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Form book offers no real guide



Vera Mulcahy: believes the championship provides the real test.

WAS this year's National League a complete washout? What have all the camogie counties been doing since last September?

Few have shown up in the league - that's for sure. Except, of course, Cork and Tipperary.

The All-Ireland senior championship kicks-off on July 6, with Kilkenny and Tipperary first into the fray, but there is no real form guide because of the topsy-turvy displays from some of the so-called top teams.

Kilkenny have been hammered in almost all of their league outings. Mary Fennelly, a former president of the asso-

ciation and winner of several All-Ireland medals with St Pauls and Kilkenny, believes things will only improve on Noreside.

"The likes of Una Murphy, Sinead Millea, Kelly Long and the Maher sisters are all back with the Black and Amber this year. And Gillian Maher will be returning.

"We had difficulties earlier on with injuries and college matches. Camogie is booming in Kilkenny at club level, there is great interest. We will be going all out for the championship," said Mary.

Limerick selector Vera Mulcahy, who is niece of the legendary Mick Mackey, be-

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lieves that only the championship will determine how good any team is. "Championship is the big one.

"The league was difficult to judge this year. Counties stopped training because of the foot and mouth.

"Due to exams and St Mary's Charleville progress in the colleges, we were unable to blood new players. To me that is what the league is all about."

When Cork played Galway in the National League a few months back, the Westerners fielded an understrength side.

Tactics, shrewdness, - call it what you want, but the Galway mentors were not showing Cork anything ahead of next month's showdown. Half of their team were on the sideline.

Therefore the league has told us little about Cork either. They won all their matches with considerable ease, with only Tipperary and Antrim (Cork were depleted) putting up a decent show. But the Rebel's approach is in the business-as-usual sort of way. "We made a big effort to be organised for all of our league games," admitted selector Rose Desmond. "We can only do our best and hope other counties will do the same."

Rebels look to have a slight edge

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Camogie Reporter

DELANEY'S GAA club in Kilbarry will host the clash of Cork and Limerick in tonight's Munster Intermediate camogie championship semi-final.

This provincial competition, which is separate to the All-Ireland series, has seen the home county to the fore in recent times, while the visitor's last victory as this level was back in 1995 - the same year the Shannonsiders won the All-Ireland Junior title.

However, despite winning the All-Ireland Intermediate championship 12 months later, the Green and White have been starved of success at adult level since then.

As a result, the intervening years have proved largely trying.

For tonight's meeting they will pick mainly from their junior and intermediate clubs.

Surprisingly, Granagh/Ballingarry, the All-Ireland club champions of 1998 and 1999 have no representation on the team.

Marie Keating and Maura Fleury of the county senior squad will backbone their challenge, while Margaret Leahy, Aisling Creed, Brigid Curtin and Noreen Burns will add strength to their cause.

Meanwhile, Cork too will look to their current junior players for this evening's line out. Because the Rebel County are the reigning Munster Intermediate kingpins, all of last year's team are ruled out.

Consequently, it is likely that the selectors will put their trust in Purcell Cup medallist Nora Ahern, goalkeeper Ellen Clifford, Elaine McCarthy, Jean O'Sullivan, Mary Enneguess and Jennifer O'Leary.

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Classy Cork to book final spot

CORK and Limerick, paired against Galway and Down respectively in the All-Ireland, meet in the semi-final of the Munster provincial championship tonight.

With the All Ireland series operating on an open-draw basis, Cork, Limerick, Clare and Tipperary will participate in the Munster championship, which has been dominated by the wearers of the red and white for the past number of years.

Tipperary came close to dethroning the Rebels in the '99 final, but a late burst from Cork saw the cup remain on Leeside.

The visitors to Feenagh to-

Timing of games wrong

MUNSTER Council will have to review the timing of the Provincial Intermediate camogie championship after both of last evening's semi-finals were decided by walkovers. Cork were due to play

Limerick and Tipperary were due to meet Clare and Down respectively. The games were postponed due to rain.

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night will be without key players Linda Mellerick and Lynn Dunlea, both of whom are carrying injuries.

And it is also unlikely that students Ciara Healy and

Joanna Lee, sitting out due to injury, will be available. However, the Rebels are in depth in the ranks with Deirdre O'Connell, Vicky O'Connell and Eileen O'Connor all expected to call upon their skills.

very formidable line-up.

Meanwhile, Limerick will be without their star forward, Eileen O'Brien, who is hampered by a knee injury picked up in a recent game.

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Limerick's Mary Lonergan chases after Cork's Una O'Donoghue during their game in Feenagh, Limerick, last night.

Picture: Press

Noel is pinning hopes on youth

Cork 7-17
Limerick 1-4

The end result at Feenagh last evening would suggest that Limerick camogie is at its lowest ebb in some time.

Yet manager Noel Hartigan denies this and is looking to the long-term benefits by giving youth its fling.

He had to introduce eight players to make their senior championship debut in this Provincial semi-final in the hope that it could be an encouraging move on what appears to be a long road to recapturing the glory days of old.

"Tonight we were playing at a different level. We have a very young panel - some of who are minors from last year. My hope would be that all of these girls would be still playing in five years time," he said.

"It is good to play the likes of Cork and Kilkenny. It makes you realise what you have to do. I admit there is a gap in standards, but it is not an absolute huge gap and it is not insurmountable.

"We have work to do - a lot of work. We need to start winning. There is talent but a lack of self-belief. Our two corner backs are very young and it was unfortunate to lose Edel Reale (injury) so early on. We have a couple of good forwards who did not get the ball. You saw Marie Keatings goal when she did get the supply.

"We are looking forward to the All Ireland championship against Down.



Limerick's Bernie Clarey tries to block the shot of Cork's Jennifer O'Leary. Picture: Press 22

BY THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

in Feenagh

"A win would do wonders for such a young team."

The mood in the camp is upbeat, he assures me. On reflection, Limerick hung in grimly for a while and had very heartening displays from the likes of Mary Lonergan, Rose Collins, sisters Vera and Deirdre Sheehan and Marie Keating.

But the goal scoring exploits of Cork put paid to their challenge with Cliona Harte,

Una O'Donoghue and Fiona O'Driscoll firing on all cylinders up front.

However, despite the one-sided outcome, manager Pa Finn was still pleased with the game.

"Matches are better than any training session and we needed to try out a few more players. Galway is our main aim (All Ireland championship). We want to win the All Ireland and Galway will be our stopper," he stated.

Cork and Tipperary will finish last evening's competition with the final being played in Cork next Thursday night.

Clare must play young girls against Cork

BY THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

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CLARE are coming to Cork today, maybe not with the team they would wish, but nevertheless they are prepared to fulfil this evening's fixture in the Munster Intermediate camogie championship final.

After a recent spate of bad times, it looks like the Banner

County are slowly edging back up the ladder of success, and with Davy Fitzgerald training a squad of 40 players, selector Maura Sheedy says they are now looking forward to the forthcoming championships and hope to put the past behind them.

"We will be in Cork this evening whether it is the team we want is another issue. We are a bit disappointed that the

match in on a weeknight as it is almost impossible for girls to get off work.

"We are leaving at 3.30pm today in order to avoid the heavy traffic out of Shannon, but because of our early start we will not be at full strength. This is not sour grapes, just that we need all our players to do well against Cork. We will have a very young squad travelling south. Presently all

teams are training together under Davy and it is beginning to come together."

Clare McMahon, a cousin to inter-county star Seanie and medallist with St Patrick's Shannon, will head up the attack in Delany's tonight. In fact, youth will be very much to the fore with Denise Lynch and Emer Wherley other youngsters who will feature in their line out.

Meanwhile Cork, the reigning Munster Intermediate titleholders, are forced to field a brand new outfit this season. And like the visitors, they too will be looking to the Junior team for their starting fifteen.

Mary Enneguess, Gemma O'Connor and Elaine McCarthy should be the leading lights among a selection that should have too much strength for this Clare side.

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camogie for young players within the Muskerry division



Carrigaline Community School's junior team, who beat St Mary's Macroom in the final of the Cork Colleges Junior B Championship.

Skilful Sarah through to All-Ireland

AS preparations continue for Féile na nGael to be held over the weekend of June 21-22, the Cork committee held the county skills competition on Saturday last and Sarah Dowling from Courcey Rovers was the winner, who will now represent the county in the All-Ireland Skills competition.

In a close contest the Kinsale Community college second year student held off the challenge of Orla Cotter, St Catherine's, and Sarah Coyne, Youghal, who finished just two points behind to take joint second.

Having been introduced to the hurley at a young age by older brother Brendan, Sarah played camogie in Ballinaspatil National school under the watchful eye of Kathaleen O'Donovan and later with Marie Nolan. The team reached the Sciath na Scol finals but lost out to a strong Milford side.

Joining the Courcey Rovers club was a natural progression as her brother was already a member and with mother Patsy falling in to give a hand, she soon also became involved in the club and has since progressed to become the club's chairperson.

Speaking to **Grassroots** Patsy told of the great elation of Sarah's win: "Being club chairperson I am very proud that a player from our club has the honour of winning the Cork skills title, and of course as a parent I am very proud of Sarah."

Sarah attributes her success to all the hard training both at school and club level where even at the tender age of 14, lined out with the U14, U16, U18 and junior team.

She is the first player from the club to be crowned Féile Skills champion and no doubt she will go on to achieve greater things.

She will be determined to join her club mates, Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney, who have made a big impact on the inter county scene.

We wish her the best in her quest for All-Ireland honours.

The National competition is just two weeks away, and next week we will feature all the draws, venues and times of the various games in a Féile na nGael camogie special.



Stephanie O'Callaghan minds the goal at Berrings National School's recent camogie blitz. Picture: Mike English

Hotshot Rebels cruise into final

Limerick 1-4
Cork 7-17

CORK held all the aces in a one-sided Munster senior championship semi-final at Feenagh last Thursday.

Three goals inside the opening quarter from Una O'Donoghue and two from Criona Harte set the Rebels on their way and further points from Rachel Moloney and Elaine Burke underlined their superiority.

Michelle Casey opened the scoring for the home side with a 14th minute point and further scores from Mairead Kelly and Mary Lornegan offered some

hope. But Cork were quickly back on the offensive and O'Donoghue bagged her second goal.

Fiona O'Driscoll's long shot from outfield went all the way to the net for Cork's fifth goal before five unanswered points gave the visitors a 5-7 to 0-3 interval lead.

Any faint hopes of a Limerick comeback were quashed within a minute of a restart when O'Donoghue completed her hat-trick with a well taken goal.

Limerick, to their credit, fought hard and were rewarded with a Marie Keating goal. But Cork were in cruise control and added a seventh goal through Jennifer O'Leary close to the end.

Results/ Fixtures

RESULTS
Under 12 League: Enniskeane 2-1, Clonakilty 1-0; Buttevant 6-1, Charleville 0-0; Glen Rovers 0-1, St Finbar's 0-0.

Under 14 League: Blackrock 4-1, Brian Dillon's 0-0; Ballincollig 7-1, Ballinascahy 4-0; Blackrock 5-4, Mayfield 0-0; Grenagh 5-4, Castlyons 0-1; Glen Rovers 0-4, Ballygarvan 0-4; Killeagh 5-0, Watergrasshill 0-0.

Seandún Under 11 League: Blackrock 4-0, Na Piersaigh 1-0.

FIXTURES
Tonight
Munster Intermediate Championship final: Cork v Clare Delaneys 8pm.

FRIDAY JUNE 15
Munster Senior Final: Cork v Tipperary, Bishopstown, 7.30pm.

Under 14 League: Home team first, all 7pm.

Ballygarvan v Douglas; Inniscarra v Aghabullogue; Milford v Ballyhea; Bandon v Kilbrittain; Valley Rovers v Ballinora; Enniskeane v Ballincollig; Cloughduv v Eire Og; Newcestown v Clonakilty; Courcey Rovers v Barryroe; St Catherine's v Watergrasshill.

Youghal v Killeagh; St Finbar's v Dungourney; Passage v Sliabh Rua; Tracton v Erin's Own; St Vincent's v Blackrock; Brian Dillon's v Mayfield; Kildorrery v Sarsfield; St Fanahan's v Grenagh; Kishanig v Castletyons.

SATURDAY JUNE 16
Douglas Under nine and 10 Street League Finals, 4pm.

TUESDAY JUNE 19
Under 12 League: Home teams first named, all 7pm.

Blackrock v Carrigaline; Douglas v Glen Rovers; St Finbar's v Mayfield; Bishopstown v Na Piersaigh; Aghabullogue v Ballinascahy; Ballygarvan v Cloughduv; Newcestown v Eire Og; Ballincollig v Inniscarra; Ballinascahy v Barryroe; Clonakilty v Courcey Rovers; Sliabh Rua v Enniskeane; Bandon v Kilbrittain; Ballinora v Cobh; Erin's Own v Grenagh; Tracton v St Vincent's; Blaney v Sarsfield; Ballyhea v Charleville; Kildorrery v Kishanig; Newtownshandrum v Mallow; Buttevant v Milford; Dungourney v Killeagh; Rockbawn v St Catherine's; Inniscarra B v Watergrasshill; Fr O'Neill's v Youghal.

agh include Ciara Whooley and Alice Twomey.

Section two has Inniscarra forging ahead on eight points and Jemma Twomey and Niamh Dilworth have been leading their quest for honours. Following close behind are Eire Og, who have Deirdre Twomey and Elaine Galvin working hard to make the final spot. Cloughduv, Aghabullogue and Rockbawn have yet to add points, but there are a number of outstanding games to be played. Aghabullogue's Mary Ronan and Cloughduv's Sarah Pearse are sure to be to the forefront, pushing for victories.

The U13 competition has Grenagh heading pool A with Ballincollig just one point behind. Blarney and Ballinora are in third and fourth with all games played in round one.

Pool B has a strong Eire Og leading the way on five points with Ballincollig one behind on four. Inniscarra and Rockbawn are on four apiece, with Aghabullogue and Cloughduv bring up the rear. But here again there are games out-

standing. Many players have impressed in the U13 games including Julie Allen and Marion Herlihy for Aghabullogue, Clare O'Donovan and Michelle Burns of Ballincollig, Elaine Collins and Laura O'Mahony of Ballinora, while Stephanie Lucey, Grace Gleeson, Nicole Sherlock and Noreen Healy have worked hard for their respective clubs.

● Munster finals dominate the camogie inter-county fixture sheet as the intermediate and senior

teams both contest this week. Tonight at Delaneys the intermediate side meet Clare and tomorrow evening the seniors entertain All-Ireland champions Tipperary in a game that will surely catch the imagination as only Cork-Tipp clashes do.

Despite neither competition having a bearing on the All-Ireland series, which at both grades are run on an open draw basis, the respective backroom teams will nevertheless be using the games as

a build-up to the championship.

For the intermediate selectors the competition is a chance to unearth new talent as the rules of the competition set down that any holders of Munster Intermediate Championship medals cannot participate. Despite this Cork will still field a strong side with Ellen Clifford, Nora Ahern and Niamh Goulding all eligible to play.

Both sides received walkovers in their respective semi-finals from Limerick and Tipperary.

Countdown for Douglas' big finals

SATURDAY is red letter day for the youngsters of Douglas Camogie Club as they anxiously await the clock to creep to 4pm and the ball to be thrown in for the Street League finals.

Under the guidance of Ann Kearney players Under-9 and Under-10 have been divided up into teams of five or six and taking the names of counties have for several weeks battled it out to make it to the big day.

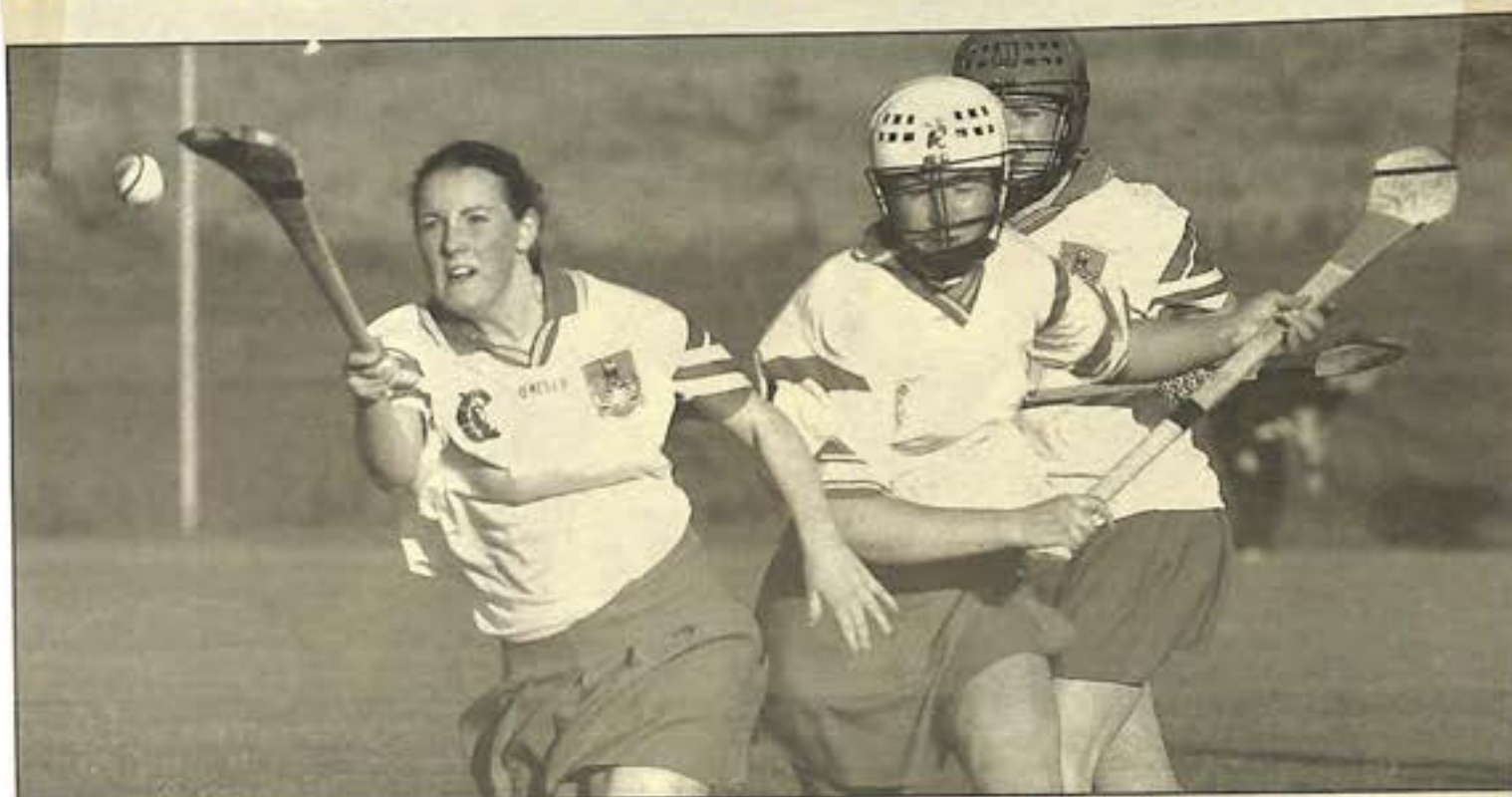
The two top teams with the highest points will play off in the first final but its not just a day for the top teams as the second and third place teams will also have their finals as will the fourth and fifth.

Each winning captain will be presented with a trophy and there will be medals for all competitors.

The programme of events gets underway at 4pm on Saturday next when a piper will lead the youngsters in parade before the games begin.

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Clubs come together to develop the ever-growing game of



Limerick's Grace McNamara tries to get the ball under control as Cork's Una O'Donoghue tackles her in their clash in Feenagh.

Picture: Press 22

● **CORK ON TOP:** Three goals inside the opening quarter from Criona Harte (two) and Una O'Donoghue set the trend for what was to continue as Cork comprehensively outplayed Limerick 7-17 to 1-4 in the Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Feenagh last evening.

Scorers, Cork: U. O'Donoghue 3-1, C. Harte 2-2, F. O'Driscoll 1-4, J. O'Leary 1-3, R. Moloney 0-4, E. Burke 0-2, P. O'Connor 0-1.
Scorers, Limerick: M. Keating 1-0, M. Loneragan 0-2, M. Casey, M. Kiely 0-1 each.
CORK: C. Keohane, S. Buckley, E. Duggan (capt.), S. Dunlea, S. Hayes, M. O'Connor, D. Cronin, V. Harris, P. O'Connor, R. Moloney, F. O'Driscoll, E. Burke, J. O'Leary, U. O'Donoghue, C. Harte.
Subs: M. Finn for D. Cronin, M. Deasy for S. Buckley, M. Corkery for V. Harris, N. Ahern for U. O'Donoghue, R. Cahalane for S. Hayes.
LIMERICK: E. Rean, A. Creed, M. Loneragan, B. Cleary, G. McNamara, R. O'Connell, M. Fleury, V. Sheehan, M. Neville, M. Casey, D. Sheehan, M. Kelly, M. Keating, P. McCarthy, K. Cross. Subs: N. Barry for E. Rean, L. Cross for B. Cleary.
Referee: E. Brown (Tipperary).



Limerick's Bernie Cleary chases down Cork's Jennifer O'Leary during their game played in Feenagh.

Picture: Press 22

Mid Cork clubs get their act together

THE beginning of the year saw clubs in the Muskerry division get together and hold a meeting. They saw a need to further develop the ever-growing camogie talent within their division.

With all clubs enthusiastic to get competitions underway, it was decided to hold competitions at under 11 and 13 levels. With Bernie O'Brien of Blarney taking the chair, the Muskerry camogie committee was formed.

Secretary Ber Murphy from Ballinora said: "We had seen how the Carrigdhoun, Seandún and East Cork divisions organised extra games for their clubs. When we spoke to them we heard what a success they had with their competitions. So, the teams of Mid Cork decided to give it a go."

The competitions are organised on a league basis, with teams divided into two sections. Each team will play the other twice on a home-and-away basis.

The league was divided into two sections, with the first lot of games being played in the spring. The second series will be played in the autumn after a break in summer,

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when the clubs are busy playing in the county board leagues.

Each section will have its own final and semi final thus ensuring more games. The team with the highest points qualifies for the final with the second and third playing off a semi-final for the second final spot.

It was decided as some clubs would have a difficulty fielding 15-a-side, that the game would be 12-a-side. Five subs are however allowed as some clubs may have bigger panels. The games are also played on a shorter pitch with juvenile goalposts.

To date the competitions have been a huge success and the U11 with one round completed sees Ballinora, who have had good displays from Jennifer Martin and Aoife McGrath, leading the way in section one with six points. Following are Ballincollig B, who have strong performers in Fiona O'Leary and Amy Barry, on four with Blarney and Greagh following close behind. Those who have impressed for Blarney and Gren-

A feast of camogie as Féile comes to Leeside

FÉILE NA nGAEL comes to Cork this weekend and with 24 teams travelling supporters are spoiled for choice.

Below we feature the complete programme of events and where all the games are taking place.

It will be an interesting Féile with Wexford champions Oulart The Ballagh in quest of an unprecedented four-in-a-row.

The competition is divided into three divisions with 16 teams in each division. These in turn are divided into four sections with a team from each section qualifying for the semi-finals which will be held on Saturday.

An important feature of Féile will be the skills competition which takes place on Friday and Cork will be represented by Sarah Downing from Courcsey Rovers.

The clubs and the counties they represent are as follows: Antrim; Ballycastle, Armagh; Ballymacnab, Carlow; Myshall, Clare; Kinamona Down; Leitrim Fontenroys, Dublin Ballyboden St Enda's, Donegal; Carndonagh, Derry; Bellaghy, Galway; Davitt's, Kilkenny; Ballyhale Shamrocks, Kildara A, Celbridge, Kildara B, Rathcoffee, Monaghan; Castleblaney, Limerick; Ballygarvan, Laois; Harp's Offaly; Kinnity, Roscommon A; Four Roads, Roscommon B; Tipperary; Silvermines, Westmeath A; Delvin, Westmeath B; Ratharney, Waterford A, Lismore, Waterford B, Ardara, Wexford; Oulart The Ballagh.

FIXTURES FRIDAY JUNE 21 DIVISION 1

Section A: Milford, Ballyboden St Enda's, Ballyhea, Davitt's. Milford v Ballyboden, St Enda's at Milford 9.30, Ballyhea v Davitt's at Ballyhea 9.30.

All below games in Section then played at Milford.
Milford v Davitt's noon, Ballyboden St Enda's v Ballyhea 1pm, Milford v Ballyhea 2.45, Davitt's v Ballyboden, St Enda's 3.45.

Section B: Aghabullogue, Oulart The Ballagh (Holders), Inniscarra, Ballycastle, Aghabullogue v Oulart The Ballagh, Aghabullogue 9.30, Inniscarra v Ballycastle, Ballyanley 9.30, Inniscarra v Oulart The Ballagh, Ballyanley noon, Aghabullogue v Ballycastle, Ballyanley 12.45, Inniscarra v Aghabullogue, Coachford 5pm, Oulart The Ballagh v Ballycastle Coachford 5.45pm.

Section C: Ballygarvan, Silvermines, Carrigaline, Ballyhale Shamrocks, Ballygarvan v Silvermines, Carrigaline 9.30, Carrigaline v Ballyhale Shamrocks, Carrigaline 9.30.

All below Games in Section then played at Carrigaline.
Ballyhale Shamrocks v Ballygarvan, noon, Silvermines v Carrigaline 1pm, Carrigaline v Ballygarvan 2.45, Ballyhale Shamrocks v Silvermines 3.45.

Section D: Douglas, Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan, Harps, Douglas v Harps, Douglas 9.30, Ballinhassig v Ballygarvan 10am.

All below games in section then played at Brinny.
Harps v Ballinhassig noon, Douglas v Ballygarvan 1pm, Douglas v Ballinhassig 2.45, Harps v Ballygarvan 3.45.

DIVISION 2

Section A: Cloughdun, Éire Óg, Kinnity, Kinamona, Cloughdun v Kinamona Cloughdun 9.30, Éire Óg v Kinnity, Ovens 9am.

All below games in section then played at Ovens.
Kinnity v Cloughdun noon, Éire Óg v Kinamona 1pm, Éire Óg v Cloughdun 2.45, Kinamona v Kinnity 3.45.

The host club Éire Óg have organised a parade of clubs in the above section at the Ovens venue at 11am.

Section B: Courcsey Rovers, Bellaghy, Clonakilty, Four Roads, Courcsey Rovers v Bellaghy, Courcsey Rovers 9.30, Clonakilty v Four Roads, Clonakilty 9.30.

All below games in section then played at Courcsey Rovers.
Bellaghy v Clonakilty, noon, Courcsey Rovers v Four Roads 1pm, Courcsey Rovers v Clonakilty 2.45pm, Bellaghy v Four Roads 3.45.

Section C: Glen Rovers, Na Piarasigh, Celbridge, Myshall, Na Piarasigh v Celbridge, Na Piarasigh 9.30, Glen Rovers v Myshall, Glen Rovers 9.30.

All below games in section then played at Glen Rovers.
Myshall v Na Piarasigh noon, Glen Rovers v Celbridge 1pm, Glen Rovers v Na Piarasigh 2.45pm, Myshall v Celbridge 3.45.

Section D: St Finbarr's, Ratharney, Bishopstown, Lismore, St Finbarr's v Ratharney, St Finbarr's 9.30, Bishopstown v Lismore, Bishopstown 9.30.

All below games in section then played at St Finbarr's.
Ratharney v Bishopstown, noon, St Finbarr's v Lismore 1pm, Bishopstown v St Finbarr's 2.45, Ratharney v Lismore 3.45.

DIVISION 3

Section A: Fr O'Neill's, Castleblaney, Killeagh, Ballymacnab.

All games to be played in Fr O'Neill's.
Fr O'Neill's v Castleblaney 10am, Killeagh v Ballymacnab 10.50am, Castleblaney v Fr O'Neill's 11.55am, Killeagh v Castleblaney 12.45pm, Fr O'Neill's v Killeagh 1.50pm, Castleblaney v Ballymacnab 3.30pm.

Section B: Buttevant, Ardara, Newtownshandrum, Carndonagh, Buttevant v Ardara, Buttevant 9.30pm, Newtownshandrum v Carndonagh, Newtown 9.30pm.

All games below then played in Buttevant.
Ardara v Newtownshandrum, noon, Buttevant v Carndonagh 1pm, Newtownshandrum v Buttevant 2.45pm, Carndonagh v Ardara 3.45pm.

Section C: Ballincollig, Rathcoffee, Leitrim Fontenroys, Enniskeane, All games played in Ballincollig.
Ballincollig v Rathcoffee, 9.30am, Leitrim Fontenroys v Enniskeane 10.30am, Rathcoffee v Enniskeane, noon, Ballincollig v Leitrim Fontenroys 1pm, Enniskeane v Ballincollig 2.45pm, Rathcoffee v Leitrim Fontenroys 3.45pm.

Section D: Blackrock, Athleigh, Blarney, Delvin, Blackrock v Athleigh, Blackrock 9.30am, Blarney v Delvin, Blarney 9.30am.

All games below then played at Blackrock.
Athleigh v Blarney noon, Blackrock v Delvin, 1pm, Blackrock v Blarney 2.45pm, Athleigh v Ratharney 3.45pm.

Féile Skills Competition St Finbarr's, 2.30pm.

SATURDAY JUNE 23 Féile Na nGael semi-finals

Division 1: Winners Section A v Winners Section B 10.30am, Grenagh; Winners Section C v Winners Section D 10.30am, St Finbarr's.

Division 2: Winners Section D v Winners Section A 10.30am, Ballincollig; Winners Section C v Winners Section B 9.30am, St Finbarr's.

Division 3: Winners Section D v Winners Section C 9.30am, Ballincollig; Winners Section A v Winners Section B, 9.30am, Grenagh.

Féile Na nGael Finals: All finals at City Division Grounds Ballinlough, 1pm, Division 3 Final, 2pm; Division 2 final, 3pm; Division 1 Final, 4pm.

A bumper week for camogie sees Cork host Féile na nGael in



Cork's Collette Desmond keeps off Tipperary's Eimer Wherly in the Munster senior final.

Picture: Gavin Browne



Collette Desmond of Cork concentrates on the ball against Tipperary in Cork's 4-9 to 0-8 win.

Picture: Gavin Browne

Seandún out to end Muskerry bid again

DESPITE the Féile na nGael competition taking place in Cork this weekend, the county board also has a busy championship fixture list, with the senior championship opening rounds down for decision.

Three divisional sides and one club open proceedings, with Seandún, Muskerry, Carbery and Newtownshandrum all in action.

Friday night has a repeat of last year when city division representatives Seandún meet mid Cork standard-bearers Muskerry.

The sides also met at the opening stages of last year's championship and here Seandún came out on top.

Since last year's meeting Muskerry have lost the services of the Éire Óg club, who having won the Senior B championship are now promoted.

Opening round meetings between divisional sides are always hard to forecast as there is little previous form to go on.

Word is that the Seandún side have been putting in tremendous preparation in their quest for a

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quarter final spot.

Mick O'Regan of Douglas is the man at the helm, with Ger O'Connor of St Finbarr's and Tracy Sheehan of Mayfield acting as selectors.

With strong city clubs like St Finbarr's, Douglas, Delaney's, Na Piarasigh, Mayfield, St Vincent's and Brian Dillons to choose their players from, they will be a formidable outfit.

Ellen Clifford of St Finbarr's will be in goal and among the line out will be All Ireland medal holders Amanda O'Regan and Jemma O'Connor, while Colette and Clare Kirby, Jennie Duffy, Louise O'Regan, Carrie Callanan and Michelle Cotter will make the mid Cork girls fight to the finish.

Despite being depleted by the loss of Éire Óg, Muskerry will still line out a strong side.

Senior inter-county player Sinead Buckley will feature prominently in defence.

Louise Murphy, Tina Roche,

Cork gets ready to host Féile na nGael

ONE of the most disappointing press releases earlier this year was the announcement of the cancellation of Féile na nGael.

But, it was only a temporary setback as Féile is now once again going ahead thanks to Cork's camogie board and Bórd na nOg.

The 31st annual Coca-Cola Féile na nGael, which was due to be held in Ulster from June 22 to June 24, was postponed due to the ongoing problems and difficulties with the foot-and-mouth disease.

The decision which was

made by the National Executive of Féile na nGael in Croke Park last April brought the sad news to 29 hurling and 24 camogie teams from the Republic who were preparing to travel north.

Several handball clubs and skills players were also planning the trip.

In all 128 teams under 14 years of age were to take part in the festival, which was due to be attended by the President Mary McAleese.

However, as most of the preparatory work was complete it was decided to ask Cork to

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host this year's event, and then it was agreed to stage the 2002 festival in Ulster.

So, in eight days' time hundreds of young people will converge from all over Ireland to play in Féile 2001 - a two-day

competition that will take place on Friday and Saturday in a scaled down version of the annual event.

Hurling and camogie will be the main attractions on the fixtures list, with co-ordination

times that will be arranged by both bodies.

In camogie, operations will commence on Friday at 12 noon with two games at 12 venues. Later in the afternoon another two games will be played at 12 venues with a 5pm start.

It is important too, to note that there has been a change in the make-up of the girls' competition this year with only three divisions instead of last year's four. Each division will contain four sections and there will be three matches in each section -

all of which will be played on the Friday.

The winner of each section goes through to the semi-finals. If teams finish level on points, score difference will decide the winners.

The semi-finals will be played on Saturday morning with the winners going through to the finals at Ballinlough in the afternoon at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.

Twenty four visiting teams will travel to Cork next weekend including Wexford champions, Oulart-the-Ballagh.

Cork are flattered by big win over Tipp

Cork 4-9
Tipperary 0-8

by Tom Higgins

TWO goals in the space of a minute just before half-time set Cork on their way to a somewhat flattering win over Tipperary in this Munster Senior Camogie Championship final at Bishopstown, Cork, last evening.

There was little between the sides in the first-half, with Tipperary 0-3 to 0-1 in front after 13 minutes. Cork, who shot 12 wides in the opening 30 minutes, fought back to go in front when goalkeeper Louise Ryan let a long range effort from Fiona O'Driscoll in the 22nd minute slip off her stick into the net.

O'Driscoll, who had a tremendous game at centre half-forward, stretched the Cork advantage further with two points, one from a free, and although Eimear McDonnell cut the advantage Criona Harte and Elaine Burke had those two important goals which gave Tipperary a mountain to climb in the second half.

It was close all through the second period with defences mainly on top.

Denise Cronin, Mary O'Connor and Sarah Hayes impressed for the home side while Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor and Sinead Nealon were very solid for Tipperary.

However, it was at centre-field where Cork held sway with Vivienne Harris and Linda Mellerick ruling the roost giving their forwards an excellent supply but quite a few of their efforts were off target.

Tipperary's most dangerous forward was Deirdre Hughes but she got little change out of Denise Cronin and it was Eimear McDonnell who stood out in this sector.

Scorers: Cork, F O'Driscoll 1-4 (0-2 frees), U O'Donoghue 1-1, C Harte 1-0, E Burke 1-0, R Moloney 0-2, L Dunlea 0-2.
Tipperary: N Kennedy 0-3 (0-2 frees), E McDonnell 0-2, C Grogan 0-1, J Ryan 0-1, P Fogarty 0-1.
CORK: C Keohane, D Cronin, S Buckley, S Dunlea; P O'Connor, M O'Connor, S Hayes, V Harris, L Mellerick; R Moloney, F O'Driscoll, E Burke; J O'Leary, U O'Donoghue, C Harte. Subs: L Dunlea for J O'Leary (40th minute).
TIPPERARY: E Ryan; P Bulfin, U O'Dwyer, S Howard; S Nealon, C Gaynor, L Burke, N Harkin, N Kennedy; P Fogarty, L Young, J Ryan; D Hughes, E McDonnell, C Grogan. Subs: L Burke for T Brophy (half-time); N Dwyer for L Young.
Referee: P McCarthy (Limerick).

Hurling fever to hit Cork

PAT RAFFERTY, president of the Camogie Association and national secretary Sile Wallace are in Cork today to support the 31st annual Coca-Cola sponsored Féile na nGael.

With 48 teams, 24 host clubs and 24 visiting counties, Cork city and its environs will be buzzing with sporting activity this weekend.

Division One sees home clubs Milford, Ballyhea, Aghabullogue, Inniscarra, Ballygarvan, Carrigaline, Douglas and Ballinhassig all in action.

There should be some very interesting tussles particularly in

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Section D where Douglas and Ballinhassig will be up against last years Division two winners, Harps from Laois and Limerick representatives, Ballyagran.

While the 2000 winners Oulart-the-Ballagh, going for four-in-a-row titles, will compete against Aghabullogue and Inniscarra.

In Division Two Cloghduv, Eire Og, Courcey Rovers, Clonakilty, Na Piarsaigh, Glen Rovers, St Finbarrs and Bishopstown

will vie for honours against Wolfe Tones of Bellaghy, Lismore and Kinnitty.

Northern teams, Castleblaney and Liatroim Fontenoys are amongst the contenders in Division Three against home sides Fr O'Neills, Buttevant, Newtownshandrum, Ballincollig, Blackrock and Blarney.

The winners of each of the four sections within each division will go through to the semi-finals tomorrow morning. The finals then of Division One, Two and Three will be staged at Ballinlough later in the afternoon at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.

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Glamour tie awaits tonight's victors

JUST like their hurling counterparts, more and more effort is being put into the divisional camogie teams, and this evening Muskerry and Seandun should play their part in an attractive first-round game at Ballygarvan.

Both of tonight's teams have worked diligently over the past number of weeks and with the winners meet-

ing Glen Rovers in the quarter-final, this game will be fought to the bitter end.

However, manager Mick O'Regan is only looking as far as this opening game.

"Training has gone very well for us, but although limited to just one session per week due to county commitments and exams, I believe our lineup is as

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strong as I have ever seen."

players as Ellen Clifford, Gemma O'Connor and Rachel Myers could have a huge bearing on the outcome for Seandun.

Meanwhile, Muskerry who are trained this season by Mick

Healy will be back-boned by their intermediate side, Aghabullogue. With players like Cork senior Sinead Buckley and inter-county stars Mary Bridget Ennaguess and Louise Murphy on their side, they will be hard to wear down.

Tina Roche and Deirdre Murphy are other names who should strengthen the Mid

Cork attack. Against this, last year's intermediate champions Eire Og have moved up to the senior ranks themselves, the effect of which is sure to dent the Muskerry side's chances.

However, with great pride in both of these rich sporting areas, this evening's clash should be a fitting opener to the campaign.



Ballygarvan beat Dungourney to take the Roinn DC3 title at the Sciath na Scol finals.

Pupils seek the holy grail of success

FORTY-SIX schools will set out in search of hurling and camogie glory in the annual Sciath na Scol finals which will be staged as a four-day event in Pairc Uí Rinn starting next Monday, June 11.

This event has once again captured the imagination of all concerned.

The many outstanding photographs have, in recent years, best illustrated the sheer enjoyment of belonging and feeling a part of it all.

Many children live for the following day's newspaper to see

their pictures highlighted amongst the many mascots, banners and flags that colour these momentous days.

Many of the present Cork senior hurling team first came to notice at the Holy Grail of the primary school's competitions.

Diarmuid O'Sullivan, scorer of that thundering point last Sunday week, has shone for Cloyne NS, as have his brothers down through the years.

The east Cork school from the heart of hurling land are again in the finals this year. Twelve months ago they de-

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feated Rathpeacon. Next Tuesday at 1pm division five, they will throw down the gauntlet to Ovens — a game well worth going to see.

Over the four days, matches will begin at 11am each day.

There will be two camogie finals and there are some intriguing contests to look forward to.

Among these, in section one, last year's runners up St Columba's GNS are pitted against Scoil Mhuire Ballincollig on

Thursday morning.

Dunderrow will have All Ireland Cross Country champion Lorna Buckley and Sylvia O'Sullivan, a member of the All Ireland Relay team in '99, on their side when they take on Ballyheeda on Monday.

And neighbours Whitechurch and Carrig na bhFear will hope to win their respective matches on the opening two days.

Meanwhile, in hurling, traditional kingpins North Monastery are back in Sciath na Scol after a lapse of a few years.

They will provide opposition

to St Columba's Douglas.

Mahon and Carrigaline get Wednesday's proceedings under way in the division two final. Later on in the afternoon in the division three decider, Scoil Barra of Ballincollig will battle it out with Scoil Barra of Beaumont.

Prior to this game Beaumont's second string will be engaged in the division seven final against St Mary's on the Hill. Togher and GS Chorain will be the first pairing in action on Monday morning in the division four final.

Hard earned victory over Muskerry sees Seandún qualify to meet Glen

Seandún
Muskerry

1-9
2-2

by Tom Higgins.

SEANDÚN qualified to meet Glen Rovers in the second round of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship with a hard earned win over Muskerry at Ballygarvan, Co Cork last evening.

There is little doubt that the winners were the better side in the opening half and with Amanda O'Regan a tower of strength at centre back and

Gemma O'Connor having a tremendous game in the middle of the field they set up some excellent chances for their forwards, who were rather wasteful.

In fact it was O'Connor's accuracy from frees that gave Seandún a 1-7 to 1-1 advantage at the break.

The Seandún goal came in the 20th minute when a long range free from Amanda O'Regan dropped near the square for Catherine Barrett to connect with the hopping ball and give goalkeeper Maria Noonan no chance.

However four minutes later Louise Murphy, who was her side's best player, took a free from 30 meters out which went all the way to the net.

Muskerry made two changes at the break bringing on Niamh O'Connell and Katie Crowley for Abbey Lehan and Karen Murphy.

They were back in the game after only a minute of the resumption when Louise Murphy raced through a porous Seandún defence to score a goal to cut the deficit down to also a goal.

For the next ten minutes Seandún were under the cosh but with Collette Kirby playing well at full back and Amanda O'Regan and Claire Barry fighting for everyball they were able to weather the storm.

Scores were hard to come by after that, as both defences tightened up. Sinead Buckley Tina Roche and Michelle McAdoo began to dominate in the Muskerry defence.

Their diligence ensured that the Seandún forwards were tightly marked.

The Seandún goal had a few lucky

escapes before the end but their luck held and they just about deserved their win.

Scorers: Seandún, G. O'Connor 0-6 (0-5 frees, 0-1 "45"), C. Barry 1-0, A. O'Regan 0-2, R. Myers 0-1. Muskerry L. Murphy 2-2 (1-1 frees). SEANDÚN: E. Clifford; C. Harrington, C. Kirby, E. Cronin; K. Buckley, A. O'Regan, C. Barry; G. Morrissey, G. O'Connor; J. Duffy, O. O'Sullivan, R. Myers; C. Barrett, J. Browne, V. Maher. Sub. K. Buckley for J. Browne (52nd minute). MUSKERRY: M. Noonan; J. Twomey, S. Buckley, M. Buckley, A. Lehan, T. Roche, M. McAdoo; K. Murphy, L. Dorgan, D. Twomey, M. McSweeney, L. Murphy; S. M. Crowley, M. B. Ennequess, M. Twomey. Subs. N. O'Connell for A. Lehan and K. Crowley for K. Murphy (half time), C. Murphy for M. McSweeney (52nd minute). Referee: J. McGrath (Carrigaline).



SMELLING OF ROSES: St Vincent's camogie player Fiona Byrne (l) will represent Dublin in this year's Rose of Tralee while her sister Sonya (r) will captain the Dubs next Sunday against Wexford

St Catherine's captured a camogie cup beating Scoil Barra, Ballincollig after extra time.

Carrigaline, who haven't featured in the finals for a few years turned in a polished display to defeat Scoil na Croise Naofa Mahon. Gaelscoil Mhachain overcame Ballinadee in a tremendous camogie final with Cáit Ni Chéilleachair in brilliant form.

Overall, 23 finals were played over four days with over a thousand children taking part and thousands more cheering on their teams.



Gael Scoil Mhachain captain Cait Ni Chéilleachair receives the Roinn DC5 trophy from John Daly at the Sciath na Scol finals. Picture: Mike English

addition to a packed championship fixture list



Cork's Aoife O'Neill comes under pressure from Tipperary's Denise Lynch in the Munster senior final.

Cork sweep aside Clare

CORK won the senior and intermediate titles last week.

The Rebels held all the aces in the intermediate decider against Clare, recording a 3-11 to 1-3 victory at Delany's last Wednesday.

With the competition confined to players who never previously won a Munster intermediate medal, Cork fielded a completely new side to the one that took the title last season.

Clare Murphy had the Cork girls two points ahead inside the opening 10 minutes.

Sandra Twomey opened the Clare account mid way through the half with a point.

Colette Desmond and Val Maher extended the Cork lead before Mary Enneguess finished well to the net.

Clare Cummane and Colette Desmond exchanged points before Cork captain Elaine McCarthy's penalty was saved by Marie McMahon to leave Cork

leading 1-6 to 0-2 at the interval.

Cork's dominance continued after the restart and goals from Elaine McCarthy and Aoife O'Neill effectively killed the game as a contest.

With Colette Desmond (two), Mary Enneguess and Mulreann Conlon adding points Cork piled on the pressure.

To their credit, Clare worked hard and were rewarded with an Ann O'Regan goal. A point from Clare Cummane on the stroke of full-time added to the Clare total on a night when Cork's superiority was evident from an early stage.

Cork: E Clifford, L O'Leary, N Ahern, J Brown, R Corcoran, J O'Sullivan, L Hayes, V Maher, E Foley, C Desmond, E McCarthy, C Murphy, B Sheehan, M B Enneguess, Aoife O'Neill. Subs: D Coughlan for E McCarthy, M Conlon for V Maher, Aileen O'Neill for J Brown, E O'Mahony for L O'Leary.

Joan Twomey and Mary Enneguess are players who have all experienced the inter-county stage and they will not be overawed by the occasion.

Coached by Aghabullogue's Michael Healy, the side will also include Ballincollig's Marie Galvin and Aghabullogue's Deridre Twomey.

The meeting of Carbery and Newtownshandrum is on the agenda for Saturday night and here again a lively hour is expected.

Last season Newtownshandrum were favoured by many to do well but they lost out to Inniscarra.

They will be determined to emulate the feats of their hurlers last season and take a county title for the women of Newtown.

Carbery will be looking to inter-county player Miriam Deasy, Valerie O'Keefe and Colette Desmond to give leadership to their younger players.

On Wednesday next Eire Og return to the big stage when they meet Imokilly and here the mid Cork side will be minus the services of Ellen O'Herlihy who recently suffered a broken ankle.

Grassroots

Player of the week

CORK'S Fiona O'Driscoll is this week's camogie player of the week.

In the Munster senior final against Tipperary, played in appalling conditions, Fiona turned in a first class display. Her workrate was excellent throughout and her contribution of 1-4 was just reward for her work.

Her goal came at a crucial time and gave her side a lead they never lost. She added three points in a row early in the second half as Tipperary threatened a fightback.

Her unselfish distribution of the ball was enough to select her as the player of the week.

She will be a huge loss to the side who are lining out this year minus long-serving goalkeeper Marion McCarthy, who has retired.

However when the chips are down Con Molone's girls always respond and as they showed in winning the senior B title they have tremendous heart and fighting spirit.

Helen Walsh, their most prominent player, is a great motivator

and she will be joined by Louise O'Leary and Yvonne Malone as the mid Cork side make a welcome return to senior championship action.

The Imokilly team will be built around Youghal, St Catherine's and Killeagh players and with Cork minors Denise Twomey and Ann O'Connell and the experienced Janet Galvin they will pose a threat to Eire Og's hopes.

Sciath is a the winner despite weather

AS always Sciath na Scol again provided plenty of camogie action.

The only thing to spoil the fun was the weather in a week where the conditions changed dramatically in 24 hours with Thursday's and Friday's participants being subject to appalling rain.

Congratulations to all the winners and commiseration and well done to the losers and once again to the unsung heroes, the teachers and parents, well done.

In Rionn C1 Douglas girls took their first Sciath na Scol division 1 title at the expense of a gallant Scoile Mhuire Ballincollig.

Scoile Mhuire had the elements in their favour in the opening half and despite some early chances, failed to put them away.

Two first-half goals from Rachel and Katie O'Sullivan gave their side an interval lead.

Douglas gained the upper hand in the second half and with Jennie O'Donovan contributing 1-5 to her side's total they ran out deserving winners.

The C2 final was a closer affair Cloghroe held out despite the trojan efforts of Aghabullogue's Ann O'Sullivan and Mary Ronan.

Despite making all the early running Scoil Barra, Ballincollig had to give way to St Catherine's Bishopstown in the C3 final.

Two first-half goals from Orla Deasy and Mary Ann Hawkes had Innishannon in command at the break in the D C 1 final.

A Denise McCarthy goal secured the title for them.

Just a goal separated the sides in the D C 2 meeting of Whitechurch and Goggins Hill.

Whitechurch led 2-2 to 0-1 at the break and looked set for victory however Goggins Hill hit back with two goal but Elaine Casey with a personal contribution of 2-3 had worked hard enough to take the title to Whitechurch.

It took extra time to separate the sides in the DC 3 meeting of Ballygarvan and Dungourney where two points from Ballygarvan's Aine Moynihan tied the sides up at the full time whistle. With the lead changing with every score it took a late Ballygarvan goal from Aine Moynihan to secure victory.

Ballyheda looked set to dictate matters in the DC 4 final with three points without reply but Aoife Lee pounced for a Dunderrow equaliser minutes from the half time whistle.

With the sides evenly matched it went to extra time and here the movement of Breda Tuohy to full forward was the move that secured the title for Dunderrow after she notched up three goals in two minutes to take the title.

Ballyheda led 2-3 to 0-1 at the half time whistle in the DC 5 final against Gael Scoil Mahon after a superb display from Aishling Twomey.

Two goals from Cait Ni Cheilleachair had the Gael Scoil back in the game and with two more goals held out to win the title.

Cork take the senior title

Cork
Tipperary

4-9
0-8

THE appalling weather conditions made it hard for both sides in the Senior Munster final at Bishopstown on Friday last.

Despite striking 12 wides in the opening half, Cork held all the aces at the interval, leading 3-5 to 0-4. Crucial scores came eight minutes from the break.

With the sides level at three points apiece, Fiona O'Driscoll had the Cork girls ahead when her long range shot was dropped by Tipperary goalkeeper Louise Ryan, who was deputising for regular keeper Jovita Delaney.

The goal spurred Cork into life and with Linda Meletrick and Viv Harris dominated at centre-field, their inside line were getting a steady supply. Continuing to work hard, Fiona O'Driscoll added two further points to which Erner McDonnell replied for Tipp.

But again it was Cork who got the vital scores, with Criona Harte and Elaine Burke grabbing goals inside 30 seconds to leave Tipperary with a mountain to climb in the second half.

Noelle Kennedy scored in the early minutes of the second half but again, O'Driscoll replied for Cork. The Cork defence of Denise Cronin, Paula O'Connor and Stephanie Dunlea were superb and held a tight reign on the Tipperary attack. Up front, Cork had points from Rachel Moloney and substitute Lynn Dunlea had extended their lead before MC Donnell and Kennedy had Tipperary points.

Una O'Donoghue had Cork's fourth goal one minute from full time, with the final say. Both sides must be complimented for the games served up such were the appalling conditions.

Coach PA Finn expressed his satisfaction at taking his first trophy with the side. "We played well and did the simple things right; it is always nice to win."

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS
Under 14 League: Ballinhassig 1-1 Glen Rovers 0-1; Douglas 3-1 Ballygarvan 3-1; Ballincollig 4-1 Ballinora 2-0; Eire Og 4-0 Newcestown 2-1; Eire Og 8-0 Clonsilla 1-2.
UNDER 12 LEAGUE: Eire Og 3-1 Ballinhassig 2-0; Glen Rovers 2-3 Blackrock 2-0; Eire Og 3-2 Ballygarvan 2-0.

FIXTURES
FRIDAY JUNE 22
All Ireland Felle na nGael at Cork venues beginning 9.30am.

All Ireland Felle na nGael Skills Competition St Finbar's 2.30pm.
Senior County Championship: Seandun v Muskerry at Ballygarvan 8pm.

SATURDAY JUNE 23
All Ireland Felle na nGael Semi Finals: At Grenagh, Ballincollig and St Finbar's at 9.30am and 10.30am.
All Ireland Felle na nGael Finals: Ballinhassig 1pm, 2pm, 3pm.
Senior County Championship: Carbery v Newtownshandrum at Delany's 8pm.

CAMOGIE

THE Feile na nGael camogie finals take place in Cork this weekend. Competition is divided into three divisions with 16 teams in each division. These in turn are divided into four sections with a team from each section qualifying for the semi final which will be held on Saturday.

Another important feature of Feile will be the skills competition which also takes place tomorrow.

Programme: Friday, June 21: Division 1: Section A: Milford, Ballyboden St. Enda's, Ballyhea, Davitts; Milford v Ballyboden St. Enda's at Milford, 9.30; Ballyhea v Davitts at Ballyhea 9.30.

All below games in Section then played at Milford. Milford v Davitts, 12 noon; Ballyboden St. Enda's v Ballyhea 1pm; Milford v Ballyhea 2.45pm; Davitts v Ballyboden St. Enda's 3.45pm.

Section B: Aghabullogue, Oulart The Ballagh (holders), Inniscarra, Ballycastle.

Aghabullogue v Oulart The Ballagh, Aghabullogue 9.30pm; Inniscarra v Ballycastle, Ballyanley 9.30pm;

Inniscarra v Oulart The Ballagh, Ballyanley, 12 noon; Aghabullogue v Ballycastle, Ballyanley, 12.45;

Inniscarra v Aghabullogue, Coachford 5pm; Oulart The Ballagh v Ballycastle, Coachford, 5.45pm.

Section C: Ballygarvan, Silvermines, Carrigaline, Ballyhale Shamrocks; Ballygarvan v Silvermines, Carrigaline 9.30.

All below games in Section then played at Carrigaline, Ballyhale Shamrocks v Ballygarvan 12 noon;

Silvermines v Carrigaline 1pm; Carrigaline v Ballygarvan 2.45; Ballyhale Shamrocks v Silvermines 3.45.

Section D: Douglas, Ballinhassig, Ballyagran, Harps; Douglas v Laois, Douglas, 9.30; Ballinhassig v Ballyagran 10am, Brinny.

All below games in section then played at Brinny. Laois v Ballinhassig 12 noon; Douglas v Ballyagran 1pm; Douglas v Ballinhassig 2.45; Laois v Ballyagran 3.45.

Division 2: Section A: Cloughduv, Eire Og, Kinnity, Kilmara, Cloughduv v Clare, Cloughduv, 9.30; Eire Og v Kinnity, Ovens, 9.00.

All below games in section then played at Ovens. Kinnity v Cloughduv, 12 noon; Eire Og v Clare 1pm; Eire Og v Cloughduv, 2.45; Clare v Kinnity 3.45.

The host club Eire Og have organised a parade of clubs in the above section at the Ovens venue at 11am.

Section B: Courcy Rovers, Bellaghey, Clonakilty, Four Roads. Courcy Rovers v Derry Courcy Rovers, 9.30; Clonakilty v Four Roads, Clonakilty, 9.30.

All below games in section then played at Courcy Rovers. Derry v Clonakilty 12 noon; Courcy Rovers v Four Roads, 11pm; Courcy Rovers v Clonakilty, 2.45; Derry v Four Roads, 3.45.

Section C: Glen Rovers, Na Piarasigh, Cellbridge, Myshall, Na Piarasigh v Cellbridge, Na Piarasigh 9.30; Glen Rovers v Myshall, Glen Rovers 9.30.

All below games in section then played at Glen Rovers. Myshall v Na Piarasigh 12 noon; Glen Rovers v Cellbridge 1pm; Glen Rovers v Na Piarasigh 2.45; Myshall v Cellbridge 3.45.

Section D: St. Finbarrs, Ratharney, Bishopstown, Lismore. St. Finbarrs v Ratharney, St. Finbarrs 9.30; Bishopstown v Lismore, Bishopstown 9.30.

All below games in section then played at St. Finbarrs. Ratharney v Bishopstown 12 noon; St. Finbarrs v Lismore 1pm; Bishopstown v St. Finbarrs 2.45; Ratharney v Lismore 3.45.

Division 3: Section A: Fr. O'Neills, Castleblaney, Killeagh, Ballymacnab. All games to be played in Fr. O'Neills.

Fr. O'Neills v Castleblaney 10am; Killeagh v

Ballymacnab 10.50am; Castleblaney v Fr. O'Neills 11.55am; Killeagh v Castleblaney 12.45; Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh 1.50; Castleblaney v Ballymacnab 3.30.

Section B: Buttevant, Ardkeane, Newtownshandrum, Cardonagh. Buttevant v Ardkeane, Buttevant 9.30; Newtownshandrum v Cardonagh, Newtown 9.30.

All games below then played in Buttevant: Ardkeane v Newtownshandrum 12 noon; Buttevant v Cardonagh 1pm; Newtownshandrum v Buttevant 2.45; Cardonagh v Ardkeane 3.45.

Section C: Ballincollig, Rathcoffee, Leirim Fontenroys, Enniskeane. All games in Ballincollig.

Ballincollig v Rathcoffee 9.30; Leirim Fontenroys v Enniskeane 10.30; Rathcoffee v Enniskeane 12 noon; Leirim Fontenroys v Ballincollig 1pm; Enniskeane v Ballincollig 2.45; Rathcoffee v Leirim Fontenroys 3.45.

Section D: Blackrock, Athleague, Blarney, Delvin. Blackrock v Athleague Blackrock 9.30; Blarney v Delvin 9.30.

All games below then played at Blackrock: Athleague v Blarney 12 noon; Blackrock v Delvin 1pm; Blackrock v Blarney 2.45; Athleague v Delvin 3.45.

Feile Skills Competition St. Finbarrs GAA Grounds 2.30pm

Saturday June 23rd: Feile na nGael Semi Finals:

Division 1: Winners Section A v Winners Section B 10.30am; Grenagh; Winners Section C v Winners Section D 10.30am St. Finbarrs.

Division 2: Winners Section D v Winners Section A 10.30am Ballincollig.

Winners Section C v Winners Section B 9.30am St. Finbarrs.

Division 3: Winners Section D v Winners Section C 9.30am Ballincollig; Winners section A v Winners Section B 9.30am Grenagh.

Feile na nGael Finals: All finals at City Division Grounds Ballinlough; 1pm Division 3 Final; 2pm Division 2 Final; 3pm Division 1 Final.

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Feile na nGael.

Division 3 final, Ballymacnab (Armagh) 2-4, Enniskeane (Cork) 0-2

Goals in the third and 16th minute from Laura McBurney and Stephanie McPharland paved the way for Ballymacnab to grab their first Division 3 Feile honours.

Enniskeane: M. Nyhan 0-3.

Ballymacnab: E. McPharland, C. Hayes, A. McGivern, M. King, E. O'Hare, E. McPharland, N. O'Hare, S. McKee, P. McManus, S. McPharland, M. Short, C. McGuigan, L. McBurney, M. McClelland, N. Gray. Enniskeane: P. Rice, M. O'Donovan, S. Desmond, N. Hanley, B. Lynch, M. O'Sullivan, K. Buttiner, M.

Nyhan, B. Collins, A. Nyhan, E. Dixon, N. Buttiner, R. Sweetnam, E. Milner, K. Crowley. Subs: N. Buttiner for S. Desmond.

Referee: T. Sheehan (Mayfield).

Division 2 final, Kilmona (Co. Clare) 5-4, Wolfe Tones Bellaghy (Co. Derry) 2-4

Kilmona from Co. Clare, who took the Division 3 title last season, showed their experience to lift the Division 2 title, as second-half goals from Cathy Quinn and Aisling Conlon proved decisive.

Scorers: Kilmona: C. Quinn 2-0, F. Lafferty 1-2, J. O'Grady 1-0, A. Conlon 1-0 and S. Lafferty 0-2. Bellaghy: A. Diamond 2-1, G. McLoughlin 0-2 and G. McGuckin 0-1.

Kilmona: S. Commans, A. Barrett, C. Power, M. Roseingrave, A. Greane, B. Mullins, A. Perill, S. Lafferty, R. Cahill, M. Keenan, J. O'Grady, A. Cullinan, F. Lafferty and C. Quinn.

Bellaghy: M. Scullion, B. Diamond, G. Scullion, S. Hervey, C. McLoughlin, G. McGuckin, M. Scullion, R. Smith, A. Diamond, C. Scullion, B. Doherty, T. Scullion and C. McEneaney, B. McEneaney and D. McEneaney.

Referee: R. Desmond (Bishopstown).

Division 1 final, Oulart-The-Ballagh (Wexford) 4-3, Harps (Laois) 3-4

All the drama of the day was reserved for the Division 1 final, as Oulart-The-Ballagh from Wexford completed a record-breaking four-in-a row.

A close fought opening half had the champions lucky to be ahead 2-3 to 1-3 at the break while, from the restart, Freeman had her side on level terms when she billowed the net but it was short lived as Oulart regained the initiative with a well struck Una Lacey goal.

Aine Saunders brought off a point blank save with normal time up from Una Lacey and Harps looked to have weathered the storm, but in the true style of champions, Oulart made one last onslaught on the Harps goal with Emma O'Connor finishing smartly to the net and history was made.

Scorers: Oulart-The-Ballagh: E. O'Connor 2-0, U. Lacey 1-2, S. O'Connor 1-0, N. Sinnott 0-1. Harps: K. Freeman 3-1, A. Mahony 0-3.

Oulart-The-Ballagh: C. Storey, C. Kenny, H. Doran, T. Dunne, S. Redmond, T. McCormack, S. Cullen, A. Deveraux, E. Moran (C), C. Fortune, U. Lacey, N. Sinnott, E. O'Connor, L. Harris and S. O'Connor. Harps: A. Saunders, C. Walsh, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Brophy, J. Dollard, M. Palmer, E. Dunne, T. Dunne (C), C. Cleary, Aisling Saunders, A. Mahony, P. Madden, K. Freeman, C. Dollard and M. Ryan. **Referee:** D. Daly (Sarsfield).

Leinster JC Semi-Finals - Carlow 1-14, Kildare 2-5; Offaly 4-7, Wexford 1-12; Ulster MAC Final - Derry 6-4, Antrim 1-3; Ulster Schools U14C Final Replay - St. Pat's Maghera 2-3, St. Mary's, Magherafelt 1-4.

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Enniskeane's Margaret Nyhan challenges Armagh's Ballymacnab Shauna McKee at Ballinlough during the Feile na nGael camogie championships on Saturday. Picture: Gavin Brown



Action from the Enniskeane, Armagh feile na nGael tie.



Carrignavar's Alex Sheahan is tackled by Erin's Own Michael Cashman. Picture: Gavin Brown



Enniskeane's Margaret Nyhan breaks through the Armagh defence. Picture: Gavin Brown

JUNE 2001

Cork hills alive with sound of camogie

ANYBODY visiting Cork on Friday last would have been forgiven for thinking that nothing else mattered in the city and county but hurling and camogie.

From Milford to Clonakilty, hundreds of young camogie players gathered to celebrate Féile na nGael — a festival of under-14 hurling and camogie that has stood the test of time over 31 years.

Originally to have taken place in the Glens of Antrim, the foot-and-mouth looked to have put paid to Féile 2001. But no fear, in stepped Cork and offered to host what is our greatest competition.

With the hurling coming to the county the Camogie Board answered the call to ensure the camogie competitions would also take place and it was here that county vice-chairman Marion McCarthy came in.

Marion headed up a committee that included Tom Kiely, Mairead O'Donovan, Margaret Hyde, Claire Donegan and Dave Daly.

Games began at 9.30am at 16 venues on Friday morning last and Uachtarán Pat Refferty visited a selection of venues.

In between the games, the skills competition took place in St Finbarr's and here, under the watchful eye of Mary Moran, the counties representatives gave it there all before Galway's Sarah Davern was declared the winner.

By 4.45pm we had the names of the semi-finalists who would be in action again on Saturday morning.

The Division One semi-finals saw holders Oulart The Ballagh (Wexford) hold off a stiff challenge from Davitts (Galway) before advancing on 1-5 to 1-1 scoreline.

The second semi-final had Laois representatives Harps brush aside the challenge of Tipperary's Silvermines with a 1-9 to 0-1 winning margin.

In Division Two Cork representatives St Finbarrs had to give way to Kilnamona from Clare; while Wolfe Tones Bellaghy and Cellbridge served up a cracker with Bellaghy advancing 3-3 to 3-1.

Enniskeane kept the Cork flag flying when they booked a final spot defeating Atleague and their opponents were to be Ballymacnab, Armagh who knocked out Ardkeane, Waterford.

A spirited performance from the Enniskeane girls was not enough to prevent Ballymacnab taking the Division Three title.

The foundation for victory was laid in the opening half. Two goals from Stephanie McPharland and Laura McBurney gave the Ballymacnab girls a half-time cushion of 2-4 to 0-3.

With both defences superb in the second half the score remained the same — despite the efforts of Margurite Nyhan, Brenda Lynch and Sheila Desmond for Enniskeane who can be proud of their achievement in reaching the final.

The Division Two final saw last year's Division Three winners Kilnamona from Clare taking the spoils.

A close opening half had the sides level at 0-2 a piece at the break and with the lead changing hands on three occasions through the second half the determination from both sides was superb.

Three goals in the space of two minutes was enough to send the title to Kilnamona amid great celebrations.

Éire Óg face tough battle as broken leg keeps inter county star



The combined teams of Carrigaline and Ballygarvan, who met in the first round of Féile na nGael.



Enniskeane's Mary O'Donovan battles hard against Ballymacnab's Paula McManus during the Féile na nGael. Picture: Gavin Browne

Éire Óg are back on senior glory trail

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

THE week ahead is a busy one as the Senior County Championship takes centre stage with no fewer than four first round games on the agenda for decision.

This evening Éire Óg and Imokilly meet in Shanbally at 8pm.

The mid Cork club is one steeped in tradition and tonight is a big one for them as they make a welcome return to senior camogie following a spell in the intermediate and Senior B grade.

Tonight they are under no illusions as to the task ahead but nevertheless they will go in determined to advance.

They are without Ellen O'Herlihy, who recently suffered a broken leg, and without doubt the inter county player is a huge loss to them; her ability to grab scores up front has always been a major help to the side.

Helen Walsh is their main player and she will look to Louise O'Leary, Yvonne Corkery, and Alanna Mc Kenna to join her in helping Éire Óg's cause.

So often divisional sides have shown little interest in getting organised for senior championship

but thankfully this is no longer the case and Imokilly will be anxious to emulate Seandún and Carbery who have already advanced in the opening rounds.

Imokilly were also a dominant force in taking senior county titles in the seventies, although recent years have not been as productive. However this year they have been putting in good preparation and are well organised.

● The clash of Cloughdun and Barryroe is one that has been eagerly awaited since the draws for the championship were made.

Barryroe made huge strides last year in making it to the county final, on that occasion they met a very experienced Bishopstown side who took the title with some ease.

Having gained valuable experience last year the Barryroe back-room team will be hoping that it will stand to their side in what is a difficult opening round clash. Without doubt their most experienced player is senior inter county goalkeeper Cora Keohane, while Jennifer O'Leary has settled in well on to

O'Herlihy out of their county championship clash



Rhona McGarvey of Myshall in action against the Glen during the Féile na nGael.

Picture: Gerard McCarthy

Carbery dispose of Newtown

Carbery 5-9
Newtownshandrum 2-5

THE strength of Carbery division camogie was displayed to its full potential on Saturday evening at Delanys when their senior side booked their place in the quarter final defeating a much fancied Newtownshandrum side in an entertaining game.

Making all the early running Carbery led from the throw in after three points inside the opening 10 minutes were followed by a Miriam Deasy goal.

Newtown, struggling to come to grips, had a Frances Killeen pointed free to open their account but with Deasy, Colette Desmonds (2) and Joanne Gaynor pointing for Carbery they continued to dominate.

Newtown got a vital break eight minutes from the break when Frances Killeen goaled but it was Carbery who had the last word with a Joanne Gaynor point to leave them 1-8 to 1-1 ahead at the break.

Aided by the strong wind Newtown started the second half in determined fashion and three points inside the opening 10

minutes had them back in contention.

Carbery kept the pressure on through Miriam Deasy and Colette Desmond, now operating in the half forward line, ensuring the inside line got adequate supply.

In the space of seven minutes they effectively killed the Newtown revival with four goals from Suzanne Deasy, Julie O'Regan and Colette Desmond (2). Tina Shanahan had a Newtown goal eight minutes from time but by then Carbery had done enough to book their passage to the next round.

CARBERY: S. McCarthy, C. Nyhan, S. O'Donovan, E. Sullivan, A. Coughlan, E. O'Sullivan, C. Deasy, H. Kenneally, V. O'Keefe, J. O'Regan, S. Deasy, J. Gaynor, C. Desmond, M. Deasy, A. O'Neill.

SUBS: M. Sullivan for S. Deasy.

NEWTOWN-

SHANDRUM: N. Bowles, C. Giltinane, Y. Morrissey, I. Kelleher, A. Kelleher, P. O'Connor, U. Troy, H. Kelleher, S. Buckley, F. Killeen, A. Mulcahy, H. Curtin, M. Harrington, T. O'Meara.

SUBS: U. Harrington for M. O'Meara.

Classy city girls hold on for win

Seandun 1-9
Muskerry 2-2

THE all divisional meeting of Seandun and Muskerry was a lively affair at Ballygarvan on Friday last.

Amanda O'Regan and Louise Murphy exchanged early points but taking command of the game Seandun raced into the lead with five points from Gemma O'Connor (four) and Rachel Myers.

With their defence dealing with anything Muskerry threw at them Seandun held the upper hand and extended their lead after Catherine Barrett finished a long O'Regan clearance for a goal.

Seandun looked as if they were about to swamp Muskerry but to their credit Muskerry rallied and with Louise Murphy dropping a free from 60 metres all the way to the net they were back in the game.

O'Connor pointed a free to leave Seandun ahead 1-7 to 1-1 at the break.

From the restart Muskerry set about upsetting Seandun and were boosted with a Louise Murphy goal within a minute. O'Connor pointed a 45 and with Murphy doing likewise at the other end just the goal separated the sides.

Pressing hard for the equaliser Muskerry tended to try for goals but their efforts were well handled by a Seandun defence where O'Regan, Karen Buckley and Clare Harrington excelled.

O'Regan struck a long range point to finally give Seandun breathing space.

Oulart make Féile history

Oulart the Ballagh Harps 4-3
4-3

CHAMPIONS Oulart the Ballagh of Wexford created camogie history by taking their fourth Féile na nGael Division One title.

A goal from Emma O'Connor three minutes into injury time signalled heartbreak for the Harps side.

From the throw-in the Laois representatives showed little regard for the champion's pedigree and took the lead. Rallying Oulart struck back and lead at the break 2-3 to 1-3.

On the resumption Harps were quickly back on level terms with a Kate Freeman goal which was again cancelled out by Oulart's Una Lacey.

With play swinging from end to end Harps narrowed the gap with a point and a minute later regained the lead with a Freeman goal.

In a last gasp bid Oulart made a raid and with Emma O'Connor goaling in injury time they grabbed the title.

Town's tough opener

CHAMPIONS Bishopstown will open their quest for five-in-a-row with a meeting with Inniscarra at Delanys on Friday evening.

The holders who are coached this year by inter-county star Joe Deane are a strong outfit.

They are back-boned by senior inter-county players Ciara Healy, Vivienne Harris and Eithne Duggan and Trisha Doyle who was out of the country and missed out on last year campaign. Sinead O'Callaghan has departed to America and Sheenagh Morley has retired but such is the strength of their panel that they have players to fill the gaps.

Caroline Kenny, Brid Sheehan and Jean O'Sullivan are among the young guns in the side while the experience of Aine White, Ruth Callanane, Derbhilla Quigney and Rose Desmond is invaluable.

Inniscarra are a side who in recent years have made huge strides at underage level. They took the

Cork Féile na nGael title three years ago and younger players from that side including Treasa McCarthy, Liz Hayes and Eadoine O'Mahony are beginning to make the step up to senior action.

The Inniscarra side also contain a wealth of experience with former inter-county star Irene O'Keefe, though now retired from the inter-county scene, still turning in great performances with the club. Paula Giggins who joined the club three years ago from Na Piarasigh and Enda Dineen who for many years lined out with Ballinora.

Criona Harte who has been grabbing the goals for the Cork senior team will pose a big threat to Bishopstown.

Championship is always a hard one to call but to put one's head on the block and make predictions expect Eire Og's fighting spirit to see them advance to the next round.

the Senior Intercounty scene and will take a lot of marking by the Cloughduv defence. Rosarie Holland Ger Collins and Marie Moloney showed last season that they have the ability for the big time and they will want more of the same this year. Cloughduv will pose a big threat but they will go in with a belief in their own ability and it could stand to them.

By a coincidence Cloughduv also went out at the hands of Bishopstown last year. However this year they will be a different side, boosted by the return from Australia of inter county stars Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea.

Their return is one which the Cloughduv side will welcome, as they set out in quest of a senior title. Last year they felt that against the champions they should have performed better and many are already tipping them to make it to the closing stages this year. On paper they are a strong all round side with all of their players having experiences inter county action at some stage. Aolfe Murray, Marie Corkery, Joanne and Ora O'Callaghan and Cork senior Una O'Donoghue will pose a huge threat to Barryroe. It remains to be seen



OUR player of the week caught the eye in the Féile na nGael finals.

From the throw-in Marguerite Nyhan worked hard for Enniskeane as they took on Ballymacnab.

The scorer of two points was seen back helping out her defence and up front attacking.

if the experience gained last year will have stood to the Barryroe youngsters or whether Cloughduv aided by the Dunleas have enough to advance.

Fr. O'Neill's and Courcy Rovers meet in the first game of a double header on Friday night in Delanys and it will be there that several of the Senior Inter county panel will also be coming face to face in opposition.

Three years in a row O'Neill's suffered the heartbreak of losing out to Bishopstown in the county (last season it was the semi final stage where the sides met and again the East Cork girls lost out).

Undaunted, they are back again determined as ever to take their first title. There is a wonderful tradition of camogie in the Ballymacoda area and down through the years they have received huge support and have continued to promote the game at underage level in the club. Recently they took the Senior league title and looked very sharp, while their U-18 team is also very promising.

Mags Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll and Mary Kenefick are three who have given tremendous service to the club over a long number of years and it would be a dream come true for the trio should O'Neill's take the Senior county title. Roisin Corcoran, Clare Flavin, Gearoidin Kearney and Liz Sweetnam are amongst their prominent players, all of whom will fight to the end to help them advance.

Courcy's have made steady progress since promotion to Senior two years ago, and with both Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney figuring on the Cork Senior team, the club are determined to make their mark. Clare Murphy, Aine and Ann O'Regan, Samantha Quinn and Noelle Collins will all feature on a strong Courcy's panel.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS
Under 14 League: Kilsheelig 4-0 Castlerys 3-1; Kilsheelig 3-1 Charleville 1-3.
Under 12 League: Rockbawn 5-3 Watergrasshill 0-0; Enniskeane 4-0 Sliabh Rua 0-1; Rockbawn 8-3 St Catherine's 1-0; Buttevant 7-2 St Finbarr's 1-0.
FIXTURES
SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
WEDNESDAY JUNE 27
Eire Og v Inishilla At Shanbally 8pm.
THURSDAY JUNE 28
Barryroe v Cloughduv Brickey 8pm.
FRIDAY JUNE 29
Fr. O'Neill's v Courcy Rovers, Delanys 8.45pm.
Inniscarra v Seandun, Delanys 8pm.
SUNDAY JULY 1
All Ireland Intermediate Championship: Cork v Galway, Cork venue 3pm.

DETERMINATION.

FOUR-IN-A-ROW: THE HISTORY MAKERS



The Feile na nGael Division 1 camogie champions for a fourth successive year, Oulart-The Ballagh. Back row (l-r): Aidan Moran and Hughie O'Connor, selectors, Aisling Kehoe, Kerri Dunne, Siobhan Cullen, Tracey McCormack, Nicola Sinnott, Sinead O'Connor, Aine Devereux, Chloe Kenny, Ann Kirwan and Tom Whelan, selectors. Middle row (l-r): Bridget Moran, First Aid, Michelle Donohoe, Hannah Doran, Stacey Kehoe, Emma Moran (capt.), Ciara Storey, Una Leacy, Stacey Redmond, Margaret Leacy, selector.

Front row (l-r): Louise Harris, Anna Sinnott, Aoife O'Connor, Emma O'Connor, Vanessa Leacy, Laura Sinnott, Michelle Kehoe, Christina Fortune. (Pic: Jim Doran).

THREE STAYED THE COURSE

Three players enjoy the distinction of having been involved in all four Feile na nGael camogie successes. Defender Tracey McCormack is one. Midfielder and current captain Emma Moran is another, while attacker Una Leacy actually started in all four.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Three sets of parents had a boy and a girl on each team: Martin and Rosaleen Storey (Anthony and Ciara); Brendan and Margaret O'Connor (Ben and Aoife); Willie and Margaret Redmond (David and Stacey).

Two sets of parents had two girls on the camogie team: MJ and Bernie Kehoe (Stacey and Shelley); Jim and Una Sinnott (Nicola and Laura).

The weekend must have been that bit extra special for these families.

REMAINED AT THE HELM

Margaret Leacy, Anne Kirwan and Aidan Moran were part of the backroom team that helped mastermind each of Oulart-The Ballagh's national camogie successes. Pat Ryan and the late Dave Sinnott have also played a key role, while this year Tom Whelan and Hughie O'Connor came on board as selectors.

'This is great for Wexford'

Ronan Fagan

RATHER THAN wallow in what a remarkable feat it was for Oulart-The Ballagh, Tom Whelan spoke of how the victories could impact upon Wexford sport in general.

The long serving club official, who enjoyed the distinction of acting as a selector with both the camogie and hurling teams, felt the under-14s' wonderful exploits should be something for others to gain from.

"There should be fantastic benefits accruing from this success, not alone for our club but County Wexford as a whole," he began. "For example, Wexford underage camogie and hurling is the best in the country right now."

"We should not have any inferiority complexes at any level, because when we have the belief and will-to-win - as our kids showed last weekend - we can compete with anyone."

"People are saying the Wexford senior hurlers have no hope in next month's Leinster final with Kilkenny, but I for one believe Kilkenny

could be in for a rude awakening."

Moments after Saturday's unique double was attained, Tom commented: "I am in dream world right now. What has happened has not sunk in, and it could be a few days before it does. This is, as I predicted last week, beyond our wildest dreams."

"Watching Wexford win the All-Ireland in 1996 was amazing, but because of my involvement with Oulart-The Ballagh, this is even better from a personal point-of-view."

He was surprisingly calm as he uttered those words. "I was high on adrenalin for each of the games," he said, "and now I am just drained."

There were a number of factors he felt which were crucial to the victories, which came after a combined six hours and 40 minutes of action.

"It was all down to heart, determination and a tremendous will-to-win," Tom asserted. "The players gave so much, especially in a number of games when they really had to show true grit. This is marvellous."

Emma clinches decisive fourth

OULART/BALLAGH 4-3
HARPS (LAOIS) 3-4

Ronan Fagan

CORNER-FORWARD Emma O'Connor pounced for her fourth goal of the competition in the dying stages of Saturday afternoon's final at Ballinlough to land a fourth consecutive outright Feile na nGael Division 1 camogie victory for Oulart-The Ballagh.

The decisive clash with Harps of Laois, who in 1998 overcame Glynn-Barntown in the Division 3 decider in Enniscorthy, was a humdinger.

Oulart-The Ballagh competed with some assurance during the opening-half. Nicola Sinnott opened their account with a point shortly before Emma O'Connor hit the first of her two goals of the game.

Sinnott later turned provider as she paved the way for Una Leacy to hammer over a point, before the wing-forward combined with Christine Fortune to set up Sinead

O'Connor for a brilliantly worked goal.

With 2-2 to their credit at half-time, Oulart-The Ballagh were well on course, but the Harps were still within striking distance, and with two minutes remaining, the midlanders were on the verge of entering their name on the roll of honour for the first-time as they led 3-4 to 3-3.

Una Leacy had hand-passed the ball to the net before adding a point to keep Oulart-The Ballagh in touch at that stage.

As the pressure really came on, Leacy linked-up with Sinead O'Connor as time ebbed away to establish an attack from which Emma O'Connor eventually doubled on the sliotar to send the net rattling and all connections of the defending champions delirious.

Throughout the campaign Tracey McCormack and her fellow half-backs stood out for Oulart-The Ballagh, while also to the fore were the midfielders,

including Emma Moran who received the Division 1 silverware afterwards.

The captain later spoke about what "an honour it was to lead this great team. We have been thoroughly dedicated in training, and now we have reaped our just rewards."

Emma, who has been a member of all four panels, said the hurlers led by example. She stated: "When we saw how they dug so deep in their game against Kilmallock Gaels and what they achieved as a result, it proved to us that if you do not give up, no matter how bad things might appear, you can turn things around, and that is exactly what we had to do in the final."

Oulart-The Ballagh - Ciara Storey, Chloe Kenny, Hannah Doran, Kerri Dunne, Stacey Redmond, Tracey McCormack, Siobhan Cullen, Aine Devereux, Emma Moran (capt.), Christine Fortune, Una Leacy (1-2), Nicola Sinnott (0-1), Emma O'Connor (2-0), Louise

Harris, Sinead O'Connor (1-0).

Subs: Aisling Kehoe, Jenny Kehoe, Stacey Kehoe, Anna Sinnott, Aoife O'Connor, Nessa Leacy, Laura Sinnott, Michelle Donohoe.

The Wexford champions were in formidable form during the group stages, finishing with an aggregate total of 23-18 in their favour while 'keeper Ciara Storey conceded only a solitary goal in the three games.

That one blemish on her copybook was recorded in the opening test against Ahalbullog, the team that acted as fine hosts to the defending champions. In that 7-3 to 1-0 win Una Leacy contributed 3-3 while Louise Harris posted a personal tally of 4-0.

Inniscara became Oulart-The Ballagh's next victims (8-6 to no-score). Sinead O'Connor led the way against the Cork girls, shooting 4-0, while Louise Harris and Aine Devereux (1-1 each) together with Una Leacy (0-4), Stacey Redmond and Nicola

Sinnott (1-0 each) were also responsible for raising flags.

In the last group encounter, Ballycastle of Antrim were conquered (8-9 to 0-0). On that occasion Una Leacy top-scored with 1-6, while also numbering among the scorers were Emma O'Connor, Louise Harris and Sinead O'Connor with 2-0 each, Michelle Donohoe (1-0) and Nicola Sinnott (0-3).

Thus, having bagged six points out of a possible six, it was onto the semi-finals in Grenagh, where Oulart-The

Ballagh were involved in a repeat of last year's final, when they defeated the Davitts of Galway by 1-8 to 1-1.

Remarkably the Davitts failed to do any better in the scoring department 12 months later (1-5 to 1-1), although once more they made life difficult for their rivals.

Indeed, Oulart-The Ballagh trailed entering the final ten minutes, when a Louise Harris goal coupled with points from Stacey Redmond and Una Leacy turned the tables. The

latter

played a major part in forging victory as she shot 0-4 in total against the girls from the West. The rest is the stuff of, well, legend.

AT A GLANCE: The attackers who kept Oulart-The Ballagh firmly on the road to glory were: Una Leacy (5-19), Louise Harris (8-1), Sinead O'Connor (7-0), Emma O'Connor (4-0), Nicola Sinnott (1-4), Stacey Redmond and Aine Devereux (1-1 each), Michelle Donohoe (1-0).



Juniors make early bow

THE COUNTY'S junior camogie outfit lost out to the defending Leinster champions, Offaly, in the semi-final of the championship at Rath on Sunday afternoon, despite leading by 0-9 to 1-3 at the interval.

Offaly got off to a dream start when following a sideline cut, Maggie Lynch passed to Janet Feighery, whose ground stroke from the edge of the square hit the back of the net, and the same player added a point two minutes later.

Wexford eventually got on the scoresheet with a point from a '45 by Gretta Heffernan in the sixth minute, after Mag Kelly's goal bound shot was saved by opposing netminder Fiona McLeish.

Wexford tagged on two further points from frees through Josie Dwyer in the ninth and tenth minutes to reduce the arrears to a single point.

The purple-and-gold continued to dominate, and deservedly they levelled matters when Gretta Heffernan slotted over another free midway through the half.

Wexford got their noses in-front with a point by Josie Dwyer after Martina Murray had been fouled 25 metres out in the 20th minute.

Wexford increased their supremacy when after Ursula Jacob made a great save her clearance found Martina Murray who pointed in the 23rd minute.

Offaly struck back with points by Maggie Lynch



Wexford's junior camogie women suffered defeat to holders Offaly in the semi-final of the Leinster championship on Sunday afternoon at Rath. (Pic: John Furlong).



Offaly 4-8
Wexford 1-12



REPORT BY JOHN FURLONG

from a narrow angle and a long range effort by Michelle Davies to restore parity with four minutes of the half left.

Wexford finished stronger with two points by Josie Dwyer and one by Gretta Heffernan (all from frees) to leave the visitors 0-9 to 1-3 ahead at the interval.

Offaly opened the scoring with a point by Maggie Lynch in the fourth minute, and Michelle Davies added a similar score one minute later to reduce the margin to a solitary point.

Wexford responded through a long range point by Evelyn Quigley to restore a two point lead after 38 minutes.

The midlanders were tenacious, and again they replied when, following a goal-mouth scramble,

Michelle Davies shot through a forest of legs for a goal which put Offaly back in-front after 41 minutes.

Wexford levelled things once more when Evelyn Quigley passed to Gretta Heffernan who set up Ann Cousins for a 44th minute point.

Offaly were then awarded a free which was taken by Michelle Davies. The shot was heading over the bar when it was blocked down by Ursula Jacob. Unfortunately it fell onto the goal-line and into the net to put Offaly 3-5 to 0-11 up 14 minutes from the end.

Offaly added to their lead with two points, but Wexford dug deep and had a pointed free by Gretta Heffernan after Ann Cousins had been fouled.

Offaly, with a point by Sabrina Carroll and a goal by Mary Wier with five minutes left, completed their side's account.

Wexford gained fresh hope when Gretta Heffernan goaled in the closing minutes, but as it proved, that was the final score of the game, leaving Offaly worthy winners and advancing to a Leinster final meeting with Carlow.

Best for Wexford were Edwina Roche, Rosemary Breen, Fiona Cullen, Mary Leacy, Oonagh Carroll, Martina Murray and Ann Cousins.

Offaly - Fiona McLeish, Carina Carroll, Amanda Kelly, Marcella Nugent, Majella Bergin, Amanda Glennon, Marian Crean, Michelle Davies (2-4), Mary Wier (1-0), Sabrina Carroll (0-1), Elaine Dermody,

Sharon Daly, Orla Carey, Janet Feighery (1-1), Maggie Lynch (0-2).

Subs: Audrey Hennessy, Ann Bergin, Sheila Sullivan, Patricia Dooley, Mary Molloy, Clare Hinch, Theresa Keogh, Linda Higgins, Veronica McGarry.

Wexford - Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Aisling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boovalogue), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Caroline Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Rosemary Breen (Monageer-Boovalogue), Fiona Cullen (St. Ibar's), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure, 0-1), Oonagh Carroll (Blackwater), Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate, 1-5), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, capt., 0-5), Sinead Quigley (Rathnure), Martina Murray (Ferns St. Aidan's, 0-1), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's).

Subs: Ann Cousins (Buffers Alley) for Mag Kelly; Liz Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh) for Sinead Quigley; Michelle Jordan (Oylegate) for Aisling Moran; Ann Marie Daly (Monageer-Boovalogue), Ornagh Cullen (St. Ibar's), Assumpta Carty (Our Lady's Island-St. Fintan's), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure).

Referee - Matt Curran (Carlow).

Seniors open All-Ireland bid on Dubs' soil

John Furlong

WEXFORD JOURNEY to the Capital on Sunday to play Dublin in the opening round of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship. The game is fixed for Parnell Park at 1:30p.m.

Wexford have played Dublin twice this year already. Last April in the National League the purple-and-gold lost the away fixture 2-3 to 0-4, while recently in the Division 2 play-off at Oylegate, Wexford gained revenge by two points (1-8 to 0-9).

The Wexford panel will include a number of juniors who played against Offaly last Sunday, and team manager Dan Quigley (Rathnure) together with Peggie Kelly (St. Ibar's) will be hoping for a good performance and, of course, victory.

The carrot of a quarter-final encounter with the winners of the clash between Tipperary, the holders, or Kilkenny should prove incentive enough for Wexford to produce their best.

Wexford (SC Panel versus Dublin): Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boovalogue), Sandy Carr (St. Ibar's), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Rosemary Breen (Monageer-Boovalogue), Bernice Holohan (Rathnure), Michelle Heame (St. Ibar's), Aine Codd (St. Martin's), Lenny Holohan (Rathnure, capt.), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure), Barbara Sluads (Oylegate), Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's), Michelle Jordan (Oylegate), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Fiona Cullen (St. Ibar's), Ann Cousins (Buffers Alley).

Camogie

English returned in style to retain the Tyrone senior camogie title, totally overwhelming first timers Tattysreagh yesterday.

The West Tyrone side were opened up at ease after showing early promise with a Paula Mallon goal. But once Brenda Burke and Mary Rose McGreevy took control around the midfield area, English forwards enjoyed plenty of possession. English led by a comfortable 3-7 to 1-1 at the break and never eased up during the second half.

English scorers: A Jordan (2-1), S McCann and L Gallagher (1-4 each), B Burke (1-6), M R McGreevy (0-3), P Neil and C Ogilvie (0-1 each), U Donnelly (1-1).

Tattysreagh: P Mallon (1-0), J Daly (0-1).

■ Derry became the first Ulster team to win the provincial title in the year after claiming the All-Ireland junior, but they had to fight all the against Armagh before winning 1-9 to 2-5. The Oak Leaf girls lead 0-8 to 0-1 at half-time, with a breeze factor helping them build up that advantage through the accuracy of Maura McCloy who scored five points.

Armagh, however, knuckled down well to the task in hand after the break and worked their way back into the game with goals from Kelly Ann Hughes and Catriona Kinsella.

However, Graine McGoldrick kept Derry ahead with a breakaway goal and they just about held on for a fourth successive title. Derry: G McGoldrick (1-2), M McAuley (0-5), K McAuley (0-1), U Charnock (0-1).

Armagh: KA Hughes (1-1), G Kinsella (1-0), E Moore (0-3), C Conway (0-1).



Clockwise from top left: Dave Redmond in action against St. Rynagh's in the decider; victorious captain Anthony Storey breaks away from a Na Piarsaigh corner-back; Sinead O'Connor is closed down by Imiscarra; triumphant captains Anthony Storey and Emma Moran with GAA President Sean McGuire; and Stacey Redmond challenges a Harps opponent in the final. (Pics: Jim Doran).

CAMOGIE WINNERS AT SCIATH FINALS



The girls of Scoil Eoin, Innishannon, who won the Roinn 1 camogie final against Carrignavar in the Sciath na Seol finals at Paire Uí Rinn.

Outstanding Walsh scores three late points to earn draw for Eire Og

Eire Og 2-7
Imokilly 2-7

IT was fitting this game remained deadlocked as both sides produced some outstanding play. Imokilly started better and opened up an early lead. However, Helen Walsh, Eire Og's best player, had the sides level on 12 minutes. Then came two splendid goals, first Denise Twomey for Imokilly and then Walsh with a brilliant solo effort for Eire Og. Emer Farrell's late

point gave Imokilly a lead of 1-5 to 1-4 at half time. Ten minutes into the second half, Clodagh Crowley got a second Eire Og goal to put them in front. However, Imokilly regained the initiative and only excellent goalkeeping by Niamh Leane kept them at bay. A fortuitous goal from a Siobhan Downey sideline puck restored Imokilly's lead with eight minutes remaining but a spirited Eire Og fight back produced three unanswered points from the outstanding Walsh.

Scorers: Eire Og: H. Walsh 1-5, C. Crowley 1-0, W. Malone, D. Healy 0-1 each. Imokilly: D. Twomey 1-2, S. Downey 1-0, E. Farrell 0-4, L. Higgins 0-1. EIRE OG: N. Leane, D. O'Sullivan, L. O'Leary, C. Sheehan, C. Carroll, A. McKenna, Y. O'Leary, S. O'Driscoll, Y. Corkery, C. McKenna, H. Walsh, C. Crowley, A. Desmond, Y. Malone, D. Healy. IMOKILLY: S. O'Brien, E. Harper, M. Mulcahy, A. O'Connell, T. Byrne, J. Flynn, S. Downey, L. Higgins, O. Barry, C. Treacy, Kelly McCarthy, N. Mulcahy, D. Twomey, Kelma McCarthy, Y. O'Neill. Referee: J. McGrath (Carrigaline).

Fixtures: Tonight - Cork Senior County Championship Barryroe v Cloughduv, Brinny, 8 p.m.

Tomorrow: Senior Championship: Bishopstown v Inniscarra, Delany's, 6.45 p.m. Courcy Rovers v Fr. O'Neills, Delany's, 8 p.m.

Busy weekend in camogie county championship

by Mary Newman

The week gone by was a busy one with four Senior county camogie championship games to be decided. On Wednesday night a late rally saw Eire Og, who trailed 2-7 to 2-4 with eight minutes remaining, fight back to earn another chance against former Cork star Betty Joyce's strong Imokilly side. Late points from Cork's All Ireland winning Junior captain Helen Walsh earned the replay. For Imokilly Denise Twomey and Siobhan Downey impressed. Cloughduv served notice of their intentions to take a first county title when they knocked out Barryroe in by far the most impressive of the championship clashes. From the start Cloughduv controlled, with Una O'Donoghue and young Bridget Corkery stamping their authority on proceedings. Leading at the interval 1-5 to 1-0, they were knocked back by a Barryroe goal from the restart after Ger Collins blasted past Aoife Murray. Though Barryroe enjoyed more possession in the second half Cloughduv were always more dangerous near goal. Emer Murray and Lynn Dunlea struck late goals to consolidate their lead which

they held to the finish. County champions Bishopstown had to pull out all the stops against a lively Inniscarra at Delaney's on Friday evening in the first game of a double header. With Criona Harte, Irene O'Keefe and Grainne O'Mahony firing on all cylinders, Inniscarra lead at the break 0-8 to 0-6 but had to defend against a gale force wind for the second half. Defending valiantly Inniscarra contained their more illustrious opponents for 20 minutes of the second half until a splendid Ciara Healy goal eventually gave the champions the lead. With Viv Harris superb in midfield the Inniscarra challenge faded, and further points from Healy and Harris saw Bishopstown through. Fr O Neills opened up a 2-9 to 1-2 interval lead in their clash with Courcy Rovers in the second game. A three goal blitz by Rachel Moloney and Aine O'Regan within four minutes of the restart had the sides level. Only a nineteenth minute goal by Mary Kenefick finally warded off the Courcy Rovers challenge to leave it 3-12 to 4-5 at the full time whistle.

O'Neill's win classic camogie contest

Father O'Neill's 3-12
Courcy Rovers 4-5

FATHER O'NEILL'S came out on top in a classic game in the Cork County senior camogie championship at Delaney's last evening. Goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Mary Kenefick in the opening quarter had O'Neill's in control, leading 8 to 0-2 coming up to half time. But a fortuitous goal on the stroke of half-time when Aine O'Regan finished a Rachel Moloney free to the net boosted Courcy's and in an amazing turnaround, which yielded three goals within five minutes of the resumption, Courcy's were level. Rachel Moloney struck for the first and second with Aine O'Regan's goal next. It remained deadlocked until Mary Kenefick edged O'Neill's ahead with a goal. Mary Kenefick had four points

between the sides with four minutes remaining and despite severe Courcy's pressure they failed to breach an O'Neill's defence where Mags Finn and Ann O'Neill were superb. Scorers Father O'Neill's: F. O'Driscoll 1-5, M. Kenefick 2-2, G. Kearney 0-3, S. Kearney 0-1, F. Flavin 0-1. Courcy Rovers: R. Moloney 2-5, A. O'Regan 2-0. FR O'NEILL'S: C. O'Shea, S. McGrath, M. Finn, A. O'Neill, A. Corcoran, L. Sweetnam, V. O'Sullivan, N. Aherne (capt), R. Corcoran, S. Kearney, F. O'Driscoll, G. Kearney, M. Kenefick, M. O'Brien, S. Flavin. Sub: U. Day for M. O'Brien. COURCY ROVERS: N. Quinn, J. Murphy, K. Hannon, M. O'Regan, M. O'Donoghue, S. Hayes (capt), S. O'Regan, M. O'Donovan, C. Murphy, S. Quinn, A. O'Regan, Rosie Moloney, Claire Murphy, Rachel Moloney, N. Collins. Subs: M. O'Leary for C. Hannon; K. Keohane for M. O'Donoghue; T. Moloney for Rosie Moloney. Referee: P. Downey.

Bishopstown 1-14
Inniscarra 0-10

A CLOSELY fought contest saw champions Bishopstown survive the challenge of a lively Inniscarra side.

Inniscarra took the game to the champions from the throw in and led 0-8 to 0-6 at the break. It was nip and tuck for the opening quarter of the second half. But Bishopstown got to grips with the situation. With Harris and Healy kicking off points, they took the lead with ten minutes remaining. A superb goal from Bishopstown's top performer, Ciara Healy, seven minutes from full time, finally killed the Inniscarra challenge. Scorers: Bishopstown: C. Healy 1-9, V. Harris 0-3, N. Boner, J. O'Sullivan 0-1 each. Inniscarra: C. Harte 0-7, G. O'Mahoney 0-2, P. Goggins 0-1. BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond, D. Quigley, T. Doyle, A. Buckley, C. Enright, E. Duggan, J. O'Sullivan, V. Harris, R. Cahalan (capt), N. Boner, G. Enright, B. Sheehan, A. White, C. Healy, S. Kelly, Subs: D. O'Brien for S. Kelly, A. Golden for E. Hayes. INNISCARRA: G. Casey, A. O'Mahoney, M. O'Connell, M. O'Sullivan, C. Mesney, E. Dineen (capt), E. Hayes, C. Harte, M. O'Regan, T. McCarthy, M. O'Sullivan, I. O'Keefe, T. Murphy, P. Goggins, G. O'Mahoney. Referee: B. Joyce (Kilteague).

Cloughduv kill off Barryroe with second-half goal burst

Cloughduv 4-7
Barryroe 2-4

CLOUGHDUV advanced at Barryroe's expense in the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Brinny last evening. Aided by the strong wind, Cloughduv settled quickly with three points inside the opening six minutes. A powerful run after

22 minutes from Una O'Donoghue produced the game's opening goal and when Catherine Corkery pointed a minute later, Barryroe looked in deep trouble. Jennifer O'Leary cut the deficit with a goal four minutes from the interval. With Una O'Donoghue pointing, Cloughduv held a five point interval advantage, 1-5 to 1-0.

Within a minute of the restart, Ger Collins and Catherine Corkery had traded goals to leave Cloughduv retaining their advantage. Cloughduv then raised the tempo and goals from Linda Dunlea and Eimer Murray killed off Barryroe. Scorers for Cloughduv: A. Corkery 1-3, U. O'Donoghue 1-2, L. Dunlea 1-1, E. Murray 1-0, B. Corkery 0-1.

Barryroe: J. O'Leary 1-2, G. Collins 1-2. Subs: J. Lucy for Z. McDonnell. Subs: Barryroe: G. Dineen for E. O'Regan, R. Dineen for M. Sheehy, L. Gannon for J. Cahalan. CLOUGHDUV: A. Murray, J. O'Callaghan, O. O'Callaghan, S. Corkery, G. McCarthy, S. Dunlea (capt), Z. McDonnell, S. Buckley, M. Corkery, B. Corkery, C. Corkery, A. Buckley, U. O'Donoghue, L. Dunlea, E. Murray. BARRYROE: C. Keohane (capt), M. Sheehy, R. Holland, E. Carroll, A. O'Regan, A.M. Fleming, L. Dineen, K. McCarthy, E. O'Regan, G. Collins, E. McCarthy, E. O'Donovan, M. Maloney, J. Cahalan, J. O'Leary. Referee: Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs).

Walsh frees see Eire Óg hang on for a fine draw

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Imokilly 2-7
Eire Óg 2-7

THIS game was every bit as exciting as the scoreline suggests. Gallant Eire Óg deservedly drew this Cork County Senior A championship first round tie at Shanbally. Imokilly, under the management of former Cork and Killeagh star, Betty Joyce are

enjoying their best season since the inception of this championship. This result, according to Betty, was great for the team: "I am very happy. This game will bring us on no end." Emer Farrell was their best player on view hitting four great points, but not far behind her was Denise Twomey who was always a thorn in the Mid Cork side's defence. She struck for their first goal mid-way through the first-half and was always a threat on the ball.

One point separated the sides after 30 minutes in favour of the East Cork girls. Imokilly stretched their lead to two points soon after the resumption, but a goal from Clodagh Crowley ensured Eire Óg were in for the long haul. Some outstanding goalkeeping from Niamh Leane kept the Mid-Cork girls in this game. Then a Siobhan Dowling ball went all the way to the net for Imokilly, but a late rally with three frees from Helen Walsh saw Eire Óg hold on for a deserved draw.

Camogie

Loughiel are the new Antrim senior camogie champions after a 0-11 to 1-7 win over Dunloy yesterday. The game ended in dramatic fashion when Dunloy's Sinead McMullan had a 21 metre free straight in front of the Loughiel goals but elected to go for goal and the Shamrocks defenders beat it clear. This was again a very intense encounter with Dunloy holding the early cards after Brenda Kearns shot a 13th minute goal. Dunloy led by 1-4 to 0-3 at half time but the introduction of Rosie Boyle and more accuracy up front from Ciariona Higgins pulled Loughiel back into the game and they were level by the three quarter stage. From then until the end it was point for point with Ciariona Higgins shooting her 8th point two minutes from the end to give Loughiel their title. Loughiel scorers: Ciariona Higgins 0-8, Grace McMullan 0-1, Rosie Watson 0-1, Rosie Boyle 0-1. Dunloy scorers: Brenda Kearns 1-0, Anne McKee 0-2, Edel Masson 0-1, Elaine Dowds 0-1, Alison McTaggart 0-1, Majella Connolly 0-1, Oriath McGrath 0-1. Referee: Anne Derham (Dublin)

Dubs take to the hills for clash of ash with Wexford

DUBLIN's hard training had just ended with another gruelling session of hill running in the Phoenix Park. Manager, PJ Donohue, gathered in the girls and asked them could they, as a squad, have worked any harder.

The sweat on their collective brows told the story. Three and four nights a week, the Dubs have been burning up the petrol.

Next Sunday, Dublin have their date with destiny. They will play Wexford in the first round of the All-Ireland

Senior Championship in Parnell Park (1.30).

People find it difficult to remember when Dublin, once the Queens of the sport, last won a Senior Championship match.

But that has been the harsh reality through the last decade and beyond. Dublin camogie had sunk to the gutter - now it wants to walk tall again.

And the advancement of manager, Donohue and his selectors, Paul Crosby and Mark McKeown, have com-

DUBLIN CAMOGIE
BY NIAL SCULLY

pletely changed the script.

Thirty girls are now training with the county panel, and the born-again Dubs just missed out on promotion back to Division 1 by a whisker.

"The picture has completely changed," says Dublin captain, Sonya Byrne. "The management have been fantastic, and the County Board have backed us all the

way."

"Our spirits have really improved, and we have even been away on a weekend in Galway. The commitment has been fabulous and we have had several challenge games," adds Sonya.

Dublin organised two training sessions in Parnell Park to get used to the surroundings.

"The inspiration, dedication and demands of the new management team have been matched by the enthusiasm and commitment of the play-

ers," states County Board Chairman, Seamus Massey.

"The players have trained and prepared very well for this, their biggest challenge of the season. Their work-ethic, team spirit, never-say-die spirit and fitness ensures that Dublin are fully ready for the Wexford challenge," remarks Seamus.

So far this term, Dublin and Wexford have met twice in the League, recording a win each.

"We are on even ground going into the match, so

whoever wants it more will win," predicts Sonya.

The boss-man, PJ, adds: "All I will say is that we couldn't have prepared better or that we couldn't be any fitter."

"I can't say we will beat Wexford, but I think there will be only a couple of points in it."

Sonya's sister, Fiona, will be Dublin's representative at the Rose of Tralee Festival. A Dublin double would be very welcome in the Byrne household.

It's Heartbreak Sunday for the Dubs

IF Dublin boss, PJ Donohue, and his cohorts, Paul Crosbie and Mary McKeon, felt like supping at the Heartbreak Hotel on Sunday evening, nobody would have blamed them.

Leading all the way in their Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Championship duel against Wexford in Parnell Park, the Dubs tumbled at the final fence.

Deep Dublin disappointment greeted the final whistle as Wexford emerged with a hard-chiselled two-point victory, 1-8 to 2-3.

Yet the hosts have the consolation of calling into the second chance saloon on July 29 when they meet the losers of the Clare/Down/Limerick section.

It was the least the Dubs deserved. Sadly, not many in the ground could recall the county's last victory in a championship fixture.

Fair to say, it's been well over a decade since Dublin last won a Championship match. Yet this determined display was the best offering by a Dublin team for a summer of Sundays.

The advent of Donohue to the post has lifted the sport. He's Mr. 100 per cent, with no side-show attached. He talks in a plain, simple language, and, always, hard work is at the base of his thoughts.

And every stone was lifted as Dublin sought the much-desired triumph.

CAMOGIE

Even early on Sunday morning, the Dubs were having a puck-about in the sunshine of Fairview Park. Little things mean a lot.

And in the build-up to the game, Donohue ignored the boxing talk. "All I will say is that there will be only about two points in it," was his prediction, proving that this man of Galway granite knows his onions.

Dublin made a terrific start as Gillian McCluskey raced clear to crack in a goal at the church end on seven minutes.

And their impressive fitness saw them contest every challenge, while the cultured Louise O'Hara had elegance in her every deed. She looked the best player on the park, and her wise use of possession was tremendous.

Wexford were sluggish in settling, recording nine first-half wides, and it was the capital girls who led at the break, 1-2 to 0-4.

Just before the interval, Shauna Keogh, displaying bravery, was inches away from a prized Dublin goal, and four minutes into the second period, Sarah Crosbie's crisp volley brought a good save from Ursula Jacob, Mick's daughter.

Crosbie was involved in Dublin's second goal on 40 minutes as Keogh, from a tight

angle on the left, sent a rasper to the roof of the net.

Two minutes later, Crosbie's drive bounced awkwardly on the Donnycarney wicket, forcing Jacob into a hasty saving reaction.

Yet Dublin were failing to convert much of the promise, and, bit by bit, Wexford were creeping back into contention.

Centre half-forward, Kate Kelly, was excelling in general play and from the placed ball, and two points from her and another from Michelle O'Leary reduced Dublin's advantage to two points on 55 minutes.

Then, two minutes later, came the match-winner. Aine Codd sent in a wonderful sideline cut from in front of the main stand, and Michelle Hearne palmed it home.

Dublin felt like they had been the victims of a pick-pocket. Wexford boss, Dan Quigley, who captained the hurlers to the McCarthy Cup in 1968, did a little jig of delight.

As Dublin battled for salvation, McCluskey wasn't far away with a crisp drive, but it was Kelly who increased the Slaney winning total to two points a minute into injury time.

Wexford had 12 wides to reflect on, one more than Dublin, but, in the wider view, Dublin this season have climbed into a lift that is going up instead of down.

by Mary Newman

THE amazing decision late on Saturday night by Galway not to travel to Cork for an Intermediate All Ireland championship clash will almost certainly see Cork advance to the semi-final stages without pucking a ball.

No reason other than they were not travelling was given by Galway. In an interesting twist of fate, it's Cork and Galway on Sun-

Action packed camogie in store

day next in the Senior All-Ireland championship in Galway. Cork will travel minus the services of the injured Linda Mellerick but will be confident of putting one over on the home side.

Newcomers Sinéad Buckley, Rachel Moloney and Jennifer O'Leary have blended in well and

while there is a back door for the losers Cork will want nothing but a win.

On Saturday night it's a Munster final meeting for Cork and Tipperary as the sides meet at Junior level at a Tipperary venue at 7pm. Despite taking last year's title Cork failed to capture the All Ireland.

With several new faces in the side this year there's a new buckram team also. Having received a walk-over from Clare they find themselves into a Munster final.

The Cork line-out, captained by Nora Ahern, will include Catriona Kelly, Mary Ingenues and Jennifer Brown who know that it will take a mighty effort to hold their title against a strong Tip side.

It promises to be an action packed weekend.

Former great issues warning to Cork

ARE the teams of today as good as 20 years ago? Cork have won 19 All-Ireland senior camogie titles since 1932.

The Rebel county claimed their 12th All-Ireland title 21 years ago. They were an exceptional side, but how would they compare with the team that will run out in Galway next Sunday afternoon in this year's Foras na Gaeilge All Ireland series?

"You cannot compare them really," says Angela Sheehan.

Known as Angela Higgins when she lined out with Cork in that All Ireland win over

Limerick in 1980, last year's senior selector believes this present Cork side is totally different.

"Cork are not a settled team at the moment. With Sinéad O'Callaghan and Irene O'Keeffe gone they are still trying out players in various positions.

"We had a very settled team back then and therefore were more experienced. You also will not get a better forward line - ours was lethal and combined very well."

Captain Mary Geaney, Pat Moloney, Mary O'Leary and

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN
View from the Ground



Marion Sweeney are the firing unit in question. Geaney, the Lady Captain of Killarney Golf Club in 2000, was one of the most feared full forwards in the game. And with O'Leary, Sweeney and Moloney to feed

her ample ammunition, scores were never in short supply.

"The 1980 final was unusual in so far as we played against Limerick, many of whom we would have played with in the Munster team. I recall Vera

Mackey (Mulcahy). She was a commanding corner back and Pauline McCarthy, who incidentally still lines out with the Green and White, was very effective up front."

Angela, the holder of four All Ireland senior medals ('78, '80, '82 and '83) recently watched Cork beat Tipp in the Munster championship, but believes the Rebels would be silly to read anything into that victory.

"Cork looked good that night, but Tipperary were missing four or five of their starting 15. We have learned over the past

couple of years not to take league wins too seriously. It has cost us."

The Rebels travel to Galway next Sunday for their most important date in this year's sporting calendar. Angela is wary but nevertheless confident. "While I think Tipperary will be the dark horses again this year, I also fear Galway. They did very well last year, missing out narrowly."

"They have been working away quietly over the past few months, but having said that I think that Cork are good enough to beat them."

A rip-roaring championship lies ahead this summer

With the foot and mouth disease problems hopefully behind us now, camogie players, managers and fans can look forward to a summer filled of rip-roaring championship matches, writes Maire Ui Scolai

The Foras na Gaeilge championship kicks off on July 1st with the Dubs and Wexford. While these two sides have met twice in the National league the spoils were equally divided with the Dubs taking the laurels on the first occasion on a wet and stormy day in Portmarnock. Loch Garman under manager Dan Quigley took the points on the next occasion, which as a result saw Loch Garman move up to Division 1 for next season.

With very little between these two sides, the Dubs if at full strength may advance to the next round, but both these sides have not tasted limelight for such a long time that is a difficult one to predict.

All-Ireland champions Tiobraid Arann will travel to Cill Chainnigh on July 6th. While Cill Chainnigh had to fight to stay in Division 1 of the National League, it is fair to say that the match on July 6th will be a difficult affair from a Cat's point of view. Their last league match saw the welcome return of Sinead Millea who made a handsome contribution on the day to overcome Antrim with a goal in the dying minutes.

With several Tipperary players presently nursing injuries, manager Michael Cleary will be keeping his fingers crossed that they will have healed by the 6th. Among those on the injury list is captain Emily Hayden who with a broken finger has missed most of the league campaign.

While Kilkenny should on home soil give the champions a game of it, it would be a major surprise if the Cats beat the Slievenamon girls.

July 8th will see another very close championship encounter between Corcaigh and An Ghaillimh at an An Ghaillimh venue. With Corcaigh on top of Division 1 of the National league, they will be very determined to overcome the Westerners on this occasion, and while an Ghaillimh are under new management this season, the Rebel county may just steal the show on this occasion.

July 15th will see the other remaining first round with Luimneach making the long journey to an Dun. While this should again be a close affair, it is unlikely that they will finish up in the All-Ireland on September 16th in Paire an Chrocaigh. An Clar will then play



Portmarnock CS, winners of the Dublin Senior Colleges championship

the losers of An Dun/Luimneach.

This Foras na Gaeilge championship series promises a lot, particularly as we will see the new format with the losers of the first rounds coming back in and thus adding much needed extra matches and adding further glamour.

The quarter finals will go as follows -

(G) Winners of Cill Chainnigh/Tiobraid Arann play the winners of Ath Cliath/Loch Garman

(H) Losers of Cill Chainnigh/Tiobraid Arann play the winners of An Clar/An Dun/Luimneach

(J) Winners of An Ghaillimh/Corcaigh play the winners of first round "F" which is the losers of Ath Cliath/Loch Garman v the losers of An Clar/An Dun/Luimneach

(K) Losers of An Ghaillimh play the winners of An Dun/Luimneach

The semi-finals are as follows - J v G; H v K

The Intermediate championship begins on July 1st with Antrim hosting Armagh and Cork the All-Ireland champions hosting An Ghaillimh. The All-Ireland Intermediate Final is on September 29th.

While Loch Garman may be looking at their senior team for major honours the county were very fortunate this season in obtaining sponsorship for their U14 club championship competitions from Hanrahan/Londis.

The U14s are at semi-final stage, with Rathnure and Monageer/Boovalavogue in one semi-final and Oulart the Ballagh and Buffers Alley in the second one. The U14 division 2 will see St Martins play Cloughbawn and Blackwater play Glynn/Barntown. The division 3 semi-finals will see Taghmon/Camross v Our Lady's Island and Clonard will play St Martins.

Paire an Chrocaigh was recently the venue for the delayed Congress and it was an appropriate venue considering the close working relationship that exists between these two fine organisations. This season saw the introduction of half-way venues for teams travelling a distance of a hundred miles or more, however the feeling of the majority of delegates was that this did not work out as well as expected. The outcome was that for next season only counties with very long journeys will play at neutral venues.

Uachtaran Cumann Luthchleas Gael Sean MacThaidhg addressed the meeting on the Saturday and he was much emphasised the importance of celebrating our centenary in 2004, that we have 'something very worthwhile to celebrate'.

Queens of Feile

Oulart/The Ballagh clinch All-Ireland treble

HOW THEY MADE IT A GREAT TREBLE

1998 (captain Caroline Murphy) - Oulart/The Ballagh 4-6 Templemore, Tipperary 4-5.

In a game that had more than its fair share of twists and turns, 12 red and black clad heroines denied the premier county side by the narrowest of margins at Bellefield, Enniscorthy on June 29th to claim a debut outright success.

1999 (captain Mary Treacy) - Oulart/The Ballagh 2-3, Milford Cork 0-0

With seven survivors from the previous year, the holders gave an exemplary performance to see off a tenacious Milford outfit in the June 27th decider at Bellefield, Enniscorthy.

2000 (captain Claire Sinnott) - Oulart/The Ballagh 1-8, Davitts Galway 1-1

The bandwagon headed north with just year of the millennium with their ambition of making it three-out-of-three eventually being realised at Casement Park, Belfast on June 24th following a confident win over the girls from the west.

During their reign as All-Ireland champions which could realistically extend into a fourth year after this years finals

- they have proven that their feats on the national stage have not been a flash in the pan by clinching a whole host of underage championships on the domestic front. U12s, U14s have completed the county league and championship double for the past two seasons while the U16s and U18s have also come to the fore.

Tribute must be paid to those who have lent their expertise to developing and promoting the underage camogie structure of Oulart/The Ballagh, in particular the late Dave Sinnott (where daughter Claire captained last years winning team) Margaret Lacey (an All-Ireland Senior Medalist in 1975), Anne Kirwan, Aidan Moran and Pat Ryan who have masterminded the clubs successful win in the Feile and at various other levels.

We were the last club to win the said crown in the old 12-a-side format and the first to achieve same since camogie was expanded to a 15-a-side game.

With three remaining survivors from that 1998 team still going strong, Tracey McCormack, Una Leacy and Emma Moran who has the honours of captaining this years team we wish them all the best of luck.

Due to the foot and mouth earlier this year the games won't be held in Northern Ireland so Cork has offered to take on this great event to be held on June 22nd and June 23rd.



Oulart na Ballagh Feile winners of 2000



At Congress in Croke Park were (l-r): Bridie McMenamin (Tyrone), Maura McCloy (Derry), Susan Malone (Derry), Patricia Rafferty- President, Madeline O'Neill (Antrim) and Ann Cunning (Antrim)

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Town are made to fight all the way

Bishopstown
Inniscarra

1-14
0-10

HOLDERS Bishopstown were made fight to the end before advancing at the expense of a determined Inniscarra side in their opening game in the senior county championship at Delanys on Friday evening.

The first game in a double-header gave an indication of what was to follow for the evening as a gale force wind made conditions difficult for the players.

Inniscarra, aided by the elements in the opening half, took the lead in the early stages and with Criona Harte and Grainne O'Mahony picking off points took the game to the champions.

Despite being under constant pressure, the Bishopstown defence gave a good account of themselves in the opening period and prevented the Inniscarra inside line grabbing the vital goal which they worked hard for.

With Inniscarra opening up a three-point lead a Bishopstown rally minutes from half time yielded a Clara Healy point to leave her side trailing 0-8 to 0-6 at the break.

From the throw-in Bishopstown cut the deficit to one but Inniscarra continued to keep their noses in front thanks to excellent points from Criona Harte and Grainne O'Mahony.

Bishopstown never panicked, with Vivienne Harris working hard and the accurate Clara Healy picking off vital points.

The break they needed came with 11 minutes remaining when Healy, winning a ball on the far wing, finished past Ger Casey for a vital goal.

With their noses in front the champions upped the tempo and finished with points from Healy and Harris to finally wear down a tenacious Inniscarra side for whom Grainne O'Mahony, Criona Harte and the hard working Irene O'Keeffe tried to the finish.

Fr O'Neill's 3-12
Courcsey Rovers 4-5 A remarkable turn around saw Courcsey Rovers reverse a 10-point interval deficit to be back on level terms inside five minutes of the restart in the second game at Delanys.

Fr O'Neill's got the perfect start when Fiona O'Driscoll finished to the net for the game's opening goal after just three minutes.

Rachel Moloney and Gearoidin Kearney had exchanged points before Mary Kenefick struck for O'Neill's second goal mid way through.

Courcsey's got a vital break on the half time whistle when the O'Neill's defence failed to clear a Rachel Moloney free and Aine O'Regan was on hand to finish to the net. O'Driscoll pointed from the puck out to leave O'Neill's ahead 2-9 to 1-2 at half time.

On the resumption Courcseys were a different side an amazing goal blitz inside the opening four minutes from Rachel Moloney had the sides level.

With the game up for grabs it was a O Neills who got the important break when Mary Kenefick was on hand to finish to the net and having now regained their lead they worked with determination to hold it.

Moloney and O'Driscoll again had points but O'Neill's were now beginning to wear down the Courcseys challenge. Mary Kenefick put four points between the sides with three minutes remaining as Town advanced.

The All-Ireland Senior camogie championship begins in earnest



The Ballygarvan camogie team which took part in the Féile na nGael tournament held in Cork.



Linda Mellerick: Out of action this weekend due to an injury she picked up playing with her club, Glen Rovers.

Cork go West for big clash

THE All Ireland Senior championship campaign begins on Sunday next when Cork make the journey to Galway for their opening game.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY
Camogie correspondent

This year the championship has taken on a new format with the losers getting a second chance with a back door system now in operation.

Many have welcomed this system as they feel it gives counties a chance to look at their charges and correct mistakes that may have been made in what many are referring to as the dress rehearsal game.

This year under the new management team of coach Pa Finn, Rose Desmond and Sile O'Brien the Cork side has looked impressive.

The National league saw the team record easy win over Galway, Kilkenny, Antrim and Tipperary where both Galway and Kilkenny only fielded depleted teams.

The Munster championship played separate to the all Ireland open draw competition which afforded the selectors a further chance to look at players and here Cork took the title defeating All Ireland champions Tipperary who fielded minus four of their cham-

pionship side.

As a definite non starter on Sunday, they will be fielding without the services of Linda Mellerick, who recently suffered an injury while playing with her club Glen Rovers.

She has without doubt been the most consistent player the county has had and her loss is a blow.

"I'm very disappointed to have to miss out on Sunday" said Linda. "Since the draws were made we have all looked forward to meeting Galway."

"However I am grateful that we will have another day with the back door system and I will be keeping myself fit and hopefully will be ready for the second game."

"I will be there shouting on Sunday for the girls and I am confident they will come out on top."

There is also a doubt about Paula O'Connor whose recent injury in a club game may not have cleared up on time for Sunday's clash.

Cork have introduced new faces to their line out since last year's All Ireland final defeat at the hands

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as Cork make the journey to Galway for their opening game



The Carrigaline team who played in the first round camogie competitions in the Féile na nGael tournament at Carrigaline.



Jennifer O'Leary: The Barryroe star looks as good choice as she lines out in the forward line.

of Tipperary.

Into the team has come Barryroe's Jennifer O'Leary who has looked very comfortable in the forward line.

Her pace and speed is a welcome boost to a forward line that has Lynn Dunlea back having returned from Australia with sister Stephanie who has slotted in well to a backline that performed superbly in the Munster final.

Sinead Buckley and Rachel Moloney have done themselves proud in her first year at Senior grade and will be expected to make their championship debut on Sunday.

Galway are always strong championship campaigners and on home ground will not want to play second fiddle to Cork.

Their league campaign showed them with topsy turvey results drawing with Tipperary, defeating Kilkenny and losing to Cork but it must be said that in their meeting

Grassroots



The player chosen this week as our player of the week is Rosalie Holland from the Barryroe club. Giving a flawless display at full back for her club Rosalie remained totally composed under pressure and dealt effectively with several opponents. We are sure to hear more about in the months ahead.

with Cork they did not field a strong team.

Last year they lost out to Tipperary at semi finals stages and this year are determined to make it to Croke Park.

Cork with the exception of a slip up in the final of 1997 have always held the Indian sign over Galway.

Lourda Kennedy, Sharon Glynn

Tracy Laheen and Emma Kilkenny will feature prominently in a side that will relish the prospects of a clash with their old rivals on home territory.

Another interesting clash is the meeting of All Ireland champions Tipperary and Kilkenny in Nolan Park on Friday evening.

The Cats are reported to be going well in training with Sinead Millea, Kelly Long and Lizzie Lyng determined to put one over on a Tipp side led by Deirdre Hughes, Jovita Delaney and Noelle Kennedy.

It's all or nothing for the Cork Junior who travel to Tipperary on Saturday to contest the Munster final.

Last year's final between the sides went to extra time before Cork emerged victorious with the title.

Since then several of the Cork side have won All Ireland Intermediate honours and are ineligible for juniors.

Óg rally to the cause

EIRE ÓG and Imokilly will have to meet again after a late rally from Eire Óg led to a 2-7 draw in last week's encounter.

With Imokilly setting the pace they took an early lead but Eire Óg's Helen Walsh had her side on level pegging within 12.

It remained deadlocked with each side adding goals - the first came from Imokilly's Denise Twomey and the second from Óg's Helen Walsh.

However an Emer O Farrell point gave Imokilly a slender 1-5 to 1-4 half-time advantage.

Eire Óg took the lead 10 minutes into the second half with a Clodagh Crowley goal, but Imokilly put the Óg defence under pressure and it took excellent goalkeeping from Niamh Lehan to keep them at bay.

With eight minutes remaining, Imokilly took the lead when Siobhan Downey's effort went to the net.

But, failing to panic, Óg showed true character and dug deep, with Avril Desmond, Clodagh Crowley and Helen Walsh doing trojan work to put Imokilly under pressure.

Three unanswered points from Walsh gave her team a second bite of the cherry after a game in which both sides produced exciting fare to the final whistle.

Cloughdun rise to topple Barryroe

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Cloughdun
Barryroe

4-7
2-4

LAST year's finalists Barryroe crashed out of the championship at the hands of Cloughdun at Brinny on Thursday evening.

Three points inside the opening six minutes settled Cloughdun and, with Bridge Corkery and Aoife Buckley working hard, they had the better of the early exchanges.

Una O'Donoghue had the game's opening goal after 20 minutes when she burst through the Barryroe defence with a powerful run and finish to the net. Catherine Corkery pointed a minute later and it was all Cloughdun.

Barryroe found it difficult to breach a strong Cloughdun defence in which Stephanie Dunlea, goalkeeper Aoife Murray and Joanne O'Callaghan were in control.

Four minutes from the break Barryroe opened their account when Jennifer O'Leary left the Cloughdun defence in her wake and blasted for goal. Aoife Murray made a superb save but the ball rebounded to the net, via the post.

Una O'Donoghue added a point for Cloughdun to give them a 1-5 to 1-0 half-time lead.

The second half saw Barryroe up the tempo. A Ger Collins goal and was followed an O'Leary point, but Corkery kept Cloughdun in the driving seat with a goal.

With play swinging from end to end Cloughdun held their composure.

Barryroe found the going tough and, with Marie Corkery and Sinead Buckley working hard at mid field for Cloughdun, their inside line enjoyed ample supply.

Any hopes Barryroe had of staging a late rally were quashed when Lynn Dunlea and Emer Murray goaled inside three minutes to see Cloughdun run out deserving winners.

BARRYROE: Cora Keoghane, Mary Sheehy, Rosalie Holland, Eileen Carroll, Eibhlin O'Regan, Ann Marie Fleming, Isla Dineen, Karen McCarthy, Emer O'Regan, Ger Collins, Elaine McCarthy, Emer O'Donoghue, Marie Moloney, Josephine Cahalane, Jennifer O'Leary, Subs: Carol Dineen for E O'Regan, Rosemary Dineen for Mary Sheehy, Louise Gannon for Josephine Cahalane.

CLOUGHDUN: Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan, Orla O'Callaghan, Sinead Corkery, Orla McCarthy, Stephanie Dunlea, Zelia McDonnell, Sinead Buckley, Marie Corkery, Bridge Corkery, Catherine Corkery, Aoife Buckley, Una O'Donoghue, Lynn Dunlea, Emer Murray, Subs: Jean Lucey for Emer Murray.

● The failure of Galway to travel to Cork last weekend to contest the Intermediate championship was a disgraceful decision by a so called strong county.

What was amazing was that Cork only learned of the decision late on Saturday night and had received no indication as to what was about to happen during the week. The powers that be will need to clamp down on counties who fail at short notice to fulfil inter-county fixtures.

Results/fixtures

RESULTS
Under 12 League: Douglas 3-3 Glen Rovers 1-0; Enniskane 4-4 Kilbrittan 0-0.
Under 14 League: Charleville 6-3 St Fanahans 1-1.
FIXTURES
SATURDAY JULY 7
Munster Junior Championship Final: Cork v Tipperary.

ary, The Ragg, Tipperary 7pm.
SUNDAY JULY 8
All Ireland Senior Championship: Cork v Galway, Ballinasloe 2pm.
Junior B League semi final: Carrigaline v St Finbar's Carrigaline 7pm.

An acid test against dominant champs

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KILKENNY open their All-Ireland senior camogie campaign on Friday when they face champions, Tipperary. They could hardly have got a more daunting draw.

The Premier side is unbeaten in two years of championship camogie.

Kilkenny have home venue at Nowlan Park (7.30 pm). There is the safety net of the backdoor system for the losers.

Kilkenny have improved immensely over the past few weeks. Team mentors Ted Browne and Brendan Williams are sure to have the players in the right frame of mind.

Staying with senior camogie, St. Brigid's kept their place on top of the league, but not before they got a really tough test against Mullinavat.

In the under-18 league, Clara appear bent on destroying all opposition. In intermediate, St. Anne's got the better of Glenmore in a high scoring game.

Ballycallan in the mood

St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) 3-11

Mullinavat 2-9

ST. BRIGID'S were in rampant mood from the start of this historic game. They had inexperienced Mullinavat on the ropes in the first half when they ran up a 2-9 to 0-2 lead.

For Mullinavat it was history in the making. They had many of the junior winning side of four years ago, and most were playing their first senior game.

In fact, it was the first time in about 50 years that a Mullinavat side contested a senior campaign.

The first half began with Ballycallan picking off scores from skilful players such as Pauline and Maggie Comerford and Sinead Millea. Mullinavat appeared intimidated, and found it difficult to settle.

A brilliant Sinead Millea goal did little to settle them.

Claire and Deirdre Aylward put Mullinavat back in with a chance after the break with two fine goals. But they were unable to pull back the huge deficit.

For Mullinavat, Deirdre Aylward, Anna Woods, Nora Sutton and Claire Aylward played. Pauline Comerford, Bernie Ryall and Sinead Millea were on song for the winners.

Catherine on scoring spree

St. Anne's 6-7

Glenmore 2-8

CATHERINE Doherty's massive scoring feat in this intermediate championship tie was enough to see St. Anne's through.

Sinead Kavanagh opened the St. Anne's account. It was a 4-1 contribution from Catherine Doherty in this half which was the main reason for the half-time lead for St. Anne's (4-4 to 0-3).

Glenmore out-scored the winners in the second half by 2-5 to 2-3. Inter-county stars, Catherine Doherty and Bridget Mullally were in inspiring form.

But one of the players of

the match was St. Anne's centreback, Therese Glendon.

Catherine Doherty (5-2), Orla Hughes (1-0), Tara Corrigan (0-2) and Sinead Kavanagh (0-3) scored for St. Anne's, while Bridget Mullally with 1-6 was Glenmore's most accurate player.

Elaine on song

Clara 2-5

Carrickshock 1-1

THESE teams are well matched, and have met on numerous occasions, with the end result always very close!

Both were anxious at the start. A point from Mairead Barcoe settled the Clara nerves. Elaine Costigan went on to score three points before the end of the half.

The Clara backs worked hard, and conceded one point during the half. It was taken by Jackie Frisbie to leave Clara ahead by 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval.

In the second half Elaine Costigan added a point. She then went on to net a fine goal!

Carrickshock fought back to score a goal, but Clara kept the lead and Fiona Phelan went on to score another goal for Clara.

Ciaras hat-trick

Clara 7-8

Danesfort 0-0

DESPITE the scoreline, both teams showed great character.

Danesfort tried hard to the end. Clara showed great team spirit and chased scores all the way. Claire Brennan was

rarely bothered in the Clara goal. She was well protected by Elaine Nolan, Marilyn Nolan (captain) and Orla Healy.

Patrice Mullins, Laoiseach Quigley and Claire McDonald on the half-back line kept the ball moving towards midfielders, Ashling McDonald and Fiona Phelan.

Most of the forwards made the scoresheet.

Deirdre Shortall showed her usual skill with a fine point from play, while Angela Cody and Clara O'Loughlin shot five goals.

Elaine Costigan was a star. Mairead Barcoe opened the scoring while Margaret Nolan showed deft passing skills.

Carol Doyle, Jemma Dowling and Caroline Hoyne all contributed to a notable victory.

Quest for the Holy Grail

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN PREVIEWS THIS YEAR'S CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

Out with the old and in with the new. There are many casualties on the managerial front in the All Ireland senior championship this year. Some electing to go by choice, others getting the gently push to help them on their way. Whichever the case, over half of the nine counties which will battle it out for the O'Duffy cup have new leadership.

Cork mourned the passing of one of their greatest bosses, Tom Nott, who gave way to fellow-county man Pa Finn. Bobby Jackman stepped aside in Kilkenny with Brendan Williams taking over. Damien Coleman and Billy Carr are the new men to follow in the footsteps of Tony Ward in Galway. Tom Monahan severed his ties with Dublin where PJ Donoghue is now at the helm, while in Wexford, Dan Quigley replaces Seamus Murphy.

There is no uncertainty, however, in Tipperary. The reigning champions are back intact chasing their third All Ireland senior title on the trot with Michael Cleary continuing to call the shots. The Premier County kick-start their campaign in a very glamorous collision with near neighbours Kilkenny on June 30th. The Cats have been dismal in their league outings so far this year, and unless matters improve immensely, there is a great possibility that the Blue and Gold could steamroll the Black and Amber into oblivion.

However, this season's championship takes on a whole new complexion with the introduction of the back-door system. The top four teams in the country: Tipperary, Kilkenny, Cork and Galway are seeded into group one, while Clare, Dublin, Wexford, Down and Limerick are in group two. So, if Kilkenny do fail at the first hurdle they have the luxury of coming back in to play the winners of Clare versus the losers of Down and Limerick. Now, while they have struggled badly this year, championship is a whole new ball game and it would be surprising if the Cats did not have an ace up their sleeve. They will be without their goal-keeper Miriam Holland and Kelly Long, but on the positive side Sinead Millea, Una Murphy, Marie and Martina Maher, and a later stage Gillian Maher will be back to boost their chances. Regulars, Brigid Mullany, Mairead and Sinead Costello and Lizzie Lyng should give Tipperary, at least, something to think about.

The current kingpins of camogie, Tipperary, are going for three-in-a-row. For a county



The London delegation who attended the first camogie Congress in Croke Park in May (l-r) Mary Noonan MacKillop, London County Camogie Board, Patricia Ní Rathartaigh, Dachtairí Cúrsaí Camogaíochta and City Kelly, Dachtairí London County Camogie Board

that had not won an All Ireland up to two years ago, they have certainly come of age in the past 24 months. Rumours were abounding that super-sub of '99, Caitriona Hennessy had retired from the game, however, the Carlow IT student could yet be seen in the Blue and Gold. Their 2000 win against Cork was a massive shot in the arm for the Premier County. Two-goal heroine Deirdre Hughes, Claire Grogan and Emer McDonnell laid to rest any lack of self-belief that would previously have hampered their chances against the Rebel County. Captain, Jovita Delaney was superb in goals and in Clara Gaynor, they have an athlete of exceptional ability. Her physique at centre back has rarely been beaten. Una O'Dwyer in the number three shirt is another player always to inspire.

Cork and Galway's eagerly awaited meeting takes place on July 8th. This is do-or-die for the Westerners. Since winning the Holy Grail in 1996, they have not capitalized on that good fortune. That victory four years ago was their 10th final appearance and their first ever win. Recently, when the two sides clashed in the national league, Galway showed a very depleted hand to their championship guests. Thus, they were unable to match the craft of the Cork girls, but expect a different story on the second Sunday in July. Non-starters that day were Aine Hillary, Pamela Nevin, Veronica Curtin, Louise Curry, Therese Maher, Fiona Gohery and Tracey Laheen. They should all feature next month, plus regulars Sharon Glynn, Anne Broderick and Anne Hardiman. However, they will be minus their '98 captain, Olivia Broderick who is getting married the week before the match.

Given Cork's huge success in the '90's ('92, '93, '95, '97 and '98) the past two seasons have proved very disappointing for the Leesiders. Kilkenny beat them in the semi-final in '99 and they are still licking the wounds from last year's debacle against Tipperary in Croke Park. Captain of '98, Eithne Duggan is again the leading the side. However, from last year's team they are minus the services of Ursula Troy, Sinead O'Callaghan and Caoimhe Harrington. Against this, they will have stalwarts Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Vivienne Harris, Denise Cronin, and Mary O'Connor; and with the return of the Dunlea sisters it is all systems go down south. It is unlikely however, that the back door

will be considered an option by either side in this clash of the titans. But, whoever should require a second chance it will be against the winners of Down and Limerick. Dublin against Wexford is a repeat of last season's draw. The Dubs showed up very poorly on that occasion, but rumour has it that progress is measuring up in the capital and they will, at least, give a better account of themselves this year. Wexford were then left to rue their semi-final exit to Cork. They will hope to improve on that performance in July.

Down and Limerick both have had shaky league campaigns. The Mourne ladies have their chances further dissipated with the loss of Mairin McAleenan, while down Shannonside, the home county will hope to translate the experience of Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien and Pauline McCarthy into a winning formula.

Clare under the guidance of Davy Fitzgerald, now in his second term of office, have a bye to the second round against the losers of Down and Limerick. To complete the draw, the losers of Dublin and Wexford will play the losers of Clare, Down or Limerick. Meanwhile, Congress took place at Croke Park over the weekend of 25/26th May. Previously postponed due to the Foot and Mouth epidemic, this was the first occasion that such an event took place at headquarters.

GAA President, Sean McCague in his address to the meeting said, "while both organizations have the same difficulties recruiting people to do administrative work, camogie has something very worthwhile to hand on." He spoke at length about the forthcoming Centenary celebrations in 2004, and also expressed interest in the negative vibes going around in connection with both ladies finals being unable to afford Croke Park for their All Ireland finals. The President said this is something that will have to be looked in to.

It is also hoped that talks between the camogie and GAA hierarchy will be opened up once again with a view to a merger between both organizations. Among other issues was a suggestion from Kildare delegate Joan Flynn to consider training PROs to keep up with the requirements of promoting the modern-day game.

Next year's Congress will be held in Galway. After the cancellation of this year's meeting in Clarenbridge, it was decided to go ahead with the same venue for 2002. ☉

My FAVOURITE sporting moment

LINDA MELLERICK CORK CAMOGIE

MY greatest sporting memory was receiving the O'Duffy Cup after we won the camogie All-Ireland in 1993.

That year was especially memorable as we beat Kilkenny in the semi-final in Nowlan Park against all the odds.

The Cats were going for eight-in-a-row that year and had beaten us in the semi-final the previous year in Ballinlough. Nobody gave us a chance.

Kilkenny were red-hot favourites and everyone said that Cork would have to play out of their skins to beat them.

Well, we did. The final scoreline was 5-10 to 2-18. We won by a point.

The game was described afterwards as a classic, incredible and die-hard. It was played at a ferocious pace.



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Tough opener for the Rebels

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

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Cork v Galway in O'Duggan Park, Ballinasloe at 2.00pm. FOR the past two years things have not gone exactly according to plan for the Cork camogie team.

Today, as they set out for Ballinasloe ahead of tomorrow's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship, they will hope that this is all water under the bridge.

The team is not radically different this season but it is under the new management of Pa Finn, Rose Desmond and Sheila O'Brien.

The usual suspects will provide the spine of the team: Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan (capt), Mary O'Connor, Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea.

With a lot of younger talent tried out during the league campaign, Sinead Buckley and Criona Harte have won their way on to the starting 15.

And last season's debutantes, Una O'Donoghue, Elaine Burke, Ciara Healy and Sarah Hayes all hold on to their respective positions, while Stephanie Dunlea, Denise Cronin, Viv Harris and Paula O'Connor will complete the Cork line-out.

However Cork will be without the services of the injured Linda Mellerick for this much-awaited clash with the Westerners which pucks off at 2.00pm.

Joint manager of Galway Damien Coleman says they will not underestimate their opposition.

"We know it is not going to be easy," he said.

With players of the calibre of Veronica Curtin, Theresa Maher, Tracey Laheen, Louise Curry, Orla Kilkenny and Pam Nevin, Galway will hold high hopes of putting one over on their chief rivals.

And with neither side entertaining the backdoor option it will be a case of both sides going all out to win.

Busy weekend for county teams

by Marion Graham

A busy weekend is scheduled for Tipperary Camogie with the Senior team commencing their defence of the O'Duffy Cup on Friday evening in Nolan Park at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday evening the Junior team take on Cork for the fifth consecutive year in the Munster Final, in the County Camogie Grounds at 7.45 p.m.

In the senior game Tipperary play Kilkenny in the first round of the championship and for the first time since they defeated them in the All-Ireland in 1999. They played in the League last May and Tipperary had a convincing victory. However Kilkenny had a very depleted side with only four of their regulars available to them.

While the Championship format has been changed and a type of back door system put in place, whoever loses is not gone from the championship. Tipperary will however be all out to take this game and build confidence towards the next phase.

Tipperary are plagued with injuries with Theresa Brophy now added to the casualty list after a knee injury in the county championship game with her club Burgess on Sunday week last.

With the juniors in the

Munster Final on Saturday it is unlikely that the Junior Management will be willing to release any of the players brought onto the senior panel.

In the junior game on Saturday evening, Tipperary will be hoping to overturn their defeat in last year's final, when Cork defeated them in extra time. They have put in a tremendous amount of work under the management of Martin Browne. They had a good run in the league with Cork being the only team to defeat them. They have many experienced players amongst them, with their captain Jenny O'Halloran

and her sister Patricia playing some fine Camogie at present. They can look to the experience of Meadhbh Corcoran, the Grogan sisters Helen and Linda, Siobhan Ryan, Lorraine Bourke, Niamh Connolly and Norma Maher, Noelle O'Dwyer all who have been gaining experience on the senior panel for the last number of weeks.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of Tipperary Camogie Board will take place in Young's, The Ragg on Tuesday night next, July

at 8.30 p.m.

The Tipperary team to play Kilkenny is: Jovita Delaney, Sheena Howard, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Theresa Brophy, Emily Hayden, Niamh Harkin, Philly Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Paula Bullfin, Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Claire Grogan.

Subs: Louise Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Suzanne Kelly, Louise Young, Noelle O'Dwyer, Lorraine Bourke, Niamh Connolly, Patricia O'Halloran, Julia Delaney, Lena Woods, Grainne Shanahan.



Taking a break from training are Helen Breen, Bernie O'Dowd (coach), Siobhan Ryan and Geraldine Kinnane.

Photo Marion Graham

Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea rejoin new-look Cork squad

by Mary Newman

MUNSTER and All-Ireland championships top the camogie agenda this weekend. Cork and Galway have a backdoor escape route in the All-Ireland senior championship, but there was no talk of this at the Mardyke on Thursday as the Cork senior squad wound down their preparations.

Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea have rejoined the squad and the introduction of youngsters Jennifer O'Leary, Sinead Buckley, Catherine Corkery, Joanne O'Callaghan to the panel, has brought a fresh look to the outfit. Fiona O'Driscoll, Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin and Cora Keohane are still as determined as ever.

Galway, whose league form was erratic, have a strong line-up. Sharon Glynn, Tracy Leheen, Lourda Kavanagh and Michelle Glynn will figure

prominently. Holders Cork will face a strong challenge from Tipperary at the Ragg this evening as they bid to hold on to their Munster Junior Crown. The selectors have named a strong side, captained by Nora Ahern at centreback. Ellen Clifford is the netminder and Jennifer Brown, Louise O'Leary and Liz Sweetnam form a solid full-back line.

Flanking captain Ahern on the wing will be Aileen O'Neill and Jean O'Sullivan. Last year's captain Christine O'Gorman will partner Val O'Keefe. With Ger Collins teaming up with former Cork minors Caitriona Kelly, Colette Desmond in a lively half-forward line. The inside line is Niamh Goulding, Elaine McCarthy and Emer O'Farrell.

Included in the Tipp lineout are Helen Grogan, Niamh Connolly, Siobhan Ryan and Meave Corcoran, captained by Jenny O'Halloran.



MULLAGH Camogie Club's Sarah Dervan who won the All-Ireland Under-14 Féile Skills competition.

Cork go into the west for victory

Cork 3-12
Galway 1-10

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THE verdict on the back-door system in this year's Foras na Gaeilge senior camogie championship has to be positive.

This first round tie at Ballinasloe was as good a game as one could wish for, and Galway coming back in to the loser's group, is sure to have a spin-off for the game in the West.

Yesterday's game at Duggan Park had everything - passion, skill and sportsmanship. The visitor's, already without the injured Linda Mellerick, also

had to contend with the late withdrawal of Mary O'Connor due to illness.

The team regrouped, moving Paula O'Connor to centre-back and introducing Rachel Moloney, who had a fine hour, to centre-field.

Most of the action came in the second half. After 30 minutes the sides were deadlocked 1-5 a piece. But Galway must have been wondering what they had to do to get past keeper, Cora Keohane who

made three brilliant saves early on.

Many of the younger Cork stars also came to the fore. Goal scorer Criona Harte, Una O'Donoghue, Sara Hayes, Elaine Burke, Rachel Moloney and Paula O'Connor, were very impressive.

The same can be said of the other members of the team - among those who impressed were Captain Eithne Duggan, Stephanie Dunlea and Denise Cronin in a backline that withstood fierce pressure.

There was no shortage of talent either on the home side. Players like Aine Hillary, Tra-

cey Laheen, Martina Harkin, Therese Maher, Lourda Kavanagh and Veronica Curtin will continue the Galway quest for glory.

Meanwhile, Cork manager Pa Finn said of the victory:

"We were poor enough in the first half, but our backline was superb in the second period," said Finn.

"Galway are a handy side and losing Mary O'Connor before the game was an awful loss," he added.

Elsewhere, in the Munster Junior final at the Ragg on Saturday, Tipperary defeated Cork, 4-7 to 1-8.

Cork overcome All Ireland champions Galway in tough game

by Mary Newman

CORK and Kilkenny advanced to an All Ireland minor championship meeting after contrasting semi final clashes at the weekend.

The immaculate Carrigaline GAA complex hosted the meeting of All Ireland champions Galway and Cork on Sunday last where in a lively opening half the sides were level on four occasions. Deirdre Burke and Emer Watson exchanged goals within two minutes of each other in the 17th and 19th

minute, but with Ashling Connolly (2) and Cathy Bowes shooting points Galway hit the front. Emer Watson got one back for Cork, but it was Galway who led 1-8 to 1-6 at half time.

A tight opening 10 minutes saw both sides swap points twice, and with Galway still holding the advantage Deirdre Burke added a third to give her side a three point lead, but it was cancelled out by Cork substitute Gearoidin Kearney who finished Marie Watson's pass superbly to the net to bring her

side level. The sides again exchanged points, and with both defences coming under pressure it was Cork who grabbed the winner when Emer Watson finished past Susan Eamer.

There followed three minutes of intense Galway's pressure with corner forward Susan Donoghue's shot for goal skimming the upright with just one minute remaining. For Cork defenders Anna Geary, Ssheila Burns and Marion O'Donovan were excellent while up front the Watson sisters, Marie and

Emer, taunted the Galway defence.

Kilkenny qualified for the final defeating Derry on an impressive 11-8 to 2-4 scoreline, while indications are that Kilkenny's overall strength was not matched by Derry. The result augurs well for underage camogie in a county who have not contested a minor final for several years.

They will go in to the final on August 5 as firm favourites, something that will not worry the Cork backroom team who hope to take the title last held in 1999.

■ Down got off to a fine start in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship when Jennifer Braniff knocked over her side's first point in the fourth minute. However, playing with wind advantage, they only scored a further point from Cathy Mulholland. Then, just before the half-time whistle, Moya Maginn was on the spot to hammer home Down's only goal. Still, they trailed 1-2 to Clare's 1-3 at the break. Two goals midway into the second half from Clare's Nora Murphy and one from Laura Linnane were too much for Down. The Down forwards failed to register a score in the second half, eventually losing 6-9 to 1-2. They now face a tough task next weekend as they take on Dublin in the next round.

Seniors up, juniors down in the championships

Camogie

Mary Newman

THERE were mixed fortunes for Cork on the inter-county scene over the weekend with the junior side relinquishing their Munster crown to Tipperary and the senior side getting their Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland championship campaign off to a winning start against Galway.

The juniors travelled to Tipperary on Saturday night and turned around level 2-2 to 1-5 after playing with the strong wind in the opening half. All through the opening 30 minutes Tipperary kept the pressure on Cork, who led 1-3 to 1-1 mid way through the half after a Ger Collins goal in the 18th minute. Cork lost their concentration and Louise Younger grabbed a vital Tipp goal five minutes from the break. Trading scores, the sides

remained level mid way through the second half. Then came the turning point - a goal from substitute Moira Ryan swung the balance in Tipperary's favour. They continued to build on their lead, adding a further goal to take the title and advance to the All-Ireland semi-final.

After the disappointment of Saturday night it was on to Ballinasloe where, despite a backdoor escape route, Cork and Galway served up an entertaining hour with the Leesiders winning by 3-12 to 1-10.

A close opening half had them all square at the break, 1-5 each, and with the Cork defence working hard through that opening half

they held off the challenge of a Therese Maher penalty which was superbly saved by goalkeeper Cora Keohane in the 18th minute.

Cork got the vital goals in the fourth and 13th minutes from Criona Harte, and with Lynn Dunlea, Ciara Healy, Elaine Burke and Jennifer O'Leary all contributing, Cork recorded a deserved victory. Both teams, however, will go forward to the quarter finals.

In the senior county championship, Bishopstown and Fr O'Neill's will be in action on Thursday night in Carrigtwohill. In the past four years the sides have met at various stage of the championship with Bishopstown coming out on top.

O'Neill's, who recorded a good opening victory over Courcy Rovers, will be pinning their hopes on inter-county players Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn and Nora Ahern to lead their challenge against the county champions who had to fight tooth and nail for victory against Inniscarra in their opening round.

Divisional side Carbery, boosted by their victory over Newtownshandrum, will confidently face the challenge sure to be posed by Cloughduv when the sides meet on Saturday at Innishannon.

Influenial in the Cloughduv side are inter-county players Stephanie Dunlea, Una O'Donoghue and Lynn Dunlea who performed well in their victory over Barryroe.

The Carbery challenge will be

spearheaded by Miriam Deasy and Hilda Kenneally.

Eire Og and Imokilly replay their drawn opening game on Sunday night in Shanbally and again it is expected that very little will separate the sides who finished all square at 2-7 each after a late Helen Walsh point gave Eire Og another chance.

Douglas and Ballinhassig meet tomorrow evening the Junior A league semi-final at Ballinhassig. The sides finished level in a earlier clash.

FIXTURES
Wed, July 11, JAL semi-final replay: Douglas v Ballinhassig at Ballinhassig, 7.30.
Thu, July 12, SC: Bishopstown V Fr O'Neill's, Carrigtwohill, 8pm.
Sat, July 14, SC: Carbery v Cloughduv, Innishannon, 8pm.
Sun, July 15, SC replay: Eire Og v Imokilly, Shanbally, 7.45.

Cork girls beat Galway convincingly as Tipperary take jun

Cork 3-12
Galway 1-10

by Ken Kelly

CORK had eight points to spare in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship game over Galway at Ballinasloe yesterday.

The Rebels got off to a great start when Ciara Healy latched onto a long ball from Fiona O'Driscoll in the second minute to score the first goal and a minute later she pointed a free.

The sides were level at half time, 1-5 each and Galway had a further point from a Kavanagh free inside

a minute of the resumption. Lynn Dunlea put the sides level before corner-forward Carina Harte connected with a long ball from Una O'Donoghue to get Cork's second goal and despite a Veronica Curtin point, Cork had three further points from Una O'Donoghue, Elaine Burke and Lynn Dunlea to put them in front by 2-9 to 1-6 after only nine minutes.

Galway introduced Sharon Glynn and she almost immediately pointed a free but Carina Harte was on target again when she finished off a goal-mouth melee. Cork had the last say with two frees from Dunlea and sub Jennifer O'Leary.

Scorers: Cork: C. Harte (2-0), C. Healy (1-1), L. Dunlea (0-4), V. Harris, E. Burke (0-2 each), F. O'Driscoll, U. O'Donoghue, J. O'Leary (0-1 each).
Galway: T. Maher (1-1), B. Curtin, L. Kavanagh (0-3 each), M. Harkin, S. Glynn, O. Kilkenny (0-1 each).
CORK: C. Keohane, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea, D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, S. Hayes, R. Moloney, V. Harris, U. O'Donoghue, F. O'Driscoll, E. Burke, C. Harte, L. Dunlea, C. Healy, Sub: J. O'Leary for O'Driscoll.
GALWAY: L. Curry, R. O'Connor, A. Hillary, F. Healy, M. Haverly, T. Laheen, P. Nevin, C. Nevin, T. Maher, C. Murray, M. Harkin, O. Kilkenny, S. Tannian, V. Curtin, L. Kavanagh, Sub: E. Curran for Murray, S. Glynn for C. Nevin, A. Connolly for Tannian, R. Nash for R. O'Connor.
Referee: J. Moroney (Tipperary).

Tipperary 4-7
Cork 1-8

A brilliant goal from a one-handed flick in the 47th minute by Moira

Ryan turned this Munster Junior Camogie Championship final in favour of Tipperary at The Ragg on Saturday night.

That goal gave Tipperary a three-point lead and they goaled again in the 50th minute to clinch the title when Cork 'keeper Ellen Clifford misjudged a dropping ball from Helen Grogan.

Holders Cork blew the game in the first half when they failed to utilise a strong wind advantage.

Although 0-1 to 1-1 behind after eight minutes they fought back to be 1-4 to 1-1 ahead after twenty minutes. Lena Woods goaled for Tipperary in the 8th minute when

she waltzed past the Cork defence to palm the ball to the net.

But in the 18th minute Cork's Ger Collins shot into the net in a crowded goalmouth.

After Cathriona Kelly made it 1-5 to 1-2, Tipperary came back to level in the 24th minute when Louise Young billowed the net from close range.

Tipperary, with the aid of the wind in the second half, began to quickly gain control on the resumption with two excellent points from Siobhan Ryan in the opening four minutes. However, Cork showed their true character to draw level, 1-7 to 2-4 in the 45th minute with points from Ger

Collins and Cathriona Kelly (free). Then came those two killer blows and Tipperary ran out worthy winners at the end.

Scorers: Tipperary: L. Young 1-1, L. Woods 1-1, M. Ryan 1-0, H. Grogan 1-0, S. Ryan 0-4, P. O'Halloran 0-1, Cork: G. Collins 1-1, C. Kelly 0-5 (0-3 frees, 0-4 "45"), C. Desmond 0-2.
TIPPERARY: S. O'Brien, S. Ralph, H. Breen, N. Connolly, M. Corcoran, N. O'Dwyer, J. O'Halloran (capt), L. Bourke, P. O'Halloran, J. Delaney, S. Ryan, H. Grogan, L. Woods, L. Young, L. Grogan, Sub: N. Maher for L. Grogan (39th minute), D. McDonnell for J. O'Halloran (44th minute), M. Ryan for L. Young (46th minute).
CORK: E. Clifford, J. Browne, L. O'Leary, L. Sweetman, A. O'Neill, N. Ahern (capt), J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Gorman, V. O'Keefe, G. Collins, C. Kelly, C. Desmond, N. Goulding, E. McCarthy, E. O'Farrell, Sub: M. O'Connell for L. O'Leary (29th minute), M. B. Ennequess for G. Collins (44th minute), R. Myers for E. O'Farrell (50th minute).

Cork girls battle hard for big win

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Cork 3-12
Galway 1-10

CORK had to battle all the way in their 3-12 to 1-10 win over Galway in the Foras na Gaeilge Senior All-Ireland Championship in Ballinasloe.

Cork opened the scoring after two minutes when Clara Healy flicked the ball to the net when it looked as if Fiona O'Driscoll's attempt was going over the bar. Healy immediately added a point to stretch Cork's lead.

Galway captain Veronica Curtin opened their account with a fifth-minute point before Elaine Burke and Martina Harkin exchanged points. Cork held their goal advantage despite strong Galway pressure midway through the half.

Cork goalkeeper Cora Keohane saved a Therese Maher penalty and with Fiona O'Driscoll and Vivienne Harris contributing three points Cork took a 1-5 to 0-3 lead.

Keohane rescued Cork twice with excellent saves from Maher and Curtin, but four minutes from the interval Galway rallied and points from Lourda Kavanagh and Veronica Curtin cut the deficit.

Then Curtin left the Cork defence flat-footed to set up Maher for a splendid goal. A Kavanagh point had the sides level at the break, 1-5 each.

Kavanagh and Lynn Dunlea swapped points at the start of the second half and after four minutes Cork's Criona Harte found the net after a three-way move involving Una O'Donoghue and Lynn Dunlea.

Curtin and O'Donoghue exchanged further points and though Galway kept pressing, the Cork defence held firm.

Further points from Elaine Burke and Lynn Dunlea had stretched the Cork advantage before Galway substitute Sharon Glynn pointed a free.

Cork responded with another Harte goal after Louise Curry failed to clear. Orla Kilkenny pointed for Galway, but Cork looked the stronger and were in control.

Two pointed frees from Dunlea and one from substitute Jennifer O'Leary ensured Cork victory before Therese Maher's last minute point for Galway.

With the backdoor system, Galway still qualify for the quarter-finals where they will meet the winners of Down and Limerick.

Cork's reward for victory is also only a quarter-final spot and they await the winners of a quartet that has Dublin, Down, Clare and Limerick all playing over the coming few weeks.

Afterwards Cork selector Rose Desmond expressed satisfaction at the result.

"We performed well in difficult circumstances and great credit must go to the players," Desmond said.

"We know it's going to be tough and we are looking forward to it."

CORK: C. Keohane, S. Buckley, E. Duggan (C), S. Dunlea, D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, S. Hayes, R. Moloney, V. Harris, U. O'Donoghue, F. O'Driscoll, E. Burke, C. Harte, L. Dunlea, C. Healy. Sub J. O'Leary for E. O'Driscoll.
GALWAY: L. Curry, R. O'Connor, A. Hillary, F. Healy, M. Harty, T. Luehen, P. Nevin, C. Nevin, T. Maher, C. Murray, M. Harkin, O. Kilkenny, S. Tannion, V. Curtin (C), L. Kavanagh. Subs: E. Kerins for C. Murray, S. Glynn for C. Nevin, A. Connolly for S. Tannion.
Referee: J. Morrissey, Tipperary.

O'Neill's and Bishopstown keep a camogie tradition alive by



Fr O'Neill's Mary Kenefick and Fiona O'Driscoll renew their battle with Bishopstown's Eithne Duggan and Melanie Treacy tomorrow.



Bishopstown player Vivienne Harris had a key role in her club's victory over Inniscarra in the championship opening round.

O'Neill's hope to rewrite history

THERE is no let-up in the action following a busy inter-county weekend, with the senior championship and a league semi-final down for decision.

Bishopstown and Fr O'Neill's have, for the last four years, met in either the final or semi-final of the senior county championship.

This year will be no exception with a quarter-final meeting pencilled in for tomorrow evening.

Both sides had to work hard in their opening round games, with Bishopstown having to call on all their experience to beat a lively Inniscarra side who led for three quarters of the game.

Fr O'Neill's, having held a 10-point interval advantage over Courcy Rovers, saw their lead wiped out in the space of five minutes of the restart and were grateful for a goal from Mary Kenefick to book their spot in the quarter-final.

Down through the years, Bishopstown have held the Indian sign over the Ballymacoda girls and will go in tomorrow night in a confident mood.

Although they trailed Inniscarra

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Camogie correspondent

for long periods, they never let their heads drop and when the goal came they rallied superbly. They were led in the main by Vivienne Harris and Clara Healy - both of whom contributed enormously to their victory.

O'Neill's will be conscious of previous years as they take to the field tomorrow evening.

Last year, just two points separated the sides on an evening when weather conditions made good camogie impossible.

They are a strong club side who would dearly love to take a senior county title. Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn, Mary Kenefick and Sharon McGrath are four who have given the club great service.

Gearoidin Kearney, captain Nora Ahern and Róisín Corcoran are the younger brigade who have gained plenty of experience from championship outings against the same opposition.

The Ballymacoda side are anxious about the injury picked up by Clara O'Driscoll in the weekend's inter-county game and they

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meeting in the quarter-final of the county championship



The Glen team pictured at the recent Féile na nGael match which was played at the Glen field.

Picture: Gerard McCarthy

Ballinhassig and Douglas must do it all again

IT ended all square when Douglas and Ballinhassig clashed in the junior A league semi-final before the break for exams.

The sides meet again in Ballinhassig this evening to find opposition for Ballygarvan who are waiting patiently since their semi-final victory over Glen Rovers way back in early May.

Both sides had chances in their drawn meeting and will look for an improved performance.

Douglas, with Mary Harrington, Fiona O'Donovan and Louise O'Regan, will again strive to book a final place against a Ballinhassig side that have some very talented performers indeed in Linda O'Sullivan

and Deirdre Holland.

● Thursday July 19 is the date Mary Moran's *Cork Camogie Story* will be officially launched at St Finbarr's club.

Former and indeed present players from all clubs are invited to attend and support a wonderful publication which will be on sale at the venue on the night at £10.

It's a must for all lovers of the game and will interest followers, many of whom will have had relatives involved with the inter-county and club teams since the game began in the county in 1902.

The photographic input is superb whilst many a story is also contained in the publication.



Sisters Stephanie (left) and Lynn Dunlea are back from a year in Australia.

will be keeping their fingers crossed that she will be fit.

In their meetings over the years it's always been close. Maybe the time has come for O'Neill's to get the lucky break.

Innishannon is the venue on Saturday night for the meeting of Cloughduv and Carbery.

In their respective opening games both sides looked impressive; Cloughduv defeating last year's finalists Barryroe and Carbery overcoming the challenge of Newtownshandrum.

Cloughduv are a side that are being closely watched. They are a strong all-round outfit with an abundance of experience.

Marie Corkery and Sinead Buckley at centre field are a lively pairing. Against Barryroe they ensured the inside line got a steady supply.

Young Bride Corkery, Emer Murray, Aoife Buckley and Catherine Corkery team up with senior inter-county forwards Una O'Donoghue and Lynn Dunlea.

The return of Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea from Australia has

Grassroots



CORA KEOHANE: Her performance against Galway was first class. Saving a penalty from Therese Maher in the opening half Cora inspired Cork with two saves in succession at a time when Galway threatened and showed great coolness under pressure to kept the Galway forwards at bay.

strengthened the side this year, whilst former inter-county goalkeeper Leonie Nolan recently registered with the club.

It will be interesting to see where Cloughduv will line out Nolan as goalkeeper Aoife Murray gave a superb performance against Barryroe.

What of Carbery?

They showed no respect for form books in their opening encounter against Newtownshandrum.

Made up of players from the Kilbrittan, Bandon and Newtown clubs, they will not be unduly worried going in with the tag of underdogs.

Colette Desmond, Miriam Deasy, Valerie O'Keeffe and Emer O'Sullivan all hold All-Ireland honours and are used to a challenge.

Helen Walsh rescued Éire Óg with a late point to earn her side a replay when they met Imokilly in their opening game.

It's back to Shanbally on Sunday as the sides again try and find a winner who will then meet Carrigdhoun.

Minus the services of the injured Ellen O'Herlihy, Éire Óg had impressive displays from Clodagh Crowley and Niamh Lehané.

Imokilly have put in impressive preparation this season under the guidance of former inter-county player Betty Joyce from Killeagh.

They had solid displays from Cork minor Denise Twomey, Emer O'Farrell and Kelma McCarthy and are determined to get it right at the second time of asking.

Cork surrender Munster crown to stronger Tipp

Tipperary
Cork

4-7
1-8

CORK surrendered their Munster Junior Championship crown and made their exit from this year's All-Ireland Championship at the Ragg on Saturday evening.

With Catriona Kelly and Louise Younger swapping early points the sides were level six minutes into the game.

Tipperary, despite playing against the wind, snatched the lead when the influential Lena Woods hand-passed to the net for the opening goal.

Cork regained their composure with points from Kelly and Colette Desmond. Ger Collins gave Cork a timely boost when she goaled midway through the half and points from Desmond and Kelly extended their lead.

But Cork failed to pull away and Tipperary cut the deficit with a Lena Woods point before Louise Younger had the sides level with a goal to leave it 1-5 to 2-2 at the break.

Aided by the wind, Tipperary drove forward after the restart and two Siobhán Ryan points had them in front.

Cork responded through Ger Collins and Catriona Kelly to level matters midway through the half

Tipperary introduced Moira Ryan, a sister of inter county hurler Declan, to full-forward and with her first touch she finished to the net.

Two minutes later Helen Grogan's long range effort found the net and Tipp were in command.

Playing excellent hurling, they continued to press on with further points from Trisha O'Halloran and Siobhán Ryan (2) to which Cork could only reply with a Catriona Kelly point.

It was a disappointing defeat, the foundations for which were laid in the first half where Cork insisted on running with the ball instead of leaving it off to their inside lines.

CORK: E Clifford, J Browne, L O'Leary, L Sweetnam, A O'Neill, N Ahern (CL), J O'Sullivan, C O'Gorman, V O'Keeffe, G Collins, C Kelly, C Desmond, N Goulding, E McCarthy, E O'Farrell. Subs: M O'Connell For L O'Leary, R Myers.
TIPPERARY: S O'Brien, S Ralph, H Breen, N Connolly, M Corcoran, N O'Dwyer, J O'Halloran, L Bostle, P O'Halloran, J Delaney, S Ryan, H Grogan, L Woods, L Younger, L Grogan. Subs: M Ryan for L Younger, N Maher for L Grogan, O McDonnell for J O'Halloran. Ref: Mr J O Mahony Limerick.

● Under 14 and 12 league competitions have continued and the various sections are now drawing to an end. Clubs are asked to ring in the results of games to the fixture secretary Mary Bugler. Failure to do so may result in points not being awarded.

Results/ fixtures

RESULTS

Under 14 League: Grenagh 6-5 Charleville 0-2; Glen Rovers 4-1 Douglas 2-1; Milford 3-2 Glen Rovers 0-0.
Under 12 League: Buttevant 9-1 Milford 0-0; Charleville 2-0 St Finbarr's 1-0; Buttevant 7-3 Milford 1-0.

FIXTURES

WEDNESDAY JULY 11
Junior A League Semi Final: Douglas v Ballinhassig at Ballinhassig 7.30pm.
THURSDAY JULY 12
Senior Championship quarter final: Bishopscourt v Fr O'Neill's at Carrigrohilly 8pm.

SATURDAY JULY 14

Senior Championship Quarter Final: Carbery v Cloughduv at Innishannon 8pm.
SUNDAY JULY 15
Senior Championship replay: Éire Óg v Imokilly at Shanbally 7.45pm.



MIGHTY WIN: Mags Finn was delighted with Fr O'Neill's defeat of Bishopstown at Carrigtwohill last night.

O'Neill's end Town taboo

Fr O'Neill's 2-4
Bishopstown 0-7

CARRIGTWOHILL GAA ground holds many memories for Ballymacoda.

Last evening they erased the bitter ones when they finally shook the Bishopstown monkey off of their backs in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship. For the past four years these players have endured the agony of playing second fiddle to the county champions of '97, '98, '99 and '00.

This game was another close affair. Level at half-time and deadlocked once again approaching the closing stages.

But a Francis Flavin goal and a Mary Kennefick point with time running out set the celebrations in

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**
in Carrigtwohill

motion for the East Cork girls. "Mighty," was the instant reaction from one of their greatest servants Mags Finn.

"When the final whistle went all I could think was that we were still in the championship. The past four years were very hard to take. It was such a relief to finally beat Bishopstown.

This was a great team performance from the Fr O'Neill's side but Mags was quick to point out the contribution of their younger players.

"Sisters Gearoidin and Siobhan Kearney and Roisin and Anna Corcoran; Marie O'Brien and Catherine O'Shea were all U-18 last

year. They had no inhibitions coming into tonight's game.

Another great stalwart, Fiona O'Driscoll who played with a heavily strapped thigh, was also delighted with their win, but quick to point out that the team has to go on from here.

"We always knew we could do it and this year's low key approach suited us. We concentrated on our own game. We should have been ahead at half-time but it was very tense out there.

"This is just a step, we have to look ahead now to our next game which is between the winners of Seandun and the Glen.

"It is very disappointing," said Bishopstown goalkeeper Rose Desmond. "We have had four great years at the top. Now I would like to wish Fr O'Neill's all the best."

Rivals meet once again

IT will be round five for Bishopstown and Fr O'Neill's when they meet in tonight's Cork County senior camogie championship quarter final at Carrigtwohill.

For the past four years these two sides have met at various stages of the championship with victory on each occasion going to current county champions, Bishopstown.

On this occasion, will the Ballymacoda side get the Bishopstown monkey off their back? Well, last Sunday their chances were dented when Fiona O'Driscoll pulled her hamstring playing with Cork in the clash against Galway. And her chances of being fit have to be questioned at this stage:

"This match is probably coming too soon for me. I am getting treatment but it will be touch and go as to whether I will be able to line out," she said.

O'Neill's had to pull in all their reserves against Courcy in their previous outing.

They relinquished a three goal lead early in the second half and, but for the inexperience of the Courcy's side, might have found themselves out of championship action. Nevertheless they rarely go down without a fight and, with Mags Finn and Nora Ahern to lead the way, they will fight to the bitter end.

Meanwhile, Bishopstown, who are going for five-in-a-row county titles this season, do not expect anything easy from the East Cork girls.

Good start by Camogie team

Cork got their All-Ireland campaign off to the best possible start with a nice win over Galway in Ballinasloe last Sunday. They were in control for long periods but really showed their resolve when the home side drew level just before the break.

They took command early in the second half and long before the finish the win was secure, and it was achieved without Mary O'Connor and Linda Mellerick which is a good indication of the strength of the panel.

Tipperary beat Kilkenny and now they both wait while the losers section is played off, but basically it means that they will eventually meet in one semi-final, which is a shame because it would have made the ideal final.

The County Senior Cship continues this week, with a number of exciting games down for decision.

Tonight (Thursday), champions Bishopstown play Fr O'Neill's in Carrigtwohill, and with

Fiona O'Driscoll doubtful with a hamstring injury, it will severely undermine the East Cork girls chances of causing an upset.

Valley Rovers' excellent facility at Brinny is the venue on Saturday night for the meeting of Carbery and Cloughduv, and on the basis of their fine win over Barryroe, Cloughduv look set to win this one.

Imokilly and Eire Og return to Shanbally on Sunday night to replay their tie, and it could go either way. The Divisional side will benefit from the extra game, but Eire Og are renowned Cship battlers and may just shade the issue.

Disappointment for the Cork Juniors who lost to Tipperary in the Munster Final where the absence of a couple of important players did little for their chances of victory.

July 2001

Champions toppled by gritty O'Neill's

Fr O'Neill's 2-4
Bishopstown 0-7

COUNTY champions Bishopstown relinquished their senior camogie championship title to a determined Fr O'Neill's side at Carrigtwohill.

O'Neill's grabbed the lead with a Mary Kennefick goal inside two minutes. Fiona O'Driscoll extended O'Neill's lead with a point before Bishopstown opened with a Vivienne Harris point 20 minutes into the game. Bishopstown had three pointed frees from Ciara Healy and the sides were level at the interval 1-1 to 0-4. On the turnover, Bishopstown took the lead with two points from Healy but O'Neill's had points from Garoidin Kearney and Nora Ahern.

O'Neill's got the vital break with four minutes remaining when Frances Flavin palmed to the net.

Mary Kennefick pointed a free to extend O'Neill's lead, and with time almost up, Ciara Healy slotted over a Bishopstown point.

Scorers, Bishopstown: C. Healy 0-6 (0-4 frees, 1-2), V. Harris 0-1.
Fr. O'Neill's: M. Kennefick 1-1 (0-1 free), F. Flavin 1-0, F. O'Driscoll, G. Kearney, N. Ahern 0-1 each.
BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond, E. Quigley, T. Doyle, A. Buckley, T. Enright, E. Duggan, J. O'Sullivan, V. Harris, R. Cahalan (capt), N. Bonner, G. Enright, B. Sheehan, A. White, C. Healy, D. O'Brien.
FR O'NEILL'S: C. O'Shea, S. McGrath, M. Finn, A. O'Neill, A. Corcoran, L. Sweetnam, V. O'Sullivan, N. Ahern (capt), R. Corcoran, S. Kearney, F. O'Driscoll, G. Kearney, M. Kennefick, F. Flavin, M. O'Brien. Sub: C. Flavin for M. O'Brien.
Referee: D. Daly (Sarrfields).

Fr O'Neill's leave bad days behind with great win over the champions

Fr O'Neill's 2-4
Bishopstown 0-7

FOR SO long in the shadow of Bishopstown, Fr O'Neill's camogie players came good after four championship defeats in as many years when they had a goal to spare over the county champions who were going for five-in-a-row in the quarter-final at Carrigtwohill.

O'Neill's, playing against the strong wind, took the lead after two minutes when corner for ward Mary Kennefick finished Gearoidin Kearney's delivery to the net.

O'Neill's continued to put the champions under pressure, and were it not for Rose Desmond in the Bishopstown goal they would have enjoyed a far greater lead. Fiona O'Driscoll had slotted over a point before Vivienne Harris lifted Bishopstown with their opening score, but the champions were guilty of dreadful shooting - they had eleven wides before Ciara Healy, with three points, had them on level terms by the break.

Ciara Healy had two points soon after the resumption to put

Bishopstown in front for the first time. Gearoidin Kearney reduced the lead to a point and 13 minutes elapsed before Nora Ahern had the sides level.

O'Neill's had the initiative now and full forward France Flavin made the most of it when she cut through the Bishopstown defence and hand passed to the net. Back in front, there was no way O'Neill's were going to be denied now.

Mary Kennefick added a pointed free to stretch it to four; Ciara Healy did likewise at the other end one minute into injury time, but the night belonged to the Ballymacoda girls.

Cloughduv 2-8
Carbery 1-4

CLOUGHDUV and Carbery fought out a close game in Innishannon on Saturday night. A goal from Edel Foley saw the divisional side make the early running and with Val O'Keeffe and Hilda Kennelly on form they made Cloughduv work hard. Miriam Deasy and O'Donoghue exchanged points, as

did Val O'Keeffe and Aoife Buckley. Putting on the pressure, Cloughduv hit the front when Lynn Dunlea set up Una O'Donoghue for a vital goal to give her side a 1-4 to 1-3 interval lead.

Showing tremendous strength, Cloughduv began to wear down the Carbery challenge. A Marie Corkery point stretched their lead before Lynn Dunlea finished an attempt for a point to the net after the ball struck the post.

From here on Cloughduv's ability to take their scores was vital, and with Lynn Dunlea and Una O'Donoghue adding three more they booked their semi-final spot. Cloughduv selector Paudie Murray expressed satisfaction at his side's performance after the game "We had to fight hard especially in the first half when they came at us; the goals came at vital stages for us and were happy to come away winners in the end."

Eire Og 3-6
Imokilly 4-2

DESPITE a late Imokilly rally

which yielded three goals in the closing eight minutes, Eire Og held their composure to advance after an entertaining replay in Shanbally.

Helen Lane gave Imokilly an early lead when she found the net after just seven minutes, but with Deirdre Healy and Clodagh Crowley goaling, Eire Og settled to lead 2-4 to 1-0 at the break.

With Helen Walsh driving them forward, Eire Og stretched their advantage with two points; Noreen Mulcahy added one for Imokilly, but with Clodagh Crowley finishing a Helen Walsh pass to the net, Eire Og looked to be on their way. Showing great fighting spirit, Imokilly lifted their game, and with Lisa Higgins leading the way they cut Eire Og's lead. Two further goals from Noreen Mulcahy had it down to the minimum, but Eire Og battled hard to the finish and hung on to advance.

● On Sunday next the Cork minor team entertains the All-Ireland champions Galway in this season's semi-final. Knocking out Munster champions Tipperary in the prov-

incial decider, Cork showed that they are a side to be reckoned with.

Coach John Cronin and fellow selectors John Quinn and Ann Watson have worked hard since the decider in mid May to ensure they are well prepared.

"Exams are now well out of the way and we have worked hard since; we played several challenge games and the side are shaping up well. Galway are the holders and, as always, will be hard to beat," said John Cronin.

"We know it will be tough, but we're ready," he added.

Amongst the key players on the side are All-Ireland medal holders Jemma O'Connor and Marie Watson, survivors since 1999, while Sheila Burns, a daughter of former inter-county Barrs hurler Denis, Anna Geary from St Mary's, Charleville, and Milford, and Denise Twomey of St Catherine's are all experienced campaigners.

These players will not be overawed in the slightest at the prospect of confronting the current All-Ireland champions.

Tipp Juniors 'simply the best'

By Marion Graham
**Tipperary .4-7
Cork1-8**

GRIT and determination drove this superb Tipperary team to Munster glory at the County Camogie Grounds on Saturday evening when they put in a magnificent display against a gallant Cork side.

Cork, Munster Champions and All-Ireland finalists 2000, were no match for this Tipperary unit in the final quarter. From the start we knew this was going to be a real cracker of a game and that is what we got, camogie at its best from two great sporting teams.

Cork had their opening score from Cathriona Kelly inside the first minute. It took Tipperary eight minutes before Louise Ryan forced her way past the Cork defence and got a great score. Almost from the puck out Lorraine Bourke delivered to the Tipperary forward line, Lena Woods got possession and managed to hand pass to the net for Tipperary's first goal.

Tipperary's back line were playing tremendous stuff, Helen Breen at full back was a real star. In the 12th minute a great save by Tipperary's goalie Sara O'Brien was deflected out for a 40m. which Colette Desmond pointed.

Tipperary were giving it everything, Louise Young was a real threat to the Cork defence, but it was Cork who got the lucky break in the 20th minute when in a melee Ger Collins netted. Two minutes later Colette Desmond put the ball over the bar.

Siobhan Ryan was awarded a free for Tipperary in the 22nd minute, struck the ball into the waiting Lena Woods who expertly connected on it in mid flight and got a delightful point. In the 27th minute Cork got their 5th point through a Cathriona Kelly free.

In the 29th minute the game turned for Tipperary as Siobhan Ryan passed to Linda Grogan who netted to level.

Cork pressed hard but the Tipperary back line and

in particular, Meadhbh Corcoran, Noelette O'Dwyer and Niamh Connolly who was having the game of her life had other ideas and the first half ended with the sides locked together, Cork 1-5, Tipperary 2-2. On resuming Siobhan Ryan had Tipperary ahead within two minutes. Again in the 5th minute a great catch by Siobhan from a Lena Woods delivery was slotted over and Tipperary were looking good.

In the 8th minute Norma Maher replaced the tiring Linda Grogan. Tipperary were the superior side now but Ger Collins got Cork's first point of the second half in the 11th minute and they were beginning to find their feet. Tipperary introduced Deirdre McDonnell for Jenny O'Halloran and Moira Ryan for the injured Louise Young. In the 17th minute Cathriona Kelly pointed for Cork and the sides were level again.

In the 18th minute Tipperary's substitute Moira Ryan connected beautifully in mid air from a long

delivery from Lorraine Bourke and Tipperary were once again in the lead. In the 10th minute Lena Woods delivered to Helen Grogan who soloed down the left, before sending to the right corner of the net for Tipperary's fourth goal.

Tipperary's captain Patricia O'Halloran played with style throughout the hour and got Tipperary's fifth point from 45m out in the 24th minute. Siobhan Ryan

tapped over her fourth point and Tipperary's sixth in the 26th minute. Siobhan Ryan added a further point to her tally from a foul on Norma Maher in injury time to leave Tipperary Munster Champions after a lapse of three years by 4-7 to 1-8.

There were scenes of jubilation when Patricia O'Halloran lifted the Burn Cup on behalf of her team.

Tipperary contest the All-Ireland semi-final on August 25th against Galway at a Tipperary venue.

Tipperary team and scorers: Sarah O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Helen Breen, Niamh Connolly, Meadhbh Corcoran, Noelette O'Dwyer, Jenny O'Halloran, Lorraine Bourke, Patricia O'Halloran (Capt, 0-1), Julie Delaney, Siobhan Ryan (0-4), Helen Grogan (1-0), Lena Woods (1-1), Louise Young (0-1), Linda Grogan (1-0), Subs: Sandra Ricken, Deirdre McDonnell, Mary Rose Ryan, Norma Maher, Moira Ryan (1-0), Deirdre Delaney, Helen Campion, Paula Ryan, Mary G. O'Dwyer, Geraldine Kinnane, Sile Nash, Joan Ryan, Louise Powell.

Triumph over Kilkenny

**Tipperary 2-9
Kilkenny 0-8**

On Friday evening last



Tipperary Senior panel which defeated Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Camogie Championship at Nolan Park, Kilkenny. Back row (from left): Louise Young, Patricia O'Halloran, Lena Woods, Joanne Ryan, Noelle Kennedy, Philly Fogarty, Suzanne Kelly, Therese Brophy, Claire Grogan, Claire Madden, Grainne Shanahan, Noelette O'Dwyer, Julie Delaney. Front row: Louise Ryan, Deirdre Hughes, Jovita Delaney, Eimear McDonnell, Sinead Nealon, Emily Hayden, (captain), Ciara Gaynor (with mascot Maeve Delaney), Niamh Harkins, Una O'Dwyer, Paula Bulfin, Niamh Connolly, Julie Delaney.

in Nolan Park, Kilkenny. Tipperary Senior Camogie team got over the first hurdle in their bid to defend their All-Ireland Senior Title, when they had a flattering seven point victory over Kilkenny.

Directly from the throw in, Tipperary moved away like champions, scoring 1-2 inside the opening ten minutes, Noelle Kennedy getting the opening score after a foul on Eimear McDonnell, with Deirdre Hughes blasting to the Kilkenny net from a pass from Philly Fogarty. Philly put her name on the scoreboard in the 9th minute when she collected from the

puck out by Jovita Delaney. Kilkenny were pressing hard, but found it extremely difficult to break Tipperary, their five points coming from frees all scored by Sinead Millea.

Deirdre Hughes slotted over Tipperary's third point in the 13th minute from a hand pass from Philly Fogarty who was giving the captain of the Kilkenny side Mairead Costello a torrid time. Again in the 23rd minute Fogarty was in the action when she added another point from an awkward angle. In the 26th minute Paula Bulfin made a fantastic connection from Hughes

and once again Kilkenny's goalie Cathriona Ryan was beaten. Eimear McDonnell added a further point in the 28th minute, which left Tipperary with a comfortable lead at the interval by 2-5 to 0-5.

Tipperary came into the second half a little complacent and Kilkenny started to crawl into the game, with Sinead Millea adding two points without a reply from Tipperary. It took Tipperary sixteen minutes to get the opening score of the second half when a foul was committed on Eimear McDonnell and the accurate Noelle Kennedy pointed. In the 18th minute Eimear tapped over Tipperary's seventh point. Noelle added a further point from a free in the 19th minute.

In the 23rd minute Joanne Ryan replaced Claire Grogan and within two minutes had a well-taken point. Lizzie Lyng secured Kilkenny's final score of the hour with a point in the 28th minute. Grainne Shanahan replaced the tiring Eimear McDonnell and was unlucky not to have put her name on the scoreboard. Nevertheless Tipperary ended with a comfortable seven-point victory to pair them against Wexford in the next round on August 4th.

Tipperary were by far the superior side. Jovita Delaney between the

posts guarded her territory well. The full back line of Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer and Claire Madden were very effective. The half back line, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor and Theresa Brophy were magnificent with Ciara Gaynor giving Sinead Millea a nightmare.

The midfield duo Captain, Emily Hayden and Niamh Harkin, worked hard all through.

The half forward trio, Philly Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy and Paula Bulfin put in some electrifying dashes and took excellent scoring chances. The full forward line Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes and the young Claire Grogan again gave dazzling displays.

Tipperary team and scorers: Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Theresa Brophy, Emily Hayden (Capt.), Niamh Harkin, Philly Fogarty (0-2), Noelle Kennedy (0-3), Paula Bulfin (1-0), Eimear McDonnell (0-2), Deirdre Hughes (1-1), Claire Grogan, Louise Ryan, Noelette O'Dwyer, Niamh Connolly, Julia Delaney, Grainne Shanahan, Joanne Ryan (0-1), Louise Young, Lorraine Bourke, Patricia O'Halloran, Lena Woods.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONS



Back row (l to r): Martin Browne, Julie Delaney, Siobhan Ryan, Helen Breen, Helen Grogan, Linda Grogan, Patricia O'Halloran, Noelette O'Dwyer, John O'Donnell, Brendan Murphy. Front row (l to r): Bernie O'Dowd, Sarah O'Brien, Lorraine Burke, Jenny O'Halloran, Meadhbh Corcoran, Niamh Connolly, Sharon Ralph, Lena Woods, Louise Young.



Paula Bulfin in action

Down to business for senior camogs

AT A GLANCE...

Down look to re-group for tomorrow's Championship clash with Clare in Ennis

It took Down quite a while to get into last week's opening game of the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship against the overwhelming challenge of Limerick.

However, with a back-door allowing them a second bite at the cherry, manager Pádraig O'Mianéin will be hoping that his charges don't give Clare the same start in tomorrow's game at Cusack Park, Ennis - with a 4.30pm throw-in.

Clare succeeded Down to the Intermediate All-Ireland a couple of years ago, but - like Down - did not cut the ice at senior level last year.

Both teams are essentially Intermediate sides and should be reasonably well-balanced, although several of the Ulster side's experienced players are still unavailable for the game tomorrow.

It was, however, a welcome sight to see Deirdre Savage make her return against Limerick after a serious leg injury, which sidelined the Portaferry player for over a year.

Although she is still short of match-fitness, it is a boost to the team that she is again available.

Colleen Hynds, Ciara McGovern, Pauline Greene and Donna Mullan are all good leaders and played well in the Championship defeat by Limerick.

However, it must be noted that Down are still having problems with scoring. Clare's inequities, on the other hand, appear to be spread throughout their team.

Down must keep the game very tight and the score down to have any hope of progress.

If it turns out to be a high-scoring game, you can be relatively sure the Banner will prevail.

Key player can't wait to be back in action

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Senior camogie preview

LIMERICK will welcome back Eileen O'Brien, after a long lay off due to injury, for their opening round game in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship tomorrow afternoon at Scoil Uí Chonaill, Clontarf.

The Granagh/Ballingarry All-Ireland medalist who has recovered from a knee injury that has kept her out of the game for the past couple of months is looking forward to lining out once again in the Green and White against Down: "I picked up the injury in March and came back too soon so I had to rest for another month or so," said O'Brien.

"I have received treatment in Cork and it has responded well. I made my comeback in the Limerick County final a few weeks ago. Tomorrow for Limerick I start at wing-forward and I hope it will go well for me."

The Shannonsiders have named a changed side to that of their league campaign.

Most notable are the switches of Vera Sheehan and Pauline McCarthy to defensive roles with Sheehan commanding the centre-back position and McCarthy reverting to the corner.

Edel Reale holds down the number one slot, while outside her Deirdre Sheehan plays in the other corner alongside captain Rose Collins at fullback.

Maura Fleury and Deirdre Fitzpatrick are named at wingback, while Mary Lonergan and Marion Neville man the midfield area.

Half forwards Eileen O'Brien, Mairead Kelly and Grace McNamara will be the providers to the inside line of Caitriona Koss, Marie Keating and Claire Walsh.

Meanwhile, Down will start minus the services of such experienced players as Joan Tobin, Deirdre Savage and Mairin McAleenan.

However, in Ciara McGovern they have a top class player. She along with Donna Greeran, Pauline Greene, Colleen Hynds and Debra Kelland will spearhead the northern challenge.

Limerick will start as favourites and a win would set them up with a quarter-final meeting with Galway, if they fail they face neighbours Clare in the losers' round.



O'Brien: Back in action.

Oak Leaf minors face Cat challenge

AT A GLANCE...

Derry play Kilkenny in the Minor A semi-final on Sunday, while down face Carlow in the Minor B semi.

THIS is minor championship Sunday in camogie and at minor A level, it's a case of déjà-vu, as the four teams involved have been there or thereabouts over the past four or five years.

In fact three years ago, Derry scored a superb semi-final victory over Kilkenny before going down to Cork in the final, and last year they fell to eventual champions Galway in the semi-final at Swatragh.

It's a difficult task to hope that Derry can repeat that win over Kilkenny at Bennettsbridge this Sunday (3pm).

An interesting foot note to the game is the fact that the Loreto school team from the Marble city refused to play St Mary's Magherafelt in the Schools' All-Ireland semi-final at the time of the foot-and-mouth situation.

Many from both county teams would have been involved in that fixture, including the talented Katie McAuley, who is the driving force in the Derry side.

Helping her are Claire McCloy, Aine Kelly and Aileen Mullan, but they will need to travel well if they are to look forward to the final on August 5th.

There should be a better chance of Ulster success in the B semi-final, with Down - fresh from an emphatic trouncing of Tyrone in the Ulster decider - travelling to take on Carlow at Dr Cullen Park (2.30pm).

Carlow picked up the Leinster title in early June, but the week-long gap for Down since the Tyrone game, should mean that the Mourne county is sharper and in a better frame of mind for the game.

Deirdre Savage, Fiona Keenan and Karen Gribbin have been the top players for Down and big games from all three should mean they will follow Tyrone into the Minor B All-Ireland final in a fortnight's time.

Camogie Junior B team defeated

Kilshannig

KILSHANNIG camogie Junior B team played their first match against Ballyhea in Glantane on Monday, July 2. Kilshannig played with great determination as they put up a strong battle against an experienced Ballyhea side who were victorious on this occasion.

The team was Susie Crean, Fiona McSweeney, Eileen O'Donoghue, Julie Culloty, Kathy Shannon, Jackie Sheehan, Eimear

McCarthy, Emer Galvin, Fiona Hayde, Catriona O'Dea, Jacinta Buckley, Edel Buckley, Sinead Curtin, Jackie O'Callaghan, Catherine Ryan, Christine Murphy. Kilshannig U12 team also played Ballyhea on Tuesday, July 3, in Glantane. The team was Sarah Murphy, Aisling Quinn, Noreen O'Sullivan, Catriona McCarthy, Julie Linehan, Robyn Wallace, Amy Keane, Aoife Deady, Mairead O'Connell, Levin O'Keefe, Marion O'Shea, Kelly O'Sullivan, Kate Linehan, Orla O'Riordan, Karen Corbett, Calli O'Mahony, Kate Murphy, Norma O'Donovan, Maxine O'Sullivan. The score was 5-1 to Kilshannig's 2-0 in favour of Ballyhea.

Camogie

Carlow are into their first All-Ireland Minor B final following a comprehensive 4-8 to 0-2 win over Carlow in Dr Cullen Park yesterday. Two first-half goals from star full-forward Eilish Meaney had Carlow leading 3-2 to 0-1 at the break, the Down point coming from Karen Griffen in the 10th minute. While captain Fiona Keenan and Karen Gribbin battled hard at midfield for Down, Carlow were always on top, and when Eilish Meaney cracked in her third goal in the fifth of the second half, it was always an uphill struggle for Down. Their late consolation point coming minutes from the end from Fiona Keenan.

Scorers: Carlow: Eilish Meaney 0-4, Ashling Taylor 1-0, Fiona Byrne 0-2, Lyndsey Condeall 0-1. Down: Fiona Keenan 0-1, Karen Gribbin 0-1.

Eire Óg hold on for narrow win

Eire Óg 3-6
Imokilly 4-2

by Mary Newman

EIRE ÓG withstood a late Imokilly rally before advancing in the replay of the senior county championship at Shanbally last evening.

Points from Helen Walsh and Deirdre Healy had given Eire Óg an early lead before Denise Twomey blocked a ball, that looked to be going wide, into the path of Helen Lane who finished to the net.

Eire Óg struck back with Deirdre Healy goaling following a superb solo run to regain their lead.

Two minutes later, Clodagh Crowley was on hand to help Helen Walsh's effort over the line and with further points from Walsh, Eire Óg led 2-4 to 1-0 at the interval.

On the resumption, Eire Óg again applied the pressure and stretched their lead with two further points and a goal from Clodagh Crowley.

Three goals from Lisa Higgins and two more from Noreen Mulcahy brought Imokilly within a point, but a determined Eire Óg held on to advance by the narrowest of margins.

Scorers: Eire Óg: H. Walsh 0-5, D. Healy 1-1, C. Crowley 0-2, Imokilly: N. Mulcahy 2-2, L. Higgins 1-0, H. Lane 1-0.
EIRE ÓG: N. Lahane, D. O'Sullivan, L. O'Leary, C. Sheehan, M. Corkery, E. McKenna, Y. O'Leary, S. O'Driscoll, Y. Corkery, C. McKenna, H. Walsh, C. Crowley, Y. Malone, D. Healy (capt.), K. O'Leary.
IMOKILLY: Y. O'Neill, A. O'Connell, M. Mulcahy, S. O'Leary, J. O'Flynn, T. Byrne, N. Mulcahy, E. O'Farrell, C. Treacy, E. Power, L. Higgins, S. Downing, D. Twomey, K. McCarthy, H. Lane. Subs: M. O'Neill for E. Power, S. Flavin for S. O'Leary, M. Hogan for K. McCarthy.
Referee: J. McGrath (Carrigaline).

Cloughduv are pushed all the way

Cloughduv 2-8
Carbery 1-4

by Mary Newman

CLOUGHDUV were made to fight hard before overcoming a tenacious Carbery side in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at Innishannon on Saturday.

An Edel Foley goal seven minutes into the game gave the divisional side an early advantage and, with Miriam Deasy adding a point, they stretched their lead.

Twice between the eighth and 23rd minutes, the sides exchanged points but, with Breege Corkery and Sinead Buckley working hard, Cloughduv began to gain the upper hand. Five minutes from the interval Una O'Donoghue finished off a superb pass from Lynn Dunlea to the net to give her side a slender half-time lead.

On the turnover, Marie Corkery knocked over a point for Cloughduv and with Lynn Dunlea adding a further goal three minutes later, they looked set to dominate. Carbery, with Hilda Kenneally and Valerie O'Keefe fighting hard, came forward but failed to breach Cloughduv defence where goalkeeper Aoife Murray and captain Stephanie Dunlea were superb.

Scorers: Cloughduv: L. Dunlea 1-4, U. O'Donoghue 1-1, C. Corkery, A. Buckley, M. Corkery 0-1 each, Carbery: E. Foley 1-0, M. Deasy 0-2, V. O'Keefe 0-2.
CLOUGHDUV: A. Murray, J. O'Callaghan, O. O'Callaghan, S. Corkery, Z. McDonnell, S. Dunlea (captain), D. McCarthy, S. Buckley, M. Corkery, B. Corkery, L. Dunlea, C. Corkery, A. Buckley, U. O'Donoghue, E. Murray. Subs: C. Cronin for Z. McDonnell, J. Lucey for A. Buckley.
CARBERY: S. McCarthy, E. O'Sullivan, S. O'Donovan, C. Nyhan, A. Coughlan, E. O'Sullivan, C. Deasy, H. Kenneally, V. O'Keefe, J. O'Regan, S. Deasy, J. Gaynor, C. Desmond (Captain), M. Deasy, E. Foley. Subs: A. O'Neill for E. Foley.
Referee: Dave Daly (Sarsfields).

Carlow in final

CARLOW 4-8
DOWN 0-2

CARLOW created camogie history by qualifying for their first All-Ireland final when producing a smashing performance to beat Ulster champions Down in the Minor B semi-final at Dr Cullen Park in Carlow.

A tally of 2-5 from play by outstanding full-forward Eilish Meaney, a brace of goals from No 13 Aisling Taylor and three points from midfielder Fiona Byrne were the scores that won this game for Carlow who led by 3-2 to 0-1 at half time.

Scorers: Carlow: E. Meaney 2-5, A. Taylor 2-0, F. Byrne 0-3, Down: F. Keenan and K. Gribbin 0-1 each.

Davitts women advance

DAVITTS secured a place in the semi-finals of the Senior Camogie Championship with a comprehensive win over Athenry on Saturday last in Raheen. They gained valuable points from wins over Shamrocks and Mullagh in earlier games.

Athenry started well with a point from Mary Keogh and kept pace early on. Davitts hit back with efforts from Olivia Broderick and Lourda Kavanagh in a well contested opening quarter.

But goals from Lourda Kavanagh and Joanne Frost before half-time put the Davitts women in a commanding position.

After the break Athenry started well again but could only manage two points from play and one from a placed ball. Davitts went on a goal scoring spree with goals from Catriona Kelly, Mary Kelly (2) (who came on as a sub) and one from Anne Marie Broderick before Kavanagh finished the scoring with a point from a free, leaving the final score Davitts 7-4, Athenry 0-6.

Best for Athenry were Mary Keogh, Fiona Cooley, Martina Morrissey and Regina Glynn while Mary Treacy, Lourda Kavanagh, Olivia Broderick, Joanne Frost and Rita Broderick impressed most for Davitts.

O'Brien finds Limerick form

Limerick 3-8
Down 1-4

LIMERICK'S top scorer Eileen O'Brien, back from a lengthy injury, made a handsome contribution of 1-4 as Limerick overcame Down 3-8 to 1-4 in the Foras Na Gaeilge Championship 1st round in Scoil Uí Chonaill, Clontarf. Limerick got off to a fine start with an Eileen O'Brien 45 in the first minute and with a Mairead Kelly goal in the 26th minute, leading 1-6 to 0-0 at the break.

Despite Moire Magan's goal for Down, Limerick goals from Eileen O'Brien and Katriona Koss wrapped up the game.

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Douglas street leagues a winner

By MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

DOUGLAS Camogie Club recently held the finals of their under-9 and under-10 street leagues.

Organised by Ann Kearney and Doreen O'Mahony, six under-9 teams and two under-10 teams had worked over a number of weeks to reach the final stages.

The hard work that went into preparing the teams and getting them organised was undertaken by players from within the club, many of whom are still under-age players themselves.

Under the watchful eyes of Laura Walsh, Andrea Walsh, Helen O'Mahony, Michelle O'Donovan, Natasha Flanagan, Teresa Buckley, Louise O'Regan and Eilish Murphy, teams bearing the names of the various counties took the field.

On the day there was accolades for all with everyone a winner.

There were three finals in the under-9 competition and Waterford captained by Niamh O'Donoghue overcome a strong Kerry challenge for whom Denise Cremin and Aoife Molloy tried right to the end.

Sinead Deasy captained the Galway side to victory over Clare.

She was ably assisted by Amy Hickey and Ruth Butler while Clare had great performers in Lynda Horgan, Ellen Shine and Sinead Carroll.

In a traditional meeting, Tipperary and Cork clashed and despite the strong challenge from the Cork girls for whom Lorraine McCarthy and Aoife O'Donovan shone, Tipperary, led by captain Deirdre Cotter, took the honours thanks to the hard work of Tara O'Shea, Rebecca Casey and their team-mates.

With Tracy McCarthy in superb form, Kerry proved too strong for Clare in the first of the under-10 finals.

The Kerry side lined out as follows: Clare Cooney, Kelly Humphreys, Clara Clarke, Lauren Jackson, Tracy McCarthy, Stephanie O'Brien.

Clare, who battled to the final whistle, were served superbly by Grainne Doyle, Lisa Buckley, Nicola Leo, Emma Rigney, Chantal Wroth, Roisin Ni Ghráinne and Pamela Mackey.

The second under-10 final saw Cork in action against Limerick with Laura O'Sullivan captaining the Limerick side to victory. Her team included Susan O'Leary, Kate Hargrave-Murphy, Sarah Hickey, Catriona Mackey, Aileen O'Connell and Cliona O'Driscoll.

Not to be left out of the fun, the under-11 girls also got in on the day's activities when they played an exhibition match.

All of these girls are already playing in the Seandún under-11 and county board under-12 competitions and, having shown their skills on the day, they will encourage the younger girls to go on and progress further.

At the end of a great day where parents were out in force, the various teams were presented with their honours and such was the success of the first ever outdoor street leagues that already the youngsters are looking forward to the next one.

Ballymacoda girls break Bishopstown hoo-doo and knock holders



Gemma O'Connor, who lines out for Cork against Galway in the All Ireland Minor semi final.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Fiona O'Driscoll who played a key role in Fr O'Neill's senior championship win over Bishopstown.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

Hold-ers dumped out by O'Neill's

Fr O'Neill's
Bishopstown

2-4
0-7

By MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

FR O'NEILL'S dumped holders Bishopstown out of the Cork County Senior Championship in an exciting quarter-final.

Playing against a strong wind, O'Neill's took the lead after two minutes when Mary Kennefick found the net after a good move involving Gearóidín Kearney.

Fiona O'Driscoll, showing little effects of a hamstring injury that had threatened to keep her out of the game, knocked over a point to open up a four-point lead, but despite winning ample possession Bishopstown, in search of a five-in-a-row, failed to make it count.

It was 16 minutes before the champions scored through Vivienne Harris but three pointed frees from Ciara Healy brought them level at the break.

Having shot 11 wides in the first half Bishopstown were lucky not to be trailing and had keeper Rose Desmond to thank after she made three marvellous saves.

"We worked hard in the first half against the wind and going in level

at half-time we knew we were in with a great chance," said Fr O'Neill's captain Nora Ahern.

Ciara Healy got the second half off to a great start for Bishopstown with two points in eight minutes, but O'Neill's regrouped and points from Gearóidín Kearney and Nora Ahern had the sides level.

O'Neill's, having switched Mags Finn to centre-back and Liz Sweetnam to full-back, repelled several Bishopstown attacks which were spearheaded by the excellent Vivienne Harris and Jean O'Sullivan.

With their defence on top Fr O'Neill's, who had a laid-back approach to the opening quarter, began to settle and with Gearóidín Kearney and Roisin Corcoran superb they gained the upper hand.

The 13-minute deadlock without a score was broken four minutes from time when Gearóidín Kearney's ball found substitute Claire Flavin, who evaded the Bishopstown defence and palmed into the net.

Seconds later Mary Kennefick converted a close in free and

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out of senior championship, denying an attempt at five-in-a-row



Marie Watson, a survivor from the minor team which beat Galway in the 1999 final, faces Galway on Sunday in the All-Ireland semi final.

Douglas gain the upper hand in semi-final clash

Douglas
Ballinhassig

5-9
2-7

THE replay of the Junior A league semi-final saw Ballinhassig relinquish a 1-6 to 2-0 half-time lead, to allow Douglas advance to a final meeting with a Ballygarvan side who they already met in the county final earlier in the season.

Eileen Morgan, scored Douglas' two first-half goals, but, with Ballinhassig's Mairead Holland goaling and points coming from Linda O'Sullivan, Susan McCarthy, Holland and Therese Finn, Ballinhassig, looked to have the upper hand.

A determined rally from Douglas led to three goals from Carmel Carroll, Susan Jones and Eileen Morgan. Susan McCarthy pegged one back for Ballinhassig but with Douglas now in the driving seat, they continued to dominate. Five points from Amanda O'Regan and one apiece from Fiona O'Donovan and Louise O'Regan, saw them safely through.

● On Thursday next at St Finbarr's GAA club, Mary Moran will officially launch her book *Cork's Camogie Story*. Copies of the book can be purchased on the night.

Proceedings begin at 8pm and a special invitation is being extended to all camogie players to come along on the night and meet old friends.



Fr O'Neill's Mags Finn is delighted to have beaten Bishopstown at last.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

O'Neill's were in the driving seat. Bishopstown did come up field and a 20m free was slotted over by Ciara Healy in injury time, but it mattered little as by now Fr O'Neill's had finally got the better of their arch rivals.

Afterwards, long-serving defender Mags Finn told *Grassroots*: "I still can't believe we've at last defeated Bishopstown in the championship."

"It's been very hard year after year to come so close and lose out and I'm just thrilled," she said.

Joan O'Driscoll, whose daughter Fiona played a major role, was another who couldn't conceal her delight.

"The girls worked hard and we are waiting a long time to get over Bishopstown."

"It's nice to knock out the champions and our club needed this boost badly hopefully we can go on from here," O'Driscoll said.

Predictably, the mood in the

Grassroots



WITHOUT doubt this week's Player of the Week is Mags Finn of Fr O'Neill's, who played magnificently as her side defeated county champions Bishopstown on Thursday last. Starting at full back and moving to centre back, Mags drove her side forward and her excellent distribution led to success.

Bishopstown camp was one of major disappointment.

● Éire Óg advanced to the quarter-final of the senior championship with a 3-6 to 4-2 victory despite a late Imokilly rally in Shanbally on Sunday night.

Helen Lane gave the divisional side an early lead but Éire Óg settled and goals from Deirdre

Healy and Clodagh Crowley had them ahead 2-4 to 1-0 at half-time.

On the restart Éire Óg looked comfortable and two points from Helen Walsh consolidated their position.

With Noreen Mulcahy pointing, Imokilly kept working away but when Helen Walsh's shot ten minutes into the half was helped over the line by Clodagh Crowley, the game looked up for Imokilly.

Remarkably this was to be Éire Óg's last score Imokilly took control.

Noreen Mulcahy pointed a free and then came the Imokilly goals blitz, Lisa Higgins with the first 16 minutes into the half was quickly followed by two from Noreen Mulcahy, the second a pile-driving free.

With a point separating the sides, Imokilly pressed but to their credit, the Éire Óg defence, where Louise O'Leary and goalkeeper Niamh Lehan excelled, held firm.

Cloughduv take their chances to beat Carbery

Cloughduv
Carbery

2-8
1-4

A POLISHED display saw Cloughduv book a semi-final spot in the county championship recording a 2-8 to 1-4 victory over a gritty Carbery side who made them fight to the end for victory.

Lyn Dunlea gave Cloughduv an early lead with a point after two minutes but Carbery settled and putting the Cloughduv defence under pressure took the lead seven minutes into the game when Hilda Kenneally's into the square was grabbed by Edel Foley who picked her spot and crashed to the net.

Three times the sides traded points with Carbery continuing to keep their lead until five minutes from the interval when Cloughduv took the lead.

Dunlea having spotted the un-

marked Una O'Donoghue at the edge of the square parted with the ball and O'Donoghue finished to the net to leave her side ahead at the half time break 1-4 to 1-3.

Cloughduv showed great determination from the restart and a point from Marie Corkery and stretched their lead before Dunlea finished the ball to the net.

To their credit Carbery continued to work hard and a Miriam Deasy point kept them in touch.

Aoife Murray in the Cloughduv goal was on hand on at least three occasions to deny Carbery the vital goal and with their confidence soaring Cloughduv proceeded to take over.

Three points inside the closing quarter brought no reply from a Carbery side who earlier in the game had squandered chances to be closer.

Cork's semi date

CORK have a date with Galway in the All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final in Carrigaline.

Since Cork's Munster final win over Tipperary in May, the Rebels have been busy preparing for Sunday's showdown.

Cork coasted through Munster with little difficulty accounting for Limerick in their opening game before taking the title they last held in 1999.

The side contains two

survivors from the team that defeated Galway in the 1999 final, Gemma O'Connor and Marie Watson while this season Denise Twomey, Sheila Burns, Anna Geary, and Catriona Foley have performed well.

Galway are All-Ireland champions and will be a difficult test for Cork.

The game was originally fixed for 3.30pm, but because of the senior quarter-final, a rear-

ranged time is being planned.

SQUAD: Denise Twomey, St Catherine's; Anna Geary, Emer Watson, Marie Watson, Sharon Linnahan, Elaine O'Riordan, Julie Sheehy, Milford; Marion Donovan, Noelle Collins, Courcey Rovers; Breege Corkery, Cloughduv; Margaret McCarthy, Iniscarra; Gemma O'Connor, St Finbarr's; Marie O'Neill, Watergrasshill; Sheila Burns, Catriona Foley, Rockbawn; Caline Nyhan, Newcestown; Ann O'Connell, Youghal; Julie O'Keefe, Ann Kiely, Carrigaline; Niamh O'Connell, Clara Murphy, Aghbullogue; Karen O'Leary, Ballyhea; Lisa Burns, Na Piaras; Gerolinda Kearney, Fr O'Neill's, Fiona O'Donovan, Douglas.

Emer can do no wrong on the playing fields

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Howard Crowdy profiles a brilliant hockey and camogie player who is just 17 and full of ambition

EVERY now and then, a very special and talented player comes along and has such an impact on a team's performance that they can do no wrong. This may only apply to one sport, but in the case of Emer Dillon of Ballygarvan, her skills on the playing field extend not only to camogie, but to hockey as well.

Emer's playing CV is very impressive and includes South East, County, Munster and All Ireland titles in camogie, and in hockey, Munster and European Cup medals. She has even played for Ireland in internationals both at home and abroad. Emer first started on the camogie scene with her local Ballygarvan camogie club, and soon after, captured her very first South East title, followed by an Under 12A County Championship medal with Ballygarvan.

As the years rolled on, she also won County titles at Under 14A, Under 16B, Junior B League and Championship and Junior A League and Championship titles, while in 1998 she won an Under 15 County Blitz medal with the Carrigdhoun team. Since then, she has been an integral part of the Carrigdhoun senior camogie squad. She has competed at the Inter County, Provincial and All Ireland stages, and won two Minor (Under 16) Munster titles, three Under 18, one Junior and one Intermediate Munster titles, and also went on to win two Minor and one Intermediate All Ireland medal for her County.

Due to her distinctive playing style in midfield (she models herself on Roy Keane), she was awarded with the Player of the Match at the All Ireland Finals in both Minor (in 1999) and Intermediate Finals last year, and only last year was chosen for the Cork Senior Camogie team.

However, she proved to be so good with the hurley, that she has passed on her skills to the hockey circuit. Having been spotted and coached by Cyril Daunt, Emer



Emer Dillon, winner of top honours in camogie and hockey.

Picture: Crowdy

joined Harlequins hockey club. Her list of honours in hockey is as almost as impressive as that in camogie.

In 1998, she won an interprovincial title with Munster at Under 16 level. She played at the right midfield position at Under 18 level with Munster. She was duly awarded with the Harlequins' Young Player of the Year Award for 2000/2001 for her contributions not only to the club, but also to her country after playing in the Irish team in both Belgium and Scotland the previous couple of years, culminating in a total of seven caps at Under 16 level.

However, her more recent success was the winning of a European Cup Winners Cup with Harlequins in her very first season with the senior team when they

defeated Newton from Wales in the final which was played in Vienna only last month.

Emer's plans do not stop there. Over the past few months, she has been adding up the mileage by training in Belfast with the Irish team (she is only one of three players from the South and the only Munster player in the team), and this week travelled to Italy to take part in an European Under 18 International where twelve other countries from across Europe will compete.

For the 17 year old pupil at Christ the King, Turners Cross, next year will prove to be extremely difficult as she prepares for her most challenging task ahead - the Leaving Certificate.

Seandún made to work hard for victory by understrength Glen

Seandún
Glen Rovers

3-8
2-5

by Tom Higgins.

MISSING two of their Cork senior panel, Linda Mellerick (broken thumb) and Mary Burke (honeymooning) as well as two other regulars, Glen Rovers made a strongly fancied Seandún side fight hard to reach the next round of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Páirc Uí Rinn last evening.

The winners got off to a great start and had a goal and a point on the board after three minutes. The goal came in the first minute from one of their best players, Catherine Barrett.

However, once the Glen settled, they gave the Seandún attack little scope and the divisional side had to wait until the 19th minute for their next score, a palmed goal from Rachel Myers. Seandún added two points to leave to score at the break 2-3 to 0-1, the Glen's score coming from a Denise Cronin free.

The Glen, who had been totally

outplayed up front in the first half, brought on Sandie Fitzgibbon at full-forward at half time.

The switch soon paid dividends and two quick points cut the deficit. A great goal from Denise Cronin in the 43rd minute put Glen back in the game and when Trish Murphy added a point there was only a goal between the sides.

However, Catherine Barrett goaled five minutes from time and the winners added three further points. The Glen never gave up and a last gasp Trish Murphy goal put a better complexion on the scoreboard.

Scorers: Seandún: C. Barrett 2-0, R. Myers 1-0, O. O'Sullivan 0-2 (0-1 free), J. Duffy 0-2, V. Maher 0-1, M. Cotter 0-1, C. Kirby 0-1 (free), A. O'Regan 0-1 (free).
Glen Rovers: D. Cronin 1-3, (0-2 free), T. Murphy 1-1, E. Harte 0-1.
SEANDÚN: E. Clifford; C. Harrington, C. Kirby, E. Cronin; G. O'Connor, O. O'Sullivan, C. Barry; C. Kirby, K. Buckley, J. Duffy, A. O'Regan, V. Maher; M. Cotter, C. Barrett, R. Myers. Sub: C. Buckley for V. Maher (51 mins).
GLEN ROVERS: L. Long; A. Guilan, J. Hannon, M. Hegarty, E. Riordan, L. Kelly, E. Murphy; D. Cronin, N. Goulding; E. Harte, A. Horgan, A. Cuthbert; A. Walsh, T. Murphy, B. Kenefick. Sub: S. Fitzgibbon for B. Kenefick (half-time).
Referee: P. Downey (Iniscarra).



GERALDINE DOLAN, Loughrea Lady Captain presenting her Captain's Prize to winner Deirdre Costello.

Dubs looking for same again against Down

ACE forward, Irene Kirwan, is looking for history to repeat itself when Dublin tackle Down in next Saturday's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship tie at Parnell Park.

Last February, in Division 2 of the National League, Dublin travelled to Down and emerged with a narrow victory, thanks to a late goal from the Ballyboden St. Enda's star.

"I suppose winning up there in the League will give us the psychological edge, and playing in Parnell Park is a definite advantage to us," comments Irene.

"But it's not going to be an easy game. None of these matches are. Down are in the unusual situation of having lost two matches yet still being in the Championship.

"They were beaten by Limerick and Clare, yet we can't really say how strong they are," states Irene, who is one of the most experienced members of the Dublin side.

The Dubs were bitterly disappointed at

CAMOGIE
BY NIAL SCULLY

their narrow All-Ireland Championship defeat to Wexford, who won the tie with a critical late goal from Michelle Hearne after the capital girls had played so well in Donnybrook.

"We have put that behind us now. The attendance at training is still very good and the spirit is there to continue to do well.

"If we beat Down, we'd play Cork in Cork in the All-Ireland quarter-final. That would be a terrific opportunity for us to show what we can do because Cork are one of the top sides in the country. Themselves and Tipperary are the two best teams in Ireland.

"Perhaps it's a bit early for us to be meeting them - provided, of course, we beat Down - but anything is possible. Look at two years ago when Cork absolutely trounced Tipperary in the League final and Tipp came back to win the All-Ireland later that year,"

reflects Irene.

The Dublin management team of PJ Donohue, Mary McKeon and Paul Crosby have lifted the morale of the panel, who cheered up the city with their heroic efforts against Wexford.

And nobody impressed more than stylish Erin's Isle midfielder, Louise O'Hara, while Ballyboden attacker, Sarah Crosbie, also accomplished much in a Dublin display of real conviction.

Since the loss to the Slaney girls, Dublin have been busy with training, and they have played two challenge matches against Kilkenny and Antrim.

"I think this back-door system is tremendous. It gives us a second bite of the cherry. Any other year we'd now have six months off from the county and we'd be just concentrating on playing with our clubs," states Irene. And if Dublin do manage to overcome Down, it will be the county's first All-Ireland Championship victory in years.

Stars of the city's Community Games



TOUGH TEAM: Beaten camogie finalists Douglas at the ESB Munster Community games which were held at Curraheen Road.

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They had a tremendous tussle with the Cork girls with victory in the end going to Douglas.

In the final, Moneygall of Tipperary had an ace in their pack with Mary Ryan.

Miss Ryan is certainly a player to watch out for in future Blue and Gold teams.

The grand-daughter of the legendary Seamus O'Riain broke the hearts of the Douglas defence.

"The event was a tremendous success. It's not about winning, the kids enjoy the involvement and making friends," said Noirin Doyle, PRO for the ESB Community Games.

Without a shadow of a doubt it was a marvellous day from start to finish, and Mosney awaits these excellent ambassadors of Munster sport.

These gallant girls bowed out gracefully at the final stage.

Granagh/Ballingarry of Limerick were managed by stalwart Bernie Chawke, who retired from club activity last season.

Douglas show their class

THERE was plenty of action in the Munster finals of the ESB Community Games held in Cork on Saturday.

At The Farm grounds in Bishopstown, Douglas came very close to a historic double in hurling and camogie.

The Cork boys completely out-gunned Lismore in their final. The entire Douglas team were awesome proving themselves a class apart.

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At The Farm

Mark Collins and the in-form David Meyler, who had an outstanding hour, they established a runaway 5-14 to 0-0 lead at half time.

Ian Birmingham lorded it at centre back while Saif Ullah and Theo Cullinane won centre field as Douglas ran out the easiest of winners 8-27 to 3-2.

greater. The finals will be staged in Mosney over the last two weekends in August.

Meanwhile, the Douglas girls had to pull on all their reserves to overcome Granagh/Ballingarry of Limerick in a thrilling semi final game. Deadlocked after full time, 3-1 apiece, the game was forced into extra time.

The Cork girls were the early runners hitting 1-1 in the opening period of the extra time.

Olivia Tobin increased their

great goals inspired by full forward Fiona Morrissey.

However, the Douglas mentors brought their keeper Niamh O'Donovan to outfield and she had the ball in the Limerick net within seconds.

Douglas met St Flannan's of Moneygall, County Tipperary but as a result of the great effort that the Cork girls had to put in to win the penultimate stage, were unable to reach the same heights for the final.

CORK

1.
Denise Twomey
St. Catherines

2.
Marion O'Donovan
Courcey Rovers

3.
Sheila Burns
Rock Bawn

4.
Catriona Foley
Rock Bawn

5.
Anna Geary
Milford

6.
Sharon Lennihan
Milford

7.
Celine Nyhan
Newcestown

8.
Jacqui O'Keefe
Carrigaline

9.
Gemma O'Connor
St. Finbar's

10.
Marie Watson (Capt.)
Milford

11.
Breedge Corkery
Cloughduv

12.
Marie O'Neill
Watergrasshill

13.
Emer Watson
Milford

14.
Elaine O'Riordan
Milford

15.
Noelle Collins
Courcey Rovers

GALWAY

1.
Susan Earner
Eyrecourt

2.
Catherine Moran
Clairinbridge

3.
Sinead Cahalan
Mullagh

4.
Aoifeheann O'Brien
Portumna

5.
A.N. Other

6.
Aoife Doherty
Ballinasloe

7.
Sinead Keane
Kilvara

8.
Nicola Gavin
Ahasragh

9.
Katherine Glynn
Renmore

10.
A.N. Other

11.
Aislinn
Castlegar

12.
Deirdre Burke
St. Thomas

13.
Cathy Bowes
Cappataggle

14.
Emma Kilkelly
Kilvara

15.
Sarah Donoghue
Athenry

Ace Connolly is the big threat to Rebel defence

CORK and Galway meet in tomorrow's All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship semi-final at Carrigaline 1 with a throw-in time of 1.00pm.

Galway are the defending All-Ireland champions and will travel to Cork with eight of last season's victorious side in their starting line-out. Aislinn Connolly will be

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the big name to watch in the Westerner's attack.

She, along with other forwards Cathy Bowes and Emma Kilkenny were part of the Galway senior training panel since the beginning of the season.

Manager, Colette Walsh has a proven track record with the team, and once again looks forward to the clash with their Cork rivals.

"I saw Cork in the Munster final and although Tipperary were poor I was very impressed with the Cork attack, particularly the Watson sisters.

Their centre field held

their own as well, but their defence was not tested.

"We have three injury worries coming into Sundays game which has not helped our preparations, but nevertheless we will be going all out to defend our title."

Meanwhile, Cork selector Ann Watson believes if their forward sextet get ample supply, this could be the key

to a home victory.

"Our forward line have to get the ball. If we can win midfield, then our forwards are capable of getting the scores," said Ann.

The higher numbers on the team will include Watson's own two daughters, Emer and Maria and both are well capable of troubling any backline.

Maria, Sharon Linehan and Gemma O'Connor are the only players that Cork have from last years line-out.

The Leesiders will not be as experienced as their opponents, nevertheless they have two championship wins over Limerick and Tipperary.

Tomorrows game should be a cracking contest.

CAMOGIE: Cork and Galway in All-Ireland minor championship

Leeside ladies come up trumps in semi

Cork 3-9
Galway 1-12

IN the 28 years of the All-Ireland Minor camogie championship Cork and Galway clashes are among the best.

And yesterday was no different, when, at Carrigaline GAA grounds, both counties contributed to a brilliant All-Ireland semi-final that was only decided in the closing five minutes of play.

This victory will go down in history as one of the most cherished, claimed through sheer will-to-win, courage and character in a game that hung on a knife-edge for most of the hour.

There was never more than three points separating the gifted sides, they were level on five occasions but it was the shrewd substitutions made by the Cork sideline that clinched this a win.

"Our subs worked wonders," said selector John Quinn. "Gearoidin Kearney who made her entrance on to the field midway through the second half got a vital goal to level us with 10 minutes remaining," John added.

"I think it was our strength in depth that did it for us in the end. We had to pull this game out of the fire. Galway were quicker to the ball than us and we could not get

enough supply into our forward line," he explained.

"But we got there, we have a good balanced side and with our subs doing so well, we can now prepare with confidence for the All-Ireland."

Aislinn Connolly's tour-de-force in the first half ensured that Galway were on top.

The daughter of former inter-county hurler John, she knocked over six great points to give the visitors a two point interval lead, an advantage which stretched to three with 10 minutes remaining.

But, three minutes after Kearney's delightful flick, Emer Watson grabbed her second goal when she got on the end of a smart ball in from Gemma O'Connor to turn the tide in the winner's favour.

But Galway continued to sparkle and thanks to a durable backline headed up by Sheila Burns at full-back, the All-Ireland champions of two years ago are back again at centre stage where they will meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

CAMOGIE CLASH

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**



at the All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final



PRESSURE: Galway's Caroling Kelly on the run from a chasing Cork players during their minor clash at Carrigaline.

Picture: Ger McCarthy



GRIT: Battling for possession in the minor game.

Picture: Ger McCarthy

Cork set to meet Cats

CORK 3-9
GALWAY 1-12

CORK minors are into the All-Ireland final on August 5, following a brilliant semi-final win over reigning champions Galway in Carrigaline yesterday.

After trailing by 1-8 to 1-6 at half-time, Cork were made fight all the way in the second half, with Galway's Aislinn Connolly in outstanding form. With the sides level at 2-9 to 1-12 and five minutes remaining, Emer Watson got Cork's winning goal to bring them into the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny, who had an easy victory, 11-8 to 2-4 over Derry in the other semi-final. Marie Ryan grabbed a hat-trick of goals for the Cats.

Meanwhile, the All-Ireland B semi-finals saw Carlow overcome Down with a comprehensive 4-8 to 0-2. A brilliant performance from Elish Meaney at full-forward saw her score a hat-trick of goals. Their opponents in the All-Ireland final on August 5 will be Limerick, who had it all their own way over Roscommon (8-33 to 0-1).

Elsewhere, Clare had a good win over Down (6-9 to 1-2) in the Foras na Gaeilge encounter in Cusack Park.

Three mid-way second half goals from Maura Linnane, Nora Murphy and Laura Murphy killed off the Down, who didn't score in the second half.

On tonight, Thursday, in St Finbarr's Club at 8 p.m. County Chairperson Sile Golden will officially launch 'Cork's Camogie Story' written by Mary Moran.

It is the latest in a long line of wonderfully produced publications by a lady who has given outstanding service to her beloved sport in a variety of positions and is a former National President.

It contains many great article and photos and will evoke some fabulous memories for all genuine followers of the game. Mary is deserving of sincere congratulations on a brilliant publication.

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Watson's goal helps Cork dethrone champions Galway

Cork
Galway

3-9
1-12

by Mary Newman

CORK had to dig deep before finally dethroning All-Ireland minor camogie champions Galway in an exciting semi-final clash at a superb Carrigaline venue yesterday.

The sides were level three times in the opening 10 minutes before Cork opened up a two points margin with points from Gemma O'Connor and Marie Watson. Galway's most

prominent player, Aisling Connolly, narrowed the gap with a 14th minute point before she set up Deirdre Burke for the game's opening goal.

And with Emma Kilkenny adding a point, Galway led by three.

Cork held their composure and when Marie Watson's pass found sister, Emer, unmarked on the edge of the square, the younger Watson made no mistake to level matters.

Again Galway responded and two points from Aisling Connolly and one from Cathy Bowes opened up a three point gap. Emer Watson pulled

one back for Cork to leave her side trailing 1-8 to 1-6 at the break.

Twice inside nine minutes of the restart, the sides swapped points, but still Galway led.

Deirdre Burke had again shot them three ahead by the 13th minute. But the introduction of substitute Gearoidine Kearney was to pay dividends for Cork, when she finished Marie Watson's cross to the net to again level matters.

Both defences were under pressure with play swinging from end to end. Emer Watson and Kathy Bowes

swapped points and still it remained deadlocked.

With both sides striving for victory, Emer Watson pounced on a ball on the edge of the square and finished past Susan Earner in the Galway goal. Again Galway came upfield and pressed. Susan Donoghue's low shot for goal shaved the upright and with it went her sides All Ireland title.

After a contest where Cork's determination and spirit shone through to book their final spot where they will meet Kilkenny who had a compre-

hensive 11-8 to 2-4 victory over Derry.

Scorers Cork: E. Watson 2-2, J. O'Connor 0-4, G. Kearney 1-0, M. Watson 0-2, B. Corkery 0-1, Galway: A. Connolly 0-7, D. Burke 1-1, C. Bowes 0-2, B. Henry, E. Kilkenny 0-1 each.
CORK: D. Twomey, M. Donovan, S. Burns, K. Foley, A. Geary, S. Lenihan, S. Nyhan, J. O'Keeffe, G. O'Connor, M. Watson (capt.), B. Corkery, M. O'Neill, E. Watson, E. O'Riordan, N. Collins, Subs: M. McCarthy for S. Lenihan, N. O'Connor for C. Nyhan, G. Kearney for M. O'Neill, C. Murphy for J. O'Keeffe.
GALWAY: S. Earner, C. Moran, S. Cahalan, E. O'Brien, M. Kerins, A. Doherty, Sinead Keane, N. Gavin, K. Glenn, Susan Keane, A. Connolly, D. Burke, K. Bowes, E. Kilkenny, S. Donoghue. Subs: B. Henney for Susan Keane, A. Cowen for S. Cahalan, C. Kelly for N. Gavin, J. Kelly for E. Kilkenny.
Referee: D. Browne (Tipperary).



Carrigaline camogie players Noelle Collins, Jacqui O'Keeffe, Marion O'Donovan and Ann Kiely, who were part of the Cork minor camogie team which defeated Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final in Carrigaline.

All-Ireland camogie tie hosted by Carrigaline

Carrigaline had the honour and distinction of being the venue for their most highly ranked game to date, when an All-Ireland semi-final match was played in Carrigaline over the weekend.

The All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final, between two great counties of Cork and Galway, was held on the GAA pitch and where members of the club pulled their weight together to ensure a smooth and perfect venue for the all-important match.

Included in the Cork team were two players from Carrigaline, playing on their home turf, with sub goalkeeper Ann Kiely and Jacqui O'Keeffe representing the home club and having plenty of home support.

Jack McGrath of Carrigaline and chairperson of the Carrigaline Camogie Board, said that it was a very long day for some of

them: "We had some organising to do with stewarding, car parking and feeding the teams and so on," he said.

Many of the ladies were involved in the kitchen from the early hours of Sunday morning ensuring that meals were prepared and tables laid for the teams, with over 70 players and officials from both counties coming to Carrigaline. Everyone made an effort, and the whole day ran off very smoothly.

After a very exciting match, where the teams were level on a number of occasions, it was the Cork team who emerged victorious on a score of 3-9 to 1-12, thanks to a goal three minutes from time from substitute Gearoidine Kearney, and Cork now meet Kilkenny, who had a resounding victory over Derry.

After the match, the players were treated with lunch in the main hall, followed by a viewing of the Cork and Galway senior football match on television, where

the senior boys of Galway made up for the minor girls defeat of Cork in Carrigaline.

The Cork panel was Denise Twomey (St. Catherine's), Marion O'Donovan and Noelle Collins (Couragey Rovers), Sheila Burns, Caitriona Foley (Rock Bawn), Anna Geary, Sharon Lenihan, Marie Watson, Emer Watson, Elaine O'Riordan, Julie Sheehy (Milford), Celine Nyhan (Newcestown), Gemma O'Connor (St. Finbarr's), Breedge Corkery (Cloughduv), Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill), Niamh O'Connell, Ciara Murphy (Aghabullogue), Margaret McCarthy (Innisearra), Gearoidine Kearney (Fr. O'Neill's), Lisa Burns (Na Piarasigh), Karen O'Leary, Edwina Waters (Ballyhea), Ann O'Connell (Youghal), Fiona O'Donovan, (Douglas) with Ann Kiely and Jacqui O'Keeffe from Carrigaline.

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All-Ireland semi-final win for Cork



The Cork minor camogie team, who defeated Galway 3-9 to 1-12 in the All-Ireland Semi-Final match which was played in Carrigaline.



Joanne O'Callaghan, from Crookstown, had all of Muskerry cheering her on when she appeared on RTE's Fame and Fortune quiz show last Saturday.

COOL CATS ON CRUISE

Kilkenny.....11-8
Derry.....2-4

KILKENNY qualified for their fourth All-Ireland minor camogie final when they annihilated Derry by over 30 points at sundrenched Bennettsbridge on Sunday.

The winners will face a more serious test against Cork - they beat Galway 3-9 to 1-12 - in the All-Ireland final.

In truth, this game was no good to either side. Kilkenny scored at will.

Kilkenny scored goals of the highest order. They were very strong in the

tackle, and all five substitute looked good.

The winners led by 5-6 to 1-2 at half-time. Marie Ryan grabbed a hat-trick of goals. Aoife Neary also added scores at will.

In the second half,

goals to remember were scored by brave Ann Dalton, the brilliant Aoife Neary and the strong running Edel Maher.

Team captain Catherine Kavanagh added a trademark goal. Ann Dalton showed some lovely skill when first timing the ball to the net.

Scorers for Kilkenny were Marie Ryan (3-0), Aoife Neary (2-5), Ann Dalton (3-0), Therese Muldowney (0-2), Catherine Kavanagh (1-0), Julie Ann Woodcock (1-0), Edel Maher (1-1). Derry scorers - Aileen Mullen, Clare McCoy (0-1 each), Kerry McCoster (1-0), Catherine McAuley (0-2), Lisa Strathern (1-0).

Kilkenny - Jackie Frisby (Carricksheek); Sinéad Corrigan (St Lachtain's), Lisa Ryan (Shamrocks), Grainne Brennan (Danesfort), Eileen Fitzpatrick (St. Lachtain's), Danielle Minogue (St. Lachtain's), Jane Fahy (Emeralds), Therese Muldowney (St. Brigid's), Edel Maher (St. Anne's), Elaine O'Neill (James Stephens), Aoife Neary (James Stephens), Grainne Daly (St. Martin's), Catherine Kavanagh, capt (St. Lachtain's), Marie Ryan (Tullagher), Ann Dalton (St. Lachtain's).

Subs: Susan Kennedy (Dicksboro), Deirdre Delaney (Freshford), Georgina Kelly (St. Martin's), Rebecca Phelan (Carricksheek), Julie Anne Woodcock (Danesfort).



Sinéad Corrigan in control during the All-Ireland minor camogie championship semi-final against Derry at Bennettsbridge.

(Photo: Michael Brophy)



Joanne Clifford, centre half for Limerick against Roscommon in the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday (LL)



Claire Mulcahy had a great game for the Limerick U/16 Camogie team against Roscommon (LL)



Kilkenny who had a convincing win over Derry in the All Ireland Minor Camogie Championship Semi-Final at Bennettsbridge. Picture: Michael Brophy

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Old foes meet again in All-Ireland semi

THE All-Ireland minor championship is one of the most prestigious competitions in the camogie calendar.

Next Sunday Cork and Galway collide in this season's All-Ireland semi-final.

Both counties have been actively involved in most of the ultimate stages since the minor championship was introduced in 1974.

In fact, the first All-Ireland minor final was played as a curtain raiser to the senior final at Croke Park.

Cork were involved in the two deciders, but in both instances

had to be satisfied with the runners-up spot.

The minor championship, which is for girls under the age of 16, has blooded a lot of stars for the bigger stage.

Kathleen Costine, Betty Joyce, Cathy Landers, Anne Delaney, Clare Cronin and Martha Kearney were part of the double minor success in '75 and '76 and all of them then went on to represent Cork at senior level.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, the winning All-Ireland senior captain of '92, featured on all three Cork teams that won on the trot

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN View from the Ground



in '78, '79, and '80.

Ann Marie Landers, Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy and Paula Goggins were others to wear the red and white jersey at the highest possible level.

The Leesiders did the treble again in '83, '84 and '85 with

Paula Carey emulating the feat previously achieved by Sandy Fitzgibbon, featuring on all three selections.

Colette O'Mahony, Liz Towler and Linda Mellerick also moved on to win senior All-Ireland medals when Cork made the

breakthrough in '92 after a barren spell.

Galway, Tipperary, Wexford and Kilkenny dominated the minor scene from the mid '80s until Cork won in '98.

Rosarie Holland, Joanne O'Callaghan, Sara Hayes, Ciara Healy, Rachel Moloney, Emer Dillon and Catherine Corkery then set a marker for their inclusion on the present senior squad.

The '99 minor final against Galway was up there with the best.

Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan, Caitriona Kelly and Emer

Dillon were the experienced leaders from the previous year's win.

Jennifer O'Leary, who made her senior championship debut two weeks ago against Galway, made her name that day.

So, it is Cork and Galway again next Sunday. The West-erners won the All-Ireland title in great style 12 months ago, beating Wexford.

They will come to Leeside with all guns blazing this weekend. Whatever the outcome, it will surely be another platform for these young girls to go on to greater heights.

Limerick U16's massive 57 points win to earn All-Ireland final spot

Limerick 8-34 Roscommon 0-01
A BRILLIANT performance by star-studded Limerick powered their way to a place in the All-Ireland Final with a land slide victory over Roscommon in the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday.

In hindsight, one had to sit back and marvel at the

exemplary skill displayed by the Shannonsiders, while a closer challenge would surely be of more benefit as the team faces into the All-Ireland. Unfortunately, Roscommon, who were nominated as their provincial representatives, faced a baptism of fire with Sinéad Cooney slotting over their only point of the afternoon.

In contrast, Limerick

scored at will with Nora Collins contributing one goal and 11 points, while their top goal poachers were Sinéad McAuliffe and Aisling O'Brien. Trainer, John Lacey said he was overjoyed with his team's performance, but readily admitted that the final would be a different kettle of fish.

Team selectors, Jack Dillon, Rita O'Connell and John White beamed with

delight, while team liaison officer, Theresa Galligan could not hide her delight. Surely a wonderful tribute to the parents, supporters and Limerick Camogie Board for a job very well done. Nobody will want to miss the All-Ireland Final.

Star forward, Sinéad McAuliffe cut short her holidays in Spain on Friday to give her county a major boost, while defend-

er Carol Hickey played soccer with Ireland twice in the last week.

Teams - Limerick: Maria Corkery, Carol Hickey, Marina Cremin, Janice White, Mairéad Sheehy, Joanne Clifford 0-2; Christine Carroll, Martha O'Connor, Claire Mulcahy 0-01, Amanda Sheehan 1-02, Aisling O'Connell 0-06, Sinéad McAuliffe 3-05, Marie McGrath 0-03, Nora

Collins 1-11, Aisling O'Brien 3-04.

Roscommon: Aine Connaughton, Teresa McCormack, Audrey Morris, Catherine Healy, Aine Shine, Ciara Ni Phloinn, Eileen McGreeney, Sinéad Cooney 0-01, Siobhán Coyle, Niamh Coyle, Louise Beegan, Patricia Lennon, Rachel Fallon, Emer Moloney, Elaine Daly.



The Limerick U/16 Camogie team who played Roscommon in the All Ireland semi final at the Gaelic Grounds

(LL)



Aisling O'Connell keeps her eye on the sliothar at the game against Roscommon

(LL)



Nora Collins at full forward, has a great game for Limerick in their U/16 championship game against Roscommon

(LL)

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CAMOGIE: A busy week as Cork minors progress to All-Ireland final



Emer Dillon: Starring for club side.

Cork to meet old rivals in decider

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

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IN the second of the All-Ireland minor semi-finals, Kilkenny experienced little difficulty in knocking out Derry, recording a comprehensive 11-8 to 2-4 winning margin to set up a Cork-Kilkenny final on August 5.

Looking ahead to Thursday evening it is a meeting of Eire Óg and Carrigdhoun in the quarter-final of the Senior County Championship at Ballincollig.

Eire Óg recorded a victory over Imokilly in the opening round game but had to go to a replay to do so.

Looking comfortable throughout that game, leading at one stage by eight points, Eire Óg had a lapse in their concentration and allowed Imokilly to come back into the game but, the mid-Cork side showed great composure and hung on for victory.

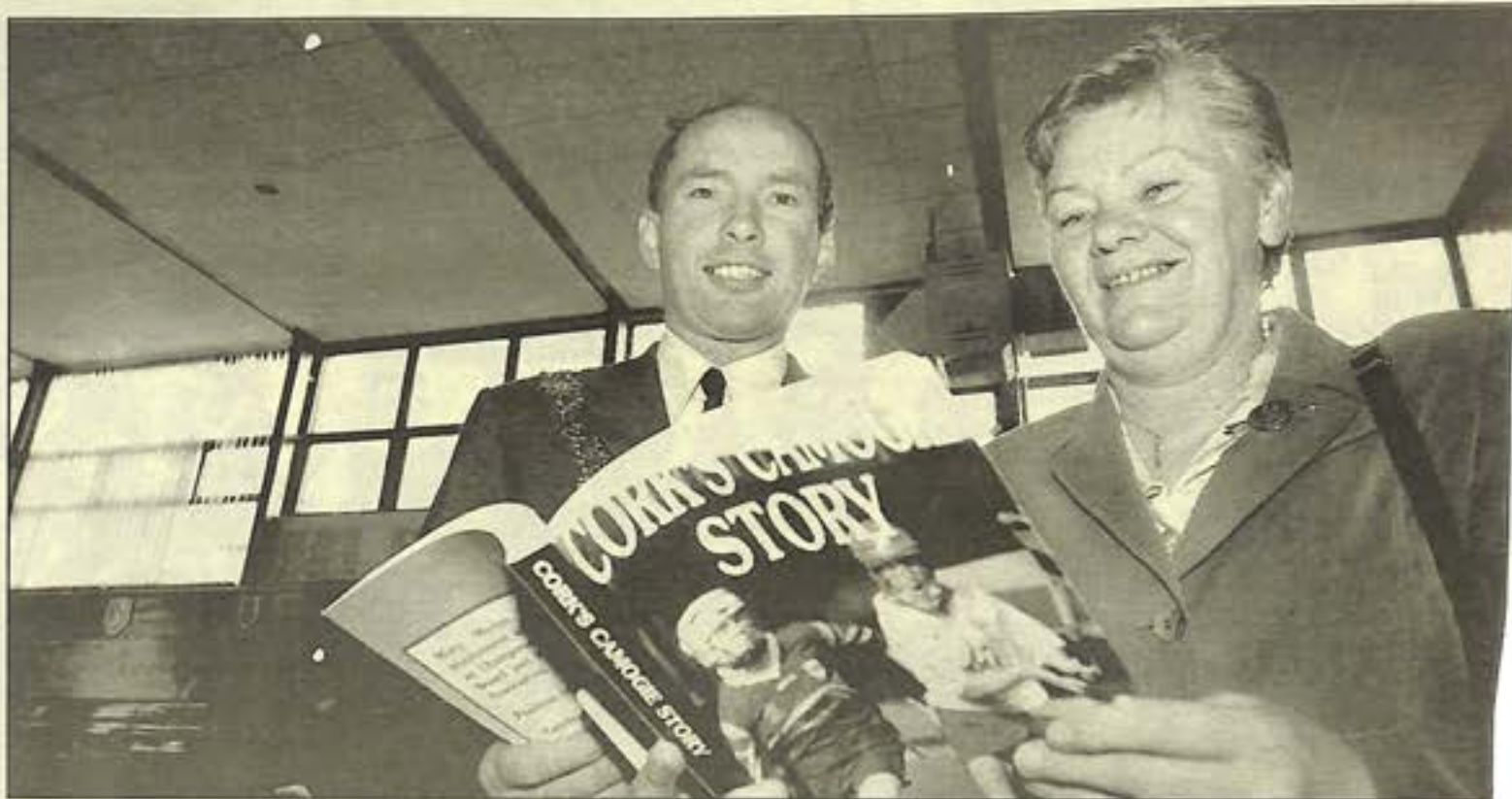
Having taken the Senior B title last year, Eire Óg are continuing a rebuilding process following some lean years and they will look forward to the challenge the divisional side are sure to pose.

Fielding without their star player Ellen O'Herlihy, who earlier in the season broke her ankle, the club side had tremendous performances from goalkeeper Niamh Lehan who this year replaced long-serving Marion McCarthy between the posts, Helen Walsh, Louise O'Leary and 14-year-old Catriona O'Leary and Clodagh Crowley.

They now face a strong challenge from Carrigdhoun who last season almost knocked out eventual winners Bishopstown.

Camogie in the division is at an all time high with Ballygarvan having last year taken the Junior A champions and clubs such as Ballinhassig, Valley Rovers, Carrigaline and Sliabh Rua all progressing steadily in their respective grades.

Without doubt the big players on the side are Emer Dillon, Jennifer Brown, Linda O'Sullivan, Liz Bugler and Catriona Kelly and will strive to the end to reach a semi-final spot where Cloughduv await.



Lord Mayor Tom O'Driscoll and author Mary Moran at the Launch of the Cork Camogie Story at St Finbarrs HFC.

Picture: Gavin Brown

Camogie book is a real gem

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

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THE air was filled with nostalgia at the launch of Mary Moran's *Cork Camogie Story* at the St Finbarrs Hurling and Football club last Thursday, as the sport's top talents, past, present and future, gathered.

The publication was launched by county chairperson Sheila Golden, herself a former Cork player, who renewed acquaintances with her old team mates from South Pres - Mary Whelton, Blanche Gibbons, Jemma Cadigan Ann Comerford who captained Cork to All-Ireland honours in 1970 and Mary Crowley.

Lord Mayor Tom O Driscoll paid tribute to Mary Moran and to all of camogie's voluntary workers.

Later in the evening, Maureen Cashman from Blackrock joined former Glen greats of the 50s Noelle Deane, Sheila Cahill and former county board President Nora O'Brien at a table that also included All-Ireland winning captains Linda Mellerick and Sandie Fitzgibbon.

Mascot from the 1970 winning side Joan Newman enjoyed the banter as her photograph from that day in Croke Park was pointed out by St Finbarrs President Val Rioridan and County GAA chairperson Jim Cronin.

The colleges were well represented with Vincent Harrington of St Mary's Charleville quietly enjoy-

ing the evening in the company of former hurler Seamus Kelleher.

From Fermoy came Peg O'Brien and Josie Pyne. Both donned the county colours with distinction. Josie Knowles from the famous Churchtown club joined former county vice-chairman Sheila Spillane, Pat Moloney and Cathy Landers from Killeagh.

Former team mates at club level with Old Aloysius were also out in strength to support Mary's book. Among them were sisters Joan and Mary Clancy, Carmel Desmond, Lillie O'Grady, Lil Coughlan and Siobhan O'Sullivan.

Senior selectors Rose Desmond and Sheila O'Brien were present, while former goalkeeper for South Pres and Eire Óg Marion McCarthy also attended.

Harriet Carey of St Finbarrs, told *Grassroots* that she still has her gym frock from her playing days with the old Mayfield club and will not part with it for the world.

Meanwhile, young players such as Emer Dillon, Orla and Joanne O'Callaghan, Aoife Murray and Aine Kelleher enjoyed the evening.

With the presentation of medals to the victorious Munster championship winning teams at junior intermediate and minor also being made on the night, already another chapter looks set to be written.



Author Mary Moran with Denise Goggin and Joanne Coughlan at the launch of Mary's book.

Picture: Gavin Brown

and Mary Moran's camogie book is launched Margaret proud to see another generation playing

AN interested spectator at the Cork v Galway All-Ireland minor championship semi-final in Carrigaline last Sunday, was no other than a wonderful lady by the name of Margaret O'Brien from Kilbrittain.

Seated proudly on the sideline Margaret told *Grassroots*, before the game, that she had come to Carrigaline to see her granddaughter Aoibheann O'Brien line out in the number four jersey with Galway.

The daughter of Cork native Michael O'Brien and Roisin

O'Brien who resided in Galway where both are avid supporters of the game Michael told me that he was firmly supporting Galway in this one, while his mother Margaret just smiled when asked about her allegiances for the day.

"I'm very proud to be here to see Aoibheann line out with Galway and hope she will do well."

I always followed hurling and football in my younger days and of course Kilbrittain are my favourite side and I was hoping that maybe they would have a player on the

Cork team today, never the less it a wonderful game and I love watching the girls play camogie".

An added bonus to the big outing for Margaret O'Brien was that she was also celebrating her 85th birthday on the day and despite the result was smiling as broad as ever at the end of the game when she laughingly told me after the match: "It was a good win for Cork."

However, I had a feeling that no matter what the result this wonderful lady's smile would always shine through.



Marie Watson, Cork, flicks the ball past this Galway defender during the All-Ireland minor semi-final. Picture: Gerard McCarthy



Emer Watson solos through the Galway defence. Picture: Gerard McCarthy

Cork's never-say-die attitude earns final spot

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie news

A THRILLING All-Ireland minor semi-final saw Cork sneak up from behind to advance at the expense of champions Galway at Carrigaline.

The holders fielded eight of last season's winning team and came to Cork determined to hold on to their crown.

Within the first 10 minutes, the sides were level on 0-3 before points from Gemma O'Connor and Marie Watson, put Cork ahead.

Ashling Connolly narrowed the gap with a point before Deirdre Burke crashed the ball to the net following a move which involved good play from Ashling Connolly and Cathy Bowes.

Emma Kilkeny stretched the lead with a point but with Cork keeping up the pressure, Marie Watson set sister Emer up for her side's opening to level matters.

The Cork defence came under more pressure as Galway upped the pace and they dominated the final 10 minutes of the half. Three points from Ashling Connolly (2) and Cathy Bowes had them back in control.

However, Emer Watson kept Cork in touch with a point to leave Galway ahead 1-8 to 1-6 at the break.

On the resumption Ashling Connolly and Marie Watson exchanged points as

did Gemma O'Connor and Breda Hanney, and with Deirdre Burke pointing, it stretched Galway's advantage to three.

Cork lost two chances to cut the lead striking two frees wide but, in introducing Gearoidin Kearney to their forward line, they were rewarded when she finished a Marie Watson cross to the net to level matters.

Cork's defence although under pressure, but with Anna Geary and Marion O'Donovan superb, they weathered the storm.

With four minutes remaining Emer Watson pounced for a valuable goal and suddenly, Cork were in front.

Intense Galway pressure followed, but despite their best efforts, Cork with their noses in front were in no mood to be caught and held on for a merited victory.

Selector John Cronin said: "We made hard work of it but we got the result and that's all that matters."

Galway chairman John Joe O'Donoghue while disappointed at the result conceded that Cork were the more balanced team on the day.

Carrigaline back in Junior Camogie after 60 years

THE progressive Carrigaline club successfully staged the Minor All Ireland semi final on Sunday last and the wonderful job done should not go unnoticed.

Under the chairmanship of former Tipperary native Des O'Connell club members were out in force, and busy, from early morning preparing and organising. Among those in attendance at the venue was Carrigaline Camogie Club President Jackie O'Connor, a former coach to the Carrigaline club.

Des O'Connell explains that Jackie coached the last Carrigaline team to take Junior Camogie championship honours back in the forties, and that Jackie was very proud

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Player of the week is Cork minor captain Marie Watson who showed great leadership and determination in helping Cork dethrone All Ireland champions Galway on Sunday last. Her unselfish play set up players for goals, twice, whilst also contributing two valuable points to Cork's total.

when the club recently fielded for the first time, since the sixties, in a Junior A league competition, where they recorded a thoroughly convincing 6-8 to 1-6 victory over

Ballinhassig.

If Carrigaline's organisation of the days events, on Sunday last, when, amongst the busy people on duty that Grassroots met were underage players from the club Laura Thompson, Una O'Farrell, Katie O'Doherty and Lisa O'Driscoll, all acting as ball girls on the sideline, are anything to go by, the foundation laid down by Jackie O'Connor and his contemporaries has blossomed forth into a big orchard which can only augur well for the game in the progressive satellite town.

● Under-12 League results:
Enniskeane 4-4, Kilbrittain 0-0
Charleville 6-3, ST Fanahans 1-1

CAMOGIE: Mary Moran's new book about Cork camogie is a labour of love

Cronin is unsung hero

BY THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie preview

TEAM managers are now the norm rather than the exception in most counties.

This too applies to camogie.

John Cronin is the man in charge of next Sunday's Cork minor camogie team but the modest supreme almost detests being branded with such a title.

He plays down his role, quick to point to the contribution of many of the others.

"John Quinn and Ann Watson are the two other people involved and both have put an awful lot of work into this team.

However, John has a lot to recommend him in his latest role. After helping his home club, Cloghduv to county minor honours in '97, John went forward as a Cork selector the following season.

"I got involved in Cloghduv in the early Nineties. Some of my own children were playing and I was giving a hand. Then when we won the county at U-16 (minor) I put my name forward as selector in 1998.

Little did John know at the time that his arrival at his new post would yield back-to-back All-Ireland minor titles.

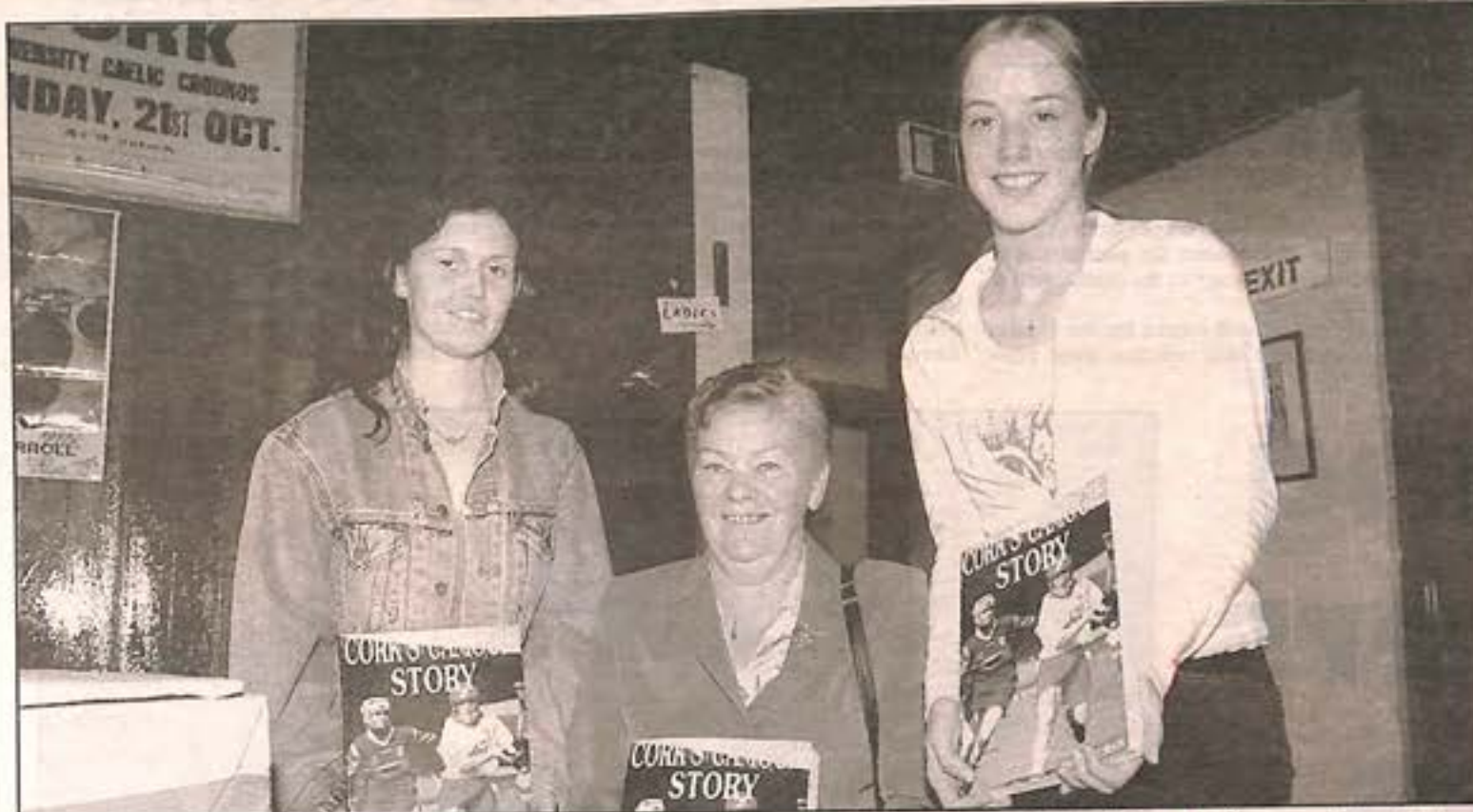
Obviously, then, there was a solid foundation for 12 months later. Galway who lie next to Cork in order of All Ireland minor titles were the opposition for the '99 decider.

"We had some great players then, recalls John, "like Sara Hayes, Ciara Healy, Catherine Corkery, Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon all showed great potential and had the makings of the senior squad then."

There are only two titles separating Cork and Galway at the head of the minor ladder. No doubt the person who will try and prevent the gap narrowing will be the Cork manager, John Cronin.



Ciara Healy: Minor star.



Author Mary Moran and Cork Camogie girls Denise Goggin and Joanne Coughlan at the launch of the Cork Camogie Story.

Picture: Gavin Browne

Toasting golden years of camogie

CORK'S CAMOGIE STORY, which was launched last night at St Finbarr's GAA Pavilion by the Chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board Sheila Golden and is the history of Cork camogie over the past 100 years.

In his welcoming address St Finbarr's president Val O'Riordan commended the author Mary Moran whom he said had given a lifetime to the promotion of the game.

A former president of the Camogie Association, Mary was

BY THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie correspondent

the recipient of many tributes from the various dignitaries who were in attendance.

Councillor Tom O'Driscoll, Lord Mayor of Cork, who also presented medals to the Munster senior and intermediate winners of 2001, praised Mary for her work in compiling this book, and said it was great to be able to read about events of the past.

Chairman of the Cork County GAA Board, Jim Cronin, said it was wonderful for sports fans to

have such a fine compilation.

He too, praised the work and effort put in by Mary over the past number of years.

Sheila Golden echoed the sentiments of her previous speakers, adding that it was a great pleasure and privilege to officially launch *Cork's Camogie Story*.

Lil O'Sullivan, president of the Cork Camogie Board, and Rose Malone and Mary Heelan of Munster Council were also present to mark the occasion.

The guest of honour, Mary Moran said she wrote the book principally because the girls' achievements tend to be forgotten.

Hopefully, she said this book would go towards rectifying that.

There was certainly no shortage of talent either at the launch.

Sheila Cahill, Pat Moloney, Cathy Landers, Betty Joyce and Marion McCarthy shared many memories of days gone by.

Sandie Fitzgibbon, Irene O'Leary, Jean Paula Kent and Catherine Martin recalled the events of the '90s, while many of the present Cork team including Mags Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea, Linda Mellerick, Rachel Moloney, Sara Hayes and Ciara Healy also attended.

Camogie greats recalled in new book

CORK'S CAMOGIE STORY, written by former President of the Association, Mary Moran is an amazing 364-page publication honouring 97 years of camogie in Cork.

For more than 40 years, the former chairperson of the Cork camogie board and the current secretary of the post primary schools competitions has gathered newspaper cuttings, magazine articles, photographs, programmes and anything that relates to the history of the game.

She has worked over the past

two years to produce this excellent reference of Cork camogie players and officials.

In the introduction, she writes: "The bookshelves are bare when it comes to camogie publications. There are countless books available on Gaelic games and other sports. The girls deserve to be remembered and have their achievements recorded."

Mary takes us right back to the beginning, when the first camogie team was comprised of members of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League. A

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN
View from the ground



second side, Cuchullains, was soon to follow. The first public match was staged in Navan as one of the main attractions at a Gaelic League Aeridhreach on July 17, 1904.

"Cait O'Donoghue, who had

come up from Cork to act as housekeeper for her brother, led her side onto the field as captain of the Keatings team. Another Cork girl, Madge O'Sullivan, played for Cuchullains in this match. The newspaper of

the day described the game as a "novelty."

"The game produced only one score, a late goal for Keatings. Nevertheless, the proceedings held the interest of the two thousand spectators."

The book has a vast array of photographs dating back to an action shot of a match at O'Neill Crowley grounds, Victoria Cross in 1912.

It also provides a detailed year-by-year account of all activities at club, schools and inter-county level.

There are also some wonder-

ful witty stories relayed throughout the book. One such ditty comes under the heading *Formula One*. "Lil Coughlan held the steering wheel and her brother Dan sat beside her in the role of navigator. Lil eased into first gear en route to a match in Waterford. When they finally negotiated the notorious stretch of road, Lil calmly remarked that it was her first time behind the wheel of a car."

Cork's Camogie Story will be launched officially at St Finbarr's Club on July 19. It is a great read for all age groups.

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Carrig should be too strong for Eire Óg

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie preview

EVERYTHING else is a bonus, according to Eire Óg spokesperson Rose Malone, speaking in reference to her side's Cork County senior camogie championship quarter-final clash with Carrigdhoun this evening at Ballincollig.

Last season's senior B victors

are currently delighted with their run in this year's championship. After drawing with Imokilly in the first round, their second meeting went right down to the wire. A game that Malone insists will surely stand to them tonight: "We are delighted to have had the extra hard match, and it is also good for the club to be able to compete in our first year back up senior."

The Mid Cork side will welcome back Ellen O'Herlihy after a lay-off due to a leg injury. However, it is unlikely that she will be fit enough to line out from the start.

Otherwise the team will be along similar lines to the last day, when once again they will look to centre-forward Helen Walsh for another five star performance.

Meanwhile, Carrigdhoun on

paper, have many big names on their selection and if they can play as a combined unit could cause trouble for their opposition.

Selecting from such clubs as Ballygarvan, Valley Rovers, Carrigaline, Ballinhassig and Tracton, the South East side will have plenty of young talent to choose from.

Elaine Burke, Emer Dillon, Jennifer Brown, Jacqui

O'Keeffe, Caitriona Kelly and Liz Bugler should all feature in their starting 15.

O'Keeffe was a member of the Cork minor team that qualified for the All Ireland final last Sunday, while Emer Dillon and Elaine Burke have plenty of experience at inter-county level.

Throw-in this evening is at 7.30pm. It will take a big game from Eire Óg to prevent Carrigdhoun from advancing.

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Carrigdhoun had to battle hard

Carrigdhoun
Eire Óg

3-16
6-3

by Mary Newman

A SPIRITED Eire Óg side made Carrigdhoun fight to the end before qualifying for the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Ballincollig last evening.

Making the early running Eire Óg led 2-2 to 0-3 midway through the opening half, thanks to goals from Clodagh Crowley and Deirdre Healy in the second and the 11th minutes.

Healy stretched their lead with a point before five unanswered points from Carrigdhoun's Caitriona Kelly (2), Liz Bugler and Emer Dillon (2) brought the divisional side right into the game. With just a point now separating the sides, Marion Jaegoe gave Carrigdhoun the lead when she deflected Emer Dillon's line ball to the net and with Caitriona Kelly pointing

a free, Carrigdhoun held a 1-9 to 2-3 interval advantage.

Liz Bugler stretched Carrigdhoun's lead within one minute of the re-start when she first timed to the Eire Óg net and they picked off three splendid points from Marion Jaegoe, Emer Dillon and Elaine Burke.

Eire Óg struck back and two goals inside a minute from Deirdre Healy and Helen Walsh had just two points between the sides. Again Carrigdhoun answered the challenge and inside three minutes Elaine Burke had added a goal and two points and it now looked as if it would be enough to quash the Eire Óg resolve but they rose magnificently.

Helen Walsh set up Caitriona O'Leary for a splendid goal before Emer Dillon relieved the pressure with a Carrigdhoun point. Eire Óg battled back with a splendid solo run from Helen Walsh setting up Ellen O'Herlihy for a 55th minute goal.

With both sides now visibly tiring, Elaine Burke tapped over a point that brought relief to Carrigdhoun and that finally killed off the challenge of an Eire Óg side whose spirit and determination kept them in touch throughout what was an enthralling contest. Hence by the excellent refereeing of Inniscarra's Peter Downey.

Scorers: Carrigdhoun: E. Burke (1-5), C. Kelly (0-6) 3 from frees, 1 from 45m free, L. Bugler (1-1), M. Jaegoe (1-1), E. Dillon (0-3). Eire Óg: D. Healy (2-2), H. Walsh (1-1), C. Crowley (1-0), C. O'Leary (1-0), E. O'Herlihy (1-0).

EIRE ÓG: N. Leane, D. O'Sullivan, L. O'Leary, C. McKenna, A. McKenna, Y. O'Leary, S. O'Driscoll, Y. Corkery, C. McKenna, H. Walsh, C. Crowley, C. O'Leary, Y. Malone, D. Healy (captain), E. O'Herlihy. Sub: M. Corkery for Y. Malone, C. Carroll for C. McKenna.

CARRIGDHOUN: M. O'Riordan (Ballygarvan), A. O'Neill (Ballygarvan), C. O'Riordan (Valley Rovers), M. Lane (Ballygarvan), M. McCarthy (Valley Rovers), J. Brown (Ballygarvan), C. O'Keeffe (Carrigaline), E. Gillen (Ballygarvan), J. O'Keeffe (Carrigaline), N. Murphy, C. Kelly (Ballygarvan), E. Bugler (Valley Rovers), M. Jaegoe (Tracton), E. Burke (Valley Rovers), M. Conlon (Carrigaline). Sub: R. Harrington for M. O'Riordan.

Referee: P. Downey (Inniscarra).

Battling Eire Og fight all the way

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie Correspondent

Carrigdhoun
Eire Óg

3-16
6-3

WITHOUT a shadow of a doubt, this was the best game of the senior championship.

Eire Óg, who weren't given any pre-match chance against the South East divisional side, defied all the pundits with a power-packed display that kept the opposition battling right up to the final whistle of Peter Downey.

This was an unbelievable display of intense hurling, but when Carrigdhoun were put to the sword, they came through unscathed with some brilliant patches of stick work.

When they found themselves trailing by six points after the first quarter, Caitriona Kelly added badly needed steel to the attack.

Then a brilliant line ball that went all the way to the net from Emer Dillon close on the stroke of half time pushed them into the lead for the first time in the game.

Four quick points were conceded after the break and most of the crowd feared a hiding for the Mid Cork side.

But Eire Óg were not finished. They fired in four superb goals to leave the Carrigdhoun girls wondering what it would take to kill off this opposition.

However they upped the ante with Jennifer Brown steadying the defence from centre back, Emer Dillon covering every blade of grass and Elaine Burke coming more into her own.

So, Carrigdhoun are through to the semi-final where they have set up a glamorous pairing with many people's favourites, Cloughduv.

When the victors got going last evening they were simply majestic, but surely a worry to mentors Billy Dillon and Jack McGrath will be the six goals conceded over the hour.

"First of all, we are delighted with the performance," said McGrath.

"They fought hard when we went six points down and they took some delightful scores. However, we will have to look at the six goals scored against us. Sometimes on a divisional side it is hard on a goalkeeper if she is not familiar with her defence," he said.

And on their forthcoming semi-final clash with Cloughduv, he added, "if we can build on tonight's performance I couldn't see Cloughduv beating us."

Tough Antrim tie for the Rebels

CORK travel to Casement Park in Belfast this weekend to take on the home side Antrim in the All-Ireland Intermediate camogie championship on Sunday at 12 noon.

However, they are weakened somewhat by injuries and players being unavailable, therefore they will have a tough task on hand to beat the home side who already put it up to the Cork senior team in the National League earlier in the season.

Criona Harte, Ger Collins, Caitriona Kelly and Amanda O'Regan will be absent from the starting 15, while Clare Kirby and Ellen Clifford both are carry-

ing injuries.

Nevertheless, with the strength that is evident within the county at present, the selectors will still be able to pick a strong selection.

Ger Casey is the likely candidate for the number one position, while outside her Jean O'Sullivan and Nora Ahern should feature.

Val O'Keeffe and Emer O'Sullivan are possible midfield starters with Niamh Bowles, Elaine McCarthy and Marie O'Connell heading up the attack.

With this championship being played in a round-robin system with Derry and the losers of this weekend's Down and

Dublin senior clash, Cork look certain to qualify for the semi-final stages, but according to selector Pat Murray, Antrim will be difficult to beat on home soil.

"They hammered Derry in this competition a few weeks ago, and we must remember that Derry are the All-Ireland Junior champions. It is always hard to get a victory up North", he added.

Meanwhile, Antrim have been installed as favourites for this game.

Young Clara McKinley who is having a fine season will start in goal. Grace McMullan has returned to her best form, while Clara Nelson is captain.

Goals make all the difference for Dubs

AS the famous BBC commentator, David Coleman, always said: 'it's goals that pay the rent.' And such was the case at Parnell Park on Saturday afternoon as Dublin downed Down, 4-8 to 0-7, in the Foras na Gaeilge Senior All-Ireland Championship.

Only a pocketful of people were present in the Donnybrook sunshine, but this was a highly significant result for the born-again Dubs. Their victory represented the county's first win in an All-Ireland Senior Championship fixture in over a decade.

That's quite a remarkable statistic for the most successful county in the sport, who reached five All-Ireland finals in a row before their sudden, dramatic slump.

This triumph earns them a trip to Leeside next Saturday to face Cork at Bishops-town in the All-Ireland quarter-final.

Getting the crucial goals were Gillian McCluskey and Shauna Keogh, who both netted twice, as the hosts dominated the hour.

It was just the tonic the Dubs required

CAMOGIE
BY NIAL SCULLY

following their heart-breaking defeat to Wexford at the start of the month.

For Down, it was their third defeat in the Championship, but they have been hindered in the campaign by injury to two of their top performers, Mairin McAleenan and Deirdre Savage, yet they still possessed fine players in Deborah Kelland, Pauline Green and Colleen Hynds, while Fionnuala Carr, daughter of Ross, scored a tidy point.

The Northern girls were behind by 3-3 to 0-4 at the interval, after a golden-double strike from Keogh put Dublin in the ascendancy.

On 17 minutes, despite tumbling, Keogh managed to guide the sliotar snugly into the rafters, and then a minute later, she flicked in a superb second.

Five minutes before the break, in a sweet moment of skill and invention, McCluskey

kicked the ball under the bar to the left corner.

And then seven minutes into the second period, the most flourishing run of the contest from Sinead Elliot opened the gate for McCluskey to score Dublin's fourth goal.

The Dublin management team of P.J. Donohue, Mary McKeon and Paul Crosby are entitled to feel happy with Dublin's display, which was backed by an impressive degree of fitness.

Especially on form were Siobhan Madden, Sile Nic Coitir, Louise O'Hara, Sinead Elliot, Gillian McCluskey, Sarah Crosbie and Shauna Keogh, but the collective spirit continues to suggest that Dublin's rehabilitation is gathering pace.

It was a pity there were so few present to applaud their efforts.

Dublin: S. Caulfield; S. O'Dwyer, S. Madden, C. Boyle; S. Nic Coitir, V. Trehy, F. Hughes; L. O'Hara (0-2), S. Elliot, G. McCluskey (2-0), R. Lyons, S. Crosbie (0-3, 3f); A. Walsh, S. Keogh (2-0), D. Smith (0-2). Sub: S. McNeela (0-1) for Lyons (inj); A. McCluskey for O'Hara; M. Carty for G. McCluskey; S. Byrne for Nic Coitir.

Two goals from McMullen put Antrim in command

Antrim
Cork

2-14
0-7

TWO goals in the 12th and 14th minute were enough to seal Antrim's victory over Cork in the All-Ireland Intermediate camogie championship opening round in Casement Park yesterday.

There was little between the sides in the opening ten minutes with Ant-

rim leading by four points to two but with Cork well in contention.

However two goals from Grace McMullen put the home side in a commanding position.

At half time they led 2-6 to 0-5 and they maintained their dominance throughout the second half with Cork adding just two points and long before the finish Antrim with good play from Jane Adams and Roisin

Duffin had sealed their victory despite the best efforts of Valerie O'Keeffe, Mary Ennequess and Ger Casey.

CORK: G. Casey, E. McCarthy, C. Murphy, E. O'Sullivan, L. Sweetnam, N. Ahern, C. O'Gorman, N. Bowles, M. O'Connell, J. O'Sullivan, R. Corcoran, V. O'Keeffe, L. Dorgan, M. Ennequess, V. Maher.

ANTRIM: C. Doherty, H. Healy, S. McMullen, M. Duffin, C. Gault, M. Barry, C. McGinley, D. O'Boyle, R. Duffin, J. Adams, A. McKee, G. Connolly, E. Dowd, G. McMullen, K. O'Neill.

Referee: B. Fox (Down).

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Seandun, Carrigdhoun through to semis

A BUSY week saw divisional sides Seandun and Carrigdhoun make it to the semi-final stages of the Senior County championship, but on the Inter-county scene Cork travelled to Casement Park and had to give best to the home side in the Intermediate championship opening game.

Glen Rovers went into Tuesday's clash with Seandun minus four of their regular starting 15 with Linda Mellerick and Mary Burke amongst the noticeable absentees. With seven of their side making first-time senior championship appearances they made a fancied Seandun side fight to the end for victory.

Goals from Catherine Barrett and Rachel Myers had the city representatives comfortable ahead 2-3 to 0-1 at the break, the Glen point coming from Denise Cronin. From the resumption Glen set about nar-

rowing the deficit with points from Emma Harte and Denise Cronin. With the introduction at half time of Sandie Fitzgibbon their forward line now looked more determined. A Denise Cronin goal in the 43rd minute was followed by a Trisha Murphy point. It took a good save from Seandun goalkeeper Ellen Clifford to deny Ailish Horgan an equaliser before Seandun rallied with a splendid long range pointed free from Amanda O'Regan which was followed by points from Michelle Cotter and Val Maher.

Catherine Barrett goaled five minutes from time and it looked to be enough, but the Glen struck back when Trisha Murphy finished past Ellen Clifford, in the closing minutes they kept the Seandun defence under pressure but they held out with good defensive work by Clare Harrington and Ellen Clifford to advance. Eire Og, with

goals from Clodagh Crowley and Deirdre Healy, took and early led but with Catriona Kelly Emer Dillon and Liz Bugler steadying the divisional side they kept in touch with some excellent points. They took the lead on the stroke of half time when Marion Jaego deflected Emer Dillon's line ball past Niamh Lehan, and on the turnover dominated the early stages.

Mid way through the second half they had stretched their advantage, but led by the superb Deirdre Healy and Helen Walsh, Eire Og battled back. Two goals inside a minute had them within reach of Carrigdhoun. Elaine Burke showed the divisional side's strength when she added 1-2, but again Eire Og refused to wilt. Catriona O'Leary finished Helen Walsh's pass to the net and it was neck and neck. Working tirelessly Emer Dillon pointed for Carrigdhoun but again the Mid Cork girls replied when Ellen O'Herlihy finished well to the net. With just the goal between the sides both sides pressed furiously, Elaine Burke added a Carrigdhoun point to stretch their advantage and it was enough to see them through after a mighty struggle.

Cork minors meet a Kilkenny side coached by Ted Brown in the All Ireland minor final in Nenagh on Sunday next. Cork, coached by Cloughduv's John Cronin, will be hoping to take the counties 11th title in the grade, and despite having knocked out the champions Galway will go in as underdogs to Kilkenny.

On Saturday the attention will focus on the senior team as they entertain Dublin at a Cork venue in the All Ireland quarter final. Cork will be expected to go on to the semi-finals.

Mary Moran's wonderful book *Cork's Camogie Story* is also available although selling fast, and if you wish to secure a copy contact any officer of the Camogie Board, or the author herself. The book is a must for anyone who ever played the game as it evokes some wonderful memories.



THE Galway minor squad and mentors who were beaten by Cork last Sunday in the All-Ireland semi-final. Back row, left to right: Patricia Kelly (Skehana), Nicola Lawless (Killimor), Marion Geoghegan (St. Thomas'), Susan Earner (Eyre Court), Sarah Donoghue (Athenry), Nicola Gavin (Ahascragh), Aoife Doherty (Ballinasloe), Catherine Moran (Clarenbridge), Brenda Hanney (Killimor), Catherine Glynn (Rennmore), Sinéad Callahan (Mullagh), Aoibhean O'Brien (Portumna), Aine Tierney (Killimor), Linda Gohery (Davitts), Lynda Dillon (Cappataggle), Collette Walsh (Manager), Jackie O'Brien (Selector). Front row: Aine Coen (Clarenbridge), Gemma Kelly (Ahascragh), Elaine Tannan (St. Thomas'), Deirdre Burke (St. Thomas'), Emma Kilkenny (Kinvara), Miriam Kerins (Clarinbridge), Susan Keane (Killimor), Aislinn Connolly, Captain (Castlegar), Cathy Bowes (Cappataggle), Sinéad Keane (Kinvara), Caroline Kelly (Davitts), Ann-Marie Broderick (Davitts), Nicole Burke (Pearses), Ellis Ryan (Ballinasloe), Dermot Connolly (Selector).



Dublin
Down

4-8
0-7

The Dubs will make the journey to Bishopstown Cork next Saturday following their victory over Down of 4-8 to 0-7 in the Foras Na Gaeilge Championship in Parnell Park.

A Louise O'Hara free in the fourth minute for the Dubs was equalised a

minute later with a Colleen Hynds free and the sides were level once again in the 16th minute a 0-2 each.

But then joy for the Dubs when full forward Shauna Keogh hand-passed to the net and a minute later she flicked an overhead ball to the net. Down replied with points from play and a free, Dublin's third goal came from Gillian McCluskey just before the half time whistle. The

Dubs lead at half-time 3-3 to 0-4. Gillian McCluskey had a second goal in the 7th minute, Sarah Cross was on target with frees and Blues were on their way despite best efforts of Colleen Hynds De Kellard, and Fionnula Carr.

Scorers for Dublin: G. McCluskey, S. Keogh 2-0 each, S. Crossie 0-3, L. O'Hara and D. Myhr 0-2 each, McNeale 0-1. Down: C. Hynds 0-3, F. Carr, J. Branniff, C. Mulholland, C. McGovern 0-1 each.

SEAMOUNT College, Kinvara hockey players who were members of Connacht Schools' Hockey Interprovincial team, were left to right: Miriam Kerins (under-16 team), Roisin O'Connor (under-18 team) and Emma Kilkenny (under-16 team).

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Seandún made to fight all the way

By MARY NEWMAN-MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Seandún 3-8
Glen Rovers 2-5

GLEN ROVERS, minus the services of four of their regular starting line-out, including senior inter county star Linda Mellerick and Mary Burke, made Seandún fight to the end before securing their semi-final spot at Pairc Uí Rinn on Tuesday.

Seandún got the perfect start with a goal inside the opening minute - Catherine Barrett scored after the Glen defence failed to clear.

They followed quickly with a point but Rovers defence, marshalled by captain Jill Hannon and Emer Murphy, settled down and Seandún found it hard to find a way through.

Nineteen minutes into the game Seandún stretched their lead with a Rachel Myers' goal after she palmed to the net and, while Rovers had chances, sloppy shooting saw them fall further in arrears while Seandún had points from Orla O'Sullivan and Jenny Duffy.

Denise Cronin pointed a Glen free to leave it 2-3 to 0-1 in Seandún's favour at the break.

The introduction at half-time of Sandie Fitzgibbon spurred Glen on and two points inside the opening minute from Emma Harte and Denise Cronin had them back in the game.

Thirteen minutes into the half, Denise Cronin narrowed the gap when she took a superb pass from Niamh Goulding and burst past the Seandún defence to billow the net.

Two minutes later, Trisha Murphy had the arrears down to a goal with a point and it was now the Glen who were putting the Seandún defence under pressure.

A great, point-blank save from Seandún keeper Ellen Clifford denied Glen the equalising goal they pressed for when she saved well, first from Ailish Horgan and then the follow-up from Aoife Walsh.

A long range pointed free from Amanda O'Regan gave Seandún breathing space and with two more points, they opened the gap again.

Catherine Barrett grabbed her second goal with five minutes remaining but battling on, Glen replied with a Trisha Murphy goal. However despite keeping the pressure up, the Seandún defence failed to narrow the gap.

After the game Seandún captain Claire Kirby, accompanied by keeper Ellen Clifford, visited Glen Rovers dressing room.

"I am proud to have played in such a great game tonight and am just thankful that we got the result. I achieved a personal ambition tonight because it has always been my dream to play against Glen Rovers in a senior county championship game and I thank you for the privilege of helping me achieve this."

Glen Rovers selector Rose Mackey praised her charges and selector and coach Donal O'Halloran.

"Tonight we faced a huge task going into the game minus four of our regular players. However we played magnificently in the second half and I have no doubt, had we been afforded the opportunity to line-out a full squad, we would have been closer."

"Both Donal and myself were delighted with the performance of our younger players who stood up magnificently to the challenge which our club was faced with."

CAMPGIE: In the Cork Senior County Championship race only a



Eire Óg, who lost to Carrigdhoun in the Cork County Senior Championship quarter-final match in Ballincollig.

Picture: Howard Crady



Carrigdhoun and Eire Óg provide some cracking entertainment in an action-packed game at Ballincollig.

Picture: Ger McCarthy

Carrig in top form to beat Éire Óg

By MARY NEWMAN-MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

THE week gone by saw two divisional sides make it to the last four in the senior county championship race, with Carrigdhoun and Seandún being made fight all the way before booking their respective spots.

Both were opposed by club sides who, over a long number of years, have graced the senior county championship with great panache.

Tuesday and Thursday nights were no different as Glen Rovers and Eire Óg showed that they are not content to sit on the glory of former years, but are both working hard and are more than capable of participating in a competition which holds a special aura in Cork camogie circles.

After the results of last week it's now certain that a new name will for the first time grace the base of the Science Cup.

An interesting statistic is that of the four remaining teams, Seandún and Fr O'Neill's have previously contested finals, while Carrigdhoun and Cloughduv are hoping for a first-time appearance.

With the semi-finals booked in for August 7 and 8, we will have all

the news from the four camps in next week's *Grassroots*.

● A spirited Eire Óg made Carrigdhoun earn their semi-final spot the hard way in a game that produced nine goals, 15 points, plenty of action and a scoreline of 3-16 to 6-3 in Ballincollig last Thursday.

With their opening game against Imokilly having gone to a replay, Eire Óg were the underdogs, but from the throw-in they performed magnificently and had 1-2 on the board inside four minutes.

From here, Eire Óg set the pace but Catriona Kelly, with two pointed frees, steadied the shaky Carrigdhoun side who fell further in arrears 12 minutes into the half when Ellen O'Herlihy's hand pass set up Deirdre Healy for Eire Óg's second goal.

Midway, Healy and Kelly traded points and although Eire Óg held the upper hand, they looked to be tiring.

Carrigdhoun with good play had four unanswered points from Liz Bógdan, Catriona Kelly, Emer Dillon and Elaine Burke to cut the

quartet of teams remain to challenge for the top title honours

Cork's new stars find the going very tough

Antrim 2-14
Cork 0-7

CORK, fielding a new side in this year's Intermediate championship, had to give way to a stronger Antrim side in Casement Park on Sunday last.

A strong opening half performance, which yielded two goals from the impressive Jane Adams, had the home side in front 2-6 to 0-5 at the break despite the accuracy of Val O'Keeffe and Val Maher.

Continuing to make all the running Antrim availed of their chances with points from Adams, Ann McKee and Roisin Duffin to increase the lead.

For Cork Mary Ennequess and Linda Dorgan added points to their total but it was Antrim who finished stronger to take the points in a championship that is this year being run on a semi-league format.



The Carrigdhoun side that hung on to overcome Éire Óg in the county championship quarter-final in Ballincollig.

Picture: Howard Crady



Éire Óg and Carrigdhoun shared the action for most of the game.

gap before hitting the front with a goal which came after Marion Jaego deflected Emer Dillon's line ball to the net. Catriona Kelly added a point to give Carrigdhoun an interval lead of 1-9 to 2-3.

The divisional side got the second half off to a great start when Liz Bugler goalied in the opening minute. With Marion Jaego and Emer Dillon adding points it looked like the end was nigh for Éire Óg but, they rose to the challenge, scoring two goals inside a minute.

The first came from captain Deirdre Healy who finished Helen Walsh's long range free to the net. The second from Walsh herself, again a long range free which sailed over the defence's heads and into the net. Now, just two points separated the sides.

Aided by superb play from Emer Dillon and Elaine Burke, Carrigdhoun upped the tempo. Burke added two points and quickly fol-



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Player of the week
THE performance of Carrigdhoun's Emer Dillon in her side's victory over Éire Óg in their senior county championship clash was outstanding. Her work-rate over the hour was first class and when the chips were down in the second half she fell back and helped her side defend their lead.

lowed with a goal. But, Éire Óg did not give up with 15-year-old Catriona O'Leary showing great character, finishing to the net after a Helen Walsh solo run from centre field.

Emer Dillon, playing all over the field for Carrigdhoun, pointed to put six points between the sides but again, inside a minute, Éire Óg had

it back to three when Ellen O'Herlihy finished to the net.

With excitement at fever pitch, Éire Óg pressed forward, but this time, the Carrigdhoun defence held fast.

Relieved Carrigdhoun coach Billy Dillon told *Grassroots*: "We made hard work of it and will need to improve if we are to have any chance against Cloughduv."

"However its great to be in the semi-final for first time in the history of the division and I'm sure we will give it our all."

"Credit is due to Éire Óg. They made it hard for us. Right now are happy to be in the championship."

Éire Óg coach Con Molone was pleased with his team's performance saying: "Nobody gave us a chance tonight, but from the start we gave it our all. I am proud of the way they performed. We are a young side in the process of team building. The experience gained tonight is invaluable."

Minors hold the last chance of All-Ireland glory

THE county's hopes of the year's first All-Ireland title rests firmly with the minors as they face the challenge of old rivals Kilkenny on Sunday next in Nenagh.

Despite the great rivalry that exists between the counties they have never met in an All-Ireland minor final.

Cork have taken the title on 10 occasions whilst Kilkenny hold three.

It's been 1992 since Kilkenny last contested a final when they lost out to Tipperary and the last time the title rested in the county was the previous year 1991.

County chairman and selector Brendan Williams told *Grassroots*: "In the interim we have worked hard and this year things have gone well, the Leinster championship was run on a league basis and we lost out to Wexford in the opening game, drew with Dublin and defeated Laois."

"We then had to play off with Dublin for the remaining spot."

"We made it to the final where we had a great win over Wexford."

"The format suited us and the extra games stood to the teams" In their All-Ireland semi-final meeting with Derry the Kilkenny girls were seldom troubled with captain Catherine Kavanagh, Jackie Frisbee and senior county players Edel Maher and Aoife Neary showing their class as they recorded an

By MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY

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11-8 to 2-4 winning margin.

The side is backboned by players from the Loretto Kilkenny colleges side who contested the All-Ireland Post Primary A final where they lost out to St Mary's, Charleville.

Coach to the side is Ted Brown who would be better known as Angela Downey's husband.

Ted is joined by county chairman Brendan Williams as a selector.

Cork are under no illusions as they set out in quest of the county's 11th title.

Coach John Cronin is at the helm joined by Ann Watson and John Quinn.

The side were severely tested by holders Galway in their semi-final outing but came through with flying colours.

Marie Watson and Gemma O'Connor are survivors from the winning side of 1999 whilst Catriona Foley, Noelle Collins, Denise Twomey and Sheila Burns all showed confidence under pressure.

Cork will go in as underdogs something which will not worry their backroom team as John Cronin explains: "We are under no illusions regarding the task ahead, Kilkenny had a big win over Derry and we will need to be at our best to take the title," he said.

FIXTURES

Saturday, Aug 4
All-Ireland Senior C'chip quarter-finals: Cork v. Dublin; Bishops-town, time TBC; Tipperary v. Wexford at Semple Stadium 1.15pm.
Sunday, Aug 5
All-Ireland Minor final: B final

Limerick v. Carlow at Éire Óg Nenagh Grounds 2.30
A final: Cork v. Kilkenny at Éire Óg Nenagh grounds 4pm.
All-Ireland senior quarter-final: Galway v. Limerick, Loughrea 2pm.

Monday, August 6
All-Ireland senior quarter-final: Kilkenny v. Clare, Nolan Park at 3pm.
Wednesday, August 8
County C'chip semi-final: Carrigdhoun v. Cloughduv at Ovens 7.30.
Fr O'Neills v. Seandún, 7.30.

Cashel hold out in thriller



Action from the county senior camogie final — Grainne Shanahan in possession; Ann Barry (Cashel) tackling with Mary Rose Ryan (Toomevara) awaiting the outcome.

by
Marion Graham

Cashel 2-10
Toomevara 0-15
NINE wides by Toomevara and two goals against the run of play for Cashel in the first half of the senior camogie championship county final was the decisive factor which helped Cashel retain their senior status by the skin of their teeth on Saturday evening just before a huge crowd in the County Camogie Grounds.

Claire Grogan set the scene and Cashel on the scoreboard one minute into the game with a fine point; her sister Linda added to this in the second minute and Cashel were two points up.

Louise Young, the star of the Toomevara attacking line, clocked Toomevara's first point in the 4th minute; Denise Ryan added Toomevara's second and Louise Young gave them the lead in the 8th minute.

Toomevara had Cashel's backline under severe pressure but a clearance by Jovita Delaney down the field was collected by Emily Hayden, the Toomevara backs were not alert enough on this occasion and, against the run of play, Emily expertly tipped the ball into the Toomevara net and Cashel were two points up.

Toomevara had levelled again within four minutes with a point each from Anna Woods from play and Noelle Kennedy from a free. Libby Twomey put Cashel ahead again in the 14th minute from a hand pass by Paula Bulfin. Noelle Kennedy had three pointed frees on the scoreboard for Toomevara in the 15th, 19th and 20th minutes; Louise Young being ruled out on two occasions and once again 'the eyehounds' had a two point lead. Philly 'Fog' Fogarty narrowed this lead in the 25th minute with a point from an acute angle and Claire Grogan levelled matters once again when she pointed from a free in the 26th minute.

Toomevara experienced their second setback in the 27th minute when, once again, their backs were deceived by the stick of Helen Grogan and Cashel's second goal was in the Toomevara net. A point from Noelle Kennedy on the stroke of half time saw Cashel with a slender lead of two points at the interval 2-5 to 0-9.

to expectations — Cashel's Claire Grogan clipped over their sixth point inside the opening minute. From the puck out Toomevara's Lena Woods collected and delivered to Noelle Kennedy and Toomevara were once again on the attack. An infringement in the goalmouth resulted in a penalty and Noelle was the chosen taker. She opted for the 'killer' and with Jovita Delaney installed between the posts, a goal was not going to be easy and, sure enough, Delaney came to the rescue, made an excellent save and cleared for a 45m. Noelle tapped over the 45m to narrow the gap back to a two point lead for Cashel.

Philly Fogarty set up Libby Twomey for Cashel's seventh point in the 10th minute. Deirdre Hughes, who was at all times under close watch by Cashel's defending line, tapped over a brilliant point under severe pressure in the 12th minute and once again Cashel replied from the stick of Emily Hayden.

Cashel's Philly Fogarty took the opportunity available and had her second point of the evening which was the best point of the game from way out and on the edge of the sideline and Cashel were looking good with a four point lead. However, an almighty surge from Toomevara between the 21st and 28th minutes had the sides level. Noelle Kennedy tapped over the first for the revival and the dangerous Louise Young collected a well executed pass from Anna Woods, Noelle Kennedy once again proved to be one of the best free-takers in the country and Toomevara were just one point behind. A draw looked a distinct possibility with just two minutes of ordinary time remaining when Louise Young slotted over the equaliser for Toomevara.

Into injury time with the sides locked together, a line ball taken by Emily Hayden was brilliantly caught by Philly Fogarty and sent into the Cashel attack, a foul on Helen Grogan and the last opportunity fell onto the hands of Claire Grogan. She lifted and struck with such ease for her tender years to put the icing on the cake for Cashel and to the cheers of the huge Cashel support was right on target and Cashel retained the senior championship title for their four-in-a-row by 2-10 to 0-15.

For Cashel, Philly

Fogarty gave an outstanding performance and must surely be happy with her display. Senior inter-county captain, Emily Hayden, was solid throughout and club captain, Triona Bonnar, gave a generally solid midfield performance. The Grogan sisters, particularly Claire, was a real torment for the Toomevara defence while Libby Twomey looked dangerous when in possession. Cashel's defence line, well marshalled by Jovita Delaney and Una O'Dwyer, curtailed ace forward Deirdre Hughes to a single point.

Toomevara's Louise Young, who was the star of their attack, was a tower of strength while Deirdre Hughes tried hard. Noelle Kennedy was accurate for her free-taking and was as busy defending as she was in attack. The Woods sisters, Anna and Lena, made a big contribution while Suzanne Kelly was excellent in defence. Mary Rose Ryan and Marie Ryan both played their hearts out and defended with style.

Cashel scorers — Claire Grogan 0-3; Emily Hayden 1-1; Libby Twomey, Linda Grogan and Philly Fogarty 0-2 each; Helen Grogan 1-0.

Toomevara scorers — Louise Young 0-4; Denise Ryan and Anna Woods 0-1 each; Noelle Kennedy 0-8.

WALKING IN A WICKLOW WONDERLAND

One hundred years of camogie were celebrated recently in Wicklow. Therese O'Callaghan profiles some of the Garden County Gaels who have devoted their lives to the sport.



On 28th April 2001 Wicklow Camogie Board honoured their proud past with a Millennium Banquet - billed as 'a once in a lifetime camogie celebration' - in Lawless Hotel. Those present for the event included both National President Pat Rafferty and National Secretary Sile Wallace. This celebration was organized to celebrate the contribution given by so many people to Wicklow camogie down through the years and to mark its progress since its inception in the early 1900s. In a wonderfully innovative idea, rather than honouring the captains only of the various teams, it was decided to remember the clubs and to invite one person who was chosen as the essence of all the club's successes and achievements.

Among the long lists of recipients was Lily Collins, the Millennium award winner representing Bray camogie club, which can trace its origins back to the early 1920s. While many worked tirelessly for Bray's good fortunes over the years, Lily Collins is one name that will always be remembered. On one occasion Lily lined out on the Bray team with her three daughters. Wendy Batten of Enniskerry was chosen for her great loyalty to the sport over many years. Camogie did not arrive in Enniskerry until 1971. Girls interested played with clubs in Bray, Roundwood and Dublin. Wendy joined Whitehall Gaels when she graduated from school where she played as left-half-back for many years. But when Enniskerry club was formed, Wendy was one of its leading lights, inspiring many of her contemporaries.

Lily Moore received the award for Grangecon where camogie was set up in the 1930s. Like many clubs this one was founded by local schoolteacher, Louis Dillon, who was a prominent county senior footballer as well. Tom Moore provided a playing field. Names such as the Nortons, Sleators, Sinnotts, Courtneys and Sis Germaine, along with Lily Moore, are synonymous with camogie in that area. Elizabeth Parke was honoured with her award on behalf of the Stratford club. Not

only with did Elizabeth grace the fields in a Wicklow jersey, she lined out for Kildare as well. A natural leader, she captained many teams in her day and she also had the distinction of winning the first Poc Fada competition in Stratford in 1935.

Greystones chose Theresa Hatton Dowling to receive their award. Camogie was a vibrant sport in the Greystones area in the early 1940s. During these years the club enhanced the promotion of the game with its loyalty and commitment - none more so than from the Hatton family who were always to the fore.

Kathleen McAllister was honoured as an extraordinary person who gave unselfishly of her time over a span of four decades. She started playing in 1957 and she was a member of the Annacurra club's championship successes and also of the historic team that brought the first Leinster championship to Wicklow in 1964.

Camogie was played in Arklow, where a club was established in 1904, long before it was introduced to the rest of the county. In the Forties and Fifties Arklow always had a number of players on the county team and in 1957, 1966 and 1967 they won the county senior championship honours. Theresa Byrne contributed enormously to the development of the game in this town acting as club chairperson and secretary. In her playing career, Theresa represented Wicklow and Leinster, and she is a former All Ireland referee.

It was also a night for the men of Wicklow who were congratulated for their involvement in the largest female sporting game in Ireland.

Knockananna acknowledge the role of Bill Kavanagh and his wife Máiread in ensuring that Gaelic games was always to the fore in this part of the county. Bill was chosen for the many long hours of his time given freely and for the legacy that remains for generations to come.

Pat Jordan received his award on behalf of

Avondale, the home of Irish leader Charles Stewart Parnell. In a glowing tribute Pat was described as a true friend and mentor to all camogie personnel. During his own distinguished hurling career he played for both club and county. The Avondale Camogie Club has been re-established since 1976 and this year it celebrates its silver jubilee. In 2000 it won its first-ever senior county championship.

Mary Byrne entered the Hall of Fame. This is a very cherished award, and Mary Kavanagh Byrne will always be remembered in the Garden County. A winner of eleven senior titles and two inter-provincial medals with Leinster, she represented her county for over 10 years. She played her first game for Ashford in 1940; her last was with Rathnew in 1978 and for most of her career she played with Glenealy where she won her eleven senior county championships.

The full list of recipients is as follows: May Behan (Ashford), Rita Boucher (Barndarrig), Lily Collins (Bray), Wendy Batten (Enniskerry), Lil Moore (Grangecon), Elizabeth Parke (Stratford), Theresa Dowling (Greystones), Bill Kavanagh (Knockananna), Kathleen McAllister (Annacurra), Theresa Byrne (Arklow), Kay Barry (Avoca), Debbie Tallon (Aughrim), Pat Jordan (Avondale), Ciss Darcy (Ballycoogue), Anne Dowling (Ballinacor), Bridget Kavanagh (Ballyrichard), Breda Hyland (Carnew), Kathleen Heffernan (Conary), Mary Mills (Donard), Majella O'Malley (Dunlavin), Christine Duffy (Fergal Óg, Bray), Jack Hollingsworth (Glenealy), Ann La Grue (Hollywood), Billy Burke (Kilcoole), Kay Walsh (Kilmacanogue), Mary Kelly (Kiltegan), Mary Moran (Moneystown), Tom O'Eathe (Newtown), Tom McDonald (Rathnew), Gerbie McClafferty (Roundwood), Anne O'Brien (St Patrick's Wicklow), Kathleen Walker (Shillelagh), Anne Behan (Leinster Championship team 1964), Mary O'Loughlin (Wicklow County Camogie team 1978), Anna Manley (County team 1989) and May Byrne (Hall of Fame).



That was the Wile that was: Guests at the Millennium Banquet

Martin's stroll back into final

ST. MARTIN'S — 3-9
FERN'S ST. AIDAN'S — 1-3
John Furlong

LAST YEAR'S beaten finalists, St. Martin's advanced to the final of the county senior 'B' camogie championship with victory over Fern's at Oylegate on Saturday evening.

St. Martin's quickly got on the scoresheet with two points by Aine Codd, and they added to their lead when Muireann McCarthy hit the net after 13 minutes and Orla Power pointed midway through the half.

St. Martin's got their second goal of the half when Orla Power set up Miriam Lambert who kicked the sliotar to the net after 18 minutes, while Fern's opened their account with a pointed free by Josie Dwyer two minutes later.

The Martin's with two points from frees by Aine Codd and a second personal goal by Muireann McCarthy in the closing minutes of the half moved into a commanding lead (3-5 to 0-1) at half-time.

Best for St. Martin's were Margaret Darcy, Marie O'Connor, Tara Kehoe, Louise Fanning, Muireann McCarthy, Orla Power and Aine Codd, who was recently voted UCD's camogie player of the year.

Best for Fern's were Martina Murray, Stephanie Murphy, Aisling Murphy, Josie Dwyer and Caroline Murphy.

St. Martin's - Margaret Darcy, Triona Codd, Tara Kehoe, Maire O'Connor, Trisha Gahan, Louise Fanning, Alma Radford (capt.), Aine Codd (0-6), Sinead Dempsey, Muireann McCarthy (2-0), Deirdre Colfer, Orla Power (0-1), Nicola Butler, Sharon Dempsey, Miriam Lambert (1-2).

Subs: Grace Rochford for Trisha Gahan; Jenny Rowe.

Fern's St. Aidan's - Ailish Kehoe, Liz Tobin, Martina Murray (capt., 0-1), Ellen Fitzgerald, Kerrie McNicholl, Stephanie Murray, Aisling Murray, Olive Rynhart, Josie Dwyer (1-2), Orla Murphy, Orla Whelan, Jane Redmond, Emma Gleeson, Lisa Dwyer, Geraldine Murphy.

Subs: Caroline Murphy for Orla Murphy; Maura Byrne for Kerrie McNicholl; Sinead Dwyer, Edel Dwyer.

Referee - Ciaran Swaine (Marshallstown).

• Cloughbawn 4-3
Glynn-Barntown 1-0: Cloughbawn accounted for Glynn-Barntown in the quarter-final of the county junior 'B' camogie championship at Castleboro, having led 3-2 to 1-0 at half-time.

• St. Mary's (Rosslare) 5-6
Monageer-Boovalogue 5-2: Rosslare recorded their first-ever championship win following their victory over Monageer-Boovalogue in their opening game in the junior 'B' game at Rosslare recently.

• St. Mary's (Rosslare) 11-4 St. James 0-2: The Seaside's followed-up when causing a major upset by defeating last year's championship finalists St. James in the quarter final.



Action from (on left) Saturday evening's county senior 'B' championship semi-final at Oylegate as Ferns lead the way against St. Martin's, and (on right) Evelyn Quigley of Rathnure out-paces Ibar's duo Aileen Gordon and Kate Kelly in the 'A' championship contest. (Pics: Jim Campbell).



Seniors gunning for Tipp

WEXFORD'S SENIOR camogie crew head to Thurles on Saturday to face defending All-Ireland champions Tipperary in the Foras na Gaeilge championship quarter-final at Semple Stadium (1.15 p.m.).

The game is a curtain-raiser to the men's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football quarter-final between Kerry and Dublin, making this the first time that a camogie game has been played in conjunction with a major GAA fixture.

Wexford will go into the game as underdogs against a Tipperary team which has won back-to-back All-Irelands, defeating Kilkenny in '99 while accounting for near neighbours Cork last year.

John Furlong

Wexford won the National League Division 2 play-off with Dublin (1-8 to 0-9) to win promotion to the first division while also advancing to the league semi-finals, which on account of the Foot and Mouth precautions will be played later this year.

While not having done well in the league over the past few seasons, Wexford have collected back-to-back Leinster championships, with both final victories coming against Dublin.

Tipperary had the luxury of playing at junior level until they won the All-Ireland in '92, having lost the previous two finals. Wexford's last All-

Ireland victory was in 1975 when the county beat a very fancied Cork team, who were appearing in their sixth final in-a-row.

Wexford last appeared in the final in '94 when they lost to Kilkenny by 2-11 to 0-8, having lost two other deciders in the Nineties ('90 to Kilkenny by 1-14 to 0-7, and '92 to Cork by 1-20 to 2-6).

The management of Dan Quigley and Peggie Kelly have assembled a very youthful squad, with many of the players having previously lined-out at under-14, under-16 and junior.

Wexford will have to play to their full potential and have self belief like they showed in patches in last year's semi-final

against Cork if they are to advance.

Wexford (SC versus Tipperary): Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boovalogue), Sandra Carr (St. Ibar's), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Rosemary Breen (Monageer-Boovalogue), Bernice Holohan (Rathnure, capt.), Aine Codd (St. Martin's), Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's). Substitutes: Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate), Michelle Jordan

(Oylegate), Ann Cousins (Buffs Alley), Fiona Cullen (St. Ibar's).

In advance of this very important game, a set of polo shirts for the squad has been sponsored by the Wexford Supporters' Club, to whom the Camogie Board are grateful.

Also, as this game is a curtain raiser to the Dublin/Kerry tie, which is an all-ticket game, any person wishing to travel must have a ticket to get into the grounds. The tickets for the game are £20 each, and for information contact 054-89321 or 087-9573038 as soon as possible.

Your co-operation with this request would be very much appreciated.

Oylegate make it a great first

OYLEGATE — 1-7 BUNCLODY — 0-6
John Furlong

OYLEGATE HAD four points to spare over Bunclody in the semi-final of the county 'B' camogie championship at Ferns on Saturday evening as they reached their first-ever senior final.

Bunclody opened the scoring with a point by Marie O'Loughlin in the fourth minute, and the same player added a second minor four minutes later.

Oylegate responded and took the lead with a goal by Catherine Byrne in the 13th minute, with Gretta Heffernan adding a point from a free to stretch their lead.

Bunclody had a third point by Marie O'Loughlin in the 23rd minute, while Oylegate added two of the same from frees by Gretta Heffernan to leave the scoreline reading 1-3 to 0-3 in their favour at the interval.

Oylegate resumed the scoring with a fourth point from a placed ball by Gretta Heffernan, while team mate Brenda Quirke added a point five minutes later.

With points by Marie O'Loughlin and Aoife Druhan the Bunclody charges continued to

battle hard, but those scores were matched by Catherine Kinsella and Barbara Sluuds respectively in the 46th and 54th minutes.

Bunclody with a point by Anne Byrne in the closing minutes completed the scoring.

Oylegate - Tina Farrell, Leanne Moulton, Caroline Doyle, Ann Doyle, Pauline Reck, Michelle Jordan (capt.), Patricia Quigley, Catherine Kinsella (0-1), Gretta Heffernan (0-4), Michelle Whelan, Barbara Sluuds (0-1), Deirdre Kelly, Brenda Quirke (0-1), Catherine O'Byrne (1-0), Jean Quigley.

Subs: Bridgette Heffernan, Yvonne Doyle, Yvonne Moulton, Tina Connolly, Mary Murphy, Judith Murphy, Una Reck.

Bunclody - Bernice Byrne, Martina Furlong, Ann Doyle, Bernice Mahon (capt.), Catriona Hanrick, Marian Hanrick, Mary Cowman, Aoife Druhan (0-1), Eileen Hanrick, Marie O'Loughlin (0-4), Ita Kelly, Linda Doyle, Catriona Behan, Ann Byrne (0-1), Catriona Byrne.

Referee - Jack O'Brien (Buffs Alley).

Champs ousted

ST. IBAR'S — 2-9
RATHNURE — 2-8
John Furlong

THE IBAR'S ousted Leinster champions Rathnure at Oylegate on Sunday evening in the semi-final of the county senior camogie championship by a single point, thus booking their place in the final for the fifth year running.

Rathnure opened the scoring with a point from play by Elaine Holohan after two minutes. Kate Kelly equalised with a point from a free five minutes later.

St. Ibar's raced into a three point lead, with Kate Kelly slotting over the additional scores (two from frees and one from a '45).

The Wexford district women increased their lead with a fourth pointed free by Kate Kelly after Fiona Cullen was fouled in possession in the 18th minute.

Elaine Holohan replying with a similar score for Rathnure moments later.

St. Ibar's, with another point from their ace free-taker, increased the lead to three points by the 22nd minute, but Rathnure responded with two points by Elaine Holohan to leave just a point between the teams after 28 minutes.

The Ibar's had the best chance of a goal just before half-time when Michelle Hearne set up Mag Kelly, whose effort just went wide.

Rathnure equalised in the closing stages of the half when Michelle O'Leary's solo run set up Anne Reddy whose effort went over the bar to tie the

sides at 0-5 apiece at the interval.

St. Ibar's resumed the scoring with Kate Kelly on hand to point again from a free in the opening minute, and she added another after a foul on Jackie O'Connor in the fourth minute.

St. Ibar's continued to dominate, and they deservedly went further in-front when Jackie O'Connor passed to Michelle Hearne who found the in-rushing Mag Kelly, whose shot hit the net after seven minutes.

Rathnure responded with a pointed free by Elaine Holohan in the tenth minute.

The winners got their second goal of the half when Bridget Curran passed to Michelle Hearne who hand-passed to the net in the 13th minute of the new half.

St. Ibar's went eight points clear when after the latter was fouled in the square, Jackie O'Connor pointed the resultant penalty to leave the scoreline reading 2-8 to 0-6 midway through the half.

Rathnure replied when following a free from defence by Catherine Murphy, the sliotar landed in the square, where Maggie Somers was quickest to react as she stabbed the ball to the net in the 52nd minute.

Rathnure, with a sixth point from a free by Elaine Holohan four minutes later together with a point from play by substitute Grace Hearne left just a goal separating the sides (2-8 to 1-8).

St. Ibar's moved four points ahead once again when Kate Kelly slotted over her eighth point of the game.

Rathnure struck back

with a goal by Aoife O'Connor in injury-time, but time ran out on the black-and-amber.

Best for St. Ibar's were Jenna Murphy, Emma Carroll, Assumpta Cullen, Sandra Carr, Esme Murphy, Kate Kelly and Bridget Curran.

Rathnure were best served by Catherine Murphy, Niamh O'Connor, Aoife O'Connor, Elaine Holohan, Claire O'Connor and Michelle O'Leary.

St. Ibar's - Jenna Murphy, Edwina Roche, Deirdre Hearne, Emma Carroll, Assumpta Cullen, Aileen Gordon, Sharon Carr, Sandra Carr (capt.), Fiona Cullen, Esme Murphy, Jackie O'Connor (0-1), Mag Kelly (1-0), Bridget Curran, Michelle Hearne (1-0), Kate Kelly (0-8).

Subs: Ann Marie Kelly for Fiona Cullen; Sinead Kelly, Leona Tector, Michelle Murphy, Maeva Quill, Kathleen Dooley, Ann Hearne, Michelle Doyle, Ornagh Cullen, Elizabeth Doyle, Selena Carr.

Rathnure - Mary Barron, Anna Mai White, Catherine Murphy, Bernice Holohan (capt.), Karina Somers, Mary Hayden, Niamh O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary, Aoife O'Connor (1-0), Norma Carr, Evelyn Quigley, Elaine Holohan (0-6), Maggie Somers (1-0), Claire O'Connor, Ann Reddy (0-1).

Subs: Ciara O'Connor for Mary Hayden; Grace Hearne (0-1) for Ann Reddy; Aisling Hogan, Aine Doran, Jean Hayden, Laura Murphy, Mary Donnelly, Jenna O'Leary.

Referee - Aidan Breen (Ferns St. Aidan's).

Oulart/Ballagh cruise through

OULART/BALLAGH — 4-10
BOOVALOGUE — 1-8
John Furlong

OULART-THE Ballagh accounted for neighbours Monageer-Boovalogue at Oylegate last weekend in the semi-final of the county senior camogie championship to book their place in the decider for the first-time since 1996.

Oulart opened the scoring after a solo run and shot by Tanya Stamp was brilliantly saved by Brenda Murphy in the Monageer goal, but the rebound fell to Caroline Murphy, whose ground stroke hit the net after only 50 seconds.

Monageer hit back when after Annette Sinnott saved Rosemary Breen's goal-bound shot the ball rebounded to Siobhan Gahan who pointed after three minutes.

Ursula Jacob pointed a free for Oulart moments before they doubled their lead, when the latter scored a goal and Mary Leacy added a point in the tenth minute.

Monageer had points from Catherine O'Loughlin prior to Diane Ryan and Ursula Jacob (2) hitting back to put nine points between the sides (2-5 to 0-2).

Monageer moved Avis Nolan to midfield, and this paid dividends almost immediately when Bridget Stafford passed to Mary Breen who pointed in the 21st minute.

Oulart responded when Tanya Stamp passed to Mary Leacy who soloed and shot a great goal in the 24th minute, and Ursula Jacob was on hand to add two points from frees, with Avis Nolan and Rosemary Breen adding points for Monageer, to leave the scoreline reading 3-7 to 0-6 in favour of last years senior 'B' champions at half-time.

Both teams made positional changes on the restart, with Caroline Murphy moving to centre-forward and her sister Liz going to full-forward on the Oulart team, while Orla Gahan switched to centre-back and Ann Marie Daly to full-back for Monageer.

With points by Tanya Stamp, Ciara Scallan and Mary Leacy and a second goal the Oulart women had secured their passage in the early stages of the second-half.

Oulart-The Ballagh - Annette Sinnott, Helena Jacob, Colleen Atkinson, Ailish Dunne (capt.), Catriona Ryan, Fiona Dunne, Aisling Moran, Diane Ryan (0-1), Ciara Scallan (0-1), Marguerite Doyle, Liz Murphy, Mary Leacy (1-2), Ursula Jacob (2-5), Caroline Murphy (1-0), Tanya Stamp (0-1).

Subs: Una Leacy for Liz Murphy; Margaret Leacy, Sharon Kehoe, Elaine Dempsey, Karen Atkinson, Claire Sinnott, Marie Mythen, Tracey McCormack, Sarah Jo Sinnott.

Monageer-Boovalogue - Brenda Murphy, Joanne Breen, Orla Gahan, Ruth Walsh, Aoife Gahan, Orla Herman, Ann Marie Daly, Bridget Stafford, Catherine O'Loughlin (0-1), Avis Nolan (0-1), Rosemary Breen (1-3), Mary Breen (0-1), Noelle Murphy (0-1), Siobhan Gahan (0-1), Sandra Murphy.

Subs: Martina Flood for Bridget Stafford; Michelle Kavanagh and Ann O'Brien; Teresa Turner, Antonia McCarthy, Niamh O'Loughlin.

Referee - Aidan Breen (Ferns St. Aidan's).

CAMOGIE: Cork have the pace to beat Kilkenny in the All-Ireland minor A final

Rebels to peak in time for final

CORK and Kilkenny clashes are always special.

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

Camogie preview

Tomorrow's All-Ireland Minor A final between the Black and Amber and the Red and White holds the imagination of all followers, so we can expect another great clash between these two great camogie counties.

Even at this young level (U-16) there will be keen rivalry and with the two sides very well prepared to meet the challenge head on, this final is anybody's game.

Both counties have had contrasting semi-final wins.

Cork were pushed all the way by defending champions Galway, while Kilkenny had it very easy over their Northern opponents.

The Rebel County had to pull on all their reserves to overcome the Westerners in Carrigaline a few weeks ago, and according to selector Ann Watson, there should be one big game left in this Cork team.

"They owe us a better game at this stage. They never reached their peak against Galway, but I think they will be ready to go on Sunday," she said.

Indeed, as Watson says, if the Red and White do play to their po-

tential they will be hard to stop.

Players like Silé Burns, Anna Geary, Gemma O'Connor, Brieghe Corkery and the Watson sisters are capable of producing a winning combination on any day. However, the Cats will be no push-over.

"We will be very wary of Kilkenny," insists Watson. "They scored goals at will in their All-Ireland semi-final win, so our backs will have to be alert to that," she told the *Echo*.

Kilkenny are managed this year by their senior inter-county trainer Brendan Williams and Ted Browne who is husband of Angela Downey.

In their Leinster campaign, they knocked out last year's All-Ireland finalists Wexford and with senior panellists Aoife Neary and Edel Maher they will have a very experienced selection on view.

It is impossible to predict this one, but if Cork get a fast ball into their nifty forward line, the Rebel County could claim their first All-Ireland minor title of the new millennium.



STARRING ROLE: Emer Watson, one of the two Watson sisters on the minors, will be a key player against the Cats.

Picture: Ger McCarthy

Limerick enjoying the hype

IF EVER a county needed a shot in the arm it is Limerick.

This weekend their minor camogie team are just one step away from All-Ireland minor glory when they collide with Carlow in the Minor B final at Uíre Óg, Nenagh, on Sunday afternoon.

Not for a long time has there been such hype Shannonside and according to selector John Lacey, to get to the ultimate stage of the competition is an unbelievable achievement.

"We have players from all over the county on this team. Ten clubs are represented. Before it would be confined to just a couple of clubs. These girls have such heart and are really looking forward to their big day."

"I'd also like to compliment my colleagues in the backroom team. Rita O'Connell, Jack Dillon and John White have all put in tremendous work with this team," he told the *Echo*.

Limerick are captained this season by Joanne Clifford at centre back.

Claire Mulcahy, whose mother Vera will be busy as selector with the senior team today, lines out in the middle of the park. And up front, all six forwards are capable of getting on the score sheet, but big games will be expected from lethal strikers, Sinéad McAuliffe, Aisling O'Brien and Nora Collins.

Meanwhile, Carlow, who set out at the beginning of the year to rebuild a minor team, have exceeded all expectations by qualifying for the final.

They are trained by former Offaly football manager Tom Darcy and have raised a few eyebrows with their displays so far in the championship.

In what looked like to be a runaway victory for Kildare in the Leinster final, they turned the tables, and then had an easy enough win over Down in the semi-final. A player to watch out for will be Elish Meaney who has scored a massive 10 goals and 13 points in their four championship matches to date.

This is a game that could go either way. However, the Limerick girls might have the edge in what should be a very close final.

CAMOGIE QUARTER FINAL



Captains Deirdre Healy of Eire Óg and Jennifer Browne of Ballygarvan and Carrigdhoun, meet at the start of the Cork County senior camogie championship quarter-final match in Ballincollig, watched by referee Peter Downey from Inniscarra.

Rivalry re-ignited as Cork and Kilkenny meet in minor final

by Mary Newman

TRADITIONALLY great rivals, it's amazing that it's a first meeting in an All Ireland minor final for Cork and Kilkenny when they clash at Eire Og's Nenagh grounds tomorrow.

The 1990's were good for Cork minor teams as they took All Ireland titles in 1998 and 1999, while Kilkenny's last success was back in 1991. The counties have had contrasting routes to the final.

Leinster held their championship on a league basis. Kilkenny lost their opening game to Wexford, drew with Dublin and easily ac-

counted for Laois, thus setting up a play-off with Dublin for a Leinster final spot against Wexford. After defeating Dublin, Kilkenny turned the tables on Wexford to take the Leinster crown.

Selector Brendan Williams said the format worked in Kilkenny's favour. "The extra games helped us build a strong panel and by the time the Leinster final came around, we were ready," he said.

In the All Ireland semi-final against Derry, Kilkenny, with a backbone of players from the Callan convent and Loreto, looked impressive. Máire Ryan, Danielle

Minogue, Eileen Fitzpatrick and captain, Catherine Kavanagh stood out in a side that has a wealth of experience in senior intercounty players, Aoife Neary and Edel Maher.

Cork came through a tough semi-final, coming from behind to defeat All Ireland champions Galway.

They are well prepared under the guidance of coach John Cronin, who has had tremendous success with Cork minor sides and tomorrow they set out in quest of the county's 11th All Ireland title.

Two of the side already hold All Ireland minor honours with Gemma

O'Connor and captain Marie Watson survivors from the 1999 campaign. The panel has strength in depth with the likes of Gearóidín Kearney, Seline Nyhan, Marian Donovan, Marie O'Neill and Noelle Collins.

Coach John Cronin said the semi-final outing against Galway will have stood to his side, but he is wary of Kilkenny. "They defeated a good Wexford team in the Leinster final and we will have to be totally focused," he said.

In the curtain-raiser to the A final, Carlow and Limerick contest the inaugural All Ireland Minor B final

and Limerick will be hoping to create history.

This afternoon, Cork seniors meet Dublin in the Foras Na Gaeilge All Ireland senior championship quarter-final at Bishopstown. Cork saw off Galway in a tough opening round game whereas Dublin had to use the back door having lost their opening game to Wexford before defeating Down last weekend.

Captained by Sonia Byrne, the Dubliners, coached by PJ Donoghue, will once again look for big performances from Louise O'Hara, Sinéad Elliot and Catherine Boyle. Cork, despite missing the services



Cork welcome back Mary O'Connor. She missed out through illness in their opening round game and her inclusion will be an added boost.

Sheehan is fit to play in Galway showdown

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

camogie reporter

LIMERICK will face into the lion's den when they travel to Loughrea tomorrow afternoon for their Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie quarter-final clash with Galway.

The Westerners, who have come through the back-door after losing to Cork, will be very anxious to at least progress one step further in this season's senior championship.

The Shannonsiders, who celebrated a fine win in their first round encounter, show two changes from that Down victory.

Deirdre Sheehan regains her corner back position after being forced off through illness the last day, while Ballyagran's Alison White replaces her club mate Claire Walsh at corner forward.

This game, according to selector Vera Mulcahy, will be a stern test for the Limerick girls: "It will be a very tough game, but having said that I believe we are in there with a very good chance. It will be vital that we settle early and get into the game from the start," she said.

Meanwhile, the news from the west is that Galway were very disappointed with their performance against Cork, particularly conceding three goals over the hour.

Sharon Glynn comes back into the side at corner forward. The star of many of their victories in the past was not picked on the starting 15 against the Leesiders, but she was introduced in the second half.

Galway will go into this game as favourites, but it is not beyond Limerick's capabilities to put one over on their near neighbours.

Cork must be wary of young Dub side

CORK will have to be on their guard against a young Dublin side who come Leaside tomorrow afternoon for the quarter-final of the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship at Bishopstown.

The Dubs who have come through the back door after losing to Wexford in their opening game and then defeating Down last weekend had not previously won a championship game in over a decade at this level.

BY THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

camogie reporter

However, PJ Donoghue, a full-time GAA coach with Ballyboden/St Endas has taken over the reins this season, and his fresh approach has instilled a new confidence in the side.

Camogie analyst with RTE Radio's championship preview program, Germaine Noonan a former Dublin player, says that if her county side can believe in themselves they should give a very good account against the All-

Ireland finalists of last season.

"Dublin are extremely fit this year. They have worked very hard and at this stage I think it will come down to self-belief.

"There was a big difference between their play against Down and Wexford. Certainly it was much improved the second day.

"I was very impressed with the Cork full-back line against Galway. I think this is where the winning and losing of the match will be.

"On the other hand, Ruth Lyons is a loss. She picked up a leg injury against Down. Therefore they

will have to get big returns from Sile Cotter and Sonya Byrne in the half-back line."

Meanwhile, Cork welcome back Mary O'Connor. She missed out through illness in their opening round game, and her inclusion will be an added boost to the home side's chances.

However, Linda Mellerick continues to be an absentee with a hand injury, but she should be available for the semi-final in two weeks time should Cork progress.

Dublin will have to give it everything if they are to create an upset in this one.

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U16 girls on brink of All-Ireland success

LIMERICK and Carlow provide a novel pairing in the All Ireland U16 B final in Nenagh this Sunday at 2.30.

Carlow showed their quality in emerging from a province that provided last years winners Laois, while Limerick stormed through Munster and then outclassed Roscommon in the semi-final.

It should result in an intriguing contest between two sides starved of success at this level. Carlow trounced Kildare in a one sided Leinster final and then surprised everybody in defeating a fancied down team in the semi final.

Few gave Limerick any hope of emerging from Munster, but a vintage display in the final against holders Clare saw them capture the country's first under age title in twenty seven years.

They surpassed that performance in the All Ireland semi final against Roscommon at the Gaelic Grounds, when some dazzling team work saw them hit an amazing tally of eight goals and thirty four points.

Since those cold and wet days back in February, Limerick have built up an incredible team spirit.

Except for James Clifford and Sinead McAuliffe all these players were unknown even within the County. Now, players like Clare Mulcahy, Rose Collins, Aishling O'Brien, Marie McGrath, Amanda Sheehan and Aishling O'Connell are stars in their own right, giving Limerick its most exciting team in a long while.

Confidence and self belief, vital ingredients for success, have grown to high levels and have taken this side to bring All Ireland glory. The team will unlikely show many changes from the last outing, when eight different players got on the score sheet.

Marie Corkery is a goalkeeper of rich quality and the full back line of Marina Cremin, Janice White and Mairead Sheehy have yet to be overcome. Outstanding captain and centre back Joanne Clifford will have club mate Carol Hickey and fourteen year old Christine Carroll on her flanks.

Midfield will again see Martha O'Connor and Claire Mulcahy continue their marvellous partnership and the forward division will bid to maintain their incredible sporting ratio. The panel is made up with players of huge potential who will eagerly grab any chance that arises. The team have provided magnificent entertainment in reaching the final and will not lack for support in Nenagh. Their skill, passion, determination and style of play, has endeared them to their fans and victory on Sunday would be just reward for the sacrifices and effort that they have made.

For all of them its their first All Ireland final with Limerick. For many it will not be their last. The best of luck to this wonderful and talented squad.



Limerick's Amanda Sheehan clears downfield during training at Nenagh (LL)

Line on Limerick

Limerick parade two forwards who have already won two All-Ireland Camogie medals this year! Sinead McAuliffe was a star member of the St. Mary's (Charleville) senior and junior school teams that won the All-Ireland Colleges Post Primary 'A' double while Aishling O'Brien helped the Cork school, a noted camogie nursery, to the Junior title while coming on as a sub in a few of the senior games.

McAuliffe and O'Brien, operating on Limerick's left wing, scored 3-5 and 3-4 respectively against Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final while full-forward Nora Collins racked up a fabulous 1-11.

Limerick draw their playing resources from 24 clubs and the Shannonsiders have won two All-Ireland Junior camogie titles (1977 and 1995), one Intermediate title (1996) and once reached the All-Ireland Senior final, being beaten 1-8 to 2-2 by Cork in the 1980 replay.

Limerick won the National junior League on three occasions (1991, 1992 and 1996) and in 1979 were beaten 0-6 to 0-0 by Dublin in the National Senior League final.

Three Limerick clubs have won the All-Ireland Club Senior Championship, Croagh-Kilfinny in 1975, Ballagran in 1978 and Granagh/Ballingarry in 1998.

Munster Final but really showed their worth by the manner in which they came from behind to beat Champions Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

John Cronin is team coach and has done a wonderful job in the last few years, and in Captain Maire Watson, Denise Twomey, Anna Geary and Noelle Collins they have fine players who will test Kilkenny in what promises to be an exciting contest.

The Leinster Cship is run on a league basis. Kilkenny had mixed results before eventually defeating Dublin in a play off and then easily accounting for Derry in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Aoife Neary, Catherine Kavanagh, Maire Ryan and Eileen Fitzpatrick are among their better known players as Kilkenny bid to bridge a ten year gap since their last win at this level.

Any game between these counties is hard to call but Cork showed great spirit in beating Galway and if repeated victory will surely be theirs.

In a strange decision the County Board have scheduled both senior semi-finals for the same nights at different venues. The logic of this move is hard to follow when you consider that it is generally accepted that the support for the game is at times small. To deprive these people an opportunity to see both games is bad planning.

That aside they are both on Wednesday with Fr O'Neills playing Seandun and Cloughdun facing Carrighoun in Ovens at 7.30. The venue for the first game is yet to be finalised.

In both cases the club side will be favourites to advance as they look better balanced and the club spirit could be important factors in deciding the outcome.

Aoife Murray, Orla O'Callaghan and Stephanie Dunlea will spearhead the Cloughdun challenge, while Fr O'Neills will look to Mary Kennefick and Mags Finn as they endeavour to qualify for their fourth final in five years.

The Divisional sides did play well to get this far, but in this situation you have to fancy O'Neills and Cloughdun to make it to the Final which is down for August 24.

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Big games in Camogie

It's a very busy few days in Camogie with two county senior semi-finals, an All-Ireland minor final and a senior quarter final tie which will mean no shortage of choice for supporters.

On Saturday in Bishopstown, Dublin are visitors in the Senior Cship and it's a game Cork are expected to win comfortably, although they will enter the game in their usual professional manner.

Linda Mellerick is still an absentee with an injury but in Paula O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Fiona O'Driscoll, Una O'Donoghue and Lyn Dunlea they carry too much power and should make it to an expected semi-final meeting with Champions Tipperary in two weeks time.

On Sunday it's the turn of the minors as they travel to Nenagh for a meeting with Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final. Cork have an excellent record in this grade and are seeking their third title in four years and their eleventh in all, against a side whose recent record at this level is not good, but Kilkenny in cship are a law unto themselves and Cork will not get anything soft.

Kilkenny are in a period of re-building following the break up of their all conquering senior side of the late '80s and will be looking to this team to begin the process in earnest.

Cork had an easy win over Tipperary in the

All-Ireland glory trail

By DEIRDRE McGRATH

ALL-IRELAND victory is within the grasp of Limerick's U16 star-studded camogie team as they prepare to battle against Carlow in the final in Nenagh this Sunday.

The team became the first county U16 Munster Champions since 1974 when they beat Clare, and are fresh from an overwhelming victory over Roscommon (8-34 to 0-01) two weeks ago.

First time trainer of any county team, John Lacey put the victories down to his good luck to be blessed with excellent players.

"The credit has to go to their own clubs who did a pretty good job. There are 10 clubs involved altogether and there are five players from Granagh / Ballingarry. I've only been with them six or seven months.

"They all have tremendous heart and an excellent attitude and I would like to thank all the parents who have taken a huge interest. We are eagerly awaiting the game on Sunday" said Mr Lacey.

The team includes Janice White, captain; Joanne Clifford and Sinead McAuliffe who are members of the St Mary's Secondary School, Charleville junior and senior All-Ireland champions.

"John Lacey is very good we would not have got so far only for him," said Sinead McAuliffe 13, who has been described as the future DJ Carey of camogie, and who cut short her Spanish holiday to play against Roscommon.

Claire Mulcahy, who plays with Ahane, is continuing her family's link with sporting victories as her mother, Vera Mackey, also played for Limerick, and her grand uncle is the legendary Mick Mackey.

"I am excited and nervous. We know nothing about Carlow except that they are strong physically," said Claire, who paid tribute to Mr Lacey for his dedication.

"If we are not going to win an All-Ireland for us, it'll be for him," she said.

Information about the opposition is shrouded with mystery and scant on the ground, but reports of Carlow's outstanding full-forward Eilish Meaney have filtered through.

But Mr Lacey pointed out that the six Limerick full-forwards have all



Ready for glory: Limerick U16 camogie players Joanna Clifford and Aisling O'Connell preparing for the All-Ireland U16 camogie final in Nenagh this Sunday (LL)

scored in the last two games.

The Limerick side come will be well prepared as they have been training in Neville Park along with Kilmallock and Effin since February.

Team liaison officer, Kilmallock-based Therese Galligan-Walsh extended her thanks to Limerick GAA for making Neville Park available and paid tribute to Mr Lacey and

hard working team selectors of John White, Ballagran; Jack Dillon, Galbally, and Rita O'Connell, Killeedy.

The Limerick team is: Maria Corkery, Carol Hickey, Marina Cremin, Janice White, Mairead Sheehy, Joanne Clifford, Christine Carroll, Martha O'Connor, Claire Mulcahy, Amanda Sheehan, Aisling O'Connell, Sinead McAuliffe, Marie

McGrath, Nora Collins, Aisling O'Brien.

Meanwhile, the Limerick junior lady footballers are also on the glory trail. They play Waterford in the Munster junior championship final at Bruff on Sunday at 1.45pm. There are five sets of sisters on the Limerick panel, including two sets of twins.

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Carlow under 16 camogie panel with sponsors Peter and Maureen Connors who donated the team tracksuits for the all-Ireland 'B' final.

Photo by: Karl McD

All-Ireland awaits Carlow

MOL AN OG ASUS TIOC-FAIDH SIAD. Give youth it's lead and they will follow. That old Irish saying is very apt in Carlow this week as a talented group of girls, who began playing competitive camogie as nine and ten year olds in 1994/95, prepare for their county's first ever appearance in an All-Ireland camogie final.

It will be a proud moment for all concerned with Carlow camogie when the girls in red, yellow and green race out on Nenagh next Sunday to take on the might of Munster champions, Limerick, in the All-Ireland Minor 'B' final.

The work done by dedicated volunteers in Leighlinbridge, Ballymurphy, Kildavin, Ballinkillen, Myshall and

St. Mullins in promoting camogie among the youth of their area, the work of the teachers in the primary schools and the success of their Bord na mBunscoileanna competitions, the coaching in those same primary schools by the Carlow Co. Board and, of course, the support of the parents has all helped Carlow become the 22nd county to contest an All-Ireland camogie final.

But putting the finishing touch to getting Carlow to an historic first national decider was the decision to appoint Tom D'arcy, the noted Carlow IT sports lecturer, as the county under 16s' trainer. Tom, involved with his native Offaly when they made the All-Ireland SFC breakthrough in '71,

has since his arrival in the south east a very impressive sporting CV, be it football, rugby, golf and now, camogie.

Tom trained the Carlow junior county side in 2000 but expressed a wish to get involved with the under-age teams and help establish a structure that would produce worthwhile adult teams down the line. What a fantastic job D'arcy, and his backroom team of Mary Coady, Mag Byrne, Pat

Taylor, Josephine Doyle, Maire Byrne and Carmel Meaney, have done this year, moulding a useful group of Under 16s into a very well drilled, skillful and determined unit.

There is a fantastic spirit in the Carlow camp and the girls "one for all and all for one" attitude has seen them overcome Westmeath, Offaly, Kildare and Down en route to the national decider with the standard of their hurling improving with

every game. The level of skill on show in their All-Ireland semi-final triumph over Down a fortnight ago was truly breathtaking, individual flair being combined with terrific team-work and another performance like that would certainly bring the girls in red, yellow and green to within touching distance of the All-Ireland Minor B Cup.

That said, Limerick will start warm favourites, the Shannonsiders stunning 8-

34 to 0-1 All-Ireland semi-final spanking of Roscommon clear evidence of a really, really good side, who earlier had beaten Clare 2-13 to 2-3 in the Munster final.

Carlow will relish the role of underdog - look how Wexford torpedoed another Limerick team last week - and have proved in their last three outings - against Offaly in a highly pressurised, closely fought Leinster semi-final and the

Leinster final and All-Ireland semi-final - that they can rise to the 'big occasion'.

It is a big day for the Carlow cailins, a day they should enjoy to the full. It is the greatest ambition of any aspiring camogie player to

The players

Kelly Dalton - A keen-eyed 'keeper brought off one spectacular catch early in the second half of the All-Ireland semi-final at a time a Down goal might have sparked a rally.

Erin Doyle - Tight and tenacious, her first time pulling gets the ball out of the danger area.

Anne-Marie Kelly - An inspirational captain, the No. 3 picking and clearing in rousing fashion while her runs from the square are another feature.

Niamh Kelly - A close marking corner back, gets in a number of important blocks.

Anne-Marie Ralph - Calm and collected on the right wing, cuts out several attempted attacks at source.

Noreen Coady - Holds the centre extremely well and consistently cleared her lines.

Anne Comiskey - Blocking and clearing effectively is her stock-in-trade.

Elaine Fox - Wins a lot of valuable possession and uses it well.

Fiona Byrne - A strong, hard working mid-fielder, also the sides accurate free-taker.

Mary Ellen Doyle - A lively wing forward, capable of making incisive runs that lead to vital scores.

Aine Byrne - Works hard and to effect in the No. 11 jersey, making play for her forward colleagues.

Debbie O'Neill - A scheming operator, thrilling solo-runs strike a fear into the opposing defence.

Ashling Taylor - An opportunist corner-forward, knocks in crucial goals.

Eilish Meaney - "A class act", her skill and accuracy has yielded a stunning 10-12 in the campaign to date.

Lyndsey Condell - Will roam all over the field gathering valuable possession.

Also **Deirdre O'Brien**, **Kathy Kehoe**, **Sinead Kehoe**, **Rachel Roberts**, **Marion Doyle**, **Sarah Dowling**, **Pamela Whelan**, **Miranda Whelan**, **Brid Byrne**, **Jeanne Brennan**, **Aoife Byrne**, **Una Byrne**, **Ann-Marie Fenlon**, **Catherine Kavanagh**, **Gemma Keogh**, **Caroline Doyle**, **Fiona Kavanagh**.



● Noreen Coady, Fiona Byrne, Eilish Mealey top scorer discuss tactics with coach Tom Darcy for this weekends all-Ireland under 16 'B' camogie final.

Photo by: Karl McDonough

The flag-raisers

Carlow have compiled a fine tally of 25-26 (101) their four match campaign to reach the All-Ireland final. The flag raisers for the girls in red, yellow and green:

Total	Name	Score	Games	Average
42	Ailish Meaney	10-12	4	10.50
17	Debbie O'Neill	5-2	4	4.25
13	Fiona Byrne	1-10	4	3.33
12	Ashling Taylor	4-0	4	3.00
9	Marion Doyle	3-0	3	3.00
3	Deirdre O'Brien	1-0	4	0.75
	Mary Ellen Doyle	1-0	4	0.75
1	Fiona Kavanagh	0-1	1	1.00
	Aine Byrne	0-1	4	0.25

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chun tosaigh (ó chlé): L. Ni Mhaoldaidh, G. Ni Dhálaigh, A. Bhreastnach, A. Dhaltuin, N. Ni Chorráin, M. Ni Chaoimh, R. Ni Fhaoláin, D. Ni Mhuineog, A. Ni Chonaire, E. Nic Giolla Phádraig, D. Ni Dhubbshláine, L. Ni Choiligh.

1 Seacailín Nic Fírbhaigh Jackie Frisby Carrickshock	3 Siobhán Ni Chinnéide Susan Kennedy Dicksboro	4 Gráinne Ni Bhraonáin Gráinne Brennan Danesfort
2 Laoighseach Ni Choiligh Laoighseach Quigley Clara	6 Danielle Ni Mhuineog Danielle Minogue Freshford	7 Aine Ni Fhathaigh Aine Fahy Emeralds
5 Labhaoise Ni Riain Lisa Ryan Shamrocks	8 Máire Ni Ghadhra Mary Love St. Martin's	9 Edel Ni Mheachair Edel Maher St. Anne's
10 Treasa Ni Mhaoldomhnaigh Theresa Muldowney St. Brigid's	11 Eibhlín Nic Giolla Phádraig Eileen Fitzpatrick Freshford	12 Aoife Ni Náirigh Aoife Neary James Stephens
13 Caitríona Chaoimhánach Catherine Kavanagh Freshford Captain	14 Sinéad Ni Chorráin Sinéad Corrigan Freshford	15 Máire Ni Riain Marie Ryan Tullagher
Ionadaithe		
16. Deirdre Ni Chonghaile Deirdre Connolly, Mooncoin	17. Gráinne Ni Dhálaigh Gráinne Daly, St. Martin's	19. Rebecca Ni Fhaoláin Rebecca Phelan, Carrickshock
	18. Léan Ni Néill Elaine O'Neill, James Stephens	20. Tara Ni Mhurnáin Tara Warren, St. Anne's



Corcaigh

Dearg agus Bán



ar chúil (ó chlé): F. Ni Dhonnabháin, S. Ni Shíneigh, Á. Ni Chonaill, Á. Ni Chadhlá, S. Ni Chaoimh, A. Nic Gadhra, C. Ni Fhoghlú, E. Nic Uait.
chun tosaigh (ó chlé): C. Ni Niatháin, B. Ni Chorca, N. Ni Choleáin, M. Nic Cárthaigh, L. Ni Riordáin, M. Nic Uait, Captain, D. Ni Thuama, G. Ni Cheannaigh, M. Ni Dhonnabháin, S. Ni Loingeacháin.

1 Denise Ni Thuama Denise Twomey St. Catherine's	3 Sile Ni Bhroin Sheila Burns Rockbawn	4 Caitríona Ni Fhoghlú Catherine Foley Rockbawn
2 Muireann Ni Dhonnabháin Marian O'Donovan Courcy Rovers	6 Sharon Ni Loingeacháin Sharon Lenihan Milford	7 Niamh Ni Chonchubhair Niamh O'Connor Athebullaog
5 Anna Nic Gadhra Anna Geary Milford	8 Seacailín Ni Chaoimh Jackie O'Keefe Carrigaline	9 Gemma Ni Chonchubhair Gemma O'Connor St. Finbar's
10 Máire Nic Uait Marie Watson Milford Captain	11 Brid Ni Chorcóirín Breege Corcoran Clondubh	12 Máire Ni Néill Marie O'Neill Watergrasshill
13 Éimhear Nic Uait Emer Watson Milford	14 Léan Ni Riordáin Elaine O'Riordan Milford	15 Noelle Ni Choleáin Noelle Collins Courcy Rovers
Ionadaithe		
16. Aine Ni Chadhlá Ann Kiely, Carrigaline	17. Ceilin Ni Niatháin Celine Nyham, Newcestown	19. Clara Ni Mhurchú Clara Murphy, Athebullaog
	18. Mairéad Nic Cárthaigh Margaret McCarthy, Inniscarra	20. Gearóidín Ni Cheannaigh Gearóidín Kearney, Fr. O'Neill's

Teachtaireacht ón Uachtarán



Pádraighín Ní Raifeartaigh

Cuirimse fíor-chaoin fáilte roimh chách chuig cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann de Chraobhchomórtais na Mionúir A agus B. Is breá linn é sibh uilig a bheith in Aonach Urmhumhan inniu, idir ár gcuid aoidheanna speisialta, na foirne, na Réiteoirí agus na Maoir, na tuismitheoirí, lucht leanúna na bhfoireann agus lucht leanúna na camógalochta i gcoitinne. Tréaslaim leis na foirne uilig, Corcaigh agus Cill Chainnigh, Luimneach agus Ceatharlach, a bhfuil na Cluichí Ceannais bainte amach acu.

I think it very fitting that the honour of being the participants in the first All-Ireland Intercounty Championship Final of the year falls to the Minors. After all, we regard these players, hopefully, as being the future stars at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels.

Today we have two very interesting finals and can look forward to a demonstration of the highest level of skills from the teams. The players from all four counties are no strangers to playing on the big occasion as many of them have taken part in the Colleges competitions at All-Ireland level. Cork and Kilkenny are no strangers to All-Ireland Finals, and I would like to congratulate them on reaching the Minor A final today. This is the second year of the Minor B Championship, and it is marvellous to see Luimneach and Ceatharlach contest their first meeting in the final.

Táimid go mór faoi chomaoín ag muintir Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus muintir Chumann Éire Óg, Aonach Urmhumhan, as ucht na socráithe a rinneadh ar ár son. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a bhí páirteach sna hultmhúcháin don lá inniu.

Go mbaine sibh spórt agus taitneamh as imeachtaí an lae.

Pádraighín Ní Raifeartaigh, Uachtarán.

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Seán Ó Muiriosa
Tiobraid Árann

Ionadai: Nóilín Ni Chuirmeacháin, An Ghaillimh



Rita Mhic Craith
Iarmhíde

Ionadai: Caoimhín Ó Ceallaigh
An Gaillimh

Na Maoir Chúil
Cairmeál Ni Bhriain, Sile Uí Dhubbshláine,
Siobhán Nic an Ghaill, Siobhán Ni Riain.
Tiobraid Árann
Na Maoir Líne
Brid Mhic Philib, T. Árann, Nóilín Ni Chuirmeacháin

Na Maoir Chúil
Jenna Nic Clúin, Liam Mac Craith,
Proinsias Mac Craith, Linda Nic Uiliam
Iarmhíde
Na Maoir Líne
Róisín Mhic Gabhann, Iarmhíde, Éamonn de Brún



Luimneach

Uaithne agus Bán



ar chúil (ó chlé): A. Ni Shiocháin, M. Ni Shíoda, E. Ni Annracháin, M. Ni Chonchubhair, K. Potar, A. Ni Chonaill, C. Ni Mhaolchathaigh, S. Ni Chlúmháin, Captain, C. Ni Cheartháil, S. de Facile, C. Ni Icí, S. Nic Amhlaoibh, A. Ni Anragáin.
chun tosaigh (ó chlé): A. Ni Bhriain, M. Ni Chonaill, F. Ni Mhuiriosa, M. Nic Craith, N. Ni Choleáin, Á.M. Ni Chonaill, S. Ni Dhonnabháin, F. Ni Icí, M. Ni Chorca, M. Ni Choinín.

1 Máire Ni Chorca Marie Corkery Knockaderry	3 Muireann Ni Chroimín Marina Cremin Killeedy	4 Sinéad de Facile Janice White Ballygran
2 Cearúl Ni Icí Carol Hickey Granagh/Ballingary	6 Siobhán Ni Chlúmháin Joanne Clifford Granagh/Ballingary Captain	7 Cristín Ni Cheartháil Christine Carroll Patrickswell
5 Mairéad Ni Shíoda Mairéad Sheedy Blackrock	8 Marta Ni Chonchubhair Marta O'Connor Killeedy	9 Clár Ni Mhaolchathaigh Claire Mulcahy Athone
10 Amanda Ni Shiocháin Amanda Sheehan Galbally	11 Aisling Ni Chonaill Aisling O'Connell Galbally	12 Sinéad Nic Amhlaoibh Sinéad McAuliffe Ballygran
13 Máire Nic Craith Maria McGrath Knockaderry	14 Nóra Ni Choleáin Nóra Collins Milford	15 Aisling Ni Bhriain Aisling O'Brien Granagh/Ballingary
Ionadaithe		
16. Fiona Ni Mhuiriosa Fiona Morrissey, Granagh/Ballingary	17. Fiona Ni Icí Fiona Hickey, Granagh/Ballingary	19. Muireann Ni Chonaill Marian O'Connell, Killeedy
	18. Eibhlín Ni Annracháin Ellen Hanrahan, Blackrock	20. Anna Ni Anragáin Anna Hourigan, Athone

Rampant Cork tame Cats to claim minor title

Cork 6-15
Kilkenny 0-7

by Mary Newman

CORK'S camogie future looks bright if the display served up by the county's minor side in yesterday's All-Ireland A Final in Nenagh is anything to go by.

Fitter, faster and more determined, Cork set about taking the county's 11th title from the throw-in. It was level pegging midway through at 0-3 apiece but Cork upped the pace when captain Marie Watson grabbed the game's opening goal.

Two goals in the 22nd and 24th minutes from Marie O'Neill and

Watson stretched Cork's advantage and with Brieghe Corkery and Jemma O'Connor adding points Kilkenny were in deep trouble.

Aoife Neery pointed a free but Cork continued to hold the upper hand, leading 3-5 to 0-5 at the break.

Cork's Marie Watson set up sister, Eimer, for a goal inside two minutes and was on hand herself to grab Cork's fourth goal a minute later.

With the Cork defence on top, Kilkenny found the going tough. Therese Muldowney pointed but showing their class, Cork continued to pick up their points, seven in succession, before Noelle Collins was on hand to score Cork's sixth goal.

Kilkenny battled on. Edel Maher

pointed but it was Cork who had the last say. Points from Emer Watson and Jemma O'Connor to seal a memorable victory.

Scorers: Cork: M. Watson 2-4, E. Watson 2-1, M. O'Neill 1-1, B. N. Collins 1-0, Corkery 0-3, J. O'Connor 0-3 (2 from frees), E. O'Riordan 0-2, G. Kearney 0-1. Kilkenny: A. Neery 0-5 (2 from frees and 1 45), T. Muldowney and E. Maher 0-1 each.

CORK: D. Twomey, M. O'Donovan, S. Burns, C. Foley, A. Geary, S. Lenehan, N. O'Connell, E. O'Riordan, G. O'Connor, M. Watson, Captain, B. Corkery, M. O'Neill, E. Watson, M. McCarthy, N. Collins. Subs: J. O'Keefe for N. O'Connell, G. Kearney for M. McCarthy, C. Nyhan for M. O'Donovan, C. Murphy for B. Corkery, A. Kiehy for D. Twomey.

KILKENNY: J. Frisby, L. Quigley, S. Kennedy, G. Brennan, L. Ryan, D. Minogue, A. Fahy, M. Love, E. Maher, T. Muldowney, E. Fitzpatrick, A. Neery, C. Kavanagh, Captain, S. Corrigan, M. Ryan. Subs: G. Daly for M. Love, R. Phelan for L. Ryan, T. Warren for S. Corrigan.

Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary).

Limerick 3-18
Carlow 1-1

AS early as the 5th minute, Limerick always looked as if they would be crowned All-Ireland Minor B champions. Nora Collins' early goal settled Limerick, who led 1-3 to 0-1 at the midway stage.

Aisling Taylor grabbed a lifeline for Carlow with a 15th minute goal but Limerick's response was immediate when Maria McGrath finished to the net from the puckout. Sinead McAuliffe added two more points and Limerick had a 2-5 to 1-1 lead.

Limerick were in control and with Aisling O'Connell, Nora Collins and

Amanda Sheehan getting five points between them, the gap grew.

Any hopes of a Carlow revival were quashed when Joanne Clifford struck for Limerick's third goal. Points from Aisling O'Brien, Nora Collins and Sinead McAuliffe to seal a memorable day for Limerick.

Scorers: Limerick: N. Collins 1-6, A. O'Connell 0-4, J. Clifford 1-1, S. McAuliffe 0-4, M. McGrath 1-0, A. O'Brien 0-2, A. Sheehan 0-1.

CARLOW: A. Taylor 1-0, D. O'Neill 0-1. LIMERICK: M. Corkery, C. Hickey, M. Cramin, J. White, M. Sheedy, J. Clifford, Captain, C. Carroll, M. O'Connor, C. Mulcahy, A. Sheehan, A. O'Connell, S. McAuliffe, M. McGrath, N. Collins, A. O'Brien. Subs: F. Morrissey for M. McGrath.

CARLOW: K. Dalton, E. Doyle, A.M. Kelly, Captain, N. Kelly, A.M. Ralph, N. Cody, A. Connolly, E. Fox, F. Byrne, M. E. Doyle, A. Byrne, D. O'Neill, A. Taylor, E. Meeney, L. Condeff. Subs: F. Kavanagh for A. Byrne. Referee: R. McGrath (Westmeath).

Cork master Dubs to set up clash with Tipp

Cork 4-11
Dublin 1-5

THE scoreline suggests Cork had an easy win in this Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship quarter-final at Bishopstown, Cork on Saturday but they were not overly impressive against a hard tackling Dublin side.

Cork were always in control, even against a very strong wind in the opening half, but over-elaboration cost them a lot of scores.

After Elaine Burke had put the home side in front with an early point, Dublin went in front for the only time a minute later. A long free by Louise O'Hara dropped into a crowded goal mouth but bounced off a defender's stick into the net.

The lead was short-lived as four minutes later Lynn Dunlea set up Elaine Burke to race through the Dublin defence to score an excellent goal and when Dunlea again set up Denise Cronin for another goal Cork were 2-3 to 1-1 ahead.

Both sides then added a further two points to leave it 2-5 to 1-3 at the break.

The Cork backs were solid and gave little away while the forwards never really settled, playing in fits and starts.

They added two more goals in the second half, one when Una O'Donoghue raced from centrefield to blast the ball past Sinead Caulfield and on the call of time Jennifer O'Leary had the final say to set up a semi-final clash with Tipperary.

Dublin were awarded a late penalty, but blasted it over the bar.

Scorers for Cork: L. Dunlea 0-6 (0-3 frees, 0-1 45), E. Burke 1-2, D. Cronin 1-0, J. O'Leary 1-0, U. O'Donoghue 1-0, F. O'Driscoll 0-1, V. Harris 0-1. Dublin: L. O'Hara 1-0, S. Crosbie 0-3 (0-2 frees), S. Ni Colair 0-1, S. McCluskey 0-1 (penalty).

CORK: C. Keoghane, S. Buckley, R. Holland, S. Dunlea, D. Cronin, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, V. Harris, R. Moloney, U. O'Donoghue, L. Dunlea, E. Burke, C. Harte, F. O'Driscoll, C. Healy. Subs: J. O'Callaghan for R. Holland (half time); J. O'Leary for C. Healy (47th minute).

DUBLIN: S. Caulfield, S. O'Dwyer, S. Madden, C. Boyle, E. Brannigan, V. Trehy, F. Hughes, L. O'Hara, S. Elliott, S. Crosbie, G. McCluskey, D. Smith, A. Walsh, S. Keogh, S. Ni Colair. Sub: I. Kirwan for A. Walsh (38th minute).

Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

Tipperary 4-9
Wexford 2-7

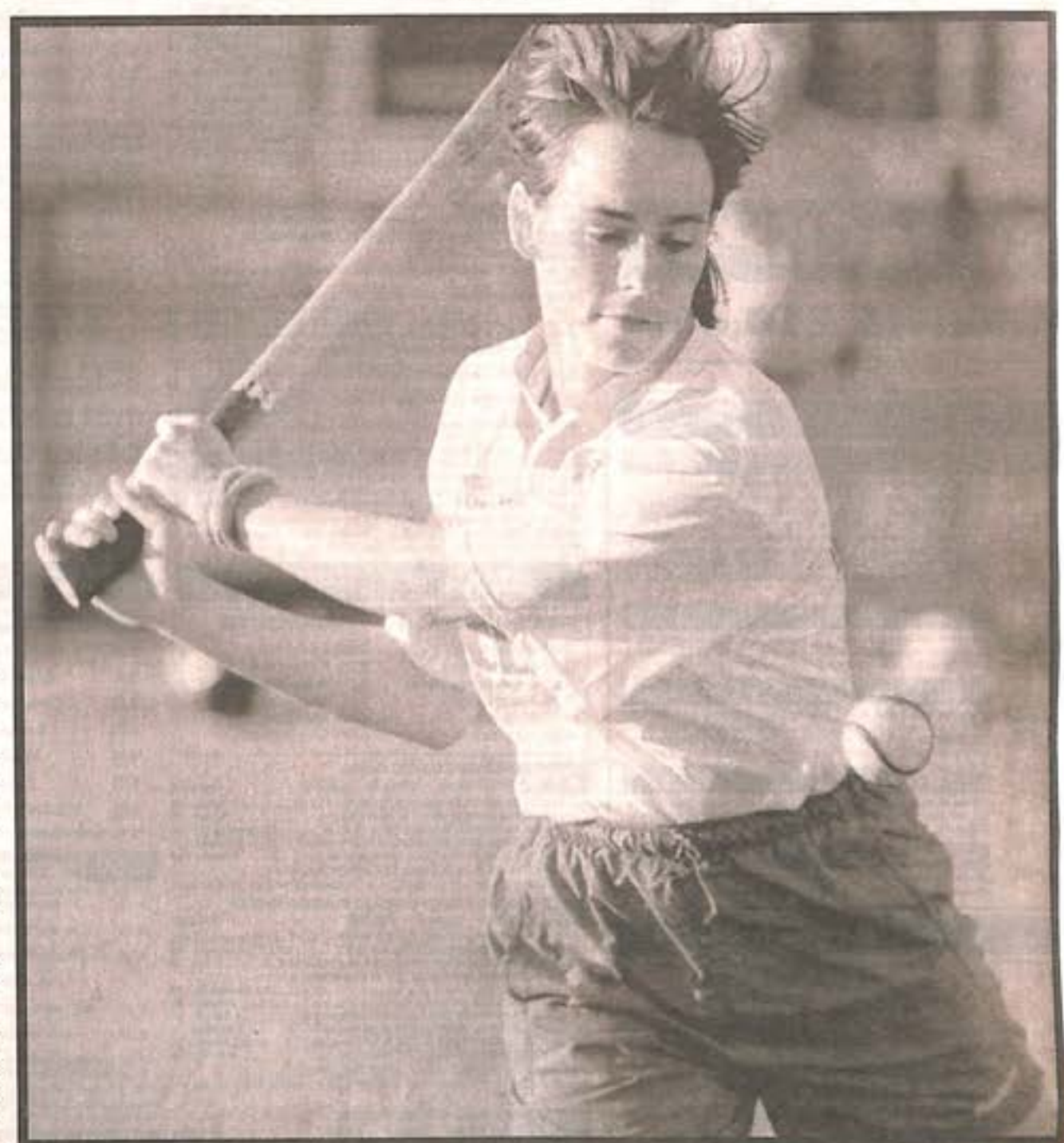
TIPPERARY'S bid for a third successive All-Ireland senior camogie title stayed on course at Thurles on Saturday where they outplayed Wexford in the quarter-final of the Foras na Gaeilge-sponsored competition.

Tipp were helped by two soft first-half goals which left Wexford chasing the game from an early stage.

Wexford hit back for an Aine Codd goal from a penalty but minutes later a long-range effort from Noelle Kennedy went all the way to the Wexford net. Tipperary led 3-4 to 1-4 at half-time.

Philly Fogarty put Tipperary in a commanding position with a fourth goal. While Michelle Hearne kept Wexford's hopes alive with a goal five minutes later, Tipperary stayed in control to the finish and were deserving winners.

Scorers Tipperary: N. Kennedy 2-5, P. Fogarty 1-1, C. Grogan 1-0, D. Hughes 0-2, E. McDonnell 0-1.



Lynn Dunlea: six points for Cork in their All-Ireland quarter-final against Dublin.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

Wexford: K. Kelly 0-6, A. Codd, M. Hearne (1-0 each), M. O'Leary 0-1.

TIPPERARY: J. Delaney, S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, S. Nealon, C. Geynor, P. Bullin, E. Hayden, T. Brophy, P. Fogarty, N. Kennedy, J. Ryan, E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, C. Grogan.

WEXFORD: U. Jacob, C. O'Loughlin, H. Jacob, B. Holohan, M. Lacey, S. Carr, R. Breen, A. Codd, A. O'Connor, L. Holohan, K. Kelly, M. O'Leary, M. Kelly, M. Hearne, E. Quigley. Sub: G. Heffernan for B. Holohan.

Galway 6-14
Limerick 0-10

GALWAY booked their All Ireland semi-final spot with a polished display against Limerick in the quarter-

final in Loughrea on Saturday.

Two first-half goals from full-forward Sharon Glynn set the trend early in the opening half.

Grace McNamara, Marie Kelly and Eileen O'Brien had Limerick points but with Veronica Curtin, Therese Maher, Sharon Glynn and Caroline Murray all contributing to Galway's tally, they held a comfortable 2-11 to 0-4 half-time lead.

Throughout the second-half, Galway kept the pressure on and goals from Martina Harkin, Caroline Murray and Veronica Curtin saw no

way back for Limerick despite points from Eileen O'Brien, Grace McNamara and Vera Sheehan.

Scorers for Galway: S. Glynn 2-3 (2 from frees), M. Harkin 2-1, V. Curtin 1-5, C. Murray 1-2, T. Maher 0-2, C. Nevin 0-1.

LIMERICK: E. O'Brien 0-6, G. McNamara 0-2, V. Sheehan and M. Keating 0-1 each.

GALWAY: L. Curry, R. O'Connor, A. Hillary, A. Broderick, M. Heaverty, P. Nevin, F. Healy, C. Nevin, T. Maher, L. Kavanagh, C. Murray, S. Glynn, E. Kerrins, M. Harkin, V. Curtin. Subs: T. Lahaen for M. Heaverty, S. Tannion for S. Glynn, O. Broderick for R. O'Connor, C. Hannon for T. Maher.

LIMERICK: E. Reel, D. Sheehan, R. Collins, T. McCarthy, D. Fitzpatrick, V. Sheehan, M. Fleury, M. Lomegan, M. Neville, E. O'Brien, M. Kelly, G. McNamara, C. Cross, M. Keating, A. White.