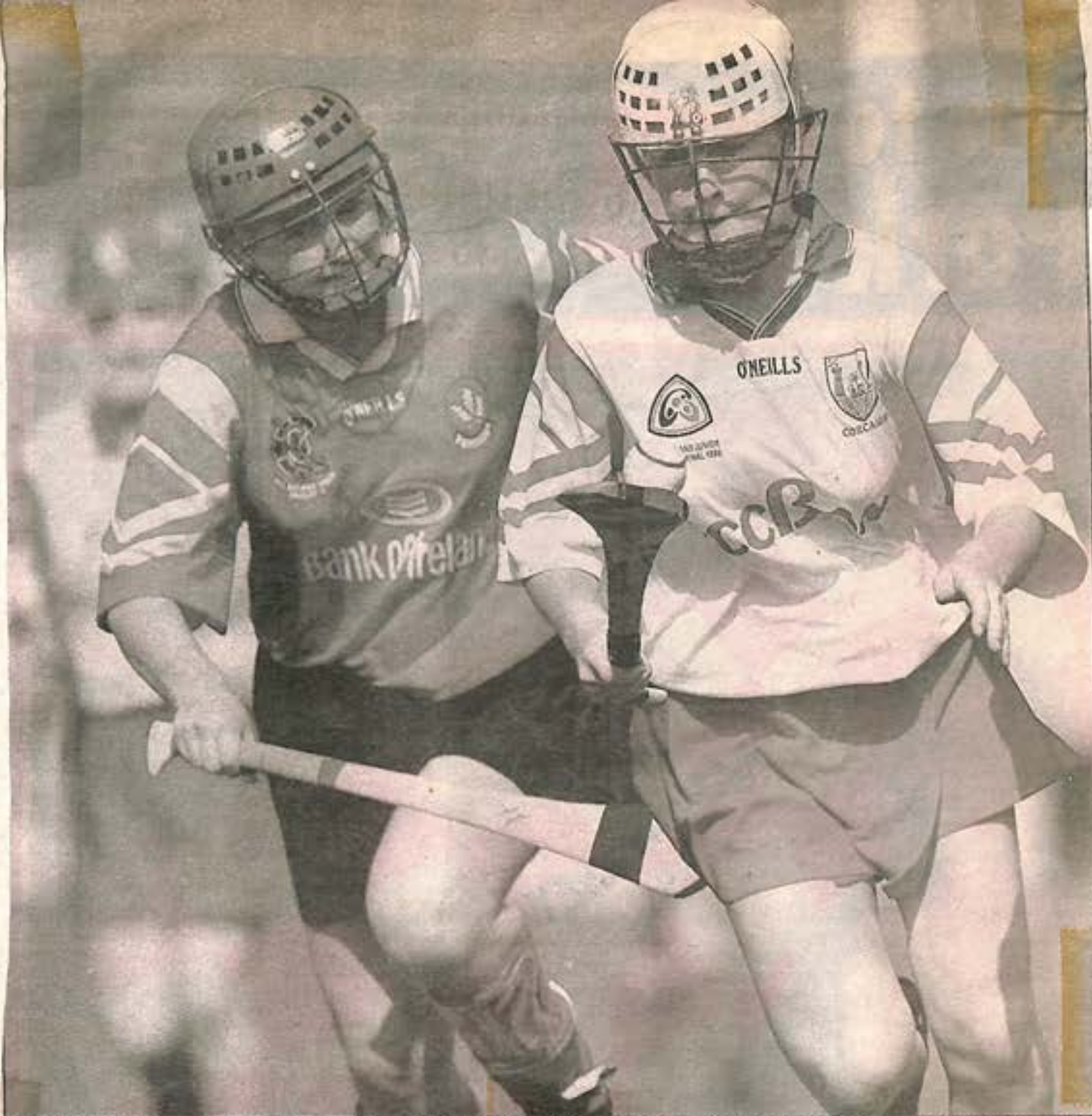




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Cork's Rachel Maloney breaks clear from Down's Claire Scullion during the All Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Na Mionúir

1974 An Dún	1983 Corcaigh	1992 Tiobraid Árann
1975 Corcaigh	1984 Corcaigh	1993 Tiobraid Árann (athchluiche)
1976 Corcaigh	1985 Corcaigh	1994 An Ghaillimh
1977 An Ghaillimh	1986 An Ghaillimh	1995 Loch Garman
1978 Corcaigh	1987 An Ghaillimh	1996 An Ghaillimh
1979 Corcaigh	1988 Cill Chainnigh	1997 An Ghaillimh
1980 Corcaigh	1989 Cill Chainnigh	1998 Corcaigh
1981 An Ghaillimh	1990 Tiobraid Árann	1999 Corcaigh
1982 Áth Cliath	1991 Cill Chainnigh	

Idirmheánach

1992: Áth Cliath; 1993: An Clár; 1994: Ardmhacha;
1995: An Clár; 1996: Luimneach; 1997: Tiobraid Árann;
1998: An Dún.

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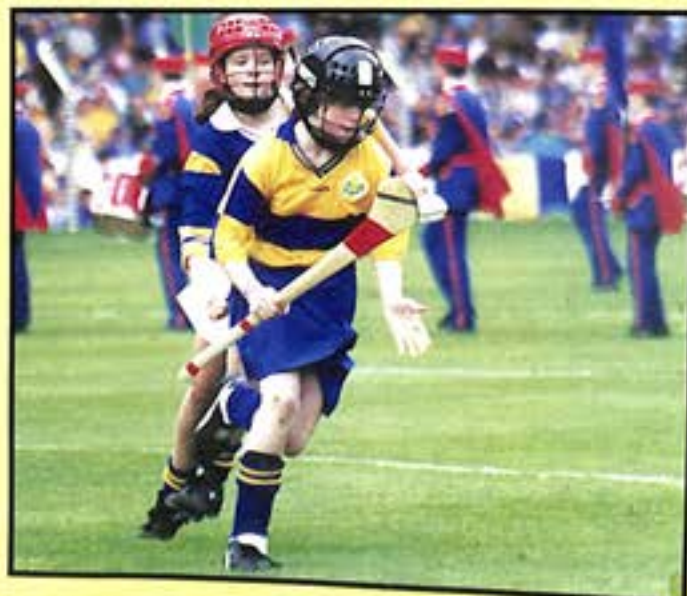
Kay Cody

Imreoir de chuid Átha Cliath ó 1941 go dtí 1951.

During the decade in which she represented Áth Cliath, Kay Cody played in nine All-Ireland Senior Finals and won seven All-Ireland medals. d'Imigh sí thar lear ina dhiaidh sin agus níor éirigh lei filleadh ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh arís go dtí 1995. Kay was delighted to reacquaint herself with Corn Ua Dubhthaigh and is shown with it in Áras Daimhín, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Páirc an Chrócaigh. Bhain Kay an-spórt as bheith i láthair arís ag Cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann.



An Todhchaí



Scileanna na camógaithe á léiriú ag imreoirí óga an lae inniu ag na "Mini-Sevens" i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. How many All-Ireland medals will they win?

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'Town are in cruise control

Bishopstown
Butlerstown

6-36
0-1

THE scoreline tells the story of what was a totally one-sided Munster Club Championship opening round game at Bishopstown when the Cork champions totally outclassed their Waterford counterparts.

Bishopstown led 3-14 to no score after only 15 minutes and despite moving players to different positions they continued to dictate matters.

A point 51 minutes into the game was the only score the Waterford side managed to register.

The game served little by way of preparation for this weekend's Munster semi-final when Bishopstown take on All-Ireland club champions Grenagh-Ballingarry from Limerick at Bishopstown on Saturday, 3pm.

Winning the title last year, following many years of heartbreaking defeats, Grenagh-Ballingarry will be determined to hold on to their crown.

Notable

Among the players on the Bishopstown side are Cork senior inter-county player Mary O'Connor, Kay Burke, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien who earlier in the year helped St Mary's Charleville to an All-Ireland colleges title.

For the Cork champions Sheenagh Morley, Ciara Healy and Ruth Cahalan, fresh from their All-Ireland junior success, look to have the power and the strength to topple the champions and go on to their first Munster club championship final.

Milford advanced at the hands of Ballinhassig in the opening round of the Junior A' championship played on Saturday.

Congratulations also to Milford on taking the Junior 'A' league title at the hands of a gallant Sarsfields side.

● Attention tonight must focus on the county intermediate team who travel to Killaloe, Co. Clare, to contest the All-Ireland semi-final.

With all the junior side, plus Sinead Cahalan available for selection, Cork have a strong squad on duty.

However they face a strong Clare outfit who can call on all the players who lined out with the county senior side.

Tonight All Ireland Intermediate semi-final: Cork v Clare, Killaloe, 6.45pm

Saturday Munster Club Championship semi-final: Bishopstown v Grenagh/Ballingarry, Bishopstown, 3pm.

Junior girls get September off to a winning start for Rebels



Derry's Shauna McCaul outpaces the Cork defence during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final on Sunday last.

Picture: INPHO/Lorraine O'Sullivan

Cork take junior title in a thrilling decider

Cork
Derry

1-13
2-9

THE junior camogie players ensured that September got off to a winning start for Cork followers when they recorded a superb victory over a fancied Derry side at Croke Park on Sunday last.

It was an action-packed game that had everything that is good about camogie.

Playing against the strong wind, Cork found themselves two points in arrears inside three minutes before captain Helen Walsh had the opening score for her side.

Inside another three minutes they led following two well struck points from full-forward Ciara Healy and Rachel Moloney.

Level

With play swinging from end to end the sides were on level terms four points apiece 16 minutes into the contest.

Mary O'Kane gave Derry the lead when she finished to the net after Ger Casey had initially blocked a Karen Rafferty goal attempt.

The Cork response was instant when Orla O'Sullivan sent a cracking shot to the net, and after swapping points the sides were level 1-5 a piece at the interval.

Ten minutes into the second-half Cork had edged 1-8 to 1-7 ahead when Paula McAtamney struck for Derry's second goal.



Cork's Muireann Harrington and Derry's Paula McAtamney vie for possession.

Derry's defence conceded frees which the accurate Rachel Moloney duly converted. With captain Helen Walsh, Elaine Burke and Val O'Sullivan dominating, Cork pressed forward and Ciara Healy and Rachel Moloney pointed in the 15th and 23rd minutes.

Moloney tapped over a 23rd minute free to give Cork breathing space but back came Derry with a Mary O'Kane point. Now sensing

victory was minutes away Cork hung on determinedly, with captain Helen Walsh strong at midfield, goalie Ger Casey denying Derry three certain goals and centre back Jill Hannon plucking a magnificent Martina Mulholland shot high out of the air.

The two minutes of injury time that referee John Morrissey played seemed to last an eternity before Cork celebrations began.

Magic moments

TIPPERARY won the inaugural senior national league title in 1977 when a team led by Monica Butler defeated Wexford 4-2 to 1-3.

The Downey years

ANNE DOWNEY'S (right) ALL-IRELAND FINAL APPEARANCES

Winner's medals	
1974	beat Cork (in replay)
1976	beat Dublin
1977	beat Wexford
1981	beat Cork (in replay)
1985	beat Dublin
1986	beat Dublin
1987	beat Cork
1988	beat Cork
1989	beat Cork
1990	beat Wexford
1991	beat Cork
1994	beat Wexford
Runner-up medals	
1986	lost to Cork
1989	lost to Tipperary



Sisters (and daughters) doing it for themselves

FAMILY tradition has always run deep in the GAA and it was once again in evidence at Croke Park yesterday. Two-time All-Ireland winner Treacy Mills and her sister Sinead are following in the footsteps of father Joe, an All-Ireland winner in 1969. Anne Downey, 13 All-Irelands up after yesterday, also had it in the genes, father Sham having been on the victorious Kilkenny side of 1947. Sister Anne, winner of 12 herself, was no bad hand at it either. Tipperary, too, were not short of family connections, most obviously in the half-back line where Ciara Gaynor, daughter of 1965 and '71 All-Ireland winner Len, played alongside Sinead Nealon, daughter of '58, '61, '62, '64 and '65 All-Ireland winner Donie, who is also the current secretary of the Munster Council.

The camogie decade

1998	1997	1995	1994	1993	1991	1992	1990	1996	1999
Cork 5	Kilkenny 3	Galway 1	Tipperary 1						
1990: Kilkenny 1-14 Wexford 0-7	1991: Kilkenny 3-8 Cork 0-10	1992: Cork 1-10 Wexford 2-16	1993: Cork 3-15 Galway 2-8	1994: Kilkenny 2-11 Wexford 0-8	1995: Cork 4-8 Kilkenny 2-10	1996: Galway 4-8 Cork 1-15	1997: Cork 0-15 Galway 2-5	1998: Cork 2-13 Galway 0-15	1999: Tipperary 0-12 Kilkenny 1-8

Go figure . . .



1999 League final:	Cork 9-19	Tipperary 2-7
1999 All-Ireland final:	Tipperary 0-12	Kilkenny 1-8

MUCH has been made of Tipperary's transformation from their embarrassing league final defeat to Cork to All-Ireland finalists and now All-Ireland champions. Much, too, has been made of the influence of recently-retired Tipperary inter-county stars Michael Cleary (above embracing Noelle Kennedy after the final whistle) and Colm Bonnar, who joined the backroom team after the league defeat. Both double All-Ireland winners, Cleary won four consecutive All Stars from 1991 to '94.

Tipperary coach Biddy Philips was playing down the catastrophic league final defeat this week in the Nenagh Guardian. "We hadn't done much up to the (league) final and it just happened that we got to the final. We then decided to get the club championship out of the way and prepare well for the All-Ireland series, knowing we had a reasonable chance of getting to the final because of the way the draw worked out."



Congratulations — Tipperary centre-back, Ciara Gaynor, one of the stars of Tipperary's historic senior camogie All-Ireland victory over Kilkenny, being congratulated by her father Len (also a former All-Ireland winning hurler and senior hurling team manager) and her mother Eileen after Sunday's victory at Croke Park.

Heroines' welcome for camogie stars

(By JOHN GUITON)

HOARSE cheers, combined with blaring horns of cars, and trucks, greeted the first ladies of Tipperary, the all-Ireland camogie champions, as they made a triumphant homecoming on Monday evening.

Blue and gold bedecked fans, oblivious to the torrential rain, roared their approval for the history-making team as they arrived in Horse and Jockey.

at approximately 8 p.m. and almost two hours later they were given a tumultuous reception when the cavalcade wound its way into Cashel.

Senior champions for the first time in the history of the game, Tipperary had attended an official reception for the teams in the Burlington Hotel, in Dublin, on Monday afternoon, before setting out on their journey to the heartland of the Premier County.

The entourage made the famous 'Poitin Stil,' in Rathcoole, owned by Cappawhite native, Louis Fitzgerald, their first port of call, before making the long journey to Horse and Jockey.

Hundreds turned out to give them a big welcome home, and the Sean Treacy Pipe Band, Moycarkey-Borris, led a parade to the Horse and Jockey Hotel.

There to greet the champions was Mr Tom Egan,

proprietor of the premises, and sponsor of the team. Following a reception the team and officials made their way by coach to Cashel where hundreds were waiting to give them a real heroines' welcome. Rain lashed the town before their arrival but their loyal fans cared little, and surrounded the lorry carrying the victors as it made its way into the centre of the town. The Diarmuid Hurley Pipe Band led the parade, and the nearby famous Rock must have shook to its foundations from the roars of the appreciative throng!

Another chapter in the unique history of the town was carved out when the Urban District Council accorded the ladies a Civic Welcome. Members of the council, and guest speakers, heaped praise on the team, and its mentors, and the very special contribution of the Cashel club to

the success.

Acting chairman of the council, Dr Sean McCarthy, welcomed the team and mentors, aptly describing them as "the Queens of Tipperary." We are privileged to have you in this historic town on such an historic occasion, and you are a credit to Tipperary," he told the team.

Among the many dignitaries present were Patron of the G.A.A., Archbishop Dermot Clifford, and president of the National Camogie Association, Fileas Ni Bhreaslain; Minister for Defence, Mr Michael Smith, T.D.; Minister for State at the Department of Agriculture and Food, Mr Noel Davern, T.D., and Senator Tom Hayes. Mr Mattie Finnerty was master of ceremonies on the occasion.

Following the civic welcome the team and supporters attended a reception in Halla na Feile in the town.

With Kilkenny's defeat in the recent All-Ireland Camogie final and the subsequent retirement of Ann Downey, one of the most enduring record in Irish sport remains unchallenged. Kathleen Mills of Dublin won 15 All-Ireland medals, the first in 1942 and the last in 1961. Her successes included an 8-in-a-row from 1948 to 1955 inclusive and a 5-in-a-row from 1957 to 1961 inclusive. She also finished on the losing team in two All-Ireland finals. Kathleen usually played at left half forward and she retired in 1963. Una O'Connor, also of Dublin, shared in many of Kathleen's successes and remains second in the individual Roll of Honour with 13 medals while Ann and Angela Downey have played notable roles in all of Kilkenny's twelve All-Ireland successes. Tipperary's victory over Kilkenny means that a second "new" name has gone on the O'Duffy Cup in the space of four championships. Galway won the title for the first time in 1996 and Tipp's name is the seventh to go on the Cup. The others are: Dublin, Cork, Kilkenny, Antrim, Wexford and Galway. Dublin are clear leaders on the Roll of Honour with 26 titles. Prior to Tipp's recent win, Cork were the only other county to have beaten Kilkenny in an All-Ireland final.

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Lion-hearted Tipp girls claim own piece of history

Tipperary 0-12
Kilkenny 1-8

Decades of disappointment and despair for Tipperary camogie were swept aside in glorious fashion on Sunday in the blue and gold cauldron that was Croke Park.

Few Tipp victories at headquarters can have been greeted with such unbridled joy and enthusiasm as when referee Anne Derham blew the whistle on Tipperary's first win in the senior camogie championship.

Tipperary had finally come of age after the heartache of seven losing finals. At the start of the decade Tipperary were a junior team struggling to make an impact; at the end they are the top team in the country.

Only a matter of months ago they were humbled by Cork in the league final. On Sunday last they beat the Kilkenny team that had knocked out the same Cork team in the All-Ireland semi-final. What a transformation?

Tipp's victory before 15,000 supporters was fashioned out of the old style attributes of courage, commitment and a never say die attitude. They had the opportunity to turn on the style against Down in the semi-final when they knocked over points from every angle as well as scoring six goals.

Against red hot favourites Kilkenny those chances never arose. This was a game for digging deep, fighting for every ball and making every pass count. It was a stern test for the team but they passed it in flying colours to finally etch their name on the

play of raw guts from a team that had much less experience of big match day in Croke Park than their counterparts who were seeking their 13th title. But it was Kilkenny who buckled in the tension-filled closing stages as a Tipp team with some of the most skillful camogie players in the country finally realised their true potential.

The defence had a huge role to play on Sunday against a daunting Kilkenny strikeforce but it never flinched in the intensity of battle. With her father Len watching from the stands, Ciara Gaynor gave a truly commanding display at centre back that proved the foundation for the Tipp victory.

Gaynor drew the short straw with a marking role on Kilkenny dangerwoman Sinead Millea. It was Millea who proved the engine for the Leinster side's first half performance but the brilliant Gaynor wrested the initiative from her in the second to confine Millea's contribution to frees.

With her finger and toe nails painted blue and gold, Ciara Gaynor epitomised the Tipp spirit in both her play and her fashion!

On either side of her were two other stars, team captain Meadhbh Stokes and another player with a famous Tipp hurling name

with Suzanne Kelly who also had a storming game. Defence was the cornerstone for Tipperary and Una O'Dwyer and Claire Madden were both outstanding in the face of their biggest test to date.

Midfield was a real battleground where Kilkenny were expected to dominate but Knockavilla's Angie McDermott lorded the sector, especially in the hectic second half when her battling qualities and incisive runs were seen to best effect. McDermott and her West Tipp colleague Emily Hayden from Cashel never allowed their opponents a second to settle as Tipp continued to pile on the pressure.

Not surprisingly Deirdre Hughes was the star of the attack with a performance that won her RTE's Player of the Match accolade. Her possession may have been limited but what she did receive she made full use of, highlighted by one point from an almost impossible angle as well as an incisive run under the Nally Stand deep in injury time to set up the chance for the winning point.

Her Toomevara team mate, Noelle Kennedy is so often the key player in a Tipp jersey but despite some marvellous runs in the final, she was still a little below her best, not helped by her strange loss of form in freetaking.

After knocking over six from frees, she then failed to lift properly with the next and followed that up with two wides from positions she could normally score from with her eyes shut. However Tipp were fortunate that substitute Catriona Hennessy was able to take over the free-taking duties - and that was something she did with such outstanding

influence that she still managed six points from frees and caused havoc on the occasions she burst through the centre while at the same time not playing at her very best.

Meanwhile Hennessy and fellow sub Philly Fogarty both played huge parts when introduced and Hennessy's name will go down in folklore for tapping over a 45 two minutes from the end of normal time and hitting the winner from a free two minutes into injury time after Hughes had been fouled.

It was fairy tale stuff for the Drom-Inch girl, daughter of County Camogie Board chairman Noel Hennessy, with her scores, taken so calmly under the most enormous pressure, securing the title for Tipp.

The main danger was a whirlwind start for Kilkenny which might have unsettled the less experienced Tipperary, but the Premier County's totally committed attitude to the game never allowed that happen and instead they led by two points, 0-3 to 0-1, after six minutes, with Millea highlighting her threat with the opener in the first minute and Tipp responding with two Kennedy frees and a lovely score from Hughes.

Tipp continued to set the pace with Hughes just wide from a Niamh Harkin pass and even though Millea slotted over her second from play, back came Tipp again and Kennedy pointed a free following a foul on Therese Brophy to lead by two again in the tenth minute.

Tipperary had now settled to the task and any fears of Kilkenny pulling away had passed. Instead Tipp looked the more comfortable and Millea's third

the Kilkenny goal.

Angie McDermott was now orchestrating the Tipp effort from midfield and a surging run from the Kickhams girl won a free which Catriona Hennessy took. She dropped it in teasingly with McDonnell rising highest to tap it goalwards only for Miriam Holland to make a brilliant diving save for a 45.

Up stepped Hennessy again and tapped over the 45 as if she had been taking crucial frees in Croke Park all her young life. Yet Kilkenny wouldn't be Kilkenny unless they rallied and a great movement ended in a free which Millea unerringly pointed to tie the scores again with normal time up.

The game could now have gone either way but Tipp had the greater hunger and their superiority over the hour was reflected in their dominance over the final two minutes when it was they who pressed for the winner as Kilkenny struggled to keep pace with them.

And their character was rewarded when Deirdre Hughes blazed a trail for goal which Kilkenny could only halt by fouling the Toome' girl. The free was from a tight angle and much more difficult than Hennessy's earlier effort from the 45. But it made little difference to the ice cool sub who slotted over the winner.

Back came Kilkenny again but their advance was halted just inside the Tipp half where they won a free. The referee told Millea that she would have to point it direct but that was too much even for the brilliant Graigue-Ballycallan player and Tipp joy was unconfined when the free dropped

First title due reward for superb display



A proud moment for Tipperary players Jovita Delaney, Claire Madden, Ciara Gaynor and Una O'Dwyer as they go up the steps in Croke Park to receive their All-Ireland senior camogie championship medals

**REPORT: MICHAEL HEVERIN
PICTURES: JOHN KELLY**

When the challenge came to be met, Tipperary had seventeen heroines ready to answer it. They dug deep into their reserves of character and resolve to the extent that Kilkenny couldn't match their storming finish.

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Yes, we've done it! County secretary Marian Graham embraces Tipp captain Meadhbh Stokes as Tipp celebrate the historic senior title won against all the odds.



Tipperary captain Meadhbh Stokes holds on to the O'Duffy Cup as she is congratulated by her brother Liam following Tipp's wonderful All-Ireland final win on Sunday.

However, Noelle Kennedy was one of Tipperary's best players in the first half with her dynamic forward play. She also played a massive role in helping Tipp to the final and such is her enormous

The game was now developing into a tit for tat affair with Millea hitting a lovely point from play and Hughes responding almost immediately to leave the side 0-6 to 0-4 ahead in the 23rd minute. Tipp still had a slight advantage and created the better chances but Kennedy was wide from a free and Brophy from play.

Four minutes from the break Tipp were punished for those misses when the Cats pounced for the game's only goal. Instead of taking a point, Millea sent a free low into the goalmouth and Lizzie Lyng was quickest to react and poke it past Jovita Delaney to put Kilkenny ahead for the first time since the first minute.

Tipp replied in tremendous style with a brilliant McDonnell equaliser but the Leinster side had their noses in front again at the break with Millea's fifth point putting them 1-5 to 0-7 ahead. Just on half time Tipp had the chance of a goal themselves but Harkin shot just across goal from a McDonnell pass.

The early minutes of the second half were a worrying time for Tipp. Full forward Martina Maher extended Kilkenny's lead to two, 1-6 to 0-7, in the third minute, and two minutes later Noelle Kennedy's first problems with free-taking arose. Hughes was fouled by two Kilkenny defenders and the free in front of goal looked easy for Kennedy. However she failed to properly lift the ball and had to hit it along the ground. It eventually made its way to Fogarty who shot wide.

However Tipp made light of the setback and entering the final quarter they had drawn level with a Millea free sandwiched between two frees from Kennedy before Hughes hit the point of the match with a marvellous score from the tightest angle under the New Stand.

It was an inspirational score that set Tipp up for their storming finish. The side shrugged off the disappointment of two missed frees from Kennedy and continued to lay siege to

Tipperary camogie. Jovita Delaney (Cashel); Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara); Una O'Dwyer (Cashel); Claire Madden (Portroe); Meadhbh Stokes (Cashel), captain; Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane); Sinead Nealon (Burgess); Emily Hayden (Cashel); Angie McDermott (Knockavilla-Kickhams); Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara) 0-6; Therese Brophy (Burgess); Helen Kiely (Drom-Inch); Emer McDonnell (Burgess) 0-1; Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara) 0-3; Niamh Harkin (Drom-Inch). Subs: Philly Fogarty (Cashel) for Harkin; Catriona Hennessy (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for Kiely.

Kilkenny - Miriam Holland, Tracey Millea, Margaret Hickey, Una Murphy, Sinead Costelloe, Jillian Maher, Mairead Costello, Kelly Long, Brigid Mulally, Sandra Gleeson, Sinead Millea 0-7; Marian Downey, Margaret Comerford, Martina Maher 0-1; Lizzie Lyng 1-0. Sub: Anne Downey for M. Downey. Referee - Anne Derham (Dublin).



Tipperary sharpshooter Deirdre Hughes shows the form that won her the Player of the Match award in Tipp's historic All-Ireland senior camogie final win over Kilkenny on Sunday.



Flying Tipp forward Noelle Kennedy shows a clean pair of heels to a Kilkenny defender in Sunday's senior camogie final in Croke Park.

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Tipperary triumph with point in injury time

Tipperary.....0-12
Kilkenny.....1-8

TEARS of joy flowed almost as freely as the waters of the nearby canal of Croke Park on Sunday evening last as Tipperary camogie players danced on the hallowed ground in celebration of a glamorous piece of history, the side's first ever All-Ireland senior title.

Before one of the largest crowds ever to attend an All-Ireland camogie final (15,000+) the ladies in blue and gold triumphed against all the odds to record a precious and very famous one-point victory over favourites Kilkenny.

Boy, it was great to be there! Emotional Tipperary folk could scarcely take in the sheer enormity of the achievement and in scenes reminiscent of Portlaoise on a similar balmy evening last year when our junior footballers stood in huddles for a long time after Sunday's game simply trying to absorb the sheer satisfaction of the special occasion.

How fitting that Tipper-

had to fight from behind going into the second half after Lizzie Lyng's goal against the run of play in the 25th minute was a severe setback. A point in arrears at the interval (1-5 to 0-7) they suffered the heartbreak of witnessing the impressive Emer McDonnell blaze the ball off the crossbar with a great chance of a goal twelve minutes into the second half and Noelle Kennedy, who fought so hard in general play, hit rock bottom form with her free taking. It looked as if they were going to squander a great chance of victory. But to their credit, they held their heads, fought for every ball as if their lives depended on it and in a gripping finish 'super-sub' Caitriona Hennessy steered them to victory with a well struck point two minutes into injury time after a foul on Deirdre Hughes. It was her second point from a free in that spine-tingling finish and little wonder the Drom-Inch lady was showered with special praise for her crucial contribution to the memorable triumph.

The huge roar that greeted them when they ran out onto the pitch gave them a tremendous lift and, despite the setback of brilliant Kilkenny start when Sinead Millea opened the scoring inside a minute they soon let all and sundry know that they were not going to be a pushover. Noelle Kennedy, always a huge threat, gave them the lead with two points from frees inside six minutes and with Ciara Gaynor inspirational at centre-back and midfielders Emily Hayden and Angela McDermott doing so well. Tipperary deservedly led by 0-6 to 0-4 in the closing stages of the first half. The problem was, however, that they had let so many scoring chances slip. They had struck five wides at this stage. Noelle Kennedy unable to find the target from two frees, not helped it must be said by the swirling breeze.

In a twinkling they were behind by a point following Lizzie Lyng's goal —



On top of the world — Captain of the Tipperary senior camogie team Meadhb Stokes holds the O'Duffy Cup aloft after Tipperary's historic victory over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday last.

level terms. Sinead Millea's score from a free just before the break gave her side a major boost as the sides took to the dressing-rooms for the break. Niamh Harkin came so close to grabbing a goal just before the whistle for the interval.

Tipperary put in a slug-

cult angle to bring them on level terms sixteen minutes into the half (1-7 to 0-10).

Kilkenny introduced Ann Downey at this stage and while she no doubt brought her vast experience to bear on the game, Tipperary remained unperturbed by her presence. And despite Noelle Kennedy's missed

deserve thanks for the wonderful history-making expedition. The defence was excellent in the closing stages in restricting the much vaunted Kilkenny attack with Suzanne Kelly in tremendous form and Una O'Dwyer solid throughout. Angela McDermott played her

(Drom-Inch); E. McDonnell (Burgess) 0-1, D. Hughes (Toomevara) 0-3, N. Harkin (Drom-Inch).

Substitutes — C. Hennessy (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for Harkin; P. Fogarty (Cashel) for Kiely.

Kilkenny — M. Holland; T. Millea, M. Hickley, U. Murphy; S. Costello, J. Maher, M. Costello; K. Long, S. Gleeson; B. Mullally, S. Millea (0-7), M. Downey; M. Comerford, M. Maher (0-1), L. Lyng (1-0).

Substitutes — A. Downey for M. Downey.

Referee — A. Derham (Dublin).



Tipperary camogie sponsorship — (l. to r.) Marion Graham, Emily Hayden, Tom Egan (Horse and Jockey Inn), Meadhb Stokes (captain) and Biddy Phillips.

Jubilation sparks Tipperary invasion

BY JOHN GUITON

ELATED Tipperary folk defied protocol at Croke Park on Sunday evening last and who could blame them! Thousands ran onto the pitch following the presentation of the O'Duffy Cup to captain Meadhb Stokes and their roars of acclamation drowned out repeated calls on them over the public address to come back off the sacred ground.

The jubilant fans hugged and kissed their heroines and it took almost an hour for team management and players to reach the dressing-rooms. And when they did emerge from their quarters they were besieged by media personnel seeking their quotes. Some girls were overcome with emotion and were incapable of putting their thoughts together. So excited were others that they could not be stopped talking! Even pressmen were afforded some kisses to mark the occasion. A journalist's job can, after all, be a happy one!

It may sound a cliché but this success could not hap-

pen to a nicer bunch of ladies. Right through the '90s they have worked like beavers to try and make the breakthrough at senior grade. They took defeats in exemplary spirit and always remained determined to win the ultimate accolade. One remembers post-match functions in the Grand Hotel in Malahide and the Hollybrook Hotel in Clontarf and, even in defeat, a tremendous camaraderie existed.

Manager Biddy Phillips pointed to that special "team spirit" as the "real winner on the day" when I spoke to her minutes after the match. The genial Thurles lady was beside herself with excitement. "It will take time to sink in. It's a wonderful day for the girls. It suited us that we were written off by so many people. We knew we were up against a very good Kilkenny side and we simply had to play well," Biddy said.

The manager heaped praise on Michael Cleary, Colin Bonnar, Timmy Moloney, Jim Madden and

all associated with the preparation of the side. "We made our first league appearance in February and we pledged at the time to make an all out effort to win the All-Ireland. I know we suffered a severe setback in the League final but that only spurred us on. We focussed on the All-Ireland at all times and I'm thrilled for the team," Biddy added.

It is, indeed, quite an extraordinary turn of fortune for a team thrashed by Cork in the League final. "We were written off by several experts and we wanted to prove that the League final did not reflect our true worth. There were times today when I thought that we were going to blow our chance. We missed frees and lost goal chances. But we kept going, going, going and determination paid off," she said.

Defender Sinead Nealon, who had a fine game, spoke of the role played by the mentors at half time of the game. Although we lost our concentration and slipped behind them just

before half time, Biddy and the lads kept telling us that we were still in with a wonderful chance. We were prepared to die for each other and, thankfully, our determination paid off against a real good Kilkenny team," she said.

Hard-working midfielder, Emily Hayden, was "worried" that the side had not utilised possession in the first half. "We were only a point behind but we should have been well ahead. But when we came back and levelled in the last quarter we were playing with great confidence," she said.

Michael Cleary expressed delight at being involved with the side. "I only helped out for a while but I never saw a more determined bunch of players and they really worked hard for their success," he told me. And, typical sportsman that he is, he managed to afford a little time to commiserate with two Kilkenny girls in the middle of the field after the final whistle. A nice gesture at a time of euphoria in the Tipperary camp.



All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final

By John Guiton

ary could reach the Everest with Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael almost a century old and complete the grand slam of junior, intermediate and senior titles in the 1990s. Yes, Tipperary camogie has reached a new epoch, appropriately as the millennium beckons and it can look forward with confidence in abundance to the next century.

The big prize is a tribute not just to the panel, its mentors — manager Biddy

Phillips, coaches, hurlers Michael Cleary and Colm Bonnar, selectors Jim Madden and Timmy Moloney, and the Camogie Board and officials but, indeed, to everybody associated with the nurturing and promotion of the game over the decades. Many players and officials were not as fortunate with their endeavours but they can take great pride in what they did to keep the wheels in motion ultimately leading to this great conquest.

To say that Tipperary won this All-Ireland the hard way is merely underlining the absolute truth of the matter. Given little chance following their sensational collapse in the League final against Cork, Tipperary vowed to prove a point to their detractors. Manager Biddy Phillips and mentors kept a low profile, took the pressure off the team in the build up and worked quietly instilling in the side a tremendous sense of self-belief and confidence. And it showed from an early stage as Tipperary rid themselves quickly of 'early' nerves to put it right up to a Kilkenny side much more accustomed to the big stage of All-Ireland day.

However, it was the manner in which they shrugged off adversity and came good in the end that thrilled their large band of followers. After all, they

she finished a rebound to the net following a Sinead Millea free. Up to then Millea had got all her side's scores. And while Emer McDonnell quickly brought Tipperary back on

the opening ten minutes they held a grip on the game. With Noelle Kennedy indicating her unwillingness to attempt any more frees Caitriona Hennessy bravely stood up to the task and the lady who only entered the fray in the early stages of the second half put her side back in the lead for the first time in almost thirty-five minutes of play, having been fouled herself. Kilkenny fought back to level thanks to a Sinead Millea point almost at the end of normal time following a foul on Ann Downey. A draw seemed likely with excitement at fever pitch. Tipperary spirit was unquenchable, however, and Caitriona Hennessy set up Deirdre Hughes who was fouled as she headed towards goal. Hennessy put her name in the history books with her match-winning point. In the dying seconds the 'Cats' gave it one last go and Sinead Millea won a free near midfield. However, she was required to score direct, she was left with virtually an impossible task from long distance and her effort fell short of the Tipperary goal. The Premier County had reached the promised land.

Hats off to all concerned. From goalkeeper Jovita Delaney up to corner-forward Niamh Harkin, substitutes Caitriona Hennessy and Philomena Fogarty and the entire panel, all

hour ran at midfields in the closing stages and was largely responsible for Tipperary's late surge. Deirdre Hughes struck three lovely points over the hour. Meadhbh Stokes always provided leadership as captain.

Understandably Kilkenny were down in the dumps to have lost by such a tight margin and they played well enough to deserve at least a draw.

However, when they look back on the game they will realise that they lost their way at a critical juncture and should have made Tipperary pay the price for the chances they missed. Some of their bigger named did not 'spark' on the day but the displays of Mairead Costello, Jillian Maher, Tracey Millea, Sinead Millea, Martina Maher, Lizzy Ling and Ann Downey, who was seeking her thirteenth medal, were noteworthy.

Tipperary — J. Delaney (Cashel); S. Kelly (Toomevara), U. O'Dwyer (Cashel), C. Madden (Portroe); M. Stokes (Cashel), C. Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonagh's), S. Nealon (Burgess); E. Hayden (Cashel), A. McDermott (Knockavilla-D. Kickhams); N. Kennedy (Toomevara) 0-6, T. Brophy (Burgess), H. Kiely



Former Tipperary All-Ireland winning player, Michael Cleary, currently assisting the camogie team, watches the action during Sunday's All-Ireland final against Kilkenny.



Tipperary forward Noelle Kennedy shows perfect balance as she heads for the Kilkenny goalmouth followed by Jillian Maher during Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.



Tipperary goalkeeper Jovita Delaney watches anxiously as defender Suzanne Kelly gathers the ball during the closing stages of Sunday's exciting All-Ireland final against Kilkenny at Croke Park. Ready to lend any assistance necessary is defender Sinead Nealon (7).



History makers — The victorious Tipperary senior camogie team celebrate with the O'Duffy Cup following the defeat of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday last. In front (l. to r.) — Helen Campion, Emer McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Meadhbh Stokes (captain), Nora Dwan, Helen Kiely, Niamh Harkin, Marie Harkin. Back — Ciara Gaynor, Philly Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Caitriona Hennessy, Theresa Brophy, Claire Madden, Una O'Dwyer, Grainne Shanahan, Sheena Howard, Louise Ryan. In the background is selector Timmy Moloney.

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Cats beaten by a

Tipperary.....0-12
Kilkenny.....1-8

By Trevor Spillane

SO NEAR, yet so far. That was Kilkenny's performance after their defeat at the hands of Tipperary by the narrowest of margins in the senior All-Ireland camogie final in Croke Park on Sunday.

Kilkenny started the game in determined fashion and were rewarded with first score of the game. Sinead Millea punished the Tipp defence's sloppiness with a point inside the first minute.

Tipperary had reached the final by blitzing Down and were in no mood to finish as bridesmaids.

They hit back in determined fashion and constantly attacked the Kilkenny defence, which conceded frees in the face of constant pressure.

Tipperary capitalised with points from Noelle Kennedy, four during the opening half.

The first half was a real contest between the two sharpshooters, Millea and Kennedy. The two scored nine points between them, Millea edging out in front with five.

Green flag

Both teams were going for goal throughout the match, spurred on by their large number of supporters.

Kilkenny had the first chance of raising the green flag after only five minutes. A free by Millea was driven low, but the ball was stopped on the line by keeper Jovita Delaney.

Two minutes later, Margaret Comerford had a chance, but her flick-on bounced on the wrong side of the post.

Tipperary fought their way into a two point lead, but were brought back

down to earth with a bang after 26 minutes.

Sinead Millea burst her way through the Tipp defence, and she was fouled. The resulting free was again driven low and hard towards the net.

Somehow, Tipp got a camán to the ball to block it, but the ever alert Lizzie Lyng was on hand to rattle the net.

Far from being shell-shocked, Tipperary hit back straight away, with a point from Emer McDonnell. Kilkenny reassured their lead with another free from Millea.

Tipp had a chance to score a goal before the break, when McDonnell hit a high looping ball in towards the square. The ball evaded the grasp of the Kilkenny defence and found the waiting Niamh Harkin.

Her quick ground stroke looked to be heading towards the corner of Miriam Holland's net, but the ball rolled agonisingly wide at the last second. That escape left Kilkenny off the hook and one point up at the break.

Tussle

The second half started with a real to and fro tussle, as both sides battled for possession and more importantly, points.

The first score of the half fell to the Cats on 33 minutes when Martina Maher profited from a loose ball and pointed after a surging run forward.

It took the Tipp girls a further seven minutes to register their first score of the half. A Kennedy free closed the gap to one point.

Millea replied almost directly from the puck out with a point, but they were counting their blessings a minute later.

Emer McDonnell was put clean through after

some good work by the Tipp midfield. Her powerful shot beat the goalkeeper, but not the crossbar, bouncing clear to safety.

After such a cruel blow, you would have forgiven Tipp if they gave up the game, but the opposite was the case.

Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes levelled the game with points in the 43rd and 45th minutes respectively, which sent the crowd wild with delight.

Tipp could have dominated further, but two misses from Kennedy kept the sides locked at 1-7 to 0-10.

On 29 minutes, Kilkenny were lucky to escape. Substitute Catriona Hennessy, who took over the role of free taker, dropped in an inviting ball into the Kilkenny square.

Knife-edge

Comerford was the first to react, but she saw her first time flick stopped by the diving Holland.

Tipp edged back in front with a point by Hennessy from the resulting 45, setting the game up on knife-edge for the final minutes.

Kilkenny displayed a never-say-die attitude and when Millea scored her seventh point from a free to tie the game, the thought of a replay sprang to mind.

This thought never occurred to Tipp, who continued to search for the winner.

A minute into injury-time, they got their reward.

Hughes, who had been a thorn in Kilkenny's side all afternoon, fought through towards goal. She was brought down by Tracey Millea and Margaret Hickey. Hennessy remained calm and placed the ball between the posts

to give Tipp a slender lead.

Kilkenny had a chance to tie the game, but Millea's free fell short. Almost immediately, the final whistle sounded, but none of the crowd heard it, as the strong Tipp contingent in the 15,084 attendance roared and cheered to fill the Croke Park evening air.

Kilkenny looked devastated at the final whistle. They had no reason to be disappointed with their performances.

It would be difficult to pick out individuals who excelled, such was the commitment of the entire team.

They can hold their heads high and look forward to next year, when they will figure in the running for the title of first champions of the new Millennium.

The Scorers

Tipperary - N. Kennedy (0-6 frees), D. Hughes (0-3), C. Hennessy (0-2, 0-1 free, 0-1 45), D. Hughes (0-1)

Kilkenny - S. Millea (0-7, 0-3 frees, 0-1 45) L. Lyng (1-0), M. Maher (0-1)

The Teams

Kilkenny - M. Holland, T. Millea, M. Hickey, U. Murphy, S. Costelloe, G. Maher, M. Costelloe, K. Long, S. Millea, S. Gleeson, B. Mullally, M. Downey (A. Downey 40 mins), M. Comerford, M. Maher, L. Lyng.

Tipperary - J. Delaney, S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, M. Stokes, C. Gaynor, S. Nealon, E. Hayden, A. McDermott, N. Kennedy, T. Brophy, H. Kiely (P. Fogarty 45 mins), E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, N. Harkin (C. Hennessy 39 mins).

Referee: A. Derham (Dublin)

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Geraldine ends her weekend on a high note

WHAT makes a good final? An even contest? A small winning margin? Expectations being lived up to? Skill? Good goal-keeping? All of these were on display in last Sunday's All-Ireland Junior Camogie final.



Therese O'Callaghan

Goalkeeper Geraldine Casey, was in spectacular form, making crucial saves at critical times.

The 18 year-old Inniscarra club player sat her Leaving Certificate this year, and next month will commence studying Biochemistry in UCC.

Twenty-four hours earlier, though, it was a different story.

The team's departure was delayed for over an hour, as running repairs were made to their coach following a slight accident as they left Cork.

This is the start of it, thought Geraldine, worried that this bad luck would continue over the weekend.

The journey to Dublin was a quiet one; players and mentors alike not prepared to relax until their arrival in the capital. The entourage checked into the team's Hotel in Lucan much later than expected, and as if jinxed again, Geraldine's room key went missing.

When she finally did gain access to her sleeping quarters, the anxiety that is associated with the big match had set in. She couldn't sleep, not a wink!

Sunday morning arrived, with it, came renewed enthusiasm. "I wasn't nervous at all," she confessed.

"We went to Sarsfield's GAA

Grounds for a puck around at 10 o'clock, and after that, the morning seemed to fly. Her performance later that afternoon earned Geraldine the Player-of-the-Match award, which was sponsored by Belleek Pottery.

"It was the icing on the cake," she confessed. Also an accomplished hockey player, she has joined Harlequins senior side this season, she follows in the footsteps of her clubmate Irene O'Keefe.

Meanwhile, Tipperary's victory in the senior final was a turning point in the history of the game.

The famine was brought to a glad end with their first ever title. The party continued late on Sunday night, and picked up again at the post match lunch in the Burlington Hotel on Monday. Unbelievable scenes awaited the team at the Horse and Jockey, where proprietor and main sponsor Tom Egan honoured his heroines. Addressing the people at the lunch on Monday, Micheal O'Muircheartaigh said it was a pity we didn't see more matches like those on Sunday last. Maybe, he said, like our male counterparts we should introduce the back-door system. Food for thought!



Action from the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.
(Photo: Thom Brett)

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Geraldine Casey receives her All-Ireland Junior winning medal from Phyllis Breslin.

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TIPP-TOEING AROUND A CAT . . . Tipperary's Noelle Kennedy races clear of Kilkenny's Treacy Millea during yesterday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park

Pic: Aoi

A cracker in Croke!

By Angela Doyle

THE SENIOR All-Ireland camogie final was my first time in Croke Park.

Some might say there's nothing special in that. But when you come from a county like Carlow, which has been starved of success, any chance you get to visit this famous stadium should be seized with great relish.

There was a good crowd of supporters on the platform at McDonagh Station, Kilkenny waiting for the train to take us all to Dublin.

All around me, children and parents alike were decked out in the black and amber, on their way to Croke Park to cheer on the ladies.

On my way into the stadium, a great roar could be heard from the crowd. It made me want to rush inside to see what the fuss was about.

Once I made my way up the steps, I got my first look at Croke Park. It was

amazing, absolutely amazing!

The colour that attacked the eyes was unforgettable, as fans decked out in jerseys and flags roared on their teams.

The junior match between Cork and Derry attracted fans from not only Derry, but practically the whole province.

There were people in Armagh and Antrim jerseys cheering on their northern neighbours.

Between the two matches, the Artane Boys band came out onto the pitch to entertain.

It was the perfect mixture for the afternoon - music, a great crowd who sang along to the songs, a clear blue sky and temperature of 22 degrees.

What more could you ask for?

The support for Kilkenny and Tipperary was unbelievable. Deafening roars went up when the teams came out on the pitch.

As the players were introduced to President

Mary McAleese, I wished I could have been part of one of the teams.

When the game started, I settled back to watch what I hoped would be a cracker of a game.

It was all that and more. Kilkenny were desperately unlucky to lose by a point.

Still, it was such a buzz I would never pass up the opportunity to go again.

Congratulations to Camogie Stars

This week our heartiest congratulations must go to our All-Ireland senior camogie winners who, on Sunday last won the All-Ireland for the very first time. Belying the pundits, Kilkenny had to play second fiddle to our girls for the greater part of a rip-roaring game and we were unlucky not to have a wider winning margin in the end. We congratulate especially two girls of our own, Jovita Delaney and Una O'Dwyer.

Jovita is only daughter of Jovita and the late Dick Delaney, Ardmayle and I have no doubt that her late father would have relished the win. Dick had guided our parish juveniles for many years and was one of our hardest working club men.

Una is daughter of Martin and Marion O'Dwyer and Martin too has had success with our hurlers managing the team which took county honours in 1996. No doubt every Gael in the parish will join with both families in their success.

Well done, ladies

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It was a mixed weekend for Tipperary. The under-21s, scarcely with their breaths back from the Ennis game, fell to Galway at Tullamore, where a late surge came tantalisingly close to erasing a three-goal concession. The camogie ladies, however, carved out a first and famous All-Ireland win, pipping Kilkenny in thrilling fashion at Croke Park. It will be an omen, hopefully, for our minors, who have drawn strong backing for Sunday's final against a formidable Galway side who'll be encouraged by their under-21 achievement.

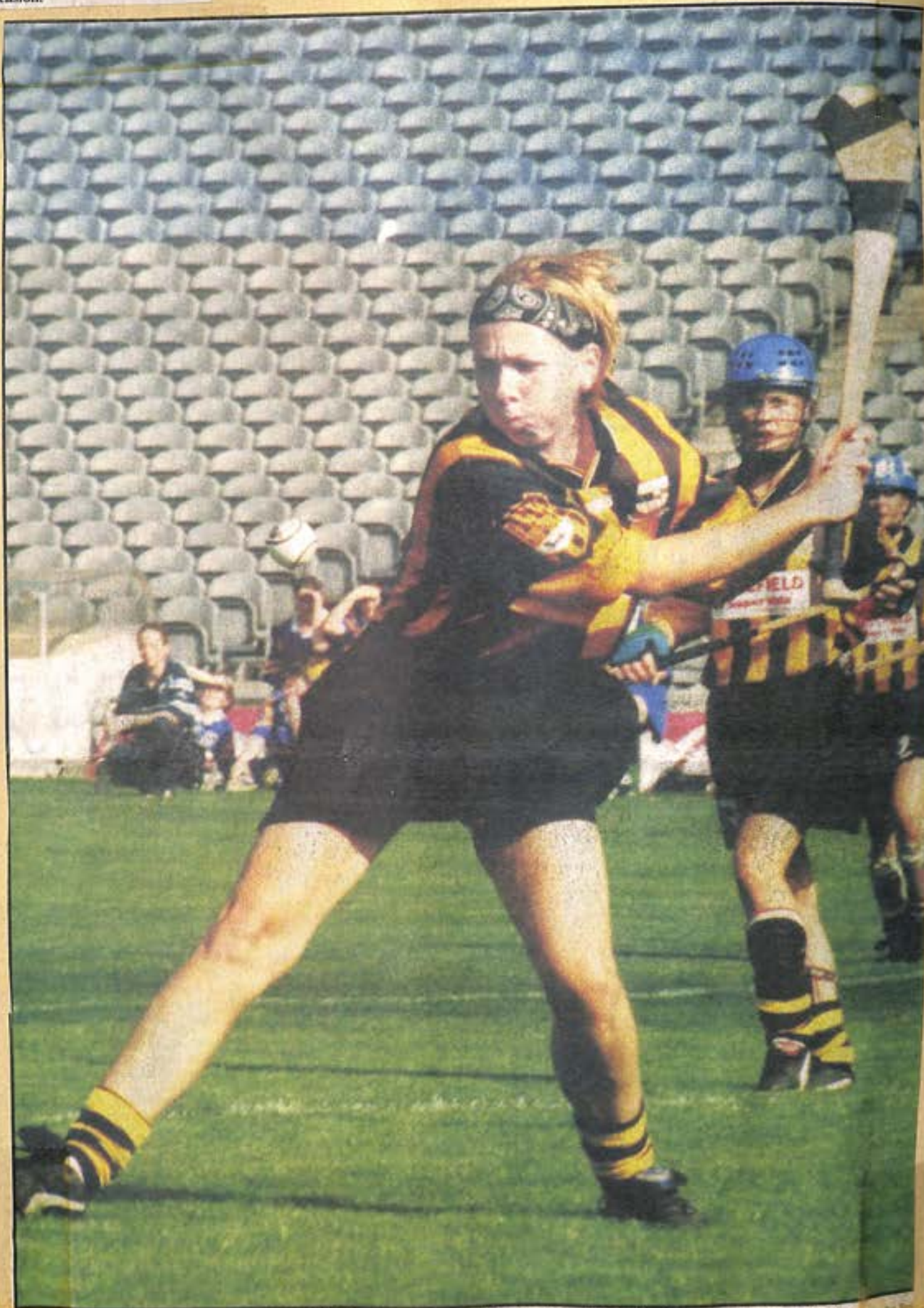
It's hats off to the ladies this week after an outstanding All-Ireland win against Kilkenny, one of the foremost powers in the game. After the drubbing they endured earlier in the year at the hands of Cork it's hard to imagine such a phenomenal rebound within the same season. Mind you, Biddy Phillips confidently predicted a one-point win in a weekend television preview, displaying the type of prescience that will be the envy of all previewers.

It was a success that was as hard won as it was deserved. The path to glory was never a primrose one, but rather spiked with many a barb, such as the concession of that messy first-half goal against the trend of play, as well as the laboured attempts to hit a winner in the final climactic moments. But patience and persistence paid off when Catriona Hennessy held her nerve on those late frees to ensure the outcome that the game justified.

Kilkenny's Sínead Millea was the one player who threatened to spoil the Tipp party, but overall I thought the Premier side was

more balanced and with a smidgen of luck might have won handsomely. The concession of the goal, the missed frees and the shot off the crossbar all kept our nerves taut until the very end. Indeed the disallowed 'point' would have been a hot issue if the result had been otherwise. Interesting to see that faulty umpiring isn't confined to hurling and football.

The composure of the side on the big day against a more experienced Kilkenny was admirable. In full-forward Deirdre Hughes they had a potential matchwinner all day, if proper possession could be supplied to her. But the competitive spirit of the side throughout was commendable, enabling Meadh Stokes climb the famous steps to accept the trophy. Well done to all on an unforgettable occasion.



Champion style... Kilkenny goalkeeper, Miriam Holland gets in a clearance during Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final in Croke Park.

The cup of history . . .



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A delighted Tipperary captain Meadhbh Stokes proudly lifts the O'Duffy Cup after Tipperary won their first All Ireland senior camogie title with a thrilling victory over favourites Kilkenny in the final at Croke Park on Sunday. Included are President Mary McAleese, her husband Martin and Phyllis Breslin, president of the Camogie Association.

A hero's welcome home for 'Queens of Tipperary'

by GERRY SLEVIN

By Michael Heverin

The heavens wept in Cashel on Monday night but they were tears of joy to welcome home the new queens of Tipperary.

Up to two thousand people defied torrential rain to salute the magnificent Tipperary camogie team that had won the county's first senior All Ireland title a day earlier.

It took more than a wetting to dampen the enthusiasm of a crowd that wanted to be part of this historic occasion. Captain Meadhbh Stokes and her superstars deserved a hero's welcome and that's just what they received.

The blue and gold flags, banners and bunting fluttered proudly and the

strains of 'Slievenamon' never sounded sweeter as Kilsheelan woman Meadhbh became the first Tipperary captain to bring home the famed O'Duffy Cup.

Tipp had defied all the odds to record the historic victory. Kilkenny are among the aristocrats of the game with twelve All Ireland victories and before Sunday, only one defeat in an All Ireland final.

In the semi-final they had beaten a Cork team that only months earlier had humbled Tipp in the league

final. Many thought their experience, pedigree and tradition would be too much for a Tipp team that had arrived in the decider through the easier half of the draw and without any fanfare.

But the Tipp girls hadn't the script. They hadn't succumbed to the expected Kilkenny onslaught to return home gallant and brave losers - but losers nonetheless.

These girls are winners, proud of their ability and the colours they wear. The names of former Tipperary greats such as Gaynor and Nealon were represented in Croke Park. Nothing less than one hundred per cent could be accepted in those circumstances and that's

just what was provided in large doses.

Victory on the greatest stage of all was fashioned by a display of passion, power and pride, a resolve to triumph that a brave Kilkenny team just couldn't match.

The result means a new chapter in Tipperary's glorious hurling tradition with names such as Stokes, Madden, McDermott, Delaney, Hughes, Kennedy, Hayden, Hennessy and many more joining the pantheon of Tipp heroes of days gone by.

That the ladies finally made the breakthrough at the dawn of a new millennium adds extra significance to the occasion.

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If I were to describe last Sunday's achievement in Croke Park as one of the great Tipperary GAA occasions, I don't think I would

be overdoing it. There was a tremendous sense of pride to be gleaned from what our camogie team achieved in winning the senior title for the very first time.

Camogie is now a fifteen-a-side game. Not something every county will adapt to easily and on Tipp's part it was an excellent move to bring in the services of Michael Cleary and Colm Bonnar, men who could advise in the new-found scheme of things and give of their great experience in so many ways.

Obviously, it worked for them and the type of performance we were treated to on Sunday showed the game of camogie to be one that has a tremendous future. Skill is the dominant factor and I'm sure many an inter county hurler looking on either at the match or on television, would give anything to be able to score a point like that which Deirdre Hughes scored from under the new stand in the second half of Sunday's game.

Tipp's was a performance of great character, discipline and craft. It must have opened the eyes of many cynics, unable up to Sunday, to have anything good to say about the game other than it was for 'cissies'.

No, camogie is now a game to be respected as are its players and it was interesting in Cashel on Monday night to hear the Camogie Association President Phyllis Breslin refer to the class exhibited by the Tipp team and the thrill she got from watching them perform.

My friend Sean O'Moronaigh to whom I send my congratulations on his recent appointment as Director of the National Drama Association tells me that according to the late Padraig Puirseal's book *The GAA and its times*, there was a Nenagh connection in bringing camogie into being.

Sean quotes from the book as follows: "In 1903 there was a new development when the lady members of the Keating branch of Conradh na Gaeilge, keen to provide some form of outdoor exercise for girls, founded the first camogie club, Maire Ni Chinneide was the originator of the move"

Sean says Maire's father was John Hargreave Kennedy who was a native of Nenagh and who had a drapery business in South Great George's Street in Dublin. Maire Ni Chinneide died in 1967.

And to think that Tipperary had to wait until the final year of the century to win its first senior title! But wasn't it worth waiting for?



Clare through to final clash with Antrim

Clare 4-5
Cork 1-4

by Mary Newman

A PHYSICALLY stronger Clare side advanced to meet Antrim in the All-Ireland intermediate championship final, but not before being made to fight hard by a young, enthusiastic Cork side.

Fielding 14 of the side who won the junior title last Sunday, Cork were always going to have a fight on their hands to overcome this strong Clare side, who got an ideal start with a Deirdre Murphy goal, four minutes into the contest.

Sinead Calahane opened the Cork account with a ninth-minute point, to which Clare's Sylvia O'Brien responded.

Fighting hard, Cork enjoyed maximum possession and, indeed, Clare had a let-off four minutes from half-time when Cork's Rachel Maloney went clean through and with only Aine Ni Cormaic to beat, failed to finish, to leave Clare 1-2 to 2 point at the break.

Ten minutes into the second half, Sylvia O'Brien, planted a ground stroke beyond the reach of Ger Casey in the Cork goal.

Catherine O'Loughlin extended the Clare lead two minutes later with a point, and they now looked set to take over. Cork dug deep and were rewarded with a Criona Harte goal, three minutes later, Ciara

Healy set Orla O'Sullivan up for a superb point. Sensing the Cork revival, Clare began to regain their composure; Maura McMahon relieved the pressure with a point and when Erika Minogue goal, four minutes later, Clare were on their way. Criona Harte pointed a Cork free, six minutes from full-time, but it was left to Clare's Catherine O'Loughlin to bring proceedings to a close with a high drop-in ball which finished in the net.

Cork can be proud of their display against the Clare side who earlier participated in the senior championship, losing out to newly-crowned champions Tipperary.

Scorers: Clare - C. O'Loughlin 1-2 (0-1 free) S. O'Brien 1-1, E. Minogue 1-0, D. Murphy 1-0, T. O'Grady 0-1, M. McMahon 0-1 Cork: C. Harte 1-1, O. O'Sullivan, R. Maloney, S. Calahane 0-1.
CORK: G. Casey, S. Buckley, R. Holland, C. Giltinan, R. Cahalan, G. Hannon, L. O'Connell, V. O'Sullivan, H. Walsh, S. Calahane, O. O'Sullivan, E. Burke, C. Harte, C. Healy, R. Maloney, E. Dillon for C. Healy, E. O'Herlihy for V. O'Sullivan, E. O'Sullivan for C. Giltinan.
CLARE: A. Ni Cormaic, S. Daly, S. McMahon, A. Keane, C. Halley, M. Collins, S. O'Brien, M. McMahon (Capt.), D. Murphy, L. Millane, E. Arthur, S. O'Brien, T. O'Grady, C. O'Loughlin, E. Minogue, C. Duggan for S. Daly, T. Rochford for F. O'Grady.
Referee: B. Phillips, Tipperary

Granagh pose big test for Bishopstown

MUNSTER Club Championship action comes to Cork this afternoon when All-Ireland Club champions Granagh-Ballingarry take on Cork County champions Bishopstown in the Munster semi-final at 3pm.

It is the Cork side's first appearance in a Munster Club Championship semi-final. In their quarter-final outing against Butlerstown, Waterford, they were well in control and totally dominated a one-sided game which ended in a 6-36 to 0-1 victory.

Bishopstown will be conscious that this game serves little by way of preparation for this afternoon's encounter with the All-Ireland champions.

The sides met in last year's opening round with Granagh emerging victori-

ous after a tough hour of hurling with the Cork champions.

They later went on to take the club title in superb fashion, following many years trying to make the breakthrough.

They are a strong side who will look to inter-county players Kay Burke, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien, whilst Cork senior star Mary O'Connor is also a member of the side.

The Cork champions will look to their inter-county players Vivienne Harris, Eithne Duggan and Trish Doyle to combine with junior inter-county players, Ciara Healy, Ruth Cahalan and Sheenagh Morley, who are fresh from their Junior All-Ireland Championship success last weekend.

Bishopstown took their third Cork County Championship in a row, defeating Fr O'Neills in an exciting final, whilst Granagh-Ballingarry had a comprehensive victory over Bruff in their county final.

The All-Ireland champions, by virtue of their status, will go in as favourites, but Bishopstown look to have the power and the strength to topple the champions and go on to their first Munster Club Championship final.

Its a curtailed camogie programme this weekend, with all eyes on the hurlers as they head to Croke Park and everybody in camogie circles wish Jimmy Barry-Murphy and his crew all the best in their endeavours.

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SUPER WIN FOR BUTTEVANT OVER GALLANT CHARLEVILLE
Buttevant.....3-5
Charleville.....1-1

On Friday evening last at a very hot and humid Buttevant the local U16 team had a super win over a very gallant Charleville team in the Cork County U16 League Championship. In a game of very tough camogie, where no quarter was asked or given, the Buttevant team played at their very best to overcome a good Charleville team.

Ann Marie Sheehan in goals was coolness personified and her puckouts always found their intended target. Sabrina Relihan at full back showed her usual teak toughness. Marie Hutch at corner back stopped all that came her way. Helena Daly who started at corner back and later moved to wing back was always in the right place at the right time to clear many a dangerous ball. Jan Farrell and Susan O'Keeffe both started in the half back line and turned many a dangerous ball from defence into attack. Later, when moved to the full forward line due to knocks in the course of battle, they were constant thorns to the opposition's defence. Marie Sheedy also played well in the half back line and later at midfield where she always kept the ball moving forward. The Buttevant midfielders of Barbara Ryan and Dawn Farrell had to be and were on top form to overcome their opposite numbers. Barbara Ryan played an excellent stopper role in the second half when moved to centre back. Dawn Farrell was constantly up and down the pitch helping out brilliantly both in defence and attack when needed. The

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MUNSTER SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

Granagh/Ballingarry v Bishopstown

Daniel in the lion's den didn't have it as hard. Mike Chawke leads his squad into the red hot atmosphere of Cork hurling/camogie on Saturday next, when they travel to Bishopstown to take on the local club, (3 in a row Cork champions) in the semi-finals of the Munster championships. In a normal year it would be an intimidating prospect. In the final year of the millennium, with the Rebels into both All Ireland Finals and Cork camogie on a high (despite losing to Kilkenny in senior) it would put the hair standing on the head of the toughest. The Town more than anxious to claim an All Ireland title, will be kamakazi like opponents and hugely supported, a red sea which the Knockferna women will have to try to part. However, there are no better competitors in club camogie. The Sheehans, the O'Briens, Ber Chawke, Kay Burke, the Leslies, Mary O'Connor etc. have real steel in their make up and if they play to form at De Banks it will take a good team to dispatch them there. The throw in is at 3p.m.

agran. Newcastle West v Croagh/Kilfinny. Bruff a bye.

B. SECTION 1. Abbey Sarsfields v Crotta O'Neills. Milford v Patrickswell. Na Piarasigh a bye. **SECTION 2.** Galbally v Knockaderry. Garryspillane v Feenagh/Kilmeedy. Adare a bye.

The finals of both leagues are scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd. The A final at 2p.m. The B is at 3p.m.

UNDER 16 COUNTY LEAGUES!

These are also known as minor, a source of confusion to G.A.A. folk! The 5th round was scheduled for Friday September 3rd with round 6 down for decision on Friday, September 10th as follows. **A.** Killeedy v Adare. Ballyagran v Newcastle West. Granagh/Ballingarry v Knockaderry. Blackrock v Galbally. Crecora a bye. **B.** Bruff v Abbey Sarsfields. Ahane v Feenagh/Kilmeedy. Patrickswell v Kilmallock. Na Piarasigh a bye. The A final is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th, with the B final fixed for Saturday, September 25th. Results continue not to trickle in!! A position which needs to be rectified, but may not!

INTER COUNTY. UNDER 18 MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

There should be white smoke this week, re. the composition of the panel for the semi-final v Clare on October 17th (at a Limerick venue). This promises to be an exciting, well contested game, a sort of a Division 2. Top of the Table clash. Cork would be regarded as unbeatable, Tipperary are hot on their heels, while Limerick and Clare vie for 3rd

SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

In relation to the Killeedy v Newcastle West on Sunday, August 29th (Killeedy won narrowly) many who attended (non camogie people) were amazed at the skill and fitness level of the players. A further plus was the excellence of the facilities at Newcastle West G.A.A. grounds and the programme produced by Killeedy. Well done to all involved in a memorable 15 a side final!

JUNIOR NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALISTS!

This was at the semi-final stage last weekend with Fr. Ryans v Murrow Boher and Patrickswell/Garryspillane v Mungret down for decision! However a blanket of silence has fallen over the outcome, leaving this column in the dark about this weekend's finalists! Hardly the way to go I suppose (Killeedy and Croagh/Kilfinny have set headlines with their P.R. machine, using the media on a regular basis to keep the fans in touch!), when there is an audience out there with a growing interest in the product.

UNDER 18 COUNTY LEAGUES!

In contrast to G.A.A. this grade is not known as minor (maybe the two associations should get together and review the matter!!). The competition is at round 5, with the following fixtures down for decision on Sunday next, September 12th at 12 noon. **A.** Granagh/Ballingarry v Crecora. Killeedy v Bally-

MUNSTER SENIOR CLUB CAMOGIE SEMI FINAL

GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY WILL HAVE TO MATCH BISHOPSTOWN DESIRE TO WIN

The outcome of this intriguing clash in Bishopstown on Saturday next, September 11th, between the reigning Munster and All Ireland champions Granagh/Ballingarry and the champions of Cork for the last three years Bishopstown, will come down to which of these two evenly matched teams has the greater desire to win.

Bishopstown, who have succeeded Glen Rovers as the best side in Cork camogie will not be content to be the best in the Rebel County. They have made their intentions known this year that they want to succeed in Munster to give themselves a chance of All Ireland glory. They came through a tough campaign in Cork and have shown tremendous grit and determination to succeed in a very competitive Cork County Championship. With players of the calibre of Rose Desmond, Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris, Sinead O'Callaghan, Liz O'Neill and Anne White, they have the players to

succeed in Munster at the very least. When you add the aforementioned players to the young players in their squad, namely Ruth Cahalan and Ciara Healy, there is no doubt that the All-Ireland champions have a huge task on their hands on Saturday afternoon.

Unlike Bishopstown, the Limerick girls have come through a relatively easy campaign in Limerick. Bruff proved no match in the Limerick County final and the nine week break since then won't have helped their preparation. While challenge matches are helpful, they are not the real thing. Nonetheless, Granagh/Ballingarry are determined to put up a good show and they won't relinquish their Munster crown easily. They have been Munster champions in '96, '97 and '98, All Ireland finalists in '96 and winners last year - a tremendous record over the last three years. While the same intensity hasn't been there this year, understandable after what they have achieved,

nonetheless the team have been looking forward to this fixture and want the good times to continue. The O'Brien and Sheehan sisters, Patsy McKenna, Mairead Cagney, Kay Burke, Mary O'Connor and Ber Chawke won't be found wanting when it comes to defending their Munster title. Add the returning Jean Cullinane and Deirdre Sheehan from foreign fields, eager to get involved again, plus the young promise of Aoife Sheehan, Kathryn Lesley, Amy McCarthy, Joanne Clifford and Caroline O'Connor, plus the experience of Sheila Treacy and Joanne O'Brien, we have a squad of players proud of what they have achieved and we should see a great semi-final clash.

While Bishopstown will start as favourites because of their harder championship campaign and the advantage of playing at home, it will come down to who wants to play in the Munster final the most. Throw-in is at 3p.m.

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Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S CLUB SUCCESS

The last ten years have been the most successful in the three-decade history of Ballyboden St Enda's, Dublin with a string of championships being recorded.

Participation in Feile na nGael have provided many memorable moments and as the decade closes, it is significant that the club should chart another milestone in camogie's premier underage competition.

Wexford was the venue for the last Feile na nGael of the millennium and for the first time, the club captured an All-Ireland Feile camogie title, when the under 14 side won Division II in an exciting final with The Harps of Laois. The team is managed by Jim Cremin with Mona O'Sullivan and Anne Scallan.

The path to the title began with a narrow win in the Dublin final over Naomh Mearnóg. It was on to Wexford for the last weekend in June and the club's base in Piercetown with the St Martin's club, home club of George and John O'Connor and Rory McCarthy.

St Martin's provided the opposition in the first game and Jenny Sinnott in the 'Boden goal had to be alert in a close game that the Dublin side won by 2-1 to 0-0. Scorers - Ciara Lucey 1-1, Kathryn Corrigan 1-0.

The sight of the Offaly Rover - Pat Delaney at the helm of the Kinnity team - brought back great memories but the Dublin girls were showing impressive early signs and emerged winners by 5-0 to 0-0. Scorers - Fiona O'Sullivan 2-0, Joanne Cummins 2-0, Jill Seery 1-0. Grace Fee, Julie Hogan, Ciara McDermott, Eilis Smith, Roisin Barrett and Carmel Cremin in defence proved stubborn opponents.

It was a much tighter affair in the semi-final against Duffry Rovers. With the aid of a slight breeze, Ballyboden built up a 1-4 to 0-0 half time lead with points from Jill Seery, Sarah Pope and two from Ciara Lucey as well as a goal from

Kathryn Corrigan. Rovers came back in earnest in the second half to hit the net but the 'Boden half forwards of Aoife Scallan, Joanne Cummins and Mary Hyland did some great foraging deep in their own half to clear the danger. Bellefield Enniscorthy was the venue for the final against The Harps of Durrow - last year's Division III winners. Ballyboden were urged on by a big club following decked in the blue and white but although dominating play, the target was proving difficult to hit as the wides mounted. Points by Ciara Lucey settled the nerves and a late goal by Jill Seery clinched victory.

Victory could not have been achieved but for the efforts of the entire panel, including Aisling Hayes, Grainne Collier, Sinead Clarke, Avril Brady, Siobhan Moriarty, Sinead Treacy, Aoife Tobin, Zoe Feenan, Ciara Dolan and Emma Seery.

Ballyboden St Enda's success continued when, for the first time ever, the senior team won the Dublin Championship. They dethroned the holders St. Vincent's in the final, 2-7 to 1-9.

They now make their debut in the Leinster Club Championship on Saturday next in Ballyboden at 5pm against Kilkenny champions, Freshford. This will be a stiff encounter for the south Dublin club as Freshford will field six of Kilkenny's senior team.

Antrim are through to their first All-Ireland Intermediate championship final when they proved the better side against Armagh in this semi-final played in Dunloy.

It was a disappointing display by the Orchard County, who never struck their usual form. Antrim were much the sharper side and were hungry for victory.

The winners got off the mark with two points from frees by Ann McKee. Mary Black had Armagh's first score on the eighth minute. After a low scoring opening half, the winners led 0-6 to 0-3.

In the final half, Antrim showed their superiority when a good delivery from Sinead McMullan put Mairin Barry through for the only goal of the match on the fourth minute.

Antrim were well in control as Armagh only managed a point in this half by Patricia McEvoy. The winners now meet Cork or Clare in the final. Scorers - Antrim: Mairin Barry 1-1, Ann McKee 0-3, Carla Doherty, Ciara McKinley 0-2 each, Sinead McMillan 0-1.

Armagh: Patricia McEvoy 0-2, Mary Black, Bernie McBride 0-1 each. Referee - Margaret Brolly, Derry.



Ballyboden St. Enda's: Winners of the Feile na nGael Div. 2 title. Front row, left to right: Sinead Treacy, Kathryn Corrigan, Sarah Pope, Fiona O'Sullivan, Mary Hyland, Jennifer Sinnott, Aoife Tobin, Zoe Feenan, Ciara Dolan, Emma Seery, Sinead Clarke, Jill Seery. Back row, left to right: Jim Cremin (mentor), Carmel Cremin, Ciara Lucey, Roisin Barrett, Aisling Hayes, Avril Brady, Aoife Scallan, Ciara McDermott, Eilis Smith, Grace Fee, Julie Hogan, Joanne Cummins, Siobhain Moriarty, Mona O'Sullivan, Anne Scallan (mentors)



Cloughduv players on Cork's Junior All-Ireland winning camogie team, Marie Corkery and Aoife Murray, proudly holding the trophy.

Kilnamona bow out

Cashel 0-11
Kilnamona 1-3

County camogie champions, Kilnamona made their fancied opponents Cashel fight all the way in this Munster club camogie championship tie last Sunday.

The dominated the opening ten minutes with Ann and Mairead Keane prominent in defence and with Marie O'Halloran shining at mid-field but their forwards failed to turn this dominance into scores.

The Tipperary champions

were first to score after ten minutes and they quickly added a second point before Catherine O'Loughlin opened Kilnamona's account.

However Cashel then took control and by half time were 0-8 to 0-1 in front.

Kilnamona made a tremendous start to the second half when Patricia Moloney goaled after five minutes but Cashel bounced back with some good frees and they went on to record a merited win.

Best for the Clare girls on the day were Niamh Commene, Mairead and Ann Keane, Noelle Comyns, Marie O'Halloran, Aine Griffin and Patricia Moloney.

Kilnamona: Geraldine O'Loughlin; Etna Keane, Niamh Commene, Catherine Cahir, Mairead Keane, Ann Keane, Patricia Ryan, Noelle Comyns, Marie O'Halloran; Irene Griffin, Catherine O'Loughlin, Aine Griffin; Deirdre Keane, Patricia Moloney, Caroline Moloney;

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Camogie in the 1990s
Cork enjoy better days in the 1998 decider vs Galway



CORK POP OUT

THE LEESIDERS' ALL-CONQUERING CAMOGIE TEAM SUFFERED A RARE EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR - DEFEAT. THERESE O'CALLAGHAN FINDS OUT MORE.

The following are the views of three Cork camogie players that I spoke to since their departure from the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Lynn Dunlea - corner forward
Cora Keohane - goalkeeper
Eithne Duggan - full back ('98 captain)

Lynn Dunlea

To say that our defeat at the hands of Kilkenny in the semi-final was devastating would be an understatement. To lose at the very last instant, the last stroke of the ball is difficult, and there are certainly no words of consolation. Thus the elusive three-in-a-row for Cork has been put on hold, at least for now. I have no doubt that this present Cork panel are not only young, eager and gifted, but having tasted successes and defeat, will return with a more mature and determined vigour next year. Of course this year hasn't been all bad. We retained the League title and the Munster Championship title. Many of the Cork players represented Munster Seniors and Juniors in the Gael Linn Inter-provincial competition, so we don't go away empty-handed.

Since I first broke onto the Cork Senior team in 1990 at seventeen years of age, I have seen many successes, and thankfully few defeats. I am both honoured and proud to have played my part in the championship victories of '93, '95, '97 and '98. There is no greater sense of achievement that to receive an

All Ireland Championship medal. On a personal note I would love to have had the opportunity to contest this year's final in our quest to win three-in-a-row. Many may see this as greedy or egotistical, and I apologise to those who find it offensive.

However, with Cork's championship successes in '97 and '98, followed by our League win in '99, we felt that such a dream could become a reality. But "dreaming doesn't make it so". The defeat has hit the Dunlea household twofold, as my sister Stephanie who has regained her place on the team (after years of struggling with her knee injury and her job commitments) also shares in the disappointment.

And so, as I gather together my belongings preparing for a new adventure, it is with a sense of loss and regret, as to what "could have been" for us in '99. As for me, I am off travelling around the world, going to kick back, relax, and enjoy myself. I look forward to taking in the different sights and cultures for the coming months. (Far cries from the heavy training schedule which has dominated my year to date!). Of course it is my intention to return next year refreshed and with renewed determination - ready to see Cork return to centre stage once more.

Cora Keohane

I am playing with the Cork Senior team since 1997, and this year's semi-final was my first championship defeat at that level. So, in fairness I cannot really complain because camogie has been

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That Get is High
Kilkenny taste the amber nectar of victory
after beating Cork in the semi-final



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good to me so far.

In saying that though, losing to Kilkenny was a blow. I still don't know what happened when the ball sailed into the square. I have tried to block it a thousand times since! I think three or four of us went up to block it, but none of us did it in the end. I should have called it, but I did not see it early enough. Hindsight is great, isn't it?

We went into the game hot favourites, which is never an advantage. But I still believe that we were definitely good enough to beat Kilkenny. We didn't play to our potential at all, and anyone who follows camogie would agree with me. When we were ahead, we should have driven home our advantage. We now know, at our peril, if you give the Black and Amber a smell of success, they will make you suffer. And believe you me, we have!

It's devastating not to have the build-up to the All Ireland, and the buzz of training to look forward to.

Now that I have moved down to Cork with the company that I work for, I go to the gym and pool to keep fit. I also hope to take up squash for the winter months. I am looking forward to the hurling and football All Irelands, and hope the lads will keep the Rebel flag flying going into the new millennium.

Eithne Duggan


I first made the Cork Senior panel in June 1994 and that year Kilkenny beat us in the semi-final as well. I suppose looking back on it, being new and a sub, it didn't have the same impact on me as this year's defeat. Having secured my place on the team the following year, we went on to win the All Ireland. We reached the final every year since - losing in '96, and being victorious in '97 and '98. So, this is my first year not being involved in the All-Ireland Day.

I think it was only on going to the Cork/Offaly hurling game the following day, that it really hit me. No All-Ireland to compete in this year. No weekend in Dublin. No trip to Croke Park. No training in August and September.

The fact that we didn't play well was the worst bit.

Luckily for me, our club Bishopstown is still involved in the Munster Club Championship series, so we are training away. It was very hard to go back to after the Kilkenny game, but now it is great to have something to do. When that finishes up, I might have to take up hockey to keep me sane!

Being perfectly honest, the thought of watching the final is not a nice prospect. But, now that the Cork Junior team are involved against Derry, we will be going to support them - the Junior game acting as a curtain raiser to the Senior game. Whether I will be able to live through the second match, remains to be seen. I am not so sure!

If the Juniors win though, it should help make up for the disappointment. 

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LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL: A1 Ballyboden — Freshford (Kilkenny) 2-11 (J Kennedy 1-5, F Connolly 1-1, M Maher 0-4, M Ryan 0-1) Ballyboden St. Enda's 2-4 (J Kirwan 1-4, F Hughes 1-0)

Girls Strike Gold

Last weekend in Mosney was an historic occasion for Templemore Camogie Club when its under-13½ team were crowned All-Ireland Community Games champions for 1999, the first Tipperary club ever to achieve this honour in the thirty-five years of Community Games competition.

In 1995, Templemore again represented Munster in the National Finals in Mosney and came home with the bronze medals.

In their semi-final game on Saturday last Templemore played the Leinster champions Urlingford / Johnstown (Kilkenny) and were easy winners on a 5-10 to 1-1 scoreline.

Scorers - Claire Grogan 2-10, 0-2 frees; Catherine O'Doherty 1-0; Eimear Buckley 1-0; Cathriona Maher 1-0.

In their final on Sunday they faced the Connacht champions Killimor (Galway) who had easily defeated Ulster champions Bellaghy (Derry) in the semi-final. A tough battle lay in prospect but a star-studded performance by the team, full of heart and commitment, gave Templemore victory on a 4-7 to 1-3 scoreline.

The first ten minutes were evenly contested at which stage Templemore led by 0-3 to 0-2. The defence was under severe pressure and Sinead Bourke in goal brought off two marvellous saves to keep the Killimor attacks at bay. Killimor had two players marking Claire Grogan to try to curb her influence but in a three minute spell she turned the game completely in Templemore's favour, scoring 2-2.

These scores put Templemore in the driving seat and at the interval they led by 2-5 to 0-2.

On resumption the defence came under a lot of pressure but all four - Marilyn Purcell, Karen Maher, Elaine Burke, Orlaith McDonnell - defended heroically. Then in the 8th minute Claire Grogan struck again to score her third great goal to put her side in a command-

ing position. When Eimear Buckley scored a goal in the 15th minute Templemore led by 4-6 to 0-3. Killimor did get through for their only goal in the 19th minute but it was too little too late and Templemore went on to an historic victory.

Scorers - Claire Grogan 3-6, 1-5 frees; Catherine O'Doherty 0-1; Eimear Buckley 1-0.

Team - Sinead Bourke, Marilyn Purcell, Elaine Burke, Orlaith McDonnell, Karen Maher, Emma O'Meara, Patricia Jones, Brid Keeley, Eimear Buckley, Claire Grogan, Cathriona Maher, Catherine O'Doherty.

Subs - Laura O'Connor, Claire Murphy, Clarissa Bohan, Sharon Meade.

Council Welcome

There were great scenes of excitement when the team arrived back in Templemore at 11 p.m. on Sunday night. They were met on the outskirts to the town by a lorry and paraded through the town, led by members of Templemore Pipe Band. At the Town Hall, the large crowd that turned out were addressed by Councillor Noel Coonan. Noel was loud in his praise of the achievement of the team in winning an All-Ireland title and on behalf of the Urban Council and the people of the parish he thanked the team and officials for the great honour they had brought to the parish.

Templemore - All-Ireland Camogie Community Games Champions



Back Row (left to right) Martin Bourke, Eimear Buckley, Patricia Jones, Claire Grogan, Claire Murphy, Mary Meagher, Catherine O'Doherty, Marilyn Purcell, Sinead Bourke, Mick Curley.
Front Row (left to right) Laura O'Connor, Emma O'Meara, Karen Maher, Cathriona Meagher, Orlaith McDonnell (captain), Sharon Meade, Brid Keeley, Elaine Burke, Clarissa Bohan.



REAL COOL CAT: Kilkenny camogie girl Tracey Millea has pin-up status. But she is also a good player, and loves her sport.



Lynn Dunlea, who is a great ambassador for camogie, is just one of a new breed of female stars

All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions



TIPPERARY, All-Ireland senior camogie champions for the first time. Back, from left: Helen Kiely, Angie McDermott, Therese Brophy, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Maedhbh Stokes (capt), Jovita Delaney. Front: Deirdre Hughes, Ciara Gaynor, Niamh Harkin, Sinead Nealon, Emer McDonnell, Emily Hayden, Una O'Dwyer. Front: Mikela Graham.

Tipp's hurling girls make camogie history

By Gerry Slevin

History was made in Croke Park on Sunday, when in what was the first fifteen-a-side All Ireland final, the long thirst that had descended on Tipperary in terms of All Ireland senior honours, was finally quenched as Maedhbh Stokes, from Kilsheelin and a member of the Cashel club, raised high the O'Duffy Cup after a most exciting and entertaining final against hot favourites, Kilkenny.

The one point winning margin scarcely did justice to the authority exerted by the excellently drilled blue and gold wearers. Throughout the second half in particular, Tipp took the game to their opponents but some missed scoring chances saw to it that the level of interest never waned. In the end it was the coolness of substitute Cairtiona Hennessy from the Drom 'n Inch club, in lofting over a spectacular free that won the honours for an ecstatic Tipp side.

Cairtiona's father Noel is chairman of the County

Camogie Board.

With President Mary McAleese there to see it all happen and live television coverage of the game bringing it into the homes of hundreds of thousands, Tipperary's achievement after so many years of unavailing endeavour, was greeted enthusiastically, not alone amid the hordes of supporters that let their feelings be known during and after the game, from the stands but throughout the county where this week, it takes pride of place in conversation -- even though next Sunday it is All Ireland final day for the

minor hurlers.

The team received a great welcome home on Monday night, when heavy rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the people of Cashel and many other parts of the county, assembled in Cashel for a civic reception from the local Urban Council. Earlier they had been feted in the Horse and Jockey Hotel by Tom Egan, proprietor and sponsor of the team.

(See full report on match, post match comments and the homecoming inside).

Champions conjure up a great escape

Granagh/Ballingarry
Bishopstown

4-10
2-9

MUNSTER and All-Ireland camogie champions Granagh/Ballingarry remain on course to retain their titles but not before receiving a mighty fright from a Bishopstown side who will look back on this game and wonder just what happened.

Leading 2-8 to 0-8 with just eight minutes to go, Bishopstown looked set to reach their first Munster club final, but a four-goal blitz from Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien ensured the champions advanced.

Grenagh had the opening score with two points from Eileen O'Brien inside three minutes before Ciara Healy had Bishopstown's opening score with a tremendous effort.

After 20 minutes, Grenagh led 6-3 but two Ciara Healy-pointed frees and a superb effort from Sinead O'Callaghan had Bishopstown level inside five minutes, with Ruth Cahalan, Jean O'Sullivan and Eithne Duggan well in control.

And Bishopstown took the lead on 26 minutes when captain Aine White's handpass set up Cahalan for a point. Two minutes later, Cahalan struck again with a long-range effort, deceived Breda O'Brien and finished in the net to leave Bishopstown ahead 1-7 to 0-6 at the break.

Six minutes into the second half, Caroline O'Connor pointed for Grenagh after Rose Desmond had denied Deirdre Sheehan. Bishopstown's switching of Liz O'Neill to full forward paid immediate dividends when

she put Brid Sheehan through for Bishopstown's second goal 13 minutes into the half.

Jean O'Sullivan pointed immediately and Bishopstown were looking good. Grenagh, with Mary O'Connor now operating at centre-back, cut out the dangerous Sinead O'Callaghan. Two points from O'Brien and Sheehan boosted Grenagh and with O'Brien now beginning to get the upper hand on Trisha Doyle, Grenagh went in search of scores.

A 22nd-minute goal from Vera Sheehan cut the deficit to just two points and one minute later, Sheehan turned provider when O'Brien finished to the net to give Grenagh the lead.

Ciara Healy levelled matters with five minutes remaining but with a title up for grabs, Grenagh responded. Eileen O'Brien pointed to put them in front and two minutes later she won possession, evaded several Bishopstown defenders and finished to the net to ensure a memorable end to a game full of twists and excitement.

Scorers: Bishopstown: C. Healy 0-5 (4 frees), R. Cahalan 1-1, B. Sheehan 1-0, V. Harris, S. O'Callaghan, J. O'Sullivan 0-1 each.
Granagh: E. O'Brien 2-7 (2 frees), V. Sheehan 2-1, M. O'Connor, C. O'Connor 0-1 each.
GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY: B. O'Brien, P. McKenna-Flynn, B. O'Brien, M. Sheehan, L. Leslie, K. Burke (capt), M. Cagney, B. Clarke, J. Cullinane, D. Sheehan, M. O'Connor, V. Sheehan, C. O'Connor, E. O'Brien, E. Sheehan.
BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond, D. Gugganey, M. Treacy, T. Doyle, K. Enright, E. Duggan, R. Cahalan, V. Harris, J. O'Sullivan, S. O'Callaghan, A. White, K. Healy, L. O'Neill, S. White, B. Sheehan. Subs: S. Moriarty, A. White.
Referee: B. Phillips (Tipperary).

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At last! - Tipp's day in the sun

Nail biting finale to first title win

Tipperary 0-12 Kilkenny 1-8

By Gerry Slevin

Hail Tipperary's camogie heroines!

Languishing for so long in the role of bridesmaids, and almost devoid of hope of ever making the breakthrough to the altar of supremacy. Sunday September 5th 1999 will forever remain etched in the memory of all involved with the game, the day the sun eventually shone on Tipp's endeavours, the day the O'Duffy Cup came to the county for the very first time, the day seventeen girls on-field and six others who made up such a dedicated panel, made it as proud a day for the GAA in Tipperary as was ever witnessed on Croke Park's famed sod.

Heroines indeed and against no less opposition than Kilkenny. The spoils were at last achieved in a thoroughly enjoyable encounter before an attendance of 15,084 with hundreds of thousands more watching it on television, and in as nail biting a finale to the game as one could imagine.

The scenes immediately following the final whistle were incredible. The huge Tipp following made light of their inability to get out on to the pitch by acclaiming the new champions in vociferous manner from the stands. The players responded with waves, showing their appreciation of the tremendous support which made its presence felt as soon as the team ran on to the pitch initially. Truly inspiring support and as things turned out, support that was well justified.

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This was a Tipperary performance that caught so many off guard. The intensity of will, the purposeful way in which they went about their work, the strength of character so visible and the incredible back-up support throughout the hour, put this Tipp team in a class few would have imagined possible.



A point! Deirdre Hughes in controlled action.

Ireland because they were better than their opponents. An over simplification, maybe, but taking everything into consideration, it bears up. They were fitter too, had more hunger, and they never allowed set backs like missed frees and the like to upset their rhythm.

Their backs were steadiness personified and allowed the Kilkenny attack so little room in which to exploit their well known talents. Suzanne Kelly was absolutely defiant, Ciara Gaynor as solid and resourceful

allies in Noelle Kennedy, Therese Brophy and Emer McDonnell, a cool-as-ice late free taker in substitute Cathriona Hennessy, who in taking over the mantle of free-taker par excellence from an exhausted Noelle Kennedy, worked the oracle spectacularly in lofting over the two most vital scores of the hour. Helen Kiely and Niamh Harkin too along with sub Philly Fogarty left their stamp on the game, a game that will be talked about over and over for many a year to

such scores, but obviously the Kilkenny view was to pile up the early scores and make Tipp's entry to the game all the more difficult. The ball was cleared however and Deirdre Hughes quickly added a point at the other end.

BAD DECISION

Another effort from the Toomevara girl in the 8th minute was waved wide. A bad decision this. The ball was clearly between the posts and Deirdre knew it too because she let it be known to the umpire whose only response seemed to be a shrug of the shoulders.

By now Tipp were settling in well and the Kilkenny attack was not getting much space in which to operate. Sinead Millea, their best forward slotted over a point in the 9th minute, Noelle Kennedy doing likewise from a free a minute later. A long free from Kelly Long was deflected out for a 45 by Jovita Delaney and though Noelle Kennedy was wide from a free after Emer McDonnell was fouled she made amends in the 17th minute. Maedhbh Stokes and Sinead Nealon swapped wings,



Tipp captain Maedhbh Stokes hoists the O'Duffy cup watched by President Mary McAleese and camogie President Fileas Ni Bhreasaláin.

against Cork in the semi final, this holder of twelve All Ireland senior medals lifted the Kilkenny momentum but it was Tipp that responded best, with a long Ciara Gaynor free reaching Emer McDonnell. The Burgess lass unleashed a powerful shot but the ball came back off the cross bar and in the eventual scramble, Tipp received a free. Noelle Kennedy promptly pointed and as we reached the final quarter, the leveller came in dramatic fashion with Deirdre Hughes from under the new stand and at a most difficult angle, defying all the odds with the score of the game.

ATTACKED AGAIN

That score lifted Tipp and they attacked again. Noelle Kennedy was fouled going

through but she shot narrowly wide. When another free soon followed, Noelle went the wrong side of the other post. Another free was forced and this time Noelle shook her head, waving to Caitrona Hennessy to take it. The Drom 'n Inch girl saw her shot deflected out for a 45 and she coolly pointed it. Tipp were now ahead and time was in their favour but Kilkenny were not finished yet and who better to spur them than Anne Downey. Anne was fouled and Sinead Millea brought parity once more from a free. 1-8 to 0-11.

A draw looked on and thoughts of Tipp having "missed the bus" loomed precariously in the mind. If there was to be a Tipp saviour, then it



The delight of victory shines through these Tipp faces.



Under pressure - midfield action with Sinead Nealon (7), Emily Hayden (8) and Angie McDermott to the fore.

had to be Deirdre Hughes. She collected and soloed but there was no way the Kilkenny defence would allow her a free passage and when Deirdre heads for goal, is there any

Tipp viewpoint, Sinead's try was short, the day was saved and the final whistle saw Tipp as All Ireland senior camogie champions for the first time ever.

Stokes, capt (Cashel), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane), Sinead Nealon (Burgess), Emily Hayden (Cashel), Angie McDermott (Knockavilla), Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara),

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MID FIELD EDGE

At mid field, the edge was always Tipp's with Angie McDermott working so tenaciously, especially in the last quarter and Emily Hayden a most influential partner. Then in attack, Tipp had in Deirdre Hughes a full forward who could not be contained, flying

There were fears that the big occasion might militate against a good performance from the Tipp girls. Not being used to Croke Park and with all players facing into their first senior final, theirs was a daunting task. Yet while it was Kilkenny that opened the scoring with a Sinead Millea point after a minute, two Noelle Kennedy points from frees helped ease Tipp into things. Then in the 5th minute, what was an apparent attempt to dislodge Tipp early on came in the form of a low free from Sinead Millea. It seemed a bit early to be seeking



Caitriona Kennedy - a match winning point.

a signal for Sinead Millea and Deirdre Hughes to swap points.

The Tipp pressure was telling now but Noelle Kennedy (free) and Therese Brophy shot wide. Would Tipp rue these missed opportunities? Two minutes later, just four minutes from time, Kilkenny struck for the game's only goal. A Sinead Millea free dropped into the square and Lizzie Lyng managed to glide the ball past Jovita Delaney.

A measure of the Tipp temperament came a minute later when Emer McDonnell floated over the leveller, 0-7 to 1-4. This Tipp team was not going to be over-run and while Sinead Millea restored Kilkenny's lead with a pointed free, Niamh Harkin might have done better at the other end when set up by Angie McDermott, blazing badly wide.

SECOND HALF

Half time and Kilkenny ahead by a point, 1-5 to 0-8. A lot of camogie yet to be played and little did we know how exciting that second half would be.

Just two minutes into the half, Philly Fogarty came into the Tipp attack in place of Helen Kiely but it was Kilkenny's full forward, Martina Maher who opened the scoring, giving her team a two point lead. With Deirdre Hughes fouled as she headed goal wards in the 35th minute, Noelle Kennedy failed to lift the ball from the free and it eventually went wide.

Caitriona Hennessy replaced Niamh Harkin on the Tipp full forward line to be followed by a Noelle Kennedy point from a free. Both defences were now getting the better of their immediate opponents and after Sinead Millea had given Kilkenny a two point lead from a free (1-6 to 0-8), the Leinster ladies struck something of a psychological blow by introducing Anne Downey into the attack. Hampered by hamstring trouble which also prevented her from taking a full part



In typical style, Noelle Kennedy leaves Kilkenny backs in her wake.



Tell your father, I was asking for him! President Mary McAleese meets Sinead Nealon before Sunday's final.



This is the picture RTE's cameras zoomed in on immediately after the final whistle as Bridget Delaney used her speed and agility to snap the immediate reactions of Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy.

Kilkenny's replies came from S. Millea 0-7 (3 frees, 1 5), L. Lyng 1-0, M. Maher 0-1. Tipp had eight wides in the hour, five in the first half, to Kilkenny's total of six, three in each half. Tipp were awarded twenty three frees, sixteen in the second half, sixteen being Kilkenny's total, nine of which were awarded in the first half. Each side forced a 45, which was converted.

TIPPERARY -- Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Una O'Dwyer (Cashel), Claire Madden (Portroe), Maedhbh

Kilkenny 0-0 (frees), D. Hughes 0-3, C. Hennessy 0-2 (frees), E. McDonnell 0-1. Subs -- Philly Fogarty (Cashel) for Kiely, Caitriona Hennessy (Drom 'n Inch) for Harkin. **KILKENNY** -- Miriam Holland, Tracey Millea, Margaret Hickey, Una Murphy, Sinead Costelloe, Gillian Maher (capt), Mairead Costelloe, Sandra Gleeson, Brigid Mullaly, Kelly Long, Sinead Millea, Marina Downey, Margaret Comerford, Martina Maher, Lizzie Lyng. Sub -- Anne Downey for Downey.



Two years ago Len Gaynor, as Tipp hurling manager was banned from the sideline for the All-Ireland final. On Sunday he could proudly pose on the sideline with his wife Eileen to celebrate with daughter Ciara (centre) Tipperary's great success. At back are Lenny, Sinead, Emer, Fionnuala and Brian.



Staunch defender Suzanne Kelly ensures there's no way through for Kilkenny in the closing minutes.



At the homecoming reception for the Cork junior camogie team that won the All-Ireland title was player of the match, Geraldine Casey, Inniscarra.

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Milford coast to an easy victory

WITH one game already played in the Junior 'A' Championship, Milford have advanced following their victory last weekend over Ballinhassig.

The game, which was played at Milford, failed to live up to pre-match expectations with Milford running out comfortable winners.

The Junior 'A' and 'B' championships get off in earnest this coming weekend with no fewer than 11 Junior 'B' and two Junior 'A' games on the agenda.

St Vincent's play hosts to Sarsfields on Sunday at 4pm. Sarsfields are competing in the Junior grade following regrading this year.

They contested the league final where they lost out narrowly to a strong Milford outfit.

Former inter-county senior Breda Kenny, Lillian Zincent and Eileen McAllen should have the strength to carry Sars through against a St Vincent's side that over the last few seasons promised so much but have never made the breakthrough.

Milford, fresh from their victory over Ballinhassig, travel to Douglas in a buoyant mood.

Winning the Junior 'B' title last year, they continue to dominate and with Regina Curtin, Siobhan Linehan and Marie Watson all playing superbly at the moment, Douglas will need to be at their best but no doubt Amanda O'Regan and Mary Maher will rally the troops in their bid to advance.

There are some interesting games to be decided in the Junior 'B' championship.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19
Junior 'A' Championship:
Milford v Douglas, Douglas, 12 noon; St Vincent's v Sarsfields, 4pm

Junior 'B' Championship:
Delaneys v Inniscarra, Delaneys 6pm; Sliabh Rua v Fr O'Neill, Sliabh Rua; Bandon v St Fanahans, Bandon; Bishopstown v Aghabullogue, Bishopstown; Ballinora v St Catherines, Ballinora; Delaneys v Inniscarra, Delaneys; Youghal v Newcestown, Youghal; Valley Rovers v Cobh, Valley Rovers; Newtownshandrum v Kilbrittan, Newtown; Enniskeane v Kildorrery, Enniskeane; St Finbarrs v Mayfield, St Finbarrs; Cloughduv v Grenagh, Cloughduv.

● We congratulate Ger Casey on being chosen as player of the match in the All-Ireland Junior final.

At the lunch in the Burlington Hotel, which was attended by the four teams on the Monday after the game, Ger was presented with her award by national president, Phyllis Breslin.

Leading position surrendered at crucial point in the game



The Grenagh-Ballingarry team who beat Bishopstown in the Munster Club Championship semi final at Bishopstown.

Picture: Richard M...

Bishopstown fall to the champion touch

CORK'S representative involvement in the Munster Club Championship for 1999 came to an abrupt end last Saturday when county champions Bishopstown lost out to holders and All-Ireland champions Grenagh/Ballingarry. The score was Grenagh/Ballingarry 4-10, Bishopstown 2-9.

Looking to be in a comfortable position leading 2-9 to 0-8 with just eight minutes remaining, Bishopstown at this point somehow lost their composure and allowed the champions to get back into the game.

With the sides evenly matched in the opening half, a Ruth Cahalane goal, 26 minutes into the first half, gave Bishopstown a 1-7 to 0-6 interval lead.

Grenagh opened the second half with a Caroline O'Connor point but it was Bishopstown with Ruth Cahalane, Melanie Treacy and Eithne Duggan who dictated matters.

Bishopstown switched Liz O'Neill to full forward and immediately it paid dividends when she set Brid Sheehan up for the 'Town's second goal.

One minute later Jean O'Sullivan pointed and the 'Town were coasting 2-8 to 0-7.

With 15 minutes remaining Grenagh switched Mary O'Connor to centre back.

Twopoints from Sheehan and O'Brien boosted Gren-

MAGIC MOMENTS

17. IN 1991 National Irish Bank took over the sponsorship of Camogie Player of the Year of boots on a bronze plaque. Winners include Angela Downey in 1991; Ann Downey in 1994; Sandie Fitzgibbon, in 1992 and 1995; Linda Mellerick, in 1993; and Imelda Hobbins in 1996.

agh and when a 22 minute goal from Sheehan cut the deficit to two points, the champions sensed the title was still theirs for them to retrieve.

One minute later Sheehan turned provider for O'Brien when she set up a tremendous goal and the champions were back in front.

Ciara Healy levelled for Bishopstown with a pointed free, but back came Grenagh's Eileen O'Brien who pointed and two minutes later sealed the issue with a sensational goal.

Scorers: Bishopstown: C Healy 0-5, R Cahalane 1-1, B Sheehan 1-0, V Harris 0-1, S O'Callaghan 0-1, J O'Sullivan 0-1.

Grenagh/Ballingarry: E O'Brien 2-7, V Sheehan 2-1, M O'Connor 0-1, C O'Connor 0-1.



Bishopstown's Liz O'Neill battles through the Grenagh-Ballingarry defence.

Clare side prove too strong

WHILE the scoreline of 4-5 to 1-4 may suggest otherwise, Cork made Clare fight every inch of the way to win a place in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final.

Clare were always going to have a big advantage over Cork, such are the rules which govern this Intermediate championship.

The Clare side were eligible to contest for Intermediate honours, while Cork were fielding 13 of the finishing

15 from the previous Sunday All-Ireland Junior Championship win.

With the Cork defence in superb form, a Deirdre Murphy goal four minutes into the opening half was all that separated the sides at half-time 1-2 to 0-2 in favour of Clare.

Ten minutes into the second half Sylvia O'Brien had a superb Clare goal and when Catherine O'Loughlin pointed two minutes later Cork were never able to get back on level terms.

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Inniscarra on path to glory



Another Corker: Rachel Maloney of Cork gets past Down's Clair Scullion in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie final.

Picture: INPHO/Lorraine OSullivan

THE first Sunday of September proved to be red-letter day in the history of Inniscarra Camogie Club as four players won coveted All Ireland Junior Championship medals when Cork defeated Derry in a superbly entertaining curtain-raiser at Croke Park.

Goalkeeper Ger Casey gave a superb display between the posts bringing off some vital saves when the need was greatest.

Criona Harte's attacking prowess was seen to good effect in a slick-moving forward line. Although Cliona Meaney and Trisha Murphy

were not called on duty, they were invaluable members of the panel.

Two weeks earlier Cork's minor camogie team struck gold when they overcame the strong challenge posed by a formidable Galway side.

Inniscarra's exciting young talent Liz Hayes was a member of this star-studded outfit.

It is a unique achievement to have five club players win All Ireland medals in the same season and augurs well for the future of camogie in Inniscarra as we approach the new millennium.

Heartiest congratulations to all.



Sinead Buckley, from Aghabullogue, a player on the Cork camogie team that won the All-Ireland junior title, at a homecoming reception at Eire Og hurling and football club.

to the Tipperary ladies. Coming up against Kilkenny, who had dumped favourites Cork out of the championship a week earlier, the Premier women came from behind to win. It was a wonderful spectacle, played on the fullsize pitch for the first time. Tom, having watched the under 21s fall to Galway the evening before, was delighted that the camogs ensured the weekend was not a total disaster for Tipperary gals.

"It was unbelievable to see 16,000 people in attendance at a camogie final. It wouldn't have been heard of a few years ago, and it's all positive for the future of the game. Television, also, has played a large part. After raising the profile of hurling since the mid-1990s, it has now improved the image of camogie as well."

Looked at from afar, it would appear to have been a calamitous championship for Tipperary. Neither senior side managed to win a championship match. When analysed more closely, however, many positive aspects can be drawn. The camogie side won an All-Ireland title,

The greatest success story of the year, however, belonged



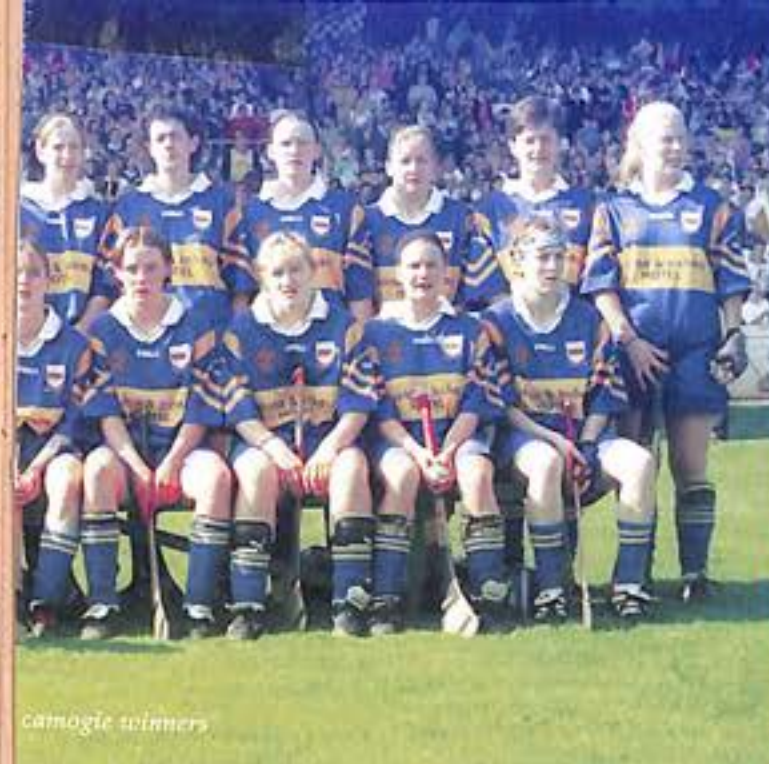
The victorious Tipperary camogie panel celebrate their All-Ireland success at Croke Park in early September



Tipperary captain
Meadhbh Stokes



Tipperary senior
camogie winners



Cork captain
Helen Walsh



History made

The women of Tipperary made camogie history and PJ Fulham was there on that momentous day.

There were jubilant scenes in Croke Park after Tipperary clinched their first ever Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship in a closely contested game against Kilkenny, on a scoreline of 0-12 to 1-8. Caitriona Hennessy from the Dron an Inch club was introduced in the 40th minute, ended the game as a legend after putting over two frees to snatch a famous victory.

Both teams put up a great show that had the crowd on their toes all through the game. The 'Premier County' were the hungrier side fighting for possession, however Kilkenny were always there and in the early stages of the second half it looked like they would take their 13th title. Tipperary's Deirdre Hughes put over three fantastic frees from awkward angles and deserved to be the 'Player of the Match'.

This was the first All-Ireland camogie final played on a full size GAA pitch with 15 players aside. Kilkenny were first to score when Sinead Millea put the sliothar over the bar. A minute later Noelle Kennedy got off the mark when she pointed from a free. Noelle had a great game notching six points from frees during the course of the hour. Tipperary had a two point lead before Sinead Millea scored Kilkenny's second point. There was lots of anxiety and tension between the sides. Ciara Gaynor, Angela McDermott and Suzanne Kelly produced lots of fire power throughout. By the 10th minute the sides exchanged points which was the trend of the

game, an end to end battle.

Kilkenny's goal came when Sinead Millea, who was responsible for seven points of her teams total. She went on a solo run before being fouled and her free dropped low for 16 year old Lizzie Lyng banged it to the net. Emer McDonnell pointed a crucial score to level the sides, but Millea had the last say of the half, giving her side a one point advantage at the break.

Kilkenny 1-5 Tipperary 0-7

After the resumption the sides exchanged points on two occasions and, at the end of the 3rd quarter they were level 1-7 to 0-10. It was stalemate for 13 minutes until Caitriona Hennessy pointed from a 45 metre free. This was followed by a similar score from Sinead Millea. It looked as if it was going to be a drawn match as time ticked away. Tipperary were awarded a free that Hennessy tapped over to make it a historic win for the 'Premier County'. Scorers: Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 0-6, Deirdre Hughes 0-3, Caitriona Hennessy 0-2, Emer McDonnell 0-1.

Kilkenny: Sinead Millea 0-7, Lizzie Lyng 1-0, Martina Maher 0-1.

Tipperary Team: Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Meadhbh Stokes (Capt), Ciara Gaynor, Sinead Nealon, Emily Hayden, Angela McDermott, Noelle Kennedy, Therese Brophy, Helan Kiely, Emer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Niamh Harkin. Subs:

Caitriona Hennessy for N Harkin, Philomena Fogarty for H Kiely.

Kilkenny: Miriam Holland, Tracey Millea, Margaret Hickey, Una Murphy, Sinead Costelloe, Jillian Maher (Capt), Maread Costelloe, Kelly Long, Sinead Millea, Sandra Gleeson, Brigid Mullaly, Marina Downey, Margaret Commerford, Martina Maher, Lizzie Lyng.

Sub: Anne Downey for M Downey

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin

Cork collected their second All-Ireland junior championship title in three years with a one point win over a gallant Derry side, after a 1-13 to 2-9 win. Rachel Molloney's nine point tally destroyed the 'Oakleaf County'. The Courcy Rovers players fantastic display earned her the 'Player of the Match' Award. This was a ding dong affair. The Derry forwards always looked dangerous, while the sides were level five times in the opening half. A goal by Derry's captain Mary O'Kane on the 18th minute was cancelled out a minute later when Orla O'Sullivan raced through the Derry defence to lodge the ball in the net. At the end of the first half the sides were level 1-5 each.

The second half was just 12 minutes old when Derry took a three point lead with a Paula McAtamney goal. Cork's star forward Rachel Molloney equalised with three points in succession and as full time drew near Cork were leading by two points. Martina Mulholland pulled one back but the 'Leesiders' held on for a one point victory.

Scorers: Cork: Rachel Molloney 0-9, Orla O'Sullivan 1-0, Ciara Healy 0-2, Criona Harte and Helan Walsh 0-1 each. Derry: Mary O'Kane 1-2, Patricia McAtamney 1-1, Martina Mulholland 0-2, Aileen Tohill, Shauna McCaul, Claire McNicoll and Karen Rafferty 0-1 each.

Cork: Geraldine Casey, Muireann Harrington, Rosarie Holland, Sinead Buckley, Ruth Cahalane, Jill Hannon, Linda O'Connell, Helan Walsh (Capt), Sheenagh Morley, Orla O'Sullivan, Marie Corkery, Elaine Burke, Criona Harte, Rachael Molloney, Ciara Healy. Subs: Caroline Giltinan for L O'Connell, Val O'Sullivan for S Morley.

Derry: Aileen Crilly, Claire Scullin, Grainne Maguire.

Paula McKenna, Cathy McDonald, Siobhan Convery, Claire Doherty, Martina Mulholland, Anna O'Loughlin, Shauna McCaul, Aileen Tohill, Paula McAtamney, Claire McNicholl, Mary O'Kane (Capt), Karen Rafferty. Subs: Aileen O'Kane for C McNicholl, Sinead Stevenson for C McDonald.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary

The eighth All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final takes place next Sunday. Antrim make their debut when they host Clare. The 'Banner County' defeated Dublin 4-14 to 4-8 in the quarter final. In the semi-final against last year's finalists Cork, after a low scoring first half they led 1-2 to 0-2, and ran out winners 4-5 to 1-4 to reach their 4th final. They have won on two occasions. In 1993 they defeated Dublin by three points and in 1995 they had just one point to spare over Tipperary. They contested the '97 decider when Tipperary convincingly turned the tables on them. Clare retain many players from those panels.

Antrim defeated a fancied Limerick side 4-12 to 2-6 and also recorded a convincing win over Armagh in the semi-final 1-9 to 0-4.

The 'Glensiders' took their first All-Ireland title in 18 years when they won the Junior Championship and League in 1997. They field 12 of that team in this decider and will be going all out to take this coveted cup for the first time. Under the management of Neil O'Connell, County Chairman, Mick O'Connell, who has captained Antrim and Ulster hurling teams and Nell O'Neill, they may be hard to overcome.

Antrim panel: Ciara McKinley, Claire Maguire, Brenda McNeill, Sinead McMullan, Maureen Duffin, Hannah Healey, Ciara Nelson, Grainne Connolly, Ciara McGinley, Jane Adams, Ann McKee, Elaine Dowds, Oonagh Elliott, Carla Doherty, Kerri O'Neill, Karen Coyle, Denise O'Boyle, Roisin Duffin, Maureen Barry, Geraldine McGarry, Christine Doherty, Donna Brogan, Helena Connelly, Nuala McCloskey, Nadine McCurry, Joanne McKendry, Siobhan McCloskey, Jennie Flynn, Bronagh McShane.

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NEW ERA IN CAMOGIE

Tipperary bring a fresh and welcome wind of change to the last Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship final of the century.

Not only is this their first appearance at this stage of the championship since 1984 when they lost to Dublin—their seventh defeat in seven finals—but they are also meeting Kilkenny in the showpiece game of the year for the first time.

Another novel feature of the game is that this will be the first final between 15-a-side teams.

A unique clash in more ways than one and a game that should also see out the century on a high note with a keenly contested match, marked by high standard play.

Kilkenny have been the modern success story of the game. They did not win their first title until as recently as 1974 but now are hoping that it will prove a case of "Lucky Thirteen". Title No. 12 was won five years ago at the expense of Wexford.

Angela Downey, who illuminated the scene for so long with her skills and inspiring play, starred in all of Kilkenny's successes so far—a remarkable record. She has retired, so if the Cats regain the title it will be a new chapter in the annals of the sport in the county.

Angela's twin sister is still to the fore. She played in all but the first of Kilkenny's triumphs so far but only made an appearance in the All-Ireland semi-final win last month over Cork as a substitute because of injury.

However, Kilkenny are hoping that this brilliant exponent of the sport will be fit for the decider.

Kilkenny had a dramatic win over Cork last time out at Dublin's Parnell Park. The Rebels, champions for the past two years, looked to be on the road to another final when they led by a point with the game deep into injury time.

Then a sparkling solo run up field by Kilkenny captain and centre half back Jillian Maher led to a Kilkenny free some 55 metres from the Cork goal.

A last gasp opportunity for Kilkenny to earn a second chance. Centre half forward Sinead Millea faced up to the unenviable task of taking the free in the tension-laden atmosphere.

SPLENDID RETURN

The Kilkenny girl faced up superbly to the challenge and sent her shot accurately goalwards. Suddenly, the ball was in the back of the net. Kilkenny were amazingly two points clear and the final whistle went immediately afterwards.

Kilkenny 2-12; Cork 1-13.

What a dramatic finish! A wonderful way to win a game, but at the same time a cruel way to lose any tie.

However, it would be unfair to Kilkenny to say that they emerged lucky winners. They played with plenty of spirit and skill throughout, took their opportunities well and their defence kept the Cork tally from play down to 1-3.

Sinead Millea was a heroine for Kilkenny in more ways than one. Her match winning goal brought her total to a splendid 1-9, a wonderful contribution. And, she also contributed much in general play with her deft touches and shrewd promptings of the attack.

However, Millea, full forward in Kilkenny's last All-Ireland senior title winning team of 1994, has strong support in a good all round and well-balanced Noreside outfit.

Margaret Comerford, who scored 1-1, was another bright star in attack.

Marina Downey, a midfield link with the last O'Duffy Cup winning side, and Kelly Long worked hard in the middle of the park.

Tracey Millea, another survivor from the 1994 team, Maher and Una Hickey did much to blend the defence into a tight and disciplined unit.

With Anne Downey likely to be challenging for places in the final, Kilkenny are undoubtedly well armed for their bid to regain the sport's most coveted trophy.

But they can take nothing for granted against Tipperary. The Premier County cannot match the Noresiders in big-match experience, but they still line out with a formidable outfit and the confidence of having beaten Kilkenny last season in the championship and in the League this year.

It would probably be unwise to read too much into Tipperary's run-away 6-22 to 1-3 semi-final win over Down. Nevertheless, there was still much to admire in the Tipperary performance, prompted by the brilliance of full forward Deirdre Hughes, who had an outstanding game and finished with a superb 4-3.

SUPREMACY IN COMMAND

This was a memorable display by a forward supremely in command of her skills. She was tireless throughout, used the ball intelligently and as well as taking scores herself in brilliant fashion, provided opportunities for her colleagues with her unselfish and purposeful play.

The Toomevara girl obviously looms as a major threat to Kilkenny and a player who could stamp her personality yet again on the game and provide the inspiration for a first title win by the Premier County.

Tipperary have another trump card up front in Noelle Kennedy, also from Toomevara, who helped herself to eight golden points last time out.

With this duo of club-mates prompting

matters up front Tipperary look to have the all round power in attack to present the Noreside defence with their most testing problems of the championship.

Angela McDermott and Emily Hayden provide a strong and hard-working link at midfield between attack and defence.

The rearguard, with Sinead Nealon, Clara Gaynor and Claire Madden, setting a high standard, will not bend easily, despite the fact that Kilkenny can put on parade some of the most astute and experienced forwards in the game just now.

So, Tipperary have plenty to encourage them as they bid to write a further chapter of history by bringing the O'Duffy Cup to the Premier County for the first time.

Can they do it? A win is certainly within Tipperary's capabilities, but it is difficult to ignore Kilkenny's solid framework of All-Ireland medal winners.

In a game like this that craft will prove invaluable. Add in Kilkenny's well-known and well proven stylish play and flair and the odds are that the Cats will see out the century with another All-Ireland championship to their credit—but only narrowly!

ROLL OF HONOUR

The winners of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship receive the O'Duffy Cup.

The first final was played in 1932 and Dublin beat Galway to start a great record of successes. They now lead the rankings with 26 titles but remarkably have not celebrated a national title success since the Centenary Year of the G.A.A. in 1984.

Cork are the only Munster county so far to have won the championship and they are in second place in the rankings.

The last year a new name was inscribed on the Roll of Honour was in 1996 when Galway beat Cork. That success meant that the title has now been won by counties in all four provinces.

This is how the counties measure up in the All-Ireland championship.

26: Dublin:	1932, 1933, 1937, 1938, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1984.
19: Cork:	1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998.
12: Kilkenny:	1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994.
6: Antrim:	1945, 1946, 1947, 1956, 1967, 1979.
3: Wexford:	1968, 1969, 1975.
1: Galway:	1996.

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On The Run ... Lizzie Lyng (Kilkenny) solos away from Paula O'Connor of Cork.



Semi-Final Action ... Eimear McDonnell (Tipperary) breaks clear of Bernie Kelly (Down).

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Young club keeps growing

CLUB PROFILE

DESPITE being just two years in existence Dungourney Camogie Club is forging ahead and making great strides.

Having fielded teams in the County Board leagues at Under-12 and 14 this young and vibrant club organise several activities to keep the interest going for its members.

Recently, a very successful day was held which was dedicated to the memory of one of the club's founders the late Raymond O'Riordan who spent so much of his time organising camogie and GAA activities within the club.

The O'Riordan family donated a cup in his memory and four teams, Dungourney, Castlelyons, Carrigtwohill and Ballygarvan, participated in a wonderful day's camogie at Under 14 grade.

In the opening game Dungourney beat Castlelyons, whilst Ballygarvan joined them in the final following a victory over Carrigtwohill.

Before the final Carrigtwohill and Castlelyons battled it out for third and fourth place with Castlelyons gaining the upper hand.

Exciting

The final was an exciting affair with Dungourney managing to curtail their visitors in the opening-half. The second-half saw Ballygarvan gain the upper hand and run out victors on a narrow, but deserved, margin. The trophy was presented to winning captain Sarah Dunlea by Margaret O'Riordan, a daughter of the late Ray.

There was better luck for the Dungourney girls when the club took part in the Under-11 league in East Cork when four clubs, Killeagh, Fr O'Neills, Dungourney and Youghal, all participated on a home and away basis.

After a very enjoyable and beneficial league two teams won through to the final.

In an exciting final Killeagh had to give way to the stronger Dungourney outfit who were under the guidance of coaches Edel Kelleher and Margaret O'Riordan.

The An Stor shield was presented to the winning Dungourney captain Clara Kelleher by Ber Motherway on behalf of the sponsors the Murphy family.

Whilst as yet not participating in Under-16 or higher grades, with the talent and enthusiasm that is in the club it will not be long before we see lots more of the Dungourney club.



The Dungourney Under-11 team who won the An Stor Shield after defeating Killeagh in the final.

Under 18 leagues reach quarter-final stage Focus switches to under 16 code

THE spotlight will focus on the U-16 championship in the coming weeks, with the first games pencilled in for the weekend of October 2/3.

With the U-18 league now at the quarter-final stages the championship will be foremost in the minds of the clubs.

The draws for the U-16 championships are as follows: (venues, dates and times in next week's Grass-roots).

Under 16A: Ballinhassig v Courcy Rovers; Glen Rovers v Newtownshandrum; St. Finbarrs v Barryroe; Ballygarvan v Milford; Aghbullogue v Ballinhassig or Courcy Rovers; Inniscarra v Cloughduv.

Pairings

U-16B championship: Ballyhea v Carrigaline; Sliabh Rua v Grenagh; Ballinacorney v Sarsfields; Newcestown v Valley Rovers; Buttevant v Douglas; Kilbrittain v St. Fannahans; Ballincollig v Elre Og; St. Catherine's v Bishopstown; Charleville v Enniskeane; Killeagh v Kildorrey; Youghal v Erins Own; Fr. O'Neills v Castlelyons; Mayfield v Ballinacorney or Sarsfields; Fr. O'Neills or Castlelyons v Ballinora; Na Piarasigh v Buttevant or Douglas.



Margaret O'Riordan presents Ballygarvan captain Sarah Dunlea with the Ray O'Riordan Memorial Trophy.

Victorious Cork junior captain Helen Walsh had busy time in the last few days when she visited two patients who are recovering in city hospitals.

Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Cork junior player Muireann Harrington.

Muireann had to leave the Cork junior team All-Ireland celebrations immediately after the game to check into hospital. Good wishes to long serving camogie official and former county board officer Nora Newman, chairperson of Glen Rovers club, who is a patient in the Orthopaedic Hospital.

RESULTS

JBC: Bandon 1-6, St. Fannahans 0-2; Aghbullogue 3-8, Bishopstown 0-0; St. Catherine's 4-8, Ballinora 0-2; Inniscarra 2-5, Delaney's 0-5; Youghal 2-7, Newcestown 1-2; Kilbrittain 4-5, Newtownshandrum 1-0; St. Finbarrs 4-6, Mayfield 0-1; Cloughduv 3-8, Grenagh 1-0.



The late Mamie O'Connell, nee Kenneally.

Camogie legend dies

IT was with regret that camogie followers will have noted the passing of one of camogie's oldest surviving players when the late Mamie O'Connell nee Kenneally passed away recently.

Mamie was a member of the first Cork senior team to bring the O'Duffy Cup to Cork under the captaincy of Kitty Delea of Muskerry when they defeated Louth 4-3 to 1-4. That win set up a glorious chapter in Cork camogie history with the county taking six titles in eight years.

Tradition

Born in Parnell Terrace on the Pouladuff Road in 1913, Mamie came from a family steeped in GAA tradition. She began her playing days with the famed Lough Rovers club in the late 1920s with brother John winning minor and senior All-Ireland honours with Cork and county championship honours with the Barrs.

Brothers Miah and Paddy also added honours to the family collection with both St. Finbarr's and Lough Rovers. With the winning of an All-Ireland senior camogie medal in 1934, Mamie and brother Miah became one of the first of many brothers/sisters to do so. She continued to play camogie at senior level until 1937.

MAGIC MOMENTS

18: In 1977, the All-Ireland minor camogie final was played in Croke Park in conjunction with the replay of the All-Ireland senior football semi-final.

The supporters got behind the girls from Dublin and Galway to ensure a marvellous atmosphere. Galway proved too strong on the day.

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Eithe Duggan, captain of the victorious All-Ireland senior camogie team, with young fans Maria Monaher, Jacky O'Hea, Vicky Dillon, and Naoimh O'Sullivan and Fiona O'Sullivan, at a reception in Bishopstown GAA club. Picture: Richard Mills.

Junior and minor teams flew flag

IF camogie had a back door system, I'm quite certain that Cork would have won the All Ireland Senior Final.

But tradition prevails and so that is not the case. Plus the fact, that it would be very unfair to tarnish a famous victory achieved by our good friends in Tipperary.

It was, however, ironic that this was the same side from the Premier County that succumbed when the Rebel County won their fifth National League title in a row last May on the plush sod of Semple Stadium.

That was a historic day for the ladies when they acted in the curtain raiser to the men in the Munster Senior Hurling Championship tie between Tipperary and Kerry.

Pride of place this year has to go to the Cork Junior and Minor teams who brought All Ireland glory to Leeside within weeks of each other.

Both, for me, are strong contenders for Match of the Year, with just a point being the winning margin in the two matches.

Goals from Cairtriona Kelly and Gemma O'Connor contributed to a game of

Helen delight as cup goes to Eire Og for first time

Therese O'Callaghan

power and application against an obstinate Galway side in the All Ireland Minor final.

In another great day for the Newtownshandrum club, captain Niamh Bowles collected Cork's tenth title. Emer Dillon, posted six massive points, and was awarded the Belleek Pottery Player of the Match.

Exactly 14 days later, another superb contest was witnessed in Croke Park. This occasion brought north and south together. Cork and Derry were level eight times, before Rachel Moloney's ninth point gave the Red and White brigade their sixth All Ireland at this level.

Ger Casey had the game of her life between the posts, while Orla O'Sullivan's goal was a thing of beauty -

collected on the hop close to the forty, she soloed through Derry's rearguard before hitting home with icy cool. Helen Walsh realised a lifetime ambition when she brought the cup home to her club in Eire Og.

At club level, the weight of county champions did not stop Bishopstown from achieving three-in-a-row. It nearly didn't happen though - a young Carrigrohoun side came to within one point of dethroning the kingpins in their opening round.

The county final then was a repeat of the previous two years with Fr. O'Neill's hoping to take their first title to East Cork. The town side had three points to spare. Sinead O'Callaghan who joined the maroon and white this season won her first senior county medal under the captaincy of corner forward Aine White.

Two Cork schools did the double when crowned All

Ireland Colleges Senior A and B winners.

St Mary's of Charleville competing in the top grade saw a familiar tale unfold to win Corn Scailg for the fourth year in succession. It was a repeat of the '98 final, resulting in heartbreak once again for Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy. Caoimhe Harrington a member of the Cork senior squad this year captained the North Cork school to an incredible 17th All Ireland title.

On that same day in McDonagh Park in Nenagh, Kilcormac Vocational School and Sacred Heart Clonakilty contested the inaugural B Final. Showing no mercy, the West Cork students became the first ever winners of the Mary Moran Cup. From Ger Gasy in goals, to their captain Ger Collins, it was a victory accomplished in exemplary fashion.

To complete the silverware for the Rebel County, 12 Cork players won senior Inter-provincial honours with Munster, and Fiona O'Driscoll was awarded the Schwarzkopf Professional Player of the Tournament. Hairs to next year!

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A busy week

PJ Fulham rounds up the highlights of a busy week in the camogie world.

Liatroim/Fontenoy's, Down overcame a strong challenge from Crosserlough, Cavan to lift their fourth Ulster Senior Club Championship title in five years in the final played at Crosserlough, on a scoreline of 2-9 to 3-2.

This was the Cavan club's first appearance in an Ulster final. The winners had the upperhand in the first half with five points from Mairin McAleenan and one each from Caitriona McCrickard and Claire McGrath.

Helen McCabe hit the home side's first score after 15 minutes. At the break the winners led 0-7 to 1-0. Further goals by Crosserlough's Olive Farrelly and Brenda Lynch put their side well in the game and with five minutes to go, the sides were on level terms. A Lisa Quinn goal and a point by Mairin McAleenan was enough to put the champions into the All-Ireland semi-final.

Scorers - Liatroim - Mairin McAleenan 1-7, Lisa Quinn 1-0, Caitriona McCrickard and Claire McGrath 0-1 each.

Crosserlough - Brenda Lynch 1-2, Helen McCabe and Olive Farrelly 1-0 each.

Referee - Aoife Woods, Armagh.

Kilkenny champions Freshford booked their ticket to the Leinster senior club championship final, when they overcame first time Dublin champions Ballyboden/St. Enda's in this Leinster club championship semi-final, played at Ballyboden, by 2-11 to 2-4.

Freshford got off to a great start with goals from Imelda Kennedy and Fiona Connery, which gave them a lead of 2-8 to 1-1 at the break.

Ballyboden came more into the game in the second half, and had the better of the exchanges, with a goal by Fiona Hughes and three well taken points by Irene Kirwan, but they could not overcome the first half deficit.

Scorers - Freshford - Imelda Kennedy 1-6, Fiona Connery 1-1, Martina Maher 0-3, Mary Ellen Butler 0-1.

Ballyboden - Irene Kirwan 1-4, Fiona Hughes 1-0.

Freshford - Helen McGrath, Margaret Hickey, Paula Dowling, Mairead Costelloe, Mary Ellen Butler, Sinead Costelloe, Emma Fitzpatrick, Esther Kennedy, Margaret Kavanagh, Cora Dowling, Gillian Dillon, Mary C Ryan, Imelda Kennedy, Martina Maher, Fiona Connery.

Ballyboden/St. Enda's - Ciara Conway, Ciara Blair, Roisin Keaney, Grainne McNeela, Siobhan O'Dwyer, Sorcha Farrelly, Orla Smith, Fiona

Ni Chorcoran, Fiona Hughes, Sile Ni Choisir, Sarah Crosbie, Irene Kirwan, Danelle Dolan, Eimear Ring Jean McNamara. Subs - Sinead McNeela, Triona Rafferty.

Referee - Jack O'Brien, Wexford.

Rathnure of Wexford will be Freshford's opponents in the Leinster senior club championship final, when they proved too strong for Drumcullen, Offaly in their semi-final played at Rath, on a scoreline of 4-7 to 2-5.

The first half was evenly enough contested. Two goals by Geraldine Codd and Elaine Holohan gave the winners a 3-1 to 1-5 lead at the break.

Rathnure were never worried in the second half and ended with an eight point winning margin.

Scorers - Rathnure - Geraldine Codd 2-1, Elaine Holohan 1-3, Evelyn Quigley 1-1, Aoife O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary 0-1 each.

Drumcullen - Maggie Lynch 1-1, Elaine Dermody 0-4, Karen Nugent 1-0.

Referee - John Pender, Kildare.

Antrim collected their first Ulster Under 14 championship crown against Down - who have failed in four successive finals - to secure their first title, by 3-8 to 1-2.

The great Mairead Magill is behind this latest Antrim victory, and it means that she has been involved in Antrim, collecting Ulster titles in five different decades from the 1950s to the '80s as a player and a coach.

Antrim had built up a 1-6 tally before Down opened their account with a goal from Catherine Hanvey. Mairead McKernan's goal midway through the second half came direct from a free and although Down replied with two points, Niamh Cunningham had Antrim's third goal a few minutes from full time.

Scorers - Antrim - Niamh Cunningham 1-2, Edel Martin 0-4, Mairead McKernan and Kerry Crossey 1-0 each, Brenda Clarke and Colleen McCann 0-1 each.

Down - Catherine Hanvey 1-0, Claire McKenna and Grace O'Reilly 0-1 each.

Antrim - Emma Carey, Kirstin Laverty, Sinead Mooney, Caitriona Boyle, Claire Kearney, Aine McNicholl, Shauna McAleese, Mairead McKernan, Edel Martin (capt.), Niamh Cunningham, Brenda Clarke, Sara Jane McGuigan, Kerry Crossey, Colleen McCann, Bernadette Letters, Subs - Kerrie Anne Fitzsimmons, Mairead McMullan, Therese McAleese.

Down - Oonagh Collins, Catherine McFerron, Ciara Hynds, Donna McMaster, Rosie Murray, Tanya McAvoy (capt.), Fiona Keenan, Martina McGrattan, Grace O'Reilly, Jamie Watson, Brianna McAdam, Claire McKenna, Aine Byrne, Janine Campbell, Catherine Hanvey. Subs - Karen Gribbon, Lisa Cunningham, Leah McAtamney.



Crosserlough - Cavan camogie champions 1999

All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship final: Antrim 1-3 Clare 1-8

Banner's superior forward power too much for Saffrons

CLARE won this All-Ireland Intermediate Championship for the third time in wind-swept Dunloy yesterday because they had more forwards who were capable of engineering scores than had their opponents.

Centre half-back Marie Collins was outstanding - a worthy recipient of the player of the match award. But you don't win matches of any description unless forwards can create and take chances.

Sylvia O'Brien did just that in the opening quarter with a goal and a point. It forced the Saffrons into change, bringing on Denise O'Boyle to midfield - an area

where they also struggled - and moving Maureen Duffin to successfully mark the nippy corner-forward. Edel Arthur and Erica Minogue then took up the baton and kept Antrim defence under pressure.

By contrast the home side had little to offer in attack apart from the direct running of winger Jane Adams. Antrim's stars were all in defence. Clara McKinley again turned in a brilliant hour between the posts, saving her side on a number of occasions, while Maureen Duffin, Brenda McNeill and Sinead McMullan held firm throughout.

Normally the concession of 1-8 should

mean that your side has a fair chance of victory, but in truth Antrim's forwards - a 10 minute period around half-time aside - never looked good enough to breach the Munster side's back-line.

It took 25 minutes' play before Oonagh Elliott opened the Clare defence with a beautiful goal of which her brother Ally would have been proud. Ann McKee pointed two frees and the sides were level on a 1-2 each half-time scoreline even though Clare had dominated the opening 20 minutes.

McKee lofted over another free on the restart, but Clare levelled with a great

point from Edel Arthur soon after. Antrim were enjoying good pressure at this stage, but were unlucky when Carla Doherty's effort rebounded off an upright and the sliotar broke downfield for Erica Minogue to restore the Clare lead.

It was tough from then until the end but Clare were the dominant force. Deirdre Murphy pointed beautifully and, under constant pressure, the Saffrons' defence eventually yielded frees which captain Moira McMahon gratefully accepted for three late points.

Antrim were not expected to reach this final. They have had a reasonably good

season and have a firm foundation on which to launch a real challenge next year. The discovery of a goal-grabbing forward or two would really help their cause.

Antrim: C McKinley, C Maguire, B McNeill, S McMullan, M Duffin, H Healy, C Nelson, G Connolly, C McKinley, J Adams, A McKee (0-3 frees), E Dowds, O Elliott (1-0), C Doherty, K O'Neill. Subs: D O'Boyle for C Maguire (16 mins), M Barry for K O'Neill (35), R Duffin for C Nelson (48). Clare: A McCormack, S Daly, S McMahon, A Keane, C Halley, M Collins, S O'Brien, M McMahon (0-3, frees), D Murphy (0-1), E Arthur (0-2), E Minogue (0-1), C O'Loughlin, P O'Brien, P O'Grady, S O'Brien (1-1). Sub: N Comyns for P O'Brien (40). Referee: Aine Deham (Dublin).

Clare are champions after strong finish

Clare 1-8

Antrim 1-3



● Sylvia O'Brien scored Clare's goal in Sunday's All-Ireland Intermediate camogie final.

Clare turned in a storming final quarter to win the All-Ireland intermediate camogie championship title against Antrim at Dunloy on Sunday.

The victory came four years after they had previously won the title at the expense of Tipperary in 1995. They also contested the final in 1997 when they lost to Tipperary.

And Clare had further reason to celebrate when their outstanding centre back Marie Collins was named as the player of the match.

Clare made the long journey North on Saturday in preparation for this tie which produced a very close fought first half at the end of which the sides were level at 1-2 each.

Newmarket's Edel Arthur gave her side the lead with a point after just two minutes. Sylvia O'Brien got through for the team's goal in the ninth minute and the Shannon girl added a point five minutes later to stretch Clare's lead. Urged on by the home following, Antrim fought back and by half time they had drawn level at 1-2 each.

Shortly after the restart, the home County took the lead with a good point but this was quickly cancelled out when Edel Arthur pointed for Clare. Clare went back in front when Whitegate's Erica Minogue pointed and they stretched the lead to two points when Deirdre Murphy found the target with ten minutes remaining.

Team captain Moira McMahon converted three frees in the remaining time to seal a good win for the Banner girls.

It was a deserved win for the Clare girls for whom Aine Ni Cormaic, Sinead Daly, Sinead McMahon, Sylvia O'Brien, Erica Minogue and player of the game Marie Collins impressed.

Clare: Aine Ni Cormaic (Wolfe Tones); Sinead Daly (St. Josephs); Sinead McMahon (St. Josephs); Ann Keane (Kilnamona); Cathy

Hally (Truagh) Marie Collins (Bodyke); Sinead O'Brien (Bodyke); Moira McMahon (Newmarket); Capt. Deirdre Murphy (Clooney); Edel Arthur (Newmarket); Erica Minogue (Whitegate); Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona); Pauline O'Brien (Bodyke); Patricia O'Grady (Newmarket); Sylvia O'Brien (Wolfe Tones); Sub: Noelle

Comyns (Kilnamona) for Pauline O'Brien.

Under 14's impress

Clare under 14's put up an impressive performance in the inaugural four County tournament promoted by the

Connacht Association at the Padraig Pearse club outside Ballinasloe at the week-end.

After victories over both Kilkenny and Tipperary, Clare went through to the final where they came up against a strong Galway side. The Connacht County proved too strong but Clare will be happy with their form in what was their first time competing at this level.



Moira McMahon scored three vital points as she led Clare to the All-Ireland Intermediate title.

Bandon to meet Rovers

JUNIOR county championship action kicked off last weekend with 11 games down for decision in the B grade and two games in the A.

With the two A games Sarsfield versus St Vincent's and Douglas versus Milford falling foul to the weather, all the B games went ahead as scheduled.

Bandon with a 1-6 to 0-2 winning margin over St Panahan's, qualified to meet Courcy Rovers.

With just one point separating the sides at half time St Finbarr's upped the pace in the second half to defeat Mayfield 4-6 to 0-1. They now go on to a meeting with a strong St Catherine's side who had too much strength for a young Ballinora outfit.

Aghabullogue, strengthened by the inclusion of Helena Moynihan who was injured for the club's senior championship game, had a comprehensive victory over Bishopstown.

Following on this display, Aghabullogue will be firm favourites to take the title this year.

They have excellent players in former seniors Patsy Walsh and Mary Twomey whilst the expected return shortly from abroad of inter-county player Tina Roche will give them a tremendous advantage.

Inniscarra had a comfortable 2-5 to 0-5 victory over Delaneys in their opening game.

Other results to hand show Youghal already through to the league final, defeating Newcestown in their championship opener. Kilbrittan travelled to Newtownshandrum where they were much too strong for a young Newtown side, and Cloughduv set up a meeting with Barryroe when they recorded a good 3-8 to 1-0 victory over Grenagh.

FIXTURES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

Junior 'A' Championship: Glen Rovers v Tracton, Riddmonds, 6pm.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2

Under 16 Championship: Killeagh v Kildorrery, Killeagh, 5pm; Youghal v Erins Own, Youghal 2pm.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

Ballinacorney v Courcy Rovers, Ballinacorney, 12 noon; Newtownshandrum at Glen Rovers 12 noon; St Finbarr's v Barryroe, St Finbarr's 12 noon; Inniscarra v Cloughduv, Inniscarra, 12 noon.

JA Championship: Sars v St Vincent's, St Vincent's, 3pm.

Under 16 'B' Championship: Ballyhea v Carrigaline, Ballyhea 3pm; Slahh Rua v Grenagh, Slahh Rua, 12 noon; Ballinacorney v Sarsfield, Ballinacorney, 3pm; Newcestown v Valley Rovers, Newcestown, 3pm; Buttevant v Douglas, Buttevant, 12 noon; St Catherine's v Bishopstown, St Catherine's, 12 noon; Charleville v Enniskeary, Charleville, 3pm; Fr O'Neills v Castletymon, Fr O'Neills, 12 noon.

Junior 'B' Championship: Kilbrittan v Cobh, Cobh, 12 noon.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

Cloughduv v Barryroe, Barryroe, 12 noon (Ref. Newcestown); Carrigaline v Youghal, Carrigaline (Toss) 2pm (Ref. Tracton); Bandon v Courcy Rovers, Courcy, 3pm (Ref. Barryroe); Aghabullogue v Inniscarra, Aghabullogue, 12 noon (Ref. Eire Ogl).

North Cork players have enjoyed phenomenal success



The Ballyhea camogie team who won the Under-12 league title by defeating Inniscarra in the final.

Milford girls continue their remarkable run

IN the U-14A league Milford continued their remarkable run of success taking the league and also the Cork Féile titles.

A relatively new club, founded in 1997, Milford have enjoyed phenomenal success.

In 1997 the club took the U-12 and U14B league titles. In 1998 they completed the U16B league and championship double. They also completed the double at junior B level taking league and championship honours.

Earlier in the year the club competed in the Pan Celtic camogie festival in Tralee and came away with the U-16 title in a memorable final win.

They also qualified to represent Cork in the All-Ireland Féile na nGael finals earlier in the season.

Hectic

Winning through to the Féile final they met a strong Oulart side, who were defending their title and after a hectic struggle Milford had to give way.

Undaunted by this defeat, they returned to take county league honours with some magnificent displays.

Two members of the club, Marie Watson and Christine O'Gorman, were the first club members to win an All-Ireland medal. They were members of the Cork minor team who brought All Ireland honours to the club when defeating Galway in the final recently.



Sheila Golden, Cork Co. Board Cathaoirleach, presents Milford captain Kathy Brosnan with the U14A Cup.

Meanwhile Ballyhea defeated Inniscarra in the U-12 league, made it a first for their club.

Also a relatively new club, only in their third year in existence, Ballyhea took the title amidst tremendous scenes of excitement.

Coached

The side was coached by former Limerick Junior All Ireland medallist Geraldine Coleman. Now resident in Ballyhea, Ger-

aldine plays her club camogie with Newtownshandrum with whom she lines out in goal on the senior side. Indeed the Ballyhea team was captained by Geraldine's daughter Mary. Geraldine was ably assisted by selectors Augusta Waters, Margaret Morrissey and David Garvery.

The club also enjoyed a great run in the U-14B league reaching the semi-final where they lost out to Carrigaline who went on to take the title.

MAGIC MOMENTS

19. DOWN had the honour of winning the first All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship in 1968. In 1974 they again achieved a first by taking the inaugural minor title.

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SPORTING STUDENTS WIN ALL-IRELAND GOLD



PE teacher Sinead Millea, from Kilkenny, with Kelly Newman, Linda O'Connell and Gemma O'Connor at Ballyphehane Secondary school. Picture: Richard

Camogie is big hit with the Pres girls

A SECONDARY school in Cork city is earning a reputation for success in camogie — having claimed four All-Ireland medals this year.

A star has been born at Presentation Secondary school Ballyphehane in second-year student Gemma O'Connor who won an All-Ireland minor medal last season.

The 14-year-old student scored one goal and a point in the final

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against Galway. Meanwhile, Lynda O'Connell won a junior All-Ireland medal and Kelly Newman was a sub on the winning minor side.

The driving force behind this success is teacher Sinead Millea who plays senior camogie with Kilkenny.

Though the Cats suffered a one point defeat in the All-Ireland final against Tipperary, Sinead scored seven points for the side.

Ms Millea believes that the popularity of camogie is growing.

"Media coverage of the sport is increasing after the All-Ireland was broadcast live for the past two years. I am confident that the sport will continue to grow at this school," she says.



Down player Coleen Hynds, posing in her BCAM t-shirt, with other members of the senior camogie team outside the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down



Cork junior camogie player Rachel Moloney who won the Acton's Hotel/Carrigdhoun August Personality Award of the Month. Picture: Richard Mills.

honoured

intermediate hurling team during the summer.

The August Award winner is camogie star Rachel Moloney (Courcy Rovers) who continued her winning ways and she will be presented with her award tomorrow night.

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Carrig girls do so well

CLUB PROFILE

THIS was a superb year for the Carrigaline girls which included a great league campaign and an U-14 B league final meeting with Rockbawn. Earlier in the season Carrigaline showed their skill when they qualified for the Cork Feile na nGael final. Despite losing out to Milford they stuck to their task and reached the league decider. In previous years camogie had always been strong in the town. However, the club lapsed for a number of years but was re-formed.

Strong

Taking the under-16 B league title in 1993 the club has continued to be a strong force within the county leagues and the Carrigdhoun divisional competitions.

In the final played at Redmonds pitch the Carrigaline girls gave a top class display against a spirited and young Rockbawn outfit. Credit must go to Carrigaline in coming back from their disappointment in Feile to take the Under-14 B league tie.

Coached by Andrew O'Farrell the side had superb players in Captain Terry O'Keeffe and her twin sister Jackie whilst goalie Ann Kiely, centre back Lisa O'Driscoll and Amy Collins all made huge contributions.

Semi-final on at last

THE long awaited Senior B County Championship semi-final between St Finbarrs and Kilbrittan take place on Sunday next at Delaney's at noon.

With the inter-county team's success at junior and minor level this game was postponed before the junior semi-final and they haven't played since August.

The Barrs showed a tremendous hunger for victory in their opening game against Watergrasshill and did likewise against Brian Dillons.

Younger players Maria McCarthy, Orla O'Sullivan and Ber Maher fitted in well with the experienced Colette O'Mahony, Clare Barry and Janice Duffy.

Kilbrittan are equally determined to reach the decider, having lost out to Inniscarra in 1996.

In their opening game they had a good victory over a determined Newcestown. The long wait will have helped the Kilbrittan side who welcome home the returned Deirdre Coughlan, Karen Foley and Annette O'Leary who were abroad for the club's opening game.



The Under-14 'B' league winners Carrigaline who capped a great league campaign by beating Rockbawn in the league decided at Redmonds.

Rebels aiming to halt Tipp's gallop

INTERCOUNTY competition continues this weekend with the Munster U-18 championship tie between Cork and Tipperary at Glen Rovers on Saturday at 3pm. In previous years Cork dominated the Munster competition.

With a resurgence in camogie in the Premier county in recent years Tipperary have taken the title in 1997 and 1998 and are going for three in a row.

Tipp can call on six of last years winning side. And Sheenagh Howard, Una Dwyer, Niamh Harkin, Philly Fogarty and Emer McDonnell have already tasted senior All-Ireland success against Kilkenny.

Coach

The team is coached by Bill Coffey, ably assisted by Patsy Carroll and Joan Harkin.

On Sunday its promises to be a battle to the finish with Cork also fielding a strong side.

Senior players Una O'Donoghue and Sarah Hayes are joined by fellow senior panellists Ciara Healy while ten members of the All-Ireland winning junior side are eligible for the under 18 grade, including Rachel Maloney who has performed exceptionally this year.

Junior ace Ger Casey will be in goal while Rosari Hol-



Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney who will line out with Cork U-18s against Tipperary on Sunday.

land, Caroline Giltinane and Linda O'Connell are expected to figure prominently in the Cork defence.

The Cork panel is as follows: Ger Casey, Inniscarra; Una O'Donoghue, Cloughduv; Ellen O'Herlihy, Eire Og; Rachel Moloney, Courcy Rovers; Ciara Healy, Bishopstown; Sinead A Buckley, Aghabullogue; Caroline Giltinane, Newtownshandrum; Sarah Hayes, Courcy Rovers; Aoife Murray, Cloughduv; Rosari

Holland, Barryroe; Elaine Burke, Valley Rovers; Niamh Goulding, Glen Rovers; Sinead Kelly, Brian Dillons; Marie Hurley, Valley Rovers; Aine O'Regan, Courcy Rovers; Amanda O'Regan, Douglas; Mary Enneguess, Aghabullogue; Liz Bugler, Valley Rovers; Lorraine Kelly, Glen Rovers; Emer Dillon, Ballygaravan; Linda O'Connell, St. Finbarr's; Alanna McKenna, Eire Og; Noelle O'Riordan, Milford.

In other news, Kilbrittan

beat Cobh in the Junior B Championship while St Vincents set up a meeting with Milford in the A championship following a 2-4 to 0-7 win over Sarsfields.

In the Under 16 A, Milford were too strong for Ballygarvan, Barryroe defeated St. Finbarr's. Glen Rovers beat Newtownshandrum while two points was Cloughduv's winning margin over Inniscarra.

The U-16 B Championship saw Killeagh too strong for Kildorrery.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
Junior A Championship: St. Vincent's 2-4, Sarsfields 0-7.
Junior B Championship: Kilbrittan 3-10, Cobh 0-0.
Under 16 A Championship: Cloughduv 3-3, Inniscarra 3-1; Barryroe 3-9, St. Finbarr's 0-2; Milford 4-9, Ballygarvan 2-1; Glen Rovers 6-2, Newtownshandrum 0-0.
Under 16 B Championship: Killeagh 5-3, Kildorrery 1-0; Fr. O'Neills 8-7, Castlehyons 0-0; Newcestown 2-2, Valley Rovers 0-0.

FIXTURES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 9
Munster Under 18 Championship: Cork v Tipperary at Glen Rovers, 3pm.
Under 16B Championship: St. Catherine's v Bishopstown at St. Catherine's, 3pm; Clonsilla v Killeagh at Clonsilla 2pm.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10
Senior B Championship semi final: St. Finbarr's v Kilbrittan at Delaney's, 12 noon.
Junior B Championship: Cloughduv v Barryroe at Barryroe, 11.30am; Carrigaline v Youghal at Carrigaline, 11.30am; Bandon v Courcy Rovers at Courcy's, 3pm; Aghabullogue v Inniscarra at Aghabullogue 11.30am.

Under 16B Championship: Douglas v Na Flanagh at Douglas 12.30pm.
Fr. O'Neills v Ballynora, time and venue to be arranged.

Magic moments

20. DUBLIN based outfit Celtic claimed the first All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship.

Celtic clinched the first title back in 1964.

The first Cork club to take the title were Killeagh, who lifted the coveted prize 19 years ago.

Courageous Cork deliver a double blow

Cork
Tipperary

4-16
2-7

HOLDERS Tipperary were stripped of the Munster U-18 crown and foiled in their bid for three in a row by a Cork side whose strength in front of goal was the decisive factor in an entertaining opening round game at Glen Rovers.

Cork started well and led 6-3 seventeen minutes into the game. Tipperary's most impressive player, Emer MacDonnell, levelled matters with a well taken goal in the 18th minute.

But Cork responded with two goals

from Mary Enneguss and Elaine Burke inside three minutes and a point by Nuala O'Donnell had Cork in the driving seat, leading 2-8 to 1-4 at the interval.

Three minutes into the second half MacDonnell had Tipperary's second goal but good work by full forward Ciara Healy set up Mary Enneguss for Cork's third goal.

Rachel Maloney and Ciara Healy added further Cork points to stretch the lead.

Tipperary's challenge faded with ten minutes remaining and Ciara Healy

added a fourth Cork goal and four unanswered points from Mary Enneguss, Ellen O'Herlihy, Una O'Donoghue and Elaine Burke gave victory to Cork.

Scorers for Cork: Rachel Maloney 0-6 (free), Mary Enneguss 2-1, Una O'Donoghue 0-5, Elaine Burke 1-1, Ciara Healy 1-1, Ellen O'Herlihy 0-2.

Tipperary: Emer MacDonnell 2-4 (1 free, 1 from 45), Norma Coffey 0-2 (1 from free), Annette Ryan 0-1.

CORK: G. Casey, A. O'Regan, R. Holland, C. Gilman, S. Buckley, S. Hayes, S. Kelly, M. Hurley, E. Dillon, E. O'Herlihy, E. Burke, M. Enneguss, C. Healy, U. O'Donoghue. Sub: A. O'Regan for S. Kelly.

TIPPERARY: L. Ryan, M.R. Ryan, N. Harkin, D. MacDonnell, N. Harrington, U. O'Dwyer, P. Fogarty, G. Roland, T. Maher, E. MacDonnell, S. Howard, N. Coffey, N. Maher, S. Ryan, D. Ryan.

to fallen champions

Kilbrittain
St Finbarr's

2-6
0-7

TWO first-half goals playing against strong wind laid the foundations for Kilbrittain's victory over St Finbarr's in an entertaining Senior B Camogie Championship semi-final at Delaney's yesterday.

Colette O'Mahony had the 'Barrs three points to two ahead ten minutes into the game but their lead was short lived when the Eilish O'Regan crashed home a Siobhan Sexton line ball past Ellen Clifford in the 'Barrs goal.

The 'Barrs responded in the shape of Colette O'Mahony with two points but it was Kilbrittain who continued to put on the pressure. Twenty minutes into the game a Miriam Deasy free, 50 metres from goal, dropped short in the 'Barrs square but it was Siobhan Sexton who was again to prove tormentor when she finished to the net to put Kilbrittain 2-2 to 0-5 ahead at half time.

With the wind to their backs Kilbrittain opened the second half with a Siobhan Sexton point after two minutes to which Clare Kirby replied.

Points from Miriam Deasy and Mary

Sexton stretched Kilbrittain's lead and although the 'Barrs tried hard their over reliance on Colette O'Mahony for scores proved to be their downfall.

Scorers for Kilbrittain: Siobhan Sexton 1-2 (0-1 free), E. O'Regan 1-0, E. Foley 0-2, M. Deasy, M. Sexton, V. O'Keefe 0-1. St Finbarr's: C. O'Mahoney 0-6 (3 free, 1 from 45), C. Kirby 0-1.

KILBRITTAIN: S. McCarthy, N. O'Mahoney, S. O'Donovan, D. O'Sullivan, D. Coughlan, E. O'Sullivan, E. O'Brien, V. O'Keefe, M. Sexton (c), S. Sexton, C. Dineen, M. Deasy, E. Foley, M. Murphy, E. O'Regan. Sub: K. Foley for M. Murphy.

ST FINBARR'S: E. Clifford, D. Clarke, C. Barry, C. Cronin, C. Kirby (c), J. Duffy, L. O'Connell, J. Browne, Clare Kirby, C. O'Mahoney, D. O'Sullivan, J. O'Connor, B. Maher, N. Nash, M. McCarthy. Sub: R. O'Donovan for M. McCarthy.

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A bit of stick

PJ Fulham reviews another busy week of camogie.

Clare collected their third All-Ireland Intermediate title when they got the better of a game Antrim side at Dunloy.

Both sides were evenly matched but Clare took over when it mattered. Three points by Moira McMahon inside the final ten minutes stopped Antrim's chances of securing their first Intermediate title. Antrim's goalie, 15 year old Ciara McKinley brought off a number of brilliant saves while the 'Banner County's' centre back Marie Collins had an outstanding game. It was a low scoring first half. Both sides produced lots of fire power. Del Arthur got the winners off the mark with a point on the third minute. Sylvia O'Brien goaled on the seventh minute and followed up with a point to give Clare a 1-2 to 0-0 lead. Good defensive work by the back line of Sinead McMahon and Aine Keane kept the home side from opening their account until the 25th minute when Oonagh Elliott goaled.

The 'Glensiders' had two further points from Anne McKee to leave the half time score 1-2 each. Early in the second half McKee put Antrim in front with a point from a free. However Edel Arthur levelled up soon after. Erica Minogoe gave the winners the lead which they never lost as the ran out winners on a scoreline of Clare 1-8 Antrim 1-3.

Scorers: Clare: Sylvia O'Brien 1-1, Moira McMahon 0-3, Edel Arthur 0-2, Deirre Murphy and Erica Minogoe 0-1 each.

Antrim: Anne McKee 0-3, Oonagh Elliott 1-0

Clare team: Aine McCormack, Sinead Daly, Sinead McMahon, Aine Keane, Cathy Hally, Marie Collins, Sinead O'Brien, Moira McMahon (Capt), Deirdre Murphy, Edel Arthur, Erica Minogoe, Catherine O'Loughlin, Paukeen O'Brien, Patricia O'Grady, Sylvia O'Brien. Sub: Noelle Comyns

Antrim Team: Ciara McKinley, Claire Maguire, Brenda McNeill, Sinead McMullan, Maureen Duffin, Hannah Healey, Ciara Nelson, Grainne Connolly, Jane Adams, Anne McKee (Capt), Elaine Dowds, Oonagh Elliott, Carla Doherty, Kerri O'Neill, J Smith. Subs: Denise O'Boyle, Maureen Barry, Roisin Duffin

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin

Granagh/Ballingarry Limerick had a convincing win over the Tipperary champions Cashel in this Munster senior club championship final played at a wet and windy Balingarry on Sunday last.

Despite the conditions it was an excellent encounter. Ballingarry proved to be a force to be reckon with from the start. Cashels' defence were unable to cope with the scoring power of Eileen O'Brien who had a ten point total.

After a closely enough contested first half Granagh, with five points from O'Brien and one from Jean Culinane lead 0-6 to 0-3 at the break, with Cashels scores coming from

Philomena Fogarty, Helan Campion and Anne Barry.

Vera Sheehan opened the winners second half account with a point. Granaghs dominance continued with five more well taken points from Eileen O'Brien. Their defence was staunch and the Tipperary champions could only manage one point in this half.

Final score: Granagh/Ballingarry 0-12 Cashel 0-4

The winners are now through to meet Leinster champions Freshford, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final

Scorers: Granagh: Eileen O'Brien 0-10, Vera Sheehan 0-1, Norma Coffey 0-1

Cashel: Anne Barry 0-1, Philomena Fogarty 0-1, Helan Campion 0-1, Norma Coffey 0-1

Referee - Dave Daly, Cork

Down reached the final of the Ulster senior championship when they coasted to victory over Armagh at Liatroim.

The winners led 1-3 to 0-5 at the break. Final score: Down 1-9 Armagh 0-5

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 0-6, Brigeen Coulter 1-0, Valerie Hynds, Joan Henderson and Cathy Mulholland 0-1 each.

Armagh: Mary Black 0-3, Bernie McBride and Olive McGeown 0-1 each.

Cork results:

Minor Championship: Milford 4-9, Ballygarvan 2-1; Cloughdun 3-3, Inniscarra 3-1; Barryroe 3-9, St Finbarrs 0-2; Glen Rovers 6-2, Newtownshandrum 0-1.

Junior 'A' Quarter-final: St Vincents 2-4, Sarsfields 0-7

On Saturday next the Leinster Under 18 Championship final takes place at Rath at 1.30pm when Offaly host Kilkenny. This is Offaly's first appearance in a final at this grade, and they will be going all out to take this coveted 'Jim Shiels Memorial Cup'.

The sides met earlier this year in the Leinster junior championship final when Offaly secured their first Junior title

In the semi-final Offaly had a 4-8 to 2-2 win over Kildare while Kilkenny recorded a 4-2 to 2-5 victory over Wexford.

The competition was inaugurated in 1997 and Wexford have won it on the two previous occasions. Kilkenny contested the first final losing on a score of 1-10 to 0-5. This is the first time for a junior county to contest the final and Offaly will be hoping to end the year with another success.

They are two star studded teams, fielding many players from their junior teams. It should be an entertaining game with little separating the sides at the finish.

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Classy Rebels topple holders

A CLASSY Cork outfit ended Tipperary's three-in-a-row bid in the Munster Under 18 Championship at Glen Rovers last Sunday last, winning 4-16 to 2-7.

On an ideal afternoon for camogie, the Cork girls stamped their authority from the throw in and led 0-6 to 0-3 after the opening quarter.

Tipperary upped the tempo and got the breakthrough with a goal from inter-county star Emer McDonnell in the 19th minute.

Cork responded and goals from Mary Ennaguess and Elaine Burke and an Una O'Donoghue point had the Leesiders ahead 2-8 to 1-4 at the interval.

Three minutes into the second half McDonnell had Tipperary's second goal but any chance of a Tipperary revival was quickly quashed when Ciara Healy set up Mary Ennaguess for Cork's third goal.

Further points from Ciara Healy and Rachel Moloney stretched the Rebels' advantage.

Seal

A Ciara Healy goal ten minutes from time sealed victory for Cork who now meet Waterford.

Cork: Casey, O'Regan, Holland, Giltinane, Buckley, Hayes, Kelly, Hurley, Dillon, O'Herlihy, Burke, Moloney, Ennaguess, Healy, O'Donoghue.

Sub: O'Regan for Kelly.

Tipperary: L Ryan, M Ryan, Harkin, McDonnell, Harrington, O'Dwyer, Fogarty, Roland, Maher, McDonnell, Howard, Coffee, Maher, S Ryan, D Ryan.

Kilbrittain qualified for their second senior B final when they beat a gallant St. Finbarrs outfit 2-6 to 0-7 at Delanys on Sunday.

Goals from Eibhlís O'Regan and Siobhán Sexton in the opening half set the foundations for a Kilbrittain victory.

Kilbrittain, ahead 2-2 to 0-5 at the interval, kept the pressure on from the throw-in. A Sexton point stretched their lead.

Kirby replied for the Barrs but with Kilbrittain's midfield again dominant they continued to come forward and points from Deasy and Sexton gave them a comfortable lead and set up a county final meeting with Courcey Rovers on Sunday next.

Kilbrittain: McCarthy, O'Mahony, O'Donovan, Coughan, O'Sullivan, O'Brien, O'Keefe, Sexton, Dineen, Sexton, Deasy, Foley, Murphy, O'Regan, Sub. Foley for Murphy.

St. Finbarrs: Clifford, Clarke, Barry, Cronin, Kirby, Duffy, O'Connell, Browne, Claire Kirby, O'Mahony, O'Sullivan, O'Connor, Maher, Nash, McCarthy, Sub. O'Donovan for McCarthy.

Kilbrittain and Courcey face off in not to be missed 'B' final



Sarah Hayes, inter county senior, is part of the Courcey Rovers side to contest the Senior 'B' final against Kilbrittain.

O'Keefe and Sexton the ones to watch

THE big game of the coming weekend is the Senior B Championship Final which has Kilbrittain facing Courcey Rovers in what is predicted to be a game not to be missed.

If they do themselves justice Kilbrittain's midfield duo of Val O'Keefe and Mary Sexton will be the ones to watch and are potential match winners.

In the semi-final outing against St. Finbarrs last weekend Kilbrittain showed tremendous hunger for victory and O'Keefe and Sexton put in a fine hour's hurling.

Dynamo

The two are the dynamo that drives the team and in the semi-final the pair worked tirelessly when playing against the strong wind and in the second half kept the ball going forward to the inside lines.

Both will have to be watched closely by the Courcey Rovers side.

It's the Kilbrittain girls' second time in the B final since losing to Inniscarra in 1997 and they have worked hard to get here.

They are a young side who have hard working forwards in Siobhán Sexton, inter-county senior Miriam Deasy and Edel Foley. Their defence is a solid one in which inter-county junior player Eimear O'Sulli-

MAGIC MOMENTS

NUMBER 21 in our on-going series of magic camogie moments from the past.

The 1972 All-Ireland final was special as the Kilkenny team that day launched the modern uniform for the first time with the short skirt and jersey replacing the gym tunic and shirt.

van, Niamh O'Mahony and goalkeeper Sadie McCarthy did well against the Barrs.

For Courceys it's a great achievement reaching the final in only their second year in the Senior B grade. Since taking the Junior title two years ago they have made great strides.

They lost out last year but are determined to make the grade this year. Defeating Valley Rovers in their semi-final outing, they looked a formidable side.

They will look to their inter-county senior Sarah Hayes and junior Rachel Maloney to take Courcey's first title while Samantha Quinn, Aine O'Regan and Ger Collins have all had inter-county experience at minor or junior level.



Inter county senior Miriam Deasy, who lines out for Kilbrittain in the Senior 'B' final.

Barryroe hold all the aces

BARRYROE continued their winning streak in the Junior B Championship with a 5-1 to 0-3 success over Cloughduv.

Inniscarra had a tremendous win in the all Mid Cork clash with Aghabullogue, landing the spoils on 2-2 to 0-4 scoreline.

In another local derby Bandon won 3-3 to no score against Courcey Rovers and Carrigaline were too strong for Youghal.

In the U-16 B championship Killeagh toppled Clonakilly. Fr. O'Neills made

it a good weekend for East Cork when they beat Ballinora.

St. Catherine's swept aside Bishopstown, 3-5 to 0-1.

In the junior A semi-finals St. Vincents, following on their good victory over Sars, meet Milford while in the second semi-final Tracton and Ballygarvan meet in an all South East clash.

In junior B action St. Catherine's have home advantage against St. Finbarrs while Barryroe travel to Bandon.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
Munster U18 Championship: Cork 4-16, Tipperary 2-7.

Senior B County Championship semi-final: Kilbrittain 2-6, St. Finbarrs 0-7.

U16 B Championship: Killeagh 2-3, Clonakilly 0-0; St. Catherine's 3-5, Bishopstown 0-1; Fr. O'Neills 5-9, Ballinora 0-0.

Junior B Championship: Ballyroe 5-1, Cloughduv 0-3; Inniscarra 2-2, Aghabullogue 0-4; Bandon 3-3, Courcey 0-0.

FIXTURES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 16
St Vincents v Milford at Grenagh 5pm.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17
Senior B County final: Courcey Rovers v Kilbrittain at Newcestown, 12 noon.

Junior A Championship semi-final: Tracton v Ballygarvan at Crosshaven, 12 noon.

Junior B Championship: Bandon v Barryroe at Bandon 2 p.m.; St. Finbarrs v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's 12 noon.

Under 16 B Championship: Charleville v Youghal at Charleville 3pm; Eire Og v Newcestown at Ovens 3pm; Mayfield v Ballinascorhy at Mayfield 12 noon; Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Killeagh 11.30am.

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Leinster title for Offaly

Offaly..... 4-6 Kilkenny..... 2-5
CAMOGIE: Offaly captured their second Leinster camogie title of the year when they scored a merited 4-6 to 2-5 victory against Kilkenny in the Leinster Under 18 final played in Rath.

The winners led at half time by 1-4 to 1-3, having played against the wind. Kilkenny led twice in the early stages of the second half but relied too much on Lizzie Lyng for their scores and were outplayed and held scoreless in the final quarter.

Scorers: Offaly - J. Feighery 2-1, E. Corcoran 0-5, E. Dermody, K. Nugent 1-0 each. Kilkenny: L. Lyng 2-4, G. Fenelly 0-1.

Miriam

PJ Fulham reflects on the career of one of camogie's great stars.

bows out

Miriam Malone, Broadford, Kildare retired from Inter-County camogie this year after thirty three years. One of the most skilful and versatile players the game has produced. Miriam has inspired many a young player with her excellent personality and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

Miriam started playing camogie with Longwood, in Meath in 1966. She also played on the Meath team the same year against Kildare in the Leinster championship. The following year a team was formed in her homeland, Broadford. Miriam transferred to Broadford and has played with her club and county ever since. Since 1967 she has only missed one county match. That is some record.

Her list of honours include: 15 senior club championships, 18 senior club leagues, 4 camogie 'Player of the year Awards', 3 camogie 'Superstar Awards', 1 National Camogie 'Player of the Year Award', 8 Leinster Junior Championships, 3 All-Ireland Junior Championships, 3 National Junior Leagues, 5 Junior Gael Linn Medals, and 4 Senior Gael Linn Medals.

Miriam has represented Leinster in Gael Linn for 27 consecutive years. This was the first year that she did not line out, and as a token of Leinster's appreciation for her dedication the Council presented Miriam with a 'Replica Cup'. The presentation was made by Kay Timmins, Honorary President of Leinster Council.



The Munster team that claimed the Senior Gael Linn earlier this year by defeating Connacht 1-18 to 1-9



Kay Timmins Honorary President of the Leinster Council presents a 'Replica Cup' to Miriam Malone, Kildare on her retirement from Inter-County camogie



The Connacht team that lost out to Munster. Back L-R: Pamela Nevin, Therese Maher, Aine Hillary, Ann Hardiman, Caroline Murray, Tracey Laheen, Rita Broderick, Ann Broderick, Iona Ryan, Louise Curry. Front L-R: Michelle Fahy, Olivia Broderick, Helan Ryan, Fiona Healy, Colette Nevin, Sandra Tanian, Veronica Curtin, Aoife Lynskey



Ronan Kelly of Actons Hotel presents Rachel Moloney (Courcey Rovers) with the Carrigdhoun GAA Actons Hotel personality of the month award, watched by John Twomey, South East Board chairman, and Teresa Murphy, first chairperson of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Association.

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Camogie:

A very good win for the Cork U18 team who easily defeated Tipperary in the Glen Field on Saturday goals from Mary

Enneguss, Una O'Donoghue and Ciardha Healy saw them run out winners on at 4-17 to 2-7 scoreline, they now play Waterford in the semi-final.

St Finbarrs failed in their bid to reach the Senior R Final when Kilbrittain with good displays from Mary Sexton and Miriam Deasy proved to strong.

The Final takes place on Sunday next at Newcestown with Courcey Rovers providing the opposition and this should attract a huge crowd and the South East side with Rachel Moloney, Sarah Hayes and Aine O'Regan in their team will be difficult to beat. Throw in is at 120c.

The Cork Camogie Board are having a fund-raising night at the Cork Greyhound Track on Saturday November 6th, they are now seeking sponsors for the various races and dogs so your support will be appreciated. The camogie girls have done the County proud during the year winning All-Ireland titles at Minor and Junior level and this

Geraldines

reign supreme

Geraldines camogie club in Antrim is recognised as being the top underage club in the county. Winning this year's U14, U16 and U18 championships merely bolstered the claim that they have also the best underage coaching system in place. Aidan Canning spoke to treasurer Maire Doherty and sponsor Kevin Duffin about the club and this year's unprecedented success at juvenile level.

There is a fine sporting tradition in south west Antrim, an area commonly associated with gaelic football but, as I discovered, camogie too has proved appealing to the masses of young girls in the region. Portglenone is an old market town located on the River Bann that boasts two local GAA teams, Roger Casements football club and Geraldines camogie club. This year the young girls playing for Geraldines brought great pride to the town when they captured championship titles at every underage grade, a remarkable feat considering the relatively small population of the picturesque bridge town.

Maire Doherty is treasurer of Geraldines club and as she explains they have a great underage coaching structure in place that resulted in this year's unparalleled juvenile success.

"We have some really good coaches in the club who are prepared to sacrifice a lot of their spare time helping the girls to improve their skills and it really paid dividends this year," she says. "The girls have worked extremely hard also and deserve great credit for their commitment all year. It is great to get a reward for your efforts."

Geraldines was founded in 1944 and has a very distinguished history. They won their first senior championship in 1971 and since then added ten more senior titles to their impressive collection. They were also crowned Ulster champions on eight occasions, the last provincial title arriving in 1992. They also contested two All-Ireland club finals against Austin Stacks of Dublin in 1972 and Athenry of Galway in 1978, but they were beaten in both. They are undoubtedly one of the strongest forces on the Ulster camogie scene. A few barren years have passed at adult level recently but Maire is confident that this year's underage success will be the springboard for further senior glory in the near future.

"We intend using the three underage wins as a stepping stone to adult success and I expect these young girls to make the breakthrough to the senior team in the next few years. We have the platform for an excellent senior team when you consider some of the great players playing for the team at the moment as well as the talented youngsters coming through so I am confident that it won't be too long before we win another senior championship," she enthuses.

Along with chairman Sean McGarry, Maire coached the U14 team. They beat St Malachy's Belfast in the final after a compelling game, a result that set the tone for the year ahead. Other



The club committee ... back row; Madeline O'Neill, Maria McCarry, Marie Doherty (treasurer) and Orla McAtamney. Front row, Mairin McAleese, Siobhan Bradley, Sean McGarry (Chairman) and Evelyn McMullan (secretary)



The Geraldine camogie team which won this season's U16 championship



The U18 panel who won this year's county final

people who helped coach the young girls include Maureen McAleese, Paula Graham, Christine Doherty, Bernie Doherty and Siobhan McAtamney. The U16's defeated Tir na nOg, Randalstown in their final while the U18 team disposed of Dunloy in the championship final for the club's second consecutive U18 title. That win means Geraldine's trophy cabinet is overflowing at the moment.

The senior team, however, didn't follow the same trend as their young predecessors and were comprehensively beaten by Dunloy in the championship on a scoreline of 9-13 to 0-1. This heavy defeat is even more baffling when you consider that Geraldines have four representatives on the county panel but Maire is aware that this is a game the players cannot afford to dwell on and they must instead look to the future with optimism.

Antrim's county team contested this year's All-Ireland intermediate final where they were narrowly defeated by a Clare team inspired by Seanie McMahon's sister Moira. Four Geraldines players, including Maire's daughter Carla, are on the panel but she blames a lack of commitment for that five-point defeat.

"There is no doubt that there is a panel of players in the county capable of winning an All-Ireland intermediate championship. Judging by the commitment shown this year they did well just to get to the final but if they regroup and focus fully on winning it next year they have a great chance of doing so."

"The standard of camogie in the country has soared over the past couple of years. Cork, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Galway all have superb sides and the skill levels displayed is amazing. Tipperary in particular are an inspiration to us because they were an intermediate team a few years ago and now they are the All-Ireland senior champions. This year's All-Ireland final was screened live on television and it was a tremendous game. It was a great advertisement for camogie and the young girls in Portglenone all aspire to play at the standard set by those players which is very encouraging," she comments.

Antrim won the All-Ireland junior title in 1997 and Geraldine's players Denise O'Boyle and Carla Doherty played prominent



The present Geraldines senior squad



The Geraldines U14 squad that captured the county championship

roles in that success. Other notable ladies that represented both Geraldines and Antrim include Siobhan McAtamney and her sister Jackie who won All-Ireland senior medals in 1979. The team was captained by Mairead McAtamney and Siobhan and Jackie are her nieces.

Kevin Duffin is a local accountant from Portglenone. He played football for Roger Casements at all levels including minor, junior and senior and has strong ties with the GAA locally. This year he was approached to sponsor a juvenile team in Geraldines and as he insists, he is delighted to be associated with the club.

"Portglenone is a small town," Kevin explains. "Everybody knows everybody so I suppose it was only natural for me to get involved with a local club. My daughter Karen played for Geraldines while my niece Claire Kearney was a member of the minor team that recently won the championship. My youngest daughter Kiara has also begun playing so that explains my involvement with this club."

"Agreeing to sponsor a team meant that I had to purchase a new set of jerseys for the minor squad while another local businessman, Pat Fullan, sponsored the U14 team and Bannvale Credit Union sponsored the senior team. The name of my firm, Kevin Duffin Accountancy, is written on the front of the jersey so it was great to see the girls performing so well in this year's minor championship in my first year involved."

Kevin opened the practice in July 1991 after working as a tax inspector with the inland revenue for 15 years. He has a client base of around 300 people and employs four other people including Val McGovern who specialises in all aspects of taxation, and Joanne Convery who fronts the VAT and PAYE section. His daughter Karen has recently started as a trainee accounts technician in the company.

Next year Geraldines are receiving a grant from the lottery board to fund a coaching course in conjunction with the GAA's millennium celebrations. It will take place in July and a prominent hurling coach will be visiting the town to offer advice to the young people of the area. With such a collection of young medal winners listening, the future looks very bright for Geraldines.



Denise O'Boyle (left) and Carla Doherty with Alban McGuinness, the Lord Mayor of Belfast, at a civic reception after Antrim's 1997 All-Ireland junior success. This was the first time a camogie team got a civic reception in City Hall

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Kilbrittain do battle with Rovers

THE Cork County Senior B Championship draws to its conclusion tomorrow when Kilbrittain and Courcey Rovers clash at Newcestown at 12 noon.

It's a novel pairing given that the sides are neighbouring clubs and with both sides vying for promotion to Senior A ranks, and with local pride at stake its promises to be an intriguing contest. Since their foundation in 1998 Kilbrittain have enjoyed success. They took the intermediate title in 1992 and on joining the senior ranks in 1993, quickly made their mark qualifying for the final in 1994 where they lost out narrowly to Bishopstown. Again, in 1996 Kilbrittain reached the final, only to lose out to Inniscarra.

In last Sunday's semi-final outing against St Finbarr's their midfield pairing of Mary Sexton and Valerie O'Keefe played a major role in the

club's victory, while the experienced Miriam Deasy, Eimer O'Sullivan and Edel Foley are all influential members of the side. They are coached by former inter-county senior trainer Joe McGrath, trained by Eoin Conroy and captained by Mary Sexton, a sister of Cork footballer Eoin. Courceys will have a fight on their hands. But they have put in a huge effort under the guidance of trainer Raymond Moloney. A relatively young club, only founded in 1982, they took an U-16 county championship in 1984 and went on to take on Junior B titles in 1996, and a Junior A title in 1997. In their first year in the senior grade last year they lost out to Barryroe who went on to take the title. Their side is built around their inter-county duo of Cork senior Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney who has been notching up some tremendous scores

both at inter-county and club level throughout the season.

The side is mainly built around the club's Féile na nGael winning side of 1996 where Sarah Hayes, Samantha Quinn, Aine and Maura O'Regan all took Cork Féile honours. They are captained by Carmel Hannon, who will be leaving no stone unturned in Courceys' quest to take the title to Ballinaspittle and put one over on neighbours in Kilbrittain. Inter-county action continues with the Cork U-18s meeting Waterford at Delany's in the Munster semi-final. In the second semi-final clash Limerick and Clare meet in Limerick. There are two Junior A championships semi-finals down for decision when favourites Milford take on St Vincent's at Donoughmore today and in an all southeast clash Ballygarvan and Tracton meet at Crosshaven tomorrow.

Camogie golf benefit

SHEENAGH MORLEY, a member of the well-known sporting family from Bishopstown, has been in contact regarding a fund-raising project for the local camogie club.

They have won the county senior championship for the past three years and, with funds needed to boost the coffers, they are now venturing on to the golf course for an inaugural classic.

Lee Valley has been booked for the event on Friday October 29 and a team of three costs £100.

Further information from Sheenagh at 7332412. Eithne Duggan 281411 or Bernard Olden 332412.

Courceys too strong for Kilbrittain

Camogie

Courcey Rovers 4-8
Kilbrittain/Timoleague 1-4

by Tom Higgins

PLAYING with grit and determination Courcey Rovers captured the Cork senior "B" camogie title at Newcestown, Co. Cork yesterday with an impressive win over a strongly-fancied Kilbrittain side, who were contesting their third final in this competition.

The game was won, and lost, in the opening half when Kilbrittain played with a strong wind and could only turn over leading by a point, 1-4 to 1-3 at the break.

Courcey made the better start and opened the scoring with a point from their outstanding full-forward, Rachel Moloney after only a minute and a half and although Kilbrittain were back on level terms in the 4th minute when Adele Foley popped over a point they were finding the close marking of Courcey's defence difficult to

handle. Although they went ahead in the 8th minute when Miriam Deasy scored from a "45" they were not playing all that well.

Courceys hit a purple patch after this score and an opportunist goal from Mary O'Leary and two points from Moloney, who was very accurate from frees, put them in the driving seat leading by 1-3 to 0-2 after 16 minutes.

Kilbrittain had their best spell in the final nine minutes of the half with Deasy converting a free, Eilish O'Regan getting in for a goal after getting a fine pass from Siobhan Sexton, the latter having the final point of the half.

With the breeze at their back Courcey's took over and with Rachel Moloney making a lot of space for herself she had a point after only 20 seconds of the resumption and followed up with a goal two minutes later. After eight minutes, corner forward Noelle Collins had to go off with an injury and Courceys brought in Clare Murphy, and she played extremely well to notch two goals afterwards.

Kilbrittain had their chances to

notch up scores, mainly through frees by Miriam Deasy, but she found her side so far behind that she was inclined to go for goals. This proved futile against a rampant Courceys defence.

For Courcey's, captain Carol Hannon had a fine game at full back, Sarah Hayes stood out at centreback, while up front, Rachel Moloney, Mary O'Leary and Clare Murphy, when she came in, had excellent games.

Kilbrittain were best served by Sinead O'Donovan and Eimear O'Sullivan in defence, Valerie O'Keefe was outstanding at centrefield, while Miriam Deasy, despite being closely marked, and Eilish O'Regan had their moments.

COURCEY ROVERS: J. Hayes; J. Murphy, C. Hannon (capt), S. O'Regan; M. Murphy, S. Hayes, M. O'Donoghue; Cora Murphy, T. Moloney; R. Moloney, S. Quinn, M. O'Leary (1-0); A. O'Regan, R. Moloney (1-8, 0-4 frees), N. Collins. Subs. M. O'Regan for M. Murphy; M. O'Donovan for M. O'Donoghue; Clare Murphy (2-0) for N. Collins.
KILBRITTAIN: S. McCarthy; N. O'Mahony, S. O'Donovan, D. O'Sullivan; D. Coughlan, E. O'Sullivan, E. O'Brien; M. Sexton (capt), V. O'Keefe; S. Sexton (0-1), C. Dineen, M. Deasy (0-2, 0-1 free, 0-1 "45"); A. Foley (0-1), M. Murphy, E. O'Regan (1-0). Subs. A. O'Leary for D. O'Sullivan; K.

Foley for C. Dineen.
Referee: B. Joyce (Killeshin).

Cork 12-25
Waterford 0-0

Stronger in all sectors, Cork qualified for the Munster U18 championship final when they outclassed a very young Waterford side at Delaney's yesterday afternoon. From as early as the second minute when Ellen O'Herlihy opened the scoring with a Cork point, Cork were in total control. With Mary Enneguss, Elaine Burke, Una O'Donoghue and Ciara Healy dominant upfront, Cork led 6-16 to 0-0 at half-time. On the resumption the pattern was again continued with Cork scoring at will.

WATERFORD: L. Delaney, J. Dooley, K. Brennan, M. O'Brien, A. Drohan, A. Barrett, V. Phelan, M. Roche, K. Aherne, C. Smith, S. Bennett, J. Lyonn, A. Meredith, L. O'Connor, L. Grace, L. Connor, E. Cahill.
CORK: G. Casey, N. O'Riordan, R. Holland, C. Gittinan, L. Bugler, S. Buckley, A. McKenna, M. Hurley, L. O'Connell, U. O'Donoghue, E. O'Herlihy, L. Kelly, M. Enneguss, C. Healy, E. Burke. Subs. S. Kelly for E. Burke, A. Murray for U. O'Donoghue, N. Goulding for C. Healy.
Ref: B. Phillips, Tipperary.

St. Patrick's Camogie Club

Camogie has survived in Clonoe despite several hiccups. St. Patrick's was the first manifestation, circa 1943-49, donning navy and pale blue, under the stewardship of Mary Moore. Brigid O'Hagan revived the ladies' sport from 1953 to 1957, but there was a lull until 1970, whence St. Ann's (in green) had a five-year lifespan. The club reformed again as St. Patrick's in 1989 under the guidance of well known Irish Dancing teacher Peter Hughes. Players from a neighbouring club joined the following year enabling the club to reach competition level. Sponsorship from Quarry Tech, Brendan Campbell & Sons and other small businesses have kept them well dressed and fully equipped.

St. Patrick's have achieved various honours at underage level, were runners up in the Senior League in 1998 and were defeated by Ardboe in the Senior Championship just past. Consolation for this defeat was the earlier success this year in the prestigious Agnus O'Neill Cup in Ballyshannon, overcoming Ballinasloe of Galway in the final. The undoubted talent and

commitment of the Clonoe cailini has ensured that they have had several representatives on county panels at all ages and levels with seven players on the present senior panel. Siobhan "Tipp" O'Neill was another member of that panel and of the Clonoe team beaten by Ardboe in this year's championship final. In the week after that defeat the club was to suffer a deeper, more painful and meaningful loss when Siobhan died as a result of an accident while in Donegal. As a defender or an attacker "Tipp" was well known for her dedication to camogie and tributes were paid from many within the sport.

● CAMOGIE ●

Senior B County Final, Courcey Rovers 4-8, Kilbrittain 1-4; Munster U18 Championship Semi Final, Cork 12-25, Waterford 0-0; Limerick 5-17, Clare 0-9; Junior A Championship Semi Final, Ballygarvan 2-6, Tracton 1-3; Junior B Championship St. Catharines 2-4, St. Finbarrs 0-2; Barryroe 3-3, Bandon 2-2; U16 B Championship, Ballinascearty 2-1, Mayfield 1-3; Youghal 3-4, Charleville 0-0; Killesgh 2-2, Fr. O'Neills 0-0; Newcestown 2-4, Eire Og 0-0.



Clonoe Camogie Team - Runners Up in this year's Senior Championship.

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FONTENOY'S PRESSED ALL THE WAY



Disappointed Crosserlough players at the final whistle.



Nuala Magee receiving the cup from Tom Monaghan.



Liatroim Fontenoy's.



Crosserlough.

ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

CROSSERLOUGH (CAVAN) 3-2
LIATROIM FONTENOY'S (DOWN) 2-9
AT Dr Plunkett Memorial Park,
Kilnaleck, Cavan
On Saturday 11th September 1999
Referee - Aoife Wood, Armagh

Holders Liatroim Fontenoy's were hot favourites going into this game but they were made to battle all the way by a very committed Crosserlough side who gave their all. It made for a very entertaining and exciting match and the large attendance were thrilled by the proceedings. In the end though the champions experience shone through as they finished strongly to claim their fourth title of the decade.

CROSSERLOUGH TEAM

Suzanne Joyce, Georgina Reilly, Denise Wilton, Mary Lovett, Geraldine Comiskey, Lorraine Day, Siobhan Tully, Evelyn Smith, Bernie Farrelly, Catriona Byrd, Brenda Lynch, Noeleen Kiernan, Deirdre Kearns, Helen McCabe, Olive Farrelly. **SUB:** Tracey Lyng for D Kearns. **CROSSERLOUGH SCORERS:** Brenda Lynch 1-2, Olive Farrelly 1-0, Helen McCabe 1-0.

LIATROIM TEAM

Joan Brown, Brenda Gallagher, Donna Greenan, Anne Morgan, Bernie Kelly, Nuala Magee, Claire McGovern, Majella Murray, Sinead McGovern, Lisa McCrickard, Máirín McAleenan, Rosalee Cunningham, Róisín O'Higgins, Cáitríona McCrickard, Lisa Quinn. **SUBS:** None. **LIATROIM SCORERS:** Máirín McAleenan 1-7, Lisa Quinn 1-0, Cáitríona McCrickard 0-1, Claire McGovern 0-1.

Ulster Club Championship 1999 All The Results

Liatroim 13-24 Teemaore 2-1
 Liatroim 4-12 Lavey 0-7
 Ballymacnab 6-15 Ardboe 4-4
 Crosserlough 3-14 Castleblayney 0-1
 Liatroim 2-10 Dunloy 2-3
 Crosserlough 6-4 Ballymacnab 1-7
 Liatroim 2-9 Crosserlough 3-2

Ulster Club Championship Winners in the 1990's

1990 - Swatragh
 1991 - Eglishe
 1992 - Portlennone
 1993 - Loughgiel
 1994 - Dunloy
 1995 - Liatroim
 1996 - Liatroim
 1997 - Loughgiel
 1998 - Liatroim
 1999 - Liatroim

LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY

AT the Ulster Club Championship Final held in Crosserlough on Saturday 11th September a presentation was made to each of the captain's of various teams which brought All-Ireland titles to Ulster over the years. Each captain received a portrait, inscribed with their name and the team that they captained to success. The presentations were made by Tom Monaghan, Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Uladh.

CUMANN Camógaloichta na nGael was founded in 1904. Before then, Ulster had a camogie club, in Newry. But after the foundation of the Association, clubs began to spring up in several Ulster counties.

The first All-Ireland championship took place in 1932 and Dublin won it. However there was no formal Ulster Senior championship until 1934. The first was won by Antrim, who held the title until 1940 - when Cavan claimed back to back titles.

Antrim First

In 1944 Antrim reached their first All-Ireland final. They lost it, but learnt from the experience and returned in 1945 to beat Waterford by 5-2 to 3-2. In 1946 they beat Galway and then completed the three in a row by defeating Dublin in 1947.

The first All-Ireland winning captain was Máire O'Gorman. The 1946 captain was Marjorie Griffin, who unfortunately died at a young age. That queen of full-backs, Dunloy's Cella Quinn was the 1947 captain. Unfortunately Cella couldn't attend the presentation but a member of both those Antrim teams, Lily Spence, a player who went on to referee All-Ireland finals, to become President, and to do and still do trojan work for

Post Primary School's accepted their awards.

Between 1948 and 1966 Dublin won 18 All-Ireland titles, beating Down in the 1948 final and Derry in the 1954 final, before Antrim got the better of them in the 1956 semi-final, going on to defeat Cork in Croke Park. The fourth Antrim All-Ireland winning captain was Midge Rainey.

Antrim were Dublin's most consistent opponents during that period of dominance - a fact emphasised by Cella Quinn's successor at full-back Moya Forde who played in 11 All-Ireland finals over 2 decades. She won in 1956 and again in 1967, when she was captained by the great Sue Cashman (or Sue Ward as she was known throughout most of her playing career).

Ten of the Antrim team were joined on the Ulster team by 2 from Down a couple of weeks later as the province collected its one and only Gael Linn Senior title, captained by Antrim's Maeve Gilroy, who accepted Sue's award as well as her own.

Antrim were to win only one more All-Ireland Senior championship, captained in 1979 by one of the all-time great midfielders, Máiréad Magill (or Máiréad McAtamney).

Down & Derry Arrive

In 1968 a new Junior All-Ireland championship began, to cater for those counties not in a position to challenge for the O'Duffy Cup. Down were captained by Susie Lively, who was also a member of the Down Junior side which won their second title in 1976, a team captained by Marion McGarvey. Marion was on holidays on the day of the award ceremony, so Susie accepted Marion's award as well as her own.

In 1969 Derry won the Junior All-Ireland, captained by Kathleen O'Hagan, who went on to train her county to the All-Ireland title, and also to become President of the All-Ireland Post Primary School's committee. Derry's second Junior title came in 1978 under the captaincy of Brigid McLaughlin. Unfortunately it is still their last following this years defeat but hopefully they will recover to win their third title next year.

In 1979 Crosserlough's Noeleen Kiernan captained Ulster Juniors to their first ever inter-provincial title at that level. As Noeleen was playing in the club final her son Paul accepted the award on her behalf.

Three In A Row

There then followed a drought until 1989, when Liatroim Fontenoys' Monica McCartan captained her province to a second Junior title. Ballymacnab midfielder Olive Leonard made it two Gael Linns in a row in 1990, and Anne Coyle collected a third in 1991. This occurred a few weeks after she had also led Down to the All-Ireland Junior title, beating Tipperary in Croke Park. Many of that same Tipperary team won this years All-Ireland Senior title. Anne is the only player to have captained two Ulster teams to All-Ireland success.

Armagh Emerge

The mid-1990's belonged to Armagh under the astute management of Tom Monaghan. Three of their players lifted Cups at National level. Armagh won the All-Ireland Junior title in 1993 under the leadership of Ursula McGivern. A year later Mary Black led Armagh to the All-Ireland Intermediate title, a first for the province and finally team-mate Orlagh Murphy captained Ulster to the Junior Gael Linn title also in 1993.

Antrim, after what was a long absence for them, then came back to the All-Ireland stage in 1997, and captained by Dunloy's Sinead McMullan, the Saffrons lifted the All-Ireland Junior title. Down won the intermediate title last year captained by midfielder Colleen Hynds.

Finally Donna Greeran of Liatroim captained her province to their 6th inter-provincial title last year. As Donna was playing in the club final her award was accepted by team-mate Elaine McCrickard.

There are 23 All-Ireland winning captains from Ulster. May this list get much longer in the next few years and may it spread to include every county in this province. Gura fada buan sibh.



Antrim's captain in 1979, one of the all-time great midfielders, Máiréad Magill.



The award recipients are pictured with Tom Monaghan, Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Uladh.

Courcey girls take County Senior camogie title

Victory in 'B' championship

**Courcey Rovers4-8
Kilbrittain1-4**
A marvellous display by "player of the match" Rachel Moloney was instrumental in Courcey Rovers' comprehensive victory over Kilbrittain in this Cork county senior "B" camogie final at Newcestown on Sunday morning last.

It may have been a 12 noon throw-in but this did not prevent a huge crowd from turning up to witness this local derby which was played on a perfect pitch in ideal conditions and, at the end of an enthralling contest, it was the girls from the south east, who were smiling as they finished with 13 points to spare over their neighbours from the south west.

This scribe doesn't cover too many camogie games but, once again, it proved to be a most enjoyable occasion and it was also the first time that we have witnessed a fifteen-a-side contest on a full sized pitch.

By 'OLDTIMER'

This game was no place for the fainthearted as two very determined sides gave of their all in an effort to attain senior A status but, while the game hung in the balance until the interval, the issue was never subsequently in doubt as Courceys aided by the strong wind, held Kilbrittain scoreless in the second half while they proceeded to chalk up 3-5 in impressive fashion.

There were mighty celebrations when Sheila Golden, chairman of the Cork camogie Board, presented the cup to the winning captain Carol Hannon and in the eyes of the Courcey supporters all their players were superstars. The captain certainly played her part in this victory and, while Rachel Moloney was their leading light several other players played major roles. Around the middle of the field Sara Hayes, Mairead

O'Donoghue, Cora Murphy and Theresa Moloney played vital roles while Samantha Quinn and substitute Claire Murphy (Ballinadee) gave Rachel Moloney most assistance along with Mary O'Leary.

TO FORE

Kilbrittain too had their stars and they too had very useful players around the middle of the field with Edel O'Brien, Mary Sexton, Valerie O'Keeffe (despite some heavy knocks) and Siobhan Sexton all doing their best to stem the tide. Up front Miriam Deasy could not be blamed for Kilbrittain's defeat while Adele Foley and Eilish O'Regan were others to impress.

While Kilbrittain played with the wind it was Courceys who opened the scoring when Rachel Moloney raced through

for a fine point in the 2nd minute. A good run by Mary Murphy for Kilbrittain ended with Miriam Deasy's close-in free being saved but the "black and ambers" eventually took the lead when Adele Foley pointed and Miread Deasy converted a '45'.

This lead was short lived because when Rachel Moloney

sent the ball into the goal-mouth Mary O'Leary whipped it to the net and they led 1-3 to 0-2 when Rachel Moloney pointed two frees. When Miriam Deasy pointed a free Courceys led 1-3 to 0-3 but the sides were level when improving Kilbrittain saw good work by Siobhan Sexton being finished to the net by Eilish O'Regan. A bad miss by Siobhan Sexton, when she might have goaled saw Courceys enjoy a lucky escape as Kilbrittain were all off target from frees but when Adele Foley sent Siobhan Sexton through she put Kilbrittain 1-4 to 1-3 ahead at the break.

Ironically Kilbrittain were not to score again and from the

moment that Rachel Moloney equalised on the restart the cup was heading for Courcey country. Good work by Mary O'Leary saw Rachel Moloney rattle the net and after the same player had pointed a free Claire Murphy notched goal number three following good work by Ann O'Regan as Kilbrittain keeper failed to control the ball. The Kilbrittain goal led a charmed life at this stage before Rachel Moloney pointed from the left wing and as the Courcey rear-guard repulsed sporadic Kilbrittain pressure, the new champions raised the siege and Claire Murphy notched her second goal.

As the game came to a close

it was only fitting that Rachel Moloney should slip over two late points as her team proceeded to chalk up an historic victory.

Scorers, Courcey Rovers, R. Moloney 1-8 (0-4 frees); Claire Murphy 2-0; M. O'Leary 1-0.

Kilbrittain: E. O'Regan 1-0; M. Deasy 0-2 (45 and free); A. Foley, S. Sexton 0-1 each.

Courcey Rovers: Joanne Hayes, Jennifer Murphy, Carol Hannon, Sinead O'Regan, Mary Murphy, Sara Murphy, Mairead O'Donoghue, Cora Murphy, Therese Moloney, Rosemarie Moloney, Samantha Quinn, Mary O'Leary, Aine O'Regan, Rachel Moloney, Noelle Collins. Subs: Maura O'Regan, Marion O'Donovan, Claire Murphy (Ballinadee).

Kilbrittain: Sadie McCarthy, Niamh O'Mahony, Sinead O'Donovan, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Deirdre Coughlan, Eimear O'Sullivan, Edel O'Brien, Mary Sexton, Valerie O'Keeffe, Siobhan Sexton, Carol Dineen, Miriam Deasy, Adele Foley, Mary Murphy, Eilish O'Regan, subs Annette O'Leary and Karen Fol.

ree Betty Joyce Kilnagh.

PRESENTATION OF CUP



Courcey Rovers won the Cork County senior B camogie championship at Newcestown on Sunday and seen here is Sheila Golding of the County Camogie Board, presenting the trophy to the Courcey captain Carol Hannon.

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County championship for Courcey Rovers



The Courcey Rovers camogie team that won the Cork County Senior B camogie championship by defeating Kilbrittain at Newstown. Included are - Joanne Hayes, Jennifer Murphy, Carol Hannon, Sinead O'Regan, Mary Murphy, Sara Murphy, Mairead O'Donoghue, Cora Murphy, Therese Moloney, Rosemarie Moloney, Samantha Quinn, Mary O'Leary, Aine O'Regan, Rachel Moloney, Noelle Collins.

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County senior camogie finalists



The Kilbrittain team that lost to Courcey Rovers in the County B camogie championship final at Newcestown. Included are - Sadie McCarthy, Niamh O'Mahony, Sinead O'Donovan, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Deirdre Coughlan, Eimear O'Sullivan, Edel O'Brien, Mary Sexton, Valerie O'Keeffe, Siobhan Sexton, Carol Dineen, Miriam Deasy, Adele Foley, Mary Murphy, Eilish O'Regan.

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Rovers take title after top display

Courcey Rovers
Kilbrittain 1-4

JUST two years after entering the senior 'B' grade, Courcey Rovers took the title in tremendous fashion when they had a superb victory over Kilbrittain at Newcestown on Sunday last.

Opening against the strong wind, Courceys settled quickly with a point from Rachel Moloney.

Kilbrittain replied courtesy of Adele Foley and Miriam Deasy with two well taken points.

Eight minutes into the half Mary O'Leary grabbed the all important opening goal when she was first to react when the Kilbrittain failed to clear an Aine O'Regan shot.

Rachel Moloney added further points to stretch the lead but back came Kilbrittain with an Eiblish O'Regan goal following a cross from Siobhan Sexton.

With the sides now level Kilbrittain grabbed the lead on the stroke of half-time with a point from Siobhan Sexton to leave it 1-4 to 1-3 at the interval.

Turning to play against the wind Kilbrittain had their backs to the wall from the throw in.

Moloney points a free to level matters inside 20 seconds and immediately afterwards scored a goal.

Free

On top at centre-field Courcey's enjoyed plenty of possession, and another pointed free from Moloney stretched their lead.

Two Clare Murphy goals in the ninth and 19th minute put the game out of Kilbrittain's reach.

Rachel Moloney brought proceedings to a close with two Courcey's points in the closing minutes to put the lid on a marvellous day for the Ballinasplittie girls.

Rachel Moloney was awarded the player of the match.

Courcey Rovers: J Hayes, J Murphy, C Hannon (Capt), S O'Regan, M Murphy, S Hayes, M O'Donoghue, C Murphy, T Moloney, R Moloney, S Quinn, M O'Leary, A O'Regan, R Moloney, N Collins. Sub. C Murphy for N Collins.

Kilbrittain: S McCarthy, N O'Mahony, S O'Donovan, D O'Sullivan, D Coughlan, E O'Sullivan, E O'Brien, M Sexton (Capt), V O'Keefe, S Sexton, C Dineen, M Deasy, A Foley, M Murphy, E O'Regan, Sub A O'Leary for D O'Sullivan, K Foley for C Dineen.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Killeagh
Scorers: Courcey Rovers R Moloney 1-8 (0-4 frees), C Murphy 2-0, M O'Leary 1-0.

Kilbrittain: M Deasy 0-2, E O'Regan 1-0, S Sexton 0-1, A Foley 0-1.



Courcey Rovers, who took the Senior B County title by beating Kilbrittain 4-8 to 1-4 last Sunday.

Cork can make it a clean sweep

CORK go into Sunday's Munster Under 18 final hoping to make it a clean sweep of provincial titles having earlier in the season won senior, junior and minor titles.

In the opening round Cork defeated Tipperary.

In that game, Cork played a superb brand of camogie and totally out-classed the opposition.

A young but enthusiastic Waterford side were no match for the Cork girls on Sunday last and they now meet a Limerick side who also recorded a big win their semi-final outing versus Clare.

The counties last met in a Munster u-18 final in Cork in 1995 when Cork took the title.

The Cork team have senior players Una O'Donoghue and Sarah Hayes whilst 11 members of the All-Ireland winning junior team, amongst them goalie Ger Casey, Clara Healy and Ellen O'Herlihy are all eligible for u-18.

Trouble

Limerick have not won the title since the 1970s and they are determined to spoil Cork's bid for a clean sweep.

In their win over Clare, Grenagh-Ballingarry's Eileen O'Brien contributed 3-5 and Cork will know she will cause trouble for the defence.

Another player that Cork will have to keep a tight reign on is Alison White whose two second half goals in the semi-final put Limerick on the road to victory.

The side is captained by Rose Collins from the Milford (Limerick) club.

An exciting contest is in prospect with the Leesiders the favourites to clinch it.

Ballygarvan qualified for the Jun-

Magic Moments

No. 22: In 1994 Limerick juniors lost out to Galway by a two points margin in the All-Ireland camogie final.

But the Shannonsiders hit back in style a year later.

An injury time goal from Kay Bourke saw an ecstatic Limerick side snatch the title from Roscommon.



Clara Healy plays for Cork U18s in the Munster Final.

ior 'A' County final when in an all-South East clash at the superb Crosshaven venue, they accounted for Tracton on a 2-6 to 1-3 margin.

A first half Catriona Kelly goal was the vitally important score for Ballygarvan who led 1-1 to 0-3 at half time. The point came from Emer Dillon with the Tracton scores coming from the stick of Aileen Twomey from frees.

Ballygarvan opened the second half and stretched their lead with a Catriona Kelly point but it was Tracton who grabbed the initiative with an Aileen Twomey goal to lead 1-3 to 1-2.

Ballygarvan rallied and three Emer Dillon points one from a 45 and two frees put the Ballygarvan girls in the driving seat.

A Julia O'Sullivan goal and Dillon point settled the issue and put Ballygarvan through to a final meeting with either St Vincent's or Milford.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
Junior 'A' Championship
Semi-Final: Ballygarvan 2-6, Tracton 1-3
Junior 'B' Championship
St Catherine's 2-4, St Finbarr's 0-2; Barryroe 3-3, Bandon 2-2
Under 16 'B' Championship
Killeagh 2-2, Fr O'Neill's 0-0; Ballinascorney 2-1, Mayfield 1-3; Youghal 3-4, Charleville 0-0; Newcestown 4-8, Eire Og 0-0

FIXTURES
SUNDAY OCTOBER 24
Munster Under 18 Championship final: Cork v Limerick, Neville Park, Rathkeale, 3pm.
Junior 'B' Championship: Kilbrittain v Inniscarra, Kilbrittain, 12 noon.

MONDAY OCTOBER 25
Castletyons v Inniscarra, Castletyons, 2.30pm; Ash-abullogue v St Fanahans, St Fanahans, 2.30pm; Kilbrittain v Newcestown, 12.30pm; Brian Dillon's v St Finbarr's, 2.30pm; Eire Og v Fr O'Neill's, 2.30pm; Ballygarvan v Newtownshandrum, 2.30pm; Killeagh v Cloughduv, 2.30pm; Courcey Rovers v Youghal, 2.30pm; Douglas v Bishopscourt, Douglas, 2.30pm.

Junior 'A' Championship semi-final: St Vincent's v Milford, 4pm (venue to be arranged).

Leesiders run riot

Cork 12-25
Waterford 0-0

CORK easily beat a sporting Waterford side in the Munster Under 18 Championship at Delaney's on Sunday.

Ellen O'Herlihy opened the Cork account two minutes into the game. Mary Ennequess scored Cork's first goal after three minutes.

The Waterford girls battled gamely but were never in the game, however despite this they are to be

credited for the work they are doing in keeping the game going in the county.

Limerick 5-17
Clare 0-9

In the second semi-final Limerick were too strong for Clare when the sides met at Rathkeale.

Leading 2-3 to 0-7 at the interval, Limerick turned on the pressure in the second half, goals from Alison White and Eileen O'Brien gave the Limerick girls a comfortable victory.

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Give them stick

PJ Fulham reports on the latest happenings on the camogie front.

CAMOGIE

Barryroe and Bandon crossed camans in the third round of the junior 'B' camogie championship at the Upper Park, Bandon on Sunday last. While this is Barryroe's second string, they acquitted themselves well and it shows the wealth of camogie and young maidens in the parish. With the slight advantage of a diagonal breeze, Barryroe went on the offensive from the throw-in and within two minutes Louise Gannon rattled the Bandon net and a few minutes later Lorraine Whelton did likewise, when Helen Keohane sent over a point after twelve minutes, Barryroe were well in command. However, Bandon found their mark in the second quarter with a goal in the 15th and 23rd minutes and a brace of points in the 25th and 30th minutes left them a point in front at half time and it looked like 'curtains' for Barryroe. However, a 'blood and thunder' address from team coach Moloney at the break worked wonders and set those Barryroe girls on fire for the second half. Within two minutes Fiona Keohane (one of three sisters on the team) sent a blazer to the Bandon net and when Mary Sheehy sent over a 65 in the 34th minute, Barryroe were a goal clear and motor-ing. Amazingly there was no further score until Rosemarie Dinneen sent over a point on the call of time to leave the final score Barryroe 3-3, Bandon 2-2. Barryroe: Patricia Moloney, Eileen Carroll, Geraldine Carroll, Mary Keohane, Carol Din-

neen, Mary Sheehy, Emer McCarthy, Helen Keohane, Eleanor Griffin, Jane Keohane, Deirdre Walsh, Rosemarie Dinneen, Louise Gannon, Lorraine Whelton, Triona Keohane.

ON CORK TEAM

Rosemarie Holland of Barryroe played full back on the Cork team which defeated Waterford in the Munster U 18 semi-final on Sunday last.

Connacht champions Davitt's, Galway proved much too strong for the London champions Brother Pearses in this All-Ireland senior Club Championship quarter final played at Tynagh, on a scoreline of 7-20 to 1-3.

After ten minutes of play the game was over as a contest with Brenda Daniels, Alva Kelly and Olivia Broderick in great scoring form.

The winners led 3-12 to 0-2 at the break. The London club put in a good performance in the second half but were not able to match the dominance of the home side.

Prominent for the visitors were former Galway player Aine Codyre and Fiona Loughnane from Tipperary.

Scorers: Davitt's: Brenda Daniels 3-2, Alva Kelly 2-5, Lourda Kavanagh 1-5, Olivia Broderick 1-4, Lisa Fahy 0-2, Joanne Frost and Edel Pierce 0-1 each.

Bro. Pearses: Roisin O'Neill 1-0, Edel Murphy 0-3.

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary

Offaly made their own bit of history when they became the first junior county to win the Leinster under 18 championship disposing of Kilkenny in this skilful final played at Rath by 4-6 to 2-5. The opening half was a ding dong battle with both sides producing lots of fire power. Karen Nugent hit the net for Offaly while Kilkenny's senior star Lizzie Lyng had a similar score. After some well taken points by both sides just one point separated them at the break.

Offaly 1-4

Kilkenny 1-3

A flurry of second half goals by Jeanette Feighrey (2) and Sharon Daly (1) put the 'Faithful County' on the way to victory.

Scorers: Offaly: Jeanette Feighrey 2-1, Edel Corcoran 0-5, Sharon Daly and Karen Nugent 1-0 each.

Kilkenny: Lizzie Lyng 2-4, Grace Fennelly 0-1.

Referee: Jack O'Brien, Wexford

Derry booked their place in the Ulster senior championship final with a 3-12 to 1-9 win over Antrim. The sides were level at the break 1-5 each but Derry got the better of the exchanges in the second half.

Scorers: Derry: Mary O'Kane 2-2, Paula McAtamney 1-4, Martina Mulholland 0-4, Shauna McCaul 0-2.

Antrim: Anne McKee 0-4,

Christine Doherty 1-0, Jane Adams 0-

3, Elaine Dowds and Ciara McKinley 0-1 each.

Derry put in a good display to take the Ulster senior championship title when they disposed of the reigning champions Down by 2-9 to 0-6 at Ballinascreen. It was a disappointing performance by the 'Mourne' girls. Never the less Derry were worthy winners. They showed great determination and after a first half goal by Martina Mulholland they led 1-3 to 0-1 at the break.

Great defensive work by the 'Oakleaf County' prevented Down from picking off vital scores. Mulholland had her second goal at the end of the third quarter. Down's Mairin McAleenan knocked over three points but it was the winners who made better use of their chances.

Scorers: Derry: Martina Mulholland 2-4, Claire McNicholl 0-3, Shauna McCaul 0-2.

Down: Mairin McAleenan 0-4, Jennifer Braniff and Kitty Fagan 0-1 each.

Referee: Grace Darcy, Tyrone

Dublin proved too strong for Offaly in their Leinster senior championship semi-final played at O'Connor Park, Tullamore on a scoreline of 5-13 to 1-3. The first half was a very entertaining one. Goals by Dublin's Sarah Crosbie and Veronica Treihy gave them a lead of double scores at the break Dublin 2-4 to Offaly 1-2 with Offaly's goal coming from Edel Corcoran.

The 'Dubs' stepped up the pace in the second half and showed great dominance that the 'Faithful County' had little answer for.

Scorers: Dublin: Irene Kirwan 0-5, Louise O'Hara, Carmel Gray, Fiona Corcoran and Veronica Treihy 1-1 each, Sarah Crosbie 1-0, Shiela Cotter 0-3, Emer Ring 0-1.

Offaly: Edel Corcoran 1-0, Maggie Lynch, Michelle Davis and Sabrina Carroll 0-1 each.

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath



The Derry side that lost to Cork in the All-Ireland junior final

BALLINHASSIG ARE CHAMPIONS



Ballinhassig under 11 camogie team who won the South East championship, defeating Ballygarvan in the final (l-r): front - Ashling Cadogan, Jennifer Harrington, Amy O'Riordan, Sinead O'Callaghan and Catriona Collins. Middle row: Maeve Fleming, Eimear Brennan, Pamela Jordan, Mairead O'Donovan, Brid Coleman, Deirdre Coakley and Brid Tuohy. Back row: Niamh O'Connor (inset), Elaine Finn, Deirdre Cooney, Emer O'Sullivan, Lorraine Crowley, Bernadette Reynolds, Sinead Casey, Maria Donovan, Deborah O'Shea and Hannah O'Connor. Pictured also are trainers Jennifer O'Sullivan, Noreen O'Connor and Maggie Collins.

CAMOGIE

CORK Colleges senior camogie championship quarter-final: Coachford College 4-2 Kinsale 0-8. In the Munster Colleges Intermediate League Coachford's second string beat Doneraile 6-6 to 0-2, but their third string lost to Blarney in the quarter-final of the Cork Colleges Intermediate 'B'.



PLAYER PROFILE DEIRDRE HUGHES

NAME: Deirdre Hughes
DATE OF BIRTH: 8-9-73
HEIGHT: 5'5
WEIGHT: 10st
CLUB: Toomevara
COUNTY: Tipperary
HONOURS: Six senior county championships, underage county championships, Kilmacud sevens, munster U16, U18 and junior, Munster club medal, All-Ireland junior medal
(OTHER) Gael Linn Inter Provincial - two Junior - six Senior
TOUGHEST OPPONENT: Una O'Dwyer
FAVOURITE GROUNDS: Croke Park

HOBBIES: Hockey, soccer

FAVOURITE POSITION: Full forward

THE WORST PLAYER TO TRAIN THAT YOU KNOW: Sinéad Nealon

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT ON OR OFF THE PLAYING FIELD: Being interviewed on TV by Marty Morrissey

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Angela Downey, Noelle Kennedy, Nicky English, DJ Carey

INFLUENCES ON YOUR CAREER: Mother and Toomevara camogie club

THE HIGH POINT OF YOUR CAREER TO DATE: Winning the All-Ireland senior final this year

BIGGEST DISSAPPOINTMENT: Been narrowly beaten by Cork in this year's league final and losing the All-Ireland club final '95

OTHER PLAYERS WITH A PROMISING FUTURE: Philly Fogarty, Emer McDonald

WAYS OF IMPROVING THE GAME: More coaching at primary schools level

DISLIKES ABOUT THE GAA: Lack of acknowledgement of camogie

RELATIVES INVOLVED IN GAELIC GAMES: Sister playing with junior club team

PERSON YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET: Beckham, Giggsy, Alex and all the Man Utd. boys and of course Nicky English!!

FAVOURITE PERSONAL SAYING OR TERM OF ABUSE: "Three words - Come on Toome"

PET HATES: Bad sliotars, Monday mornings, ABU's

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Beautiful South/Wet Wet Wet

FAVOURITE FILM: Four Weddings and a Funeral

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON THE LOTTO: Firstly, bring everyone on a skiing holiday, then take an even longer holiday

PERSON LEAST WELCOME AT YOUR HOME: Mr Bean

IDEAL DATE: David Beckham

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED: A good sportsperson



Cork girls gun for camogie clean sweep

HOLDERS of senior, junior and minor provincial titles already this season, Cork now set out in quest for the under-18 camogie title to make it a clean sweep of honours when they meet Limerick in Rathkeale tomorrow afternoon.

The U-18 title last went to Cork in 1996 and a win tomorrow would round off what has been a wonderful decade of camogie within the county.

Cork showed little regard for a Tipperary side which featured five of the county's successful senior All-Ireland winning side when the counties met in the opening round. And last weekend they brushed aside the challenge of a

young Waterford side to send Cork into tomorrow's game full of confidence.

The team, though young in years, have had enormous experience with 11 of the panel having already won junior All-Ireland honours this year and two of the side were members of the victorious minor All-Ireland winning side.

Minor All-Ireland titles have gone to Cork in 1998 and 1999 with the backbone of the side built around these successes. The selectors, not having named a team at the time of going to print, are sure to continue with the reliable goalkeeper Geraldine Casey who will be joined by seniors Sarah Hayes and Una O'Donoghue whilst juniors Rachel

Moloney, Elaine Burke and Ellen O'Herlihy will all form part of a strong Cork line out.

Limerick last contested a Munster U-18 final in 1994 and on that occasion they lost out to Cork by the narrowest of margins. Whilst success at minor and U-18 level has been minimal the county has worked tirelessly in promoting the game at under-age level and a win tomorrow would be a big breakthrough for them given that it has been 16 years since the title last rested on Shannon-side.

Recording a comprehensive victory over Clare last weekend the Limerick girls served notice of their intentions.

Leading at half time 2-3 to 0-7 two second-half goals by Alison White coupled with tremendous contribution of 3-5 by Eileen O'Brien secured a final spot. The side is coached by former Grenagh Ballingarry man John O'Connor and captained by Rose Collins from the Milford (Limerick) club. Going on past results at minor level Cork will go in as raging favourites to make it a unique clean sweep of provincial titles.

However, given the Limerick girls' determination and commitment a tough Munster final is forecast to bring the last inter county competition of the decade to an exciting conclusion.

Cork overcome brave Limerick

Cork
Limerick

2-15
2-11

CORK brought their inter-county camogie campaign to a successful conclusion at Rathkeale yesterday adding the Munster U18 title to the senior, junior and minor titles won earlier in the season.

Limerick got the break they needed 18 minutes into the game after Aine O'Reilly's precision cross to Aoife Sheehan was finished superbly past Ger Casey in the Cork goal.

Leading 1-5 to 0-3, Limerick with points from Eileen O'Brien and Mairead Kelly stretch their lead.

Struggling at midfield, Cork switched Elaine Burke and it paid immediate dividends. Four points without replay from Burke, Ciara Healy, Ellen O'Herlihy and Rachel Maloney saw Cork trail 1-7 to 0-7 at the break.

Inside four minutes of the restart, Cork were in control when Rachel Maloney converted a 45 and Ciara Healy - now operating at wing-forward in a direct swap with Una O'Donoghue at full forward - goaled. O'Donoghue showed her class just two minutes later when she raced through for Cork's second goal.

And with Elaine Burke and Marie Hurley at mid field and Ellen O'Herlihy and Mary Enneguss dangerous up front, Cork kept on the pressure and added two further points before Aoife Sheehan goaled for Limerick, 15 minutes into the half. Her point four minutes later put just three between the sides, but once again Cork rose their game with Linda O'Connell and Sarah Hayes adding vital points.

With Eileen O'Brien and Grace McMahon working furiously Limerick had two points from O'Brien in the 24th and 28th minute but it was Cork with points from Rachel Maloney and Ciara Healy who finished strongest to take the title after an entertaining contest.

Cork's Una Donoghue was named as player of the match

Scorers: Cork: Rachel Maloney, 0-6 (3 frees, two 45s), Ciara Healy 1-2; Una O'Donoghue 1-1, Linda O'Connell 0-2, Sarah Hayes 0-1 (free), Mary Enneguss, Ellen O'Herlihy, Elaine Burke 0-1 each; Limerick: Eileen O'Brien 0-8 (three frees), Aoife Sheehan 2-1, M. Kelly, A. White 0-1 each. CORK: G. Casey, A. O'Regan, R. Holland, C. Giblin, S. Buckley (capt), S. Hayes, A. O'Regan, L. O'Connell, M. Hurley, U. O'Donoghue, E. O'Herlihy, R. Maloney, M. Enneguss, C. Healy, E. Burke. LIMERICK: M. Leahy, B. Cleary, R. Collins (capt), C. Leslie, M. Nash, A. O'Connell, M. Fleury, G. McMahon, C. Walsh, M. Kelly, E. O'Brien, D. Fitzpatrick, A. O'Reilly, A. White, A. Sheehan. Referee: D. Phillips, Tipperary.



Catherine O'Loughlin scored 1-2 in Clare's win over Cork.

Rebel girls show their class at every level



Marian Graham, Munster Camogie Council, presents Cork's Sinead Buckley with the U18 trophy.

Senior, junior, U18 and minor camogie titles come to Cork

By JOHN HORGAN

ALTHOUGH the big one, the All Ireland senior crown, eluded them it was still a marvellous year for camogie on Leeside.

The Rebel girls captured all four provincial titles, senior, junior, minor and under-18, as well as taking the National League title at senior level, defeating eventual All Ireland champions Tipperary in the final.

The victories of the juniors and minors were particularly significant as opponents Derry and Galway had been very impressive on the road to those finals.

Auspicious

Helen Walsh from Eire Og and Niamh Bowles led the winning Cork girls by example on those auspicious occasions.

The minors had to go into Galway's own backyard to achieve their success but silenced the west with a tremendous all round team performance.

Limerick really put it up to them last Sunday in the U-18 decider but again the character of the Cork girls shone through when the alarm bells rang.

Sinead Millea might have

broken Cork hearts with that late, late goal in the senior semi-final but the message ringing out loud and clear from Cork is that the game is in a very healthy state.

Cork concluded their inter county fixture programme by beating Limerick 2-15 to 2-11 in the Munster Under 18 final at Neville Park, Rathkeale on Sunday last.

Limerick took an early lead and seemed to be in control of the game as the Cork centre field struggled. However Elaine Burke was brought to centre field and Cork took the lead four minutes into the second half.

Just as Limerick looked as if they might stage a fightback Una O'Donoghue was switched to full forward and she immediately scored a goal.

Cork held out to win and make a clean sweep of Munster titles with Senior, Junior and Minors titles already won.

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Schools camogie keeps growing

INTEREST in colleges camogie continues to grow at an enormous rate, with primary schools now all participating in Sciath na Scoil.

The players are then ready when they start secondary school and in many cases the choice of school is made by many players by the amount of attention given to the game in a particular school.

There are two major competitions in which the schools participate, the Munster Colleges caters for all within the City and County and organise a tremendous amount of competitions.

Cork has been more than fortunate to have such a wonderful tradition in competition at local, provincial and national level stretching back over a long number of years.

Last season Munster Post Primary competitions flourished with 11 in total taking place.

Titles

In total eight titles came to Cork schools and colleges whilst Tipperary took two and Clare one.

The Senior A championship was won by St Mary's, Charleville taking their fifth successive Munster title defeating Nenagh 1-11 to 0-6. They went on to add the Junior A title, the A Sevens and first year's trophy to their haul.

In the Senior B section Sacred Heart Clonakilty made it a Cork double when they were winners over neighbours St Mary's Macroom.

Nenagh made up for their defeat in the championship with a great win over Our Lady's Templemore, in the Senior league final.

Clonakilty again tasted victory when they took the Intermediate League title over Our Lady's Borrisoleigh.

The Junior B title went to Colaiste Mhuire Ennis, St Mary's Nenagh annexed the Junior B plate, whilst Presentation Ballyphehane made a welcome return to the victory rostrum winning the Junior B plate.

Loretto Youghal took the Sevens B title to the seaside town.

In all 45 schools participated in what was a great year's work but already preparations are well under way with the draws and competitions already begun.

Rebels beat Limerick to complete their haul of Munster titles



The Cork team who beat Limerick by a score of 2-15 to 2-11 in the U-18 Camogie final played in Rathkeel, Co. Limerick.

Picture: Press 22.

Cork make clean sweep of titles

Cork 2-15
Limerick 2-11

CORK concluded their inter county fixture programme with a victory over a determined Limerick side in the Munster Under 18 final at Neville Park, Rathkeale on Sunday last.

Cork were rocked eighteen minutes into the opening half by an Aoife Sheehan goal which put Limerick into a 1-5 to 0-3 lead.

Two minutes later they stretched their lead further with two points from Eileen O'Brien and Mairead Keally.

Struggling

With the Cork centre field struggling, the selectors brought Elaine Burke to centre field and the move paid immediate dividends.

Four points without reply from Elaine Burke, Ciara Healy, Ellen O'Herlihy and Rachel Moloney narrowed the gap and Cork turned over 1-7 to 0-7 in arrears.

Cork took the lead early in the second half with a Rachel Moloney point and a Ciara Healy goal.

After switching Una O'Donoghue to full forward, she immediately showed



Cork's Marie Hurley keeps her eye on the ball as Limerick's Claire Walsh closes in.

her class with a superbly executed goal.

With Elaine Burke and Marie Hurley dominant at centre field it ensured a steady supply to the inside line.

Keeping on the pressure Cork added two further points before Aoife Sheehan gave Limerick a wel-

come boost with a goal 15 minutes into the second half.

Her point four minutes later cut the deficit to three but back came Cork with points from Linda O'Connell and Sarah Hayes.

With Limerick working furiously for scores the

Cork defence held solid.

Two points from Eileen O'Brien and Grace McMahon were cancelled out by Cork's Rachel Moloney and Ciara Healy to give Cork the title and make it a clean sweep of Munster titles with the Senior, Junior and Minors titles already won.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
Munster U18 final: Cork 2-15, Limerick 2-11.
Junior B Championship quarter final: Inniscarra 1-5, Kilbrittain 0-2.
J A 'C' Championship semi final: Milford 4-9, St Vincents 0-2.
Under 18 Championship: Valley Rovers 4-6, Ballinacorney 0-3; Fr O'Neills 2-6, Eire Og 1-3; Aghabullogue 6-8, St Fanshans 0-0; Douglas 2-2, Bishopscourt 2-2; St Finbarrs 5-9, Brian Dillon 0-2.

FIXTURES
THURSDAY OCTOBER 28
Under 16 'B' Championship: Carrigaline v Kilbrittain, Carrigaline, 3pm (AM Nolan).

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30
Under 16 'B' Championship: Ballinacorney v Carrigaline or Kilbrittain; Ballinacorney v Carrigaline, Ballinacorney, 3.30pm (P O'Connor); Ballinacorney v Kilbrittain, Kilbrittain, 3.30pm (P O'Connor); St Catherine's v Grenagh, Grenagh, 3pm (M Corcoran).

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31
Under 16 'A' Championship: Courcy Rovers v Ballinacorney, Ballinacorney, 11.30am (Tracton).

Under 18 Championship: Mayfield v Cloughduv, Cloughduv, 11.30am (Eire Og).

Junior 'B' Championship Semi-Final: Inniscarra v Carrigrohilly, Shanbally, 11.30am (D Daly).

Under 16 'B' Championship: Douglas v Newcastle, Newcastle, 11.30am (Kilbrittain).

MAGIC MOMENTS

No 23: A clean sweep of All-Ireland camogie titles for Munster in 1999 with Tipperary, Clare and Cork landing the senior, intermediate, junior and minor crowns.

Twenty five

This week **PJ Fulham** opens his time capsule to see what was taking place in 1974.

years on

This weekend there are no fixtures which gives us an opportunity to look back at camogie twenty five years ago.

In 1974 Kilkenny won the All-Ireland senior championship and captain Teresa O'Neill brought the treasured O'Duffy Cup to the 'Marble City' for the first time.

This was only the second year in which the senior championship was decided by the Open Draw system and it was Kilkenny's first appearance in an All-Ireland senior final. On the path to the final they defeated Tipperary 1-7 to 1-1 in the quarter final and Wexford 1-7 to 3-0 in the semi-final.

The final against Cork was a draw on a scoreline of 3-8 to 4-5. Kilkenny won the replay 3-3 to 1-5. The referee was Jane Murphy from Galway.

This was Kilkenny's first step to eleven further victories including the 'Magnificent Seven' in a row between 1985 and 1991.

Earlier this year that team was honoured by the Association when they were introduced to the crowd in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day. Mary Fennelly, Uachtaran from 1982-1985 was a member of that side as were Angela and Ann Downey. Ann fielded as a substitute in this year's final against Tipperary after which she announced her retirement.

In the junior championship, Dublin won through in Leinster, Galway in Connacht and Clare and Antrim won provincial titles in Munster and Ulster respectively.

In the All-Ireland semi-finals Clare recorded a 2-1 to 0-3 win over Galway while Dublin defeated Antrim 4-1 to 3-0. Clare went on to secure their first All-Ireland junior title defeating Dublin by two points in the final on a scoreline of 3-2 to 3-0. Margaret O'Toole was captain. Referee: Mary Lynch, Monaghan.

Three members of the Clare team made history as they previously won All-Ireland junior championship medals with another county: Ann Marie O'Loughlin and Claire Harrington won with Dublin in 1970 while Mary Mahon won a junior medal with Cork in 1973. Phyllis Breslin, current Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael, was a member of the Dublin team.

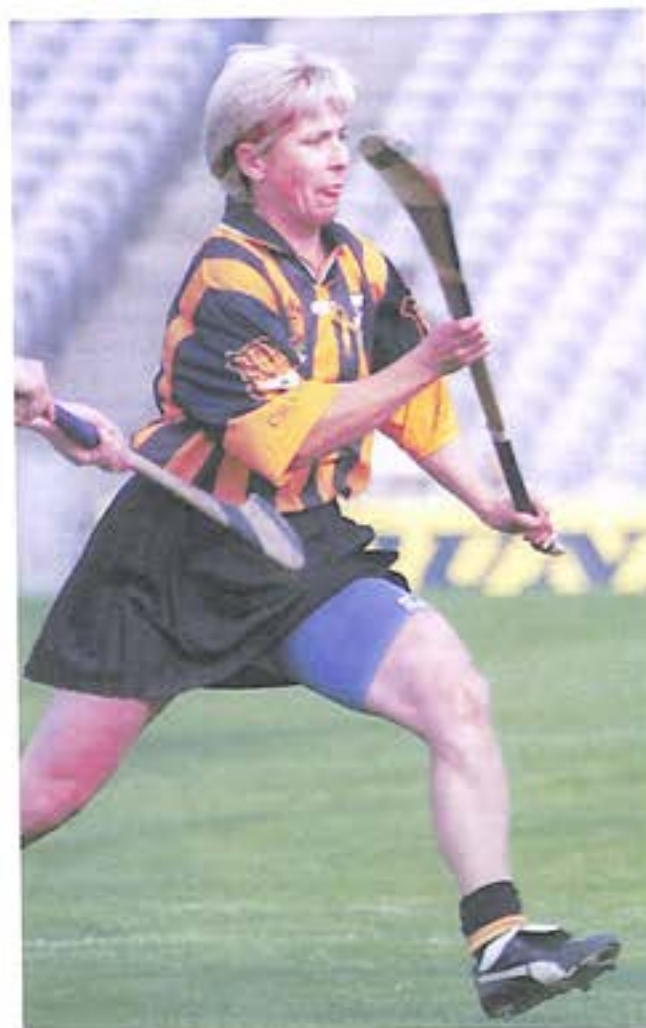
The All-Ireland minor championship was inaugurated in 1974 to mark the Golden Jubilee of the revival of the Tailteann Games.

Kilkenny, Cork, Down and Galway were the provincial winners.

Down made history by taking the Tailteann Cup for the first time when they recorded a 3-0 to 0-1 win over Cork. Captain: Susan Lively.

Referee: Mary Ryan, Dublin.

The club championship was in its tenth year. Provincial winners were University College Cork in Munster, Oranmore in Connacht, Portlennone, Antrim in Ulster and St. Pauls, Kilkenny in Leinster. St Pauls won their fourth title when they recorded a 3-3 to 1-1 win over Oranmore in the final. St Paul's team captain was Angela Downey. Ann Carroll was a member of that team and became one of the few players to win All-Ireland club championship medals with two different clubs in different counties. She had earlier captained St. Patrick's Glengoele, Tipperary to victory in 1965.



Ann Downey appeared in the All-Ireland final 25 years ago, she came on as a sub this year

The Kilmacud All-Ireland Sevens commenced and was won by Buffer's Alley, Wexford.

In the senior competition Gael Linn Connacht won its second title when they overcame Munster 3-7 to 3-0 in the final.

Connacht was represented by an all Galway side and was captained by Nono McHugh.

The Association participated in Feile na nGael for the first time and Ahane, Limerick won the title.

The Ashbourne Cup was won by UCC while the senior colleges was won by Presentation, Athenry from Galway.

An All-Ireland junior Colleges Competition was set up and was also won by Athenry.

Sighle McAnulty was in her last year as the Association Ardunai.

Central Council set up a committee to plan the promotion of camogie in primary schools. Sighle McAnulty would be the Cathaoirleach with two representatives from each provincial and county councils.

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St. Peregrine's are top of the 'A' class!

THE Blakestown Road is a happy place these days as St. Peregrine's celebrate the Junior 'A' double.

Last Sunday, Peregrine's added the League title to their Championship achievement with a top-class 5-6 to 1-1 victory over Plunkett's/Ruadh.

Louise Gilhooley's goal helped Peregrine's lead at half time, 1-3 to 0-1, with Sharon Barcoe's stunning 40-yard point, when she beat three players, being the highlight of the half.

The impressive Carol Murtagh continued the good work for Peregrine's on the resump-

CAMOGIE

Niall Scully

tion and a well-struck goal from Emma Bergin finished the game as a contest.

Plunkett's, though, kept toiling and Faith Bevington's fine goal was a just reward for all their efforts.

Yet the overall strength of Peregrine's was enough to overcome any threat of a Plunkett's revival, despite the admirable efforts of midfielder, Leann Hyland, and the charming skill of Sue McElhenney.

● The Dublin senior camogie squad,

under manager, Tom Monaghan, will spend next weekend in Ballyshannon, Donegal. They travel up on Friday night, train on the beach on Saturday and play Derry, the All-Ireland Junior finalists, in a challenge on Sunday.

It will be good preparation for the Leinster final against Wexford, which will now take place on 21st November in Dublin. This tie was due to be played last Sunday, but Wexford requested a postponement due to players not being available.

Also off last Sunday was the St. Anne's v Naomh Mearnóg Senior 'B' tie because

Anne's were engaged in the Marie Durkan Tournament, which saw Ballyboden St. Enda's defeat St. Jude's in the final, with Boden's Elaine Hickey winning the Player-of-the-Tournament award, earning a beautiful silver bracelet.

The Senior 'B' fixture will now proceed next Sunday in Bohernabreena. If Mearnóg win, it will grant them the Senior 'B' double.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY: Sen B League: Bohernabreena (12.0); St. Anne's v Naomh Mearnóg, Inter C'hip (Losers Round); Phoenix Park (1.0); Cuala v Clonsilla Gort. Jun B League: Rathcoole (11.0); Cammick's v Eir's 1st.

Aghabullogue girl captains Cork's U-18s

THIS column congratulates Aghabullogue girl, Sinead Buckley, who captained the Cork U-18 Provincial camogie title, a title that achieved for Cork the unique honour of making a clean sweep of the four provincial, championships, senior, junior, minor and U-18, on offer this season.

Sinead received the splendid cup from Marian Graham of the Munster Camogie Council. Since taking up camogie a few years ago, Sinead always showed promise. Sinead's Kilkenny-born father, Sean, is an officer in Aghabullogue Club which benefits from his zeal and dedication. He has the honour of assisting underage, minor, and U-21 Aghabullogue teams to success over the past few years.

At U-18 grade Cork had a strong panel of 22 players this season. This number provided plenty of scope for the selectors to field a winning formula.

UCC awards sports scholarships to the value of £1,500 each

By Emer Connolly

TWENTY-NINE sports scholarships were presented to NUI Cork athletes at a function held in the college last week. The scholarships, each valued at £1,500, reward students for excellence in their respective sports and give them much needed funds in their desire to pursue their sporting careers in their respective fields.

Initiated in 1992 as bursaries, the scheme was extended during the 1995/96 college year to a sports scholarship status. A total of 151 students have benefitted financially from the scheme since 1992.

Previous winners include Kerry footballer Seamus Moynihan, inter-county hurlers Frank Lohan and Joe Deane, rugby player Michael O'Driscoll, Stephanie Dunlea and Cora Keohane in camogie and British and Irish Lion Paul Wallace, who was one of the first recipients in 1992.

Cork has been well represented in this year's winners with 18 athletes amongst the lucky recipients. Sinead O'Callaghan from Charleville won a camogie scholarship. Sinead is no stranger to sporting circles in Cork, having assisted her county to a senior All-Ireland win in 1997. She is also a junior and intermediate winner with her county.

Una O'Donoghue was the other camogie recipient. A promising youngster, she has played to distinction at underage level with Cork. A prolific scorer, she is poised to don the senior jersey of her native county in the coming years.

Luke Mannix from Fermoy was one of the hurling winners. A Fitzgibbon medallist with UCC in 1997, injury has plagued his

aspirations of lining out for his county at senior level. He has previously won two Harty cup medals with St Colman's, Fermoy.

Jonathon Olden from Inniscarra was also awarded for his exploits in hurling. The highlight of his illustrious hurling career was his All-Ireland minor medal with Cork last year. He has also played U16 hurling and minor football with his county.

Paul Hanley from Glanmire won a football scholarship worth £1,000 which was sponsored by the Munster Council of the GAA. A third year student of the college, he has lined out with UCC in the Sigerson cup for the past two years.

Orlaith Curtin was honoured for her achievements in hockey circles. A former student of Mount Mercy in Cork, the Waterfall lady has played at U16 and U18 level for Ireland. She was vice-captain of the Irish U18s last year.

Alma Carey was also honoured for ladies hockey. She is a Munster interprovincial winner. Also from Waterfall, she captained Mount Mercy to Munster Cup glory.

Darragh Holt from Glounthaune was also a member of the Irish U19 World Cup winning side. The flying winger assisted the Irish Universities to the triple crown in 1997. This is his second scholarship in as many years.

Brian O'Mahony from Ovens is another of the star-studded UCC rugby side which contests in Division Two of the AIL. An ex-Chris

tian Brothers player, his honours to-date include an Irish schools triple crown (1996) and a senior cup with the Christian Brothers (1997). Playing at out-half, Brian also captained the Munster schools side in 1996.

Conrad O'Sullivan from Dripsey was also honoured in rugby. Equally influential at out-half or as a centre, Conrad captained last year's Irish schools team against Wales and was awarded the man-of-the-match accolade against England.

In addition to the Cork winners, three footballers from Kerry were awarded scholarships. The trio — Billy Sheehan, Micheál O'Shea and Ian Twiss — have all been involved with the county's U21 side in recent years.

Kieran Dowd, Director of Physical Education and Sport at NUI Cork says that the scholarships are a just reward for students who have shown their expertise in various fields.

"It means £1,500 for a student. They don't have to work to keep themselves in college as a result," he said and added that students are well advised to keep in tip-top shape during the academic year as fitness levels are regularly monitored.

An important facet of the sports scholarships programme, he said is that there are so many more gaelic players applying, which contrasts sharply to the day the programme was instigated. "Gaelic footballers and hurlers are applying more and more for the scholarships. This is great and is reflected in the teams' performances," he said.

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Chester United), D. Curtis (Ipswich Town), G. Cummins (Luton Town), J. Haverty (Arsenal).

Carrignavar scored a decisive 10-4 to 1-2 win over Kanturk when they met in the final of the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship at the UCC Grounds in Cork, where Mary Spillane (4-0), Margaret Spillane (1-1), Kathleen Duggan (2-1), Maura Coleman (2-2) and Kathleen Murphy (1-1), scored for the winners while Noreen Nagle (1-0) and Julia Buckley (0-2) scored for Kanturk.

CAMOGIE

Munster Colleges Senior "B" quarter-final - Coachford College 3-7, Ballyphehane 1-4.
Cork Colleges Junior "A" quarter-final - Coachford 2-12, Colaiste na Phiarraig 0-1.
Cork Colleges Junior "B" Quarter-Final: Presentation, Bandon 6-0, Coachford 2-0.
Fixture: Cork Colleges Intermediate "A" quarter-final: Coachford v Carrigaline at 1.15 p.m. in Coachford.



The Burgess Camogie Club paid tribute to its four representatives on the Tipperary All-Ireland Winning Senior Camogie team last week. Pictured are, front row from left: Edel Hogan, Mary Kennedy, the players - Therese Brophy, Sinead Nealon, Eimear McDonnell, Sheena Howard - Larry Kennedy, Marie Hogan. Back: John O'Donoghue, Brian McDonnell, Fr. Tim O'Brien, Pádraig Meagher, Donie Nealon, Liam Hogan, Deirdre McDonnell, Carmel O'Donoghue, John Hogan.