), Emer Watson (capt., 3-4, 0-1 free), Christine O'Shea.

Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy - Claire Sinnott (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Booleavogue), Jacqui Codd (Duffry Rovers), Tracy Breen (Rapparees), Elaine Dempsey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ann Marie Foley (Duffry Rovers), Olivia Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Bróna Furlong (Monageer-Booleavogue, 0-1 free), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers, capt., 0-1), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers, 3-6, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '45), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sarah Darcy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Sarah Murphy (Rathnure), Emma Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Anna Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue, 1-0).

Subs: Stacey Redmond (Oulart-The Ballagh) for Breen; Siona Nolan (Monageer-Booleavogue) for Moran; Aileen Doyle (Rapparees), Sharon Kehoe and Tracy McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh), Katie Reddy and Willina Carr (both Rathnure), Fiona Jordan (Marshallstown).

Referee - John Morrissey (Tipperary).



Our Lady's Mercy players get ready to take the All-Ireland stage by storm after conquering Munster



Charleville's Sinead McAuliffe finds the going tough as she is sandwiched by Coláiste Bríde's Tracy Breen (left) and Jacqui Codd (3) during Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland schools junior 'A' camogie championship final at Cashel. (Pic: John D. Kelly).



Captain Mairead Murphy has a celebratory drink ... and it goes straight to her head!

CONGRESSWOMEN

The decisions taken at Congress 2002 have huge implications for the future of camogie in many different ways.



VIDEO CREATED THE CAMOGIE STAR: Sile Wallace, Noel Treacy TD and Pat Rafferty launching the new coaching video.
Picture courtesy of Míre Uí Scólaí

For the first time in the history of the Camogie Association, a full-time treasurer at national level will be appointed. Delegates at the Clarendon venue for the annual Congress gave unanimous agreement to this important proposal, and it was decided that the incumbent treasurer Jo Golden would continue in office until she is replaced by a full-time appointee.

The position of treasurer has been a topic of debate for some time. With the overall development of the association, the workload has increased to such an extent that it has become virtually impossible for a person working on a voluntary basis to deal with it. It is envisaged that the job will become even more demanding in future years, so there was always a fear that this could militate against attracting and retaining anyone of their own free will. As well as dealing with the normal financial transactions of a national organization, it is imperative that a greater amount of time should be given to areas such as sponsorship, advertising and fund-raising. Furthermore, with the implementation of a Strategic Plan, the various sub-committees will require major development funding and effective distribution of such funds. So it was a timely appointment indeed.

Considering too that the Association will be celebrating its centenary in 2004, it is desirable that added impetus be given to the drive for sponsorship and funding over the next couple of months and that the momentum be maintained thereafter. Guest speaker at the conference, Joe McDonagh, is *Príomhfhidhmeannach* of Foras na Gaeilge, encapsulated the anticipated success of this milestone venture: "Camogie has made an unique contribution to the women of Ireland. It has enriched Irish society through its sport and should celebrate fittingly its centenary." As regards the proposed Strategic Alliance with the GAA, the former President announced, "it is my dream that Camogie and the GAA would have a future together."


An tUasal McDonagh also paid special tribute to one of camogie leading lights, 86-year-old Sighle Nic An Ullaigh of Down. The Mourne County lady, who is Honorary Life President of the Association, was one of the large attendance at Congress. He described her as "someone who has never seen any barriers," and "the driving force behind so many different developments. In my estimation she is an outstanding

person who has contributed greatly to both the GAA and Camogie." Meanwhile, the process of rapid change affecting the Camogie Association is very apparent with the introduction of the Anti-Doping Code for the coming season. This programme will come into being during the All-Ireland Senior Championship and will apply only to inter-county senior team members over the age of 18.

Elsewhere, Central Council has been to the forefront in the area of coaching and games development, by compiling its first official coaching video, with some of the country's top players lending their support. Launching the video at Congress, Noel Treacy, Junior Minister of State for Science and Technology, spoke of how the video would bring camogie up to the same level as hurling, football and ladies football. It will also secure the future of the game by ensuring that future players are shown the proper skills of camogie. This video is available country-wide through county boards and also from Croke Park, at a cost of €30.

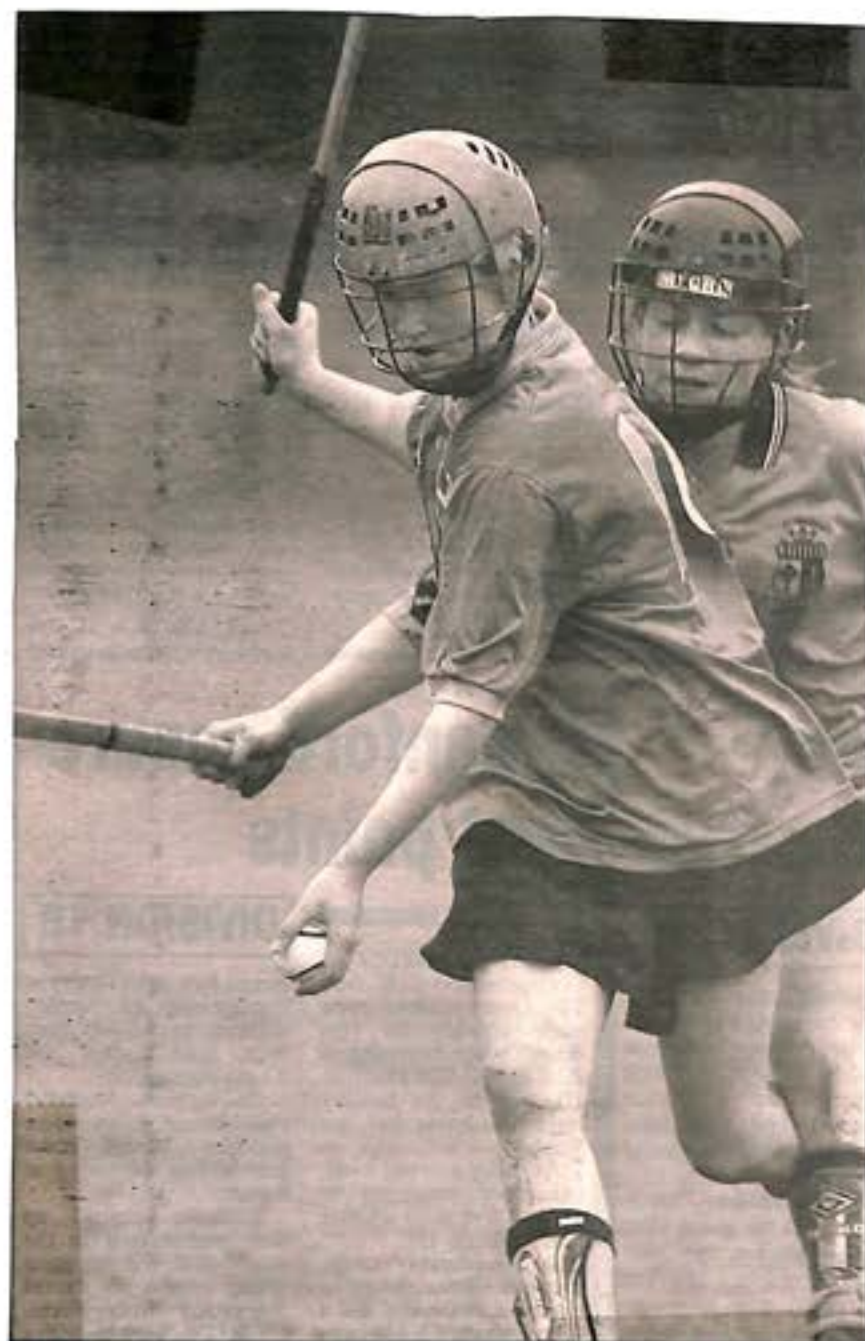
A motion from the Offaly County Board received the thumbs-up with the introduction of an All-Ireland Junior Club Championship in the near future. It is hoped that thenew competition will be implemented in next year's championship, but before this is carried out the Games Fixtures Committee will investigate how best it will be organized. Whether it should run in tandem with the existing senior club championship will be one aspect for debate, but before any decision will be made the Games Fixtures Committee will report back to Central Council with their recommendations.

National Secretary, Sile Wallace - whose official title has changed to *Ard-Stiúrthóir* (Director-General) - delighted the audience with the news that the proposed merger with the GAA is set to progress. Very shortly, Croke Park officials will send out an interim questionnaire to all the clubs in the country to see their current involvement with their local GAA clubs. It can then be determined what is happening at grassroots level. Before a concrete decision will be made, it is proposed to hold a Special Congress to deal with the matter.

The Wicklow County Board will host Congress 2003. 

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Coláiste Bríde's Louise Codd forges ahead against St. Mary's Charleville in Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland schools junior 'A' camogie final at Cashel. See page 64 for report.



Coláiste Bríde's star substitute Stacey Redmond gets to grips with Charleville's lethal full-forward Emer Watson during Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland schools junior 'A' camogie final at Cashel. (Pic: PJ Browne).



Cork's Vivienne Harris crashing through the Kilkenny defence during the senior camogie play off at St. Finbarrs.

Picture: Richard Mills

O'Keeffe stars as Carrig end Milford's double bid

Carrigaline 3-4
Milford 0-8

MILFORD'S quest for a league and championship double was stopped by a determined Carrigaline side in the Cork U16 A Camogie league final at Mallow.

The sides were evenly matched through the opening half, Carrigaline holding a slender one-point advantage at the break after Terri O'Keeffe's sixth minute goal had settled the challengers.

Points from Marie Watson (three) and Anna Geary kept the Milford challenge alive as their defence strove to hold the lively Carrigaline attack.

Two minutes into the second half O'Keeffe was again to the fore when she finished to the net.

Milford were quickly back on the offensive and replied with points from Marie Watson and Julie Sheehy.

With just two points between the sides both worked feverishly in an effort to gain supremacy.

With their defence coming under pressure from a lively Milford inside line Carrigaline coped well and got a vital break when the hard working Sandra Moran grabbed their third goal.

The sides twice exchanges points in as many minutes.

Milford continued to press forward at every given opportunity and Ann Kiely, in the Carrigaline goal, made a point-blank save from Emer Watson.

Kiely was an inspirational figure in the closing 20 minutes, producing a series of top class saves to deny Milford.

For Carrigaline O'Keeffe, Trisha O'Sullivan and Moran turned in top drawer displays while Milford had excellent performances from Marie Watson, Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS

Senior National League play-off: Cork 0-7 Kilkenny 0-4.

Junior National League: Cork 5-14 Wexford 3-6.

Junior League semi-final: Carrigaline 5-2 Watergrasshill 2-4.

Junior A League final (R1): Carrigaline 3-4 Milford 0-8.

U16 B League semi-final (R1): Douglas 9-3 Watergrasshill 0-3.

U16 League: Glen Rovers 4-3 Rockban 3-5.

U14 League: Douglas 1-1 Glen Rovers 1-1.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY MAY 4

Munster Minor A championship final: Cork v Tipperary, Charleville 3.30pm.

Munster Minor B championship final: Limerick v Waterford, Charleville 2pm.

MONDAY MAY 6

Munster Junior Championship Semi Final: Cork v Limerick Ballyvaughan 3pm.

County Under 18 B Championship Final: Clonakilty v St Catherine's venue to be announced, 12 noon.

Senior League semi final Replay: Milford v Courcy Rovers, venue to be announced 7pm.

WEDNESDAY MAY 8

Under 18 B League semi final Replay: St Catherine's v Rockban in St Catherine's 7pm.

Dillon is the key to Town's progress

NEWCESTOWN were first out of the hat in the Cork Senior B Camogie Championship - and they face a huge task against junior champions of 2000 Ballygarvan.

Emer Dillon's promotion to the county senior team has been a timely boost to Ballygarvan and with players of the calibre of Catriona Kelly and Jennifer Brown, they are determined to go all the way this year.

Newcestown have promised a lot, but on several occasions the challenge has proved too much.

After losing to eventual champions St Finbarr's in the opening game last year, they will not want a repeat performance.

Defeated county finalists from the last two years Milford will face Aghabullogue in their first round.

The mid-side will look to Cork senior player Sinead Buckley to spearhead their challenge against a strong Milford outfit that will be well prepared by Ann Watson.

Newly-promoted county Junior A champions Ballinhassig will meet Kilbrittain.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Barry O Sullivan will have the Kilbrittain side prepared and ready for what will be a huge challenge for his side.

Ballinhassig took the junior crown at the expense of Watergrasshill last season.

Linda O'Sullivan, Trisha Holland and Cathy Coleman are some of the players who will carry their championship aspirations.

The Junior A championship is always fiercely contested and the year ahead looks set to be another cracker.

Brian Dillon's have a meeting with Carrigaline who are making their debut in the A grade following on their B championship success.

Douglas and Glen Rovers will once again renew rivalry and here the Glen side will be the club's second string. Douglas are hoping to have Amanda O'Regan back in action for the championship following a knee injury.

Reaching the league semi-final has been a timely boost to St Vincent's who are putting in a lot of hard work in their efforts to re-establish

their under age section.

They have drawn Sarsfields who three years ago took the step down to junior level.

Emer O'Farrell's participation on the Cork Junior and CIT teams has given Sars a timely boost and they will be looking forward to 2002 with confidence.

St Catherine's were favourites to take honours last season, but things did not go right for them. This time out they will face fellow divisional side Watergrasshill.

Watergrasshill made great progress last season reaching the county final and only losing out after a tremendous game with Ballinhassig.

SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW 2002

Newcestown v Ballygarvan

Aghabullogue v Milford

Ballinhassig v Kilbrittain

Semi Finals

Ballinhassig or Kilbrittain v Aghabullogue or Milford

Valley Rovers v Newcestown or Ballygarvan Junior A Championship Draw 2002

Brian Dillon's v Carrigaline

Douglas v Glen Rovers

St Vincent's v Sarsfields

St Catherine's v Watergrasshill

Semi finals

St Catherine's or Watergrasshill v St Vincent's or Sarsfields

Douglas or Glen Rovers v Brian Dillon's or Carrigaline

Stalwart Deirdre enters Hall of Fame

FORMER Cork and Glen Rovers goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton-Coleman was named as The Jury's Hotel Hall of Fame winner at their glittering Sports Star Banquet last Sunday evening.

During an illustrious career,

which spanned from the 1950s to 1985, Deirdre served both club and county with distinction, winning three All-Ireland senior medals and capturing eight senior county championships.

Deirdre is currently treasurer

of the Glen Rovers club and is frequently seen at club and county games.

A very worthy winner she has the honour of being the first camogie player to be named in the Hall of Fame, joining such illustrious names as Jack

Lynch, Con Murphy and Zella Gaynor.

Followers of camogie everywhere will join Grassroots in congratulating Deirdre on her wonderful achievement.

It's an honour that is richly deserved.

Hall of Fame for Deirdre Sutton

ALMOST 20 years after hanging up her boots, former Cork, Munster and Glen Rovers camogie great Deirdre Sutton found herself back in the limelight being honoured with the Jury's Hotel Hall of Fame award at a banquet on Sunday last.

One of the county's greatest goalkeepers, Deirdre enjoyed a career that spanned over 30 years, winning every honour in a game she graced with skill and class. Deirdre, although now retired from camogie, is treasurer of the camogie section in Glen Rovers while her sons Niall and Eoin Coleman are active members of Glen Rovers and St Nick's.

A pupil at St Vincent's school it was here that the young Deirdre Sutton learned her camogie and was a member of the team that took the Cork Schools Championship in 1960. In 1961 she made her inter county debut in goal against Limerick. It was to be the beginning of a wonderful inter county career.

The holder of three All Ireland senior medals, Deirdre captained the

Cork Junior side in their quest for honours in 1971, and despite a stunning display from their captain the side lost out to Dublin. However, there was joy later in the evening as the seniors defeated Wexford to retain the O'Duffy. By now Deirdre Sutton had rejoined the senior panel as substitute goalkeeper and in 1972 was back between the posts as the Rebels successfully retained their crown, defeating Kilkenny. Deirdre remained at No1, playing her last game for Cork in 1976.

Amongst the many honours on the inter county scene was the Gaelic star award won in 1963 for her performances of that year. In the same season Beamish and Crawford also honoured Deirdre Sutton in the list of Cork Sports Stars.

She won the first of her senior

county championship medals with Glen Rovers in 1962 and was a member of the side that captured a record breaking seven in a row of county titles from 1962 to 1968.

Amongst her club colleagues were the legendary Anna Crotty and Peggy Dorgan, players who were to also serve with Deirdre on the Cork senior teams.

Although the seventies were lean years for the Glen Deirdre Sutton remained faithfully guarding the goal. When the club took the decision to regrade to Intermediate the experienced Deirdre was again to the fore as they began a resurgence that in four years saw the Intermediate title annexed in 1974.

The club decided to go back and participate in senior grade and hard work with the younger players saw

Glen back on the glory trail and it was a source of tremendous pride to Deirdre when the county title was recaptured in 1983.

Glen Rovers Camogie Club chairperson Nora Newman said: "Without doubt Deirdre is somebody who has been, and still is, one of Glen Rovers' finest."

Summing up her feelings at being chosen as the first camogie player to be named in the Hall of Fame Deirdre told me "When first I got the call I thought somebody was playing a joke on me, it's a tremendous honour after all the

year to get the unexpected, I am thrilled that camogie has been recognised. It also a great honour for my club Glen Rovers and Cork and I would like to pay tribute to both for the many great years I enjoyed.



Deirdre Sutton Coleman, Hall of Fame awardee, Deputy Lord Mayor Damien Wallace and Grace Wallace at the Jurys Sports Star Awards at the weekend. Picture: Gerard McCarthy

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Carrigaline goals sink Watergrasshill

FOUR opening half goals ensured Carrigaline had done enough to book their place in the Junior A league final.

Jackie O'Keeffe opened the Carrigaline account in the first minute sending a 45 to the net and but Watergrasshill fought back and with 10 minutes to the break the sides were level 1-2 each after Marie O'Neill had a goal for the Hill.

Carrigaline without doubt set the seeds for victory with a devastating closing 10 minutes to the opening half that yielded three goals. The first coming from Emma Green with Laura Kelleher and Grace Harrington repeating the act within three minutes.

Watergrasshill opened the second half with two O'Neill points but again Carrigaline replied with an Emma Green goal. Watergrasshill fought hard but such was the Carrigaline half time advantage that they had a big deficit to cut back. With time almost up Watergrasshill added a goal but Carrigaline had enough in hand to weather a revival.

Weather condition forced the abandonment of the second semi final where St Vincent's and Ballinhassig were meeting at St Vincent's.



Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig, who defeated Kinsale Community School in the final of the Cork Colleges Junior Camogie Championship by 3-6 to 1-3. Picture: Mike English

Cork fancied to pip Tipperary in final

CORK, following their big semi-final victory over Limerick, take on Tipperary in the Munster Minor A final on Saturday next in Charleville.

Cork, the holders and All Ireland champions, are determined to keep the show on the road, but selector John Cronin is under no illusions as to the task ahead "Tipperary are a

strong side, they had a runaway victory over Waterford and did not concede a score. We have prepared well for Saturday's game and hopefully will get the right result".

In their semi-final outing against Limerick Cork looked impressive, nine of last year's side still remain and the experience gained in what was a tough campaign will stand to

the Cork girls. Sile Burns is presently a member of the Cork senior panel, while Catriona Foley, Emer Watson, Anna Geary, Denise Twomey and Marie O'Neill are class performers. Tipperary will be determined to take Cork's crown as the Leesiders did to them last year but on paper Cork look to be the side more likely to lift the crown.

Camogie stars honoured at CIT awards ceremony

CAMOGIE was again very much to the fore as the sporting fraternity at Cork Institute of Technology gathered at the Metropole Hotel for their annual awards ceremony. Sponsored by CMP, who were represented by Mr Barry Hill, the event has gone from strength to strength since its inception nine years ago.

Guests received a warm welcome from Mr. Patrick Kelleher a director at CIT, and amongst the speakers were Mr Brendan Goggin, registrar the college. Guest of honour was soccer supremo Noel King who entertained guests with tales from his own sporting days. Noel spoke highly of the GAA and was loud in praise of the association.

Nominations had been received in advance from 36 of the institute's clubs with the judging panel announced 12 winners on the night. Amongst those honoured were camogie stars Nora Ahern and Orla O'Sullivan.

Nora Ahern from the Fr O'Neills club captained the Cork junior team to National league honours last season. A fourth year Bachelor of Business student Nora was a dual nominee also being nominated by the ladies soccer club for her contributions to the sport. On the camogie front she was selected on the Combined colleges team.

Besides playing on the CIT team Nora Ahern also found time to be

secretary of the club in a year when the Cork Institute historically and successfully hosted their first Ashbourne Cup competition, which was a huge undertaking.

Orla O'Sullivan, a native of Ballygarvan from the St Finbarr's club, was top scorer for CIT in 2001 and 2002.

Her will to win as well as being one of the driving forces behind the CIT camogie club's huge success in the last two years were just two of the reasons Orla was chosen as a worthy winner.

Last season she was a member of her club side that took senior B county championship honours and also lined out with the Munster

Gael Linn side.

Despite exams looming the weekend ahead will be another busy one for Cork senior team who meet Limerick in the National League semi final on Sunday next at a Limerick venue.

The game is a dress rehearsal for the county's championship meeting in the open draw series on July 8.

On the club front this evening St Catherine's and Rockbawn will again renew acquaintances as they replay their draws under 16 b league semi final. Last time out it took a second half revival with two goals from Sile Burns to give Rockbawn a second chance. St. Catherine's may regret the chance they had to put

one over on a Rockbawn side they had already defeated in the county final. They led at the break 2-4 to 1-2 but allowed Rockbawn come right back into the game. County minor will be very much in evidence with the Rockbawn duo of Catriona Foley and Sile Burns facing up to their county team mates Denise Twomey and Noreen Mulcahy. Rockbawn will be very determined to reverse the championship result but St. Catherine's will be equally as determined to make it a double. The winners will be busy again at the weekend with Douglas awaiting the victors in a final that is down for decision on Saturday evening.



The Carrigaline Community School camogie team who won the Munster intermediate title recently by defeating Kilfinane by 1-10 to 2-1 in the final which was played in Ballyhea, pictured with their coaches Pat Looney and Vincent Kelly.

Carrigaline school's notable double

Carrigaline Community School notched up a notable double on the playing field when they won the Munster Intermediate Colleges Camogie title, following on their success in the Cork Colleges competition which they won earlier on in the year.

Carrigaline travelled to Ballyhea and took on Scioil

Pol from Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, in what was an absorbing game, with the Carrigaline girls finding themselves down by a point at half time. However, seven unanswered points in the second half ensured that the trophy went back to Cork, with Cork Minor All Ireland medal winner Jacqui O'Keeffe leading the way, scoring 1-3 of Carrigaline's total. Other scores came from Trisha O'Sullivan (3) with Muireann Conlon, Terri O'Keeffe, Laura Thompson and Sandra

Moran scoring a point each. There was great jubilation amongst the group of supporters when Sally Ann O'Halloran lifted up the trophy making it a year to remember for the girls in Carrigaline Community School.

Following their double success in the intermediate grade this year, it means that the school will now play their camogie at the senior grade for the first time ever, and will no doubt look forward to the challenge next season.

The panel was Sally Ann

O'Halloran, Janet Fehilly, Denise Crowley, Lisa O'Driscoll, Sinead Collins, Amy Collins, Trisha O'Sullivan, Jacqui O'Keeffe, Sandra Moran, Muireann Conlon, Terri O'Keeffe, Roisin O'Herlihy, Jan Kiernan, Laura Kelleher, Elaine Egan, Michelle O'Keeffe, Laura Thompson, Aine Dempsey, Eimear McCarthy, Sarah O'Keeffe, Suzanne Lynch and Devina O'Mahony and were coached by Pat Looney and Vincent Kelly.

In the Diary

TOMORROW
National Junior Camogie League play-off

Wexford v Cork

Belfield, Enniscorthy at 2.30pm

A PLACE in the semi-final is up for grabs here. Cork will be hoping to have senior panelists Nora Ahern and Gemma O'Connor available for selection.

Otherwise, selector Marion McCarthy says that they should have a full compliment to select, which should include Ellen Clifford, Niamh Bowles, Val O'Keeffe, Marie Watson and Colette Desmond.

When Cork and Wexford met earlier in the league, the Slaneysiders took the points against a sluggish Cork team. On home soil Niamh O'Connor, Una Lacey and Oonagh Carroll should make life difficult once again.

Verdict: Wexford

National Senior Camogie League play-off

Cork v Kilkenny
St Finbarr's GAA grounds at 2.30pm.

This is a do-or-die situation for both Cork and Kilkenny, as the winners will be rewarded with a place in the semi-final. This is an unusual position for Cork, as they would have sailed through the league in recent years.

Cork will be without Joanne O'Callaghan, Mary O'Connor and Denise Cronin (all injured). Sile Burns is not being considered because of her involvement with the minors the following week.

Kilkenny have improved as the league has progressed. Manager, Ann Downey will travel Leaside with a full compliment to pick from. Their last two outings against Wexford and Tipperary resulted in comfortable wins for the Cats. This will be their biggest test to date.

Verdict: Cork

Therese O'Callaghan

U16s out to regain Leinster crown

John Furlong

WEXFORD'S UNDER-16 camogie girls make the journey to the Capital on Saturday to play Dublin in their opening game of this year's Leinster championship (2.30p.m.).

Wexford were due to play host to Kilkenny last weekend, but due to Coláiste Bride's participation in the All-Ireland schools junior championship final, that game was deferred to a later date. They will also play host to Laois on May 4th to complete the league format of the competition, with the top two teams qualifying for the final.

The management team of Jack O'Brien (Buffers Alley), Karen Barnes (Faythe Harriers) and Timmy McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh) have had a number of training sessions to assemble a squad of players in preparation for this year's campaign.

Wexford retain ten of last year's panel, namely Tanya Stamp, Karen Atkinson, Sharon Kehoe, Ciara Howard, Louise Codd, Deirdre Codd, Frances Doran, Maedbh Hughes, Ruth Walsh and Sarah Murphy, who together with Una Leacy, Tracy McCormack and Margaret Darcy is presently lining-out for the junior county team.

Wexford will be hoping to make up for last year's Leinster final defeat by reclaiming the title they won in 2000.

Wexford (U16 camogie panel versus Dublin): Margaret Darcy (St. Martin's), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Emma Barnes (Faythe Harriers), Tanya Stamp (Oulart-The Ballagh), Jackie Codd (Duffry Rovers), Sarah Murphy (Rathnure), Brid Gordon (Blackwater), Tracy McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ann-Marie Foley (Duffry Rovers), Frances Doran (Buffers Alley), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers), Ann Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Katie O'Brien (Blackwater), Aine Doyle (Glynn-Barntown), Karen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Tanya Healy (Faythe Harriers), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Maedbh Hughes (Buffers Alley), Olivia Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Sharon Mooney (Glynn-Barntown), Theresa Murphy (Faythe Harriers), Elaine Dempsey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ciara Howard (Faythe Harriers), Sharon Kehoe (Oulart-The Ballagh), Bróna Furlong (Duffry Rovers), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Booleavogue), Emma Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Julie Conran (Rathnure), Tracy Nolan (Buncloody).

Early goalrush wins it for Cork

Cork 5-14 By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN
Wexford 3-6 In Ennis

THIS Cork junior camogie team like to do things the hard way.

When they met Wexford earlier in the league, they fell victim to a more hungry and focused side. Now in the play-off in Enniscorthy they looked a totally different prospect.

"They were brilliant," said selector Marion McCarthy. "They did what was asked of them. We had the hurricane behind us in the first half and ran in 5-8."

Once Amanda Murphy (two)

and Colette Desmond struck for three goals inside three minutes in the opening half, the game began to take a downward spiral for the Wexford girls. And two more from Marie Watson ended this game as a contest at half time.

Cork were much quicker and sharper to the breaking ball, and utilised the gale force wind better than Wexford. Testament to this is the fact that the home side's three goals only came during the

last three minutes of play.

Scorers: Cork: M Watson 2-1, C Kelly 0-7 (0-4), A Murphy 2-0, C Desmond 1-2, G Collins 0-2, V O'Keeffe and E O'Farrell 0-1 each.
Wexford: G Heffernan 2-0 (1-0), T McCormack 1-0, U Lacey 0-3 (0-2), U Carroll, N O'Connor and C O'Connor 0-1 each.

Cork: E Clifford, L Sweetman, J Brown, N Bowles, E Foley, N Ahern, N Goulding, V O'Keeffe, E O'Farrell, G Collins, C Kelly, C Desmond, A Murphy, M Watson, M Holland.

Subs: S Downing for M Watson, M Japoe for A Murphy, S Kelly M Holland, D Fleming for E Foley.
Wexford: M Darcy, E Roche, L Furlong, K Atkinson, M Jordan, C Atkinson, N O'Connor, U Carroll, A Barron, G Heffernan, A O'Connor, C O'Connor, A Mooney, T McCormack, U Lacey.
Subs: E Howlin for A Mooney.
Referee: J Pender (Kildare).

Casey Cork's star

Máire Uí Scolail

CORK 'keeper Ger Casey made a dramatic last-minute penalty save to put her side into the semi-finals of the National League after a 0-7 to 0-4 victory over Kilkenny at St Finbarr's yesterday.

It took Cork ten minutes to register their opening point from Elaine Burke to cancel out Sinead Millea's opener for the Cats.

Cork then added a further four points before the break and went in leading 0-5 to 0-1.

Both sides exchanged points in the second period, but an early second-half point from Vivienne Harris and a further point from Gemma O'Connor proved decisive for Cork, before Casey's stop from Millea saved the day for the

defending champions. And there was double delight for Cork as their Division 2 side overcame Wexford 5-14 to 3-6 in Coolree, Wexford.

Aided by a strong opening wind, Cork were in command at the break, 5-8 to 0-0 thanks to three goals in the space of three minutes from Amanda Murphy (2) and Colette Desmond.

Two goals from Gretta Heffernan and one from Tracey McCormack only proved to be consolation goals for the Slaneysiders as they rallied much too late in the game to prevent the defending champions from reaching the semi-final stages.

Elsewhere, in Division 1B Limerick maintained their unbeaten League record in fine style when they overcame a poor Antrim side 3-11 to 1-5.

CAMOGIE

Div 1A — Cork 0-7 (V Harris 0-3, O'Sullivan, E Burke, U O'Donoghue, M O'Connell 0-1 each, Kilkenny 0-4 (S Millea 0-2, A Healy, M O'Connor 0-1 each).
Div 1B — Limerick 3-11 (M Keating 2-1, A White 1-0, E O'Brien 0-6, M Casey 0-2, V Sheehan, A Sheehan 0-1 each, Antrim 1-05 (K O'Neill 1-1, J Adams 0-2, G McNulty, G Connolly 0-1 each).
Div 2A — Cork 5-14 (M Watson 2-1, A Murphy 2-0, C Desmond 1-2, C Kelly 0-7, G Collins 0-2, V O'Keeffe, E O'Farrell 0-1 each).
Wexford 3-6 (G Heffernan 2-0, T McCormack 1-0, U Lacey 0-3, U Carroll, N O'Connor, C O'Connor 0-1 each).
Div 2B — Antrim win 0-14.

Leinster Minor Championship — Wexford 4-3 (P Doran 2-0, U Lacey, M Hughes 1-1 each, T Stamp 0-1).
Dublin 1-4 (C Corrigan 1-0, N Byrnes 0-1).
Offaly 0-9 (M Berghin 3-2, J Lyons, A Kelly 1-2 each, L Nugent 1-1, C Egan, L Ryan 0-1 each, Laois 0-4).

Roscommon Senior League County Final — St. Dominics 2-03, Oron 0-05.

● **SPORTS AWARDS:** The 19th annual UCC Sports Star Awards were presented at a function in Jury's Hotel, Cork yesterday. The award winners were:

Basketball: Kieran O'Brien
Boxing: Shane Dalton
Camogie: Eimear McDermott
Gaelic Football: Damien Reidy
Hurling: Eamonn Collins
Ladies Football/Camogie: Maedbh Nash
Rowing: Alison Downey
Rugby: Conrad O'Sullivan
Swimming: Lee Kelleher
Table Tennis: Linda Mountjoy
Soccer: Michael Mulconry.

Munster Minor B Camogie Championship Final

Limerick v Waterford, Charleville 2.00pm

LIMERICK won the All-Ireland B final last season, and despite being outclassed by Cork in the Munster A semi-final a few weeks ago, they are making substantial progress and will be serious contenders for the honours. They are powered by Claire Mulcahy, Sinead McAuliffe, Shannon Brosnan and Fiona Chawke.

Limerick chairperson, Therese Galligan reported a clean bill of health after their last training session on Thursday night.

These two sides met earlier in the season and the outcome was in Limerick's favour. Waterford are rebuilding at the moment and will need more time before they make an impact.

Verdict: Limerick

Therese O'Callaghan

Munster Minor A Camogie Championship Final

Cork v Tipperary, Charleville 3.30pm

All-Ireland champions, Cork with nine of last year's winning team in their starting line-out, will start as favourites in this attractive decider.

Selector, Ann Watson says that while they have a strong line out, they will be wary of Tipp: "We will not be taking anything for granted, Tipperary are always very hard to beat."

Sile Burns, Marie O'Neill, Anna Geary and Emer Watson will be among the line-out, and with their current excellent form, they should deliver.

Claire Grogan is the big threat on the Tipperary team. She is the holder of two All-Ireland senior medals with the Blue and Gold and will take some watching. However, she will need more support if Tipp are to come out on top.

Verdict: Cork

Therese O'Callaghan

Solid play-off performance sees Cork keep league

Cork
Kilkenny

CORK kept their National senior camogie league hopes alive after their play-off victory over Kilkenny at St Finbarr's yesterday.

Sinead Millea opened the scoring with a point in the 10th minute.

Cork settled after Elaine Burke opened pointed and they added further points from Vivienne Harris (2), Orla

0-7
0-4

O'Sullivan and Oonagh O'Donoghue to lead 0-5 to 0-1 at the break.

Cork goalkeeper Ger Casey was forced to bring off a tremendous save within a minute of the restart. Kilkenny's Marie O'Connor put three between the sides with 11 minutes left.

Cork kept the ball moving swiftly but their weakness up front was evident as they struggled to get the vital score that would have clinched victory.

Kilkenny pressed for an equaliser and

won a penalty with two minutes left, but Sinead Millea's shot was saved by Cork keeper Ger Casey.

Scorers: Cork: V. Harris 0-3, G. O'Connor, O. O'Sullivan, O. O'Donoghue, E. Burke 0-1 each. Kilkenny: S. Millea 0-2, M. O'Connor, A. Neary 0-1 each.
CORK: G. Casey, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea, P. O'Connor, E. Dillon, S. Hayes, V. Harris, L. Mellerick, C. Corkery, O. O'Donoghue (capt.), E. Burke, G. O'Connor, J. O'Leary, O. O'Sullivan, Sub: R. Maloney for L. Mellerick.
KILKENNY: M. Holland, E. Kennedy, G. Dillon-Maher, E. Lyng, K. Long, M. Costelloe, P. Comerford, E. Maher, M. Lawlor, M. Downey, A. Neary, J. Frisby, L. Lyng, S. Millea, M. O'Connor, Sub: A. Awylard for M. Downey.
Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

hopes alive

Cork
Wexford

5-14
3-6

Marie Watson (3), Amanda Murphy and Collette Desmond all goaled.

The home side did rally in the second half, aided by the elements and did have goals from Gretta Heffernan (2) and Tracy McCormack but such was Cork's half time advantage that Wexford were always going to be chasing the game.

Cork will now meet Galway in the second game of what was a three way league play-off.

Kilkenny pay the penalty for miss

Therese O'Callaghan

in St Finbarr's

Cork
Kilkenny

0-7
0-4

A MAGNIFICENT save by goalkeeper Ger Casey in the dying moments, of this National senior league play-off, helped Cork on their way to a semi-final placing.

With the game in the melting pot, Kilkenny's ace free-taker, Sinead Millea stepped up to take a penalty with her side trailing by three points, but the alertness of Casey, along with Eithne Duggan and Stephanie Dunlea in the goalmouth, ensured the Rebels would make it through to the last four.

It was a dreadful afternoon for camogie with the showers of hailstone making the conditions very tricky for both sides. But it was the gale that would prove to be the biggest impediment to accurate shooting.

Nevertheless, it was a typical spirited Cork/Kilkenny clash, but with the terrible weather, there was very little could be learned by either side.

What was apparent though, is that Cork still need more driving force up front. Out of their seven points, only three came from play. Granted the Kilkenny rearguard is very strong and the heavy going would have suited them.

But, Cork appear to be missing leadership - particularly with the loss of Lynn Dunlea. Their full-forward trio tried very hard, but need much more match experience. Rose Desmond was happy that this win would give them at least one more tough game before the championship commences.

"It is great to be in the semi-final. We will get more hard matches, which is what we need more than anything. Today's game was an excellent win, but I think it is very unfair to be playing these games in the middle of exams. We had a lot of players out there today who are studying and sitting exams at the moment. It is a lot to ask of the girls," she said.

Once again Emer Dillon had a superb game at centre back. Sarah Hayes made some vital clearances but the entire back line played well - so much so that Kilkenny were forced to replace three of their starting forwards. But, it must also be remembered that two of that forward line and one of their midfielders are only 16 years old. They were also minus their full back, Ann Marie Young and Brigid Mullary.

Cork were not at full strength either. Denise Cronin, Caoimhe Harrington, Mary O'Connor, Ciara Healy and Joanne O'Callaghan will be challenging for first choice places. This will make the selection process more interesting over the next couple of matches.

Scorers Cork: V. Harris 0-2 (2 f), G. O'Connor 0-2 (2f), E. Burke, U. O'Donoghue, O. O'Sullivan 0-1 each. Kilkenny: S. Millea 0-2 (2f), A. Neary, M. O'Connor 0-1 each.
Cork: G. Casey, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea, S. Hayes, E. Dillon, P. O'Connor, V. Harris, L. Mellerick, E. Burke, U. O'Donoghue (capt.), C. Corkery, G. O'Connor, J. O'Leary, O. O'Sullivan.
Subs: R. Maloney for L. Mellerick (59th min.)
Kilkenny: M. Holland, E. Kennedy (capt.), G. Maher, E. Lyng, K. Long, M. Costelloe, P. Comerford, M. Lawlor, E. Maher, M. Downey, A. Neary, J. Frisby, L. Lyng, S. Millea, M. O'Connor.
Subs: E. Awylard for M. Downey (41st min), C. Doherty for L. Lyng (49th min), D. Lanigan for J. Frisby (59th min).
Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

APRIL 2002

Inniscarra looking to a bright future

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

INNISCARRA Camogie Club are about to make history by becoming the first camogie club in Cork to purchase their own grounds.

The land, adjacent to the existing GAA grounds and community centre, is in a prime location and they will be able to avail of the excellent facilities which are already in existence at Ballyanly.

Chairperson Joan O'Leary, one of the driving forces behind this development along with Con Hayes and Joe McCarthy, insists the main reason for buying the land is to cope with the growth of the game in Inniscarra.

"With so many girls playing camogie we decided to go ahead with purchasing our own grounds.

"It will ease the burden with fixtures as we will be able to hold all our own club games, and we will also be able to facilitate the County Board with inter-county training and hosting of games."

The club, founded in 1967, has been to the forefront both on the playing field and at administrative level.



Con Hayes, fund-raising committee for Ballyanly camogie, Joan Hayes, chairperson and Irene O'Keefe fund-raising committee at the new grounds. Picture: Gavin Browne

Sheila Golden is the present chairperson of the Cork County Board, while Mary O'Callaghan was one of the most colourful national presidents.

Among the club's achievements are county titles at Senior B, Intermediate, Junior A, Junior

B, U16, U14 and two Féile na Gael wins in 1991 and 1998.

One of the greatest names ever to wear the red and white was Irene O'Keefe who won five All Ireland medals during the '90s.

Criona Harte, Leona

Nolan, Ger Casey, Marie O'Connell, Trish Murphy, Ann Golden and Margaret McCarthy join her in representing the club at inter-county level.

They are looking to 2004 (which is also the Centenary of the Association) to officially open the new

grounds.

For their dream to become reality, the club are taking the first step by launching a fund-raising campaign in Ballyanly on Tuesday, May 14th.

A prize fund of €25,000 is on offer with tickets costing €50 each.

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REFEREE: PAULINE MCCARTHY

corcaigh

(Red & White)		
(1) Valerie McCormack (Kildorrery)		
(2) Lisa Healy (Milford)	(3) Catriona Foley (Rockbawn)	(4) Noreen Mulcahy (St. Catherines)
(5) Marguirite Nyan (Enniskeane)	(6) Sile Burns (Rockbawn)	(7) Rena Buckley (Inniscarra)
(8) Anna Geary (Milford)	(9) Elaine Riordan (Capt) (Milford)	
(10) Brige Corkery (Cloughduv)	(11) Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill)	(12) Mgt. McCarthy (Inniscarra)
(13) Emer Watson (Milford)	(14) Denise Twomey (St. Catherines)	(15) Mary Coleman (Ballyhea)

SUBS:

(16) Michelle Hegarty (Glen Rovers), (17) Patricia O'Sullivan (Carrigaline), (18) Ciara McKenna (Eire Og), (19) Edwina Waters (Ballyhea), (20) Emma Dunne (Cloughduv), (21) Sarah Dawning (Courcey Rovers), (22) Julie Sheedy (Milford), (23) Marion Murphy (Kilbrittan), (24) Cathriona Myers (St. Finbarr's), (25) Ciara O'Driscoll (Castletons)

tíobraid áránn

(Blue & Gold)		
(1) Joanne Nolan (Silvermines)		
(2) Elaine Bourke (Templemore)	(3) Danielle O'Connell (Cashel)	(4) Fiona O'Dwyer (Cashel)
(5) Ciara Johnson (Templemore)	(6) Noelle Green (Drom/Inch)	(7) Noreen Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore)
(8) Julie Kirwan (Moneygall)	(9) Katie Kennedy (Lorrha)	
(10) Michelle Shortt (Drom/Inch)	(11) Claire Grogan (Cashel)	(12) Noreen Flanagan (Holycross/Ballycahill)
(13) Eimear Ryan (Moneygall)	(14) Cora Hennessey (Clonoulty/Rossmore)	(15) Mary Ryan (Moneygall)

SUBS:

(16) Rosanna Kenneally (Drom/Inch), (17) Triona Dunne (Toomevara), (18) Marie Jones (Moneygall), (19) Mairead O'Donoghue (Silvermines), (20) Nora Kinnane (Drom/Inch), (21) Mgt. Fryday (Knockavilla/Kickams), (22) Marie Costigan (Bournea), (23) Marian Devaney (Silvermines), (24) Michelle Coffey (Toomevara), (25) Elaine Hough (Lorrha)

Determined Galway too good for Cork in section play-off

Galway 3-9
Cork 2-5

IN a game played at championship pace, National Junior League camogie holders, Cork had to give way to a more determined Galway side in an entertaining section play-off at Ballyhea yesterday.

Cork settled quickly and had opened up a five point lead inside 10 minutes, with points coming Elaine McCarthy and Catriona Kelly, before an Amanda Murphy goal gave them their early lead.

Galway responded with a goal but immediately Cork hit back. Colette Desmond pointed before the alert Amanda Murphy finished Desmonds goal shock to the net. Now six points to the good, Cork looked set to dominate. Regaining their composure, Galway hit back and had the deficit down to one point when Anne-Marie Hayes got in behind the Cork defence and blasted to the net, with Susan Keane hitting two points before the break.

Cork's Catriona Kelly stretched the gap to two points, but Galway, once

again exposing the Cork defence, were quickly on level terms with points from Keane and Hayes.

Again the sides exchanged points, but with Cork continuing to close down the threat of Hayes and Keane, they struggled. Twice goalkeeper Ellen Clifford came to Cork's rescue before Hayes goal saw Galway take the lead with eight minutes left.

Now Cork had no answer to the Galway resurgence and finishing stronger, Galway added four points without reply to book their semi-final spot against Offaly.

Cork will have to pick themselves up and this evening they face Limerick in the first round of the Munster Championship in Ballygran.

Scorers for Galway: A. M. Hayes 3-1, S. Keane 0-5, (1 free), J. Kelly, C. Bowes, E. R. Kilkelly 0-1 each.
Cork: A. Murphy 2-0, C. Kelly 0-2 (free), G. Collins, C. Desmond, E. McCarthy 0-1 each.
GALWAY: S. Egan, N. Hanney, L. Burns, Sinead Keane, K. Ryan, K. Huban, E. Pierce, E. Tannion, S. Griffin, Susan Keane, P. Carrick B. Hanney A. M. Hayes G. Kelly E. Kilkelly.
Subs: S. Cahalane for Sinead Keane, C. Bowes for P. Carrick.
CORK: E. Clifford, J. Browne, L. Sweetnam, N. Bowles, A. O'Neill, N. Ahern, V. O'Keefe, G. O'Connor, E.

O'Farrell, G. Collins, C. Kelly, C. Desmond, A. Murphy E. McCarthy M. Watson.
Subs: Sinead Kelly for M. Watson N. Goulding for V O'Keefe.
Referee: J. Morrissey, Tipperary.

Dublin 4-5
Antrim 2-9

Dublin are through to next Sunday's National senior League semi-final following their quarter-final victory over Antrim in Dunloy.

For the first time in over ten years the Dubs are in the semi-final where they meet Galway, thanks to a last minute goal from Karen Blood.



Tipperary goalie Joanne Nolan rushes out to challenge Cork's Denise Twomey and Mary Coleman during the Munster Minor Camogie Final. Picture: Patrick Casey

Cork run away with minor title

Cork 8-17
Tipperary 2-11

by Tom Higgins

A multi talented, Cork Minor camogie team had little difficulty in beating Tipperary in this Munster 'A' final at Charleville on Saturday.

Once Cork got into their stride they played superbly and shortly after half time the game was over as a contest. Tipperary relied to a large extent on senior player, Claire Grogan but her team-mates had no answer to the Rebels' firepower.

Grogan had Tipperary's first four points in the first eight minutes to two for Cork from Denise Twomey and Emer Watson.

Although playing against the wind Cork really cut loose to lead by 3-7 to 0-6 with six minutes left in the half. However goals from Mary Ryan and Eimear Ryan and points

from Grogan (free) and Eimear Ryan in the closing stages gave the Premier County some hope.

With Twomey, who scored 6-2, in devastating form the game was soon over as a contest.

Cork had stretched their advantage to 6-11 to 2-8 after 12 minutes of the second period and although Tipperary tried hard they had no answer to Catriona Foley, Noreen Mulcahy and Sile Burns in the Cork defence.

Scorers for Cork: D. Twomey 6-2, E. Watson 1-7 (0-2 free), M. O'Neill 0-5, M. Coleman 1-1, E. Riordan 0-1, B. Corkery 0-1.
Tipperary: E. Ryan 1-1, M. Ryan 1-1, C. Grogan 0-6 (0-4 free), M. Shortt 0-2, N. Flanagan 0-1.
CORK: V. McCormack, L. Healy, C. Foley, N. Mulcahy, M. Nyhan, S. Burns, R. Buckley, A. Geary, E. Riordan, B. Corkery, M. O'Neill, M. McCarthy, E. Watson D. Twomey, M. Coleman. Subs: E. Waters for N. Mulcahy (55th minute), P. O'Sullivan for M. Nyhan & M. Hegarty for L. Healy (57th minute), C. McKenna for R. Buckley (60th minute).
TIPPERARY: J. Nolan, E. Bourke, D. O'Connell, F. O'Dwyer, C. Johnson, N. Green, N. Ryan, J. Kirwan, K. Kennedy, M. Shortt, C. Grogan, N. Flanagan, E. Ryan, C. Hennessey, M. Ryan, Subs: M. O'Donoghue for E. Bourke (27th min), T. Dunne (43rd min).
Referee: P. McCarthy (Limerick).

Limerick 2-9
Waterford 0-3

THE scoreline in this Munster Minor 'B' camogie final does not do justice to Waterford.

The main difference between the sides was that Limerick, with less possession, were able to pick off their scores while Waterford were very wasteful in front of goal.

Scorers for Limerick: F. Morrissey 1-2, S. Brogan 1-1, S. McAuliffe 0-5 (0-3 free), C. O'Shea 0-1. Waterford: A. Lyng 0-2 (free), J. Simpson 0-1.
LIMERICK: C. Kelleher, J. White, S. O'Mahony, F. Chawke, F. Hickey, C. Mulcahy, F. Geary, N. Heffernan, C. Carroll, S. McAuliffe, C. O'Shea, M. O'Connell, E. Barrett, F. Morrissey, S. Brogan, Subs: J. Garvey for C. Carroll (33rd minute), L. Kelly for E. Barrett (34th minute), M. Stack for N. Heffernan (46th minute), S. O'Donnell for M. O'Connell (49th minute).
WATERFORD: A. O'Brien, C. O'Connor, N. Ryan, T. Morrissey, R. Delahunty, L. Buckley, O. Heffernan, N. Morrissey, P. Cunningham, A. Lyng, J. Simpson, R. Heylin, A. M. Drohan, C. Phelan, L. Geoghagan. Subs: D. Walsh for C. O'Connor (40th min), L. Clancy for L. Geoghagan (50th minute).
Referee: D. Daly (Cork).

MAY 2002

Denise is the Rebel scoring hero

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

Cork 8-17
Tipperary 2-11

DENISE TWOMEY is a name to watch out for, if Saturdays Munster minor A camogie championship final display is anything to go by.

She broke the hearts of Tipperary with her contribution of 4-4.

Tipperary will be wondering what they have to do to win a provincial title at this level.

This time it was a powerful second half display producing 5-10 that knocked any hopes the Blue and Gold had when they went in at the break just two points behind.

This is a superb Cork minor team. They have nine of last year's side and the experience gained from winning that All-Ireland is standing to them.

"We played very well," agreed selector John Quinn. "The score tells its own story. We fell away before half-time, but the switches we made worked."

Briege Corkery was a joy to watch and it was her surging run that set up Twomey for the Leesider's first goal. Emer Watson also shone.

Others to impress in the shooting department were Mary Coleman and Marie O'Neill.

Anna Geary did a fine job in marking Tipperary's senior player Claire Grogan and Elaine O'Riordan wore the captain's tag with distinction. After they switched, Sile Burns and Caltriona Foley were dependable in defence.

Scorers Cork: D Twomey 4-4, E Watson 2-5, (0-25), M Coleman 2-1, M O'Neill 0-5, B Corkery and E O'Riordan 0-1 each.

Scorers Tipperary: C Grogan 0-5 (0-47), M Ryan 1-1, E Ryan 1-0, N Flanagan and M Shortt 0-1 each.

CORK: V McCormack; L Healy, C Foley, N Mulcahy; M Nyhan, S Burns, R Buckley; A Geary, E O'Riordan (capt); B Corkery, M O'Neill, M McCarthy; E Watson, D Twomey, M Coleman. Subs: E Waters for N Mulcahy; P O'Sullivan for M Nyhan, S Dowling for R Buckley and C McKenna for L Healy.

TIPPERARY: J Nolan; E Bourke, D O'Connell, F O'Dwyer; C Johnson, N Green, N Ryan; J Kirwan, K Kennedy; M Shortt (capt); C Grogan, N Flanagan; E Ryan, C Hennessy, M Ryan. Subs: T Dunne for K Kennedy. Referee: P McCarthy (Limerick).



Champions . . . The Cork minor camogie side who won the Munster minor camogie title by beating Tipperary 8-17 to 2-11 in Charleville last Saturday.

Pic: Patrick Casey

Rampant Rebels stun Tipperary with sensational second half show in Munster minor camogie final

CORK 8-17
TIPPERARY 2-11

DEVASTATING Denise Twomey (St Catherine's) scoring 5-3 helped Cork win Munster Minor A Championship final in Charleville last Saturday.

Playing against a stiff breeze Cork found it difficult to settle in the first ten minutes with Claire Grogan Centre forward for Tipperary putting over two points from frees and two from

play.

Cork had a point each from Emer Watson (Milford) and Denise Twomey in the second and fourth minutes.

Switching Anna Geary (Milford) to mark Claire Grogan Tipp's danger person, Rena Buckley (Inniscarra) to centrefield and Sile Burns (Rockban) to wing back worked well for Cork.

A nicely taken goal by Denise Twomey on the tenth minute followed by a point from a free

by Emer Watson in the 11th minute and a point from play by Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill) meant that Cork were on their way.

With Cork backs playing well and delivering quality ball into the forward line Emer Watson added 1-1, Mary Coleman scored 1-1 and Briege corkery added a point.

Claire Grogan now had to go beyond centre field to get any ball into the Tipp forwards and wasn't to score for the re-zain-

der of the game except from two frees.

Twenty five minutes into the half against the run of play Cork then sat back and allowed Tipperary's Mary Ryan score a goal, Eimear Ryan score 1-1 and Grogan a point from a free leaving it 3-7 to 2-8 at half time and giving Tipp great hope of staging a comeback for the second half.

But it was not to be. Marie O'Neill had an excellent second half scoring four points.

Margaret McCarthy (Inniscarra) and Briege Corkery (Cloughduv) distributed the ball well to the rampant full forward line.

Cork added 5-10 in the a sensational second half with only three points reply from Tipperary. Cork goalkeeper Valery McCormack (Kildorrery) did not have much to do except for the last five minutes of the first half. The game was played in excellent weather conditions.



Tipperary minor camogie panel, Munster finalists. Back row, Nora Kinnane, Mairead O'Donoghue, Margaret Fryday, Elaine Bourke, Joanne Nolan, Michelle Shortt, Noreen Ryan, Claire Grogan, Danielle O'Connell, Noelle Green, Noreen Flanagan, Triona Dunne, Maria Costigan. Front: Rosanna Kenneally, Maria Jones, Fiona O'Dwyer, Katie Kennedy, Julie Kirwan, Cora Hennessy, Mary Ryan, Eimear Ryan, Ciara Johnson, Marian Devaney, Michelle Coffey. Picture Bridget Delaney.

Tipperary trounced in minor Munster final

CORK 8-16 TIPPERARY 2-11

By Marian Graham

After suffering a heavy defeat in last year's Munster minor camogie final against Cork, Tipperary were hoping to brush aside this defeat and restore their stamp on the title last held in 2000, but this was not to be on Saturday in Dr. Mannix Park, Charleville, with Cork in complete command and were by far the superior side in all sections.

Two goals and eleven points should be good enough to win any game, but with forwards of the calibre Cork had in Bridge Crockery, Denise Twomey, Eimear Watson and Mary Coleman, Tipperary were in trouble at the interval trailing by 3-7 to 2-8 and facing a strong breeze in the second half.

Tipperary looked somewhat disorganised before the game commenced being seven minutes late arriving on the field while Cork were on the pitch pucking around and getting used to the surrounds and looked quite relaxed when the game commenced.

Tipperary was first on the scoreboard with a pointed free from Claire Grogan in the first minute. Eimear Watson and Denise Twomey both pointed for Cork from play in the 4th and 5th minute. Claire Grogan added three further points for Tipperary, two from frees and one from play in the 6th, 8th and 9th minute. Cork's first goal of the afternoon came in the 11th minute when Bridge Crockery who seemed to be all over the place expertly hand passed to Denise Twomey and Leona Nolan had no chance in the Tipperary goals. Cork added two further points from Mary Coleman and Marie O'Neill in the 12th and 14th minute. Tipperary replied

when Noreen Flanagan collected from Claire Grogan in the 15th minute and the ball sailed over for Tippi's 5th point. Almost from the puck out Eimear Watson sent a rasper into the Tipperary net and Cork were looking good, two further points were added to Cork's score before Michelle Shortt ho was starting to come into the game for Tipperary made a tremendous run up the right side and put the ball over. Again Denise Twomey wiped this score out at the other end with Cork's second goal in the 23rd minute. Eimear Ryan and Claire Grogan narrowed the deficit with a point each. Tipperary seemed to get inspiration from those scores and a lovely piece of stick work from Claire Grogan to Mary Ryan who with a little flick had the ball in the Cork net for Tipperary's first goal in the 27th minute. Almost immediately Eimear Ryan made an almighty run from nearly 50m. out and with great control and brilliant stick work had the Cork net rattled once more; this was the final score of the first half Cork 3-7, Tipperary 2-8. 2-2 without a reply from Cork could the Premier girls do it? They had settled well in the closing stages of the half, could they resume this type of command in the second half, two points down and with the wind favouring Cork they had it all to do.

Unfortunately for Tipperary Cork came out and came at Tipperary as if their life depended on it. Tipperary's back line were in disarray and Cork capitalised on this and led by 6-11 to Tipperary's 2-8 half way through the second half. Cork's goals coming from Denise Twomey and Mary Coleman. Claire Grogan got Tipperary's first score of the half in the 42nd minute with a point from play. Cork replied with two further points before Michelle Shortt added another for Tipperary in the 47th minute. Tipperary's final score of the afternoon came from Mary Ryan in the 52nd minute, while Cork continued to dominate adding two more goals to their tally from Bridge Crockery and Mary Coleman to leave the final score Cork 8-16 Tipperary 2-11.

Tipperary Team: Joanne Nolan (Silvermines), Elaine Bourke (Templemore), Danielle O'Connell (Drom/Inch), Fiona O'Dwyer (Cashel), Ciara Johnson (Templemore), Noelle Green (Drom/Inch), Noreen Ryan (Clonoulty), Julie Kirwan (Moneygall), Katie Kennedy (Lorrha), Michelle Shortt 0-2 (Drom/Inch), Claire Grogan 0-6 (Cashel), Noreen Flanagan 0-1 (Holycross), Eimear Ryan 1-1 (Moneygall), Cora Hennessey (Clonoulty), Mary Ryan 1-1 (Moneygall), Subs: Roseanne Keanneally (Drom/Inch), Triona Dunne

(Toomevara), Marie Jones (Moneygall), Mairead O'Donoghue (Silvermines), Nora Kinnane (Drom/Inch), Margaret Fryday (Knockavilla), Marie Costigan (Bournea), Marian Devaney (Silvermines), Michelle Coffey (Toomevara), Elaine Hough (Lorrha).

U/18 COUNTY FINAL 2001

Fogarty inspires Cashel to victory

CASHEL 3-13 TOOMEVARA 1-3

A superb display by Cashel's centre field Philly Fogarty holder of three all-Ireland medals was the main ingredient for their success on Sunday evening last when they won the U/18 2001 County Final.

Both sides sporting a number of Inter County players had the followers hoping for a classic encounter. Cashel however had the upper edge but the scoreline at the end does not reflect the true standard of the game. Toomevara fought hard for their scores while Cashel seemed to get theirs with ease and were much stronger in their attack.

Marie Tynan for Toomevara was the first to score with a point inside the opening minute. Claire Grogan got Cashel's first score in the 5th minute with a point from play and Louise Young replied for Toomevara in the 7th minute. Two goals from Cashel's Orla Fahey and Kira O'Sullivan in the 8th and 15th minutes was the turning point of the game. Further points from Cashel's Claire Grogan (3) and Philly Fogarty and Louise Young (1) for Toomevara completed the scoring and Cashel were comfortably ahead at the interval by 2-5 to 0-3.

Toomevara had a number of scoring chances in the second half but nothing seemed to be going right for them while at the other end Cashel could do no wrong. Philly Fogarty was an inspiration to watch and seemed to be clearing and attacking from all angles while also keeping her position at centre field in control. Cashel had 1-6 to their credit in the second half before Marie McCarthy finished a Marie Tynan free to the Cashel net. Claire Grogan completed the scoring for Cashel with two points one from a 45m and the other from play to leave Cashel U/18 2001 champions by 3-13 to Toomevara 1-3.

Cashel, while Toomevara's best were Kathleen Kennedy, Louise Young, Lizzy Woods, Helen Ryan and Marie Tynan. CASHEL TEAM: Danielle O'Connell, Kate Morrissey, Nollaig Barron, Fiona O'Dwyer, Denise Fitzgerald, Helen Breen, Dervella Maher, Philly Fogarty (0-1), Mairead Morrissey (0-1), Claire Ryan, Kira O'Sullivan, (1-0) Claire M. Fogarty, Margaret A. Cooney, Orla Fahey (1-0), Claire Grogan (1-1) Siobhan for Orla Fahey, Sarah Morrissey for Margaret A. Cooney, Karen Baron for Dervella Maher, Mary J. Maher for Kira O'Sullivan, Ruth Moloney, Julie McGrath, Gillian Bulfin, Kate O'Dwyer.

TOOMEVARA TEAM: Paula Ryan, Nessa Devaney, Louise Duff, Mairead Ryan, Helen Ryan, Kate Kennedy, Aine Shanahan, Lizzy Woods, Melissa Sheppard, Marie Tynan, Louise Young, Marie McCarthy, Michelle Coffey, Triona Dunne, Mary Bratton. Subs: Mairead Devaney, Elaine Young, Sharon Young, Christine Dunne, Breda O'Meara.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

Tipperary outclass Waterford

TIPPERARY 3-13 WATERFORD 0-3

After Tipperary's all-Ireland Junior victory last year, a complete new squad had to be found and they commenced their journey in defend of this title on Monday last in Roanmore, Waterford with a convincing win over the home side by 3-13 to 0-3.

After their poor performance in the league campaign a lot of work has gone into this unit since then and it was proof of the pudding on Monday last. With Tipperary's third team Fr. Peter Brennan and his back room team of Joe William and Joan Harkin set out to face Waterford's first team and proved that there is still a lot of talent in the Premier County.

They now qualify once again to play old rivals Cork in the Munster Final, which will be played on Saturday June 29th at a venue to be decided.

Tipperary led throughout the hour and at half time the score was Tipperary 1-9, Waterford 0-1. Tipperary goal coming from Fiona Loughnane in the 12th minute.

On the resumption, Tipperary once again stamped their authority from the throw in and continued with this pace and ran out with a comfortable victory by 3-13 to 0-3.

TIPPERARY TEAM:

J. Horan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), I. Spillane (Fethard), G. Greed (Bournea), T. Ryan (Toomevara), L. Breen (Drom/Inch), H. Costigan (Bournea), U. O'Rourke (Kilruane), A. Mulcahy (Burgess), M. Ryan (Clonoulty), A. Dean (Kilruane), M. Stapleton 0-4 (Drom/Inch), S. Gleeson (Moycarkey), T. Maxwell (Toomevara), F. Loughnane 1-6 (Templemore), G. Kinnane 1-3 (Drom/Inch).

SUBS: A. Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), B. Bourke (Gael), C. Doran 1-0 (Clonoulty/Rossmore), C. Cantwell (Moycarkey), C. Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), C. Kirwan (Moneygall), L. Gleeson (Burgess), E. Ryan (Moneygall), J. Kirwan (Moneygall).

Cork girls bow out

Galway 3-9
Cork 2-5

CORK will wonder why their brilliant form of a week earlier deserted them when they came second best to Galway yesterday at Ballyhea in the National junior camogie league quarter-final, writes THERESE O'CALLAGHAN.

The Rebels, who had already beaten the Westerners in their section, never reached the same heights and were subject to a late onslaught, which produced 1-5 in the closing 10 minute as Galway adapted much better to the warm conditions.

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DENISE TWOMEY, ST. CATHERINE'S IN FINE FORM FOR CORK CAMOGIE MINORS

CORK 8 - 17 TIPPERARY 2 - 11

Devastating Denise Twomey (St. Catherine's) scoring 5 - 3 helped Cork win Munster Minor A Championship final in Charleville last Saturday.

Playing against a stiff breeze Cork found it difficult to settle in the first 10 minutes with Claire Grogan Centre forward for Tipperary putting over two points from frees and two from play. Cork had a point each from Emer Watson (Milford) and Denise Twomey in the 2nd and 4th minutes.

Switching Anna Geary (Milford) to mark Claire Grogan Tipp's danger person, Rena Buckley (Iniscarra) to centrefield and Sile Burns (Rockbawn) to wing back worked well for Cork.

A nicely taken goal by Denise Twomey on the 10th minute followed by a point from a free by

Emer Watson in the 11th minute and a point from play by Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill) meant that Cork were on their way.

With Cork backs playing well and delivering quality ball into the forward line Emer Watson added 1 - 1, Mary Coleman scored 1 - 1 and Brieghe corkery added a point.

Claire Grogan now had to go beyond centre field to get any ball into the Tipp forwards and wasn't to score for the remainder of the game except from two frees.

Twenty five minutes into the half against the run of play Cork then sat back and allowed Tipperary's Mary Ryan score a goal, Eimear Ryan score 1 - 1 and Grogan a

point from a free leaving it 3 - 7 to 2 - 8 at half time and giving Tipp great hope of staging a comeback for the second half.

But it was not to be. Marie O'Neill had an excellent 2nd half scoring four points. Margaret McCarthy (Iniscarra) and Brieghe Corkery (Coghduv) distributed the ball well to the full forward line who were rampant.

Cork added 5 - 10 in the second half with only 3 points reply from Tipperary. Cork goalkeeper Valery McCormac (Kildorrery) did not have much to do except for the last five minutes of the first half. The game was played in excellent weather conditions.

BLACKWATER MOTORS SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

DENISE TWOMEY (St. Catherine's and Cork Camogie)
PAUL CASHMAN (Point to Point Racing)



Last weekend was a particularly successful weekend for young Denise Twomey who helped Cork to victory in the Munster Minor Camogie Championship Final scoring a whopping 5-3, while Paul Cashman, Rathbarry Stud scooped his 100th winner on the racecourse track.



Honour for Eimear

Eimear McDonnell Burgess has been recently honoured with Camogie Player of the Year at UCC at a banquet in Jury's Hotel, Cork, sponsored by Bank of Ireland and Jury's Hotel.

Prior to this, at another function in the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork, she received an

award for Player of the Ashbourne Cup Competition in which UCC were victorious.

It has been an exciting few years for the Burgess Girl with three All-Ireland Senior Medals, a Senior Schools All-Ireland Medal and now an Ashbourne Medal. Also, in 1999 Eimear

was the recipient of the Irish Examiner 'Young Player of the Year' Award at a reception in the Burlington Hotel in Dublin.

She will be hoping that this year 'Skipper' can conjure up another mighty effort from the senior camogie panel for another attack on Croke Park.

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Denise shines in Catherine's win

St. Catherine's
Clonakilty

5-7
1-1

ST CATHERINE'S were crowned Cork U18B camogie champions for the first time at the expense of a spirited Clonakilty on Monday.

Clonakilty had wind advantage in the first half and should have had more scores than their 1-1 to 0-2 interval lead.

Grace O'Regan and Vicki Hennessy were dominant at centre-field and it ensured a steady supply to their inside line who despite being well over the St. Catherine's defence failed to capitalise.

St Catherine's worked hard against the wind with Denise Twomey converting a free they were reasonably confident at the break in the words of secretary Rena O'Leary.

"Once we stopped them getting a second goal before half time things were looking good, the wind was extremely strong and in the second half we used it well," she said.

Use it they certainly did, as they upped the pace considerably with Noreen Mulcahy and Yvonne O'Neill taking over at centre field to come thundering into the game.

Two goals within three minutes of the restart from inter-county minor duo Denise Twomey and Mulcahy signalled their revival, a third

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS

Under 16 League: Blackrock 1-2, Fr O'Neill 1-1; Rockbawn 6-8, Brian Dillon 3-2; Eire Og 5-3, Aghbuiogue 2-0; Eire Og 6-4, Douglas 1-1.

Under 14 League: Ballygarvan 9-4, Milford 1-2; Douglas 7-12, Milford 2-3; Glen Rovers 5-10, Iniscarra 1-0; Ballinhassig 2-4, St Finbarr's 0-1; Douglas 2-6, Ballinhassig 1-0; Ballygarvan 6-1, Ballinhassig 1-0.

Mid Cork Under 13 League: Blarney 1-0, Ballinora 1-0; Grenagh 3-0, Ballincollig 0-3; Blarney 3-0, Ballincollig 1-2; Grenagh 3-0, Blarney 2-0.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY MAY 11

Under 16 A League final: Douglas v St Catherine's or Rockbawn, 7pm venue to be arranged.

SUNDAY MAY 12

National Senior League semi-final: Cork v Limerick, Ballingarry 2pm.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie news

from Twomey in the twelfth minute put an end to Clonakilty's championship hopes.

Twomey rounded off a marvellous individual display with two further goals despite the best efforts of a Clonakilty side who tried to the finish.

Meanwhile, as exam-time looms, clubs have al-

most completed their programme in the U16 leagues.

Now, thoughts focus on the U14 and U12 grades.

Tonight we take a look at the up to date positions of the various teams.

The dates for the closing stages have been announced as follows: Under 16A: Clubs to complete their outstanding games between June 18 and July 7.

The two top teams will qualify for the final to be played in mid/late August.

In 12-a-side also, the two top teams will contest the final. In Grade B six teams will come through with quarter finals and semi-finals to be decided. In Grade C the top two in each section will play in the semi-finals.

Under 16 B, C and 12-a-side competitions:

June 29: Grade B quarter finals

July 6: Grade B and grade C semi finals

July 13: Grade B, C and 12-a-side finals

St Catherine's: D Twomey 4-6 (0-2), N Mulcahy 1-0, Y O'Neill 0-1

Clonakilty: C McCarthy 1-0, J Lowney 0-1 (f)

ST CATHERINE'S: M Twomey, A. Cotter, M Mulcahy, T Barry, E Power, A Mangan, K Twomey, Y O'Neill, N Mulcahy, MT Collins, A Fitzgerald, O Cotter, M Morrison, D Twomey, D. Mangan, Subs L Noonan for D Mangan, O Neville for M Morrison, D Twomey for M T. Collins.

CLONAKILTY: C O'Flynn, S Cullinane, L Guest, J O'Donovan, A McCarthy, L O'Flynn, S Forrestal, G O'Regan, V Hennessy, C McCarthy, J Lowney, E Kerr, C O'Regan, N O'Donovan, H O'Regan, Subs: C Lynch for J O'Donovan, C Nagle for E Kerr, A Deasy for C O'Flynn, M Deegan for L Guest.

SUNDAY National Camogie League semi-final Limerick v Cork Ballingarry 2.00

CORK will be missing a number of their first choice players for this clash - Ger Casey, Elaine Burke, Emer Dillon, Jennifer O'Leary and Aoife Murray are all exam tied. However this is unlikely to prevent them from reaching another league final especially with Caoimhe Harrington back in action. She will be joined by regulars Linda Mellerick, Stephenie Dunlea and Una O'Donoghue.

Limerick, captained by Vera Sheehan, fully realise the mammoth task that awaits them; "We hope we can give a good account of ourselves, but we are up against it," said Sheehan. Even though they have won all their league matches this year and are appearing in their first league semi-final since the '80s, they will find the going very tough.

Manager, John Leacy will be hoping that Pauline McCarthy, Eileen O'Brien, Marion Neville and Marie Keating will play up to form.

Verdict: Cork.

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Cotter's late goal sees Vincent's topple champions

St Vincent's
Ballinhassig

3-3
2-5

BALLINHASSIG'S dream of a championship and league double was shattered by a determined St Vincent's who held the county champions scoreless in the second half of a nail-biting Cork Junior A camogie league semi-final.

The holders were quickly out of

the blocks, Mairead Holland and Linda O'Sullivan hitting early goals.

Dominant in all sectors, they added four points before Michelle Cotter registered St Vincent's opening score.

Linda O'Sullivan pointed to leave Ballinhassig ahead by 2-5 to 0-1 at the interval.

The second half was an entirely different story. Donna O'Leary

added 1-1 inside 10 minutes and one sensed a revival was on the cards.

Annette Power struck for their second goal midway through and O'Leary pointed to leave two points between the teams.

St Vincent's rose to the challenge and were rewarded when Michelle Cotter goaled with 10 minutes remaining.

Ballinhassig fought hard but the St

Vincent's defence, inspired by Denise O'Mahony, Melissa Golden and Vickie Forde, held firm.

St Vincent's - D O'Leary 1-2, M Cotter 1-1, A Power 1-0.

Ballinhassig - L O'Sullivan 1-3, M Holland 1-1, D Coomey 0-1.

St. Vincent's: J. Buckley, D O'Mahony, M Golden, L O'Mahony, V. Forde, C O'Shea, C. Power, E. Foley, G Morrissey, M Forde, O

O'Shea, S Power, D O'Leary, M Cotter, A. Power.

Subs: J Carroll for A Power, A Power for C O'Shea.

Ballinhassig: C Coleman, C Fleming, T Finn, M O'Mahony, D O'Brien, C Holland, A Mullane, D Coomey, M Holland, S McCarthy, D Fleming, L O'Sullivan, T Holland, S Crowley, E O'Sullivan.

Ref: B Joyce, Killeagh.

Camogie

A MAJOR row has broken out between the Cork senior camogie team and the County Board - and a players' meeting last night failed to avert the crisis.

The players believe a fixtures pile-up could threaten their chances of winning the All Ireland title. The county panel are up in arms because a similar situation occurred last year and they say it is why they lost to Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final.

At this week's County Board meeting the Cork County senior club championship final was fixed for August 9th, with the winners down to play the first round of the Munster Club championship the following day.

A week later the All Ireland semi-final - which Cork is expected to be in - is due to take place.

The players say it is too heavy a schedule and be-



Linda Mellerick: I would quit now.

War

Girls in fixture fury

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Exclusive

lieve they could lose their focus on the All-Ireland championship due to the intrusion of the club final, which could involve a large chunk of Cork panellists.

Linda Mellerick, the holder of five All Ireland senior medals, and playing her last year for the red and white is seething: "I am livid and would

rather walk away now. The County Board are putting every obstacle in our way. There is total lack of respect for the players - I can't believe it has happened again this year," she said.

"After we drew with Tipperary in the All Ireland semi-final the replay was fixed for two weeks later. In between, the County final was played. We completely lost our momentum and

focus. "We had a depleted panel at training the week after the drawn game because nine of the selection were involved in the County final. We trained again the morning after the County final, but it was impossible to gear ourselves for the replay with Tipp.

"We couldn't think of the game until the Wednesday before the match."

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ST CATHERINE'S CAMOGIE CLUB

Cats triumph in 2001 U18 County championship

On a bright sunny Bank Holiday Monday morning St Catherine's defeated Clonakilty on the score of 5-7 to 1-1 in a game that was played at Delany's ground.

Playing against the wind in the first half St Catherine's struggled against the strong play of the Clonakilty girls and indeed were quite lucky to be only 0-2 in arrears at half-time when the score-line was St Catherine's 0-2 and Clonakilty 1-1.

Marie Twomey had an outstanding first half in goals and strong play from all six defenders, most notably, Mary Mulcahy and Esther Power ensured that the St Catherine's girls were still contention at half-time.

The second half saw a major improvement in our play and by the 12th minute we had raced into a 3-3 to 1-1 lead. We continued to dominate for the remainder of the game and ran out comfortable winners in the end.

Denise Twomey finished up top scorer with 3-6, the other scores coming from Noreen Mulcahy 1-0, Yvonne O'Neill 0-1 and Laura Noonan 1-0.

This was a tremendous victory for the club following on the U16 County title which was won last December. Full credit to all 18 players who played on the day.

Congratulations to selectors Billy Neville, Elaine Harper and Din Joe Twomey and to trainer Pat Clancy. With a lot of this team still underage we can look forward, hopefully, to another busy year at this grade in 2002.

Team: 1 M Twomey, 2 A Cotter, 3 M Mulcahy, 4 T Barry, 5 E Power, 6 A Mangan, 7 K Twomey, 8 Y O'Neill, 9 N Mulcahy, 10 M Collins, 11 A Fitzgerald, 12 O Cotter, 13 D Mangan, 14 D Twomey, 15 M Morrison. Subs: L Noonan (for D Mangan) O Neville (for M Collins) D Mulcahy (for M Morrison)

2001 U-14 LEAGUE
St Catherine's 4-4 Newtownshandrum 2-2

This was a good victory for the U14 girls and leaves them with full points after two games.

St Catherine's trailed at half-time with a score of 2-2 to 1-2 in favour of Newtownshandrum.

A strong second-half performance which held Newtownshandrum scoreless and saw our girls adding 3-2 to our half-time total.

Team: 1 A Casey, 2 S Davern, 3 L Kearney, 4 F Cotter, 5 O Neville, 6 D Mulcahy, 7 C O'Brien, 8 O Cotter, 9 A Hogan, 10 A O'Brien, 11 P O'Brien, 12 G Carr, 13 J Hurley, 14 D Twomey, 15 P Moroney. Subs: F Neville.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Noreen Mulcahy and Denise Twomey who were members of the victorious Cork minor team which defeated Tipperary last weekend.

Camogie war

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Exclusive

From back page.

"Tipperary lived in each other's pocket for those two weeks.

"And what's more, their club championship begins this weekend and will be well out of the way for the All Ireland series."

When contacted this morning the Cork County Board declined to comment.

Meanwhile, Cork captain, Una O'Donoghue says that her team are very upset with the current situation: "We are preparing for a league-semi final against Limerick on Sunday and we shouldn't have to be worrying about fixtures now, or at any other time of the year.

Cork selector, Rose Desmond is also furious as a result of this latest crisis.

"Everyone agreed that last year's fixture debacle was appalling. I certainly got involved this year on the assumption that lessons were learned. Obviously not.

"I understand that the Cork GPC is in a 'catch 22' situation with all the teams - minor, junior, intermediate and senior. However, it is only in recent years that I have noticed that the Cork senior club championship is running this late.

"When we were winning All Irelands in the 90's, the selectors were left with three full weeks to prepare for All Ireland semi-finals, now it is down to a week.

"We have a great club championship in Cork. We have great minor teams, but this is not coming through to senior level.

"Sadly at the end of the day it is the players who lose out," she said.

Cork set up final clash with Tipperary

Cork
Limerick

4-19
1-1

A DAY after losing their junior National Camogie League title, Cork bounced back in emphatic style to defeat Limerick and set up a Munster final meeting with Tipperary.

Amanda Murphy shot Cork into an early lead when she finished to the net after Marie Watson had dispossessed the Limerick goalkeeper.

Points from Elaine McCarthy, Collette Desmond and Catriona Kelly stretched Cork's advantage before Watson struck for the second goal in the tenth minute and Cork led 3-12 to 0-0 at half-time.

Inside five minutes of the re-start Catriona Kelly had Cork's fourth goal, the Aine O'Connell goaled for Limerick in the 18th minute and Aoife Sheehan had a point but Cork were well on their way to the final.

Scorers for Cork: C. Kelly 1-9 (0-4 frees), A. Murphy 2-1, M. Watson 1-2, C. Desmond 0-3, G. Collins 0-2, E. McCarthy, E. O'Farrell 0-1 each.
Limerick: A. O'Connor 1-0, A. Sheehan 0-1 (free).
CORK: E. Clifford, J. Browne, L. Sweetnam, N. Bowles, A. O'Neill, N. Ahern (capt), V. O'Keefe, G. O'Connor, E. O'Farrell, G. Collins, C. Kelly, C. Desmond, A. Murphy, E. McCarthy, M. Watson, Subs: M. Holland for E. McCarthy, N. Goulding for G. O'Connor, E. Foley for N. Bowles, S. Kelly for G. Collins.
LIMERICK: M. Corkery, G. Quilligan, C. Dore, A. O'Brien, A. White, M. O'Sullivan (capt), A. O'Reilly, A. Sheehan, S. Hedigan, A. Sheehan, A. O'Connell, S. McAuliffe, M. McGrath, Anne O'Connell, Joanne Clifford, Subs: M. O'Connor for M. McGrath, E. Collins for Aisling O'Connell, B. Downes for S. Hedigan, P. Lynch for M. O'Sullivan, N. Collins for G. Quilligan. Ref: J. O'Donnell, Clare.

St. Catherine's
Clonakilty

5-7
1-1

St. Catherine's lifted their first U-18 B Co. Championship title at the expense of Clonakilty at Delany's yesterday morning. Trailing 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval, the victors turned in a superb second half performance aided by the strong wind, with full forward Denise Twomey the star of the show, contributing 4-6.

● Ballinhassig overcame local rivals Ballygarvan in the 2001 Under 15 South East Camogie Championship Final by 1-7 to 0-0.

Midway through the first half Ballinhassig goaled through Helan Sherratt despite the best efforts of Ballygarvan goalie Susan Lynch. Lynch kept Ballygarvan in touch during the first-half when the home defence was under pressure - through her efforts, Ballinhassig's tally was kept down to 1-4.

In the second-half, great displays from Deirdre Coomey, Elmeor O'Sullivan, Breda Touhy and Catherine Holland kept Ballinhassig in front. Ballygarvan battled on with good displays from Kate Dwane, Caoimhe Dillon, Devina O'Mahony and goalkeeper Susan Lynch but were unable to curb the Ballinhassig attack who ran out winners.



The Ballinhassig team which defeated Ballygarvan in the South East under-15 camogie final which was played in Ballygarvan.

Rebels take out their frustration on poor Limerick

By Therese O'Callaghan

Camogie latest

Cork 4-19
Limerick 1-1

CORK completely overwhelmed a young Limerick side in the semi-final of the Munster junior championship at Ballyagran yesterday. Still suffering the effects of their unexpected exit in the league 24 hours earlier, Cork were obviously eager to get back to more impressive form. Unfortunately for Limerick, it was they who took the brunt of it.

"We had no contest at all," said selector Marion McCarthy, which is also unfortunate as her charges face into a provincial final untested against Tipperary.

"We needed a wake up call after being beaten by Galway on Sunday. The girls knew this too and definitely made amends today," added McCarthy.

Cork went on the rampage in the opening half scoring 3-12 without reply from the Green and White.

Limerick county secretary, Kim O'Connell could offer no excuse:

"We simply were not able for Cork," she said. "They are extremely strong and we could not compete. We looked very tired out there."

"We have a very young team - it was made up mostly of last year's minor side - hopefully our day will come soon."

Almost all of the entire forward line and midfield got on the sheet for the Rebel County. Caitriona Kelly was in marvellous form scoring 1-9 of his sides tally, Amanda Murphy hit two goals, Marie Watson scored 1-2 with Colette Desmond, Ger Collins, Elaine McCarthy and Ger Collins all contributing to their big tally. Limerick's goal came from Aine O'Connell and their point from Aoife Sheehan.

Scorers Cork: C. Kelly 1-9 (0-4 frees), A. Murphy 2-1, M. Watson 1-2, C. Desmond 0-3, G. Collins 0-2, E. McCarthy and E. O'Farrell 0-1 each.

Limerick: A. O'Connell 1-0 and A. Sheehan 0-1.

CORK: E. Clifford: J. Brown, L. Sweetman, N. Bowles, A. O'Neill, N. Ahern (capt), V. O'Keefe, G. O'Connor, E. O'Farrell, G. Collins, C. Kelly, C. Desmond, A. Murphy, E. McCarthy, M. Watson.

Subs: M. Holland for E. McCarthy, S. Kelly for N. Bowles and N. Goulding for G. O'Connor.

LIMERICK: M. Corkery, G. Gulligan, C. Dore, A. O'Brien, A. White, M. O'Sullivan (capt), A. O'Reilly, A. Sheehan, S. Hedigan, A. Sheehan, A. O'Connell, S. McAuliffe, M. McGrath, A. O'Connell, J. Clifford.

Subs: N. Collins for M. McGrath, M. O'Connor for A. O'Connell and B. Downes for S. Hedigan.

Limerick deprive Cork of National League record

Limerick
Cork

3-10
2-7

CORK's bid for an eighth successive National Camogie League title ended yesterday when Limerick caused somewhat of a surprise in Ballingarry.

The foundations for victory were laid in the opening half when Limerick, backed by the galeforce wind, built up an unassailable 17 points lead.

Points from Marie Keating, Eileen O'Brien (4) and Maeve Nash, had them six in front by the midway stage before three goals from Marie Keating and Eileen O'Brien with two, left Cork with a mountain to climb as they trailed 3-8 to no score at the break.

Cork reshaped their team for the second half and set about reducing the deficit with Stephanie Dunlea now at centre-back, they began to dominate.

Points from Catherine Corkery and Paula O'Connor inside two minutes of the restart, had Cork on the scoreboard before Gemma O'Connor and Vivienne Harris had them back in the game inside ten minutes. Battling to hold onto their title, Cork continued to press and

now dominant, added three points in succession.

Twice the sides exchanged points but despite strong pressure, they failed to break a resolute Limerick defence which held out for a famous and deserving victory.

Limerick will now meet Galway in the National League Final after they recorded a 3-9 to 1-6 victory over Dublin.

Scorers for Limerick: E. O'Brien 2-6, M. Keating 1-2, A. O'Connell, M. Nash 0-1 each.

Cork: V. Harris 1-2, G. O'Connor 1-0, P. O'Connor, C. Corkery, L. Mellerick, C. Harrington, M. Watson 0-1 each.

LIMERICK: M. Corkery, C. Hayes, R. Collins, P. McCarthy, M. Casey, M. Neville, M. Kelly, V. Sheehan, M. Nash, J. Cullinane, Aoife Sheehan, E. O'Brien, A. White, M. Keating, A. O'Connell. Sub: A. Sheehan for A. White.

CORK: C. Keohane, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea, P. O'Connor, R. Moloney, S. Hayes, V. Harris, G. O'Connor, C. Corkery, L. Mellerick, O. O'Sullivan, C. Harle, U. O'Donoghue, C. Harrington. Subs: M. Watson for C. Harle, R. Holland for R. Moloney.

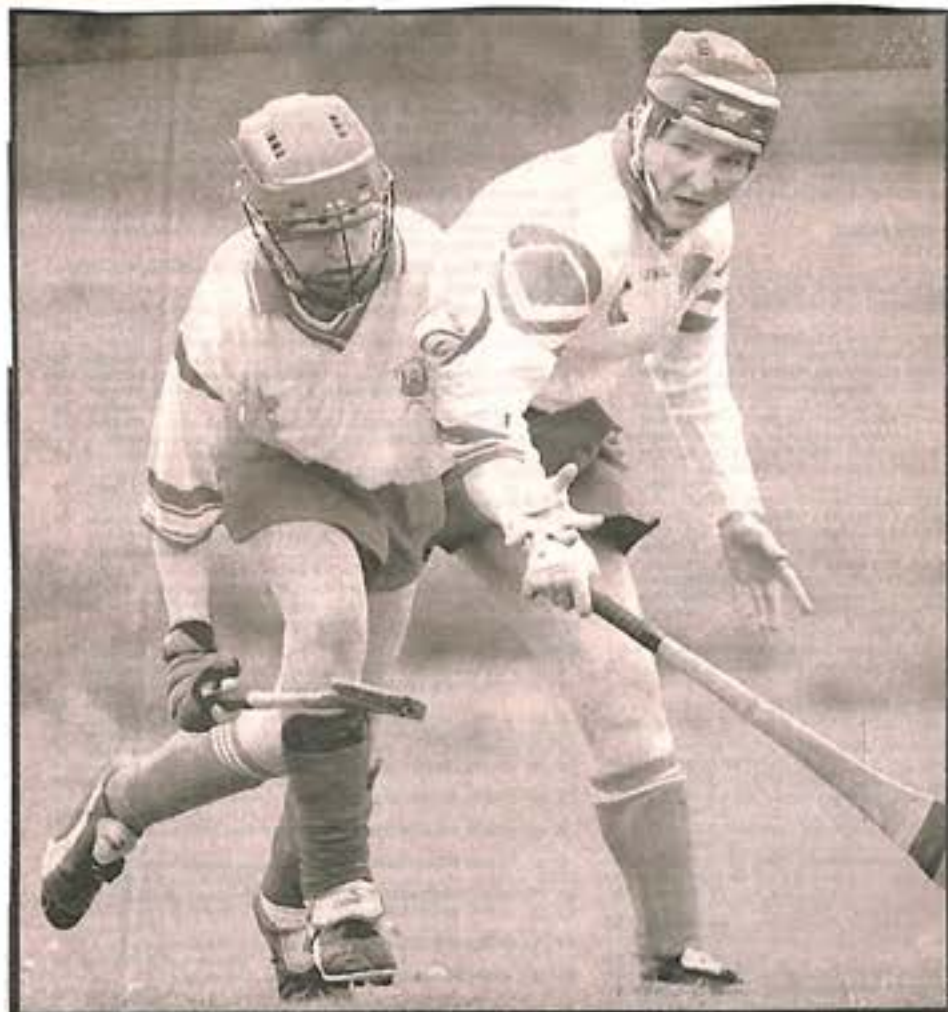
Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

Galway are through to their first National League Final since '94 following their 3-9 to 1-6 victory over Dublin at St Vincents ground, Dublin.

Meanwhile, the Division 2 final next Sunday will be an all-Leinster affair following Offaly's 2-11 to 0-13 victory over Galway, while Laois over came a fancied Armagh side 2-9 to 1-11.



ON FORM: Cork's Marie Watson



Cork's Linda Mellerick holds onto possession under pressure from Limerick's Pauline McCarthy during the National League semi final in Ballingarry. Picture: Brian Arthur/ Press 22

Limerick beat Cork to make sceptics eat their words

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie reporter

Limerick 3-10
Cork 2-7

THE cynics said they had no chance, but Limerick's camogie players had a lot of people eating their words after their marvellous six-point win over the holders, Cork, in yesterday's National Senior League semi-final at Ballingarry.

Not only did they beat the defending champions, they kept them scoreless for the opening 30 minutes.

But most importantly for the Shannonsiders, they have rid themselves of a psychological barrier that has prevented them from believing in their own ability.

Captain Vera Sheehan, playing at midfield, was one of the main in-

stigators in plotting Cork's downfall.

"This is a great boost ahead of our championship game in July. It will also do wonders for all the other teams in the county. There were a lot of faces in the crowd today that would never have seen Limerick beat Cork at senior level," she said.

"We have not been in a league final since 1979. Words cannot describe how much this victory means to us. It was a brilliant, all-round performance."

Sheehan, along with sisters Aoife and Deirdre are due to leave the country on holidays next Saturday.

However, the captain has made a decision to stay and says that both herself and Aoife will be available for the game on May 26.

Marie Keating shot the opening goal after 18 minutes. But, Eileen O'Brien was the star of the show

yesterday hitting 2-6 - her two goals coming from frees in the 20th and 27th minutes. The half-time tally was 3-8 to 0-0.

Cork turned over to play with the wind and had two goals on the board after 10 minutes.

They clawed their way back with further points from Una O'Donoghue, Caoimhe Harrington, Harris, O'Sullivan and sub Marie Watson.

But they ran out of time, and it was Limerick who tacked on two late points to secure victory.

Scorers for Limerick: E. O'Brien 2-6 (all frees), M. Keating 1-2, A. O'Connell and M. Nash 0-1 each.

Cork scorers: V. Harris 1-3 (1-1f), O. O'Sullivan 1-1, U. O'Donoghue, M. Watson and C. Harrington 0-1 each.

Limerick: M. Corkery, C. Hayes, R. Collins, P. McCarthy, M. Kelly, M. Neville, M. Casey, V. Sheehan (capt), M. Nash, J. Cullinane, A. Sheehan, E. O'Brien, A. White, M. Keating, A. O'Connell. Sub: A. Sheehan for A. White.

Cork: C. Keohane, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea, P. O'Connor, R. Moloney, S. Hayes, G. O'Connor, V. Harris, L. Mellerick, C. Harrington, C. Corkery, O. O'Sullivan, U. O'Donoghue (capt), C. Harle. Subs: Marie Watson for C. Harle, R. Holland for R. Moloney.

Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).



BIG UPSET: Eileen O'Brien and Linda Mellerick dispute possession during Sunday's game between Limerick and Cork in Ballingarry. Picture: Press 22



Model student wins top award for sport

SPORTING PASSION: Emer Dillon, left, a final year student from Christ King Secondary School, receives a Cork Garda Youth Award at Rochestown Park Hotel for her outstanding sporting achievements. Picture: Gavin Browne

Emer is a star on the field

MAKING a difference in a community is what the Garda Youth Awards are all about and this week's winner is certainly making a difference in her community.

DOWN OUR STREET

with Deirdre O'Reilly

A pupil of Christ King Secondary school on the Douglas Road, Emer Dillon was jointly nominated for her award by her school and Ballygarvan Camogie club.

Emer, a final year student in the school, was nominated for the prestigious award for her outstanding achievement in sport.

Assistant vice principal of Christ King school, Betty Brosnan, described Emer as exceptional.

"Emer has been an exemplary student during the six years she has been with us. She has contrib-

uted enormously to the sporting life of the school while also maintaining a very high academic standard," said Ms Brosnan.

"One particular achievement that stands out was when she won a comórtas ráidíochta, a public speaking competition in Irish. This was a very hard-fought match, but Emer came out on top."

Meanwhile, Oliver Hallahan, chairman and trainer of Ballygarvan Camogie club, also spoke highly of Emer.

He said: "Down through the



WINNERS: Colin O'Reilly, Ballinlough, and Emer Dillon, Ballygarvan, are presented with garda youth achievement awards. Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

years, Emer has been a vital member of all teams she has played on. Emer started playing camogie with Ballygarvan in 1991 at the age of eight. Since then she has played in every age group right up to senior.

"In 1995, when Ballygarvan won an historic three county titles at U-12, U-14 and U-16, Emer was a vital member of all three teams. In 1997 she helped us win the U-14 A

county for the first time. She has won six Munster medals and three All-Ireland medals with Cork and she was the only player to win three Munster U-18 medals in a row with Cork.

"Emer has been an outstanding club member over the years and has helped train our U-10 team last year."

However, Emer's sporting achievements are not confined to

the GAA pitch. She has also excelled on the hockey pitch playing for Harlequins, Munster and Ireland. Her achievements include league and European cup winner titles with her club, cup winner with Munster and a bronze medal with the Irish U-18 squad.

Oliver Hallahan summed it up when he said: "Overall, Emer is outstanding and is a great example to all young players."

St. Catherine's Model Farm Road 3-2
Scoil an Spioraí Naoimh 1-1
(cont)

KATIE HICKEY was the toast of St Catherine's after a superb display in this C2 Camogie final. It was her pointed free that levelled matters for her school near the end of normal time when it seemed that a valiant Spioraí Naoimh team might hold for a narrow victory.

Her skill and artistry was ultimately the deciding factor in an enthralling game. The Curraheen school had the better of matters early on though they led by 1-1 to a single point at the break they could well have been further ahead.

St Catherine's came strongly into the game in the second half but found Spioraí Naoimh goalkeeper

Jenny Ward in superb form and they held out until Hickey's late equaliser.

As often happens, the team to tie the game often dominates extra time and this occasion proved no exception. A point from Hickey and goals from Fiona Curtin and Deirdre Corbett clinched the issue for St Catherine's in spite of heroics from Eileen Foyle and Siun Tobin.

Meanwhile, at Páirc Uí Rinn the action continued with an historic "double double" for Ovens National School. They had already completed the boys and girls double in football last Autumn and completed the grand slam yesterday with victory over CBC in the hurling and St Columbas in the camogie.

The boys' game will be remembered for Eoin McDonagh's two

goals with Gary O'Flynn and James Murray also adding majors to confirm a well merited win.

The girls rowed in with the slenderest margin on a 1-0 to 0-2 scoreline when Jessica Kehoe scored the all important goal.

One score also decided the C4 Camogie final where Deirdre Cummins' goal sealed it for Ballinora over a gallant Maria Assumpta.

In the H10 final Conna stormed to a 5-3 to 3-2 victory over after an absolute thriller that will remain long in our memory.

Dungourney 2-3
Goggins Hill 0-1

GOGGINS HILL girls failed at the last hurdle as they tried to bring back the boys/girls double in this entertaining C3 final. However, it must be said that they came a cropper against a superbly skilled and organised Dungourney outfit who gave a dazzling display of camogie.

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There was nothing between these two evenly balanced teams in the first half and the interval score of 0-1 a piece reflected this parity.

In the second half Dungourney upped a gear and really displayed all the skills with Evelyn Rohan in particular to the fore.

Her contribution of 1-1 in the second half really put the East Cork girls on the road to victory. Aisling Griffin's second goal for Dungourney finally really sealed the issue and try as they might Aimee O'Riordan, Laura Bracken and Maureen Burke just could not swing matters back the way of the Ballinhassig girls.



THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogieocht

TO SCHOOL THROUGH THE FIELDS

McDonagh Park in Nenagh and Cashel's Leahy Park were the venues for the 2002 senior and junior finals respectively, which produced several terrific contests.

All-Ireland colleges' final day is one of the biggest days in camogie. Each year hundreds of teenage schoolgirls come along in their colourfully decorated buses to cheer their friends, mingling with parents, family and former students in the crowd.

Charleville and Mercy, Waterford came away with the spoils from Nenagh this year. Nothing new for the Cork team, but what a day for the Decies! Although this was their first All-Ireland final, they harned and tackled with incredible tenacity, and drove forward to record a memorable win that will do much to raise the profile of the game in the south-east.

Seven days later in Cashel at the junior finals, St. Mary's, Charleville were seeking the double. Excitement reached fever pitch as the north Cork girls raced out onto the rain-sodden pitch. The wind and the downpour of the previous 24 hours failed to dampen the spirits of Charleville and Colaiste Bride in the big Junior A decider. Both sides made light work of the extremely difficult conditions and greasy surface, to serve up one of the greatest ever colleges' finals.

St Mary's got out of jail on the day. They were coasting with a 10-point lead midway through the second half, and we all assumed that Enniscorthy had given way. Perhaps any other opposition would have wilted, but not these girls. Louise Codd of Duffry Rovers smashed home three magnificent goals inside ten minutes, and all of a sudden the carpet was swept from under Charleville's feet.

Entering the home strait, the Wexford girls took the lead for the first time, and St. Mary's were on the rack. You write the Cork side off at your peril, however. Young Emer Watson from Milford was the heroine once again, with an impeccable display, both from frees and play. When her team needed her most, Emer rifled over the equaliser followed by a wonderful pair of points for the eventual two-point win. Watson was superb over the hour, nothing 3-4 in all. But all their 15 players must take credit for this win, each one playing with great spirit and contesting every ball. "My heart was hopping," admitted joint coach Anne-Marie O'Keefe. "For 15 minutes in the second-half Enniscorthy owned the ball. It took fierce commitment to stay in touch. I am very proud of them today."

What makes this win all the sweeter for Charleville is the fact that six of their starting 15 were also involved seven days earlier when the school collected its sixth All-



CHARLEVILLE'S ANGELS: Enniscorthy's Louise Codd (top) scores a goal.

Ireland senior title. This statistic acts to underline the calibre of the players being produced down by the Cork / Limerick border. Sinéad McAuliffe, Edwina Waters, Lisa Healy, Elaine O'Riordan, Anna Geary and Emer Watson all collected double honours within the one week.

JUNIOR JOUSTS

The Junior A final was a phenomenal match, both young teams contributing to a wonderful, free-flowing game with their amazing talent and self-assurance. Good refereeing was also a key factor, with John Morrissey applying the rules intelligently on a difficult day to play camogie. The coaching prowess of Vincent Harrington and Anne-Marie O'Keefe is obviously reflected in the Charleville return of titles, but Elva Moriarty is no one-hit wonder either, bringing Colaiste Bride to All-Ireland glory in 2000, after two epic encounters against St. Mary's in the semi-final.

The opening game in Leahy Park that same afternoon got underway with a huge welcome for first-time contenders Loreto, Fermoy, and Mercy, Ballinasloe who sought desperately to atone for the previous week's senior defeat. Two fit and extreme-

ly confident sides took the field. Imokilly hurler, Ier Holland, had the Cork side in great condition. Ballinasloe were first out on the Cashel sod, responding to a rigorous warm-up session under the guidance of coach, Mary Higgins. The heartbreak of the Senior B final was hopefully going to be washed away with the April showers.

Unfortunately for them, the script said differently. Loreto got a dream start with a goal by captain Marie O'Neill, from Watergrasshill in Cork. She had a splendid game, repeatedly sending the Fermoy side into attack. Apart from setting up scores for her colleagues, Marie returned a massive individual haul of 3-10.

In spite of the best attempts of Ballinasloe centre-forward and captain, Ellis Ryan, to spoil the Fermoy party, the result of this B final was certain long before referee Rose Kelleher's final whistle. The Westerners biggest problem was converting possession into scores. Admittedly, they were a trifle unfortunate to come up against such a star-studded Loreto team. Along with O'Neill, the best player on the field, Valerie McCormack, Marie Twomey, Noreen Mulcahy, Denise Twomey and Trisha Carroll did most to engineer a first All-Ireland Junior B title for the Blackwater-side school.

NA FOIRNE

Loreto, Fermoy, V. McCormack, L. Cronin, M. Twomey, H. O'Neill, C. O'Farrell, N. Mulcahy, T. Barry, M. McAteer, M. O'Neill (capt), M. Finn, D. Twomey, O. Cotter, C. O'Driscoll, T. Carroll, N. Farrell.

Subs: C. Lynch for L. Cronin, E. O'Leary for M. McAteer, A. Hogan for O. Cotter. Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe: A. Cormican, S. Kelly, A. Gilchrist, M. Kelly, M. Madden, C. Donnelly, J. McHugh, C. Glynn, M. O'Neill, A. Kelly, E. Ryan (capt), Caitriona Cormican, E. Glynn, Ciara Cormican, L. Canavan. Sub.: E. Cormican for M. Kelly.

St Mary's, Charleville: N. Murphy, F. Chawke, E. Geary, J. White, S. O'Mahony, E. Waters, L. Healy, S. Brosnan, A. Geary, M. Coleman, E. O'Riordan, S. McAuliffe, T. Shanahan, E. Watson (capt), C. O'Shea. Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy: C. Sinnott, R. Walsh, J. Codd, T. Breen, E. Dempsey, A. M. Foley, O. Murphy, B. Furlong, D. Codd (capt), L. Codd, S. Darcy, U. Lacey, S. Murphy, E. Moran, A. Murphy.

Subs: S. Redmond for T. Breen, S. Nolan for E. Moran.

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National League Semi-Final not only ended their interest in this year's competition but also their bid for an eight title in a row.

It should also serve as a wake up call for players and selectors alike in advance of their Championship meeting with the same opponents in a few weeks time.

It has not been a good campaign for Cork, while accepting they were understrength in some games losing to Wexford and Limerick must be a worry as in the past irrespective of the teams they fielded Cork were always capable of winning such games.

Last week's outburst at the County Boards decision to fix senior championships was obviously a distraction and deflected their thoughts from the task in hand. It is also a bit disingenuous to your championship opponents to be discussing possible fixture clashes with an All-Ireland semi-final when you have yet to play a first round game.

Down the years Cork hurling and football teams have encountered such problems but the board, when arranging games are always conscious that there may be need to change and do so accordingly and I am sure the Camogie board would have acted in a similar manner.

Players and selectors should do what they do best, play and select, and let the administration to those elected to do so.

It may have made for good "Copy" but as the great West Indian cricket star Viv Richards once said "It could easily have been resolved with a bit more discussion".

The big Camogie game of the weekend is the Junior A League Final Carrigaline V St Vincents on Sunday night at 7pm in Ballinhassig.

In brief

Some cracking games last week-end with good crowds at all venues, especially the big East Cork clash in Castlemartyr, where Cloyne's comeback was remarkable but not unexpected giving the players in their team, and good to see Joe Deane back and in such good form let's hope there is no re-action in advance of the Waterford match on Sunday week.

Next week we preview that contest and also look at the few local c'ship games that are down for decision.

Finally

Arsenal have had a great season winning the double and will now have a new logo on their shirtsO2, sound familiar. Can Cork be the first teams in red shirts with O2, to win a double.....

Cork shocked by Limerick in Camogie
Corks defeat by in the

Éire Óg in control after whirlwind start

Éire Óg
Valley Rovers

6-4
2-0

Juvenile camogie

ÉIRE ÓG easily overcame Valley Rovers in the Cork U-14 Camogie League.

The winners dominated the first half and led by 6-4 to 0-0 at half-time.

Valley Rovers upped the tempo after the restart and managed to keep Éire Óg scoreless for the half.

Valleys efforts were rewarded with a goal each from Orla Deasy and Teresa Pollock.

Valley Rovers edged out Douglas by 0-1 to no score.

Lucy Hawkes emerged as the Valley Rovers hero, snatched the only point in the closing seconds. Ballincollig overcame Ballinascahy by 3-2 to 0-3.

Ballinascahy started well and Lisa Hennessy scored two points. Ballincollig responded with a goal before half-time.

Ballincollig assumed control after the restart, adding a further 2-2, while Ballinascahy could only reply with a point from Eva Ryan.

Mallow beat Rockban by double scores, 2-2 to 1-1.

Rockban played the better camogie in the first half, with Elaine Casey scoring a goal and Sarah Coleman a point.

Elizabeth O'Brien availed of an opportunity to crash home a goal and keep Mallow in contention.

Mallow came out with all guns blazing in the second half and Michelle Browne scored a fine goal. Michelle added two further points to secure victory.

Sinead O'Connor had a tremendous game in goal for Mallow as had Elaine Linehan, Aisling Kelle-

her, Catherine Coakley and Andrea O'Halloran.

Best for Rockban were Ann O'Brien at centre-back and centre-field pairing of Fiona Buckley and Mairead Foley.

Ballinhassig and Glen Rovers finished level at 3-5 apiece.

The Glen led by 3-1 to 1-3 at the break, but Ballinhassig fought back and a goal two minutes into injury time saw them go ahead 3-5 to 3-4.

The Glen responded and Jemma O'Regan found Amy Murphy, who beat three Ballinhassig defenders, before slotting over the equaliser.

Camogie
National League Finals: Division One: Limerick 1-7 Galway 5-6 Division Two: Offaly 3-18 Laois 2-6
Leinster Junior C: Kilkenny 11-22 Louth 0-2
Westmeath 0-7 Wexford 3-4
Leinster Minor A final: Kilkenny 5-3 Wexford 5-11
Leinster Minor B final: Offaly 7-4 Kildare 0-1
Leinster U14C: Dublin 1-4 Wexford 3-9, Laois 3-8 Carlow 0-0
Ulster Minor Championship semi-final: Armagh v Antrim OFF, Down 0-2 Derry 5-5



Fiona O'Driscoll, Maria Lucey (second year captain), Denise O'Neill (intermediate captain), Sarah Cronin (junior captain) and Evelyn Quinlivan of Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig which is experiencing a great hockey bonanza after four years of dedicated work

Fiona's new girls hockeying rivals

JUST FOUR years after first participating in colleges camogie competitions, Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig, recently recorded three historic county championship victories.

The success story is down, in no small way, to the dedication of former inter-county senior star and Fr O'Neill's player Fiona O'Driscoll, who has worked diligently to promote the game, since taking up employment in Colaiste Choilm, three years ago.

When Fiona arrived in the school, Miriam Walsh had started to organise camogie. Since then, Miriam has left the school, and now Evelyn Quinlivan is part of the backroom team.

"We work together and share the responsibilities. Sometimes it's hard but it's worthwhile," says Fiona.

By MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY

Camogie

Indeed both must be praised for the professional manner in which their teams were prepared - training twice a week in forty to fifty sessions. Such was the determination of players and coaches alike that full sessions were held during the Easter holiday period.

Cork College's secretary Rob Lotty recently told Grassroots "The amount of work that Fiona has done in such a short time is incredible. Great credit is due to her."

Interest in the game is huge in the school with several of the players also involved at club level - Ballincollig, Bishopstown, Ballinhassig, Úire Óg, Cloughduv and Inniscarra all had representatives on the victorious teams. The Second Year B Cork title was the first one to be annexed when the side, cap-

tained by Cloughduv's Maria Lucey, defeated Youghal.

The Junior 'C' county final against Kinsale Community college was a tough contest with Ballincollig dominating the second half to emerging winners on a 3-6 to 1-3 scoreline. Sarah Cronin from Ballinhassig was team captain.

The pressure was on the Intermediate B team to make it three in a row and they duly obliged.

St Mary's Macroom provided final day opposition in a game where weather condition made it difficult for both sides, however trailing by two points with time almost up Ballincollig's Susan Donovan grabbed a last minute goal to give her side their third county title. It was a proud Denise O'Neill who held the trophy aloft after an exciting contest much to the delight of their huge band of supporters.

Killeagh in control

KILLEAGH swept aside the challenge of Sarsfield in the Cork U14 League, winning by 7-2 to no score, writes **TIM BUCKLEY**.

Anne Hegarty, Darlene Supple, Yvonne Coleman, Nadene O'Neill and Niamh Coughlan excelled for Killeagh who led by 6-1 at the interval. Best for Sarsfield were Doris Murphy, Sarah Cummins, Maeve Kelleher, Evelyn Cooley and Aisling Whooly.

Passage West and Sarsfield shared the spoils in a scoreless encounter.

Dungourney held all the aces against Blackrock, winning by

9-3 to 0-0.

Blackrock 0 - 0.

Valerie Broderick led the way, scoring four goals while Cliona McGovern bagged two.

Classy Ballygarvan proved far too slick for St. Finbarr's, taking the honours on a 5-6 to 1-0 scoreline.

Ahead by 3-6 to no score at half-time, Ballygarvan maintained their superiority in the second half to run out easy winners.

Orlaith O'Riordan's two late goals put the gloss on an impressive team show.

Final countdown

THE MAY monthly meeting of Cumann Camógaloichta na nÓg, Corcaigh, was held in Blarney, writes **TIM BUCKLEY**.

It was decided that all outstanding U16 league games would be played between Thursday June 18 and Sunday, July 7, and the final would be in mid-to-late August.

Saturday June 29 is the date for grade B quarter-finals while the semi-finals for grade B and C will be played on Saturday June 29 for grade C & 12-a-side

and 12-a-side were fixed for Saturday July 15.

All U14 league rounds should be finished before May 24 as per schedule. Friday June 7 was fixed for grades B and C quarter-finals. Tuesday June 11 for grade A semi-finals. Wednesday June 12 for grade B semi-finals. Saturday June 15 for grade A and B finals. Saturday June 22 for grades C & 12-a-side semi-finals and Saturday June 29 for grade C & 12-a-side finals.

In the Diary

TOMORROW

Under 16 B League final (2001)
Rockbawn v Douglas
At Delany's, 7.15pm

HAVING knocked out county champions St Catherine's at the semi-final stage, Rockbawn will face into tonight's final showdown with Douglas in upbeat mood. And Douglas are unlikely to be short of confidence either, having comprehensively defeated Watergrasshill at the penultimate stage.

Fiona O'Donovan, Louise O'Regan are key players for Douglas while Rockbawn will rely on Cork minors Catriona Foley and Sile Burns to provide the inspiration.

Verdict: Rockbawn

SUNDAY MAY 19

Junior A League final
St Vincent's v Carrigaline
At Ballinhassig, 7pm

St Vincent's caused a major sensation when defeating county champions Ballinhassig in the semi-final.

It is a huge boost to a club who have worked so hard to keep the game going in their area.

Carrigaline were always in command in their outing against Watergrasshill.

Verdict: Carrigaline

Sports Spotlight



CAPTAIN: Una O'Donoghue

Una O'Donoghue

Una O'Donoghue (Cork Senior Camogie Captain):

Club: Cloughduv

Age: 20

Occupation: Una is studying Physiology in UCC. She has just completed her third year and is currently sitting exams.

Car: Doesn't drive.

Other Pastimes: Walking and going to the Cinema with friends.

Favourite Player: I've had many tussles with Tipp's Clara Gaynor - she might not exactly be my favourite player but we respect each other.

Favourite Venue: Croke Park Lasagne or Bacon 'n' Cabbage: Lasagne

Best personal moment in sport: Winning the County Championship last year.

Which sports event would you most like to attend: The World Cup in Japan and Korea.

Favourite actor: George Clooney

Pet Hate: Preparing for and sitting exams.

Person you most admire: Adi Roche.

Ambition: To win an All-Ireland Medal in a Cork jersey.



The Rockbán team who were crowned Cork Under-16B League camogie champions.

Inniscarra to get camogie blitzed

SATURDAY is another big day for the Cork colleges camogie board, when they play host to the third inter-county under-14 camogie blitz which takes place in Inniscarra.

The Cork panel is selected from players who participate in college's competition within the county, while the representatives from the other participating counties are selected from the clubs within their respective counties.

Kilkenny, Galway, Limerick, Wexford, Tipperary will travel to Inniscarra. Last season a strong Galway side took their first title, while the inaugural event saw Cork take the honours.

The Cork team are coached by Ollie Troy from Carrigaline Community College and they have played challenge games against Kilkenny and Tipperary.

Amongst the players who have impressed in these outings are Mary O'Mahony, Deirdre Coomey and Michelle Browne.

The competition is organised by Cork and Munster Colleges secretary Rob Lott and will be played on a round robin system with the top two qualifying for the final. Multiple substitutions will be allowed during the game.

Games begin at 12 noon and the day promises to be one of great camogie. The Cork back room team under the leadership of Ollie Troy includes

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John Joe Breen, Andrew O Farrell, Mary O Sullivan, and Rob Lott. Cork captained by Mary O'Mahony from St Mary's, Charleville.

Cork have named a strong panel of 27 players drawn from nineteen clubs through the city and county.

Cork Panel: Mary O'Mahony, Aine Watson, Sarah Sexton, Eileen O'Mahony St Mary's Charleville, Catriona O'Connell (Buttervant), Grace Mulqueen (St Aloysius), Eimear White (Clonakilty), Suzanne Lynch, Devinia O'Mahony, Sarah O'Keeffe (Carrigaline), Siobhan Gleeson, Mary O'Sullivan (Coachford) Miriam Crowley (Mount Mercy), Michelle Browne, Sinead O'Connor (Presentation Bandon), Valerie Browne, Caoimhe Dillon, Jenny O'Donovan, Deirdre Murphy (Christ the King), Deirdre Coomey, Anna Nyhan, Coleen Long (Bandon), Orla Cotter, Aileen Hogan, Deirdre Twomey (Loreto Fermoy), Ursula Quinn (Kinsale), Jemma O'Regan (St. Patrick's).

● St. Catherine's celebrated two county championship successes with a presentation to the victorious teams on Friday last in Conna. Guest, Cork player Linda Mellerick paid tribute to the club on their marvellous achievements.

Trophies on display included the under-16 B and 18 B championship and the East Cork under-14 league.

The club had eleven players involved with the Loreto Fermoy team that took Munster and All-Ireland colleges titles and these trophies were also proudly displayed.

Denise Twomey represented the club on the victorious Cork minor team that took the All-Ireland title last season.

All speakers on the night were loud in their praises for the club with special mention been reserved for the work of club secretary Rena O'Leary.

Presentations were made on the night to the various selection committees who guided the club's fortunes during their successful campaigns amongst them coaches Billy Neville and Pat Clancy, while selectors Bridged Cotter, Rena O'Leary, Din Joe Twomey and Elaine Harpur were also suitably honoured.

● Appalling weather conditions on Saturday last failed to dampen the spirit of the young camogie players who braved the conditions as they vied for the honour of representing Cork in Feile Na Ngae 2002.

The qualifiers from five of the six sections were:

St Catherine's, Ballygarvan, St Finbarr's, Ballincollig, Glen Rovers.

Healy's late goal gives Erin's Own the edge

ERIN'S OWN edged out neighbours Sarsfields by the minimum margin, 1-1 to 1-0, in the Cork Under 16 12-a-side league at Caherlag.

Collette Dennehy pointed a free to put Erin's Own ahead midway through the opening half.

Sarsfields replied with a goal from Nikki O'Sullivan to lead at half-time.

The scores remained the same until Barbara Healy scored the winning goal for Erin's Own five minutes from full time.

Newtownshandrum overcame Buttevant by 5-6 to 3-0 in the Under 14 league.

Full-forward Kim O'Connor led the way for the winners, contributing 3-1.

Sandra O'Flynn, Mary O'Mahony (1-2), Elaine Coughlan (1-0), Michelle O'Connor (0-2 frees) and Eileen O'Mahony (0-1) also impressed.

Blarney swept aside a very young Brian Dillons, winning by 4-1 to 0-1.

Best for Blarney were Gillian O'Sullivan (3-0), Tracey O'Brien (1-1), Rebecca Campbell and cousins Yvonne and Aoife Horgan in defence.

Sarsfields and Watergrasshill shared the spoils in the Under 12 league, scoring 1-0 apiece.

Kekeleto Moleli grabbed an early goal for the Hill, but Karen Comerford replied in the closing minutes to earn Sars a share.

Amy Flannery, Tara Mooney and Aisling Mooney gave good displays for Sarsfields while Theresa Barry was player of the match for Watergrasshill.

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the lack of results to hand at last week's meeting of the GPC of Cumann na Camogaich, particularly when the board is making strenuous efforts to give camogie a higher profile.

The next full meeting takes place in Blarney tomorrow when the draws will take place for the Under 14 knock out fixtures.

The B quarter-finals are fixed for June 7 and the semi-finals and finals of the A and B sections are fixed for the following week.

Dungourney maintained their 100% home record in the U16 12-a-side league, beating Erin's Own by 3-7 to no score.

Dungourney, who now lead the table, next meet Castlelyons who are undefeated to date and have a couple of games in hand.

Castlelyons gained a narrow victory, 1-2 to 1-1, win over Ballinascorthy in the under 16 league.

A stylish second half display saw Ballincollig beat Bishopstown by 4-2 to 1-2 in the Under 14 league.

Bishopstown opened well and Ann Crowley scored a goal and Miriam Crowley hit a point, Ballincollig replying with a goal.

On the turn over, Ballincollig upped the tempo, scoring 3-2 to land the spoils.

Dungourney beat Newtownshandrum by 4-0 to 2-1.

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Inniscarra's big fund-raiser

THE DREAM of becoming the first club in the county to own their own field took a step further for the Inniscarra Camogie Club when they launched a major fund raising drive on Friday last in Ballyanley.

"It is hoped that it will be playable by mid 2003," said Chairperson Joan O'Leary.

Draw tickets cost €50.

Board seeking support

THE Cork County Camogie Board reminds clubs about the county lotto which was launched recently. Clubs are asked to take 10 tickets every fortnight with the

draw to be held at a fortnightly meeting. At present the jackpot stands at €700 and tickets are available from the clubs or any county board officer.



Scoll Mhuire gan Smál Blarney Camogie team captain Aisling Madden shows off the junior B championship trophy to her team mates.

Galway make it two titles in a row

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GALWAY made it back to back titles by taking the Cork Colleges Inter-county title for an impressive second year in row at Carrigaline on Saturday afternoon last.

A last minute change of venue due to pitch conditions meant that Carrigaline had to host the finals.

Cork had to battle hard before overcoming a tough Tipperary challenge with just three points to spare.

Limerick showed their strength in defeating Kilkenny on a 2-3 to 1-1 scoreline.

Cork and Limerick fought out a close battle and Limerick led 2-2 to 1-1 at the break thanks to goals from Fiona Morrissey and Elizabeth Nash.

On the resumption Cork dug deep and when captain Mary O'Mahony put just a point between the sides it was all to play for.

Caolmhe Dillon levelled matters before she gave Cork the lead with a well struck goal. Fiona Morrissey

Team effort buys new gear

BALLINCOLLIG camogie club will unveil their new playing gear at a function in their club on Monday, June 10 at 7.30pm.

The club's field teams in the last two years have seen a resurgence in the game most notably among the younger players. Success came with the winning of the Mid-Cork U-14 title while the side have also made it to the Feile na Gael semi-final. Club members have put in a huge

effort to help defray the expenses involved in kitting out the teams — on two weekends the players packed shopping bags and a table quiz was also held.

Club official Mairead O'Donovan praised the players and acknowledged the sponsorship from businesses in Ballincollig. She said: "We'd like to thank all the people who were so generous to us and hope to see them on Monday."

Dillon but it was Kilkenny who led at the break thanks to a Mary Dalton point.

Cork hit the front thanks to points from Orla Cotter and Deirdre Coomey and when Jemma O'Regan drove low to the Kilkenny net Cork looked to be getting the upper hand.

Battling hard Kilkenny regained their composure with Ann Dalton getting through the Cork defence to level matters, seconds later they took the lead with a Mary Dalton point and there it finished.

Galway continued their dominance and as expected had a comfortable victory over Limerick.

With Galway ensured of their place in the final they were able to rest their stronger players for their clash with Kilkenny and as Limerick and Tipperary played their last game on pitch two, Kilkenny were ensuring their place in the final with a 1-7 to 2-2 victory over Galway.

The stage was set for a Galway Kilkenny final and Galway won to make it two in a row.

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and Nash kept Limerick in touch with points but Michelle Brown ensured Cork took the points when she finished well to the net.

As Cork and Limerick were battling it out, Galway playing their first game, were showing their strength outclassing Tipperary on a

2-10 to 0-2 scoreline.

It was much the same story when they met Cork with Martina Conroy, Ciara Mitchell and Rachel O'Brien all to the fore in their 3-7 to no score victory.

Cork rallied for their clash with Kilkenny and it was nip and tuck through a thrilling game. Ann Marie Phelan gave Kilkenny an early lead with a goal which was quickly cancelled out by Caolmhe

Ballincollig hit three past Ballinascorthy in under-14 league clash

THE following are the results from the recent county camogie league games:

Under-14 league
BALLINCOLLIG 3-2
BALLINASCORTHY . . . 0-3

Ballinascorthy started well and with Lisa Hennessey scoring two points were the stronger team for the first 20 minutes of the half.

Ballincollig then began to exercise more control and scored a goal before half time.

On the turn over with skillful and exciting hurling from both teams Ballincollig maintained control adding a further 2-2 while Ballinascorthy could only reply with a point from Eva Ryan.

MALLOW 2-2
ROCKBÁN 1-1

Both teams played well despite terrible weather conditions. Rockbán played the better camogie in the first half with Elaine Casey scoring a goal and Sarah Coleman scoring a point.

Mallow were lucky when Elisabeth O'Brien availed of her chance to goal and keep them in contention.

Mallow came out a different team in the second half exerting great pressure on the Rockbán backs.

This paid off when Michelle Browne Mallow scored a fine goal. Michelle added two further points from frees for Mallow without reply from Rockbán.

Sinead O'Connor had a tremendous game in goal for Mallow as had Elaine Linehan, Aisling Kelleher, Catherine Conkley and Andrea O'Halloran.

Best for Rockbán were Onora Mulcahy in goal Ann O'Brien centre back and centre fields Fiona Buckley and Mairead Foley.

Even though it was a very even contest Mallow took all of their chances whereas Rockbán didn't.

Camogie Scene

with Tim Buckley

MEETING: The June meeting of Cumann Camógaíochta na nOg took place last Thursday night in Blarney. Twenty four club delegates attended.

U12 league — It was decided that for Grade A — Playoffs and quarter final pairings will be based on points total as notified to the Secretary by June 30 and for Grade B.

Play-offs and quarter final pairings will be based on points total as notified to the Secretary by July 16.

Play-offs (if necessary) and quarter finals to take place in mid/late August.

U14 league — Grade A semi-finals will be played on Tuesday, June 11 (extra time if needed).

Going to press the pairings look like Ballygarvan v Ballinhassig and Glen Rovers v Douglas. Final on Saturday, June 15.

Grade B first quarter final (Friday, June 7) will be between Ballinascorthy and Enniskeane while the second quarter final will be between Eire Og and Dungourney.

Ballincollig and St. Catherine's are through to the Semi finals on Wednesday, June 12. Final on Saturday, June 15.

Teams will be notified by phone as soon as results are available.

In Grade C Watergrasshill, Na Piarsaigh, Killeagh, Newcestown and Ballinora are in contention for the quarter finals on Friday, June 7.

Blarney and Fr O'Neills seem to be through to the semi-finals on Saturday, June 22. The final is on Saturday, June 29.

Ballygarvan club get into the swing

THE vibrant Ballygarvan Camogie Club will hold their annual golf classic on June 13.

Now in its second year, the event proved a major fund raiser last year for a club who are in their second year in the senior B grade, having captured the junior A title in 2000.

The splendid Farrangalway course is the venue for what promises to

be a splendid days golf and entertainment.

And with the Ballygarvan club guaranteeing no fewer than a dozen great prizes they are hoping for a full timesheet.

Teams of three at €150 will be able to relax with a meal after the days activities.

The timesheet is available from club secretary Nora O'Sullivan at 4313477 or from any club official.

Finalists won't Feile to deliver

DOUGLAS and Ballygarvan will clash in tonight's Cork Feile na nGael Camogie final, in St Finbarr's at 6.30pm after both sides came through their semi finals with ease.

The semi-finals were played last night with Douglas having a resounding 5-10

to 0-1 win over Ballincollig in the first game while in the other game Ballygarvan defeated St Catherine's on a 6-3 to 1-3 scoreline.

With two attack minded teams in the decider it has all the ingredients of a classic.

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Leinster Junior Championship quarter-final:
Wexford 2-4 Offaly 1-13
Ulster Junior Championship quarter-final: Armagh 9-8 Antrim 0-1
Ulster Minor Championship semi-final: Armagh 3-3 Antrim 2-7
Leinster U14 B final: Leix 3-6 Kildare 0-5
Cork Colleges Inter-County U14 Blitz: Kilkenny 2-3 Tipperary 0-1, Cork 3-7 Galway 0-0, Tipperary 0-2 Galway 2-10, Cork 3-3 Limerick 2-4, Kilkenny 1-1 Limerick 2-3, Cork 1-5 Tipperary 1-2, Galway 4-3 Limerick 1-0, Cork 2-2 Kilkenny 2-3, Limerick 2-1 Tipperary 0-1, Galway 2-2 Kilkenny 1-7
Final: Galway 3-6 Kilkenny 2-3
Cork U14 League: Eire Og 6-4 Valley Rovers 2-0; Ballincollig 3-2 Ballinhassig 0-3; Mallow 2-2 Rockbán 1-1; Glen Rovers 3-6 Ballinhassig 3-5; Valley Rovers 0-1 Douglas 8 0-0. **U12 League:** Eire Og 4-0 Cloughduv 1-0; Ballinhassig 5-4 Eire Og 0-0.

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In the Feile na Gael camogie semi finals played in Douglas last night, Douglas defeated Ballincollig by 5-10 to 1-0 while Ballygarvan had a 6-3 to 1-3 victory over St. Catherine's. The final takes place tonight at St. Finbarr's at 6.30pm with the Skills Final taking place tomorrow at 7pm.

An Foras backing All-Ireland series

FORAS NA GAELIGE and Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael are pleased to announce that An Foras will again sponsor this year's senior All-Ireland camogie championship.

Announcing the sponsorship at Croke Park, chief executive of Foras na Gaeilge, Seosamh MacDonncha, noted: "This is the third year in-a-row for An Foras to sponsor this event and I'm pleased we are backing a competition with such a wide appeal throughout the country."

"With a membership of over 80,000, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael is now one of the largest female sporting associations on the island."

MacDonncha added: "The significant improvement in the coverage of camogie in the media in recent years is gratifying to both An Foras and Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. "I'm particularly pleased at the coverage afforded the championship on the Sunday Game and that the final is now transmitted live on RTE," he added.

Nine counties, including the holders Tipperary, will participate in this year's senior All-Ireland camogie championship.

The senior championship starts on Sunday June 30 with matches between Kilkenny and Antrim and Wexford and Galway and ends in Croke Park on September 15.



Sile Burns holds the Under-16 camogie cup which her side won last year.

No time for rest for dual star Síle

LIFE never has a dull moment for 16-year-old Cork and Rockbawn player Síle Burns.

She plays Under-16 and Under-18 football and camogie with Rockbawn, she is a member of both the Cork Under-16 camogie and football teams and is also on the senior camogie panel.

"I suppose my Dad, Denis, has had the biggest influence on my career. He's big into the GAA. He played with the Barrs and in 1977 he captained them to an All-Ireland Club Hurling Championship title," she says.

By ERIKA NI THUAMA

Camogie

When asked about her free time she replies: "It's rare that I'd have a free day. I train most nights with either Rockbawn or Cork and I have matches most weekends."

Take one Saturday a few weeks ago, Síle played on the Cork camogie team that defeated Tipperary in the final of the Munster Minor Championship in Charleville.

After that game she travelled to Abbeyfeale in Kerry where she lined out with the minor footballers in the semi-final of the Munster championship.

"We didn't get a chance to celebrate the win in Charleville properly as we had to travel to Kerry straight away".

For such a young girl, Síle has achieved quite a bit. She won the Sciath na Scol Camogie A title four-years-in-a-row with her primary school, Scoil Oilibhéir in Ballyvolane.

At inter-county level, she has

won All-Ireland medals with the Under-14 football and camogie teams, the Under-16 camogie team and a few weeks ago she added a Munster Minor Camogie Championship medal and a Munster U16 ladies football title to her collection.

Síle plans to continue playing both football and camogie with Cork for now. She is concerned about how it will affect her next year when she sits the Leaving Certificate but she's confident that she can juggle study with training and matches.

Young guns vie for place in Feile showpiece

ONE OF the most important events on the Cork camogie calendar takes place this weekend when 18 clubs will vie for the honour of representing Cork at the national Feile na nGael in June, writes MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY.

Six venues will play hosts to three teams as games get under way at 11am. One team will emerge from each group to contest the quarter finals with two teams getting byes to the semi-finals which will be held the following week. Feile is always an enjoyable event and camogie followers are urged to go along to the various venues and lend support to the young competitors.

Sections, venues and teams are as follows:
Section A: venue Bishopstown - Blackrock, St. Catherine's, Bishopstown.

Section B: venue Ballygarvan - Ballygarvan, Courcy Rovers, Inniscarra

Section C: venue St. Finbarr's - St. Finbarr's, Fr. O'Neill's, Aghbullogue

Section D: venue Enniskeane - Ballincollig, St Vincent's, Enniskillen

Section E: venue Carrigaline - Ballinhassig, Carrigaline, Douglas

Section F: venue Glen Rovers - Buttevant, Killeagh, Glen Rovers

Quarter finals: Section A winners v Section C winners; Section F winners v Section E winners.

Semi finals: Winners A or C v winners B; winners F or E v winners D.

Blarney hit rivals for six

By TIM BUCKLEY

Camogie

Blarney 6-1
Kilbrittain/Timoleague 4-2

KILBRITTAIN/TIMOLEAGUE started in blistering fashion in the U14 C League, scoring two fine goals in the first 10 minutes, but Marion Aherne and Anna Mitchell brought Blarney level, bagging a goal apiece.

But Kilbrittain were quickly back on the offensive and two further goals saw them lead by 4-0 to 2-0 at the interval. On the changeover, Blarney moved Aisling Madden to centre back and Tracey O'Brien to centre forward from where she scored 1-1.

These switches changed the course of the match with Aherne, Laura Hyland and Madden grabbing a goal each.

In the U12 A league, Inniscarra swept aside the challenge of Newtownshandrum by 10-4 to 0-0.

Niamh Dilworth, Fiona O'Connell, Aoife Kavanagh and Nicole Keating turned on the style for the winners.

Results

Junior A League final: Carrigaline 6-8, St. Vincent's 1-0.
U14 League: Enniskeane 3-1, Ballyhea 0-1; Carrigaline 6-1, Valley Rovers 1-2; Glen Rovers 1-3 St. Finbarr's 1-0; St. Vincent's 6-0, Mayfield 1-0; Carrigaline 3-4, Ballyhea 2-1; St. Vincent's 1-0 Charleville 0-2; Glen Rovers 4-3, Courcy Rovers 1-0.
U16 League: Aghabullogue 7-2, Douglas 1-2; Aghabullogue 5-7, Ballincollig 0-2.
U14 12-a-side league: Kildorrery 14-2, Mayfield 0-0; Kildorrery 9-8, Charleville 2-0; Kildorrery 5-5, Grenagh 0-1.
U14 C League: Blarney 6-1, Kilbrittain/Timoleague 4-2.

Rockbawn gives Douglas the Burns

FIVE YEARS after first taking to the playing fields the Rockbawn team took their first honours winning the under-16 B league title at the expense of Douglas.

A close opening quarter saw Douglas fail to avail of several chances before Rockbawn hit the front thanks to two goals from Síle Burns. Douglas hit back with a goal but it was Rockbawn who finished the half stronger with goals from Paula Doherty and Sarah Coleman to lead 4-5 to 1-1 at the break.

On the resumption Douglas staged a comeback and four points in a row cut the deficit, the Douglas defence worked hard through the second half and closed down the Rockbawn attack, Síle Burns added 1-1 for Rockbawn, which was enough to seal the title for her side.

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The girls who brought the club their first title are Deirdre Mulcahy, Mary O'Keeffe, Noreen Cashman, Ann O'Brien, Catriona Foley, Aine Geaney, Carmel Linehan, Louise Crowley, Elaine Twomey, Clare Conway, Theresa Howard, Maria Twomey, Síle Burns, Paula O'Doherty, Sarah Coleman, Niamh O'Sullivan.

● CORK COLLEGES held another very successful first year blitz on Wednesday last in Glanmire.

Divided into two sections the A blitz saw four teams compete in a 12-a-side, which was held on a round robin basis.

Christ the King and Fermoy played out a close game with the Turner's Cross girls coming out on

top with three points to spare. Fermoy put the defeat behind them to defeat Bandon while St Mary's Charleville also proved too strong for Bandon in the second game.

Bandon put in a great display to only lose their last game to Christ the King by just one point. St Mary's had a tough encounter with Fermoy before taking their second set of points.

The B blitz was divided into two groups with four teams in each. Group 1 saw Blarney defeating St Aloysius, Sacred Heart Clonakilty and Kinsale to make it to the final. Group 2 saw Coachford and Mount Mercy finish level as did the meeting of Colaiste Choilm and Carrigaline, Mount Mercy and Colaiste Choilm.

The stage was now set for the final where in the A competition St Mary's Charleville turned in a top

class display to defeat a hard working Christ the King side on a 9-4 to 2-4 margin.

The B final was a much closer affair with Carrigaline withstanding tremendous Blarney pressure to take the title on a 3-4 to 1-3 scoreline.

● Carrigaline took their first Cork A camogie title when they captured the junior title at the expense of St Vincent's, winning on a score of 6-8 to 1-0.

Donna O'Leary's eight minute goal gave St Vincent's an early lead but Carrigaline responded with two goals inside thirty seconds from Emma Green and Terri O'Keeffe to lead at the break 2-4 to 1-0.

From the restart Carrigaline kept the pressure on the Vincent's defence and were rewarded with further goals from O'Keeffe, Muireann Conlon and Rose Harrington.

Clubs battle to the last for All-Ireland placing

FOLLOWING six sections through the city and county with 18 teams in contention it's now down to quarter final time as clubs battle it out for the honour of representing Cork in All-Ireland Feile na N-Gael in Antrim.

As expected, St Catherine's came through from the section held in Bishopstown at the expense of the host club and Blackrock.

One of the favourites to take the title, Ballygarvan advanced comfortably from a group that had only themselves and Courcy Rovers, as Inniscarra withdrew their team from the competition.

Close games were the order of the day as St Finbarr's defeated Fr O'Neills and Aghbullogue to top

their group in Togher, Ballincollig and St Vincent's were the only participants in their group with the mid-Cork side advancing.

Glen Rovers and Buttevant played out a close game before Glen Rovers advanced from a group that also included Killeagh.

It had been hoped to hold two quarter finals on Tuesday evening last but as one section fell foul to the weather the previous Saturday, the competition was out of line. Douglas, Carrigaline, and Ballinhassig put in good performances but Douglas emerged as the last qualifiers.

Hopefully it will be a fine week weather-wise as time is ticking away with the Cork winners having to be named at the latest this weekend.

Tuesday night will see an all city clash as Douglas and Glen Rovers renew rivalry in the first of two quarter finals down for decision in Redmond's GAA grounds.

Last year in the Seandun under-13 final, Douglas took the honours. Both clubs have worked hard with Glen under the guidance of Cork senior Denise Cronin and Douglas under the watchful eye of former club hurler Jimmy O'Mahony.

Davina O'Mahony, Jenny O'Donovan and Rachel O'Sullivan caught the eye for Douglas in their section games while Glen will be hopeful that Emer Mulcahy, Karen O'Connell and Amy Murphy will continue to perform well for them.

The second quarter final is a

meeting of the saints as St Finbarr's and St Catherine's clash. Coached by Billy Collins they have good performers in Niamh Long, Aoife McCarthy and Linda Fitzgerald. St Catherine's are top of their league section and they will look to their trio on the Cork Colleges team Orla Cotter, Deirdre Twomey and Aileen Hogan to lead the way against the Barr's.

On Wednesday night the winning team will contest the semi final where Ballincollig, who took the mid-Cork under 13 title and top their group in the league. Their challenge will be led by Marie O'Donoghue, Denise Cronin and Noreen Bradley when they meet the winner of the Glen/Douglas clash.

Ballygarvan top section A of the under 14 league and await the winners from the all saints clash, Caoimhe Dillon, Suzanne Lynch and Valerie Brown are in top form at the moment for a Ballygarvan side who many favour to take the title. Thursday night, weather permitting, will hopefully see the final with the skills competition also going ahead at the same venue.

It's still all very much to play for with the quarter final and semi final line up as follows:

Tuesday night both at Redmond's Glen Rovers v Douglas 8.45p.m. St Finbarr's v St Catherine's 7.45p.m. Wednesday's semi finals are as follows hopefully at the same venue. Ballygarvan v St Finbarr's or St Catherine's. Ballincollig v Glen Rovers or Douglas Thursday night final followed by skills final venue to be announced.

TOMORROW Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship semi-final Cork v Tipperary Bishopstown, 3.00

WITH Clare's withdrawal from this championship there are only three teams now remain in the championship. Limerick have received a bye to the final while Cork and Tipperary will battle for the last spot.

For their visit south, Tippi will bring many of their All Ireland winning junior team - Louise Young, Lorraine Burke, Trish O'Halloran and Helen Breen.

Meanwhile, the home side have been busy preparing with challenge matches against Glen Rovers and Carrigdhoun, and should have captain Claire Deasy, Ber Maher and Linda Dorgan in their line out. However, there is a possibility that Gemma O'Connor, Marie Watson and Colette Desmond will be involved later in the afternoon with the senior squad.

Verdict: Cork

TOMORROW Munster Sen. Camogie Championship semi-final Cork v Tipperary Bishopstown, 4.30

AS both sides are in the middle of preparations for the All Ireland senior championship (open draw), this clash will serve solely as an indication of form. Cork seem to have bounced back from their league semi-final defeat to Limerick with a good win over Kilkenny two weeks ago in a challenge match. They will almost be at full strength with the exception of Elaine Burke (holidays), Emer Dillon, Jennifer O'Leary and Aoife Murray (exams) and Denise Cronin. However, they welcome back Fiona O'Driscoll who rejoins the panel.

Tipperary are expected to travel with a full squad. However, going under to Limerick in a challenge match last weekend will not do their confidence any good. But, like Cork they will be preparing for their bigger showdown next month in the All Ireland championship.

Limerick are straight through to the final because of Clare not fielding.

Verdict: Cork.

Therese O'Callaghan

Camogie

After a break for exams Inter-County activity resumes on Saturday with a double helping of Cork and Tippi in Munster C'ship action in Bishopstown.

In the opening game it's the special Intermediate C'ship and with both sides something of an unknown quantity, impossible to predict a winner, but having enjoyed more success at under-age

level in recent years Cork may just have the edge.

In the Senior C'ship Cork will be keen to put the disappointment of recent weeks behind them as they bid to reach another Final, both sides will be looking down the road to the All-Ireland campaign, and a win would go along way to restoring confidence, although depending on who's available may determine the outcome.

In the Feile na Gael, the final is on Friday night in Togher at 7 p.m. the semi-finals feature Douglas against Ballincollig, and St Catherine's playing Ballygarvan, these were due to be played on Wednesday night.

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Injury worries for Cork

Cork
Tipperary

1-7
0-8

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

CORK'S win in this Munster senior championship game at Bishopstown on Saturday afternoon, could prove to be very costly.

A serious leg injury picked up by second-half sub Linda Mellerick could rule her out of action for quite some time. The Glen Rovers player who was on the field only a few minutes went over on her ankle and will not know her fate until she visits a fracture specialist today.

This game, which was rather a lack-lustre affair, was obviously a warmer-up for both sides, as they prepare for bigger bait next month in the All-Ireland championship proper.

For 20 minutes in the second

half Cork failed to register a score, and this would not suffice on the bigger stage. "Our forwards are not delivering," said a worried Pa Finn after the game. Granted, the Cork boss was more concerned over the injury to Mellerick, but he nevertheless had no hesitation in admitting the higher numbers on the team will have to put more scores on the board.

There are less than four weeks to the Rebel's All-Ireland championship opener, and they would be foolish to think that Limerick's win against them in the league semi-final was a flash in the pan.

Training is going very well

Shannonside and they will be very confident for this first round clash. Cork, it would seem, are finding it difficult to find a balanced side.

However, they will need greater impetus in the forward area - then they would be a complete outfit that should give the championship a good rattle.

Scorers: Cork: M Watson 1-0, F O'Driscoll 0-2, R Moloney 0-2 (0-1 free), S Burns, C Harrington and U O'Donoghue 0-1 each. Scorers Tipperary: C Grogan 0-2 (free, 45m), J Ryan 0-2, E McDonnell, P Fogarty, A McDermott and C Gaynor (free) 0-1 each. Cork: G Casey, S Buckley, E Duggan, R Holland, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, V Harris, R Moloney, C Harter, C Harrington, C Desmond, F O'Driscoll, U O'Donoghue (capt), M Watson. Subs: L Mellerick for C Harter 37min, S Burns for L Mellerick (in) 42min.

TIPPERARY: J Delaney, P Biffin, U O'Dwyer, C Madden, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy, E Hayden, A McDermott, S Kelly, N Kennedy, J Ryan, E McDonnell, P Fogarty, C Grogan. Subs: S Howard for P Biffin 37 mins, D Hughes for N Kennedy 57 mins. Referee: R Kelleher (Limerick).

Watson goal gives Cork the edge over Tipperary

Cork
Tipperary

1-7
0-8

by Tom Higgins

CORK got the better of Tipperary in a hard fought, low scoring, Munster Senior camogie Championship semi-final at Bishopstown on Saturday.

Despite playing with a strong wind in the opening period, the Premier County found themselves a point in arrears at the break, 0-3 to 0-4.

Cork looked set to take over after the break when Rachel Molony pointed in the 35th minute. However,

Tipperary hit a purple patch between the 38th and the 51st minute, sending over five unanswered points.

Cork fought back and when substitute Sheila Burns pointed in the 56th minute the Rebels were only a point behind and with four minutes plus injury time left. An injury to Linda Mellerick, who had come on as a substitute in the 37th minute, necessitated four extra minutes of play.

Cork were rewarded three minutes from time when Maria Watson goaled from a rebound to put the Rebels back in front. Donoghue

sealed victory with a point with the last puck of the game.

Scorers for Cork: M. Watson 1-0, R. Molony 0-2 (0-1 free), F. O'Driscoll 0-2, C. Harrington 0-1, S. Burns 0-1. U. O'Donoghue 0-1. Tipperary: C. Grogan 0-2 (free, 45'), J. Ryan 0-2, C. Gaynor 0-1 (free), E. McDonnell 0-1, P. Fogarty 0-1. A. McDermott 0-1.

Cork: G. Casey, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, R. Holland, P. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, G. O'Connor, V. Harris, R. Molony, C. Harter, C. Harrington, C. Desmond, F. O'Driscoll, U. O'Donoghue, M. Watson.

Sub: L. Mellerick for C. Harter (37th minute), S. Burns for Mellerick (40th minute). TIPPERARY: J. Delaney, P. Biffin, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, A. McDermott, E. Hayden, N. Kennedy, S. Kelly, J. Ryan, E. McDonnell, P. Fogarty, C. Grogan.

Subs: S. Howard for P. Biffin (39th minute), D. Hughes for P. Fogarty (injury time). Referee: R. Kelleher (Limerick).

Cork
Tipperary

3-4
1-9

Bugler in the final three minutes gave the Leesiders an unlikely win.

THE old adage - that the game is never over until the referee blows the final whistle - was demonstrated in no uncertain manner, when Cork had a narrow two points win over Tipperary in this Munster Intermediate Championship tie.

With five minutes to go Tipperary had increased their advantage to four points from Sarah Gleeson. However, two points from Joanne Browne and a second goal from Liz

Scorers for Cork: L. Bugler 2-0, B. Maher 1-0, J. Browne 0-2, M. Watson 0-1 (free), J. Twomey 0-1 (free). Tipperary: L. Grogan 0-4 (0-3 free), L. Twomey 1-0, F. Loughane 0-3, L. Woods 0-1, S. Gleeson 0-1. Cork: J. Hayes, A. O'Brien, M. Hurley, N. Goulding, R. Myers, C. Deasy, J. Twomey, L. Dorgan, L. Bugler, J. Duffy, J. Browne, B. Maher, M. Jagoe, M. Watson, M. Molony.

Subs: E. O'Regan for M. Watson (half-time), M. Coper for J. Duffy (45th minute), T. Deane for M. Jagoe (47th minute). TIPPERARY: S. O'Brien, S. Ralph, M. R. Ryan, T. Ryan, N. Connolly, T. Bonnar, L. Breen, J. O'Halloran, M. Morrissey, M. Ryan, F. Loughane, L. Woods, L. Twomey, L. Grogan, D. Quigley.

Subs: S. Gleeson for L. Breen (25th minute), J. Horan for M. R. Ryan (45th minute), D. Maher for M. Morrissey (52nd minute). Referee: J. O'Donnell (Clare).

U14's set to take centre stage in camogie league

WITH the more senior players still involved with exams, it is a chance for the under 14 grade to take centre stage in the closing stages of league competitions at A and B level this week.

Last week saw Douglas take the Feile na Gael title and win the honour to represent Cork at National Feile but not before they withstood a late Ballygarvan rally.

Cait Kelleher from the Blackrock club won the skills competition and will travel to Antrim, where she is sure to fly the Cork colours with distinction.

Eire Og booked their place in the grade B semi final after they had two points to spare over Dungourney and Enniskeane continued their progress to the semi final, with a three goal victory over Ballinasarty.

In the C grade quarter final Killeagh proved to strong for Ballinora in a one sided contest to qualify for a semi final appearance with Blarney.

The second semi final has Fr O'Neill's safely through, awaiting the winners from the Newcestown/Na Piarsaigh quarter final.

The first semi final this evening in Caherlag will see favourites St Catherine's, with Cork colleges players Deirdre Twomey, Orla Cotter and Aileen Hogan in their lineout take on Eire Og. The Owens girls have looked strong in their campaign to date recording good victories.

The second game has Ballincollig in action against Enniskeane tomorrow night in Ballyanley and again this is one that will be eagerly contested. Ballincollig reached the Feile na Gael semi final where they lost out heavily

to eventual winners Douglas, they will be hoping that Denise Cronin will have recovered from the injury which saw her miss that clash.

Enniskeane reached the final of section C of last year's Feile na Gael and their league form this season has been impressive. Anna Nyhan, a member of the Cork colleges side will be hoping to inspire her team mates in a tough semi final clash.

Tonight at Caherlag Cork Feile Na Gael champions Douglas, who finished top of their section - only dropping one league point to Glen Rovers - were scheduled to meet Ballinhassig who finished fourth in the section. Unfortunately Ballinhassig had to withdraw, as several of their players are away at Irish college and a request to defer the game to the coming weekend was denied.

It's a very sad situation when a club has worked so hard to fulfil their programme of league fixtures and the youngsters are now denied the chance to take ultimate honours. Surely the promotion of the game is far more important than dates and schedules as these can be easily rearranged in the interest of camogie.

On the subject of changes, bouquets must go to the county Feile committee who, on the request of one of the clubs who had a player's away on Friday last, switched the final to Thursday night.

The finals of the A and B competitions are down for decision on Saturday next. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Cork senior player Linda Mellerick who sustained a serious injury in Cork's Munster championship clash with Tipperary.

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Tipperary's Claire Grogan is tackled by Cork's Una Duggan during the Munster senior camogie championship at Bishopstown. Pic: Eddie O'Hare

● Meanwhile, Cork star Linda Mellerick will know her camogie future this afternoon when she visits a specialist to determine the extent of a leg injury that she picked up while playing with Cork in the Munster championship against Tipperary, at the weekend. Linda went over on her ankle in the second-half and was removed to hospital by ambulance. She is currently in plaster and awaiting results of an x-ray. Cork went on to defeat Tipp in that match.

The camogie nursery of Coachford College were also delighted with their senior squad this season when they defeated a fancied Presentation, Bandon in the County final at Carrigaline. The senior squad was captained by Roseanne Crowley and was bolstered by star Cork players such as Joan Twomey, Mary Buckley, Ciara Murphy, Margaret McCarthy, Niamh O'Connell, Mairead Enneguess, Fiona Buckley and Emma Healy. The final was a very close battle with a goal from Christine Hogan and excellent defending by Edel O'Sullivan, Emma O'Keefe and Orla McSweeney.

Cork Colleges failed to make final in U14 camogie blitz

by Catherine Ketch

THE highly competitive 2002 inter county U14 camogie blitz was held at the immaculate Carrigaline venue where Galway defeated Kilkenny in the final with Cork Colleges and Limerick failed to qualify by the narrowest of margins.

Cork coach Ollie Troy was impressed with the sheer power of the Galway side who had stars in the making with Fiona Hanefield, Rachel O'Brien, Louise Burke and Julie O'Brien excelling.

Kilkenny defeated Cork in a semi-final by a point where Michelle Brown from Mallow hit the crossbar twice in the final moments and Captain Mary O'Mahony of

Charleville did everything to rally her side to beat the Cats.

Cork's most consistent performer was Sarah Sexton of St. Mary's who, with Anna Nyhan (Bandon), Gemma O'Regan (St. Pats), Caoimhe Dillon (Christ King) and Deirdre Murphy (Christ King) played very well on the day. Limerick beat Kilkenny and Tipperary before the Rebels met them.



Claire Dennehy, Blarney, clears as Yvonne Coleman, Killeagh closes in during their County Camogie Under 14 C Championship semi-final. See page 28 for full report. Picture: Eddie O'Riordan

same evening Mairead O'Donovan on behalf of the Ballincollig club presented the county juvenile board with a trophy in honour of her late mother Lillie O'Sullivan. Lillie, who passed away in December, was President of the Cork County board and a Ballincollig stalwart. She contributed enormously to camogie both at club and county level and the trophy is a fitting memorial. Members of the family present on the night included her son

Michael and two granddaughters Clare and Emma O'Donovan both who line out with the Ballincollig club.

BALLINCOLLIG CAMOGIE held a very pleasant function recently where the club launched their new playing gear. On the

CORK COUNTY U14 CAMOGIE A FINAL

By Tim Buckley

Douglas 4-7, Ballygarvan 3-3. In this closely fought U14 Cork County Camogie A final in Ballincollig on Saturday Feile Champions Douglas pulled away in the last 10 minutes to claim their second trophy in as many weeks. Ballygarvan started each half in blistering fashion scoring 1-1 in the first five minutes of both halves but could

not live with the sharpness of Douglas. Scorers Douglas: J O'Donovan 1-6 (0-2f), S Ni Rinn, E Heffernan and O Tobin 1-0 each, N O'Donovan 0-1. Ballygarvan: C Bouse, O O'Riordan and M Keohane 1-0 each, S Lynch 0-2 (f), L Ryan 0-1. Douglas: M O'Donovan; A Flanagan (Capt), L Sheehan, E Desmond; A Barrett, S O'Regan, L McCarthy; D Murphy, N O'Donovan; R O'Sullivan, J O'Donovan, K Barry; S Ni Rinn, K Hussey, H O'Connor. Subs: O Tobin for S Ni Rinn 30mins, L O'Shea for H O'Connor 45mins. Ballygarvan: B Keohane; E Lynch, M Dunne, D Kiely, A O'Hea, D O'Mahony, C O'Hea; S Lynch, A Moynihan; M Keohane, C Dillon (Capt), C Bouse; L Ryan, O O'Riordan, R Byrne. Subs: A O'Mahony for L Ryan 45 mins.

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Tipperary's Claire Grogan is tackled during the MSC championship at Bishopstown.

Picture: Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Rockies to show off the very best of Cork

By MARY NEWMAN-MCCARTHY

Felle skills

THE green and yellow of the Rockies will fly proudly on Felle na Gael weekend when Cait Kelleher represents Cork in the National Felle na Gael Skills Finals. The skilful Rockies player beat off stiff opposition on Friday last at the Barrs to become the first player from the famed club to take the title.

A first pupil in Christ the King Turners Cross, Cait's first introduction to camogie was in Gael Scoil Mhacain when Mairead Uí Mhaoláin introduced the game to the pupils.

The game quickly gathered momentum and such was the success that Sciath na Scol honours came in 2001 and yes one of the guiding lights of the team was Cait Kelleher. Mairead takes up the story.

"Cait is a natural, very dedicated to the game and totally committed to her club and team mates, she was always very interested and willing to learn and it comes as no surprise to see her take the skills title," she says.

When Mairead re-introduced camogie to the Blackrock club, Cait was one of its first members and she led the club to their first camogie trophy since the club was reformed capturing the Glen Rovers tournament trophy in 2001.

While Cait is the first generation of her family to play with the famed Rockies, brothers Tim Olan and Donagh are active club players at under-11 to 15. Parents Ray and Kathleen are great supporters of their activities. Mairead Uí Mhaoláin told *Grassroots* "Cait got great help from her father and she always had a hurley in her hand since an early age".

Rebels leave it late to take the victory

Cork
Tipperary

3-4
1-9 By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN
Intermediate championship

CORK left it extremely late in this Munster Intermediate championship semi-final played at Bishopstown on Saturday, scoring a goal and two points in injury time to win a place against Limerick in the final.

The move of Liz Bugler into full forward in the second half was one of the main reasons why the Leesiders swung this game around, when first she goalied in the 40th min

and then levelled matters with her second major effort before Joanne Browne got the winner in the 62nd minute.

The Leesiders were in big trouble at half-time having scored only one point from a free in the opening 30 minutes, but with Bugler's contribution and a great goal from Bernadine Maher ten minutes from time, they manufactured a magnificent one

point win that left Tipperary bewildered. Ironically the best player on the field was Tipperary centre back, Triona Bonnar. From the famed Bonnar hurling dynasty.

Scorers Cork: L Bugler 2-0, B Maher 1-0, J Browne 0-2, M Watson and J Twomey 0-1 (frees).

Scorers Tipperary: L Grogan 0-4 (0-3 frees), L Twomey 1-0, F Loughnane 0-3, L Woods and S Gleeson 0-1 each.

Cork: J Hayes, A O'Brien, M Hurley, N Goulding, R Myers, C Deasy (capt), J Twomey, L Dorgan, L

Bugler, J Duffy, J Browne, B Maher, M Jagoe, M Watson, M Moloney. Subs: E O'Regan for M Watson (half-time), M Cotter for J Duffy 43 mins, T Deane for M Moloney 47 mins.

Tipperary: S O'Brien; S Ralph, M R Ryan, T Ryan; N Connolly, T Bonnar, L Breen; J O'Halloran, M Morrissey; M Ryan, F Loughnane, L Woods; L Twomey, L Grogan, D Quigley. Subs: S Gleeson for L Breen (inj) 28 mins, G Horan for M Ryan 41 mins, D Maher for M Morrissey 51 mins. Referee: J O'Donnell (Clare).

Tough match ahead for depleted Munster team

CORK'S Vivienne Harris will captain the Munster senior Interprovincial camogie team when they meet Leinster in St Ann's GAA grounds in Tallaght tomorrow at 12.45pm, writes *Therese O'Callaghan*.

Already minus the services of the injured Linda Mellerick, who will be out of action for the next month, and the unavailable Eithne Duggan, Paula O'Connor and Una O'Donoghue should be called up to the starting 15.

Ger Casey and Sarah Hayes are listed among the subs in a side that will be back-boned by All-Ireland champions, Tipperary.

National league finalists Limerick will have Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien on their team.

Munster senior selector Sheila O'Brien said: "It will be a difficult assignment, particularly

with so many first-choice players unavailable. We will be defending the title that we won against Leinster last year."

Connacht play Ulster in the other semi-final, with the final fixed for 4pm.

Meanwhile, in the junior game — also against Leinster — at 11.30am, Cork have Ellen Clifford, Nora Ahern, Val O'Keefe, Brieghe Corkery, Ger Collins, Denise Twomey and Marie Watson in the starting line-out, with Caitriona Kelly and Colette Desmond listed on the panel. It will be a big day for the Sheehan household, with Aoife featuring on the junior team and sister Vera on the senior side.

Munster will be hoping for better fortune this year having been beaten by Leinster in last season's decider. The final will be played as a curtain-raiser to the senior final at 2.30pm.

CAMOGIE: Tipperary's superiority in camogie was evident on Saturday as Munster romped home in the Gaelic Interprovincial Final to take their 16th senior title when they beat Ulster 7-23 to 0-11 in St. Anne's Bohernabreena.

Captained by Tipperary centre-half back Clara Gaynor, the defending champions overcame Leinster in the semi-final 5-13 to 1-10. The second semi-final which saw Ulster overcome Connacht 3-14 to 2-16 was an extremely close affair with the outcome in the balance up to the very end.

Cork stars to fore as Munster land the spoils

Munster
Ulster

7-23
0-11

By Therese O'Callaghan
Camogie writer

THE Cork trio played starring roles as Munster swept aside Ulster at St Anne's Grounds in the interprovincial championship at Tallaght on Saturday.

Goalkeeper Ger Casey, corner-back Joanne O'Callaghan and top scorer Colette Desmond were all very influential.

Paula O'Connor and Marie Watson, both of whom came on as subs in the decider, also played their part.

Munster, with 10 Tipperary players in the line-up, recorded a 5-13 to

1-10 semi-final win over Leinster. Tipp's Clara Gaynor, Emer McDonnell and Deirdre Hughes and Limerick's Eileen O'Brien and Vera Sheehan also impressed.

Clara Gaynor captained the side after the late withdrawal of Vivienne Harris.

Munster bowed out of the junior championship in the semi-finals, losing to Leinster by 2-10 to 1-11.

MUNSTER: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, U Dwyer, C Madden; S Nealen, C Gaynor, T Brophy, J Delaney, P Fogarty, C Desmond, V Sheehan, N Kennedy, E McDonnell, D Hughes, E O'Brien.

Tipperary double defeat in Cork

BY MARIAN GRAHAM

Senior: CORK 1-7, TIPPERARY 0-8

Junior: CORK 3-4; TIPPERARY 1-9

Tipperary Senior and Intermediate teams handed Cork an entry into their respective Munster finals on Saturday in last in Bishopstown when both teams were ahead in injury time and let their lead slip by the narrowest of margins

In the Intermediate game Tipperary led at the interval by 0-7 to 0-1, Tipperary's points coming from Linda Grogan (0-3), Fiona Loughnane (0-2), Lena Woods (0-1), Sarah Gleeson (0-1).

Playing against a strong breeze in the second half it was Tipperary who set the pace with Fiona Loughnane getting a point from play in the 38th minute. Cork got the break in the 40th minute when Liz Bugler got through for a goal, this was followed by a point from Cork's Joan Twomey. In the 46th minute Linda Grogan got possession and unselfishly passed the ball to the waiting Libby Twomey and she blasted an unstoppable shot past the Cork goalie. Pressure was on both sides but it was Cork's Bernadine Maher who got the next score with a point from play. Sara Gleeson replied for Tipperary and Joanne Browne replied for Cork. Cork got the equaliser on the stroke of normal play with a superb goal and Joanne Browne got the winning score in the 62nd minute with a fine point from play to leave the final score Cork 3-4, Tipperary 1-9.

This competition does not interfere with the All-Ireland series. It was inaugurated in the memory of the late Maire Ni Cheallachain former President of Cumann Camogaiachta Na nGael and Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Na Mumhan. Most of Tipperary's squad comprised the County Junior players because Tipperary won this competition in 1999 and those medal holders could not take part on Saturday. However it was an experience for the Tipperary players who had never played for their county at this level and gave them tremendous experience for the Munster Junior Championship which commences at the end of the month.

Tipperary Team: S a r a h O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Mary Rose Ryan, Patricia Ryan, Niamh Connolly, Triona Bonnar, Linda Breen, Jenny O'Halloran, Mairead Morrissey, Mary Ryan, Fiona

Loughnane, Lena Woods, Libby Twomey, Linda Grogan, Deirdre Quigley, Sara Gleeson for Linda Breen (injured), Jill Horan for Mary Ryan and Dearbhla Maher for Mairead Morrissey.

SENIORS LET IT SLIP

In a very low scoring Senior Munster semi-final Tipperary were behind by the narrowest of margins at the interval, 0-4 to 0-3, Tipperary's scores coming from Claire Grogan 0-2, Joanne Ryan 0-1.

In the second half Cork set the pace with Rachel Moloney securing a point in the 35th minute. Eimear McDonnell replied for Tipperary in the 38th minute and Tipperary seemed to be in control for the next ten minutes getting five points without a reply, but Tipperary reverted to the poor standard they had displayed in the first half and Cork took the lead in injury time with a Criona Harte delivery to Marie Watson into the Tipperary net. They increased their lead from the puck out with a point from Una O'Donoghue in the 34th minute.

Tipperary will have to realise that they will not win a championship game by playing ten out of fifty minutes like they did on Saturday afternoon. Their Championship campaign will be a difficult one as everybody will be out to dethrone the champions. Tipperary will have to be on their toes if they want to achieve their four in a row dream. Their performance on Saturday will have to be up 100% to achieve this. Both teams had almost a full squad so as per usual little separates the sides and we look forward to another classic encounter before the season ends between these two great teams.

Tipp team and panel:

Jovita Delaney, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Emily Hayden, Angie McDermott, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Joanne Ryan, Eimear McDonnell, Philly Fogarty, Claire Grogan, Sheena Howard for Paula Bulfin and Deirdre

Hughes for Noelle Kennedy.

GAEL LINN

Once again Tipperary will be well represented in both the Junior and Senior Interprovincial Competition on Saturday next in Boherbreena, Tallaght, Dublin when Munster take on Leinster in the opening round of the competition in both games with the junior game commencing at 11.30 a.m. and the senior game at 11.45 a.m.

In the Senior game Tipperary have no fewer than twelve players on the panel, Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Suzanne Kelly, Philly Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Sinead Nealon and Joanne Ryan. In the junior game Tipperary will be represented by Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Meadhb Corcoran, Julia Delaney, Lorraine Bourke, Lena Woods, Sarah O'Brien, Trisha O'Halloran, Deirdre McDonnell. We wish all Tipperary girls the best of luck. After representing their county with honour in the last number of years it is a fitting tribute to those players in question to represent their province.

We wish all players the best of luck, last year the senior team were victorious while the junior team were defeated by the narrowest of margins in the final after extra time. Philly Fogarty received the Munster Senior player of the game and Helen Breen took the Munster Junior player. We hope this year will be as successful for our Tipperary representatives.

STUDENT SUMMER SCHEME

Once again the Student Summer Scheme commences. All applications must be lodged by June 20th to the County Secretary, Joan Harkin or to the Department by June 28th. Applications can be had from your local employment office or local College. There are six places available to the County Camogie Board and it would be a great advantage to camogie in the county if this scheme was availed of.



The Munster Senior camogie team who captured their 16th senior Interprovincial Gael-Linn title at the weekend. Back l. to r.: Niamh Connolly, Julie Delaney, Clair Madden, Helen Breen, Colette Desmond, Philly Fogarty, Ger Casey, Paula O'Connor, Therese Brophy, Noelle Kennedy. Front l. to r.: Una O'Dwyer, Ciara, Gaynor, Joanne Ryan, Emer McDonnell, Sinead Nealon, Deirdre Hughes, Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Joanne O'Callaghan.

PORTROE INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE WINNERS

Portroe 2-6, Fethard 1-5

The Intermediate League final played before a large attendance on Wednesday evening last saw Portroe emerge winners by 2-6 to 1-5.

Portroe opened the scoring with a well taken point before captain of last year's All-Ireland Junior Champions Trisha O'Halloran sent in a shot that went all the way to the net. Fethard replied with a point from their full forward Sharon Lawton and a further point from a free. Portroe added two more points from Trish O'Halloran and Josephine Fennessey to leave the half time score Portroe 1-3, Fethard 0-2.

Five minutes into the second half their second goal when Josephine Fennessey found the net, the same player again struck in the eighth minute with her second point of the evening. Fethard's Niamh Sheehan added two pointed frees to close the gap to six points. Portroe replied immediately with a well taken point from Elaine Ryan. A goal from a free by Sharon Lawton and a further point from play brought the score 2-4 to 1-4 with only five minutes remaining.

Both sides had chances to add to their score but failed to deliver. Fethard were pressing hard and narrowed the deficit further by two points. However Portroe replied with a point from Elaine Ryan and the final score of the evening came in the twenty ninth minute from Trish O'Halloran.

This was a most entertaining game throughout, but Portroe seemed to have the upper hand from the throw in and deserved their victory.

GAEL LINN INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Munster Dominate at Senior Level: Tipperary's dominance in camogie was evident on Saturday last as they overcame Ulster in the Gael Linn Final to take their 16th title.

Munster showed their class early on as they overcame Leinster in the semi-final on the scoreline of 5-13 to 1-10 despite being behind at the break 2-3 to 1-8. However, with a strong wind behind them in the second half, Leinster had no answer to this fine Munster side.

Ulster overcame Connacht in the second semi-final in the match of the day, which saw Ulster advance to the final by a whisker 3-14 to 2-16.

However, while Ulster opened the scoring with a Jane Adams point in the final, Tipperary star players Eimear McDonnell and Deirdre Hughes got to grips very early on and Eimear replied immediately with a fine point.

A goal from Deirdre Hughes following a lovely pass from Eimear McDonnell left it 1-1 to

0-1 for the defending champions Munster who were captained by Tipperary star Ciara Gaynor.

Further goals from Eimear McDonnell and fellow Tipperary player Philly Fogarty ensured a comfortable half time lead for the girls from the South.

Just before the half time whistle Philly Fogarty teamed up with Limerick star Eileen O'Brien to put the Limerick lass through for the fourth goal of the opening half to leave Munster in the lead by 4-6 to 0-8.

Munster faced into the second half with the aid of a strong wind and with points from Limerick's Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien were on the way to defending their crown before Deirdre Hughes sent over a beautiful point.

Collette Desmond (Cork) and Noelle Kennedy sent over further points, before Eileen O'Brien got her second goal.

Collette Desmond then hit a purple patch with two quick fire goals and the very last score of the game came from centre half back and captain Ciara Gaynor.

It was a very proud moment for Captain Ciara Gaynor when she lifted the Senior Gael Linn cup on behalf of her province and county. Sincere congratulations to everybody concerned but in particular our own girls from the Premier County.

Scorers: Collette Desmond (Cork) 2-5, Eileen O'Brien (Limerick) 2-3, Deirdre Hughes 1-4, Eimear McDonnell 1-2, Philly Fogarty 1-0, Noelle Kennedy 0-5, Vera Sheehan (Limerick) 0-2, Joanne Ryan 0-1, Ciara Gaynor 0-1.

Munster did not have the same fortune in the junior game as they fell to the defending champions Leinster in the semi final 2-11 to 1-11. Leinster were backboned by several Offaly players and Offaly Captain Michelle Davis confirmed what a fine player she is by knocking over 1-4, with the Leinster goal coming from Sharon Daly.

Munster threatened just before the half time whistle with a goal from Cork's Collette Desmond which left a point in it in favour of Leinster at the break 1-6 to 1-5.

Leinster went on to meet Ulster in the final, who won out on the scoreline of 4-11 to 1-13 and thus Ulster collected their eighth junior title.

TEMPLEMORE IN FEILE NA NGAE

Best wishes to Templemore U/14 Camogie team who will be representing Tipperary in the National finals of Féile Na nGael at the weekend. They will be hosted by Ballymacnab Camogie Club and will play their first game at 9.30 on Friday morning.

Last year Silvermines Camogie club represented Tipperary but unfortunately

were defeated in the final. Templemore have represented Tipperary a number of times and have accounted well for themselves on all occasions. They have a strong team again this year with players of experience who have represented Tipperary at U/14 level.

We wish them a safe journey up North and hope they will have a successful weekend.

FEILE NA nGAEL SKILLS

Sinead Quinlan from Burgess Camogie Club will be representing Tipperary at the National Finals of the Skills Competition on Friday next. This will take place in Belfast at 1 p.m. We also wish Sinead a safe journey up North and hope that she also will have a successful weekend. Sinead will be competing against players from all over Ireland but we have every confidence that both parties will bring the honours back to the Premier.

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CAMOGIE

Munster SC semi-final: Cork 1-7 Tipperary 0-8
Munster IC semi-final: Cork 3-4 Tipperary 1-9
Ulster JC semi-finals: Derry 3-15 Cavan 0-2
Leinster U14 A final: Wexford 8-6 Kilkenny 4-4



THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

LIGHTS, CAMOGIE, ACTION

Tipperary aims to become the fourth county side to achieve the four-in-a-row, but a handful of other challengers are convinced that this is their year. It all adds up to a very exciting Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

Now that Galway have come up with the winning formula, one wonders are they plotting yet another coup?

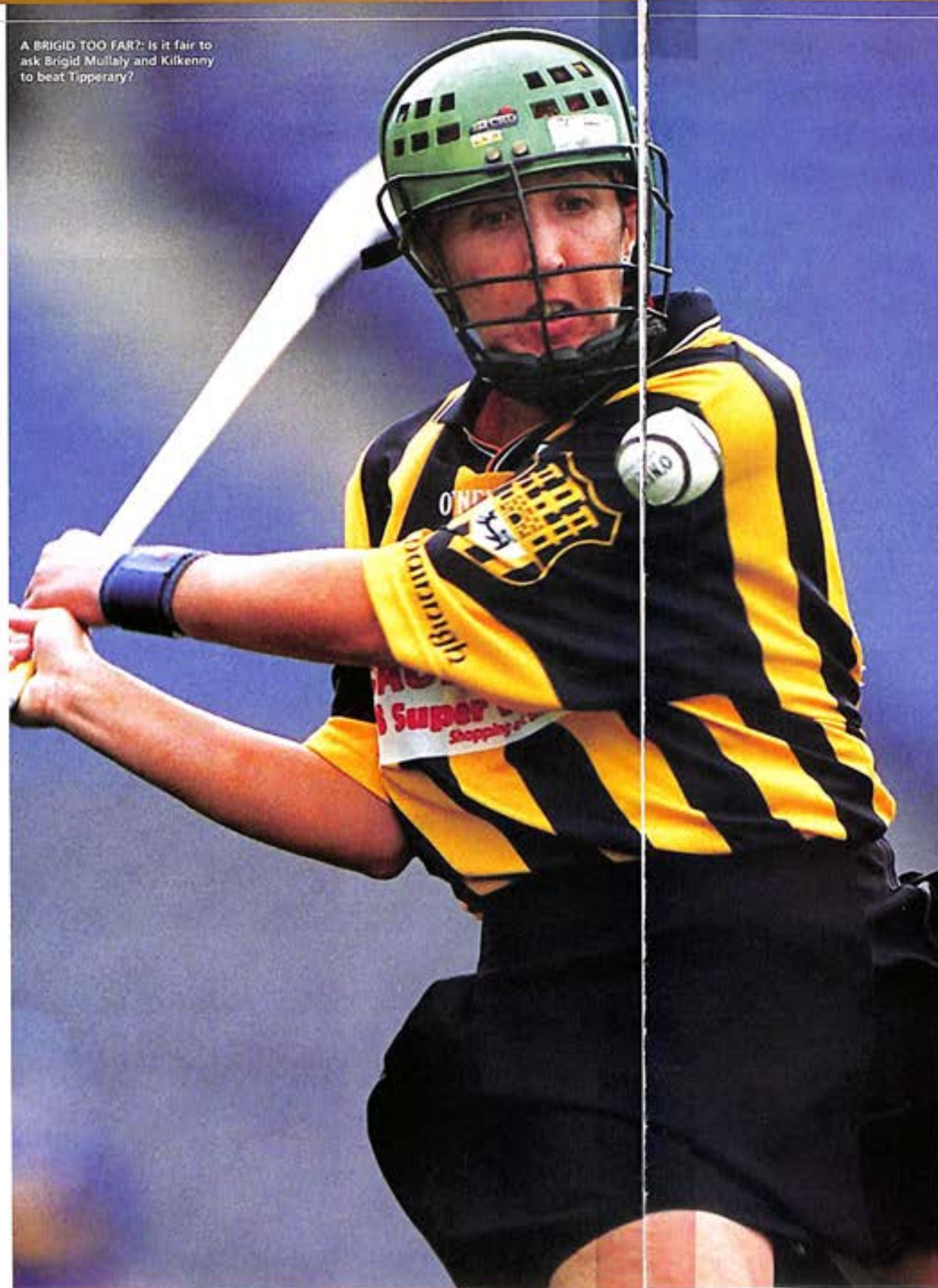
After delivering an assured performance throughout the entire National League, they followed it through capturing their second national title a few weeks ago. The last occasion the county won the league they came back two years later to win their first All-Ireland senior championship. This season, they will be hoping that a short four months might see them double up with both trophies in the one year.

They have the ability - there is no doubt about that. On paper they have all the names, but that counts for nought when it comes to performance. They will need little reminding of their sudden death twelve months ago against Kilkenny in the semi-final. The big question is have they learned from it?

Their good run so far would suggest yes. Mike Kennedy and his daughter Colette Walsh are amongst the new backroom team. Most of the old reliables are still there on the starting fifteen - Louise Curry, captain Martina Haverty, Pam Nevin, Olivia Forde, Tracey Laheen, Martina Harkin and Sharon Glynn, which augurs well for the camp. New blood, which is also very important, is there with the likes of Aislinn Connolly, Lourda Kavanagh, Sandra Tannion and Orla Kilkenny. Denise Gilligan, who orchestrated Cork's downfall in 1996, is also back in the fold. A very healthy combination but they will rue the impending loss of Therese Maher - one of the strongest forwards in the game - she will be gone for the summer months. However, on the positive side, they are hopeful that Aine Hillary might return from her sojourn just in time for the championship. These players would be hard to replace, but if Galway are serious about bringing O'Duffy west they have enough aces in the pack, it will be a case of wanting it more than the rest.

Limerick are still smarting from their great win over Cork in the league semi-final. It is a long time since Cork failed to register a score in the first 30 minutes of a match - the green and white will long savour this day. Will it carry them through when the sides meet in the opening round of the Foras na Gaeilge championship next month? Unlikely... But I say that lightly. Limerick will

A BRIGID TOO FAR?: Is it fair to ask Brigid Mullaly and Kilkenny to beat Tipperary?



benefit hugely, particularly in confidence, from their win over the Leesiders. John Leacy has done a lot to instil this belief within the team and for one, Meadhbh Nash, showed that she is ready to rub shoulders with the best after her brilliant display in the league final.

Her partner at midfield, Vera Sheehan, who captains the county, is another who will not let her side down. But one feels that Cork will come back bigger and better for their next championship collision.

The red and white are not having the best of campaigns. What started out well in February has ended with a league semi-final departure. For the first time in eight years they did not contest the league final, and for the first time in a few years they suffered defeats to Wexford, Galway and Limerick. They have all their regulars this season and with Fiona O'Driscoll set to rejoin the panel, one wonders will they get it right in time for July. Manager, Pa Finn has to plan without Lynn Dunlea who has called it a day, but with many of the UCC team that won the Ashbourne Cup on his side, the Cork boss will have plenty of ammunition to fire with.

Kilkenny are like their hurlers - you can never write them off. Ann Downey has put together quite a formidable outfit. Miriam Holland is back between the posts flanked by captain Esther Kennedy, Gillian Maher, one of the county's greatest servants is back donning the black and amber alongside Máiréad Costello, Edel Maher, Lizzie Lyng, Marina Downey and Brigid Mullaly. Youngsters Aoife Neary and Marie O'Connor are carrying on the great tradition and are blending well in the forward line with the experienced Sinéad Millea. They are physically very strong and will be anxious for another trip to Croke Park to atone for last September's mis-match with Tipperary.

The Premier County are going for four-in-a-row this summer. They were magnificent throughout last year's championship - the only trouble is they have to live up to their reputation if they are to remain on top. Michael Cleary has clearly shown that he is capable of outpacing all his rivals. He has moulded this team into a totally dominant force and once again all comers would need play to the peak of their potential to threaten their supremacy. One need only look at the spine of his creation - Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor, Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes - to see where his strengths lie.

Tipperary, although not having a reputable league table to show, will be the ones to watch again in 2002.

Wexford have made great strides in the last twelve months, and when Martin Storey agreed to help out Margaret Lacey and her management team, it was the tonic that the purple and gold needed. They have had their best league campaign in a long while, but of greater importance a positive championship run is not out of the question. Michelle Hearne, Mary Lacey, Aine Codd, Aoife O'Connor, captain Kate Kelly, Helena Jacob and the Holohans - Bernie and Lennie, have answered the Wexford call and pushed them back up the pecking order in dramatic fashion.

Clare's involvement up to now has been a bit of a mystery. The county withdrew from the league and hopes had been high that they would be able to participate in the senior championship, but with no management yet in place the immediate future does not look too rosy for 2002. In fact, it is strongly anticipated that they will not field in this season's Foras na Gaeilge senior championship. Whatever the outcome, the long-serving Marie Collins will not be

part of their set-up anymore. Collins, who regularly paraded her repertoire of skills with the Banner County is now working and living in Limerick. She has now thrown in her lot with former All-Ireland club champions, Granagh / Ballingarry - and with Mary O'Connor after returning to her native Killeagh, Marie will be a welcome addition to the side.

Dublin are another county who will be pleased with their progress so far this year. They made their first semi-final league appearance in over ten years, which is a great boost to the game in the capital. They were one of a few teams who went on a pre-season training trip, and it looks like their time spent in Scotland did not go to waste. P. J. Donohue from St. Enda's, Ballyboden is the boss by the Liffey, and if Fiona Ni Chorcair can reproduce her top quality performances of Ashbourne weekend, the Dubliners will not bow out that easy. Aoife Cullen who had a great game at full-back against Galway in the league semi-final, Sinéad Elliot at centre-forward and the return of Veronica Trehy (on honeymoon for the league semi-final) will add much needed weight to their cause.

Pádraig Ó Mianáin will be delighted to welcome back Máirín McAleenan to his fold in the Mourne County. The Down star has been out for quite some time recovering from a serious knee injury. However, she is reportedly ready for the fray and if their opponents Clare are unable to field, the northern team would go straight through to the quarter-final. Another player to watch for is Fionnuala Carr, who no doubt will have aspirations to follow in her father's (Ross) footsteps and bring another All-Ireland title back to the local club in Clonduff.

Antrim are the 2001 All-Ireland Intermediate champions. Their 14-point win over Derry last Autumn will give them renewed determination for the coming season. Under the management of Mickey McKervey and with players like Jane Adams they will want to build on that performance.

However, if Clare do not participate and if they did need it, one wonders from where their back-door opposition would come.

Meanwhile the one certainty this year - and there are not too many - is that this senior championship is wide open. Any of the top four teams in the country (Tipperary, Galway, Kilkenny and Cork) are all in with a great shout of winning this one.

It is a hard one to call, but Galway would be a good outside bet. ☉

THE DRAW

The draw, which commences on June 30 with the back-door option, is as follows:

- A Kilkenny v. Antrim
- B Down v. Clare
- C Cork v. Limerick
- D Wexford v. Galway
- E Tipperary v. Dublin

Qualifying round:

- F Losers E v. Losers C
- G Losers D v. Losers F
- H Losers A v. Losers B

With regard to F, G and H there will be extra-time in the event of a draw.

Camogie

Derry collected a record fifth successive Ulster minor camogie title defeating Antrim quite comfortably (5-6 to 1-4) in Lavey at the weekend. That's eight titles since their first in 1990 and a fourth successive medal for the talented Katie McAuley.

Derry built up a significant 4-4 to 0-0 interval lead, and while the Saffrons rallied well after the break, they were never going to catch the holders. Grainne McGuckin scored two of the first half goals, the others coming from Kerri MacOscar and Patricia Murray. Outscored in the second half, Derry still managed to kill off the Saffron challenge with a fifth goal from Patricia Murray after Bronagh Kelly had given Antrim some hope with a superb strike from 20 metres.

Derry scorers: Grainne McGuckin 2-3, Patricia Murray 2-0, Kerri MacOscar 1-1, Katie McAuley 0-1, Ailis O'Doherty 0-1

Antrim scorers: Bronagh Kelly 1-1, Ciara McGowan 0-2, Mairead Rainey 0-1

■ Year 8 Ulster schools' camogie final:

St Patrick's Dungannon 0-1 St Mary's Magherafelt 7-1

■ St Mary's Magherafelt scorers:

Sinead McLaughlin 3-1, Claire Monaghan 2-0, Roisin O'Boyle 1-0, Colleen McCann 1-0

■ St Patrick's, Dungannon scorers:

Emma McEneaney 0-1

■ Gael Linn Camogie Inter-provincial series (Saturday)

Senior Gael-Linn semi-finals:

Ulster 3-14 Connacht 2-16

Munster 5-13 Leinster 1-10

Final:

Munster 7-23 Ulster 0-11

■ Junior semi-finals:

Ulster 4-4 Connacht 1-8

Munster 1-11 Leinster 2-10

Final: Ulster 4-11 Leinster 1-13

■ Ulster scored an excellent junior and senior semi-final double over Connacht in the Gael Linn Camogie Inter-provincial series on Saturday morning, and although they won the junior final against Leinster, a super Munster side overran Jim Nelson's team in the Senior final.

The Seniors put together a superb performance against Connacht, winning by 3-14 to 2-16. In a tight finish, Paula McAtamney scored a superb goal and then tapped over a semi-penalty for a 3-14 to 2-14 advantage going into injury time. Late points from Aislinn Connolly and Martina Harkin made it a sweat but they ran out of time.

So much energy was put into achieving that result, while Munster were seeing off Leinster by 15 points, that the northerners had little in the tank for the final.

The southerners scored almost at will and killed off the Ulster challenge with some excellent camogie.

Meanwhile, Dominic McKinley's Junior squad did extremely well to emerge overall winners, showing great character and the ability to grab vital scores at the right time.

■ Senior final scorers:

Munster: Collette Desmond 2-5, Eileen O'Brien 2-3, Deirdre Hughes 1-4, Emer McDonnell 1-2, Philly Fogarty 1-0, Noelle Kennedy 0-5, Vera Sheehan 0-2, Joanne Ryan and Ciara Gaynor 0-1 each.

Ulster: Jane Adams 0-6, Grainne McGoldrick 0-2, Carla Doherty 0-2, Marian McAleenan 0-1.

■ Senior semi-final scorers for Ulster:

Paula McAtamney 2-3, Grace McMullan 1-2, Jane Adams 0-4, Grainne Connolly 0-2, Jennifer Braniff, Paula McCloy, Mairin McAleenan 0-1 each.

■ Junior Final:

Ulster: Patricia McKoy 2-2, Paula Bell 1-3, Mary Black 1-0, Katie McAuley 0-5, Grainne McGoldrick 0-1.

■ Junior semi-final scorers for Ulster:

Grainne McGoldrick 2-0, Patricia McKoy 1-0, Paula Bell 1-1, Katie McAuley 0-2, Joan Rice 0-1.

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'A delightful day for The Hill'

It is only early summer in the year 2002, but already the small Cork village of Watergrasshill has seen its fair share of fame through camogie. The former Cork camogie star Mary O'Leary, the proud holder of four senior All-Ireland medals and whose brother Seanie delighted the crowd and this writer to a typically fine goal in the '84 All-Ireland Final against Offaly in Semple Stadium can often be seen strolling through the village. Seanie as he was affectionately called was also the holder of four All-Ireland medals with Cork. Indeed, Mary played her club camogie with the Watergrasshill club.

If you happen to drive from Fermoy towards Cork city you will arrive on this small village just ten or fifteen minutes drive from the Lee capital. Watergrasshill known locally as 'The Hill' is home to the O'Neill sporting family who have earned some fame in the last number of years but this year two of the girls Marie and Helena made All-Ireland camogie fame together. A busy family, who own 'The Hur' public house, all six family members are all involved in sport and in particular Gaelic Games.

For Marie and Helena it all began when they attended the local Watergrasshill National School. There they met with teachers Eamonn Ryan and Mary O'Callaghan who put in a great many hours instilling a love of the game to the young students and who were rewarded with numerous Sciath na Scol rewards.

The proud parents Betty and Jack, have one son Eoin who has won An All-Ireland hurling medal with the Vocational Schools. Sisters Brid and Marie are both on this year's Cork minor team, while Marie was lucky to be a member of last year's Cork minor team who won the Minor 'A' All-Ireland final. Liz is a member of the Junior 'A' Watergrasshill club team, while Rose plays for the county U 16 footballers.

Ger Holland When second level school beckoned for these girls it was off to Loreto, Fermoy where a young teacher by the name of Ger Holland seemingly made a 'big impact' on these young Corkonians. A member of the teaching staff, Ger is the captain of the Immokilly senior hurling team. And what a year he has had so far — the first All-Ireland Camogie title for Loreto. What a day the 20th of April was for Ger Holland and the O'Neill family as they saw the school take their first Camogie title at All-Ireland level when they defeated Mersey Ballinasloe 7-12 to 2-07 in Leahy Pk.Cashel.

Indeed the same day there was double Cork joy as St.Mary's Charleville collected another Junior 'A' All-Ireland title at the expense of Colaiste Bride Wexford. While the final was very much a team effort, Marie O'Neill shone like a bright star recording a personal tally of 3-10 and she is still under sixteen years of age. One wonders what this budding star may do in some years to come.

While Marie likes the forward position, sister Helena prefers the centre back position, and according to Helena, her camogie ambition is "to play for the Cork minors and then the senior team." When you think that one of her preferred camogie players is Fiona O'Driscoll, this young star has picked a good player to model herself on. Cork senior hurler Joe Deane is her favourite sports person, talking about keeping in the Cork camp!

Marie also likes to pick her sports stars who wear the red and white of Cork, as she looks to the former great Lynn Dunlea and Cork's dual player Brian Corcoran. Considering that Marie has picked two 'young players' who retired early, let's hope that

Marie has no intention of retiring yet anyway!! I doubt that, because talking to Marie and her sister they were oozing camogie and sport.

Nowadays, students feel the pressure of the points system much more than previous generations, but already Marie is thinking that she would like to do a Business Degree, but "the College must have camogie, so maybe I will choose UL," commented Marie. Helena, likewise is thinking of third level college and she is thinking of doing something in the line of sport at college.

Days like these — Both sisters kept coming back to that great day in Cashel, where Helena described to me the feeling of the day, "when the final whistle went, the feeling was unreal, it was so wonderful to have reached a final and then to win, it was sheer magic. While the crowds swarmed on the pitch when the referee's whistle went, I turned and the first people I saw were my Mom and Dad, it was just great", said Helena. Marie, was so delighted after that whistle went that she saw so many people "all coming up to me saying congratulations. I forget who I saw first" laughed the sparkling student. Marie, recently went on to collect a second Munster Minor medal last month when they defeated old rivals Tipperary in the Munster Minor 'A' Championship final.

The end of this month (June) will see the Foras na Gaeilge championship begin with last year's finalists Kilkenny hosting Antrim, while Wexford entertain Galway. With Cork beaten in the League semi-final, by Limerick it will allow them further time to concentrate on their championship against Limerick again and that is a match that will surely attract the fans!! National League Last month's National League, Div. 2 final became an All-Ireland affair when for the first both Offaly and Laois reached the Junior final. Since Laois won the Minor 'B' All-Ireland title a few years ago, the county has certainly come much more to the media attention. Counties are now realising how beneficial it is to take part in the National League. One looks to Offaly and you can see how much they have developed in the last few years.

Of the Ulster counties, Derry are the side who benefited greatly from the National League, having won the final, it greatly motivated them for championship success which duly came their way. Counties that do not participate in the Division 2 League in particular must realise that they are most likely to be beaten early on in the championship.

CENTENARY With the centenary of 2004 fast approaching, an appeal is being made for people with photographic material to get in touch with myself at : 01 2849805, or by e-mail at : maier@gofree.indigo.ie. The intention is to collect as much photographic material as possible. Please do not send originals, and it would be greatly appreciated if the photographs could be captioned from left to right. We are looking for material from all ages and from any era.

JULY FIXTURES:

Foras na Gaeilge championship: 30TH JUNE: KILKENNY V ANTRIM
WEXFORD V GALWAY 6th July: DOWN V CLARE, 7th July: CORK V LIMERICK
13TH/14TH JULY: Qualifying Rounds 21st JULY: Qualifying round 1/4 FINALS: August 3rd 17th August: Semi-finals 15th September: All-Ireland senior and Junior Finals.



The O'Neill sisters, Marie and Helena with the All-Ireland Junior 'B' colleges trophy. Pic courtesy of the Avondhu Press



St. Mary's Charville captain Anna Geary holds the All-Ireland Senior 'A' Colleges trophy



Davitts captain Caroline Kelly accepts the Pan Celtic U16A trophy from former Kilkenny player Helena O'Neill

Under-14s make it ten for the Model County



Wexford

6-6



Kilkenny

4-4

REPORT BY JOHN FURLONG

IT WAS a tenth Leinster under-14 camogie championship title for Wexford after they overcame Kilkenny at Ferns on Saturday, having led 4-4 to 3-2 at half-time.

Wexford opened the scoring after four minutes with a goal by Una Leacy, but Kilkenny got back on level terms four minutes later with a goal by Ann-Marie Phelan.

Wexford restored their lead when Aine Devereux passed to Una Leacy who slotted over a point after 15 minutes, with Ann Dalton replying with a point from a free moments later.

Wexford took the lead again in the 18th minute with a goal by Sandra Carr, and points by Una Leacy (2 frees) put the home side further clear by 3-3 to 1-1.

A second personal goal by Leacy in the 23rd minute, was soon matched

by a similar score from Elaine Kenny to maintain a five point difference.

Wexford, with a fourth point by Una Leacy in the 26th minute, and a goal by Maeve Frayne one minute later, completed the scoring for the home side, with Kilkenny adding a goal by Claire Coonan and a point by Aisling Pollard.

Kilkenny opened the scoring on the restart with a point by Phelan, and another point by Noelle Corrigan four minutes later left the visitors trailing by a goal, 4-4 to 3-4.

Wexford replied with a goal by Leanne Murphy after her shot from distance was parried to the net by Kilkenny goalie Valerie Law in the seventh minute, and a goal by Katrina Parrock added to the winners' lead moments later.

Kilkenny reduced the leeway, when a close range free taken by Ann



Captain Stacey Redmond holds the Leinster under-14 camogie championship Cup aloft after Wexford's success over Kilkenny on Saturday.

Dalton was cleared by the Wexford defence out to Mary Dalton, who scored a goal after 15 minutes to leave two goals separating the teams.

Wexford - Clara Storey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Kerrie Dunne (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sara Nolan (Rapparees), Kelly O'Connor (Rathmore), Hannah Doran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh, 2-4), Tracey

Breen (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-1), Leanne Murphy (Cloughbawn, 1-0), Siobhan Cullen (Oulart-The Ballagh), Maeve Frayne (Rathmore, 1-0), Sandra Carr (Rathmore, 1-0), Katrina Parrock (Our Lady's Island/St. Fintan's, 1-0), Aine Devereux (Oulart-The Ballagh), Stacey Redmond (Oulart-The Ballagh, capt.), Orla Raftery (Glynn-Barstown, 0-1).

Twomey inspires Rebel victory

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Intermediate camogie

Cork
Limerick

5-10
1-11

CORK are Munster intermediate camogie champions following their 11 points victory over Limerick at the Staker Wallace GAA grounds last evening.

Four first half goals from Denise Twomey (three) and Joanne Browne enabled the Leesiders build up a commanding 4-6 to 1-6 interval lead.

The irrepressible Twomey continued to excel after the restart and was ably assisted by Brieghe Corkery, in flying form on the 40.

Limerick never threw in the towel and three points from Aoife Sheehan saw them reduce the deficit.

But Cork had the final say and Liz Bulger put the gloss on an impressive team effort when knocking home a fifth goal.

Scorers for Cork: D Twomey 3-3, L Bulger 1-2, J Browne 1-0, B Maher and L Dorgan 0-2 each, B Corkery 0-1.
Limerick: A Sheehan 0-5, A White 1-1, M McGrath and A O'Connell 0-2 each, N Collins 0-1.
CORK: J Buckley, A O'Brien, M Hurley, N Goulding, R Myers, C Deasy, J Twomey, L Dorgan, G O'Connor, B Maher, J Browne, B Corkery, M Maloney, L Bulger, D Twomey.
LIMERICK: M Corkery, M Cremin, S O'Shaughnessy, A O'Reilly, M O'Sullivan, M O'Connor, J Clifford, Aine O'Connell, Aoife Sheehan, Amanda Sheehan, Aisling O'Connell, S McAuliffe, N Collins, A White, M McGrath.
Referee: J O'Donnell (Clare).

Twomey stars as Cork cruise to victory

Cork
Limerick

5-10
1-11

TWO goals inside the opening three minutes from Denise Twomey earned Cork another Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship title as they easily beat Limerick in Staker Wallace GAA Grounds in Kilmallock last night.

Cork's Joanne Browne sent her side further ahead with a third goal in the 11th minute to leave it Cork 3-0 to Limerick's 0-3.

However, Limerick replied quickly with a point and a goal from Alison White. Twomey then made it a hat-trick for Cork just before the break to leave it 4-6 to 1-6.

Cork came strong in the second half with an opening goal in the fifth minute and kept the Limerick forwards to 0-4.

Scorers for Cork: D Twomey (3-3), L Bulger (1-2), J Browne (1-0), B Maher, L Dorgan (0-2 each), B Corkery (0-1).
Limerick: A White (1-1), A Sheehan (0-5), M Corkery, A O'Connell, A O'Connell, N Collins (0-1 each).

Douglas girls gear up for Féile weekend - and aim to bring Cork more camogie glory



GOALS from Lavinia O'Mahony and Olivia Tobin inside thirty seconds sealed the Cork Féile title for Douglas.

Suzanne Lynch pulled a goal back for Ballygarvan, who staged an admirable comeback, but Douglas were the stronger side.

They now represent Cork in the Féile na nGael finals in Belfast on the weekend of June 21/22/23. It was a busy week for all the participants, and the finalists both played five games

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie over the week, culminating in that 3-4 to 3-2 victory for Douglas over Ballygarvan in the final.

Results:
Quarter finals: Douglas bt Glen Rovers; St Catherine's bt St Finbarr's;

Semi finals: Douglas bt Ballincollig; Ballygarvan bt St Catherine's.

Final: Douglas 3-4 (Lavinia O'Mahony 1-1,

Ace Douglas girls are determined not to Féile

Olivia Tobin 1-1, Catherine Hussey 1-0, Deirdre Murphy 0-2);

Ballygarvan 3-2 (Suzanne Lynch 1-0, Caoimhe Dillon 1-0, Davina O'Mahony 1-1, Aine Moynihan 0-1).

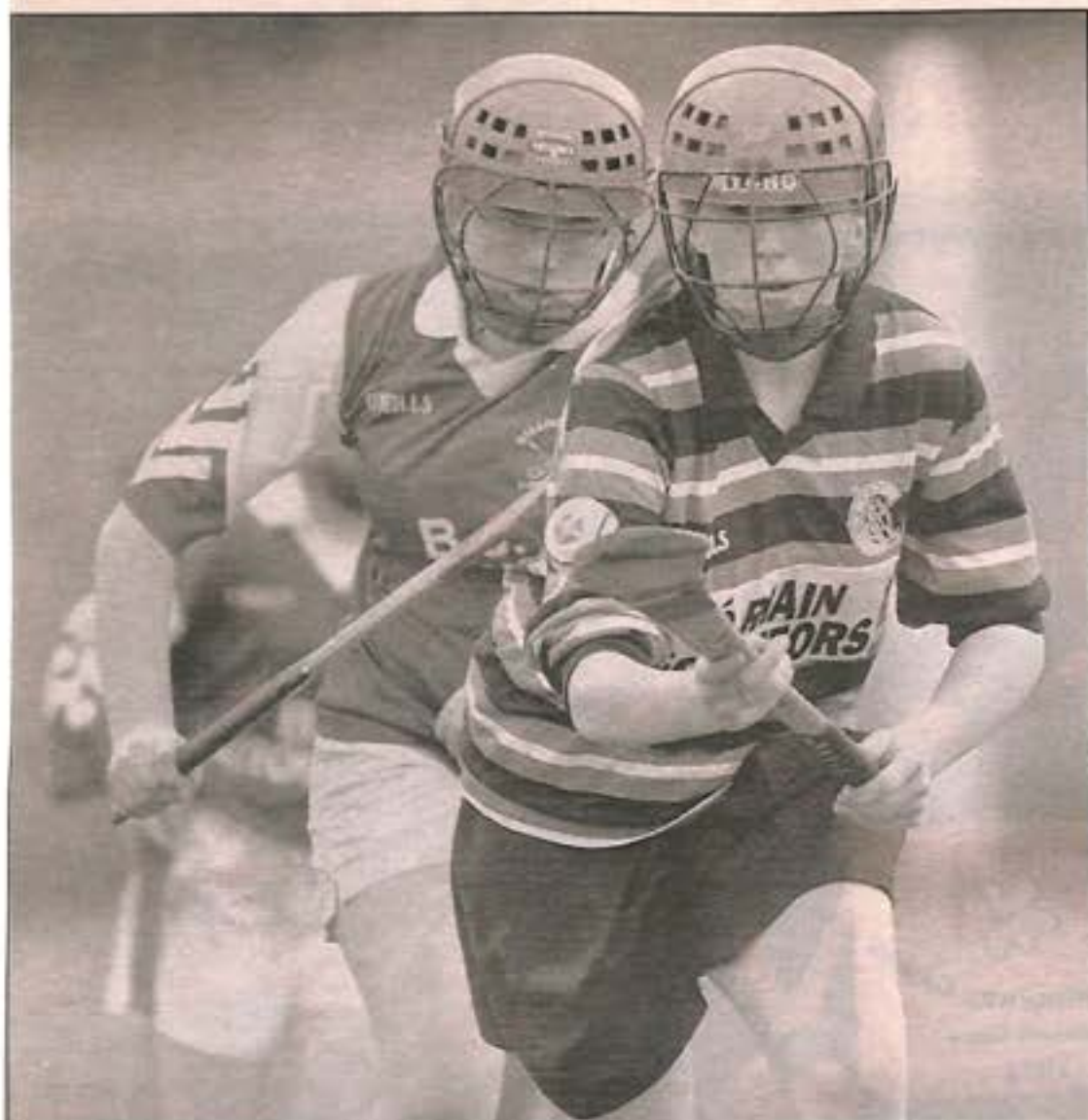
Douglas: G Barrett, E. Heffernan, C Conway, K O'Driscoll, L Sheehan,

S O Regan, D Murphy, J O Donovan, R O Sullivan, M O Donovan, K Hussey, E Desmond, O Tobin A Flanagan, L O Mahony

Ballygarvan: B Keohane, E Lynch, M Dunne, C O Hea, D Kiely, D O Mahony, A O Hea, O O Riordan, S Lynch, M Keohane, C Dillon, A Moynihan, C Bouse, L Ryan, R Byrne.

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Douglas and Owenabue Valley girls put their skill to the test at the camogie finals



ON THE BALL: Douglas' Aisling Barrett keeps the ball under control as she is chased by Owenabue Valley's Brid Coleman at the Community Games U-14 camogie finals in Ballinhassig. Picture: Richard Mills.



GIMME FIVE: Owenabue Valley's Lisa Jordan shows her excitement at the Cork Community Games U-14 camogie finals in Ballinhassig. Picture: Richard Mills.



TAKING THE LEAD: Owenabue Valley's Brid Coleman challenges Douglas' Aisling Barrett at the Community Games U-14 camogie finals at Ballinhassig. Picture: Richard Mills.



QUESTION OF BALLANCE: Owenabue Valley's Linda McCarthy blocks down Douglas' Shauna McCarthy at the Cork Community Games U-14 camogie finals in Ballinhassig. Picture: Richard Mills.



TEAM EFFORT: Ballincollig come in runners-up in the camogie final at the Cork Community Games.



STRAIGHT TALKING: Owenabue Valley players get some tips at the Community Games camogie finals. Picture: Richard Mills.



SMOOTH OPERATORS: Douglas U-14 team are the winners in the camogie final of the Cork Community Games.

Feile Skills

Cait aims for a skills double

CAIT Kelleher will be hoping to make it a double when she contests the Feile na nGael skills competition. The Blackrock youngster is one to watch and if she performs with the same enthusiasm and skill in the weekend ahead as she has done in all her games, then the title could be heading to Cork. The 13-year-old is one of the driving forces in the Blackrock under-age set-up and is a pupil at Christ the King where she is a member of the first-year team. As a nine-year-old Cait learned the basic skills in Gael Scoil Mhacain.

Under the guidance of Mairead Uí Mhaoileoin, she joined the Blackrock club where she captained the under-12 side last season.

The daughter of former Dohney's player Ray Kelleher, Cait will have his support as well as that of mother Kathleen and brothers Olan, Tim and Donagh.

Cork and Limerick will meet in the Munster Intermediate championship final on Wednesday at a Limerick venue with a 7.30 throw-in.

In a competition that only goes to provincial level and is confined to players who have never won a Munster intermediate championship medal, Cork are going for three-in-a-row. In their semi-final game with Tipperary, Cork grabbed a last-minute goal to 'steal' the game. Limerick will field several of their All-Ireland winning minor B side from last year, but Cork are in a similar position, and overall predictions are for a Cork victory.



Douglas grab second trophy in weeks

Douglas 4-7
Ballygarvan 3-3

by Finbarr McCarthy

IN this closely fought U14 Cork Co. Camogie A final in Ballincollig on Saturday Féile Champions Douglas the stronger side pulled away in the last 10 minutes to claim their second trophy in as many weeks.

Ballygarvan, who were not favoured by the elements started in blistering fashion when Claire Bouse had the ball in the back of the Douglas net inside the first minute. Jenny O'Donovan gradually brought Douglas into the game, putting four points on the scoreboard. Susan Lynch for Ballygarvan added two points from frees. Sorcha Ní Rinn for Douglas pulled on a dropping ball to find the back of the Ballygarvan net leaving the half time score 1-4 to 1-2 in favour of Douglas.

Ballygarvan made the better start to the second half with a goal from Orla O'Riordan and a beautiful point from Leanne Ryan. Niamh and Jenny O'Donovan levelled for Douglas. Both sides lived dangerously for the next couple of minutes. Bernadette Keohane played a

stormer in goal for Ballygarvan. Susan Lynch Ballygarvan and Kate Barry Douglas exchanged goals in the 15th & 16th mins.

Aisling Barrett then began to dominate clearing every ball from the Douglas half back line and was the difference between the teams in the last quarter. Ballygarvan gave way to a stronger Douglas side and allowed ace centre forward Jenny O'Donovan run in 1-1 in the 22nd and 28th mins. Olivia Tobin put the icing on the cake with a goal on the stroke of full time for Douglas.

Scorers: Douglas: J O'Donovan 1-6 (D-2), S Ní Rinn, K Barry, O'Tobin 1-0 each, N O'Donovan 0-1. Ballygarvan: C Bouse, O O'Riordan, M Keohane 1-0 each, S Lynch 0-2, L Ryan 0-1. Douglas: M O'Donovan, A Flanagan (Capt), L Sheehan, E Desmond, A Barrett, S O'Regan, L McCarthy, D Murphy, N O'Donovan, R O'Sullivan, J O'Donovan, K Barry, S Ní Rinn, K Hussey, H O'Connor, O'Tobin for S Ní Rinn, L O'Shea for H O'Connor, K O'Driscoll, S O'Leary, C O'Brien, Z Dunlea, E A Daly, J Jackson, K Barry, K O'Sullivan, E Heffernan, L O'Mahony.

Ballygarvan: B Keohane, E Lynch, M Dunne, D Kiely, A O'Hea, D O'Mahony, C O'Hea, S Lynch, A Moynihan, M Keohane, C Dillon (Capt), Clare Bouse, L Ryan, O O'Riordan, R Byrne, A O'Mahony for L Ryan 45 mins, J Dunne, L Cosgrave, A Breen, F O'Halloran, R Ní Sh, V Browne.

St Catherine's 3-5
Ballincollig 4-1



Above left: Ballygarvan's Leanne Ryan chases Aisling Barrett of Douglas in the Cork County u-14 camogie league final at Ballincollig. Above right: Midfielder Marie O'Donoghue is consoled by her Ballincollig teammate Denise Cronin after losing to St Catherine's, Conna in the Cork County u-14 B league final at Ballincollig. Right: victorious captain of St Catherine's, Conna with the cup.



St Catherine's overcame Ballincollig with a point to spare and were crowned U14 Cork Co Camogie B champions in Ballincollig last Saturday. While the two teams were evenly matched Ballincollig relied on Denise Cronin centre field for their scores.

St Catherine's star centre forward Deirdre Twomey, sister of Denise who plays full forward for Cork minors, skillfully picked off her scores from the forward line. Denise Cronin & Sophia Daly had a goal each for Ballincollig while Deirdre Twomey replied with 1-1 for St Catherine's and Orla Cotter added a point from a free leaving Ballincollig with the edge at half time 2-0 to 1-2.

On the turnover St Catherine's came out with all guns blazing and in the next 20 mins Deirdre Twomey put in 1-2, Aileen Hogan a goal and Orla Cotter 0-2 without reply. Leading 3-5 to 2-0 with three

mins remaining St Catherine's sat back and allowed Ballincollig's Denise Cronin run in 2-1 and come close to snatching victory.

Scorers: St Catherine's: D Twomey 2-2, O Cotter 0-3 (D-2), A Hogan 1-0. Ballincollig: D Cronin 3-1, S Daly 1-0.

St Catherine's: L Hurley, S Davern, L Kearney, F Cotter, D Mulcahy, O Neville, C O'Brien, O Cotter (Capt), A Hogan, A O'Brien, P O'Brien, Grace Carr, G Hurley, D Towney, P Moroney, M O'Keefe for P Moroney 44 min, F Neville, S O'Neill, E Mulcahy, L Hurley, A Heffernan, P Hegarty, A Casey.

Ballincollig: N Bradley, J Cotter, L Cotter, L O'Leary, V McCullagh, M Burns, S O'Brien, M O'Donoghue, D Cronin, C McSwiney, C Donovan, D Fenton, E Hogan, S Cronin, S Daly, K Keohane, M O'Sullivan for E Hogan 46 min, N Young, E Donovan, L Finnigan, L West, J O'Connell, B Foley, A Kerins, S Barry, A Cotter, R Farmer, F Kearney, K Sheehan, J Walsh, D Wallace, A O'Reilly, C Harrington.

Fixtures

Tonight: u-14 Grade C 1st semi-final, Fr O'Neill's v Na Piarsaigh.

Saturday, June 22, Grade C, second semi-final, Blarney v Killeagh.

Feile na Gael

Douglas fly Cork flag at Feile Na Gael

DOUGLAS Camogie Club will represent the county in the national Feile Na Gael camogie competition this coming weekend when they travel to Antrim. Also joining them to fly the Cork flag will be Blackrock's Cait Kelleher who will represent the county in the skills competition as youngsters from the 32 counties come together to celebrate a feast of hurling and camogie.

For Douglas the capturing of the

Feile title is a tremendous achievement brought about thanks to many years of hard work.

Teams are entered in county competitions from under 12 to Junior A grade whilst the club also contest competition in the Seandun division at under 11, 13 and 15 grades. Club members have also featured strongly on the Seandun divisional senior and under 15 sides.

Many of the club's players have

brought honours on the inter county scene with Liz Lynch, Mary Maher and Christine Pinfield having won senior and junior All Ireland honours respectively. Fiona O'Donovan and Amanda O'Regan were members of victorious minor All Ireland winning sides.

Coached by well known former Douglas hurler Jimmy O'Mahony, who guided the hurling side to Intermediate championship success in

2000, the team are an impressive side who will not be found wanting when the big occasion dawns. Captained by Audrey Flanagan they looked impressive in capturing the Feile title.

Douglas know it will take an overall team effort with every player on the panel giving it there all if the All Ireland Feile title is to return to Leeside for the first time since Bishopstown took honours back in 1987.

by Mary Newman

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DOUGLAS CAMOGIE FEILE-BOUND

There is tremendous excitement in Douglas camogie club as they have qualified to represent Cork in Féile na Gael over the weekend of June 21 in Belfast.

While it is the club's first time competing in Féile, it is no surprise, because this bunch of players have excelled since U-11 winning three U-11 Seandún titles, two U-12 Counties and an U-13 Seandún title. And to cap a wonderful year so far in 2002, they have also qualified for the National Community games next month in July.

However, as the club prepares for the long trek to Belfast on tomorrow week, they will first of all have to come up with \$(EuroPlainText)10,000 to foot the cost of the weekend.

According to club spokesperson, Tina Sheehan, there is a big drive on at the moment to raise such funds: "As soon as we qualified we set about raising the money. We are very lucky in Douglas as the businesses are very good to sport and we hope that they will once again be generous towards our cause. Any donations will be gratefully received."

This is a great honour for the Douglas club who will fly the Cork flag with huge pride.

CAMOGIE

Ulster Junior championship final:
Derry 1-12 Armagh 0-14
Coca-Cola All-Ireland Féile na nGael
Division 1 semi-finals:
Oulart-the-Ballagh 2-4
Grangh/Ballingarry (Umerick) 0-2,
Davitt's (Galway) 1-3
Templemore (Tipperary) 0-2
Division 1 final:
Oulart-the-Ballagh (Wexford) 2-5
Davitt's (Galway) 0-1
Division 2 semi-finals:
Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare) 2-1
Slaughtneil 0-0,
Kinnity (Offaly) 2-0
Kiltegan (Wicklow) 0-1
Division 2 final:
Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare) 3-2
Kinnity (Offaly) 0-0
Division 3 semi-finals:
Loughgiel (Antrim) 1-1
An Ríocht (Down) 1-0,
Bellaghy (Derry) 0-2
Ballycastle (Antrim) 0-0
Division 3 final:
Bellaghy (Derry) 3-1
Loughgiel (Antrim) 0-1
Féile na nGael Skills Winner
Grainne O'Higgins
(Liatroim Fontenoys, Down)

CAMOGIE

Coca-Cola Féile na nGael: Division 1 final: Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford 2-5 (U Leacy 1-4, A Devereux 1-0, S Redmond 0-1) Davitts, Galway 0-1 (F Hahnfeld 0-1)
Semi-finals: Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford 2-4 Grangh/Ballingarry, Umerick 0-2; Davitts, Galway 1-3 Templemore, Tipperary 0-2
Division 2 final: Newmarket on Fergus, Clare 3-2 Kinnity, Offaly 0-0
Semi-finals: Kinnity, Offaly 2-0, Kiltegan, Wicklow 0-1, Newmarket on Fergus, Clare 2-1 Slaughtneil, Derry 0-0
Division 3 final: Bellaghy, Derry 3-1 Loughgiel, Antrim 0-1
Semi-finals: Loughgiel, Antrim 1-1 An Ríocht, Down 1-0; Bellaghy, Derry 0-2 Ballycastle, Antrim 0-0
Leinster Junior semi-final: Dublin 1-6 Kilkenny 2-7
Ulster Junior Championship final: Derry 1-12 Armagh 0-14
Offaly Senior Championship: Kinnity 2-4 Drumoulin 1-11, Birr 2-5 Tullamore 4-12
Cork U14 C league semi-finals: Na Piarasigh 6-3 Fr O'Neills 4-0, Blarney 3-1 Killeagh 2-2
U14 12-A-side league semi final: Charleville 2-2 St Vincents 2-0
AMES ENTHAL



Father's pride at Feile na nGael record...

DELIGHTED: Former Wexford hurling captain Martin Storey with his 12-year-old daughter Clara at the Féile na nGael in Belfast's Casement Park yesterday. Clara was in goals for her camogie team Oulart la Ballagh, who set a new record by storming to their fifth Féile na nGael victory in a row. **Story in full > P5**

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Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Tom O'Driscoll pictured with the Douglas Camogie Club at the City Hall, Cork, prior to their departure for Belfast to take part in the All Ireland Féile na nGael finals. Picture: Mike English.

All-Ireland Féile na nGael

Gráinne is the star of the show

FRIDAY'S preliminary rounds of the Coca-Cola All-Ireland Féile na nGael were followed by top-class action in the semi-finals and finals of the various Divisions over the weekend.

Ulster successes were thin on the ground particularly in the higher divisions, but Gráinne O'Higgins from the Liatroim Fontenoys club in Down became only the second Ulster winner in the camogie skills competition.

Her mother Maureen claimed a Junior All-Ireland with Down in 1991 and 5 Ulster club championship medals with the Fontenoys.

Oulart-the-Ballagh from Wexford took a remarkable fifth successive Division 1 title after seeing off Grangh/Ballingarry in the semi-final, and Davitt's of Galway in the final, while Clare's Newmarket-on-Fergus took the Division 2 honours. Bellaghy continued the recent prowess of Derry camogie sides over their Ulster neighbours by defeating Loughgiel for the Division 3 crown.

Camogie

After a pulsating final yesterday in Ballymacnab, Derry retained the Ulster Junior Championship with a 1-12 to 0-14 win over Armagh, to claim a record fifth title in a row. Those who braved the showers witnessed an exciting game of good skilful camogie, which Derry managed to win through a pointed free from midfielder Sinead O'Neill three minutes from time.

Armagh led 0-10 to 0-6 at the interval, but points each from O'Neill and Grainne McGoldrick were followed by a Claire Gormley goal and a point from the lively Michelle Comer that put Derry two points up.

Armagh, with Mary Black back to her old form, pulled level and from then until the final whistle, it was score-for-score with Derry just holding on. Donna McCusker and Olive McGeehan gave Mary Black most support, but really both teams contributed to a great game and Derry's All-Ireland challenge will have been boosted by tough exchange.

Derry scorers: S O'Neill (0-2), G McGoldrick (0-1), D Burke (0-6), K McAuley (0-1), C Gormley (1-0), M Comer (0-2)

Armagh scorers: M Black (0-9), P McAvoey (0-2), S Gray (0-1), D McCusker (0-1), J Rice (0-1)

Young gael's shine at sports feile

By Bimpe Fatogun

AFTER torrential rain marred a 5,500-strong parade on Saturday, GAA fans at Casement Park were greeted by warm sunshine for the finals of the annual Féile na nGael yesterday.

A small but loyal band of supporters turned out to cheer on players in the division one under-14 camogie and hurling finals.

They were rewarded by some inspiring play on the pitch by the up-and-coming stars who showed just how strong the

future of Gaelic games is in the new millennium.

Cancelled last year due to the foot-and-mouth restrictions, more than 140 teams from across Ireland took part in the two-day sports-fest.

More than 3,000 competitors took part at different venues throughout Belfast.

The parade of camogie and hurling players was accompanied by the Artane Boys Band from Dublin, marching between games in perfect formation.

Spectators went wild as Wexford's Oulart la Ballagh stormed to their fifth

Féile na nGael camogie victory in a row - a new record.

Leading the cheers for the young side was former Wexford captain Martin Storey, whose 12-year-old daughter Clara was in goals.

"It's great, brilliant, very, very, good," a delighted daddy said after the match.

"They were very relaxed but I suppose that was down to the fact that they have won before. They were very, very skilful and that's down to the people over them - the five selectors really, really put in the hard work. The senior team is start-

ing to get real strong because of all these young ones coming through.

"Clara is a great player and she still has two years in front of her. After that she'd like to go on to the senior team. Her dream is to play in Croke Park."

The day before, President Mary McAleese braved the storms to attend the event, which her son Justin helped to organise.

The parade started at St Paul's GAA club at Shaws Road and moved through Andersonstown before finishing at Casement Park.

Five on the trot for

Victory over Ballyboden pointed way to a fifth

Ronan Fagan

"WE CAN do it," came the cry from Oulart-The Ballagh's camogie management in the moments immediately following their final Féile na nGael group encounter with Ballyboden-St. Enda's on Friday evening last.

Having cruised through the first two games, the holders viewed the encounter against Dublin's finest as "a massive test".

And thus when the then four-in-a-row champions achieved a 2-3 to 0-2 win over Ballyboden, the Slaneysiders were confident the team could, indeed, go the whole way, and land a truly unbelievable fifth Féile na nGael Division 1 camogie title on the trot.

Oulart-The Ballagh had opened their title defence with a crushing 9-9 to no-score win over their host club, Dungiven of Derry. It was 4-4 to 0-0 at the changeover, in a game which saw captain Una Leacy open her formidable account with a personal tally of 4-3.

Sinead O'Connor with 1-4 and Shelly Kehoe with 2-0 were other top-scorers against Dungiven, who also conceded to Emma O'Connor (1-0), Laura Sinnott (1-0) as well as Chloe Kenny and Aine Devereux, who each shot a point.

QUALIFICATION

In the second test, it proved another routine win for Wexford's queenpins against Lavey, when after reaching the interval with a 6-1 to 0-0 lead, they added 1-3 without reply in the second-half.

Indeed, such was the authority which Oulart-The Ballagh enjoyed in that game that the entire 24-strong panel was employed over the game's 30 minute duration.

Even goalie Ciara Storey - Martin's daughter - was released outfield, and did quite well, poaching a goal to help ensure a landslide win.

Along with Ciara, others on target versus Lavey were Una Leacy (3-1), Emma O'Connor (2-0), Sinead O'Connor (1-0), together with Kerri Dunne, Stacey Kehoe and Leanne Nolan (0-1 each).

In fact, the size of those victories left Oulart-The Ballagh with a major advantage going into their decisive encounter against Ballyboden, as even had the sides drawn, Oulart's superior score difference would have guaranteed them passage through to the knockout stages.

In previous years, two teams qualified from each group, but with the number of teams competing in Division 1 having been increased from 8 to 16, only one club would emerge from each section to make up this year's semi-finals.

While Oulart-The Ballagh fielded players between the ages of 10 and 13, Ballyboden had a physical advantage, as under a self imposed rule they only play 13-year-olds in this grade.

However, Oulart-The Ballagh coped admirably, with Una Leacy pointing to keep the tie very much in the balance at the halfway stage (0-1 each).

Ballyboden had done their homework, and deployed two defenders on Leacy, who however proved her class when adding a further 1-1 in the closing period. Emma O'Connor found the Ballyboden net midway through, while Stacey Redmond pointed.

And so it was onto the last-four.

THE HOT SHOTS: Those who got on the scoresheet for Oulart-The Ballagh during the course of the Féile weekend were: Una Leacy (10-14), Emma O'Connor (5-0), Sinead O'Connor (2-4), Shelly Kehoe (2-0), Aine Devereux (1-1), Laura Sinnott and Ciara Storey (1-0 each), Stacey Kehoe (0-2), Chloe Kenny, Kerri Dunne, Leanne Nolan and Stacey Redmond (0-1 each).



THE CAPTAINS CLUB - Oulart-The Ballagh's five Féile na nGael first division winning captains (l-r) Emma Moran (2001), Mary Leacy (1999), Una Leacy (2002), Caroline Murphy (1998) and Claire Sinnott (2000). (Pic: Jim Campbell).

These kids just wanna keep winning

Ronan Fagan

ÁINE DEVEREUX perfectly sums up the attitude of the Oulart-The Ballagh under-14 camogie crew, which has remained Ireland's supreme team at this level since first topping the All-Ireland Féile na nGael poll in 1998.

Having added yet another All-Ireland medal to her own collection on Sunday, hardworking midfielder Áine stated: "To win one All-Ireland is brilliant, but to keep winning them is even better."

The manner in which Oulart have approached each new year to again conquer Mount Féile has been nothing short of gob smacking.

While one sense that the hunger of these players must have been satisfied in some small way with each win, a conversation with just a bunch of this year's 24 magical stylists of the 'small ball' game causes this writer to suspect they'll never be entirely happy.

Even at such a tender

age, Devereux displays a maturity beyond her years when adding that "it is brilliant to have won another All-Ireland, not just for the club, but for the county too."

She and colleagues, Sinead O'Connor, Stacey Redmond, and the Kehoe twins, Shelly and Stacey, were unanimous in proclaiming it to have

been a "privilege" to share in this unrivalled glory.

"It is a special feeling," Sinead O'Connor says. "We had some very tough games this year, but the way we pulled together to get through and again win the title has been wonderful."

Stacey Redmond, who added a fourth medal to her personal collection in

last weekend's final win over the Davitts of Galway, agreed with Devereux when declaring: "We want to keep winning".

Redmond singles out the selectors - Margaret Leacy, Ann Kirwan, Aidan Moran, Tom Whelan and Hughie O'Connor, plus the dearly departed Dave Sinnott - for special mention. "They have really encouraged us throughout the years, and we owe them a lot," Stacey remarks.

What about the Kehoe sisters, daughters of former Wexford hurler MJ. "It was special to win, but even more so when I have a sister on the team," says Stacey, while on the same topic, Shelly simply said "it is great".

And the last words go to Ms Devereux: "This is all down to the work of our selectors, and the fact we (the players) are prepared to train no matter what the weather is like. We are dedicated, we stuck at it...", and they reaped their due reward.

A ballighort - An Bhealach abú.

Una has certainly played her part

THE FÉILE na nGael bade farewell to Una Leacy following last Sunday's 2002 finals, and she is a player who has definitely left her mark on the competition.

A daughter of one of Wexford's greatest ever camogie players, Margaret, the current county underage sensation proved herself as a forward that could not be tamed in five Féile finals.

Indeed, Una hit a goal in the 1998 Division 1 final win over Templemore of Tipperary (4-6 to 4-5), and repeated the dose a year later, when Milford of Cork were added to Oulart's list of scalps (2-3 to 0-0).

Una was back with a tally of 0-5 in the 2000 decider, when the Davitts of Galway were the opposition at Casement Park in Belfast (1-8 to 1-1), while last year in Cork, she struck 1-4 to help Oulart-The Ballagh make it four on the trot at the expense of the Harps of Laois (4-3 to 3-4).

In fact, over the course of last year's tournament Una totalled 5-19, while this year she notched 10-14 during five games, 1-4 of which was delivered in Sunday afternoon's repeat final success against the Davitts.

Una shared in three first couple of successes with her sister Mary, who was captain in 1999, an honour which fell to Una this time around.



Corner-forward Shelly Kehoe leads the way for Oulart-The Ballagh against the Davitts of Galway in Sunday's Féile na nGael Division 1 final at Casement Park in Belfast.

Oulart-The Ballagh

OULART/BALLAGH — 2-5
DAVITTS (GALWAY) — 0-1
Ronan Fagan

THE DAVITTS of Galway are at this stage undoubtedly a bit sick of the sight of a certain bunch of red-and-black jerseys.

Two years ago Oulart-The Ballagh delivered a third consecutive Féile camogie crown to the twin-parishes when overcoming the Corribiders on a scoreline of 1-8 to 1-1 in the first division final.

And only 12 months ago, the Davitts were again Oulart's victims at the semi-final stage, when the reigning champions prevailed by 1-5 to 1-1 after a tough penultimate round challenge.

On Sunday last, at the renowned Casement Park in Belfast city, Oulart-The Ballagh made it three-in-a-row against the Davitts on the way to the Wexford club's very own special five-in-a-row.

With morale at a high, Oulart-The Ballagh held an edge throughout the decider as they carved out a commanding win.

Midfielder Aine Devereux found the Galway net in the first period of 15 minutes to contribute to Oulart's 1-4 to 0-0 half-time lead.

The Davitts were denied a number of goals through the excellent netminding of Ciara Storey, who made

four particularly outstanding saves.

The full-back line of Vanessa Leacy, Hannah Doran and Chloe Kenny provided brilliant cover for their goalie, while Stacey Redmond was another star for Oulart in a hardworking defence.

Kerri Dunne, a daughter of former Wexford defender Tomás, continued to improve with every game, and together with Aine Devereux she formed an impressive midfield partnership.

Upfront, captain Una Leacy along with Aisling Kehoe and Stacey Kehoe inspired those around them to give very good performances.

Una was, indeed, again in sparkling form against the Davitts, when shooting a second-half salvo of 1-4, while Stacey Kehoe completed the Oulart tally with a point in the ten point win.

Afterwards, Una Leacy proudly received the Division 1 title, before all involved - including a big Slaneyside support - embarked upon the return journey to Wexford, for memorable celebrations, which kicked-off at 8.30 that evening.

Oulart-The Ballagh - Ciara Storey, Vanessa Leacy, Hannah Doran, Chloe Kenny, Siobhan Cullen, Stacey Redmond, Aine O'Connor, Aine Devereux, Kerri Dunne, Sinead O'Connor, Una



Oulart-The Ballagh's five-in-a-row Féile na nGael Division 1 champions, who retained their title at Casement Park in Belfast last Sunday. Back row (l-r): Anna Sinnott, Shelley Kehoe, Jacqueline Devereux, Mairead Sutton. Third row (l-r): Vanessa Leacy, Laura Sinnott, Aoife O'Connor, Ciara Storey, Leanne Nolan. Second row (l-r): Bridget Moran, First Aid, Ann Kirwan, selector, Amy Ormonde, Kerrie Dunne, Sinead O'Connor, Stacey Redmond, Stacey Kehoe, Rachel Murphy, Hannah Doran, Shelly Donohoe, Aidan Moran, selector, Hughie O'Connor, selector. Front row (l-r): Tom Whelan, selector, Margaret Leacy, selector, Emma O'Connor, Siobhan Cullen, Una Leacy (capt.), Aine Devereux, Chloe Kenny, Aisling Kehoe. Missing from pic is Catriona Morton. (Pic: Jim Campbell).

KNOCKOUT STAGES

Leacy (capt.), Aisling Kehoe, Emma O'Connor, Shelly Kehoe.

Subs: Laura Sinnott, Anna Sinnott, Shelly Donohoe, Leanne Nolan, Jackie Devereux, Rachel

Murphy, Mairead Sutton, Amy Ormonde, Catriona Morton.

Oulart had overcome Granagh-Ballingarry on Saturday in the semi-finals to clinch their spot in the

showpiece match.

The pitch at St. Theresa's was in bad condition for the last-four tie following torrential weather, but the teams got stuck in, and the Limerick girls were 0-2 to 0-1 up after the opening period.

But with wind advantage Oulart gained the

upperhand in the second-half, when Una Leacy struck 1-4, while Emma O'Connor continued her fine run of scoring at least a goal in every game.

The team departed for the traditional parade from St. Paul's park, before resting up ahead of Sunday's showdown with

the Davitts.

And, at 12.35p.m., on Sunday, having completed the pre-match programme when parading behind the Artane Boys Band, battle commenced for the premier crown, and it was a battle Oulart-The Ballagh's wonderful under-14s won.

The well hasn't run dry yet - Whelan

Ronan Fagan

BEHIND EVERY good team are equally great selectors, and such a theory most definitely holds true in the case of Oulart-The Ballagh's under-14 camogie champs.

Ann Kirwan, Margaret Leacy and Aidan Moran have plotted the club's glory in each of the past five years, while last year Tom Whelan and Hughie O'Connor replaced two of the original gang, Pat Ryan and the late Dave Sinnott.

In regards to the latter, Moran declares: "Dave is a very special part of what we have achieved. He put so much into helping teach the players the skills of the game. We will never forget such a great man or the contribution he made."

Aidan wonders how Dave would have handled Sunday's success. "He would have lost a lot of sweat," his old colleague laughs. "It was so exciting. You would



Oulart-The Ballagh's management team (l-r) Tom Whelan, Margaret Leacy, Hughie O'Connor, Ann Kirwan and Aidan Moran celebrate the club's famous five-in-a-row with the Féile na nGael premier trophy. (Pic: Jim Campbell).

imagine that the excitement would fade after the first or second All-Ireland win, but each year the butterflies have always been in the stomach."

Tom Whelan, meanwhile, is determined to help ensure the good times continue. "The well has to run dry at some stage," he accepts, "but we will be doing our best to

add further titles."

He has many happy memories from the past five campaigns, but one or two stand out in particular. "When we won the title for the first-time in 1998,

Elaine Doyle grabbed the equaliser and then the winner late on, one off her left and the other off her right from midfield - I will never forget those scores.

"And then last year,

when we were a point behind two or three minutes into injury-time, and Emma O'Connor popped up with the winning goal. Those are very special moments, and ones none of us will ever forget."

Hughie O'Connor was proud of the manner in which Oulart-The Ballagh tackled last weekend's various challenges. "While the first two games resulted in straightforward wins for Oulart, the final group game against Dublin was a very tough test. We couldn't afford to lose, and the girls responded very well."

Ann Kirwan was very chuffed with the backing Oulart-The Ballagh's young marvels attracted in both Derry and Antrim. "From the first game on Friday morning through to the final itself, we had massive support. It was important, because it is inspiration for the players to look into the stand and see so many clad in red-and-black."

Margaret Leacy was probably the most satisfied of the selection quintet, having seen her daughter Una not alone compete in, but be a key force in Oulart's fifth successive Féile win.

Her other daughter, Mary, was also a prominent defensive figure in the 1998 and 1999 successes. "And Una played on those teams too, which made it an even greater honour for the family."

"It is extra special for me this year," Margaret confirms, "with Una not only captaining the side, but also winning her fifth All-Ireland medal."

Margaret, however, is delighted for the entire squad, and her fellow selectors. But she points out that: "This could not have been achieved without hard work. The work won't end here. We cannot allow it to, because the new girls coming on board next year will be anxious to continue our tremendous run in the Féile."

Cashel In Fine Form

CASHEL3-11
TOOMEVARA2-6

In the first of the Senior Championship games played at the week end Cashel were in top form against Toomevara in New Inn on Friday evening last to secure their second victory in the Senior Championship by 3-11 to 2-6.

Toomevara playing with the wind in the first half led at the break by 1-5 to 0-5 with Toomevara's goal coming in the 15th minute from Deirdre Hughes.

In the first minute of the second half Jovita Delaney playing at full forward collected from Philly Fogarty and rattled the Toomevara net. Lena Woods put Toomevara back in the lead two minutes later with a point and this looked as if we were going to have camogie at it's best for the next twenty five minutes. Everything seemed to start going wrong from this point on for Toomevara and Cashel had clocked up 1-4 between the seventh and twenty seventh minute without a reply from Toomevara, the goal once again coming from Jovita Delaney with the help of expert passing movements between Emily Hayden and Marie Gerard O'Dwyer.

Deirdre Hughes made an almighty attempt to lift the Toomevara score her attempt was saved by Sandra Ricken but Theresa Maxwell was on target with her connection and blasted the Cashel net. Once again Cashel came back up the field and proved what a force they are for the championship, Claire Grogan was fouled and pointed her free. From the puck out Kaiffie Moloney who was playing tremendous stuff in the half back line for Cashel and sent the ball into the hands of Helen Grogan who was also on song for Cashel and found the Toomevara net. Another well taken free by Claire Grogan left Cashel winners by 3-11 to 2-6.

Cashel were best served by Una O'Dwyer, Kaiffie Moloney, Triona Bonnar, Philly Fogarty, Claire Grogan, Jovita Delaney and Mairead Morrissey, while best for Toomevara were Suzanne Kelly, Lena Woods, Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy and Catherine Byrne.

Scorers:-
Cashel - Marie Gerard O'Dwyer (0-1), Jovita Delaney (3-1), Philly Fogarty (0-2), Emily Hayden (0-1), Claire Grogan (0-5), Helen Grogan (1-0).

Toomevara - Anna Woods (0-3), Noelle Kennedy (0-1).

emerged victorious with a three-point cushion.

Having already lost their opening game to Cashel some weeks ago Drom/Inch needed to win to keep their hopes alive. Burgess, however, had not played a game in the Championship as their first round against Templemore has been postponed.

Drom/Inch were first to open with a point from a

dine Kinnane and Joanne Ryan in the fifteenth and twenty first minutes saw them increase their lead to nine points with as many minutes remaining. However, they failed to capitalize on the possession they enjoyed and failed to register another score, having sent four wide.

Drom/Inch conceded a penalty in the twenty first minute and Eimear McDonnell registered her

Joanne Ryan 1-2, Helen Kiely 0-2, Melissa Stapleton 0-1.

Burgess - Eimear McDonnell 3-2, Sinead Nealon 0-2, Helena Frawley 0-1.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

PORTROE2-3
SILVERMINES0-4

Portroe seemed to have run out easy winners in this game, but this was not the case and the score line of 2-3 to 0-4 does not reflect the true standard of the game.

Silvermines new to this level stood very firm against a strong and experienced Portroe unit and fought to the very end. The Silvermines goalie Joanne Nolan played a tremendous part and made some superb saves.

Elaine Flynn got Portroe's first goal half way through the opening half and left the half time score 1-1 to 0-2 in favor of Portroe.

In the second half both sides contested every ball but it was Portroe who once again got the break and Elaine Ryan got their second goal in the twenty third minute. Silvermines fought right through to the end, but when the final whistle blew Portroe emerged winners by 2-3 to 0-4.

FEILE NA GAEL

TEMPLEMORE BOW OUT IN SEMI-FINAL

Templemore U/14 camogie team traveled to South Armagh club Ballymacnabb at the week-end representing their club and county in the National Feile Na nGael competition.

While they played well and reached the semi-final they had to encounter the Galway champions Davitt's and were unfortunately defeated by 1-3 to 0-2.

They played their first game on Friday morning against their host club Ballymacnabb and defeated them by 3-1 to 0-1. Their next game was against Keady (Armagh) here again they enjoyed victory by 5-12 to 0-0.

Douglas (Cork) were next in line, unless a disaster Templemore were sure of semi-final placing, Cork defeated them by 5-1 to 2-2, but by virtue of score difference Templemore were through to the semi-final. Ballymacnabb had

MUNSTER JUNIOR FINAL-

Tipperary and Cork Battle Once Again

Once again Tipperary and Cork battle it out for honors on Saturday evening next in The County Camogie Grounds at 3 p.m.

Tipperary defeated Cork in the Munster Final last year and went on to take the All-Ireland title. However this team has now gone up Intermediate and a complete new Tipperary team had to be revamped under the experienced hands of Fr. Peter Brennan, Joan Harkin and Jim Williams.

They have put in a lot of training and a number of challenge games. They had a comprehensive win over Waterford in the semi-final while Cork defeated Limerick in the other semi-final.

Tipperary have a very young team, but also have some experienced players in Alice Deane who captained the Junior side to the All-Ireland in 1998 but were defeated by the narrowest of margins by Galway. They also have Fiona Loughnane who is presently on the senior panel and the likes of Aine Mulcahy, Linda Breen, Helena Costigan and Caroline Greed all played for Tipperary Minors. With the experience and youth mixture Tipperary could well come out on top come Saturday evening against this Cork team who will no doubt be out to avenge their defeat of last year.

All concerned would appreciate support on Saturday evening and we look forward in anticipation to another victory over the Rebel County.

free by Marie Harkin in the fourth minute. In the seventh minute Eimear McDonnell scored the first of her hat trick for Burgess from a close in free. Drom/Inch scored five more points to Burgess one, three from frees by Marie Harkin and one each from play from Helen Kiely and Joanne Ryan. The Burgess point coming from Sinead Nealon.

Eimear McDonnell then scored her second goal of

third goal to narrow the gap to six points. Burgess added a further three points from Sinead Nealon and Helena Frawley from play and Eimear McDonnell from a free bringing the score to Drom/Inch 2-11, Burgess 3-5.

This was a thrilling finish to a very evenly contested game and one, which either side could have won.

However, Drom/Inch were sharper in attack and scored some

Bishops' boost as Ciara returns

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN
Camogie

CIARA HEALY will be back in action with Bishopstown in the opening round of the Cork senior camogie championship against Inniscarra at Newcestown tomorrow evening (8pm).

Healy has fully recovered from a knee injury that has kept her out of the game for 12 months.

Her return gives a timely boost to her colleagues and is a fillip to Healy herself, her club having missed out on a fifth championship in a row last season.

Healy was by a distance the leading scorer over the past few years. Now throw in Viv Harris, Eithne Duggan, Jean O'Sullivan, Trish Doyle, Caroline Kenny and the



CIARA HEALY

Enrights, and it all adds up to a formidable combination. Also back in town is Liz O'Neill who is now a selector with the side. Inniscarra still have a good number of last year's side available to them but they also have a sprinkling of new players.

Irene O'Keeffe, Paula Goggins, Ger Casey and Criona Harte will show the way to youngsters Rena Buckley and Margaret McCarthy.

There is an injury worry over Aileen O'Mahony, but the mid Cork girls will still travel with great optimism.

At Redmonds, also tomorrow night (8pm), Seandún will collide with Muskerry and this is anyone's call. Seandún will be without St Finbarr's who have moved up ranks, but could be provided with a massive lift if Amanda O'Regan is fit to take up one of the starting positions.

The Douglas club will backbone the side along with representations from Delany's, Na Piarasigh, Mayfield and St Vincents.

Tracey Sheehan and Mick O'Regan have worked hard preparing the team and while Seandún might not be as strong as last season, Mary Maher, Fiona O'Donovan, Claire Barry, Linsey O'Donovan and Catherine Barrett will give it everything for 60 minutes.

Muskerry are boosted by the inclusion of the Rockbawn players this year.

All of which means that Sile Burns and Caitriona Foley will join Aghabullogue's Sinead Buckley in the action. A formidable trio by any standards.

All three are playing well on the county front and will add strength to Muskerry's chances of a first round victory.

Equally busy in camogie

What the boys can do the ladies can match, with several big games to be decided including the opening salvo in the County Senior C'ship.

Seandún and Muskerry meet on Friday night in Redmonds, with the latter fancied to win, on the same night in Newcestown, Inniscarra and Bishopstown renew rivalry, the Town are not the force they once were and a win for the Mid-cork girls cannot be ruled out.

Two more games on Tuesday, Glen Rovers beset with injuries including one that keeps Linda Mellerick out face a tough task against Barryroe who will be favoured, while at the same time last years runners up Cloughduv should be to strong for Carbery.

Twenty four hours later in Ballincollig last years 'B' St Finbarrs winners make their return to the top flight after a long absence and should overcome Eire Og, while there is an intriguing local derby between Carrigdhoun and Courcy Rvs, with the club side expected to win out.

On the inter-county front the Munster Junior Final goes ahead on Saturday in The Ragg, near Thurles at 2.30 and Cork with Nora Ahern, Catriona Kelly, and Ger Collins should be to

strong for Tipperary.

Well done to Douglas on an excellent Feile in Antrim and also to Blackrock's Cait Kelleher who finished a creditable fourth in the skills competition.

In the Diary

TOMORROW
MJC Camogie final
Cork v Tipperary
The Ragg, 3pm

CORK'S prospects are boosted by the fact that they can call on many of last year's side resulting in much competition for places.

Caitriona Kelly is one of these players and has been outstanding at centre forward alongside Ger Collins and Colette Desmond while inside her Denise Twomey, Marie Watson and Amanda Murphy have proved themselves on many occasions. Val O'Keeffe and Emer O'Farrell are a very effective midfield pairing. And in a defence that was rock solid against Limerick, Jennifer Brown, Liz Sweetman, Niamh Bowles, Aileen O'Neill, Nora Ahern and Jemma O'Connor should all be in contention for places.

The Rebels will start favourites and have worked hard under selectors Marian McCarthy, Lillian Zinkant and Ollie Hallihane, but Zinkant said: "Tipp are All Ireland champions and will have many of last year's panel to choose from."

They will also have many of their minor side of two years ago. Alice Deane also makes a return to championship action and Fiona Loughnane will get a starting slot.

Verdict: Cork
THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Coiste Thiobraid
Aran Thuaidh

Cork's camogie championship begins this weekend, with some choice battles

Time to renew old rivalries as title race begins

TEN clubs and five divisional sides will throw their hats in the ring in search of Cork senior county championship honours as the action begins in

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

earnest on Friday night when there are two opening rounds to be decided. In the coming

fortnight there are no fewer than seven games down for decision. In what are repeats of last year's opening rounds, Inniscarra and Bishopstown renew

rivalry while at the same time divisional sides Seandún and Muskerry will again be in action. Bishopstown and Inniscarra should be a game worth a visit if last year's clash is anything to go by. On that occasion the Mid-Cork side were bitterly disappointed not to have succeeded having taken the game to the champions from the start. They have prepared well and are looking forward to making amends. However Bishopstown are always strong championship campaigners and will be determined to regain the

title they held from 1997 to 2000. Muskerry will be expected to hold off the challenge of Seandún who are depleted this year following the promotion of St. Finbarr's to senior ranks. Muskerry's challenge will be built around mid-Cork clubs Aghbullogue, Ballincollig, Grenagh and Rockbawn. Champions Cloughduv met Carbery in championship last year and on Tuesday evening next they again come face to face. Barryroe and Glen Rovers

should invoke memories of championship 2000 when Barryroe went on to reach the county final after a first round victory over Glen Rovers. This night week old rivals Eire Óg and St. Finbarr's meet. The Barrs, who are making a return to senior grade after an eight year absence, are determined to make their mark, and preparations have gone well in Togh. Winning the Senior B last season was a big boost to the club and they have done well in recent league games - most notably when they recorded a draw with

county champions Cloughduv. Eire Óg are in their second year back senior and will battle to the end. On Saturday next four teams will vie for the Christy Martin trophy as Douglas camogie club host Cloughduv, Courcsey Rovers and Inniscarra in their U11 tournament. The previous two years have seen Douglas take the honours and this year they will face tough opposition as they strive to make it three in a row. Play commences in the morning with an afternoon final.

Action-packed series of games

by Mary Newman

ACTIVITIES have now fully resumed following the break for exams, and certainly the programme is action packed in the coming week-end as followers will be spoiled for choice with Senior county championship action and a Munster Junior championship final down for decision.

Last season at the Ragg Tipperary stripped Cork of their Munster Junior crown and went on to take All Ireland honours. Just 12 months before the tables had been reversed when a young Cork side ran out winners in extra time after a pulsating contest. Those dramas will once again be re-enacted on Saturday when the sides come head-to-head to decide the title for 2002.

As a result of being crowned champions last year Tipperary are now are fielding a new team but, as has always been the case they will be strong in all sectors. The sides met earlier in the season in the national league with Cork coming out on top on a 2-16 to 0-4 scoreline.

The sides are as yet unnamed but Ellen Clifford will again be expected to guard the goal while Colette Desmond, Elaine McCarthy and Catriona Kelly should feature prominently in the Leesiders' challenge. The Cork selectors are concerned regarding injuries to Niamh Goulding, Amanda Murphy and Sinead Kelly and selector Ollie Hallihane is under no illusions. "Tipp will be tough. It's a Munster final and league form goes out the window. We understand they have a few players available this year who have been regraded and they will bring experience to the side. We are going well and are looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead"

Cork take on Tipp in eagerly awaited Munster Junior final

Tipperary will certainly pose a challenge in the form of Alice Deane, Melissa Stapleton and captain Fiona Loughlane. Coached by Fr Peter Brennan from the Clonulity-Rossmore club, the Tipperary backroom while conscious that they are fielding a new team this year and are reasonably confident.

Cork's most prestigious competition, the senior county championship, swings into action on Friday evening when two games are down for decision.

Months of preparations will come to fruition when Inniscarra meet Bishopstown and Seandún and Muskerry come face to face.

Bishopstown have attained the services of Joanne Brown who transferred from St Finbarr's and

she will be a big asset to them. Sheenagh Morley, Caroline Kenny and Sinead O'Callaghan are expected to make a return to the Bishopstown line out and will certainly boost the morale of the side who will be lining out minus Niamh Boner and Ruth Cahalan who are presently in Australia. Ciara Healy is recovered from a knee injury and she will be expected to lead the Bishopstown challenge from her customary full forward position.

Last year Fr O'Neill's stopped Bishopstown in their quest for five in a row and this time out the south city outfit will be on their guard against a similar occurrences at the hand of Inniscarra.

Glen can be title challengers

LINDA MELLERICK will once again miss the first round of the Cork County senior camogie championship when Glen Rovers meet Barryroe on Tuesday night. The Cork and Blackpool star is currently recovering from an ankle injury sustained while helping Cork to victory in the Munster championship a few weeks ago. 12 months ago, she missed out when the Glen went under to Seandún, but despite her absence next week, Linda says that the Glen are right up there and will be in contention.

"Training has been going well so far.

"The championship this year is very tight and Cloughduv will have to be watched again. They won their first county in great style last season, but they will possibly be weakened somewhat by the loss of Lynn Dunlea. The Glen played them in a challenge match recently and they came out on top by one point, so naturally the mood in the camp is quite positive."

The full list of matches taking place over this coming weekend are: Seandún v Muskerry, Inniscarra v Bishopstown, Glen Rovers v Barryroe, Cloughduv v Carbery, St Finbarr's v Eire Óg and Courcsey Rovers v Carrigdhoun.

● **MUSKERRY WIN:** A better balanced Muskerry took revenge for last season's defeat at the hands of Seandún when they recorded a deserved 7-11 to 1-1 victory in a one-sided Cork camogie championship at Redmonds last evening.

Scorers: Muskerry: S. Burns 2-3, M. Buckley 3-1, L. Dorgan 1-0, L. Murphy 0-5, C. Murphy 1-0, K. Crowley 0-1, N. O'Connell 0-1.

Seandún: M. Cotter 1-1.

● **INNISCARRA WIN:** Inniscarra recorded a historic first Senior Co. Championship victory since their elevations to the ranks six years ago when they defeated Bishopstown 4-7 to 1-1 at Newcestown.

Scorers for Inniscarra: C. Harte 2-3, T. McCarthy 1-1, P. Goggins, 1-0, M. McCarthy, 1-0, K. Keefe, and A. Golden 0-1 each.

Bishopstown: C. Healy 1-1.

JUNE 2002

The real Charlotte a class above the rest for Na Piarsaigh

Na Piarsaigh
Fr O'Neill's

6-3
4-0

by Tim Buckley

In the first under-14 county camogie 'C' semi-final played in Redmonds pitch last Tuesday evening, Na Piarsaigh started at a blistering pace, scoring a goal from the throw-in and putting 3-2 on the scoreboard within eight minutes, all the scores coming from their brilliant midfielder Charlotte Kearney.

Fr O'Neill's came more into the game for the next 15 minutes with some good play from Eileen O'Mahony, Kerri Hancock and Denise O'Leary and were rewarded with a goal from Sadie O'Meara. This was quickly cancelled out by a goal from Clodagh Scannell and a point from Charlotte Kearney giving Na Piarsaigh a half-time lead of 4-3 to 1-0.

Fr O'Neill's, playing with the wind in the second half, put up a

much better performance with two goals from Denise O'Leary in the first ten minutes. A goal from Charlotte Kearney was soon followed by another from Kerri Hancock of Fr O'Neill's. Then Charlotte Kearney soloed the length of the field to score a magnificent goal.

Blarney
Killeagh

3-1
2-2

In the U14 Cork Co. Camogie C 2nd semi final played in Carrigrohilly last Saturday Blarney can consider themselves lucky to have booked their place in the final. The half time score was 1-2 to 1-1 in favour of Killeagh.

In the second half Tracy O'Brien for Blarney and Niamh Loughlin for Killeagh exchanging goals, Tracey O'Brien goalied in the 28th min to snatch a two-point victory for Blarney.



COISTE COMHAIRLE NA MUMHAN
MUNSTER JUNIOR FINAL 2002
SATURDAY JUNE 29TH IN COUNTY CAMOGIE GROUNDS
TIOBRAID ÁRANN V CORCAIGH
REFEREE: JOE O'DONNELL (CLARE)



TIOBRAID ÁRANN

(BLUE & GOLD)

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JILL HORAN
(CLONOLTY/ROSSMORE) | 3.
CAROLINE GREED
(BOURNEA) | 4.
TRISHA RYAN
(TOOMEVARA) |
| 2.
IMELDA SPILLANE
(FETHARD) | 6.
HELENA COSTIGAN
(BOURNEA) | 7.
LINDA BREEN
(DROM/INCH) |
| 5.
UNA O'ROURKE
(KILRUANE McDONAGH) | 8.
MARY RYAN
(CLONOLTY/ROSSMORE) | 9.
ÁINE MULCAHY
(BURGESS) |
| 10.
FIONA LOUGHNANE
(TEMPLEMORE) | 11.
MELISSA STAPLETON
(DROM/INCH) | 12.
SARAH GLEESON
(MOYCARKEY/BORIS) |
| 13.
ALICE DEANE
(KILRUANE McDONAGH) | 14.
LIBBY TWOMEY
(CASHIEL) | 15.
GERALDINE KINNANE
(DROM/INCH) |

SUBS: 16) JULIE KIRWAN (MONEYGALL), 17) ALMA HEFFERNAN (CLONOLTY/ROSSMORE), 18) BREDÁ BURKE (GAELS), 19) CAROLINE KIRWAN (MONEYGALL), 20) CATHY DORAN (CLONOLTY ROSSMORE), 21) EIMEAR RYAN (MONEYGALL), 22) EILEEN RYAN (MONEYGALL), 23) CATHRIONA CANTWELL (MOYCARKEY/BORIS), 24) MARIE G. O'DWYER (CASHIEL), 25) THERSE MAXWELL (TOOMEVARA)

CORCAIGH

(RED & WHITE)

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| 1.
EILEEN CLIFFORD
(ST. FINBARRS) | 3.
LIZ SEEETNAM
(FR. O'NEILLS) | 4.
NÍAMH BOLES
(NEWTOWNSHANDRUM) |
| 2.
JENNIFER BROWNE
(BALLYGARVAN) | 6.
NORA AHEARNE
(FR. O'NEILLS) | 7.
GEMMA O'CONNOR
(ST. FINBARRS) |
| 5.
AIDEEN O'NEILL
(BALLYGARVAN) | 8.
VALERIE O'KEEFFE
(KILBRITTAIN) | 9.
EIMEAR O'FARRELL
(SARSFIELDS) |
| 10.
GERALDINE COLLINS
(BALLYROE) | 11.
CATHRIONA KELLY
(BALLYGARVAN) | 12.
COLLETTE DESMOND
(NEWCESTOWN) |
| 13.
AMANDA MURPHY
(BALLYGARVAN) | 14.
MARIE WATSON
(MILFORD) | 15.
ELAINE MCCARTHY
(BALLYROE) |

SUBS: 16) Siobhan Dowling (Youghal), 17) Denise Twomey (St. Catherines), 18) Edel Foley (Kilbrittain), 19) Deirdre Fleming (Ballinghassig), 20) Mairead Holland (Ballinghassig), 21) Noreen Mulcahy (St. Catherines), 22) Marian Jagoe (Tracton), 23) Rachel Myres (St. Finbarrs), 24) Jean O'Sullivan (Bishopstown), 25) Sinead Kelly (Glen Rovers), 26) Niamh Goulding (Glen Rovers)

Super Cork in control against Tipp

Cork 1-12
Tipperary 2-4

CORK stripped the Munster and All-Ireland camogie champions, Tipp, of their junior crown on Saturday at The Ragg in a very exciting provincial decider.

With just the bare minimum separating the sides at half-time Cork pulled on all their experience, and the accuracy of Cathriona Kelly, to steer them through.

Kelly emerged with 0-8 to her credit, all from placed balls, and her positioning at centre forward caused many problems for the Tipperary backline. Industrious full-forward Marie Watson was another to cause great trouble for Tipperary.

A goal, from all of 40 metres, on the run up to half-time by midfielder Val O'Keeffe regained the lead for the Rebels, but only momentarily as Fiona Loughnane replied almost immediately to give the Premier County a one point advantage turning over for the second-half.

Cork had raced into a five point lead with 15 minutes remaining, but Tipp had more in the bag. A goal from Ger Kinnane, following a great solo run, ensured that this game went down to the wire.

However, Cork finished strongly scoring five points on-the-trot two from Kelly, and one each from Gemma O'Connor, Amanda Murphy and Collette Desmond to secure victory.

Scorers for Cork: C Kelly 0-8 (0-7), 0-1 45m), V O'Keeffe 1-0, A Murphy 0-2, G O'Connor and C Desmond 0-1 each.

Tipperary: F Loughnane 1-2 (0-1), G Kinnane 1-0, S Gleeson 0-2.

CORK: E Clifford; J Browne, L Sweetman, N Bowles; A O'Neill, N Ahern, G O'Connor; V O'Keeffe, E O'Farrell; G Collins, C Kelly, C Desmond; A Murphy, M Watson, S McCarthy.

Subs: E Foley for L Sweetman, M Holland for G Collins.

TIPPERARY: G Horan; I Spillane, C Greed, T Ryan; U O'Rourke, H Costigan, L Breen; M Ryan, A Mulcahy; F Loughnane, M Stapleton, S Gleeson; A Deane, L Twomey, G Kinnane.

Subs: J Kirwan for U O'Rourke, A Heffernan for A Deane.

Camogie

Monaghan picked up their first ever Ulster Minor B title when they caught favourites Tyrone by surprise in Derrylaughan on Saturday evening, running out 5-3 to 1-1 winners.

The Farney side were better-balanced overall and had more players capable of taking a score than their opponents who looked to Mary Jordan to provide inspiration.

Six different players made the scoresheet for Monaghan and they will be hopeful that they can make an impact on the All-Ireland series later in the month.

Monaghan scorers: C McGeeney (1-1), C Mason (1-1), R McKenna (1-0), L Hughes (1-0), M Greenan (1-0), H Hughes (0-1).

Tyrone scorers: M Jordan (1-1), F Begley (1-0).

Clonoe staged a strong second half rally to capture their second ever Tyrone camogie title yesterday, beating Eglis 2-6 to 1-5. Dolores Hughes and Eilish Mullan got the Clonoe goals. Meanwhile, Castleblayney retained their Monaghan county title with a 5-4 to 2-1 victory over Inniskeen.

In Derry, it was semi-finals day and Lavey had a runaway 4-12 to 0-1 win over Bellaghy, while holders Swatragh beat Ballinascreen 1-13 to 0-5.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Well done to Cork camogie team coach Pa Finn on his victory in the Palace Cup competition at Douglas last week. The Muskerry ten handicapper, who has inspired several GAA teams to county championship victories, posted a great 66 nett to win by two from host club member Anthony Gaffney who-plays off four.

Antrim served up an excellent first half performance in yesterday's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior camogie championship tie with Kilkenny, but the Cats pulled away after the break to win 3-12 to 0-7. Jane Adams scored six of Antrim's seven points over the hour, while Kilkenny had eight different players making the scoreboard, with Sinead Millea topping the charts with 1-6. Catherine Doherty's early goal was the difference at the break - 1-3 to 0-4 - and Millea and Jackie Frisby hit the Antrim net during the second half, for what was eventually a comfortable victory. Galway also comfortably progressed to the quarter-finals with a 3-9 to 1-5 victory over Wexford at Wexford Park.

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Michael P. Ryan;
 Tipperary Co-op Ladies
 Day - 1st Irene Ryan (15)
 68; 2nd Carmel Ryan (34)
 68; 3rd Catherine Power
 (21) 71.

A poor league performance did not see them qualify for the closing stages, but they have

We hope that Tipperary will get big support on Sunday, the game is in their own back yard, it would be a great boost to the girls if they had a big following. Let all roads lead to Semple Stadium on Sunday at 3 o'clock to cheer on this fantastic unit who have brought glory and honour to the county for the past three years.

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

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In the Diary

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Harte-beats sent racing by a championship cracker

Barryroe 1-9
Glen Rovers 3-3

WHEN Glen Rovers and Barryroe meet for the replay of this Cork County senior camogie championship first round game, the crowd will certainly be back hoping for more of the same.

Last evening's clash in Bandon was the highlight of the championship so far as both sides served up a marvellous contest that took an Emma Harte point in injury time to give the Glen another bite of the cherry.

Even the very slippery

conditions that prevailed earlier in the evening failed to deter the high standard of play. It would have been rough justice if either side lost as both teams had to fight back on different occasions for parity.

When the city side galloped into a 2-2 to 1-0 lead in the opening quarter there was a sense that they were going to romp home with a huge victory.

Also, the manner in which Denise Cronin whipped both goals to the Barryroe net rightfully suggests that the Glen full forward was their most influential performer.

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN
Cork Camogie Championship

Barryroe never lost touch though, and Elaine McCarthy's goal after five minutes was a splendid effort when she disposed Glen keeper, Lisa Long. However, it was the only error that the custodian made on the night and made amends with a fine display for the remaining 55 minutes. Jennifer O'Leary was ultimately Barryroe's best performer and enjoyed a great tussle with centre back Jill Hannon.

After a brilliant fight back Barryroe trailed by just one

point at the interval and with four unanswered points from O'Leary, they looked to be in a comfortable position entering the final ten minutes of the game. But, with Sharon O'Shaughnessy, Hannon and Mary Burke winning lots of good possession for the Glen, the pressure increased and they were rewarded when Harte's shot went all the way to the net to tie up matters entering the final straight.

In fairness to Barryroe, they responded bravely and O'Leary shot over for the lead. But, the Glen held their nerve and it was Harte who fired over the equaliser in the 61st

minute.

Scorers Barryroe: J. O'Leary 0-7 (0-11, 0-1 45m), E. McCarthy 1-0, R. Dineen and G. Collins 0-1 each.

Scorers Glen Rovers: D. Cronin 2-2, E. Harte 1-1.

Barryroe: C. Keohane, E. Carroll, M. Sheehy, P. Moloney, A. M. Fleming, R. Holland, E. O'Regan, K. McCarthy, I. Dineen, C. Dineen, J. O'Leary, L. Gannon, G. Collins, E. McCarthy, R. Dineen.

Glen Rovers: L. Long, C. Buckley, N. Goulding, A. Guiton, E. Riordan, J. Hannon, S. O'Shaughnessy, M. Burke, C. Shortt, D. Bracken, E. Harte, S. Kelly, M. Hegarty, D. Cronin, J. O'Sullivan.

Subs: B. Keneffick for J. O'Sullivan, A. Horgan for E. Riordan.

Elsewhere last evening, County champions Cloughduv fought back when they looked dead and buried, to claim a 2-5 to 1-5 win over Carbery in

their 1st round championship clash, at Riverstick.

For a long time in this game a shock exit appeared to be on the cards for the club side but a much-improved second-half performance ensured ultimate victory.

An early goal from Miriam Deasy gave Carbery a 1-2 to 0-2 lead at the break, but too many misses proved costly in the end, despite the battling qualities of Val O'Keeffe and Colette Desmond, Cloughduv carved a win.

The divisional team would have to be deemed a shade unlucky not to have created a shock result.

Numbers game at Brinny

Carrigdhoun 0-14
Courcey Rovers 1-11
By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN
Camogie

CONSTERNATION reigned in Brinny last evening in the Cork County senior camogie championship, as referee Peter Downey's full-time scoreline did not match those of the reporters.

At half-time the man with the whistle was adamant that the scoreboard was correct, 0-7 to 0-5 in favour of Carrigdhoun, however the tally people on the sideline agreed the score was 0-7 to 0-4.

But the real issue developed at full time when the referee recorded a score of 0-14 to 1-11, against our record of 0-14 to 1-10.

No mathematical genius needed to tell the obvious but according to the official in charge this game ended in a draw and will have to be played for again.

However, it was ironic in one way that the referee deemed this showdown a draw, as it would have been a fitting result to a game keenly contested by such

great rivals.

Carrigdhoun should have been out the gate such was their dominance particularly in the first half. An injury to Catriona Kelly early on in the game restricted her influence and forced her to move from centre forward, where she was having a great tussle with Sarah Hayes, to full forward.

Ann Kiely had a superb opening half making three marvellous saves and Jennifer Brown was doing great work at full back. Elaine Burke adjusted well to her new position at centre back and Emer Dillon caught the eye at midfield.

On the restart, Courcey's really came into their own hitting a goal and two points to put them in the driving seat. The goal was brilliantly set up from a long delivery by Moloney, and her namesake Therese Moloney buried from close range.

However, by the three-quarter stage, the divisional side had moved ahead 0-11 to 1-6, and with

five minutes remaining increased this lead to 0-14 to 1-7. But Courcey Rovers bravely fought back with Rachel Moloney hitting over three pointed frees in the closing minutes.

Scorers for Carrigdhoun: C. Kelly 0-7 (0-5 frees), M. Jagoe 0-2, S. O'Donovan, M. Holland, E. Dillon, A. Murphy and C. Deasy 0-1 each.

Courcey Rovers: R. Moloney 0-9 (0-7 frees, 0-1 45m), T. Moloney 1-0, C. Murphy 0-1.

CARRIGDHOON: A. Kiely, M. Hurly, J. Brown, D. Fleming, A. O'Neill, E. Burke, C. Holland, E. Dillon, L. Bugler, M. Holland (capt), C. Kelly, M. Jagoe, A. Murphy, S. O'Donovan, S. Holland. **Subs:** S. A. O'Halloran for C. Holland, C. Deasy for S. Holland.

COURCEY ROVERS: J. Hayes, J. Murphy, C. Hannon, M. O'Donovan, M. O'Donoghue, S. Hayes (capt), K. Keohane, A. O'Regan, N. Collins, C. Murphy, R. Moloney, S. Quinn, T. Moloney, R. Moloney, M. O'Leary.

Subs: S. Downing for C. Hannon, G. Twomey for M. O'Donoghue.

Referee: P. Downey (Innisearra).

Elsewhere, last season's senior B County champions St Finbarr's totally outclassed a young Eire Og team to march into round two.

They stormed to a massive 5-14 to 0-2 victory at Ballincollig with the city side's greater experience and skill shining through.



INSPIRATION: Sarah Hayes was an inspiration for Courcey Rovers. Picture: Inpho

Facile victory for St Finbarr's as Courceys and

St Finbarr's 5-14
Eire O'g 0-2

by Mary Newman

A SHARPER, fitter St Finbarr's announced their return to senior ranks with a comfortable victory over Eire O'g in the Cork camogie Championship at Ballincollig last evening.

Orla O'Sullivan was the star of St Finbarr's side as she contributed 2-10.

The Barrs led 0-5 to no score at the

break thanks to O'Sullivan who got all but one of their opening half scores.

O'Sullivan had stretched her side's lead with three unanswered points before two goals inside a minute saw no way back for Eire O'g.

To their credit Eire O'g battled hard and opened their scoring from an Ellen O'Herlihy free nine minutes into the half.

But Colette O'Mahony, Valerie Maher and Orla O'Sullivan goals put the result beyond doubt long before Eire

O'g's Clodagh Crowley got her team's second and final point.

Scorers St. Finbarr's: O. O'Sullivan (2 12), V. Maher (1 1), R. Myers (1 1), C. O'Mahony (1 0), E. O'g: C. Crowley (0 1), E. O'Herlihy (0 1). **ST. FINBARRS:** E. Clifford, C. Harrington, D. Clarke, B.A. Corcoran, K. Buckley, L. O'Connell, Colette Kirby, Claire Kirby, G. O'Connor, J. Duffy, B. Maher, R. Myers, V. Maher, O. O'Sullivan, C. O'Mahony. **EIRE O'G:** Y. Malone, T. Murphy, Y. O'Leary, C. McKenna, S. O'Driscoll, A. McKenna, Y. Corkery, H. Walsh, E. O'Herlihy, A. McCarthy, L. O'Leary, C. McKenna, D. Healy, C. Crowley, C. O'Leary. **Subs:** M. Corkery for E. McCarthy. **Referee:** D. Daly (Sarsfields).

Carrigdhoun 0-15
Courcey Rovers 1-12

Carrigdhoun are adamant the referee got the scoreline wrong in this Championship match at Brinny last evening.

At half time, most of those present had Carrigdhoun leading 0-7 to 0-4, but both the scoreboard and referee indicated a score of 0-7 to 0-5.

Just one point separated the teams inside six minutes of the restart when Rachel Moloney struck to give Car-

Carrigdhoun draw

rigdhoun the lead with a goal.

Marian Jagoe had the divisional side back on level terms inside three minutes and once again the sides exchanged points with Kelly and Moloney the providers. Clodagh Deasy and Kelly, with two points, opened up a three point gap in favour of the divisional side, but Courcey's battled on with points from Rachel Moloney.

Murphy, S. O'Donovan, S. Holland, Subs: S. O'Halloran for C. Holland, C. Deasy for A. Murphy.

COURCEY ROVERS: J. Hayes, J. Murphy, C. Hannon, M. O'Donovan, M. O'Donoghue, S. Hayes, K. Keohane, A. O'Regan, N. Collins, C. Murphy, R. Moloney, T. Moloney, S. Quinn, Rosemary Moloney, M. O'Leary. **Subs:** S. Downing for C. Hannon, J. Twomey for M. O'Donoghue.

Referee: P. Downey (Innisearra).

CARRIGDHOON: A. Kiely, M. Hurly, J. Brown, D. Fleming, A. O'Neill, E. Burke, C. Holland, E. Dillon, E. Bugler, M. Holland, C. Kelly, M. Jagoe, A.

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Inniscarra notch up first senior championship win

Camogie Mary Newman

Inniscarra 4-7
Bishopstown 1-1

FRIDAY last was an historic day for Inniscarra when they recorded their first victory in the Cork county senior camogie championship by defeating Bishopstown in Newcestown. Graded senior years ago, the Mid Cork club, in the interim, have worked hard and the victory is one which is very pleasing to Michael O'Mahony and his backroom team.

Inniscarra laid the foundations for victory in an opening half which yielded four goals from Paula Goggins, Treasa McCarthy and Criona Harte. Inniscarra had points from Irene O'Keeffe, Harte, and Ann Golden. They led 4-5 to 1-0 at the break, the Bishopstown goal coming from Ciara Healy.

A much improved Bishopstown closed down the Inniscarra attack in the second half, and with Vivienne Harris doing great work, they improved considerably. To their credit, the Inniscarra defence stood firm with Eadoine O'Mahony and Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan outstanding in a low scoring second half during which Inniscarra added points from Criona Harte and Margaret McCarthy, while Ciara Healy added one to the Bishopstown total.

Muskerry 7-11
Seandun 1-1

In an all divisional clash Muskerry totally outplayed Seandun at the excellent Redmond's venue on Friday last. With full forward Mary Buckley contributing 3-2 of her side's total, the Mid Cork side were always in control. They led 2-4 to 0-0 at the end of the first quarter thanks to goals from Buckley and Sile Burns. Michelle Cotter opened the Seandun account with a 20th minute point and almost immediately cut the deficit when she finished Judy Buckley's cross to the net.

Seandun lost a chance to cut the Muskerry lead when

they failed to convert two goal chances in succession, and it was Muskerry who finished the half stronger with a Linda Dorgan goal to lead 3-6 to 1-1 at the break.

From the restart Muskerry applied the pressure and they were rewarded with goals from Mary Buckley, Sile Burns and Ciara Murphy to advance comfortably to a meeting with either Fr O'Neil's or Newtownshandrum in the next round.

The senior championship continues this evening when Barryroe and Glen Rovers meet in Bandon while, in Riverstick, county champions Cloughduv face Carbery tomorrow evening and newly-promoted St Finbarr's meet Eire Og in Ballincollig with Courcey Rovers and Carrighoun meeting in Brinny.

Cloughduv took the title in tremendous style last season and will be determined to make it two-in-a-row.

While Lynn Dunlea has retired, they still have a strong side with Stephanie Dunlea, Joanne O'Callaghan and Una O'Donoghue all members of the county senior side while Aoife Murray, Breege Corkery and Leonie Nolan are experienced campaigners.

Last year the sides met in the opening round also and it was a lively affair. Carbery have prepared well and with the experienced Miriam Deasy, Colette Desmond, Emer O'Sullivan and Hilda Kenneally all in their line-out, they will prove more than a handful for the champions.

Barryroe and Glen Rovers met in the opening round two years ago.

Trisha Murphy, who lined out in that clash, is now part of the Glen back room team, and while they are lining out without their influential inter-county player Linda Mellerick, who is injured, the Glen will field a young side who are looking forward to the challenge.

Barryroe are a talented outfit with Cora Keohane, Rosalie Holland and Jennifer O'Leary all members of the Cork senior team.

Limerick have tough nut to crack in Cork

LIMERICK v Cork in round one of the All-Ireland senior championship at Paire Uí Rinn on Sunday at 2.30pm is the big game of the weekend in Limerick camogie circles and hopefully there will be good support in the Munster capital to cheer on the girls in green.

A win (3-9 to 2-5) over Sunday's opponents in the National league semi-final, a brave effort in the final v Galway, even in defeat (1-7 to 6-6), good form in recent challenges v Tipperary and Wexford, all have bred confidence and self-belief, and if

Maíread Kelly, Michelle Casey, Maria Keating, Rose Collins, Marian Neville etc play to their ability on Sunday, a surprise result is on the cards.

However, the possible loss of Vera Sheehan (injury) and Meadhbh Nash (on duty with the co. junior football team v Cork in the Munster championship round one, will be very severe.

On a positive note Edel Reale is available to take over the troublesome goal keeping spot, while ace underage forwards Joanne Clifford and Sinead McAuliffe, exams completed have been added to the panel. So best of luck Limerick and

all support welcome.

Training continues for the county under-16's (with Tom Hennessy, Ger Mulcahy, Shiela Treacy, T.J. Moloney the selection committee), now, little more than two weeks away from their All-Ireland B championship, semi-final clash with Monaghan, on Sunday July 21 at a Monaghan venue. Claire Mulcahy (Ahane) captains the team.

On the local scene the senior championship commenced on Sunday last, with a preliminary round.

Granagh-Ballingarry (3-9) were pushed all the way by Killeedy (2-5), Croagh-Kilfinny (5-5) came with a

late second half scoring spree to deservedly win v Killeedy (2-5) while result from Ahane v Adare/Patrickswell has not reached the P.R.Os desk! A result from U-16 B championship preliminary round is Newcastlewast 2-5 Croagh-Kilfinny 1-0, while in the junior league, section B Knockaderry (9-7) qualified for the semi-finals defeating Feenagh-Kilmeedy (1-0).

This week the U-16B championship continues with the semi-finals on Friday July 5, while the county U-10 blitz is scheduled for Patrickswell on Saturday next.

Ten out of ten for red-hot Kildorrery

Kildorrery
Charleville

10-10
2-1

By TIM BUCKLEY
Camogie

CIARA LYNCH gave Kildorrery a dream start in this U14 Cork County 12-a-side camogie final, scoring 1-1 in the opening 10 minutes.

Teresa Browne grabbed a goal in the 13th minute for Charleville but Kildorrery upped the tempo considerably.

Two goals from Ciara Lynch, 1-1 from Orla Murphy and a goal apiece from Denise O'Regan and Emma Coughlan saw Kildorrery led by 6-2 to 2-0 at the interval.

Charleville's Leanne O'Regan made a series of excellent saves as Kildorrery, inspired by the irrepressible Lynch and Coughlan, poured forward at every given opportunity.

Player of the match Orla Murphy for Kildorrery played a part in each of her side's second half goals, combining well with all the forward line and also contributing a massive 1-7.

In the end Charleville had no answer

to a highly convincing Kildorrery display.

Scorers Kildorrery: O Murphy 2-8 (1-0), C Lynch 3-2, E Coughlan 3-0, D O'Regan and M T Baker 1-0 each.

Charleville: T Browne and D O'Callaghan 1-0 each, F Lambert 0-1(f).

Kildorrery: C Smith; A O'Connor; T Kinsella, G Walsh, P O'Donnell; Z Monaghan, O Murphy (Capt), K Dwane; D O'Regan, C Lynch, V Monaghan; E Coughlan;

Subs: N Walsh for V Monaghan 30 mins, M Hanley for K Dwane 51 mins, A Lane, C Walsh, E O'Dwyer and M T Baker for D O'Regan 43 mins.

Charleville: L O'Regan; S Sheehan; L Lambert, M O'Sullivan, E Gould; D Nash, F Lambert (Capt), S Gould; A O'Connell, E McCarthy, D O'Callaghan; T Browne;

Subs: A Burns for E Gould inj. 5 mins, A Kelleher for D O'Callaghan 38 mins, M Reidy, R Peddle for A O'Connell 54 mins, T O'Sullivan for L Lambert 58 mins.

Referee: John Barry, Mallow.

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Cork and Limerick again, in Camogie

Cork begin their bid for the All-Ireland Camogie title when Limerick travel to Paire Uí Rinn on Sunday next at 2.30 in a game that may not be as clear-cut as was expected when the draws were made earlier in the year.

Limerick surprised many, but not themselves when they beat Cork in the league semi-final recently and while they lost the final to Galway, their first win over the Cork ladies in over twenty years, will have given them a huge boost in advance of Sundays tie.

Cork have encountered a number of injuries and definitely out is the vastly experienced Linda Mellerick, while Denise Cronin and Joanne O'Callaghan have also been injured of late and will lack match practice if chosen to start.

It has not been the best of seasons so far, and while they have been understrength in some games, they have suffered losses to teams that they were always capable of beating in the past, so on Sunday there may be a slight degree of anxiety, despite the option of another game should they fail.

Having said all that I still expect them to win, Viv Harris, Mary O'Connor, Paula O'Connor, Caoimhe Harrington and Jennifer O'Leary will feature and have the ability to steer the side to victory.

Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien and Aoife Sheehan will lead the Limerick challenge who will on this occasion have to settle for the alternative in order to make progress.

Well done to the Cork Juniors

who won the Munster title last Saturday and now face Derry in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Cloughduv battle back from poor start as Glen draw with Barryroe

Cloughduv 2-5
Carbery 1-5

by Tom Higgins

REIGNING county champions Cloughduv were extremely lucky to get over their first-round tie in the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Riverstick last night.

The holders had a disastrous opening period and, in fact, it was in only the last two minutes of the half that they managed to put over two points to leave themselves trailing by a goal, 1-2 to 0-2 at the interval.

A point from Suzanne Deasy from a 45 in the opening minute set Carbery on their way, and when Miriam Deasy goaled after 12 minutes and Suzanne Deasy had a point in the 20th minute, their side led by 1-2 to nil coming up to half-time.

Cloughduv played better in the second-half but will have to show vast improvement if it is to retain its

title.

A point from Una O'Donoghue and a goal from Catherine Corkery after three minutes put Cloughduv in the lead for the first time, but Collette Desmond made it all-square in the 39th minute.

A Brid Corkery point a minute later put Cloughduv in front again and a lucky og in the 50th minute gave the holder a four-point lead.

Desmond reduced the arrears to a goal again with a point five minutes from time and in the closing stages, Brid Corkery and Suzanne Deasy swapped points to leave them 2-5 to 1-5 going into injury time.

Carbery made a do-or-die effort in injury time and Steffi Dunlea saved the champions when she took the ball off the line.

Scorers for Cloughduv: B. Corkery (1 2, 1 0 o.g.), C. Corkery (1 2), U. O'Donoghue (0 1). **Carbery:** M. Deasy (1 0), S. Deasy (0 4, 0 1 45, 0 2 frees), C. Desmond (0 1). **Cloughduv:** A. Murray, J. O'Callaghan, O. O'Callaghan, S. Buckley, S. Corkery, M. Cork-

ery, J. Lynch, O. McCarthy, J. Lucey, C. Cronin, S. Dunlea, A. Buckley, C. Corkery, U. O'Donoghue, B. Corkery.

Carbery: E. Twohig, D. Coughlan, R. Desmond, A. Coughlan, C. Deasy, E. O'Sullivan, H. Kenneally, V. O'Keeffe, E. O'Sullivan, C. Desmond, S. Deasy, A. Foley, A. O'Neill, M. Deasy, S. Sexton.

Referee: B. Joyce (Killeagh).

Glen Rovers
Barryroe

3-3
1-9

AN exciting championship clash between Barryroe and Glen Rovers ended all-square at Bandon.

Glen dictated the opening ten minutes and led 2-2 to 0-3 by the midway stage after Denise Cronin had billowed the Barryroe net for two goals.

Barryroe had a goal from Elaine McCarthy on the 24th minute and points from Jenny O'Leary and Ger Collins brought it within a point of Glen at the half-time whistle.

On the restart, Barryroe took the game to Glen. Points from O'Leary, McCarthy and Collins saw it open

up a lead and threaten to overpower its opponent. To their credit, Glen battled on and a goal from the alert Sinead Kelly had them back on level terms with eight minutes left.

With both sides now working hard to gain the initiative, it was Barryroe's Jenny O'Leary who put her side ahead with a well struck point. But Glen grabbed the equaliser when Emma Harte fought her way past the Barryroe defence and popped the ball over the bar.

Scorers for Barryroe: E. McCarthy 1 1, G. O'Leary 0 5, E. McCarthy 1 2, G. Collins 0 2. **Glen Rovers:** D. Cronin 2 2, S. Kelly 1 0, E. Harte 0 1.

Barryroe: C. Keohane, E. Carroll, M. Sheehy, P. Maloney, A. Fleming, Rosalie Holland, E. O'Regan, K. McCarthy, I. Dineen, L. Gannon, G. Collins, J. O'Leary, E. McCarthy, R. Dineen, C. Dineen, sub. M. Maloney for L. Gannon.

Glen Rovers: L. Long, K. Buckley, N. Goulding, A. Guiton, E. Riordan, G. Hannon, S. O'Shaughnessy, M. Burke, C. Shortt, D. Bracken, E. Harte, S. Kelly, M. Hegarty, D. Cronin, J. O'Sullivan, subs. B. Koneflek for J. O'Sullivan, A. Horgan for E. Riordan.

Referee: J. Desmond (Bandon).

At the launch of Foras na Gaeilge's sponsorship in Pairc an Chrocaigh were (l-r): Sonya Byrne, Ath Cliath captain; Jane Adams, Aontroim; Vera Sheehan Luimneach captain; Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael Padhraichin Ní Raifeartaigh with the O'Duffy Cup; Joe McDonagh, Chief Executive of Foras na Gaeilge; Una O'Donoghue, Corcaigh captain; Martina Harkin, an Ghaillimh captain; Esther Kennedy, Cill Chainnigh



An Ghaillimh manager Michael Kennedy with captain Martina Harkin, Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael Padhraichin Ní Raifeartaigh, and Seosamh McDonncha, Chief Executive of Foras na Gaeilge with a firm grip on the National League trophy in the presence of the O'Duffy Cup



Championships for all

The summer of 2002 may not be everyone's dream of sundrenched beaches and ice-cream but from the 30th of June until the 15th of September the senior intercounty stars of this country will not really care about the weather as they pour all their camogie skills and energy into the Foras na Gaeilge Senior All-Ireland championship series, writes Maire i Scolai.

Back in early June a very enjoyable evening was had in Pairc an Chrocaigh when numerous intercounty stars, managers and camogie personnel including Uachtaran Padhraichin Ní Raifeartaigh gathered with members of Foras na Gaeilge including the Chief Executive of Foras na Gaeilge Joe McDonagh who recalled a famous day back in 1980 when the MacCarthy Cup went west and the one and only Joe sang the West's Awake with great gusto. Back in '95 the then Bord na Gaeilge came on board to become the first sponsors of the senior All-Ireland championship series. Since then many changes have taken place both within the game and from a media view point. Undoubtedly the live televising of the All-Ireland Final is possibly the item most people mention nowadays and it certainly has brought far more people around to see how skillful a game it is. It has also made people realise just how much effort the females of this country put into trying to capture the elusive O'Duffy Cup.

Foras na Gaeilge grew from Bord na Gaeilge and just like Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael is an all-island body catering for people of all thirty two counties. It is very gratifying to see so many people nowadays becoming interested in the Irish language and even a growing percentage of media personnel are now very happy to transact camogie business through the medium of Irish. On the night Uachtaran Padhraichin Ní Raifeartaigh spoke of both organisations having the same ideals, and how both were very much to the fore back at the beginning of last century when the Irish

language movement was very much undergoing a renaissance and rebirth. At the same time the females of the country were beginning to take to the sports fields and in 1904 Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael was founded and now almost one hundred years later it is almost 85,000 strong and growing.

Back in '99 a talented Tipperary All-Ireland medal holder Michael Cleary came to the fore with Tipperary and what a fairy tale story since then. Badly beaten in the League final of that same year in their home pitch of Semple Stadium, it was enough to send them running for cover, but no they choose to come out and tell the country they were better than that. Since then many counties are probably asking what is their secret of success? Dublin, who have a very proud tradition of winning 26 senior All-Ireland titles, but alas have not inscribed their name on the O'Duffy Cup since '84, will take on the mighty Sliabh na mBan girls in the first round of the championship in Tipperary. It may well be a match that will bring memories of the '84 All-Ireland back for people as it was the Dubs who toppled Tipperary on that occasion. However, as we all know the game has changed so much since then. Speaking recently to Michael Cleary, he will not be taking the visit of Dublin lightly at all.

"Teams are now gradually improving and the competition is increasingly sharper all the time which is great for the game," admitted Cleary. Looking back at the National League one can see exactly what the Tipp manager is saying as some of the counties who

were out of the limelight for some years reached the latter stages of the competition. Dublin for instance reached the semi-final against Galway for the first time in over ten years. The Dubs were very much there until just before halftime when Sharon Glynn sent Galway slightly ahead at the break with a fine goal. The extra experience of Galway began to shine through in the second half and one could see how Galway's Sharon Glynn and star of the '96 All-Ireland victory, Denise Gilligan are combining very well and I feel they may yet prove a threat to various backlines this summer. However, the experience the Dubs derived from that game will stand to them in their outing against Tipperary. They will travel to Tipp in the knowledge that they were without a number of key players that day and having played a number of challenge matches since they should not lack match fitness on the day. Whoever loses at least have the consolation that they have the back door, but neither manager will be thinking of that route as yet.

Another very interesting encounter will surely be that of the Cork v Limerick clash in Cork. Again, Limerick were another surprise package team of the League and were over the moon when not only did they beat Cork in the semi-final but they managed to keep them scoreless in the first half. Like the Dubs, this experience will stand to Limerick, but I feel that Cork will still have too much wealth and experience for them in the opening round. Limerick will certainly not be going down to just make up the numbers on this occasion and it will give the younger players a lot more incentive.

Last year's All-Ireland finalists Kilkenny will take on last year's Intermediate All-Ireland champions Antrim in Kilkenny. The former Kilkenny player Ann Downey, now the team's manager, seems to be getting Kilkenny into shape and with Antrim not having a great year the Cats will possibly take the winnings on the day. The other first round tie will see Wexford and Galway in action in Wexford and that is one encounter that I feel should have people on the edges of their seats until the end. Wexford, I feel will relish the idea of taking the National League champions Galway on and with the former All-Ireland hurler Martin Storey lending a hand to training the girls will be very motivated. Down are the other county who will face the winners of Kilkenny or Antrim on August 3. The Foras

na Gaeilge qualifying rounds will take place on July 13th or 14th and 21st with the semi-finals going ahead on August 17th. It should be a long and happy summer for all concerned.

While a lot of emphasis lies with the senior championship let's not forget the Intermediate, Junior and Minor A & B championships. Offaly, who graced Croke Park for the very first time last season are gaining experience all the time and having recently won the Division 2 National League for the very first time, will make a bold bid to revisit headquarters next September. At the time of going to press not all the provincial championships are over and it is rather difficult to predict who might come out of the other provinces. Up North, Armagh who were looking well in the League may be contenders to come out of the province but Derry will not make life easy for them. Down Munster way, Cork may well have an upper hand on Tipperary who having won the All-Ireland last season have had to put together a new team for this season and they may lack the experience to go far this season. Roscommon have threatened in the last couple of years, and having players the calibre of Lizzie Glennon their time must surely not be too far away.

With more schools now playing camogie the Minor grade is always a very exciting one to follow and in the latter number of years the introduction of the 'B' grade has increased the number of counties who are getting their name on an All-Ireland trophy early on in their lives. With the success Offaly are having at adult level it is no wonder the younger generation are now also finding their feet having recently won the Leinster Minor 'B' title. Munster will see both Minor A & B defending champions, Cork and Limerick respectfully take on the Ulster champions. It is worth noting that perhaps part of Limerick's success may well be attributed to that great nursery school, St. Mary's of Charleville. Galway have often produced many very good minor teams over the years and with young teams like Mullagh and Davitts putting out good strong teams in Tournaments like the Pan Celtic we might see the West advancing this season. The championship season would not be complete without the club championship which will culminate with the final on November 3rd. What a season, surely something for everyone interested in camogie. So, go on and follow your county or club to All-Ireland glory.

LADIES SHOW THE WAY

The G.A.A. Club in NUI, Maynooth, had another successful year in 2001-2 academic year. Pride of place goes to the Camogie club, whose senior team won the League, beating Limerick IT in an exciting final in extra time.

Earlier in the year the Camogie Freshers team won the Leinster Higher Education Freshers Championship, beating U.C.D. in the final.

Two players achieved individual distinctions. Therese Maxwell (Tipperary) was selected as the All-Ireland Freshers Player of the Year, while Aoife Cullen (Dublin) was chosen for the All-Ireland Colleges' team.

The Handball Club also had success with Michelle Healy runner-up in the All-Ireland Colleges "B" Ladies singles in Tralee.

The Ladies Gaelic footballers were the unlucky team of the year. They had a great squad of players but were dogged by injuries for crucial matches and were never able to field their full squad in any one game in the season.

Despite this they reached the final of the Leinster Colleges' Harney Cup, where they went down to U.C.D. after an epic encounter.

Three of their players were selected for the All-Ireland Combined Colleges' team - Mary Kirwan (Laois), Brianne Leahy (Kildare) and Tracy Noone (Kildare).

It was also a special year for Mary Kirwan, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with Laois, and Brianne Leahy (Kildare), who won an All Star award.

HISTORIC WIN

The NUI senior football team qualified for the Sigerson Cup final in Sligo earlier this year, where they were unlucky to lose to U.C.D. in atrocious weather conditions.

Earlier in the season many of this team made history by winning the Kildare Under-21 Football Championship for the first time.

The Freshers footballers won the Leinster Colleges' Freshers Championship, beating Athlone I. T. in the final by nine points.

Congratulations to a former NUIM player, Coman Goggins (Dublin), on winning an All Star award and to Paul None on winning a Connacht senior football championship medal with Roscommon.

NUI, Maynooth, has been running a Gaelic Games Scholarship scheme sponsored by MBNA for the last four years. It is very gratifying to see the significant number of players who have come through this scheme and have gone on to play either Under-21 or senior with their counties in football, hurling, camogie and Ladies football.



Aoife Cullen, captain, of the victorious NUI, Maynooth, is presented with the Higher Education Camogie League Cup by Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, NUI, Maynooth, winners of the Higher Education Camogie League Cup this year.

Great progress is also being made in providing top class facilities for the players. It is hoped that many of these new facilities will be available during the new academic year - i.e. new changing rooms, new gym, a flood-lit synthetic all weather training pitch (suitable for Gaelic football and hurling) and a full size flood-lit Prunty-Mulqueen Gaelic pitch where matches can be played at night.

NUI, Maynooth, provides top-class medical support systems for its players and also

has a swimming pool and a gym on campus to aid recovery from injuries.

A special word of thanks to all the dedicated coaches who brought a very professional approach to the coaching and training of all teams. It's great to see the significant progress young players can make in such a dedicated and well organised environment.

NUI, Maynooth, is looking forward to another successful year in 2002-3.

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Cork take on Limerick as campaign gets underway

THE Senior All Ireland campaign begins next weekend and Cork and Limerick meet on Sunday next in Pairc uí Rinn in the opening round of the senior open draw series.

Eight weeks ago the sides met in the national league semi-final when Limerick came out top. Cork will be without Linda Mellerick this time out but they welcome back Fiona O'Driscoll. Limerick are determined to make their mark and will be no pushover. Eileen O'Brien,

Pauline Mc Carthy and Vera Sheehan will lead their challenge in Pairc uí Rinn and the boost of defeating Cork in the league will have given them tremendous confidence.

Cork coach Pa Finn will not want his side to come through the back door and a win will be vital to his championship aspirations.

The Cork selectors have as yet to name the team for Sunday but it will be interesting to see if the starring 15 include

youngsters Sile Burns, Jemma O'Connor and Colette Desmond, all whom have been included in recent outings.

Fixtures:

Tuesday, July 2
Senior County Championship: Glen Rovers v Barryroe at Bandon, 8p.m.; Carbery v Cloughduv at Riverstick, 8p.m.

Wednesday, July 3
Senior County championship: St Finbarrs v Eire Og at Ballincollig, 8p.m.; Carrighdhoun v Coumcey Rovers, Brinny, 8p.m.

Sunday, July 7
All Ireland Senior Championship: Cork v Limerick, Pairc uí Rinn, 2.30pm

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BUILDING UP FOR CENTENARY YEAR

Back in 1904, Gaelic Games for the women of this country were not much in the air, but gradually *na nGael* began to realise that they had more to offer in the shaping of a Gaelic destiny. It is down to the efforts of those women then that in the year 2004 we will proudly celebrate our centenary and what a birthday party is planned.

Twenty years prior to 1904, the men folk had brought *Cumann Luthchleas Gael* on to the scene and gradually they began to bring the females to matches, and the fair sex were soon seen taking their rightful place in third level colleges and the civil service and many more places of note.

The time had finally arrived for the women folk of Ireland to have their own Gaelic Games and 1904 was the year. When one looks back at the fantastic record that Dublin have of winning 26 senior All-Ireland titles it comes as no major surprise that the game had its origins in the capital.

The well known Keating Branch of the Gaelic League had excellent hurling and football teams and it is here that much of the foundation of camogie was laid. In 1903, Maire Ní Chinnéide, a Royal University graduate, Sean O'Cellaigh ("Seailg"), who later became Minister for Education in the second Dail and Tadhg O'Donoghue ("Torna") drew up the name "Camoguidheacht" for the proposed new game.

A set of rules were then drawn up by Seamus O'Braonain, who played football for Dublin and then went on to become Director of Radio Eireann.

Many stories are told of those early days, such as the women folk hiding their huris underneath the long skirts as they began to

have practise matches in places like Drumcondra Park and the Phoenix Park. Gradually, more women began to get involved and clubs were seemingly shooting up in various parts of the country.

However, the year 1904 dawned and camogie was put on the map down in the County Meath. While Meath may not rate very high on the camogie circles these days, back in 1904 the Meath Agricultural Society Grounds was the place to be. The popular Gaelic League Aeridhleacht had among its many attractions that day the first ever public Camogie match. That pitch is now the well known Pairc Tailteann. The game that day was played between two Dublin clubs, Cuchullains and Keatings who went to win 1-0 to 0-0.

Since those early days much progress has followed and in modern times the live television coverage of the game has done wonders for the game.

Many rule changes have taken place over the years, but perhaps the most significant of all was the introduction of the fifteen a-side game which seems to have attracted a wider audience and according to many sources made the game more attractive.

The further introduction of last season's 'back door system' has added further bite to the championship and gives fans all over further chances to see their county stars in action.

CHALLENGE

While many changes have taken place it is probably fair to say that the organisation is possibly looking at the biggest challenge of all as we look to become a part of our sister organisation, the GAA. This would surely be welcomed by the enthusiastic committee who are working very hard to make the

year 2004 a year to recall for ever.

It is expected that most county boards and clubs will rise to the occasion and celebrate the event in an appropriate way for their county/club.

However, at National level, there are many ways to highlight the year, and to this end six very enthusiastic people got together last season and set themselves the task of putting together a number of ideas.

Very often, when people are asked to sit on committees the response is never too loud, but the following people not only said yes immediately but their professional handling of the situation to date is something else.

The committee is probably unique also in that they are all either past or present intercounty players and wait for it, they hold no less than twenty senior All-Ireland medals between them.

Headed by former Cork Player, Therese O'Callaghan, together with her fellow present county player Eithne Duggan, they hold six senior All-Ireland titles between them. Olivia Broderick, was on Galway's historic All-Ireland side of '96 and recently added a second National League title to her collection.

Also on the team is Germaine Noonan of Dublin, who was on Dublin's last All-Ireland winning side of '84. Jane Monaghan, daughter of present Ulster Chairman Tom Monaghan played for her native Armagh and is the holder of an Ashbourne medal.

Ann Downey, better known as one of the Kilkenny Downey twins is also a part of this committee and holds a whopping twelve senior All-Ireland medals among many other awards.

So, what ideas did this industrious committee arrive with?

Their objective is to give members of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael a sense of the past and to motivate them into further promoting our game and objectives in the future.

They felt it was of most importance to involve all aspects of the Association and initially they sent questionnaires to all clubs and County Boards throughout the country.

It is expected that Navan will play an important role particularly in the opening proceedings, although nothing has been confirmed as yet. It is expected that the major event of the year off the playing field may well be the Centenary Banquet which would be expected to attract a large attendance. An exhibition in Pairc An Chrocaigh is also expected to attract a large audience of all ages.

This is one area that the public can presently play a large role by sending in items of information, both written and pictorially to this writer at :106, Beechwood

Lawn, Dunlaoghaire, Co.Dublin, or e-mailed to :maier@gofree.indigo.ie. People are asked not to send original material and to have items well documented, and if they are teams, to have them named in the formation of L-R. The above mentioned ideas are only a flavour of the ideas that the committee came up with and may give clubs an idea as to how to go about celebrating the one hundredth birthday.

Sponsorship is a major part of the year's proceedings, and this is an aspect that is very much being tackled at the moment, because the year is expected to involve a lot of major costs. However, the exposure for possible sponsors seems very good, as already many people are very aware of 2004.

Former Uachtaran of the GAA Joe McDonagh has often made references to the centenary and has referred to the unique contribution that Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael have already made "in the promotion of Gaelic Games for the women of this country". His successor, Sean McCague is

equally strong in his thoughts surrounding the centenary.

As time goes by, there will be news bulletins sent out to keep the public up to speed with events. This is one of the best opportunities we have to promote our own game to its max and it is very much up to all members to work on ideas now.

Recent items of history which will be recorded somewhere down the line will be Offaly's first All-Ireland appearance in Croke Park last September and their recent capturing of their first ever National League Division 2 Final when they beat fellow first time finalists Laois in what was an all Leinster final.

A further highlight of that day was Offaly's captain fantastic Michelle Davis as she knocked in a total of 2-10 for the Faithful County to take their first ever National title.

With the Foras na Gaelige senior championship beginning at the end of the month (June), who knows what name will be added to the O'Duffy cup before 2004.



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Joanne has a Lotto hope



CAPTAIN FANTASTIC: Limerick captain Vera Sheehan, left, would sacrifice anything for a win against Cork tomorrow.

Limerick - to the core

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Limerick view

VERA SHEEHAN is Limerick at heart. It affects her outlook on everything - work, camogie and life in general.

She would die for the green and white and has been one of their most prominent players as the county thrashed around in search of a senior title over the past few years.

Things have come a long way in Limerick in the past six months. John Lacey joined the team as manager earlier this year and all of these factors mitigate to a slight hint of a championship victory.

"John has a very good attitude and his appetite for success is unreal. There is a great buzz in the camp."

There is no denying either that their win over Cork in the league semi-final two months ago turned everything round.

"Limerick had won nothing down through the years and the one regret was that we didn't go on to win the final against Galway."

But all this success comes at a price. Vera recently packed in her job in Allertain Sports in Cork in the hope that she will get

something nearer home.

"The travel took its toll. My day began with a trip across the county bounds, back home and straight to training. By the time we finished it was very late, it was the same routine the next day."

However, another offering she has had to make this week is of a different nature - more enforced and not by choice. It is a player's nightmare when you pick up an injury in the run-up to the most important date in your sporting diary.

"I am troubled by a groin injury and am getting physio daily." The midfielder says that no one gives them a chance again this time.

"We like it that way. Maybe it would have been better if we did not beat Cork in the league semi-final, but we know ourselves what we are capable of. We will have to play like Waterford did last Sunday - all 15 or maybe 20 of us and will have to give it 110%. After all, isn't it the year of surprises?"

Probable team: (announced tomorrow): Edel Reale; Sharon O'Shaughnessy, Rose Collins, Pauline McCarthy; Michelle Casey, Marion Neville, Mairead Kelly; Maeve Nash, Vera Sheehan (capt); Aoife Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Aine O'Connell; Deirdre Sheehan, Marie Keating, Paula Cronin.

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie previews

THINK of winning the lotto and you probably think of sun, golden beaches and all your dreams come true.

Joanne O'Callaghan appeared on Marty Whelan's 'Fame and Fortune' 12 months ago winning £14,000, but the 19-year-old Cloughduv camogie player still yearns for a superstar lifestyle. The only crux though, it has to be in sport.

Tomorrow afternoon in Pairc Ui Rinn she takes her first big step towards achieving that ambition when she lines out at corner back for the Cork senior team. It will be her first time playing at the highest level.

But, this is no great surprise. You see she is taking the world of camogie by storm, boasting two All Ireland minor medals, one senior Interprovincial medal, one All Ireland Intermediate title, one Ashbourne medal and her pride and joy - a senior county medal with her club in 2001.

And what is more, this level-headed teenager is totally unfazed by it all.

"I really didn't think I would be picked. There are so many good players on the panel and I had been out for ten weeks with a broken finger (which incidentally she still cannot bend). There are three of us making our debuts tomorrow, and it helps that I am very friendly with the other debutantes Gemma (O'Connor) and Emer (Dillon)."

A first year Commerce student in UCC, Joanne is very excited about playing alongside many of the girls she would have looked up to in the past.

"Even though it is my first game with the seniors, there is much experience all around me. Eithne Duggan and my



PROMISING: Cork's camogie star Joanne O'Callaghan

own club mate Steffi Dunlea are in the full back line, and outside us are the three O'Connors - Paula, Mary and Gemma (not related)."

She doesn't appear to be worried either over her long lay-off due to her hand injury, and more in keeping with her dogged determination is looking forward to the challenge of keeping the Limerick forwards redundant.

"I continued to train while I was in plaster. I ran all the time to keep my fitness up. I don't know yet what player I will be marking as the Limerick team is not published, but that does not really bother me."

And ready, willing and able, she is set to be. "I have been marking Fiona O'Driscoll in training and she is the hardest!" Joanne rates O'Driscoll up there with the very best.

So what does the future hold for Cork's number one corner back? Last July she gambled £16,000, lost £8,000 and ended up with £14,000. Tomorrow is another game of chance, and for Joanne hopefully a further step in her rise to sporting stardom.

Cork team: Ger Casey, Joanne O'Callaghan, Eithne Duggan, Stephanie Dunlea; Paula O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Gemma O'Connor; Vivienne Harris, Elaine Burke; Rachel Moloney, Emer Dillon, Jennifer O'Leary; Una O'Donoghue (capt); Caoimhe Harrington, Fiona O'Driscoll.

Tipperary in total control against Dubs

Maire Ui Scolai

ALL-IRELAND champions Tipperary got off to a flying start in the Foras na Gaelige championship when they overcame a lacklustre Dublin side with ease, 2-17 to 0-4, at Semple Stadium yesterday.

Playing with wind advantage, Tipp were 0-4 to 0-0 up when Dublin registered their opening point from full-forward Ciara Lucey in the tenth minute. With 12 minutes of the opening half remaining, Tipperary's corner-forward Emer McDonald crashed the ball to the Dublin net from a free to leave the three in-a-row champions ahead by 1-10 to 0-3 at the break.

Tipperary, who are now through to the quarter-final on August 3 dominated the second half with some fine points from Clare Grogan, Philly Fogarty and Emer McDonnell. With five minutes remaining, Philly Fogarty hit her side's second goal.

CORK'S Eimear Gillen made a handsome contribution of three points in her first senior championship outing with Cork as they overcame Limerick 4-19 to 1-6 in the first round of the championship in Pairc Ui Rinn.

Two goals within the space of four minutes from Caoimhe Harrington and Rachel Moloney put the Rebels ahead 2-13 to 0-3 at the break. Within a minute of the restart, Cork's Jenny O'Leary got her side's third goal and Limerick's Aine O'Connell replied immediately with Limerick's only goal to leave it 3-13 to 1-3.

Limerick now meet Dublin in the qualifying round next weekend.

KILKENNY'S juniors are on their way to London for a quarter-final championship outing following their 2-12 to 1-7 victory over Offaly in the Leinster junior championship final at Nowlan Park.

Captain Jackie Frisby was the Cats' star with a fine goal in the opening half which left them ahead 1-8 to 0-4 at the break. Offaly, the reigning Leinster champions put in a fine second half performance but despite Maggie Lynch's goal with 12 minutes remaining the Faithful could not retain their title.

GALWAY booked themselves an All-Ireland semi-final spot on August 24 when they overcame Roscommon 2-18 to 0-7 in Athleague.

A goal at the sixth minute from Lorraine Nally had the champions on the road to victory.

SCORERS

SENIOR — Tipperary: C Grogan 0-8, E McDonnell, P Fogarty 1-3 each, S Kelly, E Hayden, D Hughes 0-1 each. **Dublin:** C Lucey 0-2, L O'Hara, S Keogh 0-1 each. **Cork:** F O'Driscoll 0-9, U O'Donoghue 1-4, R Moloney 1-2, J O'Leary 1-1, C Harrington 1-0, E Dillon 0-3. **Limerick:** E O'Brien 0-5, A O'Connell 1-0, A Sheehan 0-1.

JUNIOR — Kilkenny: J Frisby 2-0, A Neary 0-4, M O'Connor, E Maher 0-3 each, C Doherty 0-2. **Offaly:** M Davis 0-7, M Lynch 1-0. **Galway:** S Keane 0-10, AM Hayes 0-5, L Lally, C Glynn 1-0 each, C Brown, B Hanney, S Murphy 0-1 each. **Roscommon:** L Glennon 0-6, M Healy 0-1.

Cork 4-19
Limerick 1-6

by Tom Higgins

CORK had this All-Ireland Senior Championship camogie tie at Pairc Ui Rinn, wrapped up before half-time when they led 2-13 to 0-3.

The home side, driven on by Fiona O'Driscoll, led 1-4 to 0-0 after eight minutes, the goal coming from Caoimhe Harrington.

Although Limerick reduced arrears with two quick "45's" from O'Brien within two minutes, Cork came up field in the 16th minute for Rachel Moloney to blast home the Rebel's second major and they continue to pop over points for a sixteen point

interval lead.

Jennifer O'Leary got Cork off to an excellent start on the resumption with a third goal within a minute and although Limerick responded with a goal the contest was as good as over.

Scorers: Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-9 (0-3 frees), U O'Donoghue 1-4, R Moloney 1-2, J O'Leary 1-1; C Harrington 1-0, E Dillon 0-3. **Limerick:** E O'Brien 0-5 (0-3 frees, 0-2 '45's), A O'Connell 1-0, A Sheehan 0-1. **CORK:** G. Casey, J. O'Callaghan, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea; G. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, P. O'Connor; E. Burke, V. Harris; R. Moloney, E. Dillon, J. O'Leary; U. O'Donoghue (capt), C. Harrington, F. O'Driscoll. **Subs:** S. Burns, S. Hayes, C. Corkery, D. O'Sullivan for J. O'Leary, M. O'Connor, C. Harrington and E. Dillon (all 57th minute). **LIMERICK:** E. Reale; C. Hayes, R. Collins, P. McCarthy; M. Casey, M. Neville, M. Kelly; M. Nash, V. Sheehan; A. Sheehan, C. Murphy, E. O'Brien; D. Sheehan, M. Keating, A. O'Connell. **Subs:** A. White for C. Murphy (29th minute); S. O'Shaughnessy for C. Hayes (half-time); P. Cronin for A. O'Connell (53rd minute); M. Dooly for P. McCarthy (59th minute). **Referee:** J. Morrissey (Tipperary).



BREAKAWAY: Cork's captain Una O'Donoghue races away from Limerick's Pauline McCarthy during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

Finn on high as Rebels rise to the task

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Quotes

CORK manager Pa Finn was delighted with the team performance and with the contribution of the newcomers in particular.

"The girls turned in an excellent team performance, particularly in the first half.

"Our backline were on top and our scoring was very good.

"We were up for it after the disappointment of the league and last year's championship exit.

"There is still a lot of competition for places.

"When you look at the sideline there are a lot of players still vying for positions. We still have players like Denise Cronin, Sara Hayes, Orla O'Sullivan, Linda Mellerick pushing to come back into the side.

"I do not like mentioning names, but I was delighted for our newcomers especially Emer (Dillon) and Gemma (O'Connor).

In direct contrast, Limerick selector Vera Mulcahy was totally downbeat, believing the team didn't do themselves justice.

"To say we are disappointed would be an understatement.

"The girls did not do themselves justice.

"We probably gave Cork the wake-up call when we beat them in the league semi-final.

"This is very good Cork team and they are likely to improve further.

"It will take a very good team to beat them in the championship. I would fancy them to go all the way now.

"It is back to the drawing board for us, but we will be back. We have another chance against Dublin."

O'Driscoll points way as Cork lord matters

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

All-Ireland Camogie

Cork	4-19
Limerick	1-6

CORK have produced some outstanding performances down the years, but few can compare with yesterday's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship first-round victory over Limerick at Pairc Uí Rinn.

This was one of those games when all 15 were singing from the same hymn sheet and, on this performance, Cork will prove a tough nut to crack.

Limerick, who had promised so much in their league outings, never came to grips with a free-flowing Cork side.

They will have a second chance against Dublin this weekend (the Dubs were defeated by Tipp yesterday), but they will have to pick up the pieces.

In contrast to their league campaign, Cork's performance was solid and productive throughout. Fiona O'Driscoll was a revelation, slotting over 10 points. Her colleagues



MY BALL: Cork's Elaine Burke drops her hurley as she rounds Limerick's Meadhbh Nash and Eileen O'Brien in their All-Ireland senior camogie game.

in the forward line, Caoimhe Harrington and Una O'Donoghue, both chipping in with goals.

Jennifer O'Leary's workrate was immense and she made life difficult for

wing back Michelle Casey, hitting a bullet of a goal 30 seconds after the restart.

Alongside her there were positive displays from Emer Dillon, who has

found a niche for herself on the 40, and Rachel Moloney who contributed a goal and two points. There were star performers in defence too, with newcomer Gemma O'Connor excelling.

Paula O'Connor never put a foot wrong and was ably assisted by Mary O'Connor.

Joanne O'Callaghan, Eithne Duggan and Stephanie Dunlea also showed great organisation in defence.

At centre-field, Vera Sheehan and Meadhbh Nash tried desperately to swing the tide in Limerick's favour but Elaine Burke and Vivienne Harris rose to the challenge.

Cork, who led by 16 points at the interval, 2-13 to 0-3, will now meet Antrim on the first weekend in August.

Scorers Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-10 (0-2F), U O'Donoghue 1-3, R Moloney 1-2, J O'Leary 1-1, C Harrington 1-0, E Dillon 0-3.

Limerick: E O'Brien 0-5 (0-3F, 0-2 45m), A O'Connor 1-0, A Sheehan 0-1.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, E Duggan, S Dunlea; P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; V Harris, E Burke; R Moloney, E Dillon, J O'Leary; U O'Donoghue (capt), C Harrington, F O'Driscoll. Subs: S Burns for C Harrington, C Corkery for J O'Leary, S Hayes for M O'Connor, O O'Sullivan for F O'Driscoll, C Harte for R Moloney.

LIMERICK: E Reale; C Hayes, R Collins, P McCarthy; M Casey, M Neville, M Kelly; M Nash, V Sheehan (capt); A Sheehan, C Murphy, E O'Brien; D Sheehan, M Keating, A O'Connell. Subs: A White for C Murphy, S O'Shaughnessy for C Hayes, M Dooley for P McCarthy. Ref: J. Morrissey (Tipperary).

STAR MAN

THIS was a difficult selection because of Cork's all-round display, but for her opportunism and her contribution of 10 points, corner forward Fiona O'Driscoll gets the nod.

KEY MOMENT

CORK were quickly out of the blocks, Emer Dillon pointing after 20 seconds, and when Rachel Moloney struck their second goal after the first quarter, there was only one team in it.

REF WATCH

JOHN MORRISSEY is one of the top inter-county refs and his performance was of the usual high standard. His only blip was not allowing Limerick take a fast free in the second half.

TOP SCORE

FIONA O'Driscoll's ninth point stands out. A sweeping passing movement ended with O'Driscoll controlling the ball and sweeping it over the bar without breaking stride.

Camogie sides set for replay battles

by Mary Newman

REPLAYS dominate another busy week on the Cork camogie scene with Barryroe, Glen Rovers, Carrigdhoun and Courcy Rovers all gearing up once again for battle on Wednesday night.

On Tuesday last, in Bandon, Glen started in blistering fashion against Barryroe, and with their inside line led superbly by full-forward Denise Cronin, they raced into an eight-point lead. Cronin grabbed two great goals. Barryroe settled with an Elaine McCarthy goal and were within a point of the Glen at the break (2-2 to 1-4), thanks to the accuracy of Jennifer O'Leary and Ger Collins.

On the resumption, Barryroe were quickly on level terms and three points without reply had them in command. But Glen didn't panic, and when Emma Harte sent a long probing ball to the square, Sinead Kelly was on hand to grab the equaliser.

Barryroe fought back and a point from O'Leary again gave them the lead, but Glen soon equalised through Emma Harte.

The clash of Courcy Rovers and Carrigdhoun grabbed the headlines for all the wrong reasons and

in all the controversy over the score, the thrilling contest served up by both teams was forgotten.

The divisional side led 0-7 to 0-5 at the break, a scoreline which was disputed. In the closing stages, Carrigdhoun led 0-14 to 1-8, but Courcy's had three marvellous points from Rachel Moloney to ensure another outing for both sides.

The championship intentions of St Finbarr's were also very much in evidence when they defeated Eire Og in Ballincollig. Barrs led 0-5 to 0-0 at the break and, to their credit, Eire Og worked hard through that opening half to contain their opponents. From the restart their was only one side in it as the fitter Barrs upped the pace. Goals from Orla O'Sullivan (2), Colette O'Mahony, Rachel Myers and Valerie Maher put the Barrs firmly in control and, on this performance, they must be favoured to take county honours.

County champions Cloughduv had to call on all their resources before shaking off the challenge posed by Carbery in Brinny on Tuesday night.

Taking the game to the champions, Carbery led 1-2 to 0-2 at the break thanks to an early goal from Miriam Deasy.



Above, Youghal's captain Sarah O'Shea, comes away with the ball. Left, Mary Foley, Buttevant, gets away from Maria Whooly during the game in Youghal.



Cloughduv improved in the second period. Cork captain Una O'Donoghue pointed, and when Catherine Corkery goalied inside the third minute the champions took the lead. Colette, Desmond and Breege Corkery exchanged points. With ten minutes remaining, Cloughduv had a lucky break when a Breege Corkery shot was deflected to the net.

Carbery reduced the deficit to a goal and put the champions under pressure, but Stephanie Dunlea saved the day when she took the ball off the line to help her side retain their lead and save their title.

Newtownshandrum and Fr O'Neill's will cross paths on Saturday evening in Delaney's in what is the last of the first-round clashes.

Last year O'Neill's knocked out holders Bishopstown only to see their championship aspirations quashed by Cloughduv at the final hurdle. Having lost four county finals,

many felt that O'Neill's year had finally come.

Now they must do it all again, but they have regrouped and are totally focused. Middleton hurler Ger Manley has joined their backroom team and they will be confident of passing the first test.

Fiona O'Driscoll made a return to the inter-county scene on Sunday last after taking a time out from national league action. Mags Finn, Nora Ahern, Liz Sweetnam and Ann O'Neill will form the nucleus of their line out, but Newtown will pose a big stumbling block. Inter-county senior players Paula O'Connor and Caoimhe Harrington will lead the north Cork side's challenge aided by Ursula Troy, Niamh Bowles and Lisa Kelleher. Delaney's is the venue, with a 7.30 start.

Cork brushed aside the challenge of Limerick in the All-Ireland senior champi-

onship opening round in Pairc ui Rinn on Sunday last.

Cork will have to go north to play Antrim in the quarter-final on August 4. With the junior and minor teams al ready through to their respective All-Ireland semi-finals both in Co Down - an expensive few months lie ahe for Cork's camogie officials.

Fixtures

Wednesday, July 10.

Senior county championship replays:
Glen Rovers v Barryroe in Bandon, 7.30pm;
Carrigdhoun v Courcy Rovers, Brinny, 7.30pm.

Friday, July 12.

Senior B championship:
Milford v Aghbullogue, venue to be announced, 7.30pm.

Saturday, July 13.

Senior county championship: Newtownshandrum v Fr O'Neill's, Delaney's, 7.30.

SPORTS DIGEST

Inniscarra advance in county camogie c'ship

INNISCARRA 4-7 BISHOPSTOWN 1-1

INNISCARRA proved far too strong for Bishopstown in the county Camogie Senior Championship at Newcestown last Friday evening.

This game was effectively over after 8 minutes when Inniscarra went into a lead of 3-2 to 0-0. Aided by the breeze and the sun and a magical blend of youth and experience Inniscarra showed the hunger and dogged determination to avenge the first round defeats of the past six years.

Paula Goggins opened the scoring with an inspirational goal in the first minute. Criona Harte added a point from a free in the fourth minute. Sixty seconds later Margaret McCarthy put over an impossible shot from the end line. Treasa McCarthy and Criona Harte added a goal each in the 6th and 8th minutes.

Vivienne Harris Bishopstown probably the best player on the field won the ball in her own half of the field on the tenth minute and went on one of her customary solos, passed to Clara Healy who in turn passed to Trisha Doyle who passed the Inniscarra net.

Bishopstown who on occasions put together great moves reminiscent of their glorious past found they were harassed into playing every ball when they won possession and their only other score for the remainder of the game was a point from a '45'.

Inniscarra then had a point each from Ann Golden and Irene O'Keefe and 1-1 from Criona Harte to lead 4-5 to 1-0 at the break.

Inniscarra were the sharper team on the night led by goalie Ger Casey and ran out easy winners after a low scoring second half.

Scorers — Inniscarra: C Harte 2-3 (0-1f, 0-1 45), T McCarthy 1-1, P Goggins 1-0, A Golden, I O'Keefe and M McCarthy 0-3 each.

Bishopstown: T Doyle 1-1 (0-1 45).

Teams — Inniscarra: G Casey (capt); E Dinneen, E O'Mahony, M O'Sullivan, T Murphy, R Buckley, M O'Regan, M O'Sullivan, M McCarthy, A Golden, M McCarthy, C Harte; G O'Mahony, I O'Keefe, P Goggins; E O'Keefe, C Hayes, R Lane, M Buckley, N O'Brien, B O'Regan, M O'Connell, E Hayes, R McCarthy. Bishopstown: D Coughlan; D Quigley, E Duggan, O Higgins; C Enright, J O'Sullivan, G Enright; C Kenny, V Harris, A de Facio, T Doyle (capt), J Browne; S Kelly, C Healy, D Murray; S O'Donoghue, M Monaghan, J Shine.

Referee: B Joyce (Kilkeagh).



IT'S A GIRL'S LIFE: Pictured at the Munster Community Games at the University of Limerick were, Emma Heffernan, Eilis Desmond, Olivia Tobin and Rachel O'Sullivan of the Douglas Camogie Team.

Picture: Press 22

In the Diary

FRIDAY
Senior B camogie championship
A'ogue v Milford
Mallow 8pm

MILFORD will be determined to take their first senior title this season but they can expect a tough hour from a dogged Aghabullogue side.

Verdict: Aghabullogue
Ballinhassig v K'britan
Ballinaspsittal 8pm

PARTICIPATING in their first senior competition since taking the JA crown in 2001 Ballinhassig with Deirdre Holland, Linda O'Sullivan and Cathy Coleman face a tough hour against Kilbrittain.

Verdict: Kilbrittain

MONDAY
Senior B Championship
Ballygarvan v Newcestown; 8pm

A CLOSE one to call, but Ballygarvan's Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly could swing it.

Verdict: Ballygarvan
MARY NEWMAN
McCarthy

Blarney and Bickerdyke all out for derby victory

By TIM BUCKLEY

Camogie

Blarney 3-2
Na Piar-saigh 3-1

LOCAL derbies do not come better than this.

Blarney are the Cork County Grade C U14 camogie champions by virtue of a marvellous one point win over great rivals, Na Piar-saigh. The game will be remembered for the outstanding display of Charlotte Kearney from Na Piar-saigh and Andrea Bickerdyke from Blarney.

Kearney was the thorn in the Blarney side knocking in her hat trick before the break with outstanding displays too from Lauren Murphy, Jennifer O'Callaghan and Clara Allen.

In the second half it was an entirely different story with Andrea Bickerdyke moving to the forward line where she began the Blarney recovery.

The Mid Cork side were now playing great camogie with excellent performances from Avril Kinnerk, Laura Hyland and Laura O'Ma-

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hony. A magnificent run from centre field by Aisling Madden yielded a goal at the three quarter stage for Blarney.

Charlotte Kearney had a point from a free with ten minutes remaining. But five minutes later it was one Andrea Bickerdyke who struck Blarney's winner from close range.

Scorers Blarney: A Bickerdyke 2-0, A Madden 1-0, Tracey O'Brien 0-2 (0-2 frees).

Na Piar-saigh: Charlotte Kearney 3-1 (0-1 free).

Blarney: Alice O'Brien, Anna O'Neill, Emma O'Regan, Andrea Bickerdyke, Laura O'Mahony, Laura Hyland, Anna Mitchell, Aisling Madden, Louise O'Sullivan, Avril Kinnerk, Rebecca Campbell, Tracey O'Brien (Capt), Vanessa Sewell, Marion Ahern, Gillian O'Sullivan, Claire O'Sullivan, Claire Dennehy, Aoife Horgan, Linda Jones.

Na Piar-saigh: Aine Batt, Kate Kearney, Jessica Scannell, Lauren Murphy, Aisling Murphy, Jennifer O'Callaghan, Rachel McNab, Clodagh Scannell, Emma O'Leary, Patricia Kearney, Clara Allen, Charlotte Kearney, Kate Delea, Leanne Keating, Moira Morrissey, Niamh O'Sullivan, Clara O'Leary.

Eire Og 0-9
Valley Rovers 1-3

THIS was a closely fought U16 Cork Co. Camogie B



BUDDIES: Stephen O'Connor, from Newtownshandrum, with his guest and pal Andre from Belarus, at the All Ireland senior camogie championship game between Cork and Limerick in Parc Ui Rinn.

Picture: Richard Mills

league semi final in Cloughduv on Saturday evening.

The difference between the teams that the Eire Og full forward line always looked very threatening with the ball whereas the Rovers relied on Margaret Murphy or Marian Cottrell to pick off their scores.

Valley Rovers were

first to score with a point from Margaret Murphy from a '45 in the 11th minute. It took a Clara McKenna point in the 15th minute to open the Eire Og account. The same player added two more points, and a point each from Catherine O'Leary and Aoife McCarthy brought the score to 0-6 to 0-1 at half time.

Centre forward, Aoife McCarthy played a crucial part in all of the Eire Og scores.

By the 25th minute of the second half both sides had added two points when Marian Cottrell was brought down on the 20 metre line. Margaret Murphy punished with a strike to the back of the Eire Og net. Valley failed

to capitalise on this uplift and had to give way to the better Eire Og forward line.

Scorers: Eire Og: Clara McKenna 0-4, Aoife McCarthy 0-3 (0-1 45), Catherine O'Leary and Muireann Corkery 0-1 each; **Valley Rovers:** Margaret Murphy 1-3 (1-1 frees, 0-2 45).

St Catherine's 3-3
Watergrasshill 2-2

LAST season's finalists Watergrasshill had to give way to a stronger St Catherine's in the opening round of the Cork Junior A camogie championship on Sunday, writes Mary Newman McCarthy.

Despite atrocious conditions both sides served up a thrilling contest.

Watergrasshill settled quickly with a Catriona O'Connell goal inside the opening minute.

Marie O'Neill pointed to stretch the Watergrasshill lead before Lisa Higgins opened St Catherine's account with a fifth minute goal.

Marie O'Neill kept the 'Hill ahead with a point but Denise Twomey cut the deficit with a St Catherine's point to leave Watergrasshill ahead at the break 1-2 to 1-1.

Inside five minutes of the restart Denise Twomey pointed to level the game. St Catherine's then hit a purple with Lisa Higgins striking two goals.

St Catherine's were

now in control with Watergrasshill defence coming under constant pressure. In defence St Catherine's tightened up considerably with Mary Mulcahy, Esther Power and Annette Fitzgerald dealing efficiently with the Watergrasshill attack.

Twomey opened up a nine point gap with three unanswered points before Louise O'Brien grabbed a late Watergrasshill goal.

Buttevant 3-2

Youghal 1-3

BOTH teams showed great skill and determination in the U16 C County Camogie semi final played in Carrigrohilly on Saturday in a game that was evenly balanced at 0-1 each with 15 mins to go. Between the 20 and 25th minute of the second half Youghal's Shona Cunningham hit 1-1 and Sarah Murphy a point while Buttevant's Mary T Foley goal to leave the score 1-3 to 1-1 in Youghal's favour. Mary T Foley and Triona Foley followed with a goal each as Buttevant now go on to meet the winners of Watergrasshill and Mallow.

Scorers: Buttevant: Triona O'Connell 2-0, Mary T Foley 1-1, Marie Sheedy 0-1.

Youghal: Shona Cunningham 1-1 (0-1), Sarah Murphy 0-1, Amanda Flaherty 0-1.

Cork the masters At Páirc Uí Rinn

CORK were fully deserving of their 4-19 to 1-6 win over Limerick in round one of the All Ireland senior championship at Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday last. From the throw in they were in full flight displaying a level of fitness, speed, cohesion, skill scoring power, that the Limerick girls could not match.

Cork led 2-13 to 0-3 at half time. Only the goal-keeping of Edel Reale, the solid full back play of Rose Collins and long servicing corner back Pauline McCarthy and the input of Vera and Aoife Sheehan outfield, prevented the flood gates from opening.

Hopes of a comeback were briefly raised when Aine O'Connell narrowed the gap 2-13 to 1-3 with a good goal in the second half.

However Limerick could only add a further 0-3 while Cork, fluent, accu-

rate, pacey, skilful, delicate and cohesive and quick in all aspects of their game, tacked on a further 2-6, though playing into the wind. At this juncture, Limerick were under pressure in most positions, except at mid-field where Vera Sheehan continued to excel.

Limerick will have no complaints about the result. They tried hard until the final whistle, but were given a lesson in the arts and crafts of the game by a team that will make a bold bid for All Ireland honours.

Limerick: Edel Reale, Catherine Hayes, Rose Collins, Pauline McCarthy, Michelle Casey, Marian Neville, Mairead Kelly, Meadh Nash, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Carol Murphy, Aoife Sheehan, Aine O'Connell, Maria Keating.

Subs: Paula Cronin, Sharon O'Shaughnessy, Moira Dooley, Maria Corkery, Amanda Sheehan, Alison White, Joanne Clifford, Marie McGrath,

Aine O'Reilly, Marie Fleury

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The big match this weekend is the meeting of Newtownshandrum and Fr O'Neill's in the Senior C'ship on Saturday in Delaney's Ground at 7.30pm, with the winners due to play Muskerry on next Tuesday night. Form would suggest that it will be O'Neill's who will advance.

Two games in the Senior B C'ship on Friday, Milford should be too strong for Aghabullogue in Mallow, while the Ballinhassig v Kilbrittain tie in Ballinspittle will be a close affair, with the latter slight favourites.

On Monday night it's Newcestown and Ballygarvan, and here the south-east side with Emer Dillon and Rachel Moloney, should safely negotiate this tricky obstacle.

Cork looked impressive in dismissing a weak Limerick side in the senior c'ship last Sunday, and if they can maintain that form they will be a force. However, tougher obstacles lie ahead, and a number of key players are still out injured. Having said that, they look to have the strength in-depth that may yet see them end Tipp's dominance.

In the Diary

TONIGHT

Cork County Senior Camogie Championship Replays

Barryroe v Glen Rovers, Bandon, 7.30pm

In the drawn game last week, Barryroe powered by centre-forward Jennifer O'Leary staged a great second-half comeback only for Glen's Emma Harte to score a late equalising point. Barryroe will need greater return from their attack this time out, as they were too reliant on O'Leary a week ago.

The Glen had their ace in full-forward Denise Cronin who banged home two early goals, and Gill Hannon at centre-back. However, they will be weakened somewhat by the absence of midfielder Mary Burke who has gone on holidays since the drawn game.

Verdict: Glen Rovers

Courcey Rovers v Carrigrohilly, Brinny 7.30pm

THESE sides meet again after confusion six days ago when there was uncertainty as to the correct outcome. However, there is again sure to be great rivalry between club and division. Carrigrohilly looked the better side the last day and will be disappointed with their fall away in the second half. But with Emer Dillon, Elaine Burke and Catriona Kelly playing so well, they will fancy their chances once more.

Courcey Rovers proved how capable they are of success by drawing the first game. Rachel Moloney and Sar Hayes were instrumental in achieving parity they will have to do it all over again, but it will take a supreme effort over the hour from the club side if they are to pull through.

Verdict: Carrigrohilly

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

● **MILFORD WIN:** Milford recorded a two-goal victory over Aghabullogue, 3-6 to 1-6 in the opening round of the Senior 'B' Camogie Championship at Mourneabbey last evening.

At Ballinspittle, Kilbrittain defeated Ballinhassig 3-8 to 1-3

Tipperary Blitz Tame Dublin

By
LIZA ROCHE

TIPPERARY2-17
DUBLIN0-4

Reigning All-Ireland Champions Tipperary had an effortless victory over a very tame Dublin side when they met in the first round of the Senior Camogie Championship at Semple Stadium on Sunday last.

Dominant throughout Tipperary were simply a class above their Dublin opponents. Dublin did themselves no favours either when they moved corner forward Louise O'Hara in between the fullback line and the half back line acting almost as a sweeper. The only purpose this seemed to serve was to keep the premier's side scoreline to a minimum.

Tipperary almost got off to a dream start when awarded a penalty in the opening minute of the game. However Sinead Caulfield pulled off a magnificent save denying Emer McDonnell. It wasn't long though before McDonnell made amends registering the first point of the game.



Tipperary senior camogie panel which defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland series.

Back Row (from left) Sheena Howard, Louise Young, Trisha O'Halloran, Fiona Loughnane, Angie McDermott, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Philly Fogarty, Claire Grogan, Joanne Ryan, Therese Brophy, Ciara Gaynor, Lena Woods, Lorraine Burke, Julie Delaney.

Kneeling (from left) Anna Woods, Michelle Shortt, Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Una O'Dwyer (captain), Deirdre Hughes, Jovita Delaney, Eimear McDonnell, Paula Bulfin, Emily Hayden, Sinead Nealon, Louise Ryan.

Tipp went into an early lead with a point each from Philly Fogarty, Claire Grogan and Suzanne Kelly. Dublin finally got their first score through a Ciara Lucey point in the twelfth minute.

This was quickly cancelled out with a Ciara Gaynor point from just inside her 65" line and a further point from Claire Grogan extending their lead. Shauna Keogh got one back for Dublin.

The Dublin defence though was under constant pressure and despite many valiant efforts by Louise O'Hara to clear the sliotar it never really came past the half way mark and was swiftly returned. Tipp capitalised on this driving at the goals making a breakthrough with an Emer McDonnell goal which was blasted at close range to the back of the net. Tipp quickly followed this up with four further points from Claire Grogan (0-2), Emer McDonnell and Emily Hayden (0-1) each, with Dublin's Ciara Lucey taking the final score of the half with a point from a free.

The half time score line read Tipperary 1-10 Dublin 0-3.

Dublin began the second half well and for the first time in the game put the Tipp back's under pressure and were rewarded

with a point from Louise O'Hara. However this was to be Dublin's one and only score of the second half as Tipp moved up a gear and began to show why they had three All-Ireland's under their belt.

Emer McDonnell started the scoring off in the second half with a pass from Joanne Ryan this was quickly followed by a Claire Grogan free. Dublin attempted a counter attack but were unable to making anything from it and the sliotar was swiftly cleared by the Tipp defence. Deirdre Hughes who had an usually quiet game, linked up with Claire Grogan who sent the ball over the bar. The Young Cashel player, who was her side's top scorer followed this up with the score of the game, when on receiving a pass from Theresa Brophy rounded two Dublin defenders and sent the ball sweetly over the bar.

No sooner was the sliotar pucked out than Tipp began another attack this time led by Emer McDonnell who was denied a second goal when her shot rebounded off the cross bar however a razor sharp Philly Fogarty was on hand to get a consolation point.

Another puck out and another attack by Tipperary this time Philly Fogarty made no mistake in taking her goal to put Tipperary 2-15 to 0-4 in front. Deirdre Hughes followed

with a point and Philly Fogarty wrapped up the scoring in the final minute of the game.

Best for Tipperary were, Claire Grogan, Philly Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Ciara Gaynor, Emer McDonnell and Suzanne Kelly.

Teams and Scorers-

Tipperary - Jovita Delaney, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer (capt.), Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Theresa Brophy, Suzanne Kelly (0-1), Angie McDermott, Philly Fogarty (1-3), Emily Hayden (0-1), Joanne Ryan, Emer McDonnell (1-3), Deirdre Hughes (0-1), Claire Grogan (0-8). Subs: Louise Young for J. Ryan

Dublin - Sinead Caulfield, Sonya Byrne (capt.), Aoife Cullen, Siobhan Young, Gemma Flynn, Veronica Trehy, Sinead Elliot, Ann McCluskey, Joan Morris, Joyce Donnelly, Shauna Keogh (0-1), Denise Smith, Louise O'Hara (0-1), Ciara Lucey (0-2), Gillian McCluskey. Subs: Sylvia Hanks for J. Donnelly, Karen Blood for G. McCluskey, Sharon Hilliard for S. Young and Fiona Hughes for S. Byrne.

Referee - Jack O'Brien (Wexford).

St. Catherine's Advance To Next Round Of Junior 'A' Championship

St. Catherine's Vs Watergrasshill
3-5 2-2

Last Sun night in Ballynoe, St. Catherine's defeated Watergrasshill on the above scoreline. On a wet and windy night, which felt more like Nov than July, both teams served up an excellent display of camogie. Watergrasshill played with the assistance of the wind in the first half and settled early, scoring 1-1 in the first four minutes.

In almost St. Catherine's first attack Lisa Higgins scored a vital goal in the 5th minute. The remainder of the half was played out with each team adding 0-1 leaving the half-time score at 1-2 to 1-1 in favour of Watergrasshill.

St. Catherine's were not too disappointed to be 0-1 down at half-time having played against the elements in the first half.

A point from Denise Twomey 4 minutes into the second-half levelled the scores and, while St. Catherine's were dominant at this stage, they found it hard to break down a stubborn Watergrasshill defence.

The breakthrough finally came in the 11th minute when, after a great run, Lisa Higgins goal. A similar effort 6 minutes later completed Lisa's hat-trick for the night and extended St. Catherine's lead to 2 goals. Denise now began to dominate up front and added 3 more points to the scoreline. Even though St. Catherine's were well ahead at this stage Watergrasshill, to their credit, never gave up and were rewarded with a goal in the last minute of the game.

This was a hard-won victory for our girls and they showed no little amount of spirit, skill and determination in difficult weather conditions and against a very competitive Watergrasshill side.

This was a good over-all team performance with notable displays from Annette Fitzgerald, Esther Power, Annmarie Hayes, Denise Twomey and Lisa Higgins, whose hat-trick of goals were vital on the night.

We await the winners of St. Vincent's and Sarsfields who will be our Semi-Final opponents.

Team:-
S. Kenneally, N. Corcoran, M. Twomey, M. Mulcahy, E. Power, A. Fitzgerald, E. O'Keefe, N. Mulcahy, F. Noonan, A.M. Hayes (capt.), Y.O'Neill, O. Cotter, D. Twomey, L. Higgins, H. Lane.

Subs:- E. Harper, A. Galvin, T. Leahy, M. Daly, K. Twomey, K. Higgins, C. Leahy, A. Mangan (for Y.O'Neill), A. Cotter, O. Neville, A. Hogan.

Junior B Championship

The first round of this competition is scheduled to take place in August.

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Brid Cullinane, Dungourney, and Maureen O'Riordan get the ball away during their U-16 12-a-side camogie final against Tracton. Picture: O'Riordan

Dungourney girls take county crown

Dungourney 3-5
Tracton 1-5

DUNGOURNEY got off to a good start with a goal after five minutes from Johanna Lane in the under-16 12-a-side county camogie league final in Carrigtwohill on Saturday.

Tracton replied with a point by Karen O'Sullivan two minutes later. The young Tracton side - Gemma Murray and Jennifer Lynch, are still under 11 - gave of their all but Dungourney's strength was apparent from the strong performances of Brid Cullinane, Evelyn Ronayne, Jackie Cronin, Maureen O'Riordan and Karen Fitzpatrick.

At the break Dungourney led by 1-4 to 0-1 after points from Anne Marie Hennessy, two from frees, and another from Johanna Lane.

Tracton recommenced in more determined mood. Sandra Murphy was outstanding in goal and Ann Jagoe superb in defence.

Their pressure was rewarded with an outstanding goal from under-11 player Jennifer Lynch, quickly followed by two points from Karen O'Sullivan and a point each from Rose Ambrose and Janet Kind.

This put Tracton ahead by a point with ten minutes remaining. But then Tracton's luck ran out.

Rose Ambrose hit a free to Janet



Rose Ambrose, Tracton on the run against Dungourney.

Kind, the player of the match, and powerhouse in the Tracton side.

She drove the ball all the way to the back of the net, but the goal was disallowed because of an infringement in the square.

Dungourney sub Evelyn Collins moved into the full-back line and Evelyn Ronayne moved to full-forward. This switch had the desired effect and with six minutes remaining, Nicola Nagle had a point for Dungourney to level the match.

Then, in a thrilling finale, Anne Marie Hennessy finished to the net from a 20-metre free and Nicola Nagle goal from play to give Dungourney a hard-earned victory.

Lively Barryroe ready for tilt at champions

WITH all the senior county championship opening rounds completed, thoughts now turn to this week's quarter-finals.

Tomorrow night, Cloughduv clash with Barryroe in an attractive game for the fans. Cloughduv were lucky to survive their opening round clash with divisional side Carbery. They know they will have to improve on that performance if they are to make it to the semi-final. Barryroe are a lively outfit who showed great composure under pressure in both games against Glen Rovers. Rosalie Holland, Marie Moloney, Isla Dineen and Karen McCarthy all impressed and they will have no fear of taking on the champions.

Last season, Cloughduv captured the title for the first time, and though Lynn Dunlea has since retired, they are still a force to be reckoned with. Aoife Murray guards the goal, while defender Stephanie Dunlea is hurling confidently both with club and county. Hard-working Marie Corkery, Una O'Donoghue and the lively Breege Corkery will prove a handful for the Barryroe defence. Last season the sides met at the same stage with Cloughduv advancing comfortably, this time it should be a lot closer.

Inniscarra recorded a convincing victory over Bishopstown but a sterner test now awaits as they face Carrigdhoun this evening and here, boosted by an extra game under their belts, the divisional side will be confident of advancing.

Inniscarra are nicely balanced with youth and experience. Irene O'Keefe and Paula Goggins are ex inter-county players while Criona Harte, Ger Casey and Margaret McCarthy are all match-winners. Carrigdhoun have plenty of strength in Elaine Burke, Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly and it should be a keen contest.

Fr O'Neills advanced comfortably against a young Newtwonsdhandrum side on Saturday last and tonight they take on Muskerry who defeated Seandun. O'Neills have contested and lost the last four county finals but this year they have a new enthusiasm. Sinéad Cahalan has returned after two years away from the game and she is a huge asset. Fiona O'Driscoll is playing some of her best camogie, while Mags Finn and Nora Ahern continue to play huge roles in defence.

Muskerry brushed aside the challenge of Seandun but Fr O'Neills will be a different affair. Michael Healy has instilled confidence in the side and they could trouble O'Neills.

St Finbarr's installed themselves as title contenders with a superb performance against Eire Og with Orla O'Sullivan bagging 2-10 out of their tally of 5-14. As it's the divisional side's first game it's hard to gauge their strength however Mary O'Connor has returned to Killeagh and her inclusion will be a huge boost to Imokilly.

Tipp too strong for brave Dubs

CAMOGIE
BY NIAL SCULLY

THE Tipperary camogie team, sponsored by the Horse and Jockey Hotel, turned Sunday's Sempie Stadium Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland Championship encounter into a one horse-race.

Tipp, managed by ex-hurling artist, Michael Cleary, are seeking four All-Ireland titles in succession, and it will take some effort to stop their gallop.

They had too much class for a hard-working Dublin, with the winning post coming into view from a long way off, 2-17 to 0-4.

Dublin prepared as well as they could. They were supremely fit, and they approached the match in the right manner, yet, from it's first chapter, they were striving to stay with the hosts.

Tipp were four points to the good before the visitors made an impact on the scoreboard through a 10th minute point from Ciara Lucey, who did well in the hour.

A free from Lucey, plus a Shauna Keogh point, made up Dublin's half-time tally, 1-10 to 0-3, with the home goal coming from Emer McDonnell from an 18th minute free.

Dublin showed determination at the start of the second period, and, with better fortune, they might have added to the lone point that was swept over, six minutes into the resumption, by Louise O'Hara.

Sinead Caulfield made some fine saves between the Dublin sticks, but overall, Tipp's calibre was written all over the Sempie sod as Claire Grogan, with eight points, and McDonnell

caused untold damage. Philly Fogarty tucked in Tipp's second goal, ten minutes from time, but the vote had been well cast by then, and Dublin will now gear up for an All-Ireland qualifier against Limerick.

DUBLIN: S. Caulfield (Crumlin); S. Byrne (St Vincent's); A. Cullen (St Vincent's); S. Young (Thomas Davis); G. Flynn (Crumlin); V. Trehy (Na Fianna); S. Elliot (Crumlin); A. McCuskey (Erin's Isle); J. Morris (St Vincent's); J. Donnelly (St Vincent's); S. Keogh (Good Counsel); D. Smith (St Vincent's); L. O'Hara (Erin's Isle); C. Lucey (Ballyboden St Enda's); G. McCuskey (Erin's Isle); Subs: F. Hughes (Ballyboden St Enda's); S. Hanks (Crumlin).

FIXTURES

TONIGHT (7.30)

Sen A Open Cup: Finglas: Erin's Isle v Crumlin. Mobhi Road: Na Fianna v Ballyboden St Enda's. Portmarnock: Naomh Meamóg v St Vincent's. Gallymore Road: Good Counsel v St Jude's. Sen B Open Cup: Pairc Uí Mhuirich: Ballyboden St Enda's v Thomas Davis. Russell Pk: Naomh Buidé v Skerries Harps. Harstown Park: St Peregrine's v O'Toole's. Phoenix Pk: Portobello v St Vincent's.

THURSDAY (7.30)

Jun B League: Portmarnock: Naomh Meamóg v St. Jude's. Pairc Uí Mhuirich: Ballyboden St Enda's v Thomas Davis. Mobhi Road: Na Fianna v St Peregrine's. Liffey Pk: Liffey Gaels v Balinteer St John's.

SUNDAY

Inter League (11.0): John Paul Pk: Naomh Fionnbarra v Erin's Isle. Tymon Pk: Celtic v St Vincent's. Ringsend: Clanna Gael/Fontenoy v Craobh Chiarain. Bohernabreena: St Anne's v Round Towers. Phoenix Pk: Good Counsel v Naomh Padraig. Shankill: Cuala v Naomh Meamóg. Jun A League (2.0): St Anne's Pk: Raheny v Ballyboden St Enda's. Mobhi Road: Na Fianna v Naomh Fionnbarra. Silver Pk: Kilmacud Crokes v Lucan Sarsfields.

O'Friel and Watson get Milford off to a flyer

Milford 3-6
Aghabullogue 1-6

MILFORD got a dream start when Emer O'Friel and Marie Watson goal in the first quarter in the Senior B championship, writes Mary Newman McCarthy.

Aghabullogue settled with two Mary Enneguess points but Milford continuing to press, and added points from Anna Geary and Marie Watson to lead at the break 2-2 to

0-3. Milford continued to work hard from the re-start and stretched their lead thanks to an Emer Watson goal. Mary Enneguess grabbed one back for Aghabullogue. In defence Milford were well organised with Elaine Riordan, Aoife Dillon and Christine O'Gorman superb. Aghabullogue had points from Louise Murphy and Mary Enneguess but Milford were always in command.

Elsewhere Kilbrittan turned in a top class display in their 3-8 to 1-3 win over Ballinhassig.

In the Diary

FRIDAY
Senior B Camogie Championship
Ballygarvan v Newcestown
Bandon 8pm

AN INTERESTING opening round in prospect. Ballygarvan, in their second year in senior B, have top players in inter-county duo Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly while Deirdre Daly and Katie Browne are also players of note.

Newcestown have been knocking at the door for several seasons and have good performers in Colette Desmond, Hilda Kenneally and Suzanne Deasy. If they can close down the lively Ballygarvan forward line they have a chance.

Verdict: Ballygarvan

Green party as hotshot Emma hits rivals for six

Carrigaline 7-9
Brian Dillons 2-3

EMMA GREEN was the heroine for Carrigaline as they swept aside Brian Dillon's in the junior A championship, writes Mary Newman McCarthy.

Lining out at full-forward, Green notched up six of her side's goals at the Tank Field. With Rose Harrington, Clodagh Fitzgerald and Joanne O'Keefe also impressing, Car-

rigaline led 2-3 to 0-1 at the break. Brian Dillon's had major contribution from Liz O'Mahony.

Carrigaline, on the evidence of this performance, will be fancied for ultimate honours.

Elsewhere, Sarsfields, with Cork junior Emer O'Farrell to the fore, had too much firepower for St Vincent's in their clash at the Saints venue. Leading by 1-6 to 0-3 at the interval, Sarsfields added a second half goal to book a semi-final place against St Catherine's, emerging 2-6 to 1-3 victors.

Barryroe and Carrigdhoun make no mistake in replays

Glen Rovers 3-2
Barryroe 1-12

Despite conceding two goals in the opening eight minutes, Barryroe powered back to fashion a four-point victory over Glen Rovers in the Cork County senior camogie championship replay at Bandon.

Jackie O'Sullivan got the Glen's first goal after Cora Keohane made a good save. In the eighth minute, Denise Cronin scored a fabulous second goal. Barryroe settled quickly, however, with Rosalie Holland and Karen McCarthy playing well.

A McCarthy point in the 22nd minute put them in front, followed by a Marie Maloney goal to have them leading 1-5

to 2-0 at half time. The winners remained in control in the second half with points from Jenny O'Leary. Gill Hannon and Cornelia Shortt were Glen's best players. Hannon scored a point and Emma Harte a goal to cut the deficit to three points. But deep in injury time, O'Leary pointed a Barryroe 45 to secure victory.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: E. Harte 1-0, J. O'Sullivan 1-0, D. Cronin 1-0, G. Hannon 0-1, A. Horgan 0-1. Barryroe: J. O'Leary 0-5, M. Maloney 1-1, E. McCarthy 0-2, K. McCarthy, C. Dineen, J. Collins 0-1 each.

Teams: Glen Rovers: L. Long, M. Hegarty, N. Goulding, A. Gilton, E. Riordan, G. Hannon, S. O'Shaughnessy, S. Kelly, C. Shortt, D. Bracken, E. Harte, A. Horgan, A. Walsh, D. Cronin, J. O'Sullivan, subs: E. Murphy for A. Gilton, A. Gilton for A. Walsh. Barryroe: C. Keoghane, E. Carroll, M. Sheehy, P. Maloney, A. Fleming, R. Holland, E. O'Regan, K. McCarthy, I. Dineen, L. Gannon, G.

Collins, J. O'Leary, M. Maloney, E. McCarthy, R. Dineen, sub: E. Griffin for P. Maloney. Referee: J. Desmond (Bandon)

Carrigdhoun 1-14
Courcey Rovers 0-9

IT was back to Brinny last night for the first-round replay of this Cork County Senior Camogie Championship game, but this time there was no doubt about the result as Carrigdhoun ran out convincing winners.

Sides were level at 0-2 each after ten minutes, but two superb scores from Sarah O'Donovan edged Carrigdhoun ahead 0-5 to 0-3 entering the second quarter.

Courcey relied heavily on Rachel Moloney for scores to stay in touch,

0-7 to 0-5 by the 25th minute.

A great score by Catriona Kelly left the tally at the break 0-8 to 0-5 in favour of the divisional side.

It was double scores 0-10 to 0-5 at the 40th minute, with outstanding displays from Carrigdhoun defenders Anne Kiely, Jennifer Browne and Elaine Burke, and attackers Emer Dillon, Elizabeth Bugler and Kelly.

Entering the last quarter, the winners led 0-14 to 0-6, but with great efforts from Courcey's outstanding goalkeeper Joanne Hayes, and team-mates Jennifer Murphy, Sarah Hayes, Claire Moloney and top scorer Rachel Moloney, the gap narrowed, 0-14 to 0-9. It was the winners' Deirdre Daly who notched the goal in the last minute.

Scorers

Carrigdhoun: C. Kelly 0-9 (0 4 frees, 0 1 45), S. O'Donovan and M. Jagoe 0-2 each, D. Daly 1-0, A. Murphy 0-1.

Courcey Rovers: R. Moloney 0-7 (0 6 frees, 0 1 45), M. O'Leary 0-1, S. Hayes 0-1 (0 1 45).

Carrigdhoun: A. Kiely (Carrigaline), M. Hurley (Valley Rovers), J. Browne (Ballygarvan), E. Burke (Valley Rovers), A. O'Neill (Ballygarvan), D. Fleming (Ballinhassig), S. A. O'Halloran (Ballygarvan), E. Dillon (dol), M. Holland (Ballinhassig), E. Bugler (Valley Rovers), C. Kelly (Ballygarvan), C. Deasy (Valley Rovers), A. Murphy (Ballygarvan), S. O'Donovan (dol), M. Jagoe (Tracton), Subs: D. Daly (Ballygarvan) for C. Deasy, C. Holland (Ballinhassig) for D. Fleming, M. McCarthy (Valley Rovers) for M. Jagoe, M. Conlon (Carrigaline) for S. O'Donovan.

Courcey Rovers: J. A. Hayes, J. Murphy, M. O'Donovan, S. Downing, M. O'Donoghue, S. Hayes, K. Keohane, A. O'Regan, N. Collins, S. Quinn, Rosemary Moloney, C. Murphy, Rachel Moloney, M. O'Leary, T. Moloney, Subs: S. O'Regan for T. Moloney, G. Twomey for M. O'Donoghue, C. Hannon for S. Quinn. Referee: P. Downey (Inniscarra).

Kelly's eye sees Carrigdhoun overcome Courcey challenge in camogie cracker

Carrigdhoun
Courcey Rovers

1-14
0-9

CARRIGDHOUN cemented their position as one of the favourites for the Cork County senior camogie championship title after this win over rivals Courcey Rovers in last evening's first round replay in Brinny. In complete contrast to the drawn game when they had a disappointing second half, they were firing on all cylinders again. Selector Jack McGrath said he is hoping for a similar display when they meet Inniscarra in the quarter-final next week: "We won't be worried about the fact that Inniscarra beat Bishopstown. We know already that they are a good side, but based on tonight's perform-

ance you could not ask for anything more from our girls. They stepped it up when the pressure was on and I was delighted with the contribution of our two subs Deirdre Hyland and Catherine Holland," he told the *Echo*. McGrath and his co-selectors had every reason to be happy as Courcey Rovers once again proved to be a stubborn nut to crack. There was little between the sides in the opening 30 minutes, but the more varied contribution from the Carrigdhoun forward line was the main difference. Marion Jagoe, Sarah O'Donovan and Caitriona Kelly were in top shooting form and the work rate of Liz Bugler and Amanda Murphy was immense. Despite this Courcey's only trailed by

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN
Camogie

three points at the break, but were not playing with the same fluency as last week. And all of their five points came from the stick of Cork star, Rachel Moloney. Her inter-county team mate Sara Hayes was also doing Trojan work all over the park, as was wing-forward Claire Murphy. However, their low return must be credited to a sound Carrigdhoun defence, which was headed up by Elaine Burke and Jennifer Brown. Not forgetting the contribution of both keepers, Carrigdhoun's Ann Kiely and Rovers Joanne Hayes. Carrigdhoun upped a gear for the

closing 30 minutes with Emer Dillon and Kelly showing their true worth. And to round off a perfect evening for the divisional side, sub Deirdre Daly scored the only goal of the match two minutes into injury time.

Scorers: Carrigdhoun: C. Kelly 0-8 (5-0), D. Daly 1-0, S. O'Donovan and M. Jagoe 0-2 each, A. Murphy and E. Dillon 0-1 each.

Courcey Rovers: R. Moloney 0-8 (0-1, 4-5), S. Hayes 0-1 (4-5).

Carrigdhoun: A. Kiely, M. Hurley, J. Brown, D. Fleming, A. O'Neill, E. Burke, S. A. O'Neill, E. Dillon, M. Holland, L. Bugler, C. Kelly, C. Deasy, A. Murphy, S. O'Donovan, M. Jagoe.

Subs: D. Daly for C. Deasy (half-time), C. Holland for D. Fleming (45mins), M. McCarthy for M. Jagoe and M. Conlan for S. O'Donovan (50mins).

Courcey Rovers: J. Hayes, S. Downing, M. O'Donovan, J. Murphy, M. O'Donoghue, S. Hayes, K. Keoghane, S. Quinn, R. Moloney, C. Murphy, R. Moloney, M. O'Leary, T. Moloney.

Subs: S. O'Regan for T. Moloney (35mins), C. Hannon for S. Quinn (45mins), G. Twomey for M. O'Donoghue (57mins). **Referee:** P. Downey.

ELSEWHERE, Barryroe proved too strong for Glen Rovers in their first round replay in Bandon.

It finished 1-12 to 3-2. Barryroe led 1-5 to 2-0 at half time thanks to a splendid Carol Dineen goal in the 23rd minute.

And with continued support from Jennifer O'Leary and Ger Collins, the west Cork side piled on the points in the final 30 minutes.

The Glen started very positively hitting two goals in the opening nine minutes. However they failed to capitalise on the leadership of Denise Cronin and Gill Hannon and did not score again until the start of the second period.

And a goal from Emma Harie only minutes from time came too late for the Blackpool fight-back.

O'Neills crush Newtownshandrum to book place in last eight

Fr O'Neills
Newtownshandrum

3-14
0-3

by Mary Newman

FR O'NEILLS advanced to the quarter finals of the Cork county senior camogie championship by beating a young Newtownshandrum side at Delany's on Saturday.

O'Neills laid the foundations for victory in the opening quarter with points from Siobhan Kearney, Francis Flavin, Sinead Cahalane, and Fiona O'Driscoll. Paula O'Connor opened Newtownshandrum's account with a pointed free.

Fiona O'Driscoll caused the New-

Greene scores six goals as Carrigaline advance

E. O'Mahoney, sub. M. O'Connor for E. O'Mahoney.
Referee: P. Downey (Inniscarra).

Carrigaline 7-9
Brian Dillons 2-3

townshandrum defence endless problems and stretched her side's lead with an 18th-minute goal.

Points from O'Driscoll and Sinead Cahalane had O'Neills in command at the break 1-10 to 0-1.

Newtownshandrum tightened up in the opening quarter of the second half and with O'Connor and O'Driscoll exchanging points, O'Neills maintained their advantage 1-11 to 0-2 entering the final quarter.

Newtown worked tirelessly but their failure to convert limited posi-

tion proved costly in their quest to reduce the deficit.

It was inevitable that their defence would succumb to the Fr O'Neills pressure and eventually it did.

Siobhan Kearney and Frances Flavin stretched the lead with goals before two closing points from Sinead Cahalane brought proceedings to their inevitable conclusion on an evening when the more experienced Fr O'Neills were always in control.

The quarter final pairing are now

as follows: Fr O'Neills v Muskerry; Imokilly v St. Finbarr's; Carrigdhoun v Inniscarra; Barryroe v Cloughduv.

Scorers: Fr O'Neills: F. O'Driscoll 1-7 (0-4), S. Kearney 1-1, S. Flavin 1-1, S. Cahalane 0-4, C. Flavin 0-1.

Newtownshandrum: P. O'Connor 0-3 (0-2).

FR O'NEILLS: M. Kennefick, A. O'Neill, M. Finn, L. Sweetnam, A. Corcoran, N. Ahern, S. Kearney, R. Corcoran, V. O'Sullivan, C. Flavin, F. O'Driscoll, S. Cahalane, M. O'Brien, F. Flavin, G. Kearney, sub. C. O'Shea for L. Sweetnam.

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: C. Browns, M. Harrington, S. O'Regan, K. Hickey, P. O'Connor, T. Shanahan, A. Kelliher, L. Kelliher, U. Troy, K. Harrington, A. Mulcahy, M. O'Mahoney, N. Bowles, O. Harrington.

IN the Junior A Championship opening round game at Brian Dillons, Carrigaline's full forward Emma Greene notched up six of her side's goals as they advanced at the expense of the home side.

Milford, Kilbrittan prove too strong

THE opening games in the Senior B championship saw Milford advance at the expense of Aghbullogue and Kilbrittan prove too strong for Ballinhassig.

Goals from Edel Foley and Marion Murphy helped Kilbrittan enjoy an interval lead of 2-5 to 0-3 and on the resumption they again maintained their momentum. Siobhan Sexton and Marion Murphy had added points before Sexton struck for Kilbrittan's third goal. Ballinhassig who were making their debut in Senior B, having last year won the Junior A title tried hard and were rewarded with a Mairead Holland goal, however Kilbrittan's strength as experience was always evident and they advanced comfortably on a 3-8 to 1-3 score line.

Milford had two goals to spare over Aghbullogue when the sides met in Mourabbey. Leading 2-2 to 0-3 at the break thanks to goals from Emer O'Friel and Marie Watson the Milford girls maintained their advantage to the finish despite a strong challenge from an Aghbullogue side who had a goal from Mary Ennaguess and good displays from Sinead

Buckley and Tina Roche.

Action continues on Friday night when Newcestown and Ballygarvan open their campaigns, Ballygarvan will be hoping that their contingent involved with Carrigdhoun come through injury free while Newcestown will be looking for top displays from Hilda Kenneally and Miriam Deasy to help them advance.

In the Junior A championship Carrigaline had a good victory over Brian Dillons with Emma Green, Rose Harrington and Trisha Sullivan all impressing.

Fixtures

Tuesday July 16th

Senior County championship Fr O'Neills v Muskerry venue to be announced 8p.m.; Carrigdhoun v Inniscarra, Ovens 8 p.m.

Wednesday July 17th

Senior county Championship Quarter finals St Finbarrs v Imokilly, Venue to be announced, 8p.m.; Cloughduv v Barryroe, Ballineen 8p.m.

Friday, July 19

Senior B Championship Ballygarvan v Newcestown Venue to be announced 8p.m.

Sunday, July 21

All Ireland Minor semi Final Cork v Derry, Derry venue Junior A championship Douglas v Glen Rovers, Douglas (time to be confirmed)

Nagle's nugget proves a vital one

By TIM BUCKLEY
Camogie

Dungourney 3-5
Tracton 1-5

DUNGOURNEY started the stronger in the U16 12-a-side County Camogie league final played in Carrigrohilly on Saturday with a goal from Johanna Lane in the fifth minute. Their superiority continued against a young Tracton side and with three points from Anne Marie Hennessy and one from Johanna Lane, they led at the break, 1-4 to 0-1.

Tracton came more into the game in the second half with goalkeeper Sandra Murphy and Ann Jagoe superb in defence. And their efforts were rewarded with an outstanding goal from U11 player, Jennifer Lynch. With these scores rallying her side, Tracton continued to press and had further points from Karen O'Sullivan (two), Rose Ambrose and Janet Kind, to give them a lead with ten minutes remaining.

But, Tracton's luck ran out. Dungourney substitute Evelyn Collins came into the full back line and Evelyn Ronayne moved to full forward. This clever switch had the desired effect for Dungourney who had failed to score for 24 minutes of the second half. Nicola Nagle pointed to level the match. Then in a thrilling final six minutes Anne Marie Hennessy finished to the net from a 20 metre free and Nagle goaled from play to give Dungourney a hard earned victory.

Scorers: Dungourney: J. Lane 1-1, N. Nagle 1-1, A. M. Hennessy 1-3 (1-2 frees).

Tracton: J. Lynch 1-0, K. O'Sullivan 0-3, J. Kind and R. Ambrose 0-1 each.

DUNGOURNEY: A. O'Neill, M. O'Riordan, B. Cullinane, E. Ronayne, C. Murphy, S. Rohan, K. Fitzpatrick, J. Cronin, A. M. Hennessy, N. Kelleher, N. Nagle (Capt), J. Lane, E. Collins (for N. Kelleher 50 mins), D. O'Riordan, M. O'Sullivan, M. Beecher, C. Hickey, V. Broderick.

TRACTON: S. Murphy, C. O'Mahony, A. Jagoe, L. Lynch, S. Corcoran, J. Kind, G. Murray, R. Ambrose (Capt), D. O'Loughlin, J. Lynch, K. O'Sullivan, K. Kingston, R. Walsh, D. Mullane, N. Mullane, A. Kelleher.

Referee: J. McGrath (Carrigaline).

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The Ibar's survive Monageer's spirited rally

ST. IBAR'S 3-16
M-B'VOGUE 4-8

ST. IBAR'S advanced to the semi-finals of the senior camogie championship with a five point victory over Monageer-Booleavogue at Killurin on Friday.

While defending champions dominated the first-half to lead 2-12 to 0-3 at the break, Monageer dictated matters in the

second and scored four goals in the process.

St. Ibar's opened the scoring with a Michelle Hearne point, before Kate Kelly added four and Jackie O'Connor one.

A point by Rose Marie Breen for Monageer left just 0-4 to 0-1 separating the teams after seven minutes.

St. Ibar's, with two more points by Kate Kelly and another by Michelle Murphy, coupled with a

goal by Michelle Hearne after 13 minutes, left Monageer trailing by seven points (1-7 to 0-3).

A series of further scores, including a goal and a point from Anne Marie Kelly in the closing ten minutes put the defending champions well in command at half-time.

St. Ibar's resumed with a goal by Michelle Murphy after two minutes and a point by Jackie O'Connor added to their

advantage two minutes later.

Monageer then played their best camogie of the game, hitting goals through Joanna Breen and Siobhan Gahan to cut the deficit to 3-13 to 2-3 after 40 minutes.

They continued to dominate, adding points by Rose Marie Breen (2), a goal by Mary Breen and a second by Siobhan Gahan left just five points

dividing the sides 3-13 to 4-5.

As the game entered the final ten minutes Monageer had points by Avis Nolan, Sarah Darcy and Mary Breen, but St. Ibar's hit back with two points by Kate Kelly and a fourth from Jackie O'Connor to give them a comfortable win.

St. Ibar's - Jenna Murphy, Edwina Roche (capt.), Emma Carroll, Catherine Doyle, Assumpta Cullen, Sandy Carr, Laura Corrigan, Fiona

Cullen, Kate Kelly (0-8), Mag Kelly, Jackie O'Connor (0-4), Eime Murphy (0-1), Ann-Marie Kelly (1-1), Michelle Hearne (1-1), Michelle Murphy (1-1).

Subs: Leona Tector for Fiona Cullen; Maeve Quill, Michelle Doyle, Liz Doyle, Sinead Kelly, Theresa Sheil, Ornagh Cullen, Janice Carr, Fionnuala Hearne, Anne Hearne, Aimee Fox.

Monageer-Booleavogue - Joanne Breen, Orla Gahan, Brenda Murphy, Theresa

Turner, Anna Murphy, Orla Hernan, Ruth Walsh, Bridget Stafford, Catherine O'Loughlin, Avis Nolan (0-3), Siobhan Gahan (2-0), Mary Breen (1-1), Sandra Murphy, Rose Marie Breen (0-3), Sarah Darcy (0-1).

Subs: Joanna Breen (1-0) for Bridget Stafford; Niamh O'Loughlin, Antonia McCarty, Mary Gahan, Bernadette Carton, Laura Daly, Claire Murphy.

Referee - John Farrell (Oylegate).

Oulart-The Ballagh advance

OULART/BALLAGH 2-6
RATHNUR 1-5

OULART-THE BALLAGH advanced to the senior camogie semis following a four point win over Rathnure at sunny Oylegate on Sunday afternoon.

Elaine Holohan and Aoife O'Connor each tallied points in a low-scoring opening 16 minutes.

Oulart reduced the arrears when Una Leacy slotted over a free before her sister Mary followed-up to tie the scores 0-2 each on 22 minutes.

The winners with a second point by Una Leacy from a '45 took the lead three minutes before team mate Tanya Stamp slotted home a rebound for the opening goal of the game.

In the closing minutes of the half Oulart were awarded a penalty when Tanya Stamp was fouled in the square, and Fiona Dunne grabbed a point to make it 1-4 to 0-2 in favour of the red-and-black clad side at the turn.

Oulart had a goal in the opening attack of the second-half courtesy of Diane Ryan, but Rathnure with three points by Elaine Holohan between the 35th and 40th minutes reduced the gap to 2-4 to 0-5.

They could have further reduced the leeway when a goal bound shot by Aoife O'Connor was brilliantly saved by Ciara

O'Connor in goal for Oulart-The Ballagh.

Another brace of points by Una Leacy put seven points between the sides (2-6 to 0-5), but Rathnure to their credit never gave up and took the game to their opponents.

The pressure finally told in the dying minutes when a Niamh O'Connor shot was deflected to the net by Helena Jacob for the final score of the game.

Oulart-The Ballagh - Ciara O'Connor, Helena Jacob, Colleen Atkinson, Ailish Doyle, Ashling Moran, Fiona Dunne, Tracey McCormack, Ciara Scallan, Mary Leacy (0-1), Diane Ryan (1-0), Lisa Kenney, Tanya Stamp (1-0), Marguerite Doyle, Una Leacy (0-5), Ursula Jacob.

Subs: Stacey Redmond for Lisa Kenney; Emma Moran for Marguerite Doyle; Annette Sinnott, Karen Atkinson, Claire Sinnott, Caroline Murphy, Sharon Kehoe, Sarah Jo Sinnott, Donna Kirwan, Liz Murphy, Elaine Dempsey, Caroline Sinnott.

Rathnure - Mary Donnelly, Anna Mai White, Ashling Hogan, Bernie Holohan, Niamh O'Connor (1-0), Claire O'Connor, Julie Conran, Aoife O'Connor (0-1), Evelyn Quigley, Elaine Holohan (0-4), Michelle O'Leary, Jenny O'Leary, Laura Murphy, Geraldine Codd, Ciara O'Connor.

Subs: Jean Hayden for Julie Conran; Norma Carthy for Laura Murphy; Maggie Somers for Jenny O'Leary; Aine Doran, Bridget Murphy, Sarah Murphy, Roisin Codd, Katie Reddy, Mary Hayden, Karina Somers.

Referee - John Farrell (Oylegate).



CAMOGIE SCENE

with COUNTY PRO JOHN FURLONG



Wexford minor camogie selector Timmy McCormack pictured with sponsorship presented by Keane Builders of Kilmuckridge to aid the team's championship bid. Also in photo are Karen Barnes, selector, and Tracey McCormack, captain, with t-shirts given to the team ahead of Saturday's big clash away to Galway.

Minors travel out West to face Galway

THE COUNTY MINORS head out West on Saturday next to face Galway in the All-Ireland minor camogie championship semi-final at Ballinasloe (3p.m.).

Wexford defeated Kilkenny in the provincial final on a scoreline of 5-11 to 5-3 in Nowlan Park on May 18th, to claim the title for the eighth time, with Una Leacy scoring 4-8 in that great all round team performance.

Wexford's management team of Jack O'Brien (Buffers Alley, manager),

Karen Barnes (Faythe Harriers) and Timmy McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh) will be hoping for a repeat of their Leinster championship final performance in the clash with the Corribiders.

In preparation for this trip, a special thanks is extended to Peter Keane of Keane Builders in Kilmuckridge for contributing sponsorship of €250 towards Wexford's cause.

Wexford (MC panel versus Galway): Margaret

Darcy (St. Martin's), Sharon Kehoe (Oulart-The Ballagh), Jackie Codd (Duffry Rovers), Anna Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Sharon Mooney (Glynn-Barntown), Tracey McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh, capt.), Olivia Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Karen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Bríd Gordon (Blackwater), Frances Doran (Buffers Alley),

Emma Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Emma Barnes (Faythe Harriers), Stacey Redmond (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ciara Howard (Faythe Harriers), Tanya Healy (Faythe Harriers), Maedbh Hughes (Buffers Alley), Elaine Dempsey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Katie O'Brien (Blackwater), Theresa Murphy (Faythe Harriers), Tracey Nolan (Buncloody), Ann Marie Foley (Duffry Rovers), Bronagh Furlong (Duffry Rovers), Aine Doyle (Glynn-Barntown).

ST. MARTIN'S 2-7
OYLEGATE 1-4

ST. MARTIN'S avenged last year's senior 'B' camogie championship final defeat with victory over Oylegate in Saturday's quarter-final at Páirc Charman, to book their place in the semis for the first time.

They had the better of the early exchanges, but fell behind when a shot by Michelle Whelan hit their net on ten minutes.

Oylegate added pointed frees by Gretta Heffernan to extend their lead 1-2 to 0-0 after 18 minutes.

St. Martin's with two points from frees by Aine Codd and a goal by Miriam Lambert tied the scores, before Codd grabbed her third point in added time to lead 1-3 to 1-2 at the interval.

The Martin's resumed with points by Codd to establish a 1-5 to 1-2 lead on 41 minutes. The Wexford district side continued to dominate with Miriam Lambert adding a goal and a point to further extend the lead to 2-6 to 1-2, and basically confirm the outcome.

St. Martin's - Margaret Darcy, Marie O'Connor (capt.), Triona Codd, Jenny Rowe, Louise Fanning, Aine Codd (0-5), Alma Radford, Noeleen Lambert, Deirdre Colfer, Orla Power, Miriam Lambert (2-2), Fiona Twomey, Ciara Quigley, Tina Bergin, Trisha Gahan.

Subs: Anna Marie Lambert for Fiona Twomey; Susie Maddock for Trisha Gahan; Avril Boland for Ciara Quigley; Brona Mahoney for Tina Bergin; Tracey Browne, Linda Waters.

Oylegate - Tina Farrell, Johanna Quigley, Lorraine Kinsella, Jean Quigley (capt.), Lena Fogarty, Michelle Jordan, Patricia Quigley, Leanne Moulton, Pauline Reck, Karen McCormack, Gretta Heffernan (0-4), Catherine Kinsella, Michelle Whelan, Ursula Neville, Barbara Sludds.

Subs: Una Reck for Leanne Moulton; Yvonne Doyle, Ann Doyle, Yvonne Moulton, Mary Murphy, Siobhan Murphy, Jackie O'Brien.

Referee - John Furlong (St. Ibar's).

Laura inspires Buffers Alley into semis

BUFFERS ALLEY 2-7
BUNCLOODY 1-6

HAVING TRAILED by two points at half-time, the Alley's senior camogie crew booked their semi-final place with an improved showing at Monageer on Sunday.

Maedbh Hughes hit two points to help the Alley to a tight opening 0-3 to 0-2,

and the final action of the half resulted in a goal by Buncloody's Ann Byrne - a former Alley player - after a long range free by Marian Handrick was only partly cleared. That left the Enniscorthy district side leading 1-2 to 0-3 at half-time.

Buncloody resumed with a point by Paula Rankin, but Laura Dempsey set-up

Maedbh Hughes for a goal for Buffers Alley to tie the scores at 1-3 apiece.

Buncloody took the lead twice with points from frees by Marie O'Loughlin in the 39th and 43rd minutes, only for Laura Dempsey and Ann Cousins to hit levellers for Buffers Alley.

The eventual winners took the lead in the 50th

minute when Laura Dempsey slotted home a rebounding shot from close range.

Buncloody, with a point by Michelle Doyle after 53 minutes, and two late points by Frances Doran and Ann Cousins concluded the scoring, leaving Buffers Alley to progress to a derby against Oulart/Ballagh in the semi-finals.

Buffers Alley - Terri Butler, Pauline Hall (capt.), Noelle Doran, Sinead Laffan, Sarah Kelly, Marie Butler, Theresa Doran, Liz Murphy, Linda Burke, Roisin Donohoe, Ann Cousins (0-3), Deirdre Burke, Frances Doran (0-1), Maedbh Hughes (1-2), Laura Dempsey (1-1).

Subs: Mary Kelly, Caroline Cousins, Aoife Kenny.

Buncloody - Linda Byrne, Martina Furlong, Ann Doyle,

Bernie Mahon, Mary Cowman (capt.), Marian Handrick, Tracey Nolan, Paula Rankin (0-1), Aoife Druhan, Marie O'Loughlin (0-3), Aine Mullins, Michelle Doyle (0-1), Ann Byrne (1-0), Mairead Handrick, Susan Kehoe (0-1).

Subs: Maura Kehoe for Martina Furlong (inj.); Ann Handrick for Maura Kehoe; Bernie Byrne for Ann Byrne; Louise Cowman.