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ABOVE: Minister for Education Mary Hanafin presents *The Irish Times/Mitsubishi Electric Sportsman of the Year* award to Briege Corkery, with Fergus Madigan (left) president of Mitsubishi Electric Ireland, and Geraldine Kennedy, editor of *The Irish Times* (right), watched by the monthly award winners (from left): Jolene Byrne (athletics), Katie Taylor (boxing), Carmel Kissane (basketball), Madeline Perry (squash), Niamh Fahey (Gaelic football), Eileen O'Keeffe (athletics), Nina Carberry (horse racing), Nicole Morgan (surfing), Marcus Chesney on behalf of his sister Jessica Kürten (equestrian) and Jenny Burke (hockey). TOP RIGHT: Grania Willis, recipient of a special award for her feat in becoming the first Irish woman to scale the north face of Mount Everest, pictured with Des Cahill. MIDDLE RIGHT: Nina Carberry with her father, Tommy. BOTTOM RIGHT: John Treacy, CEO of the Sports Council, talks to Des Allen of Tennis Ireland. - (Photographs: Matt Kavanagh)

There's something about Briege

MARY HANNIGAN

If they ever get around to making a film about her sporting life - and at the rate she's going there'd have to be at least a couple of sequels - they should probably plump for the title *There's Something about Briege*.

Granted, it's not altogether original, but when it came to the business of choosing the *Irish Times/Mitsubishi Electric Sportsman of 2005*, that there was "something about Briege" swung the decision in the favour of the woman in question: namely Briege Corkery, winner of a camogie and Gaelic football senior All-Ireland double with Cork.

The "something" that charmed a judging panel already marvelling at the 18-year-old's achievements was the manner in which she responded to making history by winning the double, along with team-mates Mary O'Connor, Rena Buckley and Angela Walsh.

Corkery measured her year not by the number of medals and awards she won - and there were many - but rather by the amount of fun she had along the way. Her commitment to her

county was immense, as were the sacrifices she made, but she viewed her involvement in the Cork camogie and Gaelic football senior set-ups as a privilege, not a trial. How rare is that?

"Was the year's work worth it?" we asked her.

"Of course," she said. "Six nights training a week with, more than likely, a match at the weekends, and then you've to make club training and matches. But yerra, it's good old craic, and that's all you want, the craic. Worth every minute," she said.

We failed, then, miserably, to extract from her any moaning about the demands placed on her through the year, the hardships of life as an amateur sportswoman, that when her friends were out socialising she was tucked up, preparing for the next day's game.

Her response was simple enough: she didn't have to play camogie and Gaelic football for Cork - it was her choice, and she was thrilled to do it, thrilled to be selected.

When we caught up with her in October, a week after playing her part in Cork's first senior football All-Ireland success, and a fortnight

Monthly Award Winners

January: **Carmel Kissane** (Basketball) - helped Killester to National Cup
February: **Jolene Byrne** (Athletics) - won National Cross Country Championship
March: **Nina Carberry** (Horse Racing) - rode Dabiroun to victory at Cheltenham
April: **Madeline Perry** (Squash) - led Ireland to bronze at European Championship
May: **Katie Taylor** (Boxing) - won gold at 60kg in European Championships
June: **Jenny Burke** (Hockey) - outstanding in KT Cup in Korea
July: **Eileen O'Keeffe** (Athletics) - hammer thrower broke Irish record three times
August: **Niamh Fahey** (Gaelic Football) - scored 2-6 against Mayo
September: **Briege Corkery** (Camogie/Gaelic Football) - overall winner
October: **Jessica Kürten** (Show Jumping) - reached top 10 in world rankings
November: **Nicole Morgan** (Surfing) - won British Professional Championship
December: **Jessica Kürten** (Show Jumping) - so close at Olympia Grand Prix

after helping her county to its 21st senior camogie triumph, she was on her way to camogie training with the Institute of Technology Tralee, where she is in the first year of a course in health and leisure studies.

If she'd so chosen, she had a reasonable-enough excuse for skipping training - she had, after all, fractured a rib in the first 10 minutes of the All-Ireland football final.

"I was caught for breath, when I was running it was piercing in to me,

but it wasn't too bad, like," she said of the injury that would have had most "professionals" running for the nearest A&E. But there she was that October night, on the sideline nursing her fractured rib, there for the "craic", and just to keep her team-mates on their toes.

The fractured rib was, she insisted, more that worth it. She played on to the end, helping Cork win their first football title by beating defending champions Galway, to add to the

county's first National League title, also won by beating Galway earlier in the year.

By then the teenager from Coachford had played a key role in the camogie All-Ireland final, in which Cork put an end to Tipperary's hopes of a three-in-a-row. Ultimately, Tipperary's hopes died when Cork, who they had beaten in the previous two finals, took a grip of midfield in the second half when Corkery and Gemma O'Connor were switched there by manager John Cronin.

Corkery was outstanding, completing her day with a marvellous late point, one that helped Cork to a 1-17 to 1-13 win.

Even before this year Corkery had nine Munster and six All-Ireland winning medals to her name, at sundry age levels. Now she'll have to make room for the *Irish Times/Mitsubishi Electric Sportsman of 2005* award in her trophy cabinet.

An exceptional sportswoman, with an equally exceptional attitude to, and love of, the sports she plays. And she plays them like few others. Truly, there's something about Briege.

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CORKING EFFORT: Corkery The Irish Times/Mitsubishi Electric Sportswoman of the Year



Brieghe Corkery poses with her Sportswoman of the Year trophy, watched by the Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin, and Fergus Madigan, president of Mitsubishi Electric Ireland. - (Photograph: Matt Kavanagh)

The dual jewel in Cork's crowns



Ian O'Riordan
reports

After an extraordinary year for Cork sport it was probably inevitable that the last award for 2005 went to Brieghe Corkery. Not that she suspected it. That look of genuine surprise was evident in Dublin's Conrad Hotel yesterday when Corkery was named *The Irish Times/Mitsubishi Electric Sportswoman of the Year*.

It was a moment that reflected her obvious modesty, and also the standard of the other monthly award winners vying for

the overall prize. But winning All-Ireland camogie and football titles with Cork within a fortnight was always going to be hard to beat, and so the judging panel plumped for Corkery.

Whoever said it was a low-key year for Irish sport obviously wasn't paying attention to what the women were doing. By the time the 11 monthly winners were presented at the award ceremony in Dublin yesterday the tension was reminiscent of a certain other ceremony involving golden statuettes. Any one of them could win it, and none of them had a clue as to who it would be.

As Minister Mary Hanafin opened the envelope the guessing was still going on. Yet when Corkery's name was announced there was no arguing. Four other dual players shared in Cork's memorable double, but she'd done it at the age of 18, and her move from defence into midfield in the camogie final ultimately sealed Cork's victory.

"I'm totally surprised to win,"

she said, clearly meaning it. "I'm practically speechless right now. Of course it's a very proud moment but it will definitely take some time to sink in. I was just delighted to be involved with all the other competition there."

"But I'm really only accepting this on behalf of Cork camogie and Cork women's football. Without the fantastic players around me I wouldn't be here at all, so I'd like to thank all the girls again for getting me through the year. We had some great fun and this is a great end to it all."

Corkery turned 19 only last month, and slowly her thoughts are moving towards defending both titles next September. Few get to play two All-Ireland finals in Croke Park, let alone win both within a fortnight, yet her ambitions will no doubt grow after an award like this.

"Definitely," she agreed. "I really didn't know what I wanted to do after finishing school and was thinking about going away for the year. But I decided I had to stick around and hopefully

have another great year in 2006.

"And it's been an amazing year for Cork, between the soccer and the hurling and what we did with the camogie and football. It was a very busy year for me, but I enjoyed every bit. I'd be training six nights a week, sometimes seven. But that wouldn't bother me at all, not when I'm having the fun I do. You're really socialising as well as training. You're making friends from all over the county and even all over the country."

Minister Hanafin had earlier praised the "commitment and talent" of all the monthly winners, and there was no arguing with that either. The 10 sports represented in the 2005 ceremony could hardly better illustrate the incredible range of success achieved by Irish women these past 12 months.

With Jessica Kürten (who won two monthly awards) now reaching world-class standards in showing jumping and Madeline Perry doing likewise in squash, there's much to look

forward to in 2006. In fact the achievements of many of the monthly winners recognised yesterday would probably have gone unnoticed were it not for these awards, now entering their third year. Katie Taylor's European boxing success, Nicole Morgan's breakthroughs in surfing, and Jolene Byrne's consistency in distance running were all recalled yesterday - and it's highly unlikely we've heard the last of them.

There was one other winner yesterday in the person of *Irish Times* journalist Grania Willis. Her scaling of the North Side of Everest last May (that's 29,002 feet, by the way) merited a monthly award, but she was ruled out of contention lest the paper be accused of bias. Instead editor Geraldine Kennedy last night presented Willis with a special-achievement award.

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Sportswoman of the Year awards

Hanafin lauds 'role models'

GAVIN CUMMISKEY

The Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin, led the tributes to overall winner Briege Corkery and the 10 other monthly winners at the second annual *Irish Times*/Mitsubishi Electric Sportswoman of the Year awards in Dublin's Conrad Hotel yesterday.

"This is a wonderful occasion and it is lovely to be a part of such success, commitment and talent, to celebrate with each of you what has been a tremendous year," said the Minister.

"This has as much to do with the profile of women in sport as it has to do with women in sport. Women in history have been ignored. Women in politics are underrepresented. Women in management are in an insufficient number. Women in sport have never got the profile they deserve, so particular thanks should go to *The Irish Times* and Mitsubishi Electric for these awards and ensuring that the women with such talent and commitment and such achievement are getting the recognition now.

"Surely the greatest way of encouraging other young women is for role

"I believe that diversity reflects two things: the growth of elite women's sport and the welcome increase in participation in sport at all levels. While everybody acknowledges the benefits to be derived from participation in sport, it's vitally important for the development of sport for both sexes that we have role models of the calibre of today's award winners.

"Striving to emulate the achievements of Jessica Kürten, Nina Carberry, Briege Corkery, Niamh Fahey, Jenny Burke and the other 2005 winners here today will be the driving force this year for many young women playing games like football, camogie and hockey or dreaming of riding winners at Cheltenham or winning the Nations Cup at the RDS."

Fergus Madigan, chief executive of Mitsubishi Electric, noted the exceptional work ethic of the award winners, many of whom also hold down day jobs outside sport.

"For most of us, it is hard to comprehend or visualise the commitment which lies behind these performances, the hours spent in training, sometimes after a day's work, with little or no

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models so they can see what can be achieved through commitment."

Several leading sports administrators attended the event, now a permanent fixture in the sporting calendar. They included the president of Cumann Peil Gael na mBan, Geraldine Giles; the president of Cumann Camógachta na nGael, Miriam Uí Cheallacháin; the chief executive of the Special Olympics, Mary Davis; and the chief executive of the Irish Sports Council, John Treacy.

The *Irish Times* editor Geraldine Kennedy acknowledged the work throughout the past year of the judging panel - Mary Hannigan (*The Irish Times*), Greg Allen (RTÉ) and Lindie Naughton (*Evening Herald*).

"The judges of these awards had the unenviable task of selecting the monthly award winners from so many worthy candidates, as well as choosing the overall winner," said Kennedy. "To each of them I express my untold gratitude for a difficult and daunting task."

Kennedy also commended sports editor Malachy Logan for "pushing forward" the idea of the awards.

"Last year we had award winners from nine different sports but this year we have literally gone one better with 10 winners from sports as diverse as ladies' football, camogie, surfing, squash.

material incentive except the reward of overcoming yet another challenge or chalking up another personal best.

"I would like to pay tribute and commend each one of the nominees for their outstanding accomplishments during the course of 2005. You have all done your various clubs, counties and country proud and each of you will serve as role models not only for your peers but for many future generations."

Mitsubishi Electric will be replaced by the VHI as title sponsors for 2006.

"I would like to thank *The Irish Times* as our partners in this award, which we have thoroughly enjoyed being associated with over the last two years. We wish you and the VHI the very best for 2006 in furthering the continued success of this award," added Madigan.

The *Irish Times* equestrian correspondent, Grania Willis, gave the keynote address, recalling her remarkable feat of climbing Everest last year after just 15 months' training as a mountaineer. She was presented with a special-achievement award.

The host for the day was Des Cahill, while other representatives from *The Irish Times* were deputy sports editor Paul Barry, promotions manager Maeve O'Meara, promotions executive Yvonne Lynch and marketing manager Aine Maguire.

Briege, a sporting heroine

ADA CASEY meets a Cork woman who has picked up a national honour for her fantastic achievements

TEENAGER Briege Corkery is one focused sportswoman. So focused, in fact, that when she achieved her dream last October by winning an All-Ireland Ladies Football medal for Cork, she didn't notice she had broken a rib!

"I remember being in a lot of pain and finding it hard to breathe," she says. "The game was on a Sunday and because the celebrations went on non-stop, I didn't know anything was wrong until I got it X-rayed the following Wednesday. I had been on such a high I had blotted out the pain!"

Maybe you won't be too surprised to learn that the Coachford dual star - who has just been named the 2005 *Irish Times* Mitsubishi Electric Sportswoman of the Year - started off playing sport with the boys.

Briege says: "I started playing football with the boys in primary school because there was no girls' team. When a ladies club was finally set up, I just kept on playing with the boys at the Aghinagh GAA Club. I started out with them, so I just stayed with them. I didn't leave until I was 16!"

It stood her in good stead for Briege, from Coachford, won All-Ireland medals for Cork in Camogie and Gaelic football last year.

The achievement earned her the *Irish Times* accolade earlier this month at a ceremony at the Conrad Hotel in Dublin, although her memory of the night is a bit of a blur. "It was a complete surprise," she says. "There were twelve players of the month nominated, but I honestly never thought I'd win. I was shaking going up to get the plaque. I had to answer a few questions but I can't even remember what I said, I was nearly sick."

The award was launched in 2004 and is the first of its kind aimed specifically at women in sport to create awareness of female sports achievements.

For Briege, it was the culmination of 12 years of sporting endeavour.

"I've been playing camogie



AWARD: Briege Corkery with her trophy, with Education Minister Mary Hanafin and Fergus Madigan, President of Mitsubishi Electric, award sponsors

and football since I was six or seven," she says. "My two sisters are great camogie players.

Sport, in particular football, was her passion during her time at St Mary's secondary school in Macroom. "We won the football senior every year from 1999 to 2005. I did my Leaving Cert last June. To be honest, I never stressed much about exams or anything to do with studying. The best thing about school was football."

Where sport is concerned though, Briege has no problem proving her dedication. "At the moment, I'm training three or four nights a week. In the summer I'd go training six nights a week, no problem."

She believes women generally could do a lot more for the female sporting cause. "Media coverage of women's sport is much better now than it used to be. It's really getting the message out there that women can play football and can show incredibly skilled footwork on the pitch."

"But as women need to get out there and publicise matches and events ourselves, not just wait for word to get out through the grapevine. We need to do more of our own PR to round up a bigger following."

She is quick to point out her sporting heroes. "Roy Keane is a pure example of focus on the game and in training. Cork hurler Diarmuid O'Sullivan shows tremendous determination and fighting spirit. Also, Narita Kelly who plays mid-field for Cork, does great work on the pitch."

Briege's message to young people thinking about getting involved in a sport is to just get out there and do it. She says: "Regardless of whether you think you're good enough or not, it's worth joining a club

just for the social aspect. If you're stuck at home and don't know what to do with your night, you can always go out training. And it's not all about training - the craic is savage, especially on nights out. Mind you, if you're playing at county level, you'll have to go off the drink. We're supposed to be off the drink now until October. I mean ... we are off the drink!"

"I don't watch my diet or anything like that; I'd eat skittles on the pitch! We're back starting football training on February 5 with our manager Eamonn Ryan. I can't wait, it'll be great to get back after the Christmas break. We'll be training for an hour and a half every night."

Briege started a health and leisure course in Tralee last year but pulled out, saying: "I felt I was constantly in a tracksuit. It wasn't for me."

Now she has started work as a trainee auctioneer with O'Mahony Walsh in Macroom. "I love it," she says, "it's great to be out there driving around, meeting new people, doing a different job every day. And of course, it's even better to get out of the tracksuit. I love to glam up a bit at weekends too."

Briege admits that ladies football has a long way to go before it gets the kind of recognition men's football does. "At the moment, women don't get paid anything. In fact, Cork ladies football doesn't even get expenses paid. I do see it happening one day, though, but probably not for at least another ten years. Hopefully, I'll still be in the game then."

"I'm only 19, so I've another good few years to go. As long as I keep enjoying it, I couldn't ask for more. I'll only give up when the legs give in!"



Former 1972 Munich Olympic athlete Margaret Murphy's Cuan Baoi home in Ballyvourney, which has a price guide of €350,000. Inset is Margaret, competing in the 1972 Olympics.

Picture: Denis Minihane

Make an Olympic bid

by Tommy Barker

THE 1972 Olympics are featured in a controversial Steven Spielberg movie called Munich later this month — but pentathlon athlete Margaret Murphy was there at the real games.

Now, she's skipping over a county border from the edge of Co Cork to the Kerry coast. Margaret and husband Paud are selling their home of 41 years in Ballyvourney in Co Cork.

Her Olympic training was done on roads, hills, slopes and boreens of Ballyvourney in the 1960s and she competed in the 1972 Munich games, possibly the most famous sporting event of all time. Eight Arab commandos broke into the Olympic village and killed two Israeli team members and took nine hostages. All nine died later in a shoot-out with German police.

The games re-started after a 24-hour mourning period.

The XXth Olympiad was famous for the arrival of diminutive Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut, the sporting prowess of multi-medal winner swimmer Mark Spitz, a Jew, who withdrew from competition after the attack.

Belfast's Mary Peters took gold in the pentathlon — also Margaret Murphy's event — at the age of 33 years.

Margaret was aged 27 when she competed against Peters in the shot-put, long jump, high jump, 100m hurdles and 200m flat run. "I didn't figure in the medals, but I had a personal best," she recalls of the golden sporting moments which slotted in between winning numerous national Irish athletics titles.

Margaret, nee Barry from Cork city, took up athletics in her late teens after playing camogie. She married teacher

Paud Murphy at 19 and had two children before her Olympic debut and had two more children afterwards.

"At the time, the ladies' Olympic village was almost like a fortress, but the whole thing was a fabulous experience. The high point for me was probably walking into the stadium at the start of the games, it awed me."

About a dozen athletes competed for Ireland, among them a priest, Fr Paddy Coyle, in the marathon.

Margaret and Paud built their home from scratch on the side of a then furze-covered Cork hillside. When she decided to go for Olympic competition, she got to know every rood and perch of the gaeltacht parish as training facilities and tracks were non-existent.

She and Paud, (who's retired, but is still the senior Leaving Cert mathematics marker for the Department of

Education) are moving to Ardferd near eldest daughter Deirdre and some of their grandchildren.

They are rowing in to help with school runs, sports training, scout visits and more, and may even jog a bit on the miles of sand on Banna Strand where they have a mobile home.

Local estate agent Micheal Creedon is selling their four-bed, detached home, Cuan Baoi, which in a scenic rural setting 30 minutes from Killarney and 45 minutes from Cork city.

With a price guide of €350,000, it has kitchen, living room with patio and garden access, a large sitting room, family bathroom and four bedrooms, on a large site with rockery and garage, within a sprint of Ballymakeera village.

Medals and sporting memorabilia not included, carpets and curtains are negotiable.

CAMOGIE

Two members of Barryroe camogie club won senior All-Ireland medals with Cork in 2005. Both Jennifer O'Leary and Rosalie Holland were a credit to their club and parish. Jennifer O'Leary also won an All Star award. This was achieved for the second year running and after captaining University of Limerick to victory in the Ashbourne Cup, she was a worthy recipient of this award.

Indeed it was a proud occasion to be at Croke Park on Sunday, September 18, to see Cork win their 21st All-Ireland camogie title. It isn't too many rural clubs can boast of a player on a Cork senior team on All-Ireland day and to have two is the ultimate achievement and something which can be written into the annals of Barryroe history for generations yet unborn.

Concluding his report, the secretary paid a glowing tribute to his fellow officers, selectors and under-age committee, the finance committee, which operates the weekly lotto, the physios, managers, trainers and the press, especially *The Southern Star* for its extensive coverage of all their games and activities throughout the year.

He had a special word of thanks to J.J. Harty, Superintendent of Darrara College, for allowing Barryroe the use of their facilities, especially at a time when their own pitch was unplayable.

Officers elected for 2006 — Patron: Very Rev. Pat Stevenson, PP; president, Vincent Sexton; vice-presidents, Barry Flynn, John Drake, Neil Whelton, Michael Wycherley; Sean de Barra and Fr. John Collins, Admin., chairman, John Colgan; vice-chairman, Pat Lawton; treasurer, Peter McCarthy; assistant, Michael Dineen; registrar, Liam Murphy; PRO, John Sexton; secretary, Paddy Murphy; executive committee, all the officers plus Michael Coleman, Paddy Whelton, John

Fleming, Vincent O'Donovan, John Drake and Dan O'Leary.

In a stirring address on assuming office, the chairman, John Colgan, (who played his club football near Tullamore in the faithful county of Offaly) called for a complete unity of ranks as the club has got to put out the best team possible in every grade for the coming year. Every player of potential will have to be sourced out during the coming months and the best squad possible arranged for training during the league which should present the selectors with the opportunity of putting the best team possible to face all comers in the championship.

Barryroe, he said, has the potential to win both junior championships and no effort should be spared in that respect. He feels confident that with a determined effort and the drive and will to win, victory can be achieved. No doubt, reflecting on the mood of this annual general meeting one could feel an air of confidence that Barryroe are determined and capable of turning the corner of success during 2006.



Members of the successful Aghabullogue County Champion camogie side pictured at the Aghabullogue GAA medal presentation at the pavilion in Coachford.



Brieg Corkery presents her cousin Brid Twomey, a member of the successful u16 County camogie champions Aghabullogue team with her trophy.

CAMOGIE STARS SHINE IN CLARE

It may have been a quiet year on the silverware front down in Clare, but credit must go to the Newmarket-on-Fergus camogie side that reached the All-Ireland junior final only to be defeated by a more experienced Liatroim Fontenoy's. Club secretary and goalkeeper Trish O'Grady is adamant that this team will be back battling for honours in the very near future.



Marie O'Looney and Moira McMahon battle for possession in the All-Ireland junior club final



The Newmarket-on-Fergus squad that lost the 2005 All-Ireland Junior Camogie final



In recent years Newmarket-on-Fergus have come to the fore as one of the leading camogie sides in Clare with the amount of trophies won during the last five years, a testament to their success.

The club place a great emphasis on their underage structure and Trish revealed that they are bearing the fruits of their labour with championships being won on an annual basis in the various grades.

"We place a huge importance on our underage structure and have done for many years now. The club is very fortunate in that there are plenty of people willing to lend a hand to look after the various underage teams and it is not left to the same people all the time, as many parents are more than happy to get involved" said Trish.

"The current side is backboned by a group of girls that have come up through the ranks and they have won championships in the different grades, which means there is a great spirit in the squad.

"In the last five years, ourselves and Kilnamona have dominated the camogie scene. We have had many great battles with them over the years. The sides have played in the last two senior finals as Kilnamona beat us in 2004, but we gained revenge in this year's final," added Trish.

Newmarket-on-Fergus qualified for the All-Ireland junior final with a very young side and one that even included two 14-year-olds. Indeed, Aine O'Brien and Carol Kaiser were not just squad members, as Aine started the match and Carol replaced her sister Ruth (due to injury) after only five minutes. Throw in the fact that both managed to score and it shows how important the youngsters are to the club.

However, the final did not go the way of the Clare side, even though they lead at half-time by 0-6 to 0-2. It was not until the second half that Liatroim started to claw back the deficit and their superior experience told as they ran out winners by 3-7 to 0-8 and claim the McBride Cup for the second consecutive year.

The losers can take great pride from their performance and with such a young squad at their disposal, Trish believes that the future looks very bright indeed for Newmarket-on-Fergus.

"We would definitely be looking at taking a step further next year and certainly with the younger players coming



Sharon McMahon gets in her strike despite the attention of two Liatroim Fontenoy's defenders

double (1994). Intermediate championship and league (1995) before the three-in-a-row senior titles between 2001-03 and finally this year's triumph.

"Since we reformed, the club has been very successful. Newmarket is a growing area and we have benefited from this. It is important that we keep the level of work that is currently being done. We are fortunate to have some very talented players and that is shown by our representation on the various county teams," pointed out Trish.

Camogie has been played for many years now, but it is only in the last decade or so that the game has really taken off and Trish believes that increased television and media coverage are the reasons for this.

"Since they started showing the All-Ireland camogie final on telly, the interest has increased considerably. Also most inter-county matches are now covered by the newspapers, which means that the sport is being promoted on a wider scale. "Sponsorship deals have come flooding in and where it has been the case in the past, that a sponsor would rather give their money to a man's team, there are more and more looking to sponsor both camogie and Ladies football," stressed Trish.

"Family involvement has been pivotal to the success of camogie in the parish. Families like the O'Looneys, McMahons, Ryans, O'Grady's, O'Leary's, Kaisers and Arthurs have all helped make this club what it is today."

Apart from her role within the camogie club, Trish has acted as secretary of the Newmarket-on-Fergus hurling club for the past three years and during her time in the position has seen how well both the hurling and camogie get on as they share the same pitch and facilities.

Unlike the camogie team, who are picking up silverware on an annual basis, the hurlers have been going through something of a transition period, and even though they have 22 senior hurling championships to their credit, the last of which came back in 1981, success has evaded them in

recent times, although the Munster Junior hurling title was annexed in 2004.

"We have a very good relationship with the hurling club as we are all the one really. The camogie club went out on the wren last year and this year the hurlers are coming along too, so there is a good spirit there."

"The hurlers have not had the best of times recently, but there is a lot of young players coming through the ranks at the moment. It has been far too long since they last won the championship. Hopefully, we will not have to wait much longer for our next title as we are a proud club with a strong tradition and are determined to get back where we belong."

Newmarket-on-Fergus may have not won this year's All-Ireland junior title, but one thing for certain is that this small club will be back next year battling for honours and look set to dominate the camogie club scene for some time to come.



ABOVE: At the Newcestown GAA dinner were Hilda O'Mahony, Newcestown; Elaine Burke, Innishannon, Cork senior camogie captain and guest of honour; and Colette Desmond, Newcestown.

UCC have added a new undergraduate Sports Studies BEd degree programme to prepare students who are interested in making a career in sports. The four year degree programme, which commences with the 2006/2007 academic term, is the first degree of its type to be offered in the Munster area. The BEd Sports Studies Degree programme was officially launched at a special ceremony hosted by UCC President, Professor Gerard T. Wrixon in UCC's Student Centre alongside the annual presentation of sports scholarships to UCC sport stars. UCC Sports Scholarships awarded in the College last night: R. Arnopp (Soccer), M. Bamberg (Soccer), M. Breen (Basketball), P. Brinkley (Tennis), B. Clifford (Hurling), R. Coughlin (Rowing), D. Cody (Hurling), A. Connery (Ladies Hockey), K. Connery (Munster Council), R. Conway (Hurling), J. Cronin (Golf), S. Cronin (Rugby), F. Cudmore (Sailing), M. Daly (Handball), T. Drust (Athletics), O. Drumm (Athletics), G. Dunne (Golf), D. Finnegan (Athletics), J. Fitzpatrick (Hurling), C. Foley (Ladies Gaelic Camogie), R. Foley (Munster Council), P. Gould (Gaelic Football), K. Harcourt (Hurling), J. Hayes (Gaelic Football), D. Hayes (Soccer), E. Healey (Hurling), J. Herlihy (Soccer), B. Holland (Rugby), N. Horgan (Gaelic Football/Hurling), D. Hurley (Rugby), T. Kenny (Hurling), G. Kingston (Sailing), D. Linnick (Gaelic Football), P. Lynch (Badminton), L. Lyng (Camogie), E. Martin (Hurling), S. Murphy (Gaelic Football/Hurling), B. Murphy (Athletics), S. Mulvihill (Gaelic Football), S. Murphy (Gaelic Football/Hurling), L. O. Lamin (Gaelic Football), P. O. Murphy (Basketball), B. Nagle (Rugby), R. Noonan (Rugby), G. O. Leary (Golf), D. O'Brien (Hurling), P. O'Brien (Soccer), J. O'Callaghan (Camogie), C. O'Connell (Gaelic Football), B. O'Connell (Soccer), P. O. Connor (Munster Council), S. O'Donoghue (Gaelic Football), S. O'Donovan (Munster Council), K. O'Halloran (Gaelic Football/Hurling), G. O'Leary (Golf), D. O'Leary (Rugby), B. O'Mahony (Rugby), A. O'Mahony (Soccer), T. O'Gara (Munster Council), S. O'Neill (Hurling), S. O'Sullivan (Rowing), L. Power (Munster Council), S. Quinn (Gymnastics), R. Quinn (Rugby), K. Rea (Tennis), M. Rice (Hurling), E. Ryan (Soccer), E. Ryan (Rugby), A. Ryan (Soccer), P. Shallow (Rugby), M. Shields (Gaelic Football), K. Stack (Golf), J. Tennyson (Hurling), A. Turner (Tennis), G. Whelan (Soccer).

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SPORTS GRANTS

2006 Irish Sports Council's Grants to National Governing Bodies. (Brackets indicate change from 2005 allocation)

Angling	€30,000 (same)
Athletics	€750,000 (+264,453)
Badminton	€293,021 (+20,393)
Basketball	€534,230 (+198)
Baton Twirling	€4,500 (same)
Road Bowling	€19,823 (+7,323)
Lawn Bowls	€29,961 (+48)
Cerebral Palsy	€65,198 (+25,141)
Handball	€126,366 (+21,659)
Camogie	€109,100 (+4,035)
Ladies Football	€158,323 (+13,150)
Cycling	€240,400 (+14,050)
Equestrian	€138,105 (+12,578)
Horse Shoe Fitters	€3,500 (+87)
Archery	€20,350 (+4,050)
Boxing	€201,658 (+658)
Fencing	€29,350 (+3,350)

Rowing	€142,885 (+1,265)
Weightlifting	€13,520 (+975)
Wrestling	€17,360 (+90)
American Football	€5,534 (+2,534)
Blind Sports	€41,497 (+2,223)
Canoeing	€202,057 (+4,007)
Cricket	€217,878 (+61,649)
Deaf Sport	€50,050 (+25,050)
Gymnastics	€124,250 (+14,915)
Hockey	€189,559 (+20,424)
Judo	€82,210 (+6,270)
Golf (Ladies)	€44,020 (+813)
Martial Arts	€25,000 (+10,050)
Olympic Handball	€44,422 (+11,769)
Orienteering	€46,183 (+10,218)
Sailing	€262,839 (+13,883)
Squash	€180,222 (+64,310)
Surfing	€59,350 (+10,625)
Table Tennis	€78,500 (+1,074)
Tae Kwon Do	€14,500 (+500)
Ten-Pin Bowling	€21,051 (+1,888)
Tug-of-War	€27,100 (+2,875)
Underwater Council	€54,500 (+5,150)
Water Skiing	€6,300 (+2,500)
Wheelchair Sport	€258,635 (+40,874)
Motorcycle Union	€73,000 (+4,131)
Mountaineering	€104,250 (+14,250)
Community Games	€250,000 (+11,000)
Shooting Sports Ass	€30,547 (+5,499)
DNAAI	€13,500 (+480)
Pitch and Putt	€76,533 (+4,958)
Racquetball	€16,250 (+667)
Special Olympics	€500,473 (+1,216)
Caving	€21,250 (+2,250)
Swimming	€463,500 (+72,750)
Tennis	€428,718 (+41,053)
Triathlon	€21,600 (+1,600)
Volleyball	€178,026 (+13,701)
Total	7,624,978

(Clay Pigeon Shooting and GUL still pending.)

Students from Killury National School, Causeway that will participate in the Camogie Fun Day in Causeway on Saturday Jan 21st. Also pictured Maurice Leahy, Kerry GAA and Lynn Kelly, National Development Co-ordinator



PATRICIA O'GRADY CAMOGIE

NEWMARKET'S success in winning the Munster junior camogie title in October was recognised with the selection of their player manager, Patricia O'Grady as October's Sports Personality of the Month.

Tricia had a busy year as, in addition to her camogie duties, she served as secretary of the Newmarket-on-Fergus GAA club.

A member of the Clare team until she retired from inter-county activity at the end of 2003, she had been a vital cog in the Newmarket-on-Fergus side which has dominated the club camogie scene in Clare in recent years.



CAMOGIE

Cork Colleges U16 1/2 Final: St. Peter's, Passage 1-1 Coachford College 1-2 (Aet)
Munster Junior B Final: St. Calmin's, Shannon 5-3 Coachford College 3-1.
Munster Intermediate B Final: Rathkeale, Hospital 2-1 Tulla 2-7.
Munster Senior C Semi-Final: St. Mary's, Macroom 1-1 Kinsale 2-1.

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LEINSTER COLLEGES

A Final: St. Bridget's Callen 3-4 (C Coonan 2-1, A Farrell 1-2, S Fennelly 0-1) Colaiste Bríd 0-6 (U Lacey 0-4, (If), C Storey 0-1 (If), S Collen 0-1)
B Final: St. Fergal's 3-3 (M O'Grady E Dillard M Kelly 1-0 each, A Mahony 0-2, M Fitzpatrick 0-1) Castlecomer Community School 3-2 (M O'Keefe 2-0, M Nolan 1-1, M Dargan 0-1)

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Munster Senior 'A' Colleges Final: St. Mary's Charleville 7-13 (A Watson 2-3, L Fitzgerald 2-3 (0-2 F), A Thompson 2-2, A Mc Auliffe 1-0, F Morrissey 0-3, D O'Callaghan 0-2 Presentation)
Bandon 2-1 (C Collins 2-0, S O'Callaghan 0-1).
Leinster colleges junior championship finals: Junior 'A' Final: Loreto Kilkenny 3-1 (E Keane 2-0, A O'Grady 1-0, M Mulhall 0-1).
Mercy Callan, Kilkenny 0-2: (E Farrell 0-1 (0-1)).
Junior 'B' Final: Borris Vocational Sch: Carlow, 4-4.
"N Quirke 2-1, E Carroll, A Treacy 1-0 each, C Culliton 0-3 (f).
Loreto, Wexford: 3-5.
(K Parrock 1-5 (0-4f), R Barnes, L Bolger 1-0 each).
Colleges:
Purcell Cup Quarter Finals
DCU 3-8 Trinity 0-2; Athlone IT 3-15 Queens 3-9 (after extra time); UUJ 4-8 St Mary's 1-4; Maynooth 2-11 IT Tralee 3-4.
All Ireland Interfirm SF final: Gardai (Dublin) 1-9 Quinn Group (Fermanagh) 1-5; All Ireland interfirm JF st: Pfizer (Cork) 1-4 Harpscreen (Tyronne) 1-3.

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At the launch of the 2006 camogie year for girls were Mairead Fitzgerald 11, Ola Michniewicz 10 and Nicole Whyte 12, from Killury National School, Causeway, Co Kerry. Also included is Maurice Leahy, camogie development office, Kerry, and Lynn Kelly, national camogie development co-ordinator.

Picture: Domnick Walsh

Plan to establish camogie in Kerry

by Michael Moynihan

MINISTER for Arts, Sport and Tourism John O'Donoghue launched an initiative by Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael to start camogie in Kerry this week.

Part of the Association's Strategic Plan, the "Camogie for the Kingdom — Bring it On" campaign is focusing on establishing camogie in primary schools in north Kerry, traditionally a strong hurling area.

Speaking at the launch in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney, on Wednesday, the Minister said he was delighted with the initiative, while Camogie President Miriam O'Callaghan, said the initiative was part of the Association's strategic plan, which outlined the organisation's goals up to 2008. GAA President Sean Kelly also welcomed the initiative and saluted the work of the Camogie Association.

The highlight of the initiative, involving 14 primary schools in North Kerry, is a one-day blitz on Saturday January 21.

Regional Development Co-ordinator with the Camogie Association, Mary O'Connor has generated interest in camogie through school visits, training sessions since last November, as well as art and essay competitions. The Munster Camogie Council is working to put a structure in place that will lead to the creation of camogie clubs feeding from these primary schools. This will then lead to the establishment of a county board.

Camogie was first played in Kerry shortly after Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael was founded in 1904. The Kerry County Board was established in 1929 when seven clubs affiliated. Kerry enjoyed its best days on the camogie fields prior to 1960.

The "Camogie for the Kingdom Fun Day" takes place on Saturday January 21 in Causeway Comprehensive Secondary School from 11am to 3.30pm.

Special guests on the day will include All-Ireland camogie winner Elaine Burke, who captained Cork to success last year, and Tipperary legends Deirdre Hughes and Sheena Howard.



Marion McCarthy, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board, Cork senior camogie players Emer Dillon, Sarah O'Donovan and Jennifer Browne with Michael Moynihan, Chairman Ballygarvan camogie club at the recent Ballygarvan GAA and camogie dinner in the Carrigaline Court Hotel.

Picture: Howard Crowley

Fine year for Ballygarvan

THE Ballygarvan GAA and camogie club celebrated another successful year at their annual dinner and awards night in the Carrigaline Court Hotel recently, with the camogie club in particular, having an exceptional 2005.

Last year, it was the junior A hurlers who stole the limelight as they won not only the South East title, but county and Munster, falling at the semi-final stage of the All-Irelands.

This year, the senior B camogie team won the county title for the first time, and will play in the senior grade for the first time next season, thanks to their final success over great rivals St Catherine's in a replay.

However, Pat Sweeney, chairman of Ballygarvan GAA club, remarked that it had still been a

busy and successful year for the club, with the hurlers now playing in the intermediate grade for the first time, and they were narrowly beaten by Eire Og in the first round, defeating neighbours Carrigaline and only to lose out again to Kilbrittain in the quarter-finals.

Presentations were made to Cork players Ger Spillane, who was on the senior football panel; he won his second All Ireland football title and Munster intermediate hurling medal during the year.

Cain O'Cunhuir was on the Cork U21 hurling panel, while Stephen White won a Munster minor hurling medal and reached the All-Ireland semi-finals, while still playing well with Carrigaline Community School in the Dr Harty Cup.

A number of players were honoured in the camogie club, namely

Emer Dillon, Jennifer Browne and Sarah O'Donovan, who won senior camogie medals with Cork; Aine Moynihan and Valerie Browne who won Munster U18 medals; and Caitriona Kelly, who was part of the successful Cork junior team who won the All-Ireland league.

Presentations were also made to the selectors of the senior B team and to Ollie Hallahan, who was selector of the Cork senior camogie team.

Marion McCarthy, chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board, remarked that it had been a wonderful year for the club and for Cork camogie, and was honoured to have Ballygarvan players and selectors on the senior panel, with Emer Dillon picking up not only the Player of the Match award at the All-Ireland final, but also receiving the first All-Star award for the club.

Chairman of the camogie club Michael Moynihan remarked that the club was particularly unlucky in a number of county semi-finals during the year, with the U12s, U14s, U16s and U18 sided losing in them, with success coming to the U12s in the form of blitzes organised by the Ballinhassig and Courcsey Rovers clubs.

The senior Bs did win a Pan Celtic tournament in Tralee, as well as their county title, while the U16s were narrowly defeated in their final. Ballygarvan NS won indoor and outdoor Scaith na Scoil trophies.

Grateful thanks were expressed to the dedicated group of trainers and selectors who had worked with the players throughout the year, and he added that the club's AGM would be held on January 13 in Ballygarvan GAA club, in what should be yet another exciting year for the club.

DENVIR (nee Lane) (Dublin and Cork): On January 29, 2006, in the tender care of the staff of St. Vincent's Private Hospital, DORIS, beloved wife of the late Jim. Very sadly missed by her loving daughters Miriam, Paula, Ann and Emily, her son John. Deeply regretted by her son-in-law, grandchildren, dear sisters, brothers, relatives and many friends. Removal this (Tuesday) evening to Church of the Assumption, Howth, arriving at 6pm. Funeral tomorrow (Wednesday), after 11.30am Mass, to Glasnevin Crematorium.

Mum, our hearts are broken, rest in peace.

Caimin's bask in Munster g



St Caimin's 5-3 Coachford 3-2 Gerry McInerney reports

ALL things come to those who wait! And by God have St. Caimin's more than punched in their time in Munster junior camogie.

Twenty one years is a mighty long time but that barren spell without a provincial title came to a glorious end in Inniscarra as the Shannon side exacted sweet revenge on Coachford College to clinch an overdue Munster success.

A narrow defeat in 1989 was the closest St Caimin's had come in the past but the scars of that gut wrenching single point defeat, ironically to Coachford College, faded into oblivion as the scenes of unbridled joy and celebration which greeted referee Eamon Browne's final whistle said it all.

This time the tables were turned in no uncertain fashion and St Caimin's, physically stronger in the central positions, dominated literally from start to finish. Aside from a ten minutes spell after the break when Coachford College threatened, it was comfortable and St. Caimin's can now train their sights on the All-Ireland title with genuine prospects.

With their supporters two to one in the majority, St. Caimin's, backed by a slight breeze, made the early running. Niamh Corry had the game's opening score, a point, before she belted home a goal ten minutes into the match, her ground shot giving Coachford keeper, Marie Gleeson no chance.

Another goal quickly followed when her clubmate, Aiveen O'Shea latched on to a breaking ball to hammer home a crisp ground shot from twenty yards. All this happened as Coachford tried to rejig their



formation following the early departure of Catherine O'Brien who was suffering from food poisoning.

St. Caimin's, in their pre-match homework, had identified Niamh Dilworth as the one player with the capability of scuppering their title chances and while the Cork minor floated between centre and full forward both Aoife Nihill and Carol O'Leary were up to the task, keeping her influence to a minimum.

With Dilworth under wraps, St. Caimin's were in the ascendancy.

Roisin McMahon, brilliant all through at midfield, scored a great point before Aiveen O'Shea used her skill and strength to telling effect. Gathering the ball about thirty yards from goal, she powered through the Coachford defence to crack home another goal. St. Caimin's supporters were in raptures.

But just as they were beginning to dream the dream, Coachford, who benefited from

some questionable refereeing decisions, came back into the game. They pointed from a disputed 30 before corner forward, Kate McCarthy whipped home a goal after Lorna Duggan had saved her initial attempt. It was a score which came against the run of play.

However, St Caimin's response was swift and decisive. From the puck out Kelly Cunningham, daughter of Clare hurling selector Alan, gained possession before rattling the Coachford net. Then Chloe Morey hammered home another goal but much to the disbelief of St. Caimin's her effort was deemed a square ball and was disallowed. Nonetheless, St. Caimin's were good value for their 4-2 to 1-1 interval lead.

For the second half, St. Caimin's management made a shrewd tactical move. They withdrew Chloe Morey from the attack and positioned her in a sweeper's role between the half back and full back lines. It also ensured that Dilworth was effectively double marked.

The expectation was that Coachford couldn't but enjoy a period of dominance and that was the story for the opening ten minutes after the restart. The wind picked up and Coachford picked up the intensity of their performance.

They made a few positional switches but with St. Caimin's dropping Chloe Morey into the sweeper's role, their intention was clear. What we have we hold and they did that most effectively.

Coachford pushed forward but the reward for all their endeavour was a goal from Aine O'Connor which, in truth, wasn't near sufficient to undermine St. Caimin's comfortable position.

Entering the final quarter the Shannon side lost Gemma McInerney through injury and they brought Kelly Cunningham back from attack to defence. Aine O'Brien switched to lead the attack and she played a captain's part by scoring their fifth goal. Aiveen O'Shea put the seal on an emphatic victory

with a late point.

Surprisingly, the referee played nearly five minutes additional time and during that period Niamh Dilworth scored a goal. That it was her only score of the game was testament to the forceful hurling on the day of Aoife Nihill and Carol O'Leary in particular.

Afterwards, Colm Hanley was understandably thrilled with the victory. "This year is our twenty first year competing in camogie and it's the very first time winning any camogie competition in the school, outside of Clare that is. It is a great day and terrific to make the breakthrough after all those years trying.

"Ours was a very solid display. I suppose the foundation for the victory was laid in the opening half. We went at them and once we got in front we always looked comfortable. Aside from a brief period after half time, we were in control and I don't think we would have been flattered had the margin of victory been bigger.

"Niamh Dilworth was their big name player. To have any chance of winning we needed to contain her. I think we did that well. Both Aoife Nihill and Carol O'Leary did their jobs brilliantly. Once her influence was restricted, Coachford didn't really threaten much up front.

"We had also decided to funnel a player back when facing the wind. It was a pre-determined tactic, one we had decided before the game. In fairness, the better team won and we should have won by more. Despite the journey, we had massive support. It was a great day for the players, a great day the school, one that we've looked forward to for a long time", he said.

St Caimin's face Leinster champions, Castlcomer in the All-Ireland semi final. This game will be played at a Kilkenny venue on March 4.

TEAMS

■ St Caimin's: Lorna Duggan (Newmarket), Maura

(Above) ■ St Caimin's captain Aine O'Brien raises the Munster junior camogie cup in victory.

(Left) ■ The Caimin's squad and mentors pose with coach Coml Hanley (far right).

McGrath (Craigo), Aoife Nihill (Wolfe Tones), Aisling Browne (Newmarket), Gemma McInerney (Newmarket), Carol O'Leary (Newmarket), Catherine Danagher (Wolfe Tones), Aine O'Brien, capt., (1-0) (Newmarket), Roisin McMahon (0-1) (Newmarket), Shauna Chaplin (Sixmilebridge), Aiveen O'Shea (2-2) (Sixmilebridge), Bernadette Crowe (Sixmilebridge), Niamh Corry (1-1) (Sixmilebridge), Kelly Cunningham (1-0) (Wolfe Tones), Chloe Morey (Sixmilebridge).
Sub: Emma Ryan (Wolfe Tones) for McInerney, inj.
■ Coachford College: Marie Gleeson, Maura McCarthy, capt. Catherine O'Brien, Jenny O'Connell, Emma Kingston, Michelle Healy, Rosie O'Mahoney, Marguerite Vaughan, Joanne Casey, Mary Ronan, Niamh Dilworth, Ciara O'Keefe, Elisa Corkery, Niamh Carroll, Kate McCarthy, Sub: Jessica Farmer, Siobhan McCarthy, Aine O'Connor, Laura McCarthy and Deirdre Toomey.

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Brave Brigid's back at top in Leinster

Barrie Henriques

St Brigid's college.....3-4

Coláiste Bríde.....0-6

LET THERE be no doubt that passion, commitment, and will are important ingredients for any successful team, as mighty St Brigid's College (Callan) proved on Saturday.

In the grounds of Carlow Hurling, the St Brigid's troops did battle against the quadruple title seeking Coláiste Bríde (Enniscorthy) in the Leinster colleges senior camogie final.

St Brigid's manager, Ms Noelle O'Driscoll had the players mentally and physically tuned to the last, and they thundered to a fantastic win.

The high-flying Wexford college had dominated the provincial and national scenes for the past three seasons. At half-time they were peering up the road at further success as the Noreiders looked like a Norse man-of-war without oars.

The Slaneyiders led by 0-5 to no score at the break. It looked a no hope situation for the Callan girls.

Defiant defence

But for the cussedness of the half-back line, the interval deficit of five points could have been much worse for St Brigid's. Time out of number the trio of Leanne Fennelly (captain), Mairead Luttrell and Kate McDonald stood tall, brave and defiant against the Wexford girls.

Whenever that Maginot Line was breached, Sara

Butler, Elaine O'Shea and Emily Ann Gilligan were ready, willing and enormously able to complete the demolition contract. The fact that Coláiste Bríde scored three points of their total from frees, only served to underline the magnificent contribution of the St Brigid's defence.

They had to be good or better to withstand the enormous threat of Ciara Storey, Sandra Carr, Laura Hogan, Shelly Kehoe, Oonagh Lacey and Maeve Freyne.

And then there was the composure and deadly eye of Kay Ryall in the winners' goal. She oozed confidence, although her mother, Nellie, who occupied the spot beside us on the sideline, was anything but. Kay's bravery, positioning and shot stopping ability were superb and her contribution cannot, and should not, be underestimated.

On at least half a dozen occasions during the frantic first half she stood defiantly against the Wexford College who fired everything they could at her. She refused to give an inch. She eyed them down.

Volcanic battle

If the battle was volcanic within the confines of the Callan defence in the first moiety, it was positively sulphurous at midfield, where the no-nonsense Sharon Rafter and the tenacious Mary Dalton fought long and hard for parity. That was a great return for the Callan girls against the much heralded Siona Nolan and Lorraine O'Connor.

What looked like Callan's achilles heel for long periods of the first half, their attack, was more than transformed during a whirlwind second half. Put simply, they blew away the opposition.

After seven minutes of the closing half, Claire Coonan shot Brigid's first score, a point. Within a couple of minutes, the all-action Shauna Fennelly, who never backed away from a challenge or hard work, shot another.

Callan brought on Denise Gaule in the 13th minute and gained an instant dividend. Leanne Fennelly was also moved from the half-back line into the forwards.

We wondered where the Thomastown tornado had gone! We were soon to find out. Leanne Fennelly moved the sliothar towards Anna Farrell.

Our watches told us that there was more than half of the second half gone. St Brigid's were behind by four (points).

Miracle needed

They needed a miracle; a very special miracle. Respectability was not an option!

The 14-year old - can you believe that? - raced towards the Enniscorthy goal with the sliothar stuck to the ash. Within twelve yards, Anna, without checking her stride, slammed the ball to the back of the Coláiste Bríde net.

It was now a question of "who dared, won".

Three minutes later, Claire Coonan shot her side in the front with a fortuitous goal. Callan never

relented from there to the finish.

Coonan wrapped up the game five minutes later, scoring a goal that was far more instinctive than fortuitous. Anna Farrell, who was now terrorising the Enniscorthy defence whenever she got near the ball, collected the sliothar some 30-metres from the Enniscorthy goal. Racing goalwards, she unleashed a bullet-like shot.

Prowling Pollard

Vicki Nolan, the Enniscorthy goalkeeper, did what all goalkeepers do in such circumstances... she parried the flying ball to the ground. She did not reckon on the prowling, poaching instincts of Tullaroan's Aisling Pollard.

Showing a superb predatory skill, she was in like a flash to shoot her side further ahead with a terrific major.

The Enniscorthy girls were not finished. They would not relinquish their titles too easily. A spate of attacks within four minutes had the Callan defence rocking.

Ryall, to her credit, stood strong and tall and conceded nothing. The storm was faced down.

Callan raced downfield, and Anna lashed over two pressure relieving points from frees, which she won herself.

The astuteness of the Callan mentors was as big a contributing factor off the

field as on it. Ann Marie Phelan really blossomed when coming out field from the restrictions of the half forward line. Aisling Pollard fought a tough hard game all through, and Linda Sweeney also contributed handsomely to this famous victory.

It has been a while since the Callan camogie nurse has come so far. The All-Ireland series beckons.

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The scorers

St Brigid's College - C. Coonan (2-1); A. Farrell (1-2, points frees); S. Fennelly (0-1). **Coláiste Bríde** - O. Lacey (0-4, three frees); C. Storey, S. Cullen (0-1 each).

St Brigid's College - K. Ryall, S. Butler, E. O'Shea, E.A. Gilligan, L. Fennelly, M. Luttrell (capt), K. McDonald, S. Rafter, M. Dalton, L. Sweeney, A. M. Phelan, S. Fennelly, C. Coonan, A. Farrell, A. Pollard. Sub D. Gaule.

Coláiste Bríde - V. Nolan, S. Nolan, J. Breen, K. Dunne, S. Redmond, S. Cullen, L. O'Leary, S. Nolan, L. O'Connor, S. Carr, C. Storey, L. Hogan, S. Kehoe, O. Lacey, M. Freyne. Subs - L. Hoare, E. O'Connor.

Referee - Willie Barrett (Tipperary).



Toe to toe - Ann Marie Phelan (St Brigid's College) about to strike the sliothar as Sarah Cullen (Colaiste Bríde) challenges.

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CAMOGIE IN BRIEF

Artrim Senior sponsors draw

ARTRIM have launched their annual sponsorship draw.

The winner will win 'Title Sponsorship' of the Artrim Senior Camogie Team and the Senior Club Championship which includes a full media pack. Tickets cost £60.

For further details contact Catherine O'Hara: 028 2175 9966.

Coaching courses

ARTRIM and Derry have joined forces to run essential courses for clubs either side of the Bann and the details are as follows:

Saturday February 11
Administration Course in Portlough GAC.

Facilitator: Pat Rafferty
Registration: 10.30am

Cost: £10 per head

Saturday February 25
Referee Course in Portlough GAC.

Facilitator: Una Kearney
Registration: 10.30am
Cost: £10 per head

County Board meeting

ARTRIM County Board's first meeting of 2006 will be held in the Leighlinmohr House Hotel, Ballymena, on Monday February 6 at 7.30pm.

Discussions will include the restructuring of the club leagues, strategic plan and the new Artrim camogie website.

McKillop takes reins

ARTRIM have announced that the new county senior Camogie manager for 2006 will be John 'Smokie' McKillop who will head up a team of coaches and selectors.

St. Mary's Charleville go through >> 64 try read

REIGNING Munster colleges senior 'A' champions Charleville are through to yet another senior All-I semi-final on February 25th following their 7-13 t over Presentation, Bandon in Saturday's Munster

Despite Charleville sporting a fairly young team it always possessed far too much experience for the The game was only two minutes old when Cork pl Watson registered the opening score a point. WNI battled hard in the opening few minutes the game lost midway in the opening half when Aine Watson Thomson and Annette Mc Auliffe crashed home th within three minutes. Bandon's only first half scor Sinead O'Callaghan two minutes from the break.

Charleville stepped up the pace in the second half fifteenth minute had added a further four goals fr Fitzgerald (2-0), and Aisling Thompson, and Aine each. Some splendid points from Darina O'Callighl Morrissey killed off any Bandon challenge. Bandon were given a reason to cheer ten minutes into the when Caltrona Collins scored the first of her two when her second came ten minutes later that bec score for Bandon, but the very last score of the g Darina O'Callaghan five minutes into extra time.

Charleville will now meet the Leinster champions Callan who overcame the reigning All-Ireland cha Bríde, Enniscorthy last week.

Score:

Charleville: 7-13 A Watson 2-3, L Fitzgerald 2-3 (Thompson 2-2, A Mc Auliffe 1-0, F Morrissey, 0-3, 0-2 Presentation, Bandon 2-1, C Collins 2-0, S O'Calli

St. Brigid's College, Callan, Leinster Senior Camogie Champions



Back row (from left): Noelle O'Driscoll (coach), Tara O'Hanlon, Stacie Power, Emily-Ann Gilligan, Sharon Rafter, Sauna Fennelly, Elaine O'Shea, Sarah Butler, Rita Freyne, Anne Marie Phelan, Lisa Carey, Denise Gaule, Gillian Collins, Aoife Ryan, Anne Woodcock, Jessica Gleeson. Front row (from left): Michelle Farrell, Chloe Corrway, Kay Ryall, Leann Fennelly, Aisling Pollard, Claire Coonan, Kate McDonald, Mairéad Luttrell (capt.), Anna Farrell, Mary Dalton, Linda Sweeney, Edel Frisby, Aine Manning, Alison Walsh, Laura Walker. Missing from picture: Eileen Brennan.

Photo: Eoin Hennessy

Coachford College hope to honour Katie's memory

by Mary Newman

ACTION gets under way in both Cork and Munster Colleges over the coming weekend. On Saturday next Coachford College will be hoping to engrave their names on the U16½ Cork Colleges trophy.

On a day that will be tinged with nostalgia for the Coachford girls, the trophy is one dedicated to the memory of Katie Crowley who passed away recently. Katie was member of the Aghabullogue club and was involved in the game after finishing school in Coachford college. Despite her young age she was one of the cornerstones of the Mid Cork club and was a mentor to nearly all of the underage teams in the club from under 10. She also represented Coachford Community College and

Aghabullogue with distinction.

The Mid Cork girls will leave no stone unturned in their quest for the title, but will face a strong challenge from a St Peter's Passage side who are participating this year for the first time in Cork Colleges competitions.

Throw in is at 2.30pm at the Passage GAA grounds.

Action continues on Sunday when St. Caimin's Shannon travel to Cork, and it's a busy weekend for Coachford when they take on the visitors in the Munster Junior B final at the Inniscarra Camogie pitch at 2pm. Munster Council chairperson referee Eamonn Browne will throw in the ball to get proceedings up and running at 2pm.

Picture on Page 21.



Left: Seandun chairman Billy O'Sullivan presents Blackrock captain Sherelle Naughton with the Seandun Under 13B trophy. Right: St Vincent's captain Cloe Anderson receives the Seandun Under 11 B trophy.



Mixed fortunes for Coachford College

BY CATHERINE KETCH

COACHFORD College camogie teams had mixed fortunes in finals recently.

The Coachford College camogie under-16.5 players were celebrating after a dramatic victory over favourites St. Peter's, Passage West, in the Corn Caiti Ní Cruadhlaí County Colleges camogie final. Indeed, extra time was required to separate the sides, whilst their junior panel lost out on Sunday to St. Caimin's, Shannon, in the Munster junior final, played at Ballyanley.

Claire Looney, Elaine O'Callaghan, Louise Stack, Ursula Murphy and 'player of the match' Aileen Scannell ensured that the Muskerry college would add to their tradition with a one point margin in the u.16.5 County final. Referee Jack McGrath commented that, when Ann O'Sullivan goalied for Coachford, he expected them to romp home.

Passage immediately responded when Natasha O'Sullivan ran fifty yards before billowing the net for the home team. Claire Looney and Lisa O'Sullivan exchanged scores, but it was a point from Aisling O'Keeffe which proved to be decisive at the finish.

Gemma Cooney, Erin Twomey and Laura McCarthy played well for Passage, but, according

to St. Peter's coach Liam O'Sullivan, it was the strength in depth of the Coachford college which determined the outcome. Rob Lottly utilised the multiple substitution rule to the utmost, involving all 13 substitutes at various junctures and the tiring Passage girls failed to get the equaliser.

FLYING

In the Munster Junior 'B' final, St. Caimin's got off to a flying start with Roisin McMahon causing havoc at midfield, ably supported by Aiveen O'Shea, Kelly Cunningham and Carol O'Leary.

Coachford did work hard after the resumption, but relied too heavily on Niamh Dilworth for scores. Ciara O'Keeffe, Marie Gleeson, Emma Kingston and Rosie O'Mahony played well for Coachford.

In the Senior 'A' semi-final, played Tuesday at Ahiohill, a last minute goal from Sinead O'Callaghan was the difference between the sides where Siobhan Gleeson and keeper Claire Dennehy were impressive. Sinead McCarthy, Marguerite Vaughan and Kate O'Leary also played well.

Coachford still await the winners of Christ the King and Clonakilty to see who they meet in the county final, whilst Bandon meet Charleville on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Newtown.

Blackrock win close contest

Blackrock 3-0
Douglas 2-2

Camogie reports: Mary Newman

WITH the strong wind in their favour Douglas made all the early running in the Seandun under 13B final against Blackrock. They led 2-1 to no score at half-time: Clare Shine and Amy Twohig getting the vital second goal while a point from the stylish Shine helped them enjoy their half time advantage.

Through the first half Blackrock worked hard, Donna O'Leary and Ciara Barry regularly testing the Douglas defence which held firm.

Blackrock goalkeeper Sherelle Naughton had to be at her best to deny a certain Douglas goal bringing off a superb point save from Clare Shine just before half time.

The physically stronger Blackrock side upped the pace from the start of the second half. Playing with the aid of the wind and the slight hill advantage, they set about taking the game to Douglas.

Donna O'Leary got the show on the road with a superb solo run

which she finished to the net inside eight minutes of the second half and it gave the Blackrock girls great heart. In defence, they were now marking tightly and not allowing the Douglas forwards any room while their midfield and forward division also upped their game.

By the three-quarter stage Douglas still held their lead but two goals in as many minutes from full forward Sarah Carroll decided the destination of the honours. The first a well taken shot after winning possession on the wing she somehow got past the Douglas defence to slam to the net while the second was made by Kate Lynn Hickey who beat her opponent to the ball before flicking a superb pass to Carroll who grabbed her second goal.

Blackrock continued to attack as they sought to increase their advantage but Douglas battled on and in a late attack Clare Shine was somewhat unlucky when her dipping

shot went narrowly over the bar. Now just one point separated the side and the Blackrock defence had to withstand another Douglas attack with Sherelle Naughton again clearing confidently before the full time whistle brought an entertaining contest to its conclusion.

Seandun chairman Billy O'Sullivan presented Blackrock captain Sherelle Naughton with the trophy and medals while Douglas captain Aine O'Donovan accepted the runners up medals.

Blackrock: S. Naughton capt, T. Fleming, F. Norberg, S. White, C. Torpey, A. M. Lehan, K. Byrne, D. O'Leary (1-0), C. Barry, J. Lehan, K. O'Brien, N. McGowan, M. Nagle, S. Carroll (2-0), K. L. Hickey. Subs: K. Roberts for M. Nagle (43min) Do Connor for K. Byrne (45 min), I. Geaney for K. Hickey (46 min), A. Batt for N. McGowan.

Douglas: C. O'Driscoll, A. Shine, A. Peat, S. Kearney, H. Bradley, S. Duggan, S. Kavanagh, A. O'Donovan, R. Baxter, A. Twohig (1-0), C. Shine (1-2), E. O'Leary, S. Dempsey, R. Foley, E. Mc Carthy. Subs: F. Sexton for R. Foley (23mins), R. Cotter for S. Dempsey (40mins).

Referee: Liam Kinsley (St Vincent's).

CamogieVoice

Lisa Dunne

Coaching at underage level

THE Strategic Plan which was adopted in the Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael's Centenary year included the promotion of underage coaching. That's why, this week we're going to look at coaching at underage level.

Coaching young children involves presenting them with simple activities which they can cope with as they mature and develop. Sport, especially for young children, is for enjoyment and the needs of young people in sport include: to be with friends; to belong to a team; to play and to learn skills.

Coaching sessions should provide the greatest possible participation for all players and should include activities suitable to the abilities of each player. Encouragement and support should be provided to the players whether in success or in failure.

Coaches' Charter

Coaches should be enthusiastic during coaching sessions. They should plan each session so it will be interesting, safe, enjoyable and worthwhile.

Equipment and facilities should be checked to ensure they are in good working order and are appropriate to the age and ability of players. The coach must have enough sliotars to keep all players occupied during each training session. This will ensure that the players find the training session interesting and enjoyable.

When it comes to praise, coaches should be generous and honest and never ridicule effort, however poor it may be. They should be loyal to their players and treat them with respect. There should be simple rules of behaviour set down by the coach in relation to conduct and punctuality.

Rules of the game

Children should be taught the rules of the game and they must know that they are mutual agreements which no one should break.

Young children will often follow example so the coach should lead by example and show respect for opponents, match officials, club personnel and property. Remember good example is better than good advice. Coaches and trainers have to be reasonable in

their demands on participants' time, energy and commitment. Anyone that's involved with training young children, whatever the sport, should remember that children become involved for the craic and the company and that competition is only one of the reasons why they are motivated to be involved.

Think you know all the rules of camogie? Well test yourself to find out! Answers at the bottom.

1. How many times can a player who is in possession take the sliotar into her hand before playing it away?
 2. Is a player who is in possession permitted to handpass a score, yes or no?
 3. A player can run for four steps with the ball in her hand, true or false?
 4. Three defenders are allowed to stand on the goalline when a penalty puck is being taken, true or false?
 5. A player tips an opponent's hurley as the ball is dropping. What action should the referee take?
 6. A player who strikes an opponent should be ordered off, true or false?
 7. The ball is in flight. A player jumps up and strikes it into the net with her hand. Should the referee allow the score, yes or no?
 8. A player lifts but fails to strike a free. She can strike the ball away on the ground. True or False?
 9. How many players line up at the centre of the field for the throw-in when play is commencing?
 10. A defender strikes the ball over her own endline. What should the referee award?
 11. A defender lifts the ball off the ground with her hands, in the small rectangle. Should the referee award a penalty or a 20m free to the opposition?
 12. A player who has the ball in her hand throws it to a teammate. The referee should award a free against her. True or False?
 13. A defender, within her own large rectangle, pushes an opponent who is about to score. The referee should award a penalty to the attacking team. Yes or No?
 14. A player who is taking a sideline puck fails to strike the ball on her first attempt. Can she attempt to strike the ball a second time? Yes or No?
- Answers: 1 Twice. 2 Yes. 3 True. 4 True. 5 None. 6 True. 7 Yes. 8 True. 9 Two. 10 45m free. 11 Penalty. 12 True. 13 Yes. 14 Yes.

Lisa Carey, St Brigid's, bursts past the challenge of Loreto's Aisling O'Grady



LORETO LAND TITLE

LORETO Convent Kilkenny struck with chilling efficiency in the closing five minutes to take the Leinster Junior Camogie title in Carlow on Saturday afternoon. This was game where both teams gave their all in the pursuit of victory.

The Loreto won this game because they made the most of the chances that came their way. St Brigid's will look back and realise that they had enough possession to win the game before the floodgates opened in the final five minutes.

Having been on the ropes for the entire second half the Loreto trailed by 0-2 to 0-1 in this hugely entertaining and intense final as the clock hit the 55th minute.

The danger lights flashed for St Brigid's the moment Loreto's centre forward Edwina Keane won possession 70 yards out from the Callan goal.

The St Martin's girl headed for goal as she ghosted past three defenders and fired a piledriver of a shot from 15 yards out to the St Brigid's net, giving goalkeeper Laura Walker no chance.

Everyone in the Carlow Town GAA club grounds knew that this was the match winning score.

St Brigid's had given it everything and they had nothing left in the tank.

The following four minutes resulted in the winners adding two more goals and a point.

A 45 metre free by Edwina Keane dipped under the crossbar and into the net while a similar free from the same player was deflected to the net by corner forward Aisling O'Grady.

Edwina Keane also converted a close in free to land Loreto's second point.

The Kilkenny city school

Leinster Junior Camogie Final

By Pat Treacy

LORETO 3-2
ST BRIGID'S CALLAN 0-2

PLAYER OF THE MATCH

Edwina Keane of Loreto. She won the match for her team as she got the vital scores.

SAVE OF THE MATCH

Laura Walker's save from Edwina Keane in the closing stages of the first half. An excellent save.

FEATURE OF THE MATCH

The outstanding commitment and sportsmanship of both teams was a pleasure to watch. The defensive qualities of both teams was exceptional.



With a personal tally of 2-2, Loreto's Edwina Keane was Player of the Match
Match photos: Mark Tyrrell

had the better of the opening ten minutes as they took the game to St Brigid's.

Michelle Mulhall ppointed a free in the 10th minute.

The Callan college put Kate McDonald at centre back and proceeded to play the proverbial blinder.

St Brigid's were on the offensive from here to the final five minutes but only yielded two scores.

The lack of any tangible reward from at least a half dozen scoreable frees during this period of dominance was to ultimately prove to be St Brigid's undoing.

Anna Farrell scored St Brigid's only score of the first half when she pointed in the 15th minute.

Five minutes before the break we got a hint of the menace of Edwina Keane as she swept through the Callan defence only to be denied by a bril-

liant save from Laura Walker. At the other end the vigilant Siorcha Fennelly cleared off the line from a Michelle Farrell effort.

At half time it was one point each, with the Loreto looking the more likely to succeed.

With tremendous camogie from St Brigid's half back line of Kate McDonald, Lisa Carey and Alison Walsh with Edel Frisby and Denise Gaule lord-ing it at midfield, the Loreto defence was under ceaseless pressure.

But try as they might, St Brigid's just couldn't break through a teak-tough city college defence, where Ruth Bergin, Róisín Byrne, Siorcha Fennelly, Niamh Kelly, Nicola Butler and Aisling Butler refused to yield.

The best the Callan college could register was a pointed free from Leanne Fennelly in the 38th minute. St Brigid's never looked like scoring a goal.

A great contest, with both teams hurling themselves to a stand still in the quest for provincial glory.

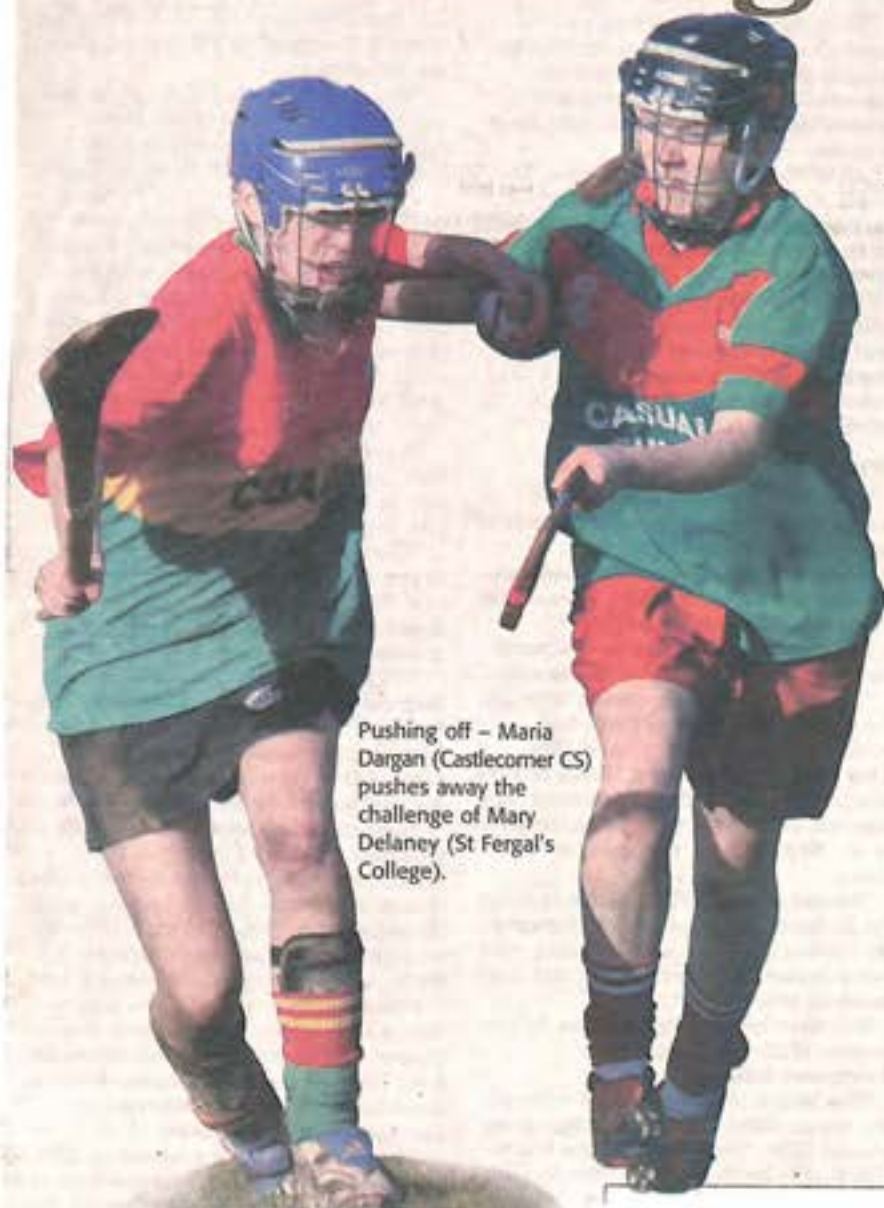
This victory will certainly be a big boost to the Loreto team as they go in search of All-Ireland glory.

LORETO: Elizabeth Kavanagh, Ruth Bergin, Róisín Byrne, Siorcha Fennelly, Niamh Kelly, Nicola Butler, Aisling Butler, Aisling Dunphy, Caoimhe Shiel, Niamh Byrne, Edwina Keane (2-2), Áine Curran, Sarah Dunne, Michelle Mulhall, Aisling O'Grady (1-0).

ST BRIGID'S: Laura Walker, Imelda Aylward, Eleanor Barry, Áine Manning, Kate McDonald, Lisa Carey, Alison Walsh, Edel Frisby, Denise Gaule, Leanne Fennelly (capt) Jessica Gleeson, Anna Farrell, Michelle Farrell, Louise Dunne, Mairiad Power.

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary.

So near, but yet so far for hard going 'Comer



Pushing off - Maria Dargan (Castlecormer CS) pushes away the challenge of Mary Delaney (St Fergal's College).

Telling moves

Browne and his fellows moved the fabulous (in camogie parlance) Mariga Nolan to man the No. 14 position. St Fergal's mentor, Fergal Ryan, moved his commanding full-forward, Marian O'Grady outfield from the No. 13 spot. Both switches paid off.

Within three minutes of the restart, Dargan placed Nolan with a smart cross-field ball. The brave, diminutive Nolan took a couple of steps and slammed 'Comer into the lead for the first time with an unstoppable rocket to the net. 'Comer were finding it difficult to break down the Rathdowney midfield partnership of Aine Mahoney and Eimear Delaney.

Mahoney reduced the 'Comer lead to the minimum with a smashing point in the 40th minute. While she marauded forward, Delaney did the holding job to perfection, anchoring the midfield.

Half-way through the second half, O'Grady stormed down route one through the heart of the 'Comer defence with sliotar stuck to her hurley. Getting to within 14 yards of the posts, she unleashed a shot that was only a

blur. The ball flew by Marie Therese O'Neill.

The Laois girls were back in front. The Community School came stormin'.

Davy stood between her team and certain defeat during the ensuing five minutes. At 48 minutes, Nolan tore through the Fergal's defence, and was floored. Her free narrowed the gap to a single point.

Clouds gathering

The storm clouds were gathering over the Carlow Hurling Club's ground. A Hannah Maher gallop through the Rathdowney defence in the 55th minute ended with her brilliant shot stopped by Davy on the goal line. The resultant melee saw Michelle O'Keeffe - it could have been anybody, there were so many bodies present - force the ball into the net.

'Comer were in front by two points.

The puck-out was won by Aine Mahoney, who carried the ball forward. Getting to the 21 yard line, she aimed and her shot was superbly saved by Marie Therese O'Neill. The breaking ball was pushed home by the alert Emma Dollard.

Rathdowney were back in front by a single point. The game was far from finished, however.

Castlecormer had plummeted from the heights of Everest to the depths of Hades in the space of seventy seconds. Worse was to follow.

The losers failed to win their own puck-out. Eimear Delaney took the ball for Rathdowney. As she moved forward, she was fouled.

Taking the free herself, she landed the ball on the edge of the small square. Sharon Fitzgerald flicked the ball home to give her side a comfortable four-point lead.

Not finished

The Community School was not finished. The players were pulling hard against the tide, with only discretionary time remaining. The stout-hearted Sara Shore drilled a long delivery towards the Rathdowney goal. Michelle O'Keeffe, lurking threateningly, sneaked in to slip the ball home.

Back to the minimum, but time was ag'in the 'Comer lassies. As Willie Barrett blew the full time whistle, the pitch was decorated with contrasting emotion.

The scorers

St Fergal's college - M. O'Grady, E. Dollard, S. Fitzgerald (1-0 each); A. Mahoney (0-2, one free); M. Fitzpatrick (0-1). Castlecormer CS - M. O'Keeffe (2-0); M. Nolan (1-1, point free); M. Dargan (0-1, free).

The teams

St Fergal's College - E. Davy, A. Quinlan, S. Delaney, K. Hyland, S. Fitzgerald, K. Cuddy, M. Fitzpatrick, A. Mahoney, E. Delaney, M. Kelly.

L. Moylan, R. Hyland, E. Dollard, M. O'Grady, S. Sinnott. Subs - E. Galvin.

Castlecormer CS - M.T. O'Neill, F. Morrissey, A.M. Walsh, C. Dunne, N. O'Keeffe.

S. Shore, M. Nolan, H. Maher, E. Cantwell, R.M. Maher, A. Dwyer, S. Murphy, M. Dargan, A. Dunne, M. O'Keeffe. Subs - E. Ryan, A. Morrissey.

Referee - W. Barrett (Tipperary).

St Fergal's College.....3-3 Castlecormer CS.....3-2

IT WAS a case of so near and yet so far for Castlecormer Community School when they came unstuck in their quest for Leinster glory against St Fergal's College (Rathdowney) in the Roinn B senior camogie final in Carlow on Saturday.

What was particularly galling for Castlecormer was the fact that, not only did they fail by the minimum of margins, but it was the third successive defeat at this same stage.

If you chance to meet the 'Comer mentor, Ted Browne, or any of his fellow officials, do not, at the risk of causing offence, mention the word hat-trick.

Full credit to the Laois girls for their tenacity, determination and eventual win. Credit too, to a fighting, focussed and disciplined Castlecormer outfit, who gave everything that was in them for the honour of the school.

Credit too to a goalkeeper who made a series of saves to which she had no entitlement. Quite simply, Emma Davy, the Fergal's custodian, painted the exciting canvass with a plethora of saves, which rivalled any this writer has ever seen. She stopped shots from hurley, from hand-pass, from kicks, from schemozzles and from any other means of propulsion.

All tried to beat Davy

Had she missed much 'Comer would have crossed the winning line in front. She didn't.

Hannah Maher, Aileen Dwyer, Sinead Murphy, Marie Dargan, Aoife Dunne, Michelle O'Keeffe and uncle Tom Cobby and all tried to beat the Rathdowney goalie and failed for a full 47 minutes.

The winners opened the scoring in the seventh minute with a point from Aine Mahoney. It took them 15 more minutes to register a second one from Mary Fitzpatrick.

In between, the Community School tried every which way to register any score. They were denied by Davy, aided and abetted by full-back Sinead Delaney, who was superb, Karen Cuddy, Mary Fitzpatrick and Kate Hyland.

'Comer continued in their quest for some return on their effort. With five minutes remaining in the half, Marie Dargan was fouled. She converted the free, which left the half time score: St Fergal's 0-2, Castlecormer CS 0-1.

Every score, any score, was going to be of blue chip value. Mentors made half-time decisions that were to prove inspirational.

Camogie—

All-Tipp at Munster helm

by John Guiton

WHERE Tipperary leads others follow! The Premier County now holds the key to Munster camogie power following the unanimous election of Marion Graham as secretary and Jean Hayden as treasurer of the Munster Council on Sunday last.

Tipperary now dominate the provincial executive with the newly elected secretary and treasurer joining fellow county native Eamonn Browne who is currently chairperson of the authority.

Littleton lady, Marion Graham, served as PRO for the council prior to her appointment as secretary of the body at last Sunday's annual meeting in Auburn Hotel, Ennis. A selector in three of Tipperary's senior All-Ireland victories, she previously held the position of chairperson of the authority. She held a number of positions within Tipperary County Board down through the years and has also served as manager of the inter-provincial side. It is the first time in many years that Tipperary has held the position of secretary. Marion succeeds to the position long serving Rose Malone (Cork). Clare's Seamus O'Sullivan was elected to the position of PRO at last Sunday's convention.

Rosegreen lady, Jean Hayden, is also well known in camogie circles in Tipperary and much further afield. She has held a number of positions within the association in Tipperary and succeeds as provincial treasurer, Marie Casey (Cork). Before her election as treasurer of the council she held the position of Council Registrar. Cork's Marie Kearney now takes over the role of Registrar.

Thurles Camogie Club

Following a successful AGM last week, the following officers were elected for the year 2006: Bernie O'Dowd (Chairperson) Margaret Skehan (Vice chairperson) Anne Fogarty (Secretary) Catherine McCormack (Assistant Secretary) Louise Lanigan (Registrar) Dick Ryan (Treasurer) Clodagh Loughnane (Assistant Treasurer) Jim Symons (PRO)

Committee members elected were: Frances Corbett Margaret Stakelum Noel Fogarty Jenny Hanafin Anne-Marie Cullen Paddy McCormack

There will be a disco for all members in the Sarsfield Club House on Friday 4th February from 5-8pm. Parents welcome. Refreshments will be served".

FR Davies Cup final: St Patrick's Keady 4-4 St Catherine's Armagh 0-3

ST Patrick's Keady won the Armagh derby in Mullabrack to collect the Fr Davies' Cup on Saturday.

As expected, Alistar Collette McSorley posed the sole threat to them but the Tullysaron player could only manage three first half points - all from frees - as against 2-2 from Keady.

Maired McClelland hit the net after 10 minutes and Michelle Murphy added a second in the

22nd minute to put Keady in control. Despite that, they failed to add to their total until the dismissal of Collette McSorley in the 46th minute after a second yellow card. Keady took advantage for Geraldine Gray to add two goals and McClelland and Stephanie McCParland popped over late points.

St Patrick's Keady: C. Toner, R. Murray, P. Murphy, M. Short, S. McKee, D. McBiney (capt), E. McParland, G. Kelly (0-1), S. Molloy, S. McParland (0-1), M. Murphy (1-1), M. McClelland (1-1), K. Ann Tomany, G. Gray (2-0), N. O'Hanlon

Subs: L. Comiskey for N. O'Hanlon, K. Mone for R. Murray, A. McParland for S. McKee, A. Clarke for S. McParland, C. McKernan for M. Murphy

St Catherine's Armagh: S. Quinn, N. Campbell, H. Sheridan, K. Mullin, L. Conlon, A. Murphy, U. Mullin (capt), L. Mackle, E. Brady, A. Jordan, C. McSorley (0-3 frees), C. Finnegan, O. Murphy, E. Mullin, A. Caravan, E. McManus

Subs: B. Crossan for E. Brady

Ref: L. Gallagher (Tyronne)

Pitches for Mahon

THE Mahon Sports Project is a development of a number of grass pitches, all-weather pitches and changing facilities for Cork City Council.

The development also provides grounds for the local St Michael's Football Club and Blackrock Hurling Club.

The Camogie Board is to be given land so the can develop a pitch the can call their own. It's the first time that the board will have had such a pitch in Cork.

It's hoped the development will encourage more girls to take up the game.

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SLIOTAR ACUS CAMOGAN

By **Séamas Mac Liolla Fhinnéin**

2005 - Review of Camogie Year in Ulster

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On the face of it 2005 was a poor season for camogie in Ulster.

Antrim and Derry were the only Senior-graded counties and they made absolutely no impact at national level in league or championship.

In fact Antrim's withdrawal from the Senior championship at the end of June was one of the low points of the year. And it came just two seasons after the Saffrons won the All-Ireland Intermediate title so impressively.

Most of that team though are not now playing for the county - preferring instead to channel their energies into the club scene.

In the case of Rossa that is bearing fruit with the eclipse of their second successive

Ulster Senior League and championship double. They even went on to give St. Lachtain's a run for their money in the All-Ireland series, but the Kilkenny club succeeded in retaining their national crown.



Rossa forward Jane Adams hit their 2-9 total in the All-Ireland semi-final - and while that, for some, points to the scoring limitations of Rossa, for others it emphasises the talent that Antrim county is losing out on.

If Jane had been playing inter-county, there is little doubt that she would have been an automatic choice for an All-star.

The other Ulster counties are graded Junior and none of them managed to make the semi-finals of the league.

In the championship Armagh caught holders Down cold in the second half of the Ulster final, but didn't make much impact against eventual champions Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The big news here though was the emergence of Collette McSorley as a scoring midfielder for the Orchard county. She also starred in the minors run to the All-Ireland B final and the St. Catherine's school-girl deservedly finished the year with the Young All-star award.

2004 All-star Máirín McAleenan was out of action for most of the year through injury - but returned in the autumn to secure wins for club and county.

She came off the bench to shoot 4-3 as Down picked off the Ulster Senior title in

October, and her Player of the Match performance in the All-Ireland Junior club final - along with a 3-2 blitz - retained the title for Liatróim Fontenoys in November.

The Fontenoys fielded a much younger side than the one that won last year and are bringing through some excellent teenagers - and therein lies the hope for a better future for several counties - especially Antrim.

They collected all the under-age provincial titles this year - under 18, Minor A and B and the under 14s.

At club level Ballycastle moved seamlessly from All-Ireland Division 3 to Division 2 Féile na nGael National champions. Coached by former All-star hurler Paul McKillen they have many of the team under-age again in 2006.

Perhaps going for the National Division 1 title with them was enough to convince Paul to drop out of the running for the Antrim senior hurling manager's post!

The biggest individual achievement of Ulster camogie in 2005 was Loughgiel's Racquel McCarry becoming only the second player from the province to win the National Féile na nGael Skills' competition.

A precocious talent, she was Player of the Match with 2-6 in the Ulster Minor final and collected a second provincial under 14 medal as well.

Derry however are still setting the pace in schools' competitions - although there is a hint that Cross & Passion Ballycastle might be ready to challenge them.

St. Patrick's Maghera beat St. Mary's Magherafelt to collect their 4th successive Senior Colleges' crown - but Enniscorthy took the All-Ireland honours.

Magherafelt bounced back at Junior (under 16) level to go all the way to the All-Ireland final where they Presentation Athenry beat them.



province in the competition. The best we can hope for is UUJ doing well in the Purcell (Grade B championship) in February.

The Camogie Association is at present putting in place a Strategic Development Plan at all levels. Many counties have already adopted those plans.

It doesn't bode well for the future of the game in Ulster that in December only three counties were represented at the Planning for the Future Seminar in Armagh.

There just seems to be too many units wandering aimlessly from season to season.

There is a lot of work being done, especially at under-age level. But that could all go down the drain unless everyone has a clear vision of what lies ahead.

2005 epitomises the failures of the game in the province, while at the same time pointing up the huge talent that could be brought through.

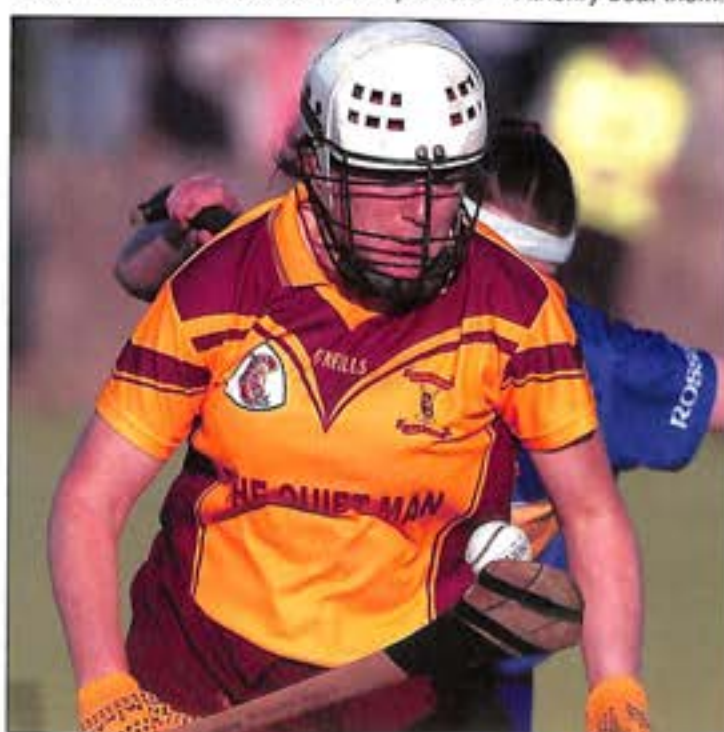
There needs to be evidence in 2006 that the decline evident in the past season is changing for the better.

The onus seems to be on our adult players to show the way forward.

But Cross & Passion lost three Ulster A grade finals and picked up a Senior B title in 2005. Perhaps they are ready to break the south Derry stranglehold on trophies.

Nationally though there is no getting away from the fact that Ulster is well off the pace.

4 Ashbourne Cups (universities' championships) came north during the nineties and were the building blocks for inter-county success. But yet again in 2006 there won't be representation from the



Douglas claim u13A league title

by Mary Newman

Douglas 6-5
Glen Rovers 1-1

DOUGLAS won this Seandun Under 13 "A" 2005 league final at the Glen Field on Sunday after a contest in which Glen Rovers made them fight to the end.

The scoreline may have been very much in Douglas's favour at the full time whistle but the Glen girls never once threw in the towel.

The Glen were quick off the mark at the start and took the lead with a Sinead O'Halloran point. Through a lively opening 15 minutes, they troubled the Douglas defence as they kept up the pressure but failed to get the vital scores.

Fifteen minutes into the half, Aine O'Donovan had Douglas back on equal terms with a point and it remained deadlocked, with both defences coming under pressure. Douglas came more into the game as Ciara Lynch gained control around centre field and as a result they began to enjoy more possession and were now putting the Glen defence under a lot of pressure.

It was hesitance in the Glen that led to the first goal, with Niamh O'Donovan tapping the ball to the net after the Glen defence failed to clear what looked like an easy shot. With Aileen O'Donovan and Deirdre Cotter pointing, it gave Douglas a 2-3 to 0-1 interval advantage.

Douglas got a great start to the second half with goals in as many minutes from Aine O'Donovan and Deirdre Cotter before Katrina Mackey and Aine O'Donovan pointed to stretch their advantage.

The Glen girls never gave up and battled continuously,

with Sarah Clifford and Aoibhinne Murphy working hard to get them back into contention. The switching of Clare Walsh to full back saw them tighten up in defence as they began to break up the Douglas attacks.

Glen came into the game and began to win possession as they put the Douglas defence under pressure, with substitute Ashling O'Keeffe grabbing a deserved goal after good work from half forward Nicole O'Brien.

Douglas substitute Ellen Shine grabbed a goal with the last puck of the game.

After the game, Declan Hourihane presented the trophy, in memory of his late grandmother Nancy Hourihane, to winning Douglas captain Pamela Mackey as Seandun Runai Mairead ni Mhaoldoin praised both teams for a superb final.

The attention in Seandun now turns to next Sunday when the under 11 A teams from Glen and Douglas meet in the final in Douglas at 1.30pm.

Douglas: J. Kavanagh, D. Duggan, K. Mackey (0-2), N. O'Donoghue (2-0), P. Mackey, Deirdre Cotter, S. Bevan, L. Horgan, C. Lynch, Aileen O'Donovan (0-1), R. Casey, Aine O'Donovan (1-2), D. Cotter (2-0), L. Jackson, E. O'Sullivan. Subs: C. O'Driscoll for J. Kavanagh, S. Dempsey for S. Duggan, H. Brailie for Deirdre Cotter (inj), L. McCarthy for N. O'Donoghue, R. Baxter for E. O'Sullivan, E. Shine (1-0) for Aileen O'Donovan, C. Peate for L. Jackson.

Glen Rovers: E. O'Sullivan, L. Sheehy, C. O'Sullivan, A. Noonan, L. Hayes, A. Murphy, S. Callanan (0), S. Gallen, C. Walsh, S. Fahy, A. Rea, N. O'Brien, C. O'Keeffe, S. O'Halloran (0-1), S. Clifford. Subs: N. O'Sullivan for E. O'Sullivan, E. O'Connell for S. O'Halloran, A. O'Keeffe (1 goal) for A. Rea, A. Dowling for S. Callanan (inj), S. Busted for L. Sheehy, E. Dowling for C. O'Keeffe, N. Curran for A. Noonan.

Referee: Colette O'Mahony St. Finbarrs.

Cidona Awards



Redser O'Grady (Hurling), Seamus Roche (Sports Executive), Declan Browne representing Tipperary Football team, Claire Grogan (Camogie), Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne, Knocknagow Award winner and Angie McDermott (Ladies Football) winner, pictured at the Awards Night.

The winners were:

Athletics - Thomas Channey (Crusaders AC and Notre Dame USA)

Basketball - Loreto Secondary School

Boxing - Kevin Fennessy (Clonmel Boxing Club)

Camogie - Claire Grogan (Cashel Camogie Club)

Cycling - Dan Morrissey (Carrick Wheelers)

Gaelic Football (Tipperary senior team)

Handball - (Martin McInerney (Carrick Wheelers))

Hurling - Ger 'Redser' O'Grady - Thurles Sarsfields

Ladies Football - Angie McDermott (Cap-pawwhite)

Rowing - Clonmel Women's Junior 8 Team

Rugby - Nenagh Ormond Rugby Club

Soccer - Clonmel Town u-12 team

Sean Lyons Sports Executive Award - Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan)

Knocknagow Cidona Award - Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne (Thurles Sarsfields)

Juvenile camogie board wrap up last two competitions

by Mary Newman

IT'S tidy up time in camogie as the juvenile camogie board finishes its two remaining competitions for 2005, with the under 16 A league semi final and C league final down for decision.

In the under 16 C league final, Mallow and Ballincollig are in opposition at Inniscarra at 2pm on Saturday while in the Under 16 "A" league semi

final Eire OG and Clonakilty also meet on Saturday in Ovens at 2.30pm.

Eire OG will be hoping to put the disappointment of losing their championship crown in 2005 to Buttrvant behind them as they seek a place in the league decider where Douglas await. They will look to Erin Corkery, Margaret O'Herlihy and Lisa Marie O'Mahony, all of whom have had inter county minor experience,

to guide them through against a Clonakilty side who have made huge progress to reach this under 16 A semi final. Sharon Whelton has also inter county experience having been a member of the Cork minor side and she will be ably assisted by Erica Jennings, Sinead O'Brien and Aine O'Leary as Clonakilty strive to reach their clubs first A league decider.

Mallow and Ballincollig will

both be focused on taking the Under 16 C crown — it's a tribute to the hard work going at the Ballincollig club that their second under 16 team has reached this final. Mallow will go in as favourites to add the title to the Under 12 C crown and the junior 13 side trophies won in 2005.

In the city division, Douglas will play hosts to Glen Rovers on Sunday at 1.30pm for the Seandun Under 11 "A" final.

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Late goal sees St Vincent's take U11 camogie title

by Mary Newman

St Vincent's 1-0
Douglas 0-0

THE youngsters of St Vincent's and Douglas served up an entertaining Seandun Under 11 B 2005 league final on Saturday as St Vincent's took the title with the only score of the game.

Referee Dave Daly allowed the players plenty of freedom yet applied the rules in a sensible way and his

approach helped the game flow as a contest. Nerves may have led to hasty shooting in front of goal and it was by and large St Vincent's who were guilty, shooting no fewer than seven wides in the opening half.

In truth they should have had the title secured by the midway stage as they gave the Douglas defence plenty to do with Amy Wilson and Amanda Harris very prominent in all their attacking moves. Douglas did have their share of the play in the opening half also but strong de-

fending from St Vincent's ensured no way through and it was scoreless at the half time whistle.

From the start of the second half Douglas applied the pressure and playing with a lot more determination shot narrowly wide on three occasions as they laid siege to the St Vincent's goal.

As both sides strove for an opening score, there was no shortage of goal mouth action at either end. With extra time looming it was St Vincent's who grabbed the winner:

Amy Wilson finding herself well positioned and unmarked as she timed a well placed cross to the net with just two minutes on the stop watch.

Douglas fought back and swept down field in search of an equaliser but as they had done in the first half the physically stronger St Vincent's defence held firm to the final whistle to secure a deserving victory.

Credit must also go to the younger Douglas side who on the day were that little bit younger than their opponents but huge credit to

St Vincent's who were overjoyed with their first Seandun camogie title.

St Vincent's: L. Anderson, K. Heaphy, C. Anderson (capt), N. Cahill, S. Carroll, M. Roddis, A. Waters, N. Creen, L. Corkery, A. Wilson (1-0), A. Harris, L. Connolly, D. Higgins, I. Russell, J. Healy. Subs: H. Hennessy for D. Higgins (43mins), C. Sheehan for J. Healy (46mins).

Douglas: E. Corkery, O. Horgan, A. Mc Donnell, E. Harrington, C. O'Leary, M. Mulrooney, L. O'Brien, A. Downey, E. Lynch, L. Taff, E. Kavanagh, J. M. Roche, R. Swanton, C. Noonan, L. Maher.

Referee: Dave Daly (Sarsfields).

DOUGLAS RETAIN TITLE

DOUGLAS took the Under13 "A" 2005 league title at the Glen Field on Sunday last after a lively contest where the hosts made them fight to the finish before victory was assured. The Glen took an early lead with a Sinead O'Halloran point and both sides enjoyed plenty of possession through the opening quarter as the Glen hung on to their slender advantage. Fifteen minutes into the half Aine O'Donovan had Douglas level with a fine point and it remained level as both defences came under pressure. Douglas mid fielder Ciara Lynch was dominant and it helped her side enjoy plenty of possession

and they put it to use as Niamh O'Donovan and Deirdre Cotter grabbed goals before Aileen O'Donovan and Deirdre Cotter pointed to give Douglas a 2-3 to 0-1 interval advantage.

Douglas the better start to the second half with goals from Aine O'Donovan and Deirdre Cotter before Katrina Mackey and Aine O'Donovan pointed to stretch their advantage. The Glen girls battled continuously and tighten up considerably in defence and beginning to win possession they put the Douglas defence under pressure. Substitute Ashling O'Keeffe grabbed a goal

after good work from half forward Nicole O'Brien and it was a deserved score given their never say die attitude through a sporting contest. Douglas substitute Ellen Shine got on the score sheet with the last puck of the game after a contest where both teams played with great commitment, well done to Douglas on a splendid victory.

After the game the trophy in memory of the late Nancy Hourihane was presented to winning Douglas captain Pamela Mackey by Declan Hourihane grandson of the late Nancy.

UNDER AGE FOCUS AHEAD

ON Thursday last the Juvenile board announced their grading for the year ahead and a lengthy meeting saw them unveil their plans for the season ahead. The announcement of additional competitions will see a fourth grade introduced with the D grade welcomed by delegates.

In total there will be five Under 12 league competitions from under 12 A to under 12 twelve a side. In total sixty two teams will participate in this year competitions and this

is something that shows the growing interest in the game with many clubs now fielding two teams at under12 grade.

At under14 also a welcome boost with a D competition organised and here again may clubs entering two teams. The top grade will see eight teams battling it out for honours while in B fifteen team will participate, the C grade has eight teams while a big number of clubs have entered the D grade with twenty two entries at twelve a side

level just three clubs have chosen to take part in a competition which is confined to clubs who may not be in a position to field fifteen players.

The under16 grade is another one which will have plenty of action over the coming month's again five grades from A to twelve a side. Only seven team will participate in A grade with seventeen in B nine in grade C and again a big number of clubs sixteen in total opting to play in the new D competition, the biggest number of

twelve a side teams is in under sixteen with five in total competing here.

The next meeting of the juvenile board on February will see the various sections announced and it is hoped with the continuing good weather to get the under 12 competitions up and running in early March which would be a month earlier than last year. So all is in readiness for what promises to be another great year for young camogie players at all levels in the county

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With Mary Newman



Cork Senior Camogie player Amanda O'Regan who presented the St Angelas Camogie team with their medals on winning the Cork Colleges First Year Blitz also in picture is teacher Pauline Honohan. Its the first year the school has entered camogie competitions and under the guidance of John O'Halloran they brought the first camogie trophy to St Patricks Hill

Weekend action

THE juvenile board will finish off their last remaining competitions for 2005 with under 16 A league semi final and C league final down this weekend. In the under 16 C league final Mallow and Ballincollig are in opposition at Inniscarra at 2pm on Saturday while in the Under 16 "A" league semi final Eire OG and Clonakilty also meet on Saturday in Ovens at 2.30pm Eire OG will be hoping to put the disappointment of losing their championship crown in 2005 to Buttevant behind them as they seek a place in the league decider where Douglas await. They will meet strong resistance from a Clonakilty side who having won the Under 16 B

league in 2004 have made huge progress to reach this under16 "A" semi final.

Mallow and Ballincollig will both be focused on taking the Under 16 C crown it's the Ballincollig club's second team in the Under 16 grade. Mallow fielding their first choice fifteen will go in as favourites to add the title to the Under 12 C crown and the junior thirteen side trophies won in 2005.

In the city division Douglas will play hosts to Glen Rovers on Sunday at 1.30pm for the Seandun Under11 "A" final. The clubs met in the earlier rounds of the league where Douglas come out on top so the visitors will be travelling in determined fashion this time out in the hope of reversing that result.

Purcell Cup to boost camogie's profile

by Pat O'Neill

THE Purcell Cup and Shield, college camogie's secondary competition, takes place this weekend.

Hosted by Trinity College Dublin, the matches will take place in the Naomh Mearnóg GAA Grounds in Portmarnock.

"Hosting Purcell Cup this year has given us the opportunity to present our camogie club at a national level," said Gavin Kerr, GAA Development Officer at Trinity.

"We see this as a huge stepping stone for our GAA club here in Trinity and we hope the success of the competition will inspire us further in our quest to raise the profile of our national games here in college and beyond the boundaries of our campus."

For the four Purcell Cup colleges — NUI Maynooth, UJ, DCU and Athlone IT — there is a chance to secure not only silverware, but also a coveted place in next year's Ashbourne, the A competition of colleges camogie.

Joining hosts Trinity in the Purcell Shield are St Mary's Belfast, IT Tralee and Queen's University Belfast.

"The Purcell Cup is a fantastic showcase for camogie and we're delighted to have it in Dublin," says Eimear Butler, goalkeeper for DCU and the All-Ireland-winning Dublin Junior camogie team.

"The bringing together of some of the top players from all corners of the country sets the scene for a competi-

tive weekend. Every girl will be bringing pride and passion on to the pitch, as well as skill come Saturday and Sunday, because every player wants to start their season with silverware."

In all, seven of the victorious Dublin junior squad will be competing, including Allstar nominees Catriona Power (Trinity) and Ciara Durkan (DCU), as well as county players from

Tipperary, Wexford, Kildare, Laois and Wicklow.

Gavin Kerr believes the championship will help promote camogie in Trinity, Dublin and beyond.

"Our university produces thriving sports clubs which compete at the highest levels on an annual basis, and our GAA club is one of the most highly regarded on campus."

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Following on from Cork's All-Ireland Camogie success agreed that every effort should be made to give it well-deserved holiday. Two fundraising events we in the run up to Christmas and very successful on that. A corporate luncheon was organised in the F Park Hotel on Thursday the 1st of December. 150 people were in attendance with guest speaker on Twomey (Mr Bosco) providing the entertainment. table, it was extremely well received and generated income for the players fund. Following on from the show in the Clarion Hotel featuring the modelling talents of Cork Hurlers Diarmuid O'Kenny, John Allen, Brian Corcoran and Kieran Mui the Camogie team generated further income for the fund as well as proving glamour and sports mix w from the Evening Echo's social diary. The success fundraisers as well as a sponsorship deal with My providing helmets for all this years senior panel, the Camogie team to organise a weeks holiday to 31st of March returning on the 6th of April for im National League action against Kilkenny. The play delighted that their efforts on the pitch have enat avail of this all expenses paid trip and the gap is further with the G.A.A players as regards recognit huge achievement that is, winning an All Ireland!

Sarah Donovan, Cork

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Douglas Under 11 A team who won the Seandún title on Sunday last



Inniscarra GAA players Alan Sheehan, Padraig O'Callaghan and Jack O'Leary Keating join with Inniscarra Camogie player Rena Buckley to launch the joint Inniscarra GAA and Camogie fund raising fashion show, which will be held on the April 19 next, beside the pool in the Ramada Hotel Tower, Blaney.

Douglas win Marie Santry shield after close contest

Douglas
Glen Rovers

1-2
0-0

ONE point — scored from a distance of 30 metres by Clare Shine after 16 minutes — separated the teams until the third quarter of the game, as both sides struggled to gain the advantage in an exciting contest. Good defensive work by both Douglas and Glen Rovers ensured the low scoreline: Emma O'Sullivan was superb as the Glen Rovers goalkeeper; while Douglas's defenders, Alison Peate and Fiona Sexton, performed well. At midfield, Douglas dominated, via Clodagh Duggan's prominence.

At the break, the single score of the game still separated the teams, and so it remained through the second half. Glen attacked the Douglas defence in search of the vital score. Glen almost scored a goal and were unlucky to have been deemed to have 'over carried'. From the resulting free, Douglas held possession up field. Amy Birmingham kicked a superb 'ground shot' over the bar to extend her team's lead to two points.

Ashling O'Keeffe's move to midfield enabled Glen Rovers to gain a foothold in the game. Along with Edel O'Connell, she marked tight as the inside line pressed continuously. Douglas were well marshalled in defence and gave little away. Up front, Ciara Hickey and Rebecca Cotter pressured the Glen defence at every opportunity.

Excitement was huge watching two teams committed to the hope of victory. Douglas hung on desper-



Juvenile Camogie Board chairperson, Tracy Sheehan, presents Mallow Captain Naomi O'Callaghan with the Under 16 C League Trophy.

ately to their two-point lead as Glen Rovers frantically pressed for the goal.

With full time looming, the Glen Rovers defence blocked a 'miss hit' Douglas free. From the ensuing scramble, Elysia McCarthy scored a goal on the stroke of full time, sealing a victory for the Douglas girls.

Praise must be given to both sets of girls and their mentors for a superb game played in a sporting fashion.

It was a pity to have so many stoppages for throw-in balls, when, at this level, the youngsters want the action to continue.

Secretary of Seandun, Mairead Ni Mhaioilean, presented the Marie Santry shield to Douglas captain, Alison Peate, at the full-time whistle.

Douglas: S O'Mahony, D Bevan, A Peate, K O'Meara, F Sexton, J Leo, S Kavanagh, C Duggan, C

Shine, S Dempsey, E McCarthy, C Hickey, A Birmingham, R Cotter, A Fox.

Glen Rovers: E O'Sullivan, capt; K Arnold, C O'Sullivan, S O'Sullivan, S Hourigan, C McCarthy, S Busteed, N O'Brien, E O'Connell, M Sheehan, A O'Keeffe, K Lee, L Callanan, A Wall, E Farrell. Subs: J Lane for R Wall; A Connolly for R Hourigan; N Murray for J Lane. Referee: L Kinsley.

Mallow outplay valiant Ballincollig

Mallow
Ballincollig

4-8
0-0

BALLINCOLLIG'S second under 16 team contributed to make this Under 16 C league final of 2005 a wonderful contest. Mallow were victorious but both sides must be applauded for serving up a good contest.

Mallow held the upper hand and led thanks to two Kathleen O'Brien points and one from Karen Finnegan, and it was two goals in

the 18th and 19th minutes from Karen Finnegan and Aoife O'Connor that saw Mallow lead 3-3 to no score at the break. Ballincollig enjoyed plenty of possession but they were well held by a strong Mallow defence that held firm.

Mallow came forward at every opportunity and it was Kathleen O'Brien who again opened the scoring in the second half pointing to extend the advantage. Aoife O'Rourke and Catherine Coakley extended the advantage with points

but to their credit Ballincollig never gave up. Nicola Young, Emer Nolan and Elaine Hogan worked hard to salvage something for them, however the gap in standards was evident as Mallow's Karen Finnegan grabbed her side's fourth goal before player of the match Kathleen O'Brien, with a late point, sealed victory for the Mallow side.

Mallow: E Forde, N O'Callaghan, capt; E Linehan, D Crowley, E O'Riordan, K O'Halloran, S Daly, C Coakley (10-1), R O'Leary, A O'Rourke (0-2), K O'Brien (0-4), A O'Connor (1-0), E Carroll, K Finnegan (3-1), L Fitzgerald. Subs:

L Tanner for D Crowley (40mins) J Fitzpatrick for L Fitzgerald (48mins) E O'Callaghan for A O'Connor (49mins) S Fitzgerald for K O'Brien (56mins).

Ballincollig: K Sheehan, N MC Donagh, A Coughlan, L O'Sullivan, A Hickey, B O'Callaghan, E Nolan, N Young, P Buttimer, C Irish, S Coomey, J Bowen, E Donovan, O Ni Chasaigh, E Hogan, capt. Subs: R O'Callaghan for A Hickey, J Hyle for P Buttimer, (35mins) L McCarthy for C Irish, (38mins) L Barrett for O Ni Chasaigh (40mins), K Sisk for J Bowen (40mins).

Referee: G Sheehan, Douglas.

Corkery stars in Éire Óg show of strength

Éire Óg
Clonakilty

5-4
0-1

THE Éire Óg side who lost out in the county U-16A championship final bounced back to booked their place in next weekend's league decider.

Erin Corkery contributed handsomely to the Éire Óg scoresheet, grabbing four goals and one point of their total.

Éire Óg made good use of their first-half possession and led 3-2 to no score at the break. Corkery had opened the scoring with a point before she grabbed an early goal. By the half-time whistle, she had added two further goals, Margaret O'Herlihy also getting on the score sheet with an Éire Óg point.

Clonakilty worked hard to get into the game but the strength of the Éire Óg side was evident, Kate O'Flynn

stretching their advantage with a fourth goal early in the second half.

Aileen Kerins pointed for Clonakilty but with O'Herlihy and Corkery replying for Éire Óg, they continued their dominance. Corkery had the final say, scoring Éire Óg's fifth goal before the full time whistle to safely book her side a place in the league decider where they will meet Douglas on Sunday next at 2.30pm, at a venue to be decided.

Éire Óg: LM O'Mahony, K McCarthy, S Gleeson, S Donovan, M Kelleher, C McCarthy, C Purcell, L Murphy, E Kelleher, M O'Herlihy (10-3), A McCarthy, C O'Keeffe, K O'Flynn, (1-0), E Corkery (capt) (4-1), M Gleeson. Subs: C Meaney for C O'Keeffe (49 mins), L Stack for E Corkery (53 mins), C O'Connor for L Murphy (53 mins), D Twomey for K McCarthy (55 mins).

Clonakilty: M O'Donovan, L Collins, L Kelleher, M Connolly, S O'Brien, N Hayes, C O'Mahony, C Desmond, K Burke, S O'Neill, W Brennan, A Kerins (10-1), M Beamish, S Whelton (capt), M Beechnor.

Referee: C Egan (Glen Rovers)

Cork camogie board gets own land for first time

FOR the first time in the history of camogie in Cork, the Cork Camogie County Board will have its own facilities.

Thanks to Cork City Council, the camogie board has been given land

for the development of a pitch and dressing rooms/meeting facilities as part of the Mahon Sports Project.

This is a tremendous boost to camogie in Cork, with 57 registered

clubs throughout the city and county and a registered membership of almost 10,000.

Camogie in Cork celebrated its centenary in 2005.

And what could be a more fitting

anniversary gift then that the new facilities which should be completed in 2007.

"These facilities will greatly enhance our ability to ensure the ongoing development and promo-

tion of camogie in the city and county.

"We look forward to the next 100 years," said a delighted Marian McCarthy, chairwoman of the Cork Camogie County Board.

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UUJ hold the aces in cup bid

It's time to deliver for the ladies of Jordanstown as Ulster expects

by paul welsh
10/02/2006

On paper at least University of Ulster, Jordanstown (UUJ) should be favourites for this weekend's **Purcell Cup** which is being hosted by Trinity College Dublin at the Naomh Mearnóg GAA Grounds in Portmarnock.

Jordanstown find themselves in the Purcell competition this year after losing to Garda College in the qualifier for the Ashbourne Cup, the blue ribbon event of third level colleges camogie.

UUJ's defeat at the hands of Garda, raised a few eyebrows in some colleges but was also greeted with groans in a few of the others.

With a team that boasts some of Ulster's best camogie players including Catherine McGourty and Fionnuala Carr of Down, Derry's Grainne McGoldrick as well as Down's Lisa McCrickard, who captained Liatroim Fontenoy's to All Ireland Club success last November, much is expected of UUJ this weekend.

However, despite their strong squad and a large player base, the Jordanstown college has failed to deliver on the pitch so far this season, but that could mean bad news for NUJ Maynooth tomorrow in the Cup semifinal.

"Our league campaign wasn't too good to be honest," said UUJ's Jane Carey.

"But hopefully though we can put that behind us this weekend.

"We know that if we play to our potential we can do well.

"We played and beat Down last Sunday in a challenge match.

That went very well, and training has been going well too so hopefully things will go for us this weekend."

Cork's camogie All-Ireland winning coach, Fiona O'Driscoll, gave the Jordanstown girls a helping hand pre-Christmas and Carey admitted O'Driscoll's influence has had a lasting effect.

"Fiona brought a lot of different things to training and it certainly had a positive effect on us," he said.

In the Purcell Shield competition, the draw had thrown up the possibility of an all-Ulster final on Sunday.

Tomorrow, last year's beaten Purcell Cup finalists Queen's face competition hosts Trinity College while St Mary's College are up against IT Tralee.

St Mary's lost to UUJ in the Purcell Cup/Shield qualifier but manager, Neil O'Neill says that defeat hasn't dampened her side's enthusiasm for the Shield competition, especially with the possibility of a clash with their Belfast rivals.

"Losing to Jordanstown hasn't dampened our spirits at all," said O'Neill.

"We'll go into tomorrow's match and we'll give it everything we've got.

Douglas take U16 title in tight encounter

By MARY NEWMAN

U16A league final

Douglas 1-6
Eire Óg 1-3

DOUGLAS won the U16 A League at Inniscarra yesterday thanks to a superb display from goalkeeper Cliona Conway.

Eire Óg's Erin Corkery had her side in the lead inside three minutes after she combined with Marie Gleeson before blasting to the net from close range.

Douglas found their feet quickly and three points by the mid way stage had them back on level before Margaret O'Herlihy restored the Mid Cork side's advantage with a pointed free.

Four minutes before the interval Douglas got a vital break when Zoe Dunlea got on the end of a Rachel O'Sullivan cross to finish to the net and with O'Sullivan and Dunlea pointing, Douglas led 1-5 to 1-1 at the short whistle.

Turning to play with the strong wind in their favour Douglas looked to hold all the aces but Eire Óg had other ideas. O'Herlihy pointed inside two minutes but we had to wait 20 minutes before the score keeper registered another point from her as defences got on top.

Substitute Aileen O'Donovan pointed a free to put three points between the sides entering injury time. Eire Óg did have opportunity to grab an equaliser but again the Douglas defence cleared their lines to hold out to take the title.

Before the game a minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs O'Leary, mother in law of Breda O'Leary, the Eire Óg club registrar.

DOUGLAS: C Conway, C Driscoll, E Desmond, A O'Shea, A Barrett, H O'Connor, M O'Donovan, J White, S O'Leary (0-1), N O'Donovan (0-2 free), R O'Sullivan (0-1), C Mackey, J Kelleher, S Sisk, Z Dunlea (1-1). **Subs:** A O'Donovan (0-1) for J Kelleher (37mins), A Cotter for R O'Sullivan (in 48mins).

EIRE ÓG: LM O'Mahony, S Donovan, S Gleeson, K McCarthy, L Murphy, C McCarthy, C O'Connor, C Purcell, E Kelleher, M O'Herlihy (0-3, 0-2 free), 0-1 play, A McCarthy, C O'Keefe, E Corkery (1-0), M Gleeson, K O'Flynn. **Subs:** C Meaney for C O'Connor (29mins), A Scully for C O'Keefe (39mins), M Kelleher for K O'Flynn (43mins).

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers)

Ulster double at Purcell weekend

By Seamas McAleenan

IT turned out to be a great Purcell Cup weekend for Ulster sides in Naomh Mearnóg with UUJ easily collecting the Cup and St Mary's and Queen's playing out a real thriller in the Shield final.

Purcell Cup final

UUJ.....4-11
Athlone IT.....1-7

UUJ collected their fifth Purcell Cup title yesterday with a whirlwind opening half that left opponents Athlone IT, the 2004 champions, with just too much to do.

Catherine McGourty, Grainne McGoldrick and Aileen Lavery really stretched the Athlone defence to the limit, with Catherine bagging 2-4 and Grainne 1-2 as the Poly by the break had amassed 3-7 to Athlone's 0-5, four of which came from frees. The third quarter followed the same pattern with two more points each for the main scorers and a 47th minute goal from Shauna McCallion giving UUJ an advantage of 4-11 to 0-6.

Athlone, to their credit, responded with a goal from Yvonne Lyons in the 53rd minute and a late kicked point from Kate Kennedy to complete the scoring.

Saturday's semi-final followed the same pattern with UUJ enjoying a healthy half-time advantage over Maynooth - 2-6 to 0-2, after goals from Grainne McGoldrick and Andrea McAlinden.

However, Maynooth closed in on them during the second half and it took Catherine McGourty's six points to divide the sides on a final scoreline of 2-9 to 1-7.

UUJ scorers: C McGourty 2-6, 0-4 frees, G McGoldrick 1-4, S McCallion 1-1
Athlone: Y Lyons 1-0, D O'Loughlin 0-4 frees, E Delvan 0-1, K Kennedy 0-1, S Noone 0-1

Purcell Shield final

Queen's University, Belfast.....0-5
St Mary's, Belfast.....0-4

QUEEN'S denied St Mary's victory in an all-Ulster Shield final played earlier yesterday.

In a low-scoring but excellent final St Mary's took the lead in the last minute of normal time with a point from Keady's Bernie Murray.

However Queen's - despite not having scored since the 24th minute of the game - responded with an equaliser from Susie Devlin two minutes later and then with the last action of the game, in injury time, Armagh's Claire Kinsella pointed to give Queen's the silverware.

Both Saturday's Shield semis were close affairs with St Mary's surviving a last minute penalty award to defeat Tralee IT 2-3 to 0-6 with Katie McAuley bagging both goals. Queen's fired in 3-8 in beating host Trinity College who scored 0-3.

Queen's scorers: N McGown 0-3 (0-2 free), S Devlin 0-1, C Kinsella 0-1
St Mary's scorers: K McAuley 0-2 (free), O Mullin 0-1, BMurray 0-1

Purcell delight for Ulster teams

THERE was double delight for Ulster as UUJ took the Purcell Cup, beating Athlone IT 4-11 to 1-7 while Queen's made it a double Ulster victory when they defeated Belfast rivals St Mary's in the Shield Final, 0-5 to 0-4.

Grainne McGoldrick goalied for UUJ after just 25 seconds and 35 seconds and Catherine McGourty added a second 35 seconds later.

After it was all UUJ as they went in at the break leading 3-8 to 0-5.

Athlone did provide their supporters with some consolation with a late goal from Laura Scully six minutes from time but it made little difference.

With two minutes gone in injury time in the Shield Final, Susie Devlin sent over the equalising point for Queens against St Mary's.

While the crowd expected for Dublin referee Damian Noble to blow for full time, up stepped Clare Kinsella to send over the Queen's winner two minutes later.

There was no time left for Mary's as Queen's take their first Purcell title since 1997.

There was further joy for the three Ulster colleges when the combined Purcell team was named. UUJ received four places while Queen's picked up three and St Mary's two.

Purcell combined team: Catherine McGourty, Fionnuala Carr, Mairéad Graham, Grainne McGoldrick, (UUJ), Dinah O'Loughlin, Molly Dunne, (AIT), Bronagh Keenan, Niamh McGeeown, Clare Kinsella (QUB), Bernie Murray, Katie McAuley (St Mary's), Caitriona Fenton (Trinity), Clara Durkan, Eimear Ryan (DCU), Laureena Murphy (NUIM).

AFTER being out of the limelight for a number of years, St Mary's Charleville vie for a spot in the All-Ireland Colleges senior A camogie final this afternoon. However, standing between them and their hour of glory is St Brigid's, Callan, coached by former Cork star Noelle O'Driscoll. The Eire Óg player is the holder of six All-Ireland medals with Cork and Kilkenny. This year, Callan made the breakthrough in Leinster after a period of dominance by Colaiste Bríde. St Brigid's hope to bridge the 16-year gap since winning their last All-Ireland title. Earlier in the season they played Charleville in a challenge game and the Kilkenny team came out on top. However, O'Driscoll who teaches in St Brigid's, is not getting too carried away. "It counts for nothing, we were both missing a number of key players. I keep reminding the girls today is a whole new ball game." Callan are boosted by county minors Kate McDonald and Anna Farrell, while Leann Fennelly - daughter of Kevin - is in their lineup. St Mary's coasted through Munster, and once again they hope the experience of Aine Watson and Fiona Morrissey will prevail. The other semi-final is also a wide open affair between St Mary's Magherafelt and Portumna CC.

Therese O'Callaghan

Camogie fixtures

The inter-divisional U16 championship takes place on Sunday. The venue is to be announced. The draws are as follows.

Seandun v Imokilly, Muskerry v Carbery, Imokilly v Avondhu, Carbery v Carrighroun, Seandun v Avondhu, Carrighroun v Muskerry.

The top two to meet in final on Sunday afternoon.

ASHBOURNE FIXTURES SATURDAY

Semi-finals: UC D v WIT, UL grounds 2pm.

UCC v UL, UL grounds, noon.

Ashbourne Shield: Mary I v I V Garda College, UL grounds 2pm.

CIT v NUIG, UL grounds noon.

SUNDAY

Ashbourne Cup final: Gaelic Grounds 2pm.

Ashbourne Shield final: Noon.

CAMOGIE

Ashbourne Cup final, Gaelic Grounds, Limerick

UL 0-13 (J O'Leary 0-8 (0-5), A Walsh 0-2, A Connolly, D Burke, E Maher 0-1 each) UCD 1-9 (S O'Carroll 1-1, R Buckley 0-7, E Dermody 0-1).

Semi-finals: UL Grounds: UL 2-11 UCC 3-3; UCD 1-10 WIT 1-5.

Ashbourne Shield final: CIT 0-9 D Delaney 0-4 (0-2), 0-2 '45), B Hanney, C Hennessy 0-2 each, S Cunningham 0-1)

Garda College 0-8
Semi-finals: CIT 2-8 NUIG 2-4; Garda College 3-10 Mary I 1-6.

Colleges All-Ireland senior A semi-finals: St Mary's Charleville 2-4 (L Fitzgerald 2-3, A Watson 0-1) St Brigid's Callan 0-3 (AM Phelan 0-2, C Coonan 0-1).

St Mary's Magherafelt 3-3 (M Convery, S McLoughlin, E Lavery 1-0 each, A McPeake 0-1, E Lavery 0-1)
Presentation, Athenry 2-6 (M McDonagh 1-1, L Walsh 1-0, N Coen 0-3, D Ryan, J Gill 0-1 each).

Senior B semi-finals: St Fergal's Rathdowney 3-9 (M Kelly 3-1, A Mahony 0-4 (0-1), E Delaney 0-3 (0-2), S Fitzgerald 0-1) Borrisokane Community School 0-5 (M Morkan 0-5).

St Patrick's Keady 2-8 (M Murphy 1-4, M McClelland 1-1, L Comiskey 0-2, KA Tamney 0-1)

St Brigid's Loughrea 3-5 (E Holland 2-2, L Headd 1-0, G Coone 0-2, L Gaynor 0-1).

Senior C semi-final: Gort Community College 4-1 St Patrick's Academy Dungannon 1-4.

Cork U16 Inter Divisional Championship Section 1: Seandun 2-9 Imokilly 0-0; Avondhu 2-5 Imokilly 1-0; Seandun 1-3 Avondhu 0-1; Section 2: Carrighroun 3-4 Carbery 0-0; Muskerry 2-1 Carrighroun 0-4; Muskerry 3-4 Carbery 0-0; Final: Seandun 1-5 Muskerry 1-2.

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The inaugural Distinguished Past Pupil Award winner was Jennifer O'Leary who brought honour to her school and her home place - Barryroe - having excelled at sport, but in particular Camogie, as a member of two All-Ireland winning Senior Cork teams and her reception of two All Star awards. Mrs Noreen Fleming of Fleming Construction, made this presentation to Jennifer, who spoke of her great six years at Sacred Heart and her love of the sporting, social and academic life there. She paid special tribute to Camogie coach, Liam Nash, for his dedication to training as well as for his encouragement.



Sacred Heart Secondary School Clonakilty Achievement Awards 2006. Pictured are Liam Nash, school camogie coach, Adi Roche, guest of honour and Jennifer O'Leary, Barryroe, recipient of distinguished past pupil award.

Another hat-trick of titles for Magherafelt

Corn Eimhear final

Cross & Passion, Ballycastle 2-5
St Mary's Magherafelt 3-7
ST Mary's Magherafelt completed another three in-a-row of Corn Eimhear Ulster camogie titles on Saturday – but Cross & Passion, Ballycastle really made them fight for their 3-7 to 2-5 win in one of the most exciting Junior finals for many years. It was 0-3 each at half-time after a closely-fought first half. Magherafelt looked to be taking control early in the second half and goals from Cathy Carey and Eimear McKenna inside the opening 10 minutes gave them a 2-5 to 0-4 advantage. During the next 15 minutes, the sliotar was rarely out of the Magherafelt half and eventually Ballycastle got the

breaks. Kerrie Smyth fired over a great angled point from the right wing and two minutes later Louise McKeown cut in from the same spot to find the net. Rebecca Walsh found the target with a free and the teams were level in the 50th minute when Emma Connolly's long free finished in the net. Ballycastle kept pressing, but Aileen McCusker was superb at the back and eventually Cathy Carey, Eimear McKenna and Keelin Bradley got Magherafelt going again at the other end of the pitch and points from Cathy and Keelin were followed by an injury time goal for Keelin. Those scores mean that Magherafelt take a record 12th title all achieved during the last 14 seasons and now



CAMOGIE pitch

with Seamus McAleenan

must travel to Galway to meet Portumna Community School who beat St Brigid's Loughrea 3-3 to 0-2 in the Connacht final at the weekend. **St Mary's:** C O'Kane; J McNeill, A McCusker, R O'Kane; L O'Neill, C McKenna, M McAuley; D McCrystal, E McKenna (1-1); C Toner, C Carey (capt, 1-3), H Wilkinson; A Kelt,

K Bradley (1-3), C Darragh. **Subs:** E Murphy for A Kelt (20), L McCrystal for L O'Neill (43). **Cross & Passion:** E O'Hara; A Gormley, E Connolly (1-0 free), S McHenry; N McGinn, R Mooney, C McGuckian (capt); R Walsh (0-2 free), E Connor; S McKillen, K Smyth 0-1, A Connolly; L McKeown 1-2, E McMullan, L Dallas. **Subs:** F McFarland for A Connolly (50).

goal chances just before Dungannon wrapped up their fourth title in six seasons with 2-6 in the final seven minutes of play – the goals scored by corner-forward Emma McErlain. **St Patrick's, Dungannon scorers:** E McErlain 2-1, S Jordan 0-6, Maria Jordan 0-3, E McNiskay 0-2. **Garron Tower scorers:** B McDonnell 0-2, T McDonnell 0-1.

Ulster Colleges' Senior Medallion Shield final:

St Patrick's, Dungannon 2-12
St MacNissi's, Garron Tower 0-3
IT is difficult to believe from the final scoreline of 2-12 to 0-3 that Garron Tower were in with a real chance of victory entering the final 10 minutes of the Ulster Colleges' Senior Medallion Shield final. They trailed by 0-6 to 0-3 in a battling performance and missed two

■ NORTH Antrim clubs are reminded they must be represented at the meeting in Dunloy tonight 7.30pm, when the Feile draw and under-age fixtures are made.

IF you have any news or views on camogie please contact CAMOGIE PITCH by e-mail to seamas@gortnag-plus.com or phone/fax to 028 21758284.

Douglas U16A league winners

THE last remaining under age competition for 2005 saw Douglas edge out Eire Og to take Under16A league title on Sunday last.

Douglas had three point to spare at the full time whistle and they were thankful to their goalkeeper Cliona Conway who broke the heart of the Eire Og forwards with a superb display which earned her the Player of the Match award.

Erin Corkery gave Eire Og an early lead after good play from Marie Gleeson saw Corkery finish well to the net. Douglas settled and inside fifteen minutes they were

back on level but it had taken two saves from Conway to deny the lively Eire Og attack before Margaret O Herlihy pointed a free to restore their lead.

Zoe Dunlea had Douglas back in front when she finished Rachel O Sullivan's cross to finish to the net and adding two points Douglas led 1-5 to 1-1 at the break.

With the strong wind in their favour for the second half Douglas were hoping to increase their lead but Margaret O'Herlihy pointed inside two minutes to cut the deficit. We had to wait twenty minutes for the next score but in

between we had some marvellous passages of play from both sides before Margaret O Herlihy pointed a free, Eire Og put the Douglas defence under severe pressure in search of a goal but good defensive play from Moira O'Donovan and Cianna O'Driscoll saw Douglas hold their lead. With Erin Corkery moving to centre forward it helped Eire Og and they upped the pressure on the Douglas defence before forcing a superb save from Cliona Conway with Douglas just two points ahead.

Substitute Aileen O'Donovan pointed a free to put three points between

the sides entering injury time, Eire Og did have opportunity to grab an equaliser but again the Douglas defence cleared their lines to hold out to take the title and round off a superb 2005 season for the south side club.

Before the game a minutes silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs O'Leary mother in law of Breda O'Leary the Eire Og club registrar. Mrs O'Leary passed away unexpectedly on Sunday morning and credit to the Eire Og club who played under difficult circumstances.



Douglas Captain Sinead O'Leary holds aloft the Under 16 A league trophy after her side's victory over Eire Og.

Interdivisional U16 Comp

SIX divisions will vie for the interdivisional under16 title on Sunday next, the teams are divided into two groups of three Muskerry are paired with Carbery and Carrigdhoun, while last years defeated finalists Seandun are paired with Imokilly and Avondhu.

The running order is as follows Seandun meet Imokilly in the first game while its

Muskerry against Carbery, game two has Imokilly meeting Avondhu and Carbery against Carrigdhoun, the last two games has Seandun against Avondhu with Muskerry facing Carrigdhoun.

The venue is Newtownshandrum and throw in is at 10.30am. The top two teams will meet in the final on Sunday at 2pm.

ASHBOURNE WEEKEND

UNIVERSITY of Limerick host the Ashbourne Cup and shield competition this weekend and as holders of the prestigious Ashbourne Cup title they will be determined to make it one to remember as the focus is very much on the students. The Ashbourne Cup is a hugely competitive and is one of camogie oldest competition's it is the highlight of any camogie player's college sporting life and is a special competition for all participants.

Last season University of

Limerick spearheaded the Cup title with a final victory over UCD en route they had a semi final victory over UCC and again this season they meet at semi final stage. UL will be determined to make it three in a row but they will get a strong test from a UCC side who are aiming for their thirty second title and their first since 2003.

UL are spearheaded by Cork senior players Amanda O'Regan, Jennifer O'Leary Angela Walsh and Anna Geary and they will be in opposition

to their inter county teams UCC Rachel Moloney, Joanne O'Callaghan, Emer Dillon and Sarah O'Donovan.

In the second semi final last year defeated finalists UCD take on WIT in what is another repeat of last year. UCD head the role of honour with thirty four titles but it's been 1988 since they last tasted success.

WIT took their first title in 1999 and repeated the feat in 2001.

The Ashbourne Shield competition is also down for deci-

sion and here Cork will be well represented with CIT meeting NUIG in one semi final while Cork will have a strong representation as Garda College take on Mary Immaculate training College in the second semi final.

Semi final are on Saturday in University of Limerick grounds, on Sunday the final of the shield is at 12 noon and the Ashbourne cup final at 2pm in the Gaelic grounds.



The successful Douglas team celebrate with their mentors Ger and Tina Sheehan and Aidan Fitton after their Under 16 camogie final victory over Eire Og.

Picture: Patrick Cotter

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Cork sides out for Ashbourne Cup success

THE University of Limerick and the Gaelic Grounds host the Ashbourne Cup and shield competitions this weekend.

UL, UCC, WIT and UCD challenge for the cup while CIT, NUIG, Mary I and Garda battle for the shield.

CIT and UCC returned home empty-handed 12 months ago. UCC fell at the semi-final stage to UL. CIT, after a tremendous 90-minute battle in the semi-final, couldn't find the reserves when the need was greatest and lost out in the final by three points.

UCC face UL on Saturday at noon. UL, are joined this season by Cork All-Ireland medal winners Anna Geary and Angela Walsh.

By LINDA MELLERICK
Camogie news

Striving for three-in-a-row, they are favourites going into the competition. UCC have added Catriona Foley to their line up and have put in an immense effort under the guidance of Jim McEvoy and Seamus Coffey.

UL have the same inside six as 2005 and it was this line up which posed huge problems for the Cork girls last time out.

Jenny Feighery of Offaly was a constant thorn and created many openings for her college team mates. However this game was level at the break and at full time only two points separated the sides.

UCC are a star studded side on paper with Emer Dillon, Rachel Moloney and recently-elected 2006 Cork Senior Captain Joanne O'Callaghan. An Ashbourne Cup winner's medal is very achievable for the Cork college.

UCC continue to be the bridesmaid and never the bride. They contested the last three finals and lost out each time. They play WIT in the other semi-final but I predict the eventual winners will come from the first encounter.

CIT face a tough challenge in NUIG for their Shield semi-final.

NUIG defeated a fancied UCD side in the preliminary round and will put it up to their Cork opponents. Cork's Lucy Hawkes is a big

plus for CIT this year and they again have the services of Galway's excellent Brenda Hanney. Denise Twomey lines out for the Galway College and faces many of her inter-county team mates on Saturday. Holders Mary I and the Garda contest the other semi final. Predicting an eventual winner is a hard one to call.

FIXTURES

Saturday February 25

Shield semi-final: CIT v NUIG — 12 Noon. Mary I v Garda — 2pm University of Limerick Grounds

Cup semi-final: UL v UCC — 12 noon. WIT v UCD — 2pm, University of Limerick Grounds

Sunday February 26

Shield Final: Noon

Cup Final: 2pm, Gaelic Grounds, Limerick

Holder's UL meet UCC in cup semi-final

CUP holders University of Limerick host the prestigious Ashbourne Cup and Shield competitions and the focus is very much on the students. One of the game's oldest and most prestigious competitions, the Ashbourne Cup is a hugely competitive competition.

Last season University of Limerick, spearheaded by Cork's Jennifer O'Leary and Amanda O'Regan, retained the Ashbourne Cup title with a final victory over UCD.

In the semi-final they defeated UCC and now the sides meet again at semi-final stage in what is sure to be a revenge mission for the Cork side.

U.L. will be determined to make it three-in-a-row, but they will meet stern opposition from a strong UCC side who are aiming for their 32nd title, in a competition where they last enjoyed success in 2003.

Inter county team mates in opposition will be the order of the day as Amanda O'Regan, Jennifer O'Leary and Anna Geary, who last season were hugely influential in Cork's All Ireland championship success, face inter-county team mates Rachel Moloney, Joanne O'Callaghan, Emer Dillon and Sarah O'Donovan.

In the second semi-final last year's defeated finalists UCD take on WIT in what is another repeat of last year; UCD will be spearheaded by Wexford's Mary Lacey as they face the challenge of Waterford I.T.

The Ashbourne Shield competition is also down for decision, and here Cork will be well represented with CIT

meeting N. UIG in one semi-final while Cork will have a strong representation as Garda College take on Mary Immaculate Training College in the second semi-final.

Semi-finals are on Saturday in University of Limerick grounds.

On Sunday the final of the shield is at 12 noon and the Ashbourne cup final at 2pm in the Gaelic grounds.

Meanwhile, the Cork Under 16 selectors will be keeping a sharp eye on the Interdivisional under 16 competition on Sunday next.

Six divisions will vie for the title as two groups of three sees holders Muskerry paired with Carbery and Carrigdhoun, while last year's defeated finalists Seandun are paired with Imokilly and Avondhu. Seandun meet Imokilly in the first game while it's Muskerry against Carbery, game two has Imokilly meeting Avondhu and Carbery against Carrigdhoun, the last two games has Seandun against Avondhu with Muskerry facing Carrigdhoun.

Camogie trials set for Sunday

The following girls are requested to attend a Cork colleges u-14 camogie trial on Sunday, February 26, at 11am in Glanworth GAA club: Claire Meaney, Róisín Murray (BCS), Alison Coughlan (Col Choilim), Mariah Reidy (Charleville), Sarah Harrington (Col Eoin), Orla Burke, Claire Walsh, Diana Kelleher (Carrigahane), Aine O'Connor, Emma Kingston, Laura McCarthy, Katie McCarthy (Coachford), Katie Buckley (Mallow), Hayley Cullinane, Tessa Hawkes (Bandon), Aine O'Leary (Clonakilty), Celia O'Driscoll (Kinsale), Lee Flood (Mount Mercy), Sonia Buckley (Nagle Rice), Aine Ni Riain, Claire Sheehan (St Als), Rachel Keohane (St Angela's), Donna O'Leary (Ursuline's).

UL bidding for three-in-a-row

by Diarmuid O'Flynn

THE University of Limerick is camogie's Mecca this weekend.

The finals of the Ashbourne Cup and Plate are being played in this sports-mad city and the hosts have high expectations.

Though only admitted to camogie's premier third-level competition in 1994, UL quickly established themselves among the elite, claiming their first title a year later with a team captained by Cork star Fiona O'Driscoll.

This weekend, the side captained by Offaly's Sheila O'Sullivan goes for the college's first three-in-a-row.

O'Sullivan typifies all that's best about college sport. From a junior club (Birr) in a county that operates only at junior level in the All-Ireland camogie championship series, she nevertheless finds herself in the company of some of camogie's finest. It is some achievement and one which is all the sweeter for being so unlikely.

"This is probably the biggest competition I'll be given a chance to play in," she says.

"The junior All-Ireland wouldn't have the same calibre of players, so to play with and against girls from Cork, Tipperary, Galway, is a great opportunity.

I played in the last two title wins, which was fantastic, but being captain is a great honour."

She reels off some of the marquee names competing, starting with those from Cork, the senior All-Ireland camogie champions.

"Mary Buckley, Jenny O'Leary, Angela Walsh, Gina O'Sullivan, Anna Geary, Roisin Corcoran, Emer and Amanda O'Regan; then from Galway we have Aisling Connolly, Deirdre Burke, Fiona Page, Caroline Kelly, Catriona Cahalane and Sarah Derval."

Throw in a few Tipp girls, Siobhan Ryan, Joanne Nolan, Anne O'Dwyer and Limerick's Aoife Sheehan and you have a potent mix.

First up for the hosts, (at noon today), is a bout with fierce southern rivals, UCC, (UCD and WIT meet at 2pm in the other cup semi-final; in the Plate, it's CIT v NUIG and Mary I v UCD).

For Fiona O'Driscoll, it is an occasion of mixed emotions.

"Of course I want UL to win," she says, favouring her alma mater, "but the Cork girls with UCC (seven from the All-Ireland team) won't be too happy with that!"

Fiona's achievement with UL was tinged with irony. She had dreamed of

playing for UCC, but was attracted to UL because of a superb PE and Sports Science programme. At the time, however, UL wasn't allowed participate in the Ashbourne and was confined to the Purcell Cup.

"Elitism," says Neasa O'Donnell, Sports Administrator at UL and two-time Purcell winner.

"But we're there now, having shown our colours over the years. Going for the three-in-a-row is huge for the university, and it's all down to the commitment of the girls, very strong management, good quality coaching, and the right attitude overall."

Says Fiona: "The most important thing now is that it doesn't matter what third-level college you go to, you have an opportunity to play Gaelic Games at the highest level. The restructuring of camogie in recent years is allowing people the chance to compete at their own level, with a realistic chance of winning a national championship. There used to be only two cup competitions in camogie, now there are four."

The Ashbourne remains the pinnacle for camogie players at this level. Players will only get three or four attempts at it, so each opportunity must be cherished and grasped.

Waterford will have their wits about them

(2006-02-21)

A CURSORY glance at Waterford IT's panel for this weekend's Ashbourne Cup makes for impressive viewing. The team, who will be taking on UCD in the semi-final on Saturday 25 February, includes, among others, Wexford star Ursula Jacob, Galway captain Lizzy Flynn, Kilkenny panellist Grainne Brennan and Aoife Fitzpatrick, an All-Ireland club medal holder with Freshford in 2005. There are also three Tipperary panel members in the ranks, Trish O'Halloran, Geraldine Kinane and Deirdre Dunne, Tipp also being the county of origin for WIT's trainer, Damien Young.

"We've trained well, I'm happy with our progress," remarks Young, sub goalie with Tipp senior hurlers. "Having said that, UCD beat us last year and as far as I know have retained much of last year's panel, so we'll have to be on flying form to beat them. I've every confidence in the girls, though," the Drom & Inch man adds. "We had a good win over CIT in the quarter final which was a boost. UCD had a tight quarter final with NUIG, beating them by three points, so it's a tough one to call."

The game also holds significant interest for Kildare, a county guaranteed representatives in the Ashbourne Cup final as four Kildare intercounty players face off in the semi-final. WIT's Carol Nolan, an U-18 and junior player for Kildare whose excellence in colleges camogie was recognised this year with a Munster Freshers Award, takes on UCD's Mary Murtagh, Clodagh Flanagan and Susie O'Carroll, who, in 2004, became Kildare's first ever All Star nominee. The last Lilywhite to win an Ashbourne was Orla Bambury with UL in 2004 – will there be another medal for Kildare in 2006?

The other Ashbourne Cup semi-final on Saturday 25 will be battled out between UCC and hosts UL, who, having won out in 2004 and 2005, will be going for their first Ashbourne three-in-a-row. In the Ashbourne Shield, Cork IT will take on NUI Galway while Mary I will compete for their place in the final against the Garda College. Both finals will be played on Sunday 26 February in Limerick's Gaelic Grounds.

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UL's Lorraine Lally tries to block a shot from UCD's Louise O'Mahoney during the Ashbourne Cup camogie finals in Limerick. Picture: Liam Burke/Press 22

UCC take on Ashbourne challenge

(2006-02-23)

THIS weekend's Ashbourne Cup promises to showcase a wealth of camogie talent, as four prominent camogie colleges - UCC, UL, UCD and WIT - battle it out for top honours. The semi-final pairing of UCC and UL has a unique appeal; 2003 winners UCC will be taking on the champions of 2004 and 2005 for a coveted spot in the final.

Despite being up against a team that is gunning for its first ever three-in-a-row achievement, UCC manager Jim McEvoy remains unfazed. "Obviously it's a huge challenge, but I feel we've prepared well," he asserts. "We're underdogs, which suits us fine. They are the champions and have beaten us the last three times we met, so they are to be respected, but training has been going well for us. In the end whoever wants it more will win."

McEvoy speculates as to whether the home advantage will help UL. "When we won in 2003, we were hosts," he points out. "The girls can sleep in their own beds which is ideal. Having said that, once the ball has been thrown in it will be 15 against 15, that's what it comes down to."

Indeed, the UCC panel looks particularly strong this year: Cork county players among the ranks include All Stars Emer Dillon and Rachel Moloney, as well as Sarah O'Donovan, Jennifer Browne, Joanne O'Callaghan and Caitriona Foley, all of whom won senior All-Ireland medals last year.

"There will be a few interesting local tussles," says McEvoy. "I think Joanne O'Callaghan will be marking her Cork teammate, Jennie O'Leary, on the day."

The other Ashbourne Cup semi-final on Saturday 25 will be battled out between UCD and WIT. In the Ashbourne Shield semi-finals Cork IT will take on NUI Galway while Mary I will compete for their place in the final against the Garda College. Both the Cup and Shield finals will be played on Sunday 26 February in Limerick's Gaelic Grounds.

The Ashbourne Cup, camogie's elite colleges competition, has a very proud tradition in the development of camogie in Ireland. The tradition was initiated in 1915 when Edwin Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, a TCD graduate who was prominent in Gaelic circles, presented the Ashbourne Cup for camogie to encourage the Irish game in third level colleges and enhance the social life of students. This tradition has been carried on so that today it marks the highlight of the year in premier third level camogie.

Ashbourne Cup Final	
UL	0-13
UCD	1-09
UL: D. Lynch; K. Kinsman, R. Corcoran, J. O'Grady, L. Lally, A. O'Regan, A. Geary, A. Lyskey, C. Kelly; A. Connolly (0-1), A. Walsh (0-2), J. O'Leary (0-8, 0-7); A. Sheridan, E. Maher (0-1), D. Bourke (0-1). Subs: M. Dooley for C. Kelly, S. Ryan for M. Dooley.	
UCD: S. O'Shaughnessy, C. Phelan, C. O'Loughlin, S. Daly; L. Codd, M. Leary, D. Corcoran, C. Lacey, R. Buckley (0-7, 0-6); J. Woodcock, I. Mahony, M. Walsh; C. Flanagan, S. O'Connell (1-1), E. Durnody (0-1). Subs: M. Murtogh for C. Phelan.	
REF: P. Downey	



Clodagh and Elaine Shine from Douglas, with the 5th class premier camogie trophy and the O'Duffy Cup.

Ulster colleges news

(2006-02-22)

St. Pius X Magherafelt are through to the Medallion Shield Junior final after beating Loreto Cavan by 4-4 to 0-0 in Sherry's Field in Armagh. With Eilis Bateson in great form at midfield, St. Pius X controlled the first half when they had wind advantage. All their scores came during that period.

Against the breeze, their defence was under a lot of pressure but held firm and the team are looking forward to the south Derry derby with St. Patrick's Maghera.

St. Pius X : Martine Crilly 1-1, Eimhear Conway 1-1, Gráinne McNabb 1-0, Kerrie Graham 1-0, Eilis Bateson 0-1, Mary Wilson 0-1.

Liatroim Fontenoy's Cup final :

St. Patrick's Dungannon v. Loreto Coleraine

Following their success in the Senior Medallion Shield final 10 days ago, St. Patrick's Dungannon are out to add further silverware to their cabinet when they take on Loreto Coleraine in the Liatroim Fontenoy's Cup final in Ballymaguigan on Thursday.

They do not have any of the Senior side in this panel but still are tipped to collect the crown for the first time.

Two years ago Cross & Passion ballycastle beat the Academy in this final and some of those players are back in the frame once more.

Eimear Mallon and Ursula Coary have been doing the business at the back, while Emma McAliskey is very strong at midfield.

Up front quite a few players have been getting among the scorers - but Jane O'Neill is the key at full-forward.

Opponents Loreto Coleraine defeated St. Louis Kilkeel to reach the decider. They have just moved up a grade after collecting the Medallion Shield title two years ago.

Most of the team come from Derry clubs but full-forward Kathy McGouran and full-back Catherine O'Kane both collected provincial under 14 medals the season before last with Antrim, the former as captain, the latter as goalie.

There are other useful enough players such as captain Raisa Deighan from Ballerin, and the midfield pairing of Maureen Heneghan and Adrienne Bradley but they may have to wait a while longer to get a Colleges' winners' medal as the Academy continues its success run.

St. Patrick's : Eimear O'Hagan, Kathryn Campbell, Eimear Mallon, Siobhan Donnelly, Ciara McGrath, Ursula Coary, Louise Casey, Emma McAliskey, Riona Lesslar, Brid O'Hagan, Niamh Hughes, Maura Cunningham, Cathy Casey, Jane O'Neill, Nichorra McKenna.

Subs : Kayleigh Devlin, Kathleen Doris, Méabh Montague, Gemma Mason, Cathy Casey, Michilin O'Neill, Brónagh McCabe, Cathy Jordan, Carla Mallaghan. Loreto Coleraine, Julia Mullan, Etaoin Dillon, Catherine O'Kane, Hannah Eastwood, Brónagh Kelly, Raisa Deighan (capt.), Aine O'Kane, Maureen Heneghan, Adrienne Bradley, Lorraine Quigg, Eimhear Kealey, Maeve McLernon, Aileen Bradley, Kathy McGouran, Brid Mullan.

Subs. Emer McCoy, Brianne O'Neill, Clare Kelly, Kirsty McAllister, Bróna O'Kane, Andrea Doherty, Meghan Rafferty.

Ashbourne All-Star team announced

(2006-02-26)

At the Ashbourne banquet at the Woodlands Hotel, Adare, UL's Amanda O'Regan was named player of the tournament. The Ashbourne All Stars awards were as follows: Anna Geary, Amanda O'Regan and Angela Walsh (UL); Rosanna Kennelly (WIT); Catherine O'Loughlin, Sharon Daly, Rena Buckley and Louise Mahoney (UCD); Jenny Duffy and Cora Hennessy (CIT); Michelle Shortt and Marie O'Connor (Garda College); Laura Linnane (NUI Galway); Rachel Moloney and Collette Desmond (UCC).

Ashbourne Finals.

(2006-02-26)

It was a gala afternoon for third level camogie at the Ashbourne finals in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick yesterday. GAA President Sean Kelly was in attendance to witness two tightly contested finals, both of which ended with only a point between the teams, with UL defeating UCD in the Cup and Cork IT overcoming the Garda College in the Shield.

Host college UL held out against a brave UCD side to achieve their first ever Ashbourne three-in-a-row. After an eventful opening few minutes in which UL threatened UCD with a series of goal opportunities, Jennifer O'Leary opened their account with a pointed 45 in the sixth minute. Angela Walsh and Aislinn Connolly added to UL's lead with well-taken points. Rena Buckley opened the scoring for UCD after a determined run in the twelfth minute, adding a long-range free from the 65 soon after. UCD stamped their authority on the game in the 22nd minute, when a powerful ground shot from Susie O'Carroll hit the back of the UL net, to keep UCD in touch with the champions. The half closed with two further points for UL, one a well-worked point from Deirdre Bourke leaving the half time score UL 0-8, UCD 1-3.

UCD were determined to edge ahead in the second half, with Wexford star Mary Leacy moved to full forward to strengthen the attack. Captain Emilie Darmody pointed in the second minute after a probing ball from Ciara Lucey. To this they added a Rena Buckley free, as well as a point from Susie O'Carroll which skimmed the crossbar. UL steadied their lead, however, with three pointed frees from the accurate Jennifer O'Leary, followed up by an Edel Maher point and a probing run from Angela Walsh in which she fired the ball over the bar. With four minutes of normal time remaining and a margin of four points, UL looked to be safe; but UCD, led by a superb Rena Buckley, rallied, winning and converting three frees. It was not, however, to be for the Dublin side, and UL held out on a scoreline of: UL 0-13, UCD 1-9.

This tightly contested final drew stellar performances from both sides, with Cork teammates Jennifer O'Leary (UL) and Rena Buckley (UCD) both excelling in frees as well as in general play. Anna Geary was rock solid in defence for UL, while Edel Maher concluded an admirable weekend with another good performance. For UCD, Emilie Darmody tried hard in the forwardline, and Mary Leacy enjoyed a good stint at centre back.

Meanwhile, the Ashbourne Shield final earlier in the day proved to be an equally thrilling game, with Cork IT defeating Ashbourne newcomers, the Garda

Ashbourne Finals.

College, by a single point. It proved to be a good day for goalkeepers, as CIT's Gillian Harrington and Garda keeper Therese Keoghan held two excellent forwardlines scoreless. Brenda Hanney opened the scoring for CIT in the second minute with a well-taken point, while at the other end of the field, Marie O'Connor gave nothing short of an exhibition in the first half, scoring four points from play to put the Garda College in poll position, leaving the halftime score at: Garda College 0-5, CIT 0-2.

Marie O'Connor added another point to her tally within the first minute, but CIT responded strongly with points from Deirdre Delaney, Cora Hennessy and Emer O'Sullivan. Two well taken scores by Louise Young put the Gardai a point ahead with 14 minutes of remaining, but it would not be until the last minute of normal time that CIT would equalise with a pointed 45 from Deirdre Delaney. CIT laid siege the Garda goal for four minutes into stoppage time, when Shona Cunningham fired over a point to leave the final score of this thriller at: Cork IT 0-9, Garda College 0-8.

DETAILS:

Ashbourne Cup result: UL 0-13, UCD 1-9 (Ref: Peter Downey)

UL: Denise Lynch; Keira Kinahan, Roisin Corcoran, Jennifer O'Grady; Lorraine Lally, Amanda O'Regan, Anna Geary; Aoife Lynskey, Caroline Kelly; Aislinn Connolly 0-1, Angela Walsh 0-2, Jennifer O'Leary 0-8, (0-7 F); Aoife Sheehan, Edel Maher 0-1, Deirdre Bourke 0-1. Subs: Maire Dooley for Caroline Kelly, Siobhan Ryan for Maire Dooley

UCD: Sharon O'Shaughnessy; Caitriona Phelan, Catherine O'Loughlin, Sharon Daly; Louise Codd, Mary Leacy, Deirdre Corcoran; Ciara Lucey, Rena Buckley 0-7 (0-6 F); Julianne Woodcock, Louise Mahony, Mary Walsh; Clodagh Flanagan, Susie O'Carroll 1-1, Emilie Darmody 0-1. Subs: Mary Murtagh for Caitriona Phelan

Ashbourne Shield result: Cork IT 0-9, Garda College 0-8 (Ref: John Morrissey)

Cork IT: Gillian Harrington; Eileen Carroll, Lucy Hawkes, Karen McCarthy; Maeve O'Sullivan, Jenny Duffy, Ciara McKenna; Julie McGrath, Deirdre Delaney 0-4 (0-4 F); Shona Cunningham 0-1, Brenda Hanney 0-1, Eimear O'Sullivan 0-1; Aine Crowley, Cora Hennessy 0-2, Ursula Day. Subs: Nicola Nagle for Aine Crowley

Garda College: Therese Keoghan; Emer Phelan, Fiona Connell, Triona Gallagher; Jane Ryan, Niamh O'Connor, Michelle Shortt; Lizzie Glennon, Sheena Howard; Noelle Bergin, Aoife Cullen, Louise Young 0-2 (0-1 F); Julie May Keane, Marie O'Connor 0-5, Jacinta Gordon. Subs: Liz Bugler for Jacinta Gordon, Denise Fitzgerald for Noelle Bergin, Grace O'Sullivan for Jane Ryan

O'Leary leads the way as UL snatch thrilling cup

UL 0-13
UCD 1-9

by Therese O'Callaghan

CORK senior camogie players Jennifer O'Leary and Rena Buckley starred in yesterday's thrilling Ashbourne Cup final in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick.

The county teammates, who played on opposite sides, excelled in a superb match in which UL eventually overcame UCD by a solitary point.

Hosts UL, who yesterday achieved their first Ashbourne three-in-a-row, opened the scoring with a pointed O'Leary 45. Angela Walsh and Aislinn Connolly added to UL's lead. Buckley then pulled two back for UCD.

The turning point came in the 22nd minute, when a powerful ground shot from Susie O'Carroll hit the back of the UL net — two further points for Limerick left them ahead by two at the break (0-8 to 1-3).

UCD started the second half brightly with captain Emilie Darmody

Buckley also stars as gallant UCD forced to give best

pointing. They added a Buckley free and a point from O'Carroll, but UL steadily reasserted their dominance and looked to be home and dry.

UCD clawed back three points from the unflappable Buckley. However, it wasn't enough, and the tense conclusion resulted in a slender one-point win for UL.

Meanwhile, the Ashbourne Shield final proved to be an equally thrilling game with Marie O'Connor giving an exhibition in the first half, scoring four points from play to put the Garda College three clear of CIT (0-5 to 0-2).

CIT then took control only for Garda to regain the lead. Delaney brought CIT level. Shona Cunningham

then fired over the winning point, leaving it 0-9 to 0-8.

Elsewhere, St Mary's Charleville will have to wait another two weeks before knowing their opponents in the All-Ireland senior A colleges final after St Mary's Magherafelt and Presentation Athenry drew on Saturday. The Cork side, however, were clear winners against St Brigid's Callan, 2-4 to 0-3.

The Munster champions laid down a marker in the fifth minute when Lisa Fitzgerald hit the first of her two goals. With the Charleville defence excelling, they limited the Kilkenny girls to just one point. The game was effectively over when Fitzgerald nailed her second green flag 10 minutes after the restart.

A late point from Attracta McPeale

ensured St Mary's Magherafelt a second chance against Presentation Athenry in the other semi-final, 3-3 to 2-6. The sides will meet again on March 11th.

UL: D Lynch; K Kinahan, R Corcoran, J O'Grady; L Lally, A O'Regan, A Geary; A Lynskey, C Kelly; A Connolly 0-1, A Walsh 0-2, J O'Leary 0-8, (0-7 frees); A Sheehan, E Maher 0-1, D Bourke 0-1.

Subs: M Dooley for C Kelly, S Ryan for M Dooley

UCD: S O'Shaughnessy; C Phelan, C O'Loughlin, S Daly; L Codd, M Leacy, D Corcoran; C Lucey, R Buckley 0-7 (0-6 F); J Woodcock, L Mahony, M Walsh; C Flanagan, S O'Carroll 1-1, E Darmody 0-1.

Subs: M Murtagh for C Phelan Referee: P Downey (Cork).

Player of Tournament: A O'Regan (Cork).

Ashbourne All Stars A Geary, A O'Regan and A Walsh (UL); R Kennedy (WIT); C O'Loughlin, S Daly, R Buckley and L Mahony (UCD); J Duffy and C Hennessy (CIT); M Shortt and M O'Connor (Garda College); L Linnane (NUI Galway); R Moloney and C Desmond (UCC).

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St.Brigids Callan and St.Mary's Charleville meet in All-Ireland semi-final

(2006-02-22)

ST.BRIGID'S Callan are hoping to repeat the wonders of 1993 when they won their first and only senior All-Ireland colleges title, but first they must overcome the mighty St.Mary's Charleville in Saturday's (25TH) senior All-Ireland semi-final in Newtownshandrum.

Both schools will be very eager to get back onto the winner's rostrum, with Charleville having won the last of their six senior All-Ireland titles in 2002, while the Kilkenny cailini were only little kittens when the Corn Sceilg last arrived into the school, in fact they did not reach an All-Ireland final since then. Ironically, when Callan last won they beat St.Mary's but manager Noelle O'Driscoll who was also at the helm then knows Saturday's encounter will be very different "we played each other in a recent challenge and while we came out on top, I have been telling the side ever since you can't read into a challenge and that the real challenge will come on Saturday".

Having defeated the reigning Leinster and All-Ireland champions of the past three years on route was a massive boost for the Callan side who have already won an All-Ireland Volleyball Kadett 'A' title this year as well as a Leinster Badminton title. Indeed should the side advance on Saturday it would be a step closer to possible double glory for four players who play both games. Callan can also call on two of the 2005 All-Ireland minor winning side to assist them, Kate McDonald and Anna Farrell, whose brother John Joe plays with the Kilkenny minors.

Despite having appeared in every All-Ireland final since 1996 with the exception of 2000, Charleville will be very anxious to get back into the winner's enclosure. Like Callan they too have several experienced players to call on, despite team building this year, players the calibre of Áine Watson, Lisa Fitzgerald and Fíona Morrissey carry a lot of experience. The fact that Charleville had a much easier passage to this year's semi-final having demolished Presentation in the Munster final will not do them any favours against the hotly tipped Callan who having defeated the Enniscorthy side in the Leinster final will have a definite edge on the Munster champions.

The second semi-final also on Saturday will see the Ulster champions St.Mary's Magherafelt, who are hoping to make it to their first ever All-Ireland final against the Connacht champions Portumna Community School who last appeared in an All-Ireland final in 2002. There is a sneaking suspicion that this year it might be the Ulster college who will make it to the All-Ireland final on March 18th.

Fixtures:

Sat. Feb 25th:

Colleges All-Ireland senior 'A' semi-finals:

St.Mary's Magherafelt v Portumna Community School, Lavey 1-30

St.Mary's Charleville v St.Brigid's Callan, St.Mary's Charleville, 2-00

Colleges senior 'B' semi-finals:

St.Patrick's Keady, v St.Brigid's Loughrea, Keady, 3-00

Borrisokane Community Coll v St.Fergal's College Rathdowney, Borrisokane, 12-00

Colleges senior 'C' semi-final:

St.Patrick's Academy Dungannon v Gort Community School, Galway Derrytresk, 2-00

St.Mary's Charleville are through to next month's senior 'A' All-Ireland final on March 18th following their 2-4 to 0-3 victory over St.Brigids Callan on Saturday. Going into this semi-final it was the Leinster champions who carried the favourites tag having defeated the three in a row reigning All-Ireland champions Coláiste Bride of Enniscorthy on route. However, despite an easy passage in Munster it was the Charleville girls who showed the most hunger and their sheer experience told on the day.

They got off to a blistering start with a goal just after five minutes from Lisa Fitzgerald and that gave the Munster champions and 2005 All-Ireland finalists a lead of 1-1 to 0-1, the Callan point having come midway from Clare Coonan. Despite their defeat Callan coach the former Cork player Noelle O'Driscoll was very upbeat, "the better team won on the day, their experience stood to them, but our girls never gave up and that delighted me".

While Charleville coach Ger Donovan was all praise for his side he was full of praise for goal-keeper Eileen Hanley "she made some great saves at vital times for us and while the entire team played very well, up front Fíona Morrissey was in top form." Lisa Fitzgerald struck again with just ten minutes into the second half with her final goal and after that it was a real uphill battle for Callan who had to rely on two second half frees from Ann Marie Phelan, one coming early on in the game and the second five minutes from time.

Charleville will have to sit it out until March 11th to see who their opponents will be following a draw between St.Mary's Magherafelt 3-3 and Presentation Athenry 2-6. Behind 2-1 to Athenry's 2-4 at the break this was a game that had it all. However when St.Mary's Attracta Mc Peake sent over the equaliser three minutes from the end she became their star attraction.

The senior 'B' semi-finals were also very close with St.Fergal's Rathdowney defeating Borrisokane Community School 3-9 to 0-5. A hat-trick of first half goals from Margaret Kelly gave the Laois girls a comfortable lead of 3-4 to 0-2 at the break. Into their first ever senior final they too will have to wait to see who they meet following a draw between St.Patrick's Keady 2-8 and St.Brigid's Loughrea 3-5. Both replays will go ahead on March 11th.

One team straight through to the All-Ireland 'C' final is Gort Community School of Galway who defeated St.Patrick's Academy 4-1 to 1-4 also on Saturday.

Colleges All-Ireland senior 'A' semi-finals:

St.Mary's Charleville 2-4: L Fitzgerald 2-3, Á Watson 0-1

St.Brigid's Callan 0-3: A M Phelan 0-2, C Coonan 0-1.

St.Mary's Magherafelt 3-3: M Convery, S Mc Loughlin, E Lavery 1-0 each, A Mc Peake 0-1 F, E Lavery 0-1.

Presentation, Athenry 2-6: M Mc Donagh 1-1, L Walsh 1-0, N Coen 0-3, D Ryan, J Gill 0-1 each.

Colleges Senior 'B' semi-finals:

St.Fergals Rathdowney; 3-9: M Kelly 3-1, Á Mahony 0-4 (0-1 F), E Delaney 0-3 (0-2 F), S Fitzgerald 0-1.

Borrisokane Community School: 0-5: M Morkan 0-5 F.

St.Patrick's Keady 2-8: M Murphy 1-4, M Mc Clelland 1-1, L Comiskey 0-2, K A Tamney 0-1.

St.Brigid's Loughrea: 3-5: E Holland 2-2, L Headd 1-0, G Coone 0-2, L Gaynor 0-1.

Senior 'C' Colleges semi-final: Gort Community College 4-1, St.Patrick's Academy Dungannon 1-4.

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Under 14 camogie players get first taste of a sporting life in UCD

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Today, Wednesday, 22nd January Brian Mullins, Dublin's legendary midfielder and UCD's Head of Sport launched 'Spórt agus Spraoi le Coláistí' a one day camogie and skills event for Under 14 second level students in Dublin.

One hundred Dublin post primary schools were invited to participate in this Irish Sports Council funded initiative which is focussed on increasing the participation of women in Irish sport. It is being organised on a partnership basis between Cumann Camogaíocht na nGael, UCD, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin Camogie County Board and the Dublin Colleges Board.

Speaking at the launch, Guest speaker, Brian Mullins emphasized that UCD was proud to host the 'Spórt agus Spraoi le Coláistí' camogie event. "UCD wants to be as accessible as possible in a sporting context and welcomes the opportunity to engage with the participating students – our future young adults".

Spórt agus Spraoi le Coláistí is a one-day blitz hosted by UCD which will also include skills sessions for all participants with camogie and hurling stars on hand to provide expert tips. All participants will be winners on the day and they will be presented with mementoes.

Miriam O' Callaghan, Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíocht na nGael said it was important that opportunities to participate in Sport are open to females and that active participation in sport and the benefits of a healthy life style should be promoted whenever possible. Ms. O' Callaghan also acknowledged the window of opportunity that now exists for all schools and clubs in Dublin to build on the success of the county's recent All-Ireland junior title and urged those present to lead this drive. She also paid special tribute to Dr Sheila O' Donoghue from WIT and National Camogie Development Co-ordinator Lynn Kelly, for the vision and foresight shown in bringing the project to fruition.

For the students the blitz will provide them with a fun day to learn the fundamental skills of camogie, participate in 10-a-side games, meet players from other schools and see first hand what life as a student consists of when they are brought on a campus tour by UCD's Ashbourne camogie players.

For the teachers the day provides a forum to meet with top coaches, other teachers and to learn about the benefits of engaging our young people in active sport. Resources and equipment will be provided

to all who participate. A support structure will be established to equip teachers with the necessary resources to coach by providing Code of Ethics training programmes and Foundational Level coaching courses.

Editor's Notes

§ In December of 2004 Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, John O'Donoghue, T.D. announced a special budget measure of €750,000 for Women in Sport. Applications for funding through this special budget measure were invited by the Irish Sports Council.

§ Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael was granted funding for 'Spórt agus Spraoi le Coláistí' - an initiative aimed at increasing the participation levels in camogie in the 13-18 year old bracket. The initiative will take place at 4 third level college venues (UCD, WIT, Maynooth College and University of Limerick) over next 8 weeks.

§ The aim of this initiative is to increase participation in the game of camogie and to improve communications between third level institutions, the second level colleges feeding into them, clubs and county board and the local sports partnership thus enhancing the profile of camogie."

§ The benefits of being involved in sport are enormous; increasing self-confidence, making new friends, being physically active and the overall benefit of improved health and well-being. Camogie is a great sport to become involved in and the aim is to make camogie the number one sport of choice for females in Ireland.

Coláiste Choilm camogie players defeat Kinsale side

CONGRATULATIONS to the Coláiste Choilm side that defeated Kinsale in the Munster Senior Colleges camogie final on a massive 2-11 to 0-01 score line last Saturday.

Of the 28 panel members, 21 are also members of Ballincollig Camogie Club, under the leadership of captain Maria O'Donoghue.

This panel has worked hard to get this far under coaches Hilda Kenneally and Conor Kinsella and they now have the All-Ireland semi-final to

deal with on March 4.

The panel consisted of Aisleen Sheehan, Alison Coughlan, Kate O'Donoghue, Leah Weste, Brea O'Callaghan, Maria O'Donoghue, Sarah Buckley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Claire Ryan, Ciara McSweeney, Holly Coomey, Ashley Lovett, Fiona Kearney, Noreen Bradley, Elizabeth Harrington, Clodhna Irish, Lisa O'Callaghan, Keely Sheehan, Lisa O'Sullivan, Emer O'Sullivan and Orla Murphy.

Camóige League commences

By MARY NEWMAN

NATIONAL league Camogie begins on Sunday next as Cork are in action, meeting Limerick in the Division 1A clash while in Division 2A Cork entertain last seasons All Ireland Junior champions Dublin.

Cork took the Junior league title last year, bouncing back from defeat in the Munster championship and this season following changes to the junior structure Cork will now participate in Senior B grade and not junior which is confined to junior counties only.

For the Division 1 A league, Cork must name their first 15 players and name a separate panel for the division 1 B competition, there will be an All Ireland competition in both Division 1 A and B.

Cork and Limerick met in last season's All Ireland senior championship semi final with Cork coming out on top. Cork and Limerick are joined in Division 1 A by Tipperary, Wexford, Kilkenny and league champions Galway with the top two teams meeting the final. Division 1 B is the second team from the counties participating in Div 1 A with Dublin replacing Limerick who are only fielding one team, that in Div 1A.

The Cork backroom set up remains the same with John Cronin, Ollie Hallihan and Lillian Zinkant selecting the team. Fiona O'Driscoll continues as coach and the side is captained this year by Joanne O'Callaghan from Cloughduv. Joanne is an experienced campaigner who will lead from her position in the Cork defence.

■ Ballynoe is the venue for both games with the Cork v Dublin game at 2pm and the Div 1 game at 3.15pm.

Wed'day, March 1st

ANERN (formerly Querry Road, Thomondgall, Limerick and Maelick and Mansfield, Mass. (Rhett), USA) (suddenly) — Feb. 26, 2006, Michael (Husle).

BEATTIE (Limerick, Longford) — Feb. 27, 2006, (suddenly) John, beloved husband of Anna.

BREATHACH (an-Bóthar Gort na Mara, Clusin Tach) — 27ú Lá de Mí na Feabhra, 2006 (go suaimneasach) i dTeach Ráth Eanna, 476 Bóthar Shinn Eadair, in aisé a h-óid málana (leag agus cáitín fíod, Máire

FITZGERALD (Cork): On March 8, 2006, peacefully, at Cork University Hospital, MARY, late of Victoria Road, Rosalee Care Centre and T.L. Egan, dearly loved sister of Jack and Joe. Deeply regretted by her brothers, their families, relatives and friends. Lying in repose at the Temple Hill Funeral Home, Boreenmanna Road of Jerh O'Connor Ltd. Removal on this (Thursday) evening at 6.30pm to St Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road. Requiem Mass at 10am on tomorrow (Friday). Funeral afterwards to St Finbarr's Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

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One hundred Dublin post primary schools were invited to participate in this Irish Sports Council funded initiative which is focussed on increasing the participation of women in Irish sport. It is being organised on a partnership basis between Cumann Camogaíocht na nGael, UCD, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin Camogie County Board and the Dublin Colleges Board.

Speaking at the launch, Guest speaker, Brian Mullins emphasized that UCD was proud to host the 'Spórt agus Spraoi le Coláistí' camogie event. "UCD wants to be as accessible as possible in a sporting context and welcomes the opportunity to engage with the participating students – our future young adults".

Spórt agus Spraoi le Coláistí is a one-day blitz hosted by UCD which will also include skills sessions for all participants with camogie and hurling stars on hand to provide expert tips. All participants will be winners on the day and they will be presented with mementoes.

Miriam O' Callaghan, Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíocht na nGael said it was important that opportunities to participate in Sport are open to females and that active participation in sport and the benefits of a healthy life style should be promoted whenever possible. Ms. O' Callaghan also acknowledged the window of opportunity that now exists for all schools and clubs in Dublin to build on the success of the county's recent All-Ireland junior title and urged those present to lead this drive. She also paid special tribute to Dr Sheila O' Donoghue from WIT and National Camogie Development Co-ordinator Lynn Kelly, for the vision and foresight shown in bringing the project to fruition.

For the students the blitz will provide them with a fun day to learn the fundamental skills of camogie, participate in 10-a-side games, meet players from other schools and see first hand what life as a student consists of when they are brought on a campus tour by UCD's Ashbourne camogie players.

For the teachers the day provides a forum to meet with top coaches, other teachers and to learn about the benefits of engaging our young people in active sport. Resources and equipment will be provided

to all who participate. A support structure will be established to equip teachers with the necessary resources to coach by providing Code of Ethics training programmes and Foundational Level coaching courses.

Editor's Notes

§ In December of 2004 Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, John O'Donoghue, T.D. announced a special budget measure of €750,000 for Women in Sport. Applications for funding through this special budget measure were invited by the Irish Sports Council.

§ Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael was granted funding for 'Spórt agus Spraoi le Coláistí' - an initiative aimed at increasing the participation levels in camogie in the 13-18 year old bracket. The initiative will take place at 4 third level college venues (UCD, WIT, Maynooth College and University of Limerick) over next 8 weeks.

§ The aim of this initiative is to increase participation in the game of camogie and to improve communications between third level institutions, the second level colleges feeding into them, clubs and county board and the local sports partnership thus enhancing the profile of camogie."

§ The benefits of being involved in sport are enormous; increasing self-confidence, making new friends, being physically active and the overall benefit of improved health and well-being. Camogie is a great sport to become involved in and the aim is to make camogie the number one sport of choice for females in Ireland.

Coláiste Choilm camogie players defeat Kinsale side

CONGRATULATIONS to the Coláiste Choilm side that defeated Kinsale in the Munster Senior Colleges camogie final on a massive 2-11 to 0-01 score line last Saturday.

Of the 28 panel members, 21 are also members of Ballincollig Camogie Club, under the leadership of captain Maria O'Donoghue.

This panel has worked hard to get this far under coaches Hilda Kenneally and Conor Kinsella and they now have the All-Ireland semi-final to

deal with on March 4.

The panel consisted of Aisleen Sheehan, Alison Coughlan, Kate O'Donoghue, Leah Weste, Brea O'Callaghan, Maria O'Donoghue, Sarah Buckley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Claire Ryan, Ciara McSweeney, Holly Coomey, Ashley Lovett, Fiona Kearney, Noreen Bradley, Elizabeth Harrington, Clíodhna Irish, Lisa O'Callaghan, Keely Sheehan, Lisa O'Sullivan, Emer O'Sullivan and Orla Murphy.

Camóige League commences

By MARY NEWMAN

NATIONAL league Camogie begins on Sunday next as Cork are in action, meeting Limerick in the Division 1A clash while in Division 2A Cork entertain last seasons All Ireland Junior champions Dublin.

Cork took the Junior league title last year, bouncing back from defeat in the Munster championship and this season following changes to the junior structure Cork will now participate in Senior B grade and not junior which is confined to junior counties only.

For the Division 1A league, Cork must name their first 15 players and name a separate panel for the division 1B competition, there will be an All Ireland competition in both Division 1A and B.

Cork and Limerick met in last season's All Ireland senior championship semi final with Cork coming out on top. Cork and Limerick are joined in Division 1A by Tipperary, Wexford, Kilkenny and league champions Galway with the top two teams meeting the final. Division 1B is the second team from the counties participating in Div 1A with Dublin replacing Limerick who are only fielding one team, that in Div 1A.

The Cork backroom set up remains the same with John Cronin, Ollie Hallihan and Lillian Zinkant selecting the team. Fiona O'Driscoll continues as coach and the side is captained this year by Joanne O'Callaghan from Cloughduv. Joanne is an experienced campaigner who will lead from her position in the Cork defence.

■ Ballynoe is the venue for both games with the Cork v Dublin game at 2pm and the Div 1 game at 3.15pm.

Wednesday, March 1st

ANERN (formerly Querry Road, Thomondgate, Limerick and Meelick and Marshfield, Massachusetts, USA) (suddenly) — Feb. 26, 2006, Michael (Haulie).

BEATIE (Limerick, Longford) — Feb. 27, 2006, (suddenly) John, beloved husband of Anna.

BREATHING (ie. Bóthar Gort na Mara, Cluan Tarsh) — 27th Feb. 2006, 2006 (ie. suamhnaíocht) (i dTeach Ruth Eanna, 436 Bóthar Shinn Eadair, in ails a h-ocht mílona drag agus celtic fídh, Míne

FITZGERALD (Cork): On March 8, 2006, peacefully, at Cork University Hospital, MARY, late of Victoria Road, Rosalee Care Centre and T.L. Egan, dearly loved sister of Jack and Joe. Deeply regretted by her brothers, their families, relatives and friends. Lying in repose at the Temple Hill Funeral Home, Boreenmanna Road of Jerh O'Connor Ltd. Removal on this (Thursday) evening at 6.30pm to St Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road. Requiem Mass at 10am on tomorrow (Friday). Funeral afterwards to St Finbarr's Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

All-Ireland Colleges Camogie

St Mary's Charleville 2-4
St Brigid's College, Callan 0-3

ST MARY'S of Charleville booked a place in the All Ireland Colleges Senior A final when defeating Kilkenny side St Brigid's in Newtownshandrum on Saturday afternoon.

In a low scoring but very competitive game, St Mary's made the most of a strong wind in the opening half and concentrated on defence in the second half.

St. Brigid's never really got into this game, struggling to get to grips with a strong wind and a very tenacious defensive effort from St. Mary's.

St. Mary's are no strangers to finals, having won 28 All Ireland Colleges titles over the years with players coming from Charleville, Ballygran, Ballyhea, Milford, Buttevant, Granagh Ballingarry, Ballyagran and Newtownshandrum.

Corner forward Lisa Fitzgerald found the bulk of St Mary's scores, returning 2-3 over the hour, but it was a team effort from the Charleville side.

Keeper Eileen Chawke never faltered under the Kilkenny pressure in the second half, wing back Orla Carroll made some great solo runs linking well with midfielders Mary Coleman and Rosemary Rea.

Up front Aine Watson and Annette McAuliffe were dangerous on the breaking ball while Lisa Fitzgerald hammered home any chance that came her way.

St. Brigid's will be disappointed with their day out in Newtown as they left it too late to get going and they will see this defeat as an opportunity missed, especially considering that they had high hopes for a title push this year having defeated All Ireland champions Colaiste Brid, Enniscorthy in the Leinster final.

With good performances from Sarah Butler and Elaine O'Shea in defence, midfielders Aisling Pollard and Anne Marie Phelan battled well all day while Claire Coonan and Shauna Fennelly turned in a very good second half.

On a bitterly cold day, with a strong wind at their backs, St. Mary's notched up the first score with a well-taken goal from Lisa Fitzgerald following a deflection from a Watson shot.

It was a dogged encounter with plenty of timber and Brigid's found their first and only point of the half on the 19th minute with a point from Coonan.

Every score was well earned and Fitzgerald knocked over another point before the break to leave the half time score 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of St. Mary's.

St Brigid's had it all to do in the second half and with the favour of the wind, they looked poised to throw everything at St Mary's.

Against the wind Fitzgerald



St Mary's Lisa Fitzgerald (right) celebrates her goal with Fiona Morrissey against St. Brigid's of Callan during their All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final clash at Newtownshandrum.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

St Mary's into final

knocked over a free on the 33rd minute to increase St. Mary's lead.

Kay Ryall saved a certain goal on the 40th minute followed with a good clearance by Sarah Butler.

St Mary's were against the wind but weren't giving an inch of ground.

Anne Marie Phelan knocked one over for Brigid's in the 43rd minute but moments later Fitzgerald got goal number two for St. Mary's.

Fitzgerald got another point from a free on the 50th minute and the game seemed to be out of Brigid's reach.

A well-taken point from Mairead Lutterell for the Kilkenny side in the 56th minute was to be the last score of a day when the Cork side were the deserving winners.

Scorers for St Mary's: Lisa Fitzgerald 2-3 (0-2 free), Aine Watson 0-1.
Scorers for St Brigid's: C Coonan 0-1, AM

Phelan 0-1, M Lutterell 0-1.

ST MARY'S: Eileen Healy; Fiona Chawke, Rebecca Finn, Orla Carroll; Maria Walshe, Fionnuala Dore, Sarah Sexton; Rosemary Rea; Fiona Morrissey, Aine Watson, Aisling Thompson; Annette McAuliffe, Shannon Brosnan, Lisa Fitzgerald.

ST BRIGID'S: Kay Ryall; Sarah Butler, Elaine O'Shea, Emily Ann Gilligan, Kate McDonald; Mairead Lutterell, Leann Fennelly, Sharon Rafter, Mary Dalton, Aisling Pollard, Anne Marie Phelan, Lindan Sweeney, Anna Farrell, Claire Noonan, Shauna Fennelly.

O'Donovan is concentrating on the decider

"I'm delighted with the performance the girls gave today," said St Mary's trainer Ger O'Donovan.

"It was a complete team effort from the word go, these are a great group of girls who always give a hundred percent.

What they said

"We lost very badly to St. Brigid's early on in the year but we put in a huge effort over the last two months in training and fitness and it

showed today.

"We got the scores in the first half but we really got down to it in the second half against the wind we gave it everything.

"It was a real team effort and now we just have to knuckle down and focus on the final."

Seandun take Divisional title

(2006-02-27)

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By Mary Newman

Seandun 1-5 Muskerry 1-2

Celebrations for the Seandun division as they took the Interdivisional under 16 crown and in doing so halted holders Muskerry bid for four in a row. The tournament which has gone from strength to strength was played on a round robin basis. Seandun had earlier defeated Imokilly 2-9 to no score and Avondhu 1-3 to 0-1 while Muskerry dealt with the challenge posed by Carrigdhoun on a 2-1 to 0-4 score line and defeated Carbery 3-4 to no score and so the scene was set for the final.

Muskerry played with the aid of the stiff breeze in the opening half and led 1-2 to 0-3. Niamh Dilworth giving them an early lead before Denise Luby replied with a pointed Seandun free. Niamh O'Donovan edged Seandun ahead with a point and with both sides battling hard Muskerry got a vital break with Niamh Dilworth's long range free being deflected to the Seandun net for the games opening goal before Niamh Dilworth who was causing trouble for the Seandun defence pointed to extend the Muskerry advantage. Seandun but were finding the going hard again the strong Muskerry defence and it was a Denise Luby pointed free before the half time whistle that cut the deficit as Seandun turned to play with the aid of the strong wind.

A rearranged Seandun forward line for the second half saw them come more into the game and aided by the elements they put the Muskerry defence under pressure. Six minutes into the second half they were back on level Niamh O'Donovan pointing from play as Denise Luby maintained her accuracy from frees.

In defence Seandun held the upper hand dealing efficiently with anything every Muskerry attack. Moira O'Donovan, Lydia Cunningham and Ellen Crowley very much to the fore as the sides remained deadlocked.

Muskerry 'keeper Ashleen Sheehan twice denied Seandun from close range while at the other end Muskerry continued to press. With five minutes remaining the turning point arrived when Denise Luby now operating in the Seandun inside line calmly hand passing to the net under pressure from the Muskerry defence. Muskerry continued to throw everything at Seandun but they refused to yield. Lisa O'Sullivan and Aine Murray Oral Ni Dhomhnaill and Lee Ann O'Shea continuing to impress. While Victoria St Ledger, Sarah Buckley and Aoife Mc Carthy worked hard for Muskerry as Seandun held out to record a well deserved victory to dethrone the holders. Seandun's Lee Ann O'Shea was named as player of the competition following three superb displays in the Seandun defence. Juvenile board chairperson Tracy Sheehan presented Seandun captain Katie Hickey with the trophy.

The superb Newtownshandrum GAA pitches were in perfect condition and lend to some marvellous camogie from participants from all six divisions.

Teams:

Seandun D Boyle Douglas, L Cunningham Glen Rovers, O NI Dhomhnaill Bishopstown, A. Murray Blackrock, L O'Sullivan, Passage, L O'Shea Douglas, M O'Donovan Douglas, E Crowley St Finbarrs, K Hickey © Bishopstown, N O'Donovan. Douglas (0-1 play), D Luby Glen Rovers (1-3 : 1 goal play, 0-2 frees 0-1 45"), R de Faoite Blackrock, J Kelleher Douglas, A Dorgan Brian Dillon, C Mackey Douglas

Muskerry: A Sheehan Ballincollig, E Harrington Ballincollig, M Mc Carthy Inniscarra, B O Callaghan Ballincollig, M Healy Aghbullogue, M Foley Rockban, A Kavanagh Inniscarra, S

Buckley Ballincollig, J Casey Inniscarra, C St Ledger Ballincollig, A Mc Carthy Eire Og, C O Keefe Eire Og, C. Lucey Ballinora, N Dilworth Inniscarra©, (1-2:1-1 free 0-1 play) K O Mahony Inniscarra, Sub C O'Brien Inniscarra for K O Mahony (9mins)

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Quirke 0-1) St Calman's Shannon 1-5
(S Chaplin 1-0, A O'Shea 0-2, K Cunningham, R McMahon, N Corry 0-1 each)



Linda O'Connor, Stephanie Dunlea, Ciara Healy and Elaine Burke, Cork Camogie All Ireland winners at a UCC reception for graduates who played a role in Cork's 2005 success.
Picture: Donna McBride / News Digital

New-look structure for national league

NATIONAL camogie league action gets under way on Sunday and it's a new-look league structure for 2006.

Cork will have two teams in action with the All Ireland champions playing host to Limerick in the Division 1A clash while in Division 2A Cork entertain last season's All Ireland Junior champions, Dublin.

The division 1A game has Cork meeting Limerick while it's a return to Division 1B for the Dublin girls following last year's successful regrading to Junior ranks.

Cork took the Junior league title last year, bouncing back from defeat in the Munster championship and this season, following changes to the junior structure, Cork will now participate in Senior B grade.

For the Division 1A league Cork must name their first 15 players and name a separate panel for the division 1B competition — there will be an All Ireland competition in both Division 1A and B.

Cork and Limerick met in last season's All Ireland senior championship semi-final and Limerick were rocked by the powerful performances of the Leesiders.

After that outing, Limerick manager Ger Hegarty realised a long road was ahead. He contended at the time that his side had been defeated by a team who would lift the title and this proved right. He also expressed a wish to meet Cork in

the following season league campaign as he felt by playing the best, his side would learn and benefit enormously. The time has now arrived and Cork and Limerick are joined in Division 1A by Tipperary, Wexford, Kilkenny and league champions Galway, with the top two teams meeting in the final.

Division 1B is the second team from the counties participating in Division 1A with Dublin replacing Limerick who are only fielding one team in Division 1A.

The Cork backroom set-up remains the same with John Cronin, Ollie Hallihan and Lillian Zinkant selecting the team, Fiona O'Driscoll continues as coach and the side is captained this year by Joanne O'Callaghan from Cloughduv.

The team have continued their quest of unearthing new talent and have added Regina Curtin, Emer Watson, Orla Cotter, Sinead Corkery and Elaine O'Riordan to their panel.

Limerick will be expected to field a strong line-out, with former Galway star Orla Curtin, who last season transferred her club allegiances to Killybegs, Vera Sheehan, Mairead Kelly, Eileen O'Brien, Rose Collins, Deirdre Fitzpatrick and centre back Michelle Casey all expected to be in their plans. A venue for both games will be announced later in the week.

ASHBOURNE SUCCESS FOR CIT

CONGRATULATIONS to CIT who won the Ashbourne shield defeating Garda College in an exciting final. Having over come the challenge of NUIG on Saturday they faced a Garda side on Sunday who had ended the hopes of Mary I

Brenda Hanney opened the scoring for CIT in the second minute with a point but four from Marie O'Connor had Garda ahead 0-5 to 0-2 at the break In a thrilling second

half Marie O'Connor pointed within a minute of the restart but CIT responded with points from Deirdre Delaney, Cora Hennessy and Emer O'Sullivan. Louise Young had Garda in the lead by the mid way stage and they held that lead until with a minute of normal time remained as Deirdre Delaney pointed a forty five. Four minutes into stoppage time Shauna Cunningham grabbed the vital point that took the title for CIT.

Well done to everyone concerned on a superb victory and to Neill O'Keeffe and his back room team on a job well done.

Well done also to U L who made it three in a row and to all the Cork girls on their panel. Congratulations to Corks Amanda O'Regan who was named as player of the tournament and to Amanda, Anna Geary, Angela Walsh, Rena Buckley Rachel Moloney and Colette Desmond and Jenny Duffy who were selected on the Combined Ashbourne team.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman



Seandun team who won the Inter-Divisional Under 16 championship on Sunday last.

National League action begins

NATIONAL League action begins on Sunday with Cork fielding teams in Division 1A and Division 2A. The division 1A game is a first outing since the All Ireland final for Cork who meet Limerick; the Division 1B has All Ireland junior champions Dublin meeting a Cork side participating in the higher grade for the first time. Cork defeated Galway to take the junior league title last year bouncing back from defeat in the Munster championship and this season following changes to the junior structure Cork will now participate in Senior B grade as junior is now confined to junior counties only. Fifteen players must be named for the division 1A team and these will be grade senior for the duration of the year. There will be a separate panel for the division 1B competition and there is also an All Ireland competition in both.

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sion 1A by Tipperary, Wexford, Kilkenny and league champions Galway interesting games lie ahead with the top two teams meeting the final.

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John Cronin, Ollie Hallihan and Lillian Zinkant continue in the role as selectors with Fiona O'Driscoll as coach, Joanne O'Callaghan from Cloughduv captains the side. Regina Curtin, Emer Watson, Orla Cotter, Sinead Corkery and Elaine O'Riordan have also been added to the panel.

Limerick will be expected to field a strong line out with regulars Orla Curtin, Vera Sheehan, Mairead Kelly, Eileen O'Brien, Rose Collins, Deirdre Fitzpatrick and Michelle Casey all expected to be in their plans. Ballynoe is the venue throw in for the Division 1B game at 2pm with the Div 1A at 3.15.

Seandun under 16 divisional champions

SEANDUN took the Interdivisional under 16 title halting holders Muskerry bid for four in a row. Six divisions participated in the tournament which was played on a round robin basis Seandun recorded a 2-9 to no score victory over Imokilly in their opening game before winning a hard fought contest against Avondhu on a 1-3 to 0-1 score line. Muskerry defeated Carrighoun 2-1 to 0-4 and Carbery 3-4 to no score and so the scene was set for the final. Muskerry enjoyed the aid of the stiff breeze in the opening half and led 1-2 to 0-3. Niamh Dilworth and Denise Luby had exchanging points in the opening minutes before Niamh O'Donovan pointed to give Seandun

the lead. With both sides battling hard Muskerry grabbed the lead when Niamh Dilworth's long range free was deflected to the Seandun net and they quickly extend their advantage with a point. The strong Muskerry defence were on top coming up to the break as Denise Luby pointed a free before the half time whistle with Seandun turning to play with the aid of the strong wind.

Seandun came storming into the game from the restart and aided by the elements they put the Muskerry defence under pressure. Six minutes into the second half they were back on level Niamh O'Donovan and Denise Luby pointing. In defence Seandun tightened up considerably breaking down any Muskerry attack

Moira O'Donovan, Lydia Cunningham and Ellen Crowley very much to the fore as the score remained level. Muskerry keeper Ashleen Sheehan twice denied Seandun from close range but eventually the Seandun goal came and it signalled the games turning point as Denise Luby now operating in the Seandun inside line hand passing to the net under pressure. Muskerry continued to apply the pressure but with the Seandun defence on top there was no way through. Seandun's Lee Ann O'Shea was names as player of the competition following three superb displays in the Seandun defence.

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Ulster colleges junior Medallion Shield Final

(2006-02-28)

Ulster Colleges' Junior Medallion Shield final :

- > St. Patrick's Maghera 4-0 St. Pius X, Magherafelt 2-0
- > This Ulster Colleges' Junior Medallion Shield final turned out to be as much
- > a battle with the biting cold cross wind in Ballinascreen as one between two
- > excellent teams.
- > St. Pius had the better of the first half exchanges and led by Eimear
- > Conway's goal at the break.
- > Gráinne McNicholl eventually opened the scoring for Maghera 9 minutes into
- > the second half and added a second soon after. Although Eimear Duggan then
- > picked off a third goal, St. Pius responded and a goal from sub Tracey Lawn
- > 10 minutes from time made for an exciting finish.
- > However right at the end Karen Kieft and Siobhán McKaigue conjured up an
- > insurance score for Maghera who now go through to meet the Connacht
- > champions.
- > St. Patrick's Maghera : Orla McGillion, Orla Bradley, Sinéad Dillon, Ciara
- > Glass, Áine Kelly, Kathleen Kieft, Claire Campbell, Sinéad Lavery capt.,
- > Clódagh McPeake, Siobhán McKaigue, Maeve O'Neill, Karen Kieft 1-0, Gráinne
- > McNicholl 2-0, Eimear Duggan 1-0, Paula McKenna.
- > St. Pius X : Caroline Cassidy, Aisling Forbes, Mary Bateson, Sinead Waites,
- > Catherine Devlin, Grainne McNabb, Kerrie Graham, Eilis Bateson, Meghan
- > Larkin, Eimear Caldwell, Caoimhe McCoy, Caoimhe Caldwell, Mary Wilson,
- > Eimear Conway 1-0, Martine Crilly.
- > Subs : Tracey Lawn 1-0 for E Conway, Orla Wilkinson for M Crilly.
- > Referee : J O'Neill (Armagh)
- > Séamas Mac Giolla Fhinnéin

Colleges All-Ireland junior semi-final preview

(2006-02-28)

- > All-Ireland Junior A semi-final :
- > Friday 12pm in Tynagh, Co Galway
- > St. Mary's Magherafelt v. Portumna Community College
- > St. Mary's were disappointed last weekend that they did not reach a Senior
- > final for the very first time. On Friday they have an opportunity to reach
- > a seventh Junior final from 12 attempts.
- > Of course they are the only Ulster side to win the competition outright
- > (1996) and reached last year's final with quite a few of this season's team
- > on board.
- > Crucially five of them played in last week's senior draw with Athenry and
- > all did very well.
- > Aileen McCusker was very strong at full-back, Michaela Convery had a great
- > first half, Eimear McKenna again got through some strong running, while
- > Cathy Carey took a great score before being replaced by the fifth member of
- > the gang Keelin Bradley.
- > All five were to the fore when St. Mary's survived a great tussle with
- > Ballycastle in the Ulster final.
- > That game should be good preparation for St. Mary's and they are in with a
- > great chance of picking up a win here.
- > St. Mary's : Ciara O'Kane, Janine McNeill, Aileen McCusker, Roisin O'Kane,
- > Lisa O'Neill, Christine McKenna, Michelle McAuley, Danielle McCrystal,
- > Eimear McKenna, Caoimhe Toner, Cathy Carey capt., Hannah Wilkinson, Amy
- > Kieft, Keelin Bradley, Carla Darragh.
- > Subs : Eimear Murphy, Leanne McCrystal, Cailin Quinn, Clare Madden, Laura
- > Quinn, Danielle Johnston, Jenny Clerkin, Caoife Wilkinson, Kathy McKeever,
- > Claire Bateson.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPS LEARN LITTLE IN MASSACRE

Cork 4-16
Limerick 0-2

CHAMPIONS Cork gave debuts four players for their opening division 1A National League clash with Limerick yesterday.

Sinead Corkery, Lucy Hawkes, Orla Cotter and Emer Farrell began their senior careers on a day when only five of last year's All-Ireland winning starting 15 took to the field.

Even with this experimental side, Cork trounced a poor Limerick challenge once again and one can only wonder whether at this stage the county would not be better served if it re-assumed B status.

Limerick travelled to Cork yesterday with only 14 players available for selection and that is itself should not be acceptable at senior inter-county level.

Surely this kind of annihilation serves them little justice.

From a Cork point of view they have to play what is put in front of them and they ran Limerick ragged.

Limerick rarely attacked in the opening quarter.

What did filter through was dealt with comfortably.

Up front the supply was plentiful and Sarah O'Donovan and Ciara Healy were only too happy to capitalise.

From the throw in O'Donovan had the ball in the net.

Almost a point a minute followed for the next nine with Ciara Healy in particular deadly accurate from placed balls and open play. O'Donovan goaled again on 29 minutes with Gemma O'Connor and Elaine Burke all queuing up to take scores.

It was a completely one-sided half and Cork entered the break 2-13 to no score ahead.

The only substitute Cork used was Angela Walsh who replaced Breige Corkery at half time.

Indeed Cork's bench was even stronger than the players they had on the field so there was little reason to replace anyone else.

The mentors wanted to rest their colleges players who finished the Ashbourne Cup last weekend after a gruelling winter schedule.

Just for good measure Walsh ad-



Cork's Sarah O'Donovan is tackled by Limerick's Rose Collins during the League Division 1A game in Ballynoe yesterday. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Cork romp to victory

By LINDA MELLERICK

National League
ded her name to the score sheet within seconds of the resumption.

Limerick managed their first score, a point after 35 minutes. O'Donovan and Burke each goaled and Emer Watson and Walsh again added points.

To add to Limerick's woes, they lost

Vera Sheehan with a wrist injury reducing their players to 13.

They added a free on 11 minutes but really they must have been in agony waiting for the final whistle.

When referee John Morrissey blew it was a relief to both players and spectators alike and it is hard to see what either team could take from the game.

Scorers Cork: S O'Donovan 3-1, C Healy 0-7 (0-4fs), E Burke 1-2, E Watson 0-2, A Walsh 0-2, G O'Connor and B Corkery 0-1 each.

Limerick: M Casey 0-2 (0-4f)

CORK: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, S Corkery, L Hawkes, S Hayes, M O'Connor, C Foley, B Corkery, O Cotter, E Farrell, G O'Connor, E Watson, C Healy, S O'Donovan, E Burke.

Sub: A Walsh for B Corkery (half time).

LIMERICK: S Moynihan, A Reilly, R Collins, M Kelly, V Sheehan, M Casey, A Sheehan, M Dooley, S McAuliffe, F Morrissey, M Nash, P McCarthy, N Collins, E Nash.

Cork fall to home league loss

Dublin 2-7
Cork 2-4

By LINDA MELLERICK

Division 1B

DUBLIN defeated Cork in the division 1B league fixture in the magnificent St Catherine's grounds in Ballynoe yesterday.

The first 15 minutes belonged to Cork but slowly Dublin began to come more into the game.

They registered their first point after 13 minutes and began putting together some good passages of play. Their defence, particularly Ciara Lucey and Catriona Power began to gain the upper hand and drove long ball up to their forwards. Regina

Curtin, Elaine O'Riordan and Lynda O'Connell fought hard but Cork were beginning to lose the grip around the middle of the field and Cork's defence came under huge pressure.

Dublin's persistence paid off when Ciara Durkin slipped in behind the full-back line to slip the ball past Ellen Clifford after 26 minutes.

Cork had not scored since the fourth minute. They changed the type of ball they had been sending in during the first quarter opting instead to loft high balls in.

This alienated Deasy and Cork were

finding scores hard to come by. Yet the bare minimum was between the sides at the break.

Dublin took the second half to Cork. Niamh Taylor hit over two within two minutes. Deasy replied in the third. Julie Draper added another for the visitors and Catherine Corkery pointed seven minutes in. The game was level at 1-4 apiece 17 minutes into the second period when Aisling Jordan broke the deadlock for the Dubs edging them a point in front.

Then came Cork's lifeline. One felt only a goal would separate the sides and Deasy duly obliged with 10 minutes remaining. Cork's joy was short lived when four minutes later a

melee in front of goal saw Jordan kick home. It was a crucial score and Dublin, sensing victory, pushed home with two further points leaving three between the sides at the final whistle.

Scorers Cork: M Deasy 2-2, M Browne and C Corkery 0-1 each.

Dublin: C Durkin 1-1, A Jordan 1-1, N Taylor 0-2, C Lucey 0-2, J Draper 0-1.

CORK: E Clifford, AM Fleming, E O'Riordan, D Hayes, L O'Connell, R Curtin, E O'Sullivan, L Dorgan, M Corkery, C Corkery, M O'Neill, M Jagoe, A Watson, M Deasy, M Browne.

Subs: G Collins for M Browne (38min), J Lucey for M Jagoe (48min), S Downey for G Collins (53min).

DUBLIN: E Butler, E O'Meara, A McCluskey, J Murphy, A Fitzpatrick, C Lucey, C Power, F Corcoran, A Fanning, L O'Hara, A Jordan, C Durkin, M O'Gorman, J Draper, N Taylor.

Subs: E Brannigan for L O'Hara (34min).

Death of Cork's Peggy Dorgan

(2006-03-07)



Peggy Horgan

Peggy Dorgan, who won an All-Ireland Senior medal with Cork in 1970 died yesterday following a long illness. She played in the 1968 All-Ireland Final also. Peggy captained Cork in 1967 and 1969 and won a Gael-Linn Senior medal in 1966. A member of Glen Rovers club, she won 7 Co. Championships in a row, 1962-68 and was honoured with a Cork Sports Personality Award in 1964.

She holds 4 Munster Senior Championship medals.

She married Willie Horgan, an inter-county GAA referee

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Kilkenny pounce as Galway stutter

by Máire Uí Scolai

CHAMPIONS Galway has a less than happy start to their National Camogie Division 1A title defence when they suffered a five-point defeat to Kilkenny in Piltown yesterday (2-7 to 1-5).

All-Ireland minor medallist Lucinda Gahan impressed on her senior debut for the Cats, scoring two fine points including the opening score after three minutes. Galway replied with a goal from Veronica Curtin following good work by full forward Lourda Kavanagh. However the visitors seemed to lose momentum after the loss of full-back Phyllis Hayes through injury. All-Star Sinéad Millea pounced for a goal but Kavanagh and Aine Hilary scored points as the sides were level on 1-2 apiece at the break.

Midway through the second half Galway's hunger for victory seemed to vanish. Kilkenny saw their chance and gleefully took it. A goal from Aoife Neary and points from Eileen Fitzpatrick and Millea sealed the win.

Kilkenny next face Wexford, who slipped to a defeat (1-3 to 0-11) against Tipperary in the Ragg yesterday.

Tipp led by two at the interval (0-4 to 0-2). A late goal from Una Leacy gave Wexford hope but points from Eimear McDonnell ensure that the Premier County started the year on a high.

As expected, Cork had an emphatic win over Limerick, 4-16 to 0-2, in the day's other 1A game at Ballynoe. Sarah O'Donovan had a hat-trick of goals while Elaine Burke scored their fourth.

The 2006 junior All-Ireland champions, Dublin, got their Division 1B League campaign off to a flying start with a 2-7 to 2-4 win over Cork. Kilkenny beat Galway 2-9 to 0-10 while Tipperary B defeated Wexford B 3-13 to 1-5. In Division Two, Offaly overcame Kildare (2-7 to 1-7).

Horgan (Cork): On March 6, 2006, peacefully, in the loving care of the staff at Unit 1, St. Stephens Hospital, PEGGY (nee Dorgan), Cahergal Lawn, Dillons Cross (late Cork and Glen Rovers Camogie Player), beloved wife of Willie (GAA referee) and loving mother of Sinéad, Mark, James and John. Sadly missed by her loving husband, family, grandchildren Jane, Amy sister Marie, brothers Michael, John and Frank, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Lying in repose at the Coburg Street Funeral Home of Jerh O'Connor Ltd. Rosary on this (Monday) evening at 8pm. Removal on tomorrow (Tuesday) at 7pm to St. Josephs Church, Mayfield. Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday. Funeral afterwards to Rathcooney Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

League resumes in earnest

Cork, Limerick clash in pick of weekend ties

BY PAUL WELSH

THE National League gets underway this Sunday with holders Galway beginning their defence with a tricky away tie to Kilkenny.

However, all eyes will be on All-Ireland champions Cork as they begin their campaign at home to Limerick.

Last year, dual Cork football and camogie star Rena Buckley spent most of the league campaign preparing for her leaving cert but she acknowledges that the work done by the team before and during the league paid dividends when it came to the Championship.

"In fairness we did a lot of hard training during the league but I have to say I wasn't doing that much myself because I was doing the leaving," Buckley said.

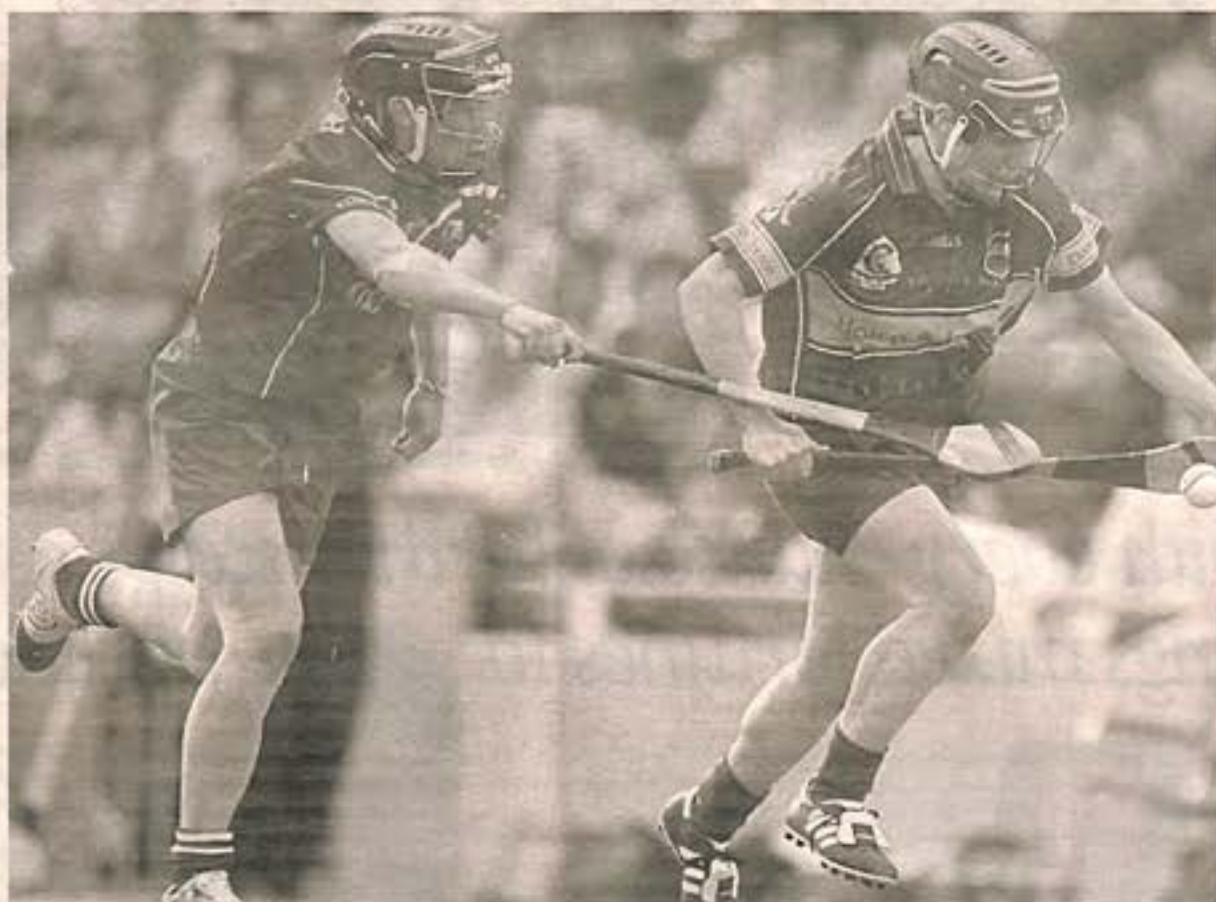
"But there was a lot of hard work put in in the months beforehand but thankfully it all worked out well for us in the end and got us in good shape for the summer."

Cork had a good run to the National League final last season beating Dublin, Kilkenny and Tipperary before losing out to the Sharon Glynn inspired Galway.

"Galway went very well and they had a good win over us in the final but the league was never our out and out focus," said Buckley.

"Naturally we were disappointed to lose it but thankfully come the championship we got in gear."

"Galway had an excellent league



Tipperary's Eimear McDonnell is tracked by Cork's Rena Buckley during last year's All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final

campaign but they were probably gutted they didn't repeat that in the championship."

That win against Tipperary, the then league and All-Ireland Champions, Buckley agreed, was from Cork perspective an early psychological advantage ahead of the Championship.

"Psychology is a lot to do with it, es-

pecially with that Tipperary team," she said.

"They are just so strong and a fantastic team to have won five All-Ireland's in six years and to get any sort of a win over them was brilliant for us and I think that was the turning point in the year actually."

This season, there is a new format to the National League, with all six senior

sides now in a single division.

"I think the structure is better this year," she said.

"We're getting plenty of games and we'll get a good gauge as to where we are."

"The best two teams will obviously get to the league final and hopefully, we can make the final again this year and perhaps go one better than last year."

Antrim camogs aiming to emulate hurling start

ANTRIM camogs will hope to go some way to matching the feats of the Antrim senior hurlers when they begin their National League campaign against neighbours Derry (Loughgiel, 1pm) on Sunday.

Antrim have appointed Elaine Dowd as captain for the coming season and

the Dunloy native knows that it's vital the Saffrons get off to a good start in the league.

"This is probably one of the most important matches that Antrim have had in the last few years," Dowd said. "It is absolutely vital that we get a result both for team morale and self belief."

"The new League and Championship structures opens up many possibilities for us and I know we have the potential to have a great season, but it is up to us," he added.

"Preparations are going well and it's great to have Jane Adams, Grainne Connelly and Bernie McKinley back."

"We've a lot of young players on the panel and they need the experience and the physical presence to add confidence to their game."

"We also have a new manager with 'Smokie' McKillop on board and a win on Sunday is the start we all need," Dowd added.

Wexford boss gunning for silverware

WEXFORD Manager Willie Carley is determined not to leave any stone unturned in his bid to bring some much wanted silverware to the Model county this season.

For the past couple of seasons much had been expected of Wexford but they have failed to live up to that expectation.

While the mood is apparently upbeat in Wexford this season, the backroom team will have to plan without regular full-forward Michelle Ahearne, the O'Connor sisters, Clare and Aoife and Michele O'Leary.

Despite missing these players, Carley is happy to call Coláiste Bride, All-Ireland medal winner Bróna Furlong in to the squad.

"Bróna is a great athlete and I expect she will make a big difference to the side," said Carley.

"She came on in the semifinal of the championship last season and people remarked on her then, so now she is available for the National League, is a huge asset to us."



Tipperary manager Paddy McCormack

Carley, who is starting his second year as Wexford manager added, "We need to win some silverware this year."

It would be great to win the League, we will train hard for it and who knows what might happen."

Wexford's opening game, against Tipperary at The Ragg, will be a tough one but Tipperary have their fair share of retirements this year.

Gone are Clara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Angie McDermott, Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy.

However, while Tipperary will have to begin life without these influential players, manager Paddy McCormack has no shortage of new players coming through.

Trish O'Halloran, Michelle Shortt and Niamh Harkin are all vying for places in the starting fifteen on Sunday. It will be interesting to see what way the new players will line out and whether McCormack will try and spread his experienced players around to add some stability in each sector of the field.

Wexford might have a little more done than Tipperary this season to take the opening League points.

Meanwhile Galway begin the defence of the National League away to Kilkenny on Sunday.

The Tribeswomen welcome back Aislinn Connolly and Ann Marie Hayes who missed most of last season with a leg injury. Last year the Kilkenny tumbled in the League semi-final and then endured a forgetful championship.

However new manager, Bobby Jackman, sees the job "as a big challenge."

Fixtures: Sunday March 5 Division 1A

Cork v Limerick (Ballymoel) 3.15pm
Tipperary v Wexford (The Ragg) 2pm
Kilkenny v Galway (Pilltown) 2.45pm

Division 1B

Cork v Dublin (Ballymoel), 2pm
Tipperary v Wexford (The Ragg), 12.15pm
Kilkenny v Galway (Pilltown), 1pm

Division 2A

Kildare v Offaly (SLLaurence's), 2.30pm
Antrim v Derry (Loughgiel) 1pm

CAMOGIE IN BRIEF

Antrim camogs to draw out a new sponsor

THE sponsors draw will take place after the Antrim v Derry game at Loughgiel on Sunday.

The Antrim County Board would like to invite all ticket holders to join the teams and Antrim's club delegates for the draw at the Loughgiel Social Club on Sunday.

Antrim U16 training change of venue

WEATHER permitting the venue for U16 training will be switched to Glenravel Ham.

This is to accommodate players and managers who would like to get to Loughgiel for the Senior national League game. Contact Catherine O'Hara on 028 2175 9966.

Antrim County Board meeting

THE Antrim County Board will meet on Monday 6th March at the Comfort Inn, Antrim at 7.30pm.

All clubs are asked to attend. On the agenda are: Motions to Congress, Club Gradings, Fixtures and the new Antrim Camogie Web Site.

Dublin notes

'SPÓRT agus Spraoi le Colaistí' was officially launched last week in the UCD Student Centre by UCD's Head of Sport, Brian Mullins.

The blitz and skills day for second level students will take place on Friday March 31 in UCD.

Contact 087-6204893 for challenge matches with Clanna Gael Fontenoy Intermediate Camogie Team.

Entry forms for the Pan Celtic Camogie competition in Donegal in April are available from Gabriel O'Maolúille (Flood) at 087-3267975.

Please ensure that all Club Information details submitted to County Board for the Fixtures and Contact Book 2006 are correct by emailing An Rúnaí, Brenda Craig: bcraig61@eircom.net

Dublin U16 panel named

Manager - Denis Forde (Skerries Harps); Selectors - Dave Fenton (Skerries Harps), Oliver Brogan (Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh), Mick Glynn (Ballyboden St. Endas), Sheila Forde (Skerries Harps); Administration and medical - Anne Brennan (Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh), Silé Forde (Skerries Harps).

ST. VINCENTS: Caitriona Kelly, Alison Walsh, Aileen Naughton, Jessica O'Byrne, Aisling Fogarty

BALLYBODEN: Dearbhla Brennan, Sarah Noonan, Sharon Glynn, Natalia Hyland, Aoife O'Leary.

NA FIANNA: Amy Sheehy, Arlene Cushen, Ailbhe Ní Mhaolagáin, Niamh Garahan.

CRUMLIN: Denise Sinclair, Sarah McGovern, Amy Morgan.

N.FIONNBARRA: Sinead Cowan, Rachel Costello, Lea West.

SKERRIES: Neasa Forde, Laura Boylan, Siorcha Forde.

N.MEARNOG: Laura Twomey, Stephanie Carthy.

GOOD COUNSEL: Kirsten Farrell, Lorna Gardner.

OLIVER PLUNKETTS: Irene Brennan, Aisling Brogan.

N. PADRAIG: Grainne Quinn.

National League double wins for Kilkenny, and Tipperary

(2006-03-05)



LUCINDA Gahan began her senior intercounty debut for Kilkenny on Sunday in real style as she was only three minutes on the field of play when she got Kilkenny's opening score - a fine point against National League champions Galway who fell 1-5 to Kilkenny's 2-7 in the opening round of the National League in Piltown Kilkenny.

Both sides showed great hunger in the opening quarter and neither defense gave away anything. Kilkenny's left half back Elaine Alyward showed great promise at this early stage and indeed she continued throughout the game. Galway settled quickly and within two minutes of Kilkenny's opening score, Galway's corner forward Veronica Curtin picked up an excellent pass from full-forward Lourda Kavanagh who put the 2005 League champions ahead 1-0 to Kilkenny's 0-1.

Galway were unfortunate to lose left full-back Phyllis Hayes early on through injury and into the fray came Aislinn Connolly, who won an Ashbourne medal with UL last week. However, despite the introduction of Connolly they could only register a further two points before the break from Lourda Kavanagh and then Áine Hilary sent over the last point of the opening half to equal for Galway. Both sides went in at the break 1-2 a piece.

In true Black and Amber style it was their 2004 All-Star, Sinéad Millea who put them in the lead with the first free of the second half. The sizeable crowd that had come to see this opening League game got good value for money when the sides were level twice in the second half. Despite the

fact that Galway went a point up after eighteen minutes following a Lourda Kavanagh free that became their final score.

Instead it was the Cats who showed the greater determination and showed great composure to the end. Two minutes later Kilkenny's Deirdre Delaney operating at midfield dropped a long range ball in to the square where corner forward Aoife Neary was right on sight to make it goal number two for the Cats. Still Kilkenny remained calm and added a further three points from Eileen Fitzpatrick and two late frees from Sinéad Millea who now meet Wexford in their next League match who fell 1-3 to 0-11 against Tipperary in the other Division one game in The Ragg also yesterday.

It was nip and tuck all the way with nothing between the two sides following a low first half, which saw the Tipperary lead 0-4 to 0-2 at the interval. This was very much a new look Tipperary side following the retirement recently of five players. Playing at centre back instead of Ciara Gaynor was Trish O'Halloran who had a fine debut while long time serving player Philly Fogarty excelled at midfield. However, Wexford's Mary Leacy caused many problems for the Premier county at midfield while regular centre back Áine Codd gave her usual good display.

With four minutes remaining Wexford's Úna Leacy gave her side real hope with the only goal of the day, but Tipperary's Eimear Mc Donnell saved the day for the Premier county with two late points from play.

As expected Cork had an emphatic win over near neighbours Limerick, 4-16 to 0-2 in Ballynoe in Cork in the only other division one game yesterday. Sarah O'Donovan was the Rebel's hat-trick goal scorer, while the fourth goal came from the All-Ireland champions captain of last season Elaine Burke.

The 2006 junior All-Ireland champions, Dublin got their Division 1 Beaghe campaign off to a flying start with a 2-7 to 2-4 win over Cork also in Ballynoe. The Dubs were ahead 1-1 to 0-3 at the break following a Ciara Durkin goal after thirteen minutes. Cork rallied well in the second half with goals from Mary Brown and Miriam Deasy but a second Dublin goal from Aishling Jordan put the call beyond Cork. Elsewhere in Division 1 B, Kilkenny made it a double victory against Galway following a 2-9 to 0-10 victory over Kilkenny. Leading 1-9 to 0-10 with six minutes remaining, Bronagh Neary became the Cats hero with a late goal on the blow of full time. Tipperary's second side also made it a double good start with a 3-13 to 1-5 victory against Wexford also in The Ragg. Eimear Ryan and Alison Lonergan were the Premier county's top scorers with 1-2 a piece.

The only game in Division 2 was between Offaly and Kildare in St. Laurences, Kildare where Offaly just made it at the end with a late goal from Elaine Corcoran in injury time to give the Faithful county a 2-7 to 1-7 victory over the home-side Kilkenny.

Details:

Div 1 A

Kilkenny: 2-7: S Millea 1-3 (0-3F), A Neary 1-0, L Gahan 0-2, E Fitzpatrick, J Frisby 0-1 each.
Galway 1-5: V Curtin 1-0, L Kavanagh 0-3 (0-2F, 0-1'45), Á Hilary, G Kelly 0-1 each.

Tipperary 0-11: E Mc Donnell 0-5, C Hennessy, G Kinnane 0-2 each, N Harkin, J Ryan 0-1 each.
Wexford: 1-3: Ú Leacy 1-0, U Jacob, K Kelly, M Walsh 0-1 each.

Cork 4-16: Donovan 3-1, E Burke 1-2, C Healy 0-6, E Watson 0-3, G O'Connor 0-2, B Corkery, A Walsh 0-1
Limerick 0-2 M Casey 0-2

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MIXED FORTUNES AS NATIONAL LEAGUE GETS UNDER WAY

A WEEKEND of mixed fortunes for Cork as the National league got under way at the magnificent St Catherine's grounds in Ballynoe last weekend.

In a new look format Cork are field two senior team this season Division 1A and division 1B and it was the All Ireland champions who recorded a victory over Limerick as the division 1B team went down by three points to All Ireland Junior champions Dublin. The opening game was by far the better of the two as Cork and Dublin got proceeding under way. In a tough hours hurling two determined teams battled it out before the points were secure by the girls in blue, Cork can consider themselves somewhat unlucky not to have got a share of the spoil as the lead changed hand on six occasions with neither team stamping their superiority on proceedings.

Just three points separated them at the interval after a low scoring first half saw the visitors ahead 1-1 to 0-3. Miriam Deasy got Cork off to a good start with two points inside the opening four minutes but we had to wait until the thirteenth minute before the visitors opened their account with Ciara Durkin pointing after good work from Julie Draper. Both defences came under a lot of pressure through the half thus the low score line but it was a tough hard encounter as both side gave it their all. Three minutes from the break Michelle Brown was put clean through by Catherine Corkery but somehow shot over the bar from close range with only keeper to beat and so

it stood at the interval with Dublin marginally ahead.

Through the second half it was nip and tuck as neither side yielded, Dublin took the lead inside three minutes thanks to points from Niamh Taylor but the hard working Miriam Deasy had it all square forcing the ball over the line from close range following good pressure from the Cork forwards. Julie Draper and Catherine Corkery exchanged points but again Dublin stole ahead thanks to an Ashling Jordan point and with play continuing to move quickly from to end both defences had to work hard. Cork hit the front with ten minutes remaining as Miriam Deasy's long range effort ended up in the Dublin net after Emer Butler looked to have it under control.

Dublin responded well to the challenge and within four minutes had regained

Control Ashling Jordan scrambling over the line in a packed goal mouth before two Ciara Lucey pointed free in the closing minutes to finally kill off the Cork challenge.

Cork 4-16 Limerick 0-2

From the throw in All Ireland senior champions Cork were in total control of this Division 1A game with Limerick. Fielding just seven of the victorious championship winning side Cork gave senior debut to Emer O'Farrell, Sinead Corkery, Lucy Hawkes, Catriona Foley and Orla Cotter whilst there were places in the starting fifteen for Sara Hayes, Emer Watson and Ciara Healy.

Limerick travelled with just four-

teen players and it was obvious they were nerve going to match the home side but never the less they fought valiantly and could not be faulted for their efforts. By the half time whistle Cork had notched up 2-13 while we still awaited an opening score from the visitors. Sara Donovan grabbed the first goal in the opening minute and repeated the act two minutes to the break, in between we had points from Ciara Healy, Emer Watson, Brieghe Corkery Jemma O'Connor and Elaine Burke as Cork dominated. The second half was a similar pattern to the first but credit Limerick who played with passion and fought every ball with determination, they were rewarded with two Michelle Casey points but second half goals from Sarah Donovan and Elaine Burke added to the visitor's tale of woe. The game did little to help the Cork back room team in assessing their debutantes but it was a good result and with two points in the bag they now face the journey to Galway on March 19th and a meeting with the league champions.

SEANDUN UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

ON Sunday Douglas A and B, Blackrock Glen Rovers Bishopstown will contest the Seandun Under 15 A championship blitz for 2005 at the Glen Field starting at 1.45pm. Last weekend Passage and Douglas C emerged from the B competition and will contest the final.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman

GLEN ROVERS AND CORK MOURNE A STAR

IT was with great sadness on Monday that we learned of the death of former Glen Rovers and Cork camogie star Peggy Dorgan. A member of the Glen Rovers side that recorded seven in a row of Cork County championship winning successes from 1962 to 1968 she was a tremendously skillful player. Peggy wore the colours of Cork with distinction making her debut in 1963 against Kerry and she won an All Ireland medal in 1970 when the county finally ended a twenty nine year gap to be crowned champions defeating Kilkenny in a thrilling final. On the day she contributed 2-1 to the Cork tally as herself and Liz Garvin tore the Kilkenny defence to shreds, Peggy Dorgan was by now was married to well know GAA referee Willie Horgan. Indeed both Mary Moran and Nora Newman who were selectors with that famous side coached by Jack Dempsey recalled that they think Peggy was the first married player to win a Senior All Ireland medal with Cork, previously there had been a ban on married players lining out with inter county teams. Peggy continued to play a huge role with her club into the 1970's and was one of the senior playing members of an extremely young Glen Rovers team who were crowned Intermediate county champions in 1974 in doing

so ending a spell in the wilderness for a club who had enjoyed huge success in the 1960's

Peggy was hugely proud of husband Willie Horgan's success as a referee and was tremendously honoured by his achievements. A life-long friend of another camogie legend the late Anna Crotty, Peggy maintained a huge interest in the game long after retirement and up until Anna's death both could be seen regularly at inter county and club games.

For me personally Peggy Dorgan was a star and as a youngster tagging along to all the games with my mother I adored Peggy Dorgan, Anna Crotty and Deirdre Sutton they were the players from our club and in my eyes they were the best. When they visited our house as they regularly did it was great to listen in and hear all the stories about the games in a way that no doubt today the visits of players such as Joe Deane and Sean Og to any home would generate the same excitement to a youngster.

To Willie, Sinead, Mark, James and John, her sister Marie and her brothers Michael John and Frank goes deepest sympathy. Rest in Peace Peggy... you were a star on and off the field.



At a UCC reception for graduates who played a role in Cork's sporting success in 2005, were (at back): Con Murphy, Cork Hurling Club; Darren Hayes, Collingwood Cup captain; Joe Deane, Cork hurling team; Neal Horgan, Cork City FC; Damien Richardson, Cork City FC manager; Kieran Nestor, UCC Alumni Relations Officer; front: Stephanie Dunlea, Cork camogie; Ciara Healy, Cork camogie; John MacCarthy, president UCC AFC Alumni and chairman UCC Alumni Board; Lord Mayor Deirdre Clune; Prof Gerard Wrixon, UCC president; Linda O'Connor and Elaine Burke, Cork camogie All-Ireland winners.

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Six young Cork stars honoured

By ANNA PRESTON

Examiner Junior Sports Awards

RENA Buckley's great year shows no sign of slowing down.

The dual All-Ireland medal winner was one of six Cork sports stars to receive national recognition for their sporting prowess.

The six, who were today presented with their Irish Examiner National Junior Sports Star awards in the Berkley Court Hotel, are Ciaran Ó Lionaird (athletics), Anna Geary (camogie), Rena Buckley (ladies football), Julia O'Halloran (hockey), Orla Barry (paralympics) and Billy Clarke (soccer).

In 2005 Ciaran Ó Lionaird was successful on the domestic and international scene. The 16-year-old won numerous medals for his country.

They include a bronze at the European Youth Olympics and he went was in Morocco for the World Youth Championships where he finished 10th. This was a great achievement as he was only one of two Europeans to make the final.

He won the 1,500m at the junior international in Cardiff where he ran an impressive 3:50.86, the fastest time by an Irish youth.

After an impressive career with St Mary's School, Charleville and the Cork minors, camogie star Anna Geary made her debut with the county senior team in 2005.

She was awarded her first All-Star after her fine performances throughout the season, especially in the final against Tipperary.

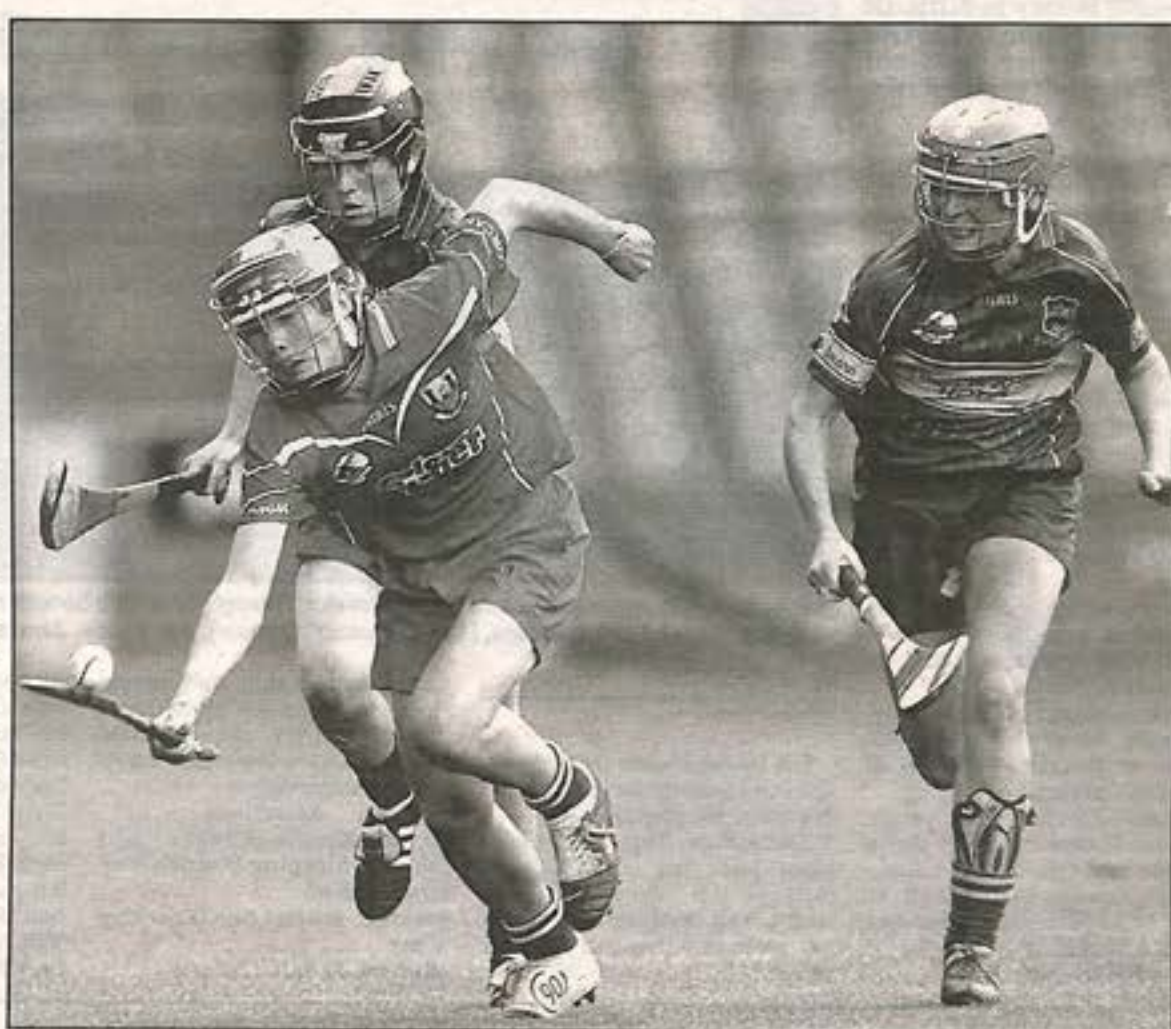
She was Player of the Tournament in Munster's victory in the inter-provincial series and her achievements brought her a National Camogie Scholarship to UL.

Two weeks ago she won her first Ashbourne medal with UL.

The third Cork teenager to be honoured is hockey star Julia O'Halloran. Julia is a Leaving Cert student in Mount Mercy College.

If it wasn't for her exams, she could well be part of the Irish ladies hockey team who will play in the World Cup qualifiers in Rome next month.

At 14, she was selected for the



Cork's Rena Buckley breaks away from her Tippi markers during last year's All-Ireland camogie final.

Munster U16 team and she knew she had a future in hockey.

She led Ireland to an impressive fourth in the U18 European Championships in Poland last year and she has already made great strides in securing her name as a future international star.

Rena Buckley was next to receive an award. The highly talented dual star grabbed the headlines in 2005 when she won All-Ireland medals in football and camogie.

This is a rare achievement, as only a handful of players reach this level.

A defender on both teams, the Donoughmore star receives this prize for her many endeavours with club and county.

Outstanding in the All-Ireland football win over Galway, she was

also nominated for an All-Star.

With her club Donoughmore she won an unprecedented 10th senior county title on the trot and a sixth successive Munster win.

Rena's dedication and enthusiasm is very admirable as she is a great role model for everyone.

Also honoured was Orla Barry who excelled in the paralympics.

The 16-year-old became the youngest Irish competitor to throw a discus over 20 metres from a sitting position when producing the best female performance at the Disability Sport England (DSE) Games in Blackpool.

At the Junior World Games, Orla impressively dominated the discus, shot-put and javelin, as well as at the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) Junior Games in

Kilkenny and it's senior equivalent in Dublin.

She had more success in the Czech Republic and she went on to win two silvers and one bronze at the World Senior International Wheelchair and Amputee Games in Brazil.

In soccer Ipswich Town's Billy Clarke got the vote after his displays for the Championship side.

Billy's goals for the Irish U19s have marked him out as one of the most promising prospects in Irish football.

Cork-born Clarke joined Ipswich at 15 and his strike rate had been crucial to Ipswich reaching the FA Youth Cup final in 2005.

He has also been knocking on the door for a regular first-team place at the club.

ATHLETICS	Ciaran Ó Lionaird (Cork)
BADMINTON	Scott Evans (Dublin) (Repeat winner)
BASKETBALL	Rachel Clancy (Limerick)
BOXING	David Oliver Joyce (Westmeath)
CAMOGIE	Anna Geary (Cork)
CRICKET	Greg Thompson (Antrim)
GAELIC FOOTBALL	James Colgan (Down)
GOLF	Rory McIlroy (Down) (Repeat winner)
GYMNASTICS	Katie Slader (Antrim)
HOCKEY	Julia O'Halloran (Cork)
HORSE RACING	Chris Hayes (Limerick)
HURLING	Joe Canning (Galway)
LADIES FOOTBALL	Rena Buckley (Cork)
MOTOR SPORT	Niall Quinn (Meath)
PARALYMPICS	Orla Barry (Cork)
RUGBY	Luke Fitzgerald (Dublin)
SAILING	Kenneth Rumball and Dave Moran (Dublin)
SNOOKER	Davy Morris (Kilkenny) (Repeat winner)
SOCCER	Billy Clarke (Cork)
TENNIS	Tristan Farron Mahon (Dublin)

RESULTS

Camogie

Ashbourne Cup quarterfinals

Waterford IT 3-12, Cork IT 0-8

UCD 3-3 NUI Galway 0-9

UCC 3-11 Garda College 0-1

UL 6-14 Mary I Limerick 0-4

Ashbourne Cup semifinals

UL v UCC

WIT v UCD

Ulster Senior 'A' Colleges Final

St Mary's Magherafelt 3-5 Cross and Passion College 1-5

Ulster Senior 'B' Final

St Patrick's Keady 4-4 St Catherine's Armagh 0-3

Munster Junior 'A' Colleges Final

St Mary's Charleville 6-13 Presentation, Bandon 1-1

Munster Junior C Final

Tulla, Clare 2-2 Coldiste Cholim, Cork 1-4

Munster Senior 'B' Final

Borris Voc Sch, Tipperary 2-10 Lisamore, Waterford 2-3



Ciaran Ó Lionaird.



Orla Barry.



Anna Geary.



Billy Clarke.



Julia O'Halloran.

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AWARD WINNERS — Back, from left: Dave Moran, sailing; Deirdre Farren, representing Katie Slader, gymnastics; Joe Canning, hurling; Irish Examiner sports editor Tony Leen; Ciaran O Lionaird, athletics; Rena Buckley, ladies football; Irish Examiner chief executive Tom Murphy; Scott Evans, badminton; Irish Examiner editor Tim Vaughan; Adrian Birrell, national cricket coach representing Greg Thompson, cricket; Anna Geary, camogie; Tristan Farron Mahon, tennis and Luke Fitzgerald, rugby. Front, from left: Mary Colgan representing her son James Colgan, Gaelic football; Dave Morris, snooker; Orla Barry, ParaOlympics; David Oliver Joyce, boxing; Kenneth Rumball, sailing; Chris Hayes, horse racing; Rachel Clancy, basketball; Niall Quinn, motor sport; Julie O'Halloran, hockey; Billy Clarke, soccer and Gerry McIlroy, representing his son Rory for golf.

CAMOGIE

Cork Colleges Senior final at Clonakilty:
Clonakilty 5-5 Coachford 2-4.
Intermediate B semi-final: BCS 4-4 Nagle Rice 0-2;
Mallow 2-3, Carrignavar 2-2.
Junior C semi-finals: Carrignavar 6-4 BCS 0-1;
Midleton 5-1 Bandon B 4-1.
Munster Colleges Intermediate C: Carrigrohilly
3-0 Blackrock 1-1; Doon 3-4 Kilfinane 1-3; Tipperary
1-1 Killenale 3-0.

CAMOGIE KINGDOM!

January 21st was a big day for Camogie in the Kingdom when over 200 girls from North Kerry took part in a fun day in Causeway to promote the game. Camogie is really taking off and the interest is huge with new clubs springing up in Ballyheigue, Causeway-Ballyduff, Abbeydoumey-Lixnaw and Kilmoyley-Ardfert. Tipperary legend and 5 time All-Ireland medal winner Deirdre



Hughes was there along with Cork All-Ireland winning captain, Elaine Burke. Cork hurling superstar Ronan Curran gave advice to the kids and All-Star Kerry footballer, Paul Galvin, turned up – as well as being a brilliant footballer he is also a top class hurler. All the kids got cool goodie bags, t-shirts and each one was presented with a certificate of attendance.

For more info why not get your coach or teacher to contact Mary O'Connor on 087 1251271 or email her at moconnor@camogie.ie

Briege promotes 'the brilliant game of all things GAA'

By MARIA HERLIHY

IMAGINE training six days a week – in all weather conditions – and then going to work.

Welcome to the world of Briege Corkery who at 19 years of age has already two All-Ireland medals tucked under her belt. While she lists Diarmaid 'The Rock' O'Sullivan as a hero as well as Roy Keane, it's easy to understand how the Muskerry Musketeer has attained so much in less than two decades.

As guest of honour at Friday nights Mallow Sports & Leisure Council awards, Briege Corkery in a very moving speech told the crowd of watching an All Ireland Hurling final in 1991 with her younger brother.

"I said to my brother, imagine that feeling of playing on Croke Park and then all the fans coming up to you. Six years later I experienced that very feeling when fans ran onto the pitch and hugged me," said Briege

Corkery.

She told all the award winners to treasure their achievements and lapped praise on Hanna Sheahan who has worked for the Irish Red Cross for 55 years. "Just looking at Hanna Sheahan and all that she has achieved is simply breathtaking. She has given over five decades of her life to the Red Cross and in her own words, enjoyed every single moment of it.

That in itself is a reward," Briege Corkery told The Corkman.

She said, "When you pack in playing active sport in later life, then you just cannot sit back and retire. There will always be players who need coaching and encouraging and an retired player will bring their expertise to the table.

"You just can't pack in sport and forget about it. It's just not possible, well not for me anyway," smiled Briege.

It's important to promote, what

Briege calls, "the brilliant game of all things GAA".

She said she felt proud and honoured to be the first woman invited as guest of honour to the award ceremony and to follow in the footsteps of Sean Og O'hAilpin, last years guest was a true privilege.

"Women need to get out more and become part of this great game.

"There is nothing to lose, you get to meet great people, go to games, play as part of a team and of course, there is also great craic," added Briege.

Like Hanna Sheahan, Briege held great words of praise for this years award winners.

"It was an honour to not only be here but to give out the awards.

"Each person here has worked so hard at a sport that they love and it's fitting that society recognises not only their talent but their dedication," said Briege.



Erins Own, Under 16 camogie champions



Rebel heart

CAMOGIE (Anna Geary, Cork)

AFTER an impressive under age career with St Mary's School, Charleville and the Cork minors, Geary made her debut with the county senior team in 2005. And what a debut it was as the Milford native played an integral role in their All-Ireland success – most especially in their final victory over champions Tipperary and was rewarded with her first All-Star accolade two months later. Earlier in the year, she was Player of the Tournament in Munster's victory in the Inter-Provincial series. And to round off a brilliant season, Anna received one of 10 prestigious National Camogie Scholarships to UL. Two weekends ago she won her first Ashbourne medal with UL.



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OU KNOW you're going in the right direction when you get the same award as Roy Keane and Sonia O'Sullivan. That is the view of camogie recipient Anna Geary.

"When it's for a game you love it's just brilliant," she adds.

"I am deeply honoured. The past 12 months were amazing. After winning the All-Ireland I couldn't have imagined things getting much better. So much has happened but this award has topped it all off."

Last year was Anna's first on the Cork senior team. It was no coincidence that manager John Cronin was also making his debut. He had previously managed the minors – during which time he saw the Milford girl win three All-Ireland medals.

"She is all skill and very competitive," Cronin says.

"She has an unbelievable will to win and is marvellous to train. I played her in the back line to mark the best forward on the opposing team."

"She is a great midfielder, but her pace in defence was crucial. She did a similar job for the senior team last season at wing-back."

Anna credits her father Michael for her

love of camogie. He regularly brought Anna and her brother Thomas to watch their uncle Martin Geary play with Waterford's Mount Sion. Martin's son Niall is the Nemo Rangers and Cork footballer.

In school, trainers Ann Watson and Vincent Harrington were central to her success.

"I was lucky to have influential people at every level," she says.

Ann Watson influenced her from six years of age.

"Even at a young age, her work rate was colossal. The Milford club was formed in 1997 and she won every honour up along – U12, U14, U16 and U18. She went on to captain the Cork minors to an All-Ireland," says Ann.

"We had a great group of girls in Milford and Anna was the powerhouse. She loved to score and had a wonderful burst of speed. She was well able to ship tackles and was physically very fit. Discipline was a feature of her game. Just an all-rounder. A great player to have on your team."

Vincent Harrington was her coach in St Mary's, Charleville. It was no coincidence that during her term there the school dominated colleges' camogie.

"She was central to everything we won," says Harrington.

"She was excellent and was only in second year when she played senior. She had a big heart and kept us in a lot of games. She helped us win two All-Ireland senior trophies and three junior titles."

By the way, Eileen O'Brien, who is also a prodigy of the Charleville school, is a previous Junior Sports Star winner.

But the last word goes to Anna.

"I love camogie. I eat, sleep and drink it. That requires commitment. It puts paid to a decent social life, but I wouldn't change a thing. It is my decision. I'm in first year in college (UL) and have to behave like an adult. The celebrations after the wins are a good enough social life for me."

REPORTER: Therese O'Callaghan.

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LADIES FOOTBALL (Rena Buckley, Cork)

RENA Buckley grabbed the headlines in 2005 as one of Cork's dual All-Ireland winning players. A defender in both teams, the Donoughmore star receives this Irish Examiner ladies football award for her endeavours at both club and county level. An automatic choice on the Cork team at right corner back she was outstanding in the Rebel's All-Ireland defeat over Galway and was nominated for an All-Star. With Donoughmore, she was one of the mainstays behind the mid Cork club recording an unprecedented tenth senior county title on the trot and a sixth successive Munster win.



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NASSUMING, dedicated, easy to manage, highly talented and very cooperative: just some of the decorative adjectives Cork ladies football coach Eamon Ryan chooses to describe Rena Buckley.

Following a rewarding 2005, during which the dual star garnered double All-Ireland honours in camogie and ladies football, the Inniscarra native also helped Donoughmore to an unprecedented 10th successive county title, followed by a Munster championship win.

Mossie Barrett manages the mid-Cork club and has rated the first-year UCD physiotherapy student highly since her early teens.

"She started playing senior with us from the age of 14. Even then you could see there was something special about her. Mentally, she was about three or four years ahead of herself. She went on to win her first All-Ireland club in 2001. She showed then she had potential, but what she has done since is fulfilled that. Two All-Ireland clubs later, an All-star, an All-Ireland medallist, I think it's fair to say she has achieved."

Her friends describe her as a quiet girl, and as expected, she deflects the attention.

"There were plenty of individuals on the team, I am just the lucky one to get recognised," she insists.

This is not quite true though, as the

red-haired defender has enjoyed an enormous year in the Gaelic football world. Earlier in the season, she overcame a nagging groin injury to stake a claim on Cork's first 15. She emerged a player of amazing all-round ability.

"I don't realise how lucky I am. It was a great year and it is brilliant to be recognised, especially since I'm involved in a team sport," she says.

Home played a major part in her sporting childhood.

She mentions her brother Jerry.

"He plays with Inniscarra and my twin sister Mary plays camogie and ladies football as well. I started out with Donoughmore when I was an 11-year-old. I took part in the primary school games with Berrings, Paul Olden started me off in national school."

Of the double involvement with the Rebels, she says: "There were five of us on both panels but we were never put under pressure. Fiona O'Driscoll (camogie trainer) and Eamon Ryan successfully combined the roles with county teams, and consequently were very understanding. I hope to play the two codes again this year."

Ryan hopes the demands will not dampen her enthusiasm.

"Rena is a very serious student, who has done very well in her studies. She is very level-headed and it would be a great hope for her to continue with all three (ladies football, camogie and college)."

Undoubtedly her commitment will at all times be 100%. In spite of studying in Dublin this season, she sees no problem travelling Sunday after Sunday. However, having cloaked herself in glory over the past 12 months, how can it be surpassed?

"It is dream stuff to be playing at such a high level for your county at both codes. Last year I could never have imagined the outcome. I was injured and then got my place on the camogie team for the All-Ireland series. To play in Croke Park was fantastic. To go back and play there again (in the football final) was incredible."

"As for 2006, we will have to wait and see."

Either way, you can be sure Rena will continue to inspire those around her.

REPORTER: Therese O'Callaghan.

Death of Cork's Mary Fitzgerald

(2006-03-12)

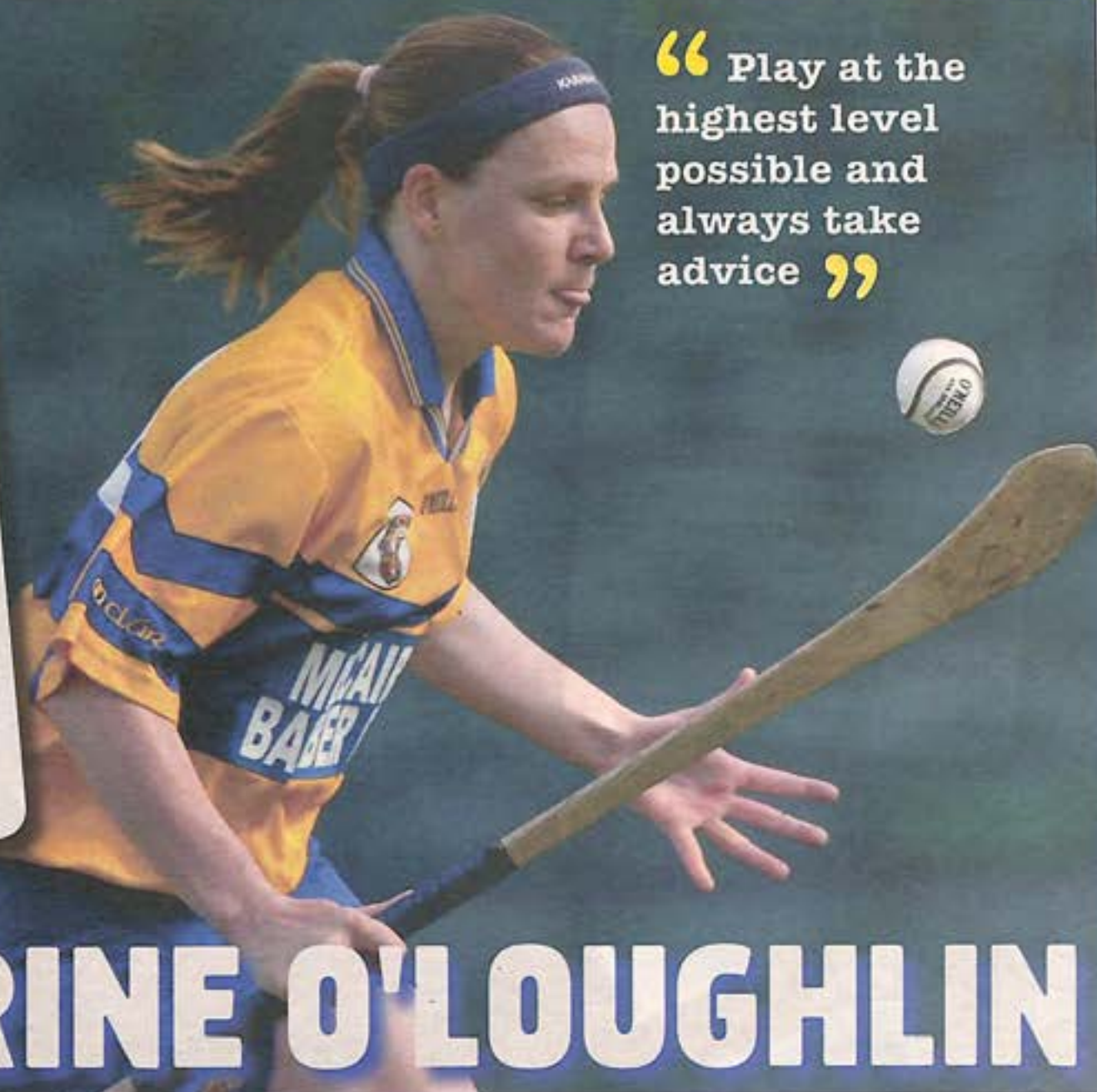
Mary Fitzgerald won All-Ireland Senior medals with Cork in 1939, 1940 and 1941. She captained Cork in 1942. Mary served as Vice-Chairman of the Cork Co. Board for three years. Daughter of Cork hurling goalkeeper, Andy Fitzgerald, Mary won 9 Cork Senior Championship medals with Old Aloysians.

“ Play at the highest level possible and always take advice ”



STAR FILE!

Name Catherine O'Loughlin
Team Clare
Age 34
Debut 1986 v Tipperary
Position Full Forward
Honours 3 All-Ireland Intermediate titles,
 1 All-Ireland Junior title,
 6 Gael Linn Interprovincial titles,
 1 Munster Intermediate title,
 3 Munster Junior titles,
 1 Munster Junior Club title,
 2 County Senior Club titles,
 1 County Senior League title.
Club Kilnamona
Fav Food Steak
Fav Book The Da Vinci Code
Fav Film Titanic
Fav TV All Saints
Hobbies All sports and Suduko
Occupation AIB Bank Official



CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN

CLARE

Catherine O'Loughlin's greatest moment in Gaelic games came when she was picked on the 2005 All-Star Camogie team.

Not only was she one of the few players from outside Cork and Tipperary on the team, but she was also the first Clare player ever to be honoured with an All-Star Award.

Leading The Banner attack, she helped Clare to their second All-Ireland Junior final in three years. Back in 2003 they lost to Galway in a replay and in 2005, history repeated itself, when they had to go to a replay against a resolute Dublin side. In a close run game, they lost out in a scoreline of 2-9 to 1-4. Despite the disappointments of the last few years, Catherine is confident that with a good crop of young players coming through at under-age level, it won't be long before The Banner are back in Croke Park fighting for silverware.

What was your greatest moment in sport?

Winning Clare's first Camogie All-Star Award in 2005 was very

special. It made up for the heartache of losing the Junior final to Dublin.

Who are the toughest teams you have faced?

Every team is tough these days but I would have to say that the Cork Senior team during the 90s were very strong and skillful.

Who is the toughest opponent you have faced?

It would have to be the Tipperary full back Una O'Dwyer, a fantastic player.

How do you balance your job and camogie?

It is difficult at times but I have a very understanding boss who allows me the time to concentrate on camogie when I have to. That is a great help.

What club do you play for and who are your biggest rivals?

I play for Kilnamona and our biggest rivals on the county scene are definitely Newmarket. We have had many great battles with them over the years. We contested the last two Senior finals, beating them in 2004 but they beat us last year to take the title.

Which players do you admire the most?

Moire McMahon, who plays for our local arch-rivals Newmarket-on-Fergus and Deirdre Murphy from the Davitt's club in Galway.

What are your future hopes?

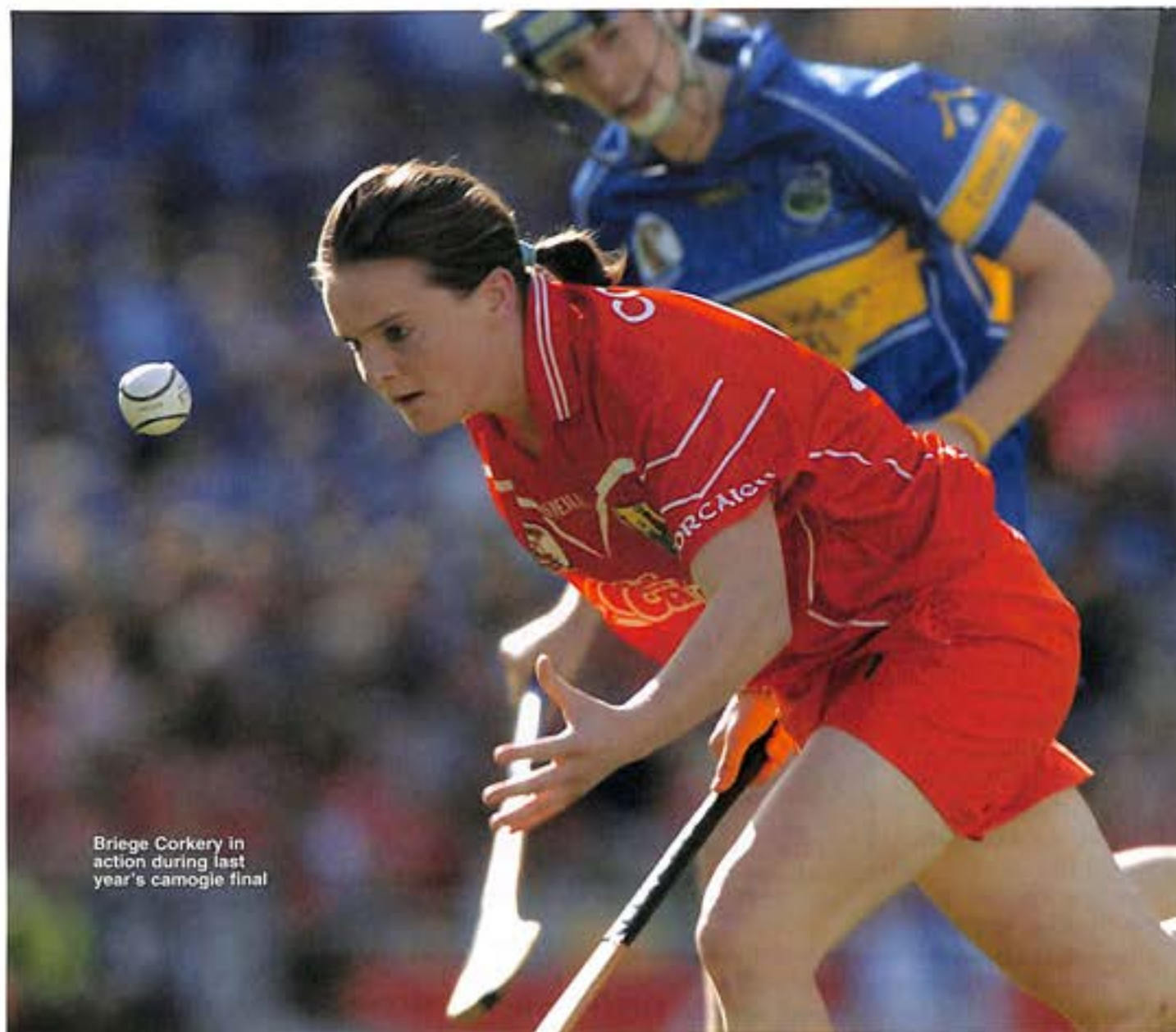
To win the All-Ireland Junior this year would be brilliant but also to continue playing at the highest level. I also have great hopes for the Clare U-18's, this could be their year.

What advice would you give to young players?

Play at the highest level possible and always take advice.

Cúl Fact!

In the 2003 All-Ireland Junior final Galway beat Clare after a replay. Catherine captained The Banner and her second cousin Brenda Kerins was captain of the Galway team.



Brieghe Corkery in action during last year's camogie final

CAMOGIE *world*

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people over the years, but recently one young brilliant camogie player Brieghe Corkery has gained much limelight for all the right reasons. By Máire Ui Scolai.

Many Tipperary folk sat in the Hogan Stand last September and possibly

wished that the then eighteen year old would not take off on one of her solo runs, but not only did she take off but the Cloughduv player scored a vital second half point for Cork as they won their twenty first senior Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland final.

Like many sports people the young

Brieghe was introduced to camogie at a young age, wearing the Cloughduv colours at the tender age of eight having already spent almost two years playing in her primary school, Rusheen National School. She was well able for camogie in secondary school when that beckoned. From the primary level she headed to St. Mary's Secondary school in Macroom and despite the school being small in numbers, they still managed success in the Cork Colleges winning an Intermediate title. She also had the distinction of having played with the Cork colleges during this time.

However, she did not always have to depend on school or even her club as there was almost a full camogie/hurling team at home! You see Brieghe is one of five sisters and five

brothers, all of whom play either camogie or hurling. One can imagine the great matches that took place in that back garden!

But while she had an early introduction to camogie in school, she almost had it from the cradle as her mother Kitty was a former Cloughduv player. In her mother's day the club was better known as Canovee.

"My parents, Kitty and Michael Joe were big influences on me growing up as they instilled a great love of games in us all," sighted Brieghe, who said her biggest achievement to date was last year's senior All-Ireland victory against Tipperary.

Also of huge importance to the player was the Irish Times Mitsubishi Electric Sportswoman of the Year Award which was recently presented to her in the Conrad Hotel, Dublin. Brieghe won the monthly award for her brilliant display in last September's All-Ireland final. Two weeks later she went out again to win her first All-Ireland senior football medal with the same county.

In winning the overall award the Cork lass beat off some very stiff opposition

from the likes of Equestrian star Jessica Kurten. Eleven sports were acknowledged throughout the year with each monthly recipient accepting her monthly award on the same day. The Irish Times Mitsubishi Electric Sportswoman of the Year award is the first award aimed specifically at women in sport and is aimed at creating awareness of female sporting achievements and successes. This is its second year.

In accepting the very prestigious award she said she hoped that it would bring camogie into a wider picture. "I would love to see Croke Park much fuller on All-Ireland day; I feel that players with high profile names should always be ready to lend their names to assist camogie in this way."

Brieghe, who celebrated her nineteenth birthday just before Christmas, first burst on to the Cork intercounty scene at the age of fourteen. She was lucky enough to be part of the Cork minor team with whom she won two minor All-Ireland titles back in 2001 and 2002. Add to her collection an All-Ireland Intermediate medal in 2002 and one can see what a trophy cabinet she already has. While camogie is a huge part of Brieghe's life she also finds time to play top class intercounty football very successfully.

"When you are enjoying the games it

is not hard to combine the two and when both county boards can come to agreement about training times then it is easy," quipped Brieghe.

So what does the future hold for nineteen year old Brieghe who now works for Property Partners O'Mahony Walsh in Macroom?

"Well I hope to play for as long as possible and to play to the best of my ability and I would love to see much bigger crowds at camogie matches," said Brieghe.

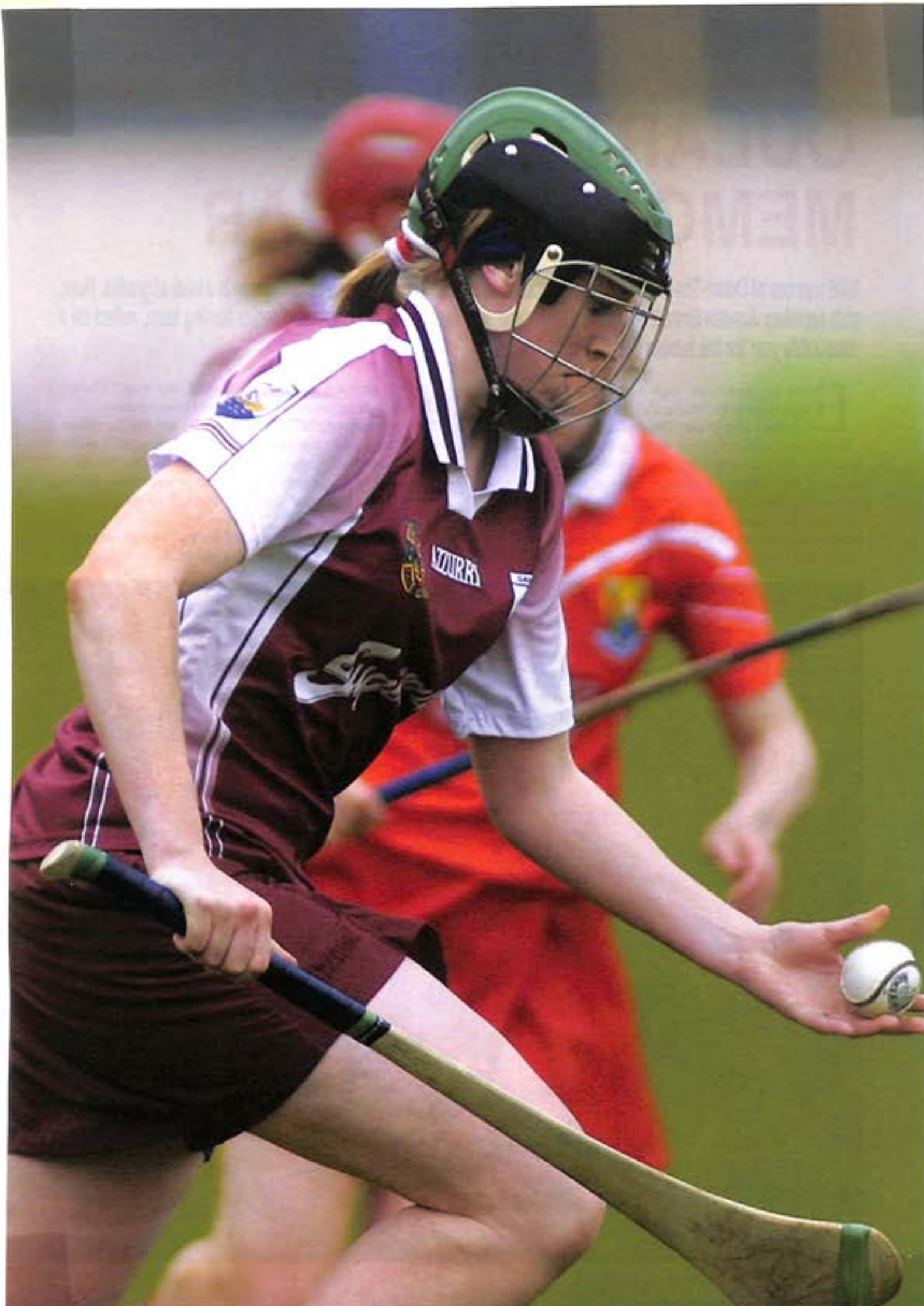
When the 2006 National League kicks off on Sunday March 5th the Cloughduv player will most likely be a thorn in Limerick's side as they meet the Rebels in Cork on that date. On March 19th Cork travel to take on the National League champions Galway in what will be a repeat of last year's National League final which Galway won in Semple Stadium.

Cork's opening senior championship game will be at home against Wexford on May 27th. The Rebels will also find time in between matches to travel to Egypt for a week in March for what should be a well earned holiday. Considering that this Cork lass has just turned nineteen recently we all feel that we will see a lot more of the Cloughduv cailin and who knows just how many other awards she may well pick up along the way.



A double winner with the Cork lady footballers

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Galway camogie star Brenda Hanney

camogie national league

Clare denied victory by late Down blast



Down 3 - 02 Clare 0 - 11
at Ballycran, Down



THE CLARE Junior Camogie side were unlucky to only come away with a point from their first game in the league.

They travelled to Down for this

match. They got off to a good start and were leading by 0-7 to 1-0 at half time.

Down were a physically strong team and drew level three minutes

after the restart.

Deirdre Murphy and Laura Linnane dominated at midfield and Clare again had a lead of four points with ten minutes remaining.

In windy conditions Down secured a point and goal from a free at the finish to snatch a draw. Cathy Hally, Deirdre Corcoran and Jane Scanlan also played well.

match details

Clare

R. Lynch, J. O'Leary, D. Corcoran, J. Scanlan, S. Lafferty, C. Hally, H. McMahon, L. Linnane, D. Murphy (0-1), A. Ryan, F. Lafferty (0-2), M. Whelan, C. O'Loughlin, D. Lynch (0-8, 8 frees), C. Conman.



The Wexford senior camogie champions. Front, l/r: Hannah Doran, Shelley Kehoe, Donna Kirwan, Stacey Kehoe, Diane Ryan, Siobhan Cullen, Aishling Moran (capt), Emma Moran, Colleen Atkinson, Fiona Dunne, Mary Leacy. Back, l/r: Catriona Murray, Christine Fortune, Caroline Fortune, Kerrie Dunne, Liz Murphy, Sharon Kehoe, Una Leacy, Helena Jacob, Karen Atkinson, Ursula Jacob, Stacey Redmond, Claire Sinnott, Ciara Storey, Caroline Murphy, Ciara Scallan. Mascots: Niamh Dempsey and Joe Dunne

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Oulart's Intermediate 'B' camogie championship winning team. Front, l/r: Vanessa Leacy, Leanne Nolan, Catriona Murray, Aoife O'Connor, Donna Kirwan, Stacey Kehoe, Elaine Doyle, Laura Sinnott, Anna Sinnott, Elaine Dempsey. Back, l/r: Aishling Kehoe, Rachel Kiernan, Shelley Donohoe, Liz Murphy (capt), Shelley Kehoe, Sarah Jo Sinnott, Kerrie Dunne, Christine Fortune, Chloe Kenny, Hannah Doran



Under 12 camogie champions. Front, l/r: Jessica Stevens-Taylor, Bridin Redmond, Emma Fortune, Emer Doyle, Marguerite O'Brien, Amy Hammel, Lorraine Elliott, Dervla Nimmo, Anne-Marie Murphy, Aoife Byrne, Louise Sinnott. Back, l/r: Elaine Lyndon, Aishlinn McCarthy, Georgina Sutton, Siobhan Britton, Shauna Dunne, Jenna Doran (capt), Ciara Donohoe, Aoife Browne, Aileen Brennan, Emma Leacy, Shauna Sinnott, Anna O'Brien



Under 18 Premier camogie champions. Front, l/r: Anna Sinnott, Chloe Kenny, Catriona Murray, Emma Moran (capt), Shelley Kehoe, Laura Sinnott, Stacey Kehoe, Vanessa Leacy, Hannah Doran, Aoife O'Connor. Back, l/r: Aishling Kehoe, Rachel Kiernan, Shelley Donohoe, Stacey Redmond, Kerrie Dunne, Leanne Nolan, Siobhan Cullen, Tracey McCormack, Una Leacy, Ciara Storey

The postponed All-Ireland Junior B and Junior C semi-finals involving St. Patrick's Dungannon (11.30 a.m.) and St. Patrick's Maghera (2pm) will both take place on Friday at Connacht venues.

Dungannon are through for the first time ever - but they will be familiar enough with their opponents Gort Community School as the sides met two weeks ago in Derrytresk in the Senior C semi-final.

On that day, Dungannon fought hard but lost out on a 4-1 to 1-4 scoreline. Significantly most of the Gort Senior side are in fact Juniors (under 16s), while only two of Brid Devlin's side played in the Senior side.

That makes it an uphill task for the Tyrone school, but they do have excellent players in captain Emma McAliskey, Ursula Coary and Brid O'Hagan and will give it their best shot.

St. Patrick's Dungannon : E O'Hagan, K Campbell, M Kane, C McGrath, U Coary, L Casey, E McAliskey, R Lesslar, B O'Hagan, N Hughes, M Cunningham, C Casey, J O'Neill, N McKenna, K Devlin.

Subs : E Mallon, M O'Neill, S Donnelly, B McCabe, C Jordan, C Mallaghan.

St. Patrick's Maghera of course are more experienced at All-Ireland level and they are expected to do well against Mercy Mountmellick (2pm on Friday). They only won the Ulster title last week, beating neighbours St. Pius X Magherafelt by two goals in the final.

They have a number of fine players but it took one of the youngest on the team Gráinne McNicholl - daughter of Swatragh legend Sarah Annie - to break the deadlock in the final with two goals early in the second half.

That game was played in bitterly cold conditions and that certainly affected the players. If it is a reasonably good day in Mountmellick, it might give the visitors the chance to open play up.

The schools have met before at Junior level about with Mountmellick winning in a replay. This time though I think Maghera can make it.

St. Patrick's Maghera : O McGillion, O Bradley, S Dillon, C Glass, Á Kelly, K Kieft, C Campbell, S Laverty capt., C McPeake, S McKaigue, M O'Neill, K Kieft, G McNicholl, E Duggan, P McKenna.

Subs : A Carton, C-A Murphy, O Devlin, A-M Logue, C Boyle, M McDevitt.

The Academy warmed up for the Gort challenge by sweeping into the under 16 12-a-side semi-final with a 7-3 to 3-3 win over Garron Tower in Monday's quarter-final in Belfast. Emma McAliskey did most of the damage up front with five of the goals.

St. Patrick's : Emma McAliskey 5-0 Niamh Hughes 1-1 Brid O'Hagan 0-1 Emma Mc Erlean 1-0

Garron Tower : Tessa McDonnell 2-0, Terri McNaughton 1-0, Maria McManus 0-3.

There are also All-Ireland Senior replays involving Magherafelt (v. Athenry) and Keady (v. Loughrea) in Galway this weekend.

Both Ulster champions had good first halves two weeks ago. Magherafelt's was into the stiff breeze and they should have done better with win assistance in the second. They have the ability to right that situation in

the reply.

Keady did quite well with the early wind assistance but didn't seem to build up a big enough lead at half-time. However they dug deep to force a replay. It was a good performance from the Armagh side - but they will need to improve substantially to win the replay.



(Above right) St. Vincent's Under 11 Camogie captain Chloe Anderson is congratulated by Cork Seniors Rachel Moloney and Ciara Healy at the Club's Victory social to mark their win in the Seandun championship. (Above left) Cllr. Dave McCarthy presents the Most Improved Players of the Year Awards to Laura Connolly and Chloe Anderson at the St. Vincent's Camogie Clubs Victory Social. Included are Cork Seniors Ciara Healy and Rachel Moloney. Pics Mike English

St Vincents Camogie Champions

(right) St. Vincent's Camogie team, winners of the Seandun Under 11 Championship. Included are Chloe Anderson (Captain), Ross Coecoran (Chairman), Kay Wilson (Hon. Sec.), Jackie Roddis (Treasurer) with Cork Senior players Rachel Moloney and Ciara Healy. Pic Mike English

Presentation, Athenry into the All-Ireland colleges Final

(2006-03-11)

Colleges' All-Ireland Senior A semi-final replay :

Presentation Athenry 3-14 St. Mary's Magherafelt 1-4

There didn't seem to be any reason at half-time that this All-Ireland Colleges' Senior semi-final would turn into a canter for Presentation Athenry.

Ulster champions St. Mary's Magherafelt had cancelled out early Noreen Coen points with a 10th minute goal from Emer Laverty and points from Michaela Convery and Sinéad McLaughlin had them leading coming into the break. Coen however bagged a 27th minute goal and then added a point to give her side a 1-5 to 1-3 interval advantage.

Within 10 minutes of the restart, there was only going to be one winner with five unanswered points - 4 of them from livewire full-forward Noreen Coen - giving Athenry firm control of the tie.

That was cemented by a 45th minute goal from Stephanie O'Dwyer and a second goal for Coen in the 58th minute giving her a grand total of 2-9 and the Player of the Match accolade.

Unfortunately Magherafelt had no answer to that second half blitz and they will have to wait another 12 months for the chance to reach a first final at this level.

Presentation Athenry : D Ward, M Ward (capt), R Kelly, K O'Dwyer, R Waldron, J Gill, L Callanan, C Kennedy 0-1, L Ryan 0-3, D Ryan 0-1, S O'Dwyer 1-0, M Carr, M McDonagh, N Coen 2-9, L Loughnane.

St. Mary's Magherafelt : N McEldowney, J Conway, A McCusker, G Lynch capt, S Lennon, N Doyle, D McCrystal, A Gribbin, U Devlin, M Convery 0-2, E McKenna, A McPeake, C Carey, S McLaughlin 0-2, E Laverty 1-0.

Gort Community School and St. Patrick's Maghera to All-Ireland colleges finals

(2006-03-10)

All-Ireland Colleges' Junior camogie semi-finals

Junior B - St. Patrick's Dungannon 1-5 Gort Community School 3-4

Junior C - St. Patrick's Maghera 2-5 Mercy Moutmellick 2-2

There was mixed fortune for Ulster's representatives in yesterday's All-Ireland Colleges' Junior camogie semi-finals at Connacht venues.

St. Patrick's Dungannon lost their B grade semi-final in Gort by 3-4 to 1-5, while St. Patrick's Maghera made it through their C semi-final in Mountmellick and will now meet Tulla Community School from Clare in the final on March 25th.

Maghera played with the aid of the strong breeze for the first half and led by 2-3 to 0-0 at the break - both goals coming from Karen Kieft.

They fought a rearguard action for the entire second half, but managed to break for points for Gráinne McNicholl (44 mins) and Sinéad Lavery (53). That kept them far enough ahead of the home side, who pulled a goal back in the 40th minute and then scored a second goal 5 minutes from time.

By contrast Dungannon faced the breeze at the start and found themselves down by 3-2 to a Cathy Carey goal at the turnover.

However they could not break Gort down at the back even though five Emma McAliskey kept them in touch.

St. Patrick's Maghera : Karen Kieft 2-1, Sinéad Laverty 0-2 (frees), Siobhán McKeague 0-1, Gráinne McNicholl 0-1.

Mercy Moutmellick : Corrina Donnellan 1-0, Éadaoin Monaghan 1-0, Fiona Brehony 0-1, Laura Smyth 0-1.

St. Patrick's Dungannon : Cathy Casey 1-0, Emma McAliskey 0-5.

CAMOGIE

National League Div 2B: Down 3-2 (C McGourty 1-2, C Mullholland, A Fearon 1-0 each) Clare 0-11 (D Lynch 0-8 (0-7f), F Lafferty 0-3f).

Division 3A: Roscommon 0-8 (C Kenny 2-4 (1-2f), A McGeeney 1-1, S Spillane,

M Healy 1-0 each, P Lennon, S Coyle, L Glennon 0-1 each) Cavan 0-4 (AM Fay 0-2, K McBride, M Prior 0-1 each).

Westmeath 3-8 (D Loughlin 1-5, K Clune 1-1, M Henry 1-0, A Heffernan 0-2) Tyrone 1-3 (McKernan 1-0, S McCann 0-3).

Division 3B: Carlow 1-6 (N Quirke 1-0, V Crean 0-4, F Byrne 0-2) London 1-4 (M Culligan 1-0, S Deasy 0-2, A O'Connell, S McMahon 0-1 each).

Colleges All-Ireland finals

Senior A semi-final replay: Presentation Athenry 3-14 (M Coen 2-9, S O'Dwyer 1-0, L Ryan 0-3, C Kennedy, D Ryan 0-1 each)

St Mary's Magherafelt 1-4 (E Laverty 1-0, S McLoughlin, M McConvery 0-2 each).

Senior B semi-final replay: St Patrick's Keady 2-6 (M McClelland 2-3, S McKee 0-2 (0-1f, 0-1'45), C Gray 0-1) St Brigid's Loughrea 1-6 (L Gaynor 1-0, T Manton 0-4, 10-2f, 0-2'45), J Coen, E Holland 0-1 each).



Captains Marie Corkery, Cork and Ann McCluskey, Dublin with referee John McDonnell before the Division 1 B camogie national league game in Ballynoe.

New look Cork have mixed fortunes

by Mary Newman

A WEEKEND of mixed fortunes for the Cork camogie team as the National league got under way at the magnificent St Catharines grounds in Ballynoe.

In a new look format Cork are fielding two senior teams this season in Division 1A and division 1B, and it was the All Ireland champions who recorded a victory over Dublin as the division 1b team went down by three points to All Ireland Junior champions Dublin.

Dublin	2-7
Cork	2-4

The opening game was by far the better of the two as Cork and Dublin got proceeding under way in the Division 1B clash.

Two determined teams battled it out before the points were secured by the girls in blue, Cork can consider themselves somewhat unlucky not to have got a share of the spoils as the lead changed hands six times.

Just three points separated them at the interval after a low scoring first half saw the visitors ahead 1-1 to 0-3. Miriam Deasy got Cork off to a good start with two points inside the opening four minutes, but we had to wait until the 13th minute before the visitors opened their account with Ciara Durkin pointing after good work from Julie Draper.

Through the second half it was nip and tuck. Dublin took the lead inside three minutes thanks to points from Niamh Taylor, but the hard working Miriam Deasy had it all square, forcing the ball over the line following good pressure from the Cork forwards. Julie Draper and Catherine Corkery exchanged points, but again Dublin stole ahead thanks to an Ashling Jordan point.

Cork hit the front with 10 minutes remaining as Miriam Deasy's long range effort ended

up in the Dublin net after Emer Butler looked to have it under control.

Within four minutes Dublin's Ashling Jordan scrambled the ball over the line in a packed goalmouth before two Ciara Lucey pointed free in the closing minutes.

Cork: E Clifford, A M Fleming, E O'Riordan, D Hayes, L O'Connell, R Curtin, E O'Sullivan, L Dorgan, M Corkery, C Corkery O'Neill, M Jaego, Watson Deasy, M Brown, Subs G Collins for M Brown (38mins) J Lucey for M Jaego (48mins) S Dowling for G Collins (55mins).

Cork	4-16
Limerick	0-2

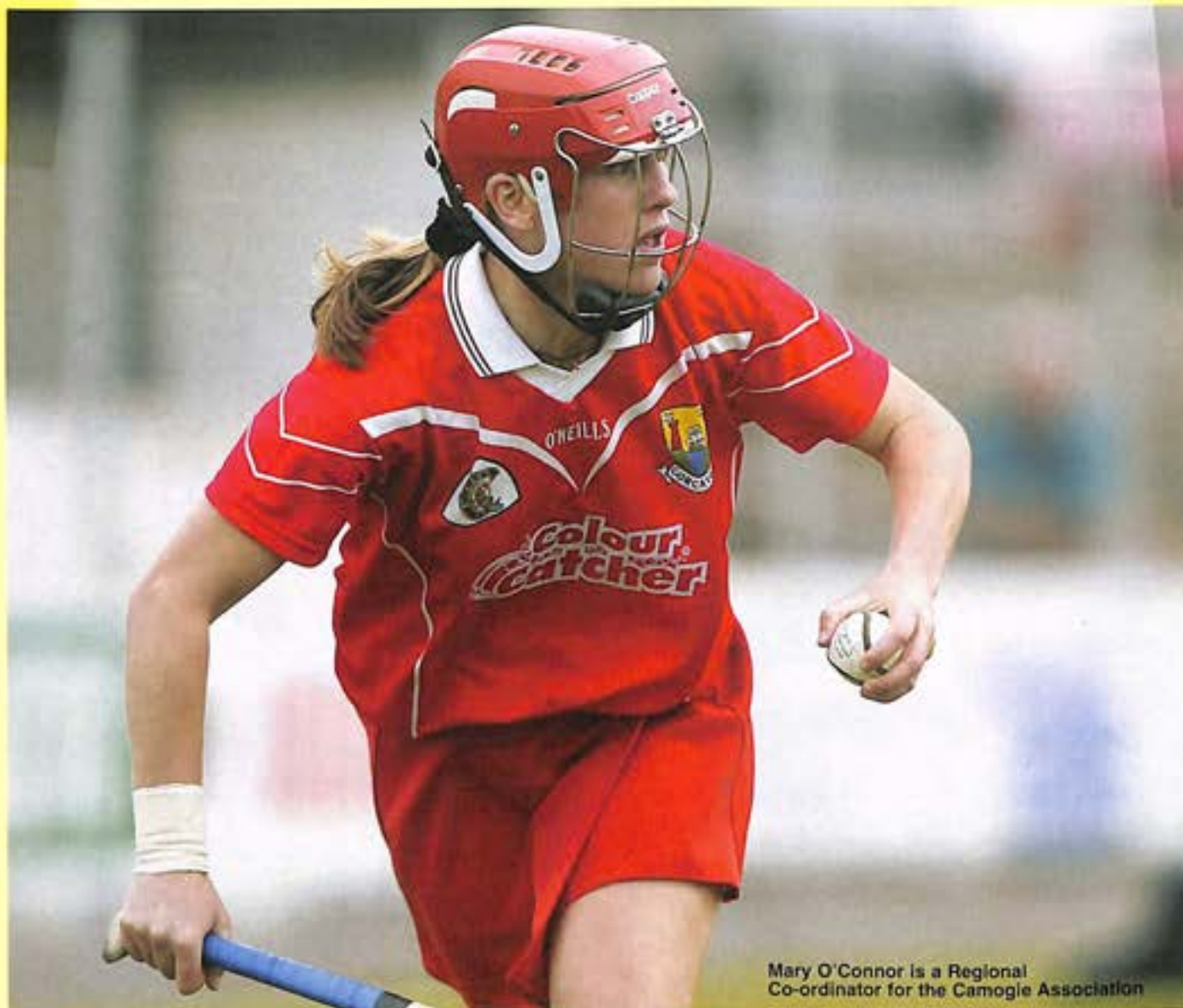
From the throw in All Ireland senior champions Cork were in total control of this Division 1A game with Limerick.

Fielding seven of the victorious championship winning side, they gave senior debuts to Emer O'Farrell, Sinéad Corkery, Lucy Hawkes, Catriona Foley and Orla Cotter, whilst there were places for Sara Hayes, Emer Watson and Ciara Healy.

Limerick travelled with just 14 players and it was obvious they were never going to match the home side, but nevertheless they could not be faulted for their efforts. By the half time whistle Cork had notched up 2-13 without reply. Sara Donovan grabbed the first goal in the opening minute and repeated the act two minutes to the break. In between we had points from Ciara Healy, Emer Watson, Brieger Corkery Jenna O'Connor and Elaine Burke as Cork dominated.

The second half was a similar pattern to the first, but Limerick fought every ball with determination. They were rewarded with two Michelle Casey points, but second half goals from Sarah Donovan and Elaine Burke added to the visitor's tale of woe.

Cork: A Murray, J. O'Callaghan, S Corkery, L Hawkes, S Hayes, M O'Connor, C Foley, B Corkery, O'Cotter, E O'Farrell, J O'Connor, E Watson, C Healy, S O'Donovan, E Burke. Sub A. Walsh for B Corkery (H/T)



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CAMOGIE *world*

by Maire Uí Scolai



with **Olhausen**

CAMOGIE KINGDOM

The Green and Gold got their first ever Uachtarán of the GAA three years ago, and almost three years later the Kingdom is again in the news for another major reason - the renaissance of the small ball for girls.

Last Autumn Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael took on three new full-time employees, one a National Development Co-Ordinator and two regional co-ordinators. Lynn Kelly of Limerick took the National job while Galway intercounty player Caroline Murray took the second, while

intercounty player Mary O'Connor of Cork took the other position.

Mary's remit covers Munster and South Leinster. With well-established county boards in all counties in Munster except Kerry this was the county that the Cork centre half back looked at almost immediately. North

Kerry, as we all know is the hurling part of the county and it was to here that Mary turned to.

A wonderful day was had in Kilmoyley on January 21st when following many weeks of hard work, over 250 young children from the smallies to the 11/12 year olds had a gala day. A brilliant organiser, Mary not only had all the children in action all day, but she also arranged the weather, it was an almost perfect summer's day. Fun for all and all for camogie, it was a day that most children who were fortunate enough to be there will not forget. It was especially appealing the amount of parents that stayed in attendance all day. Mary had plenty of efficient assistants on the day.

VISIT OF INTERCOUNTY STARS

During the course of the day, intercounty players, Tipperary's Deirdre Hughes, the only present day player to be named on the team of the century and last year's All-Ireland winning Cork captain Elaine Burke along side Sarah O'Donovan visited the camp as well as Chairman of Munster Council Eamonn Brown. The girls chatted with possible future stars and took time out to answer the all-important questions that the young generation have at times.

Not all was confined to the outdoors as a great art competition was held in the local primary schools. Some aspiring artists had Kerry camogie players in Croke Park! These were all on display in the school hall.

CLUBS SPRINGING UP

After only a few sort weeks, clubs are already being formed in Ballyhuige, while another was formed with full officers in the Ardfer/Kilmoyley area.

Killorglin, home to the Annual Puck Fair in August has also started up a club. It is very likely that clubs will also be set up shortly in other parts of the Kingdom. These fantastic results are the result of very hard work by Mary O'Connor while she has also received much assistance from Maurice Leahy, the Kingdom's Development officer. The close co-operation of the GAA was also evident on the day in Causeway Comprehensive School when the daughter of the famous Mike John

Dooley took to the small ball just like her famous Dad. One fears that when these women become efficient at camogie there will be no stopping in them.

DONEGAL HERE WE COME

It is a long way from Kerry to Donegal, but then it is a very scenic route that one might travel and Letterkenny is the place to be this month when the Annual Pan Celtic Festival takes place there for the very first time. As usual it will involve camogie. Just like Kerry, Donegal folk would be much more aware of the big ball than the small one but that is about

to change.

While teams from all over will take part in the Camogie Tournament on April 22nd and 23rd a Donegal team will take part for the very first time and it is expected that a number of Donegal club teams will also participate in the ever-growing festival. There is already talk by the Connacht/Leinster Co-Ordinator Caroline Murray of camogie in Sligo and Mayo, one feels sure of a very different story this time next year.

The second century of camogie is enjoying a real renaissance in counties not heard of largely 'till now. Camogie is in a firm grip and is definitely in safe hands.



Anna Geary in action for Cork

LEAGUE CONTINUES WITH TRIP TO GALWAY

CORK teams travel to Ballinasloe for a double National league fixture against Galway, the Division 1B team get proceedings off to a start at 1pm. Cork were narrowly defeat by Dublin in their opening game and they will be hoping for a better result this time out. Last season Cork won the junior league title defeating Galway and several of the players from that campaign will again be involved with both sides. Cork were disappointed to lose out narrowly in their outing with Dublin and they are determined to go one better this time out. Galway lost

out in their first game to Kilkenny 2-9 to 0-10 therefore both side will be anxiously to record their first league victory.

Galway were crowned national league champions last year but they come into the Division 1A game in search of their first victory this season having lost out to Kilkenny by five points in their opening game. Last year under the guidance of former inter county star Sharon Glynn they showed huge improvements to take the league title but they were bitterly disappointed to lose out in the cham-

ionship.

They have a nice blend of youth and experience and on their performance last season could prove handful for any opposition.

Cork learned little in their opening game against Limerick which was a one side's affair, the selectors rested several players who were involved in Ashbourne Cup but its expected that a stronger side will feature on Sunday next. Ballinasloe is the venue with the Division 1B game at 1pm and the Division 1A starting at 3pm.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman



Victorious Seandun Under 16 team with Cork player Amanda O'Regan at their recent medal presentation.

Cork hoping for double colleges glory

TWO Cork schools go in search of All Ireland honours on Saturday as St Marys Charleville contest the Senior A final against Presentation Athenry in Mc Donagh Park Nenagh on Saturday next at 2.45pm.

Two weeks ago Athenry were held to a draw by St. Marys Magherafield but in last weekends replay they made no mistake recording a 3-14 to 1-4 victory. They have strong performers in Rachel Kelly and Louise Callanan, last season they captured the junior All Ireland title having lost out in 2004 and with virtually the same panel again at their disposal they are seeking their fourth title their last success having come in 1978. Charleville had seven points to spare over a fancied St Brigid's Callan in their semi final

outing, they are a young and while the big names of former years have moved on they have ready made replacements in Aisling Thompson, Rebecca Finn, Rosemary Rea, Annette Mc Aniff, Aine Watson, Shannon Brosnan and Fiona Chawke. The team is captain is Ballyhea's Mary Coleman who is the holder of All Ireland minor honours with Cork.

Earlier this year the teams met with Charleville taking the All Ireland seven a side title with an impressive 7-5 to 5-3 victory the ten players from that panel form the back bone of Saturdays side.

Charleville are renowned for their camogie prowess and with six All Ireland colleges' senior titles to their credit they worthy of huge respect. The

driving force behind them is again coach Vincent Harrington and his colleague Ger Donovan, it's a third final in a row for them and having knocked out the favourites they are now determined to succeed. Ten of the senior panel will contest the junior final on Saturday week against Portumna, but for now the focus is firmly on Mc Donagh Park and Saturday.

Colaiste Choilm v Gort

Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig contest their first All Ireland colleges Senior C camogie final against Gort Community College in the curtain raiser in Mc Donagh Park. Fiona O Driscoll got camogie up and running in the progressive Ballincollig school and now the mantle is being carried on by for-

mer Cork inter county player Hilda O Mahony. The game has made huge progress in the school and they have also made it to the Intermediate "A" league semi final and the Cork colleges Intermediate and Junior finals. They knocked out Carrig on Suir in their opening game with one goal to spare before having five points to spare over Middleton. In the Munster final they had a big victory over Kinsale. Ballincollig, Eire Og, Inniscarra and St Finbarrs are represented on their panel Leah Weste, Aoife Mc Carthy, Clare Ryan, Ciara Mc Sweeney, Susan Kenefick Ashley Lovett will put in a huge effort to secure a first All Ireland camogie title for their side which is captained by Maria O Donoghue.

Seandun U15 champions

ON SUNDAY last Douglas 2 and Glen Rovers emerged to contest the Seandun Under 15 A championship final following a goods days camogie at the Glen Field. The weekend before Passage and Douglas 3 emerged from the B competition held at St Vincent's and they will contest the B final. On Friday evening the division celebrated their victory in the Under 16 interdivisional Camogie champions with a medal presentation at Blackrock GAA club. Amongst the attendance was Cork Camogie star Amanda O Regan who presented the medals to the victorious team, Amanda complemented the play-

ers and their selectors Cathal Egan Ger Sheehan and Pat Murray for the hard work which ensured their teams success, their first victory in ten years for the division. Selector Cathal Egan welcomes all present and paid tribute to his charges he also thanked all the clubs for their huge contribution. Captain Katie Hickey had huge praise for her team mates and thanked the officers of the division r their work and encouragements which ensured the team's success. The players were joined by parents and friends for a very enjoyable evening.

MARCH 2006

Peggy was the ultimate sportswoman

THE death of camogie star Peggy Horgan (nee Doran) at a relatively young age, 59, has left a deep sense of sadness in all who knew her, none more so than in her club Glen Rovers.

A member of the team that recorded a seven in-a-row of Cork County championship successes from 1962 to 1968, Peggy was also the holder of a senior championship medal won in 1968 when she was a member of the Glen panel at just 12 years of age.

Five years later, she was on the Cork senior panel and remained there until her retirement from inter-county camogie in 1971.

In 1963, she was honoured by Beamish and Crawford alongside Christy Ring with a sports star award. This was a huge honour for one so young.

At a young age, Peggy joined Glen Rovers and made friendships that lasted a life time. Club

chairperson Nora Newman has fond memories of Peggy who, along with Ann Crotty, were lifelong friends.

"Peggy was fantastic on the pitch and a fantastic friend. She played centre field and corner forward and travelled through the playing field like a swan in water. Her greatest game was the semi-final against Antrim in 1970," said Nora.

"She was strong willed and strong minded, but yet she was a very caring person. She was like family to me. We were close and went through a lot together.

"Her passing has left us very upset and I'll miss her a lot," added Nora.

Peggy spent her working life in the Eagle Printers and won many honours with the Glen, Cork and Munster. She made her inter-county debut in 1963 but she had to wait until 1970 before she won an All-Ireland



The late Peggy Horgan, front row, second from left, with members of the Glen Rovers camogie team that played Aloysius at the Mardyke on November 11, 1962.

Picture: Ref. 559

medal as Cork ended a 29-year gap to be crowned champions defeating Kilkenny in a thrilling final.

On the day, she contributed 2-1 to the Cork tally.

Peggy was by now married to well known GAA referee Willie Horgan and it was a historic day in more ways than one as Peggy became the first married player to win a

senior All-Ireland medal with Cork. There had been a ban on married players lining out with inter-county teams, but in 1968, the year Peggy married, the rule was changed.

That year Cork reached Croke Park for the first time in 12 years. The team was captained by Peggy's great friend Anna Crotty, but they had to give way to a Wex-

ford side who took the counties first title on a 4-2 to 2-5 score line.

It was to be 1970 before Cork reached their next final but the long wait finally came to an end when Ann Comerford lifted the O'Duffy Cup.

Peggy continued to play a huge role into the 1970s and was one of the senior playing members of an extremely young Glen side who were



Peggy Horgan

crowned Intermediate County Champions in 1974. "Peggy along with a few of the older players encouraged and coached us youngsters and it paid huge dividends," said club secretary Mary Newman.

Peggy's brother-in-law Tim described her beautifully at her funeral Mass when he said; "She was the ultimate sports-

woman." Peggy maintained a huge interest in the game long after her retirement from club camogie and up until Anna Crotty's death, both could be seen regularly at inter-county and club games near and far, Peggy with family en tow with Anna behind the wheel doing the driving.

Ms Newman said: "For me Peggy was a star and as a youngster tagging along to all the games with my mother, I adored Peggy, Anna Crotty and Deirdre Sutton. In my eyes they, and not anybody else, were the best.

"Heaven has now gained another star for that team above; may the sod of Rathcooney rest lightly on you dear Peggy.

"We in Glen Rovers will never forget you," said Mary.

Peggy is survived by her husband Willie, children Sinead, Mark, James and John, her sister Marie, brothers Michael John and Frank.

St Mary's out to end the title drought in Charleville

Saturday,
All-Ireland Senior Colleges final,
St Mary's, Charleville v Pres. Atherny
McDonagh Park, Nenagh, 2.45pm

By MARY NEWMAN
Camogie

MENTION St Mary's College Charleville and immediately you conjure up images of All-Ireland colleges camogie titles.

Therefore it's amazing to learn that it is four years since the Senior title last rested in the hallowed halls of North Cork's finest.

In the interim Coláiste Bríde of Enniscorthy have annexed three-in-a-row but has the time arrived for new kids on the block or will the old order be restored? Saturday will answer that question.

Joint coach Ger Donovan is under no illusions as to the task facing his charges when they face Presentation Atherny in McDonagh Park, Nenagh, tomorrow at 2.45pm.

"I watched them against St. Mary's, Magherafelt on Saturday and they were awesome," he said.

"They are a strong physical side and the weather conditions that are prevailing at the moment will certainly suit them."

Two weeks ago Atherny were held to a draw by St. Mary's, Magherafelt but in last weekend's replay they simply blew away the challenge posed by the northerners and ran up an impressive 3-14 to 1-4 victory margin.

Leading by two points at the interval, they upped the pace considerably in the second half, spear-headed by captain Mary Ward at full back, Rachel Kelly and Louise Callanan.

Last season they captured the junior All-Ireland title having lost out in 2004 and with virtually the same panel they are aiming for their fourth title the last achieved in 1978.

The main threat to Charleville's ambitions will come in the form of full forward Noreen Coen, who turned in an impressive afternoon's work last weekend, notching up 2-9.

Charleville defeated the strongly-fancied St Brigid's of Callan in an exciting semi final by 2-4 to 0-3.

They are a young, hard-working side and while they lack the big names of former years, they have many rising stars. Aisling Thompson, Annette McAuliffe, Aine Watson, Shannon Brosnan and Fiona Morrissey have already established themselves at club level and will

display the usual Charleville spirit, grit and determination to bring Corn Scellig back to Charleville.

There is plenty of inter-county experience in the side. Ballyhea's Mary Coleman, who is the holder of All Ireland minor honours with Cork, captains the side while Fiona Chawke and Fiona Morrissey have won minor B All Ireland honours with Limerick.

The teams have met already this season and it was first blood to Charleville who took the All Ireland seven-a-side title.

The ten players involved in that victory will be lining out on Saturday and O'Donovan feels this victory was an important one for Charleville.

"Having met them earlier in the year, we know what to expect, it will be the same for them but our girls were boosted with our sevens victory and it should stand us when the pressure comes on."

The famous camogie academy has prepared diligently under the watchful eye of coaches Vincent Harrington and O'Donovan. It's a third final in a row for them and having knocked out the favourites, they are now just 60 minutes away from achieving their dream.

An indication of how young Charleville are is that ten of their senior panel will contest the Junior final on Saturday week against Portumna.

"We will have five of the junior team starting in the senior final; Aisling Thompson, Rebecca Finn, Maria Walsh, Rosemary Rea and Annette McAuliffe," said O'Donovan.

"We're young but determined and will give it our best shot, they are a superb outfit, but we have a proud tradition here in Charleville and we will not be found wanting."

Form slightly favours Atherny but if Charleville can contain the threat up front then the title should be joining the sevens trophy by 4.30p, on Saturday.

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE
Eileen Hanley, Fiona Chawke, Rebecca Finn, Orla Carroll, Maria Walsh, Fionnuala Dore, Sarah Sexton, Rosemary Rea, Mary Coleman (C), Fiona Morrissey, Aine Watson, Aisling Thompson, Annette McAuliffe, Shannon Brosnan, Lisa Fitzgerald.

Subs: Rachel Waters, Michelle O'Connor, Lisa Meaney, Joanne Herlihy, Fiona O'Connell, Aisling McAuliffe, Cliona Galvin, Darina O'Callaghan, Eimear Healy.

Selectors: Ger O'Donovan, Vincent Harrington.

CORK and Tipperary have been the dominant force in Camogie for a long while now.

Back in '96, '97 and '98 it was the Galway girls who stood in Cork's way.

Trouble behind closed doors, star players retiring in their mid-20s and poor management led to the County falling off the face of the map when it came to listing the country's top championship contenders.

Enter star former inter-county player Sharon Glynn and you now have a team capable, on their day, of upsetting any side.

Glynn took over as manager of the Galway senior side in January of last year and in a very short space of time turned Galway's fortunes around. She injected life and belief in her young side and 2005 was a good year for the county.

They defeated Cork in the National League final on a score of 1-6 to 6 points and it was a major boost for them.

The two sides met again in July in the first round of the All-Ireland group series. Galway were once again on top form and dominated the game.

Yet they lost out to a Cork team who pulled out all the stops in the last 15 minutes and advanced by a single point.

Next Sunday the sides clash again in Division 1A of the National League in Ballinasloe.

Cork won their first round against Limerick with absolute ease.

Galway, however, surprisingly, fell to Kilkenny. Glynn has brought former team mate Pamela Nevin on board and this should only strengthen Galway's cause.

Cork played very much an experimental side against Limerick, opting to rest many of their third level colleges' players.

While using the league to try out new players, they will hardly rest so many regulars again on Sunday.

Capturing the points and reaching the latter stages of



Former Galway player Sharon Glynn is now in charge of the intercounty side. She has turned around their fortunes in a short space of time.

Galway will test Rebels

By LINDA MELLERICK
Camogie National League

the league is important for Cork.

Veronica Curtin and Breda Kerins will be the major threats up front for Galway while Therese Maher will drive her team forward from centre back.

Both sides are skilful. It should prove to be a lively, fast, exciting encounter.

The division 1B side take to the field before the senior

game against the same opposition and they too face a tough task.

A magnificent National League final saw Cork defeat the westerners by three points last May.

Yet, as always, the B side find themselves in a bit of a fix when double headers take place as many of their players are on the senior panel.

With the senior mentors resting a lot of their regulars, it is much of the 'B' selection who fill the gaps.

Finding out who is and

isn't available to them can be a headache for management and both sets of mentors need to find the correct balance in order to maximise both claims on the titles.

The B side lost out to All-Ireland champions Dublin last weekend in the first round but with a little extra strength up front, could have taken the points.

FIXTURES
Sunday, March 19
National League Division 1A:
Galway v Cork, Ballinasloe, 3.15pm
National League Division 1B:
Galway v Cork, Ballinasloe, 1.30pm.

O'Mahony wants title glory

Saturday,
All-Ireland Senior C Colleges final
Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig v St
Fergal's Rathdowney
McDonagh Park, Nenagh, 1pm

SATURDAY is a historic day for Colaiste Choilm of Ballincollig when they contest their first All-Ireland colleges Senior C camogie final against St Fergal's, Rathdowney *writes MARY NEWMAN*.

Former Cork intercounty player Hilda O'Mahony is in charge of the Ballincollig team.

"There is a great buzz around the school and we are really looking forward to Saturday."

"Camogie is on a high here in Colaiste Choilm, we are also in the intermediate A league semi final and the Cork colleges Intermediate and Junior finals and are determined to bring the first All-Ireland title back this weekend."

Ballincollig had to call on all their resources before defeating Carrick-on-Suir in their opening game where just one

goal separated the sides, while they had five points to spare over Middleton before recording a comprehensive victory over Middleton to take the Munster title.

"Since the first round we have not really been tested properly, we have played several tough challenge games but it not really the same; hopefully we won't be overcome by the occasion."

The majority of the players come from the Ballincollig club while Eire Óg, Inniscarra and St Finbarr's are also represented. Clare Ryan and Susan Kenefick will be hoping to carry on traditions

and add All-Ireland medals to their family's collections; Susan's grandfather Mick Kenefick captained Cork to All-Ireland glory in 1943 while Clare Ryan is a niece of former All-Ireland winning captain Tomas Mulcahy, her grandfather Gerald Mulcahy won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Cork in 1955.

COLAISTE CHOILM: Aisleen Sheehan, Alison Coughlan, Clodhna McCarthy, Susan Kenefick, Kate O'Donoghue, Leah Weste, Brea O'Callaghan, Maria O'Donoghue (C), Sarah Buckley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Claire Ryan, Ashley Lovett, Holly Coomey, Aoife McCarthy, Ciara Mc Sweeney. **Subs:** Fiona Kearney, Grainne Desmond, Noreen Bradley, Lisa O'Callaghan, Elizabeth Harrington, Aisling Punch, Maeve Ni Bhuchalla, Emer O'Sullivan, Clodhna Irish, Keely Sheehan, Orla Murphy, Lisa O'Sullivan.

Selectors: Hilda O'Mahony, Conor Kinsella

Cluichí Ceannais na n-larbhunscoileanna sa Chamógaíocht 2006

Sinsear A

Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Ráth Lúirc

v

Coláiste na Toirbhirthe, Béal Áth an Rí

[John Pender, Kildare]

Sinsear B

Coláiste Fhearghail Naofa, Ráth Domhnaig

v

Coláiste Naomh Pádraig, An Céidigh

[Cathal Egan, Cork]

Sinsear C

Coláiste Choilm, Baile an Chollaigh

v

Pobalscoil na Goirte

[Eamonn Browne, Tipperary]

Replay Date: Saturday 1st April

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FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

Tá an-áthas orm fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taitheamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Is lá an-mhór é dár foirne mar is acusan an onóir bheith amuigh ansin ar an bpáirc ar thóir na glóire.

I am delighted to welcome you to our senior finals day. In particular, I greet the stars of the show – the players who won the right to challenge for the highest prize. I welcome also the families and school friends who have travelled to support.

It is a long and difficult road to the All Ireland Finals. Months of practice to improve skill, fitness and teamwork has to be undertaken. Many hurdles have to be cleared as progress is made in the championships but it all worthwhile as the teams take the field today in their school colours.

St. Mary's, Charleville, coached by Ger O' Donovan and the charismatic Vince Harrington, contest their fifth final in six years and provide formidable opposition to Eoin Mac Giollacuddy's Pres, Athenry who last won the Senior A title in 1975. Indeed, Athenry are the reigning Junior A Champions whilst their illustrious opponents from Cork contested the last two senior finals.

St. Patrick's, Keady required a replay to defeat St. Brigid's, Loughrea to qualify for the Senior B final and meet St. Fergal's, Rathdowney who won the Junior B C.Ship in 2003 and also accounted for a fancied Borrisokane in their semi-final this year.

In the inaugural Senior C final, Coláiste Choilm from Ballincollig, coached by Hilda Kenneally from Newcestown, meet Gort Community School. The introduction of this grade, along with the Senior B success since 1999, has added a new dimension to schools camogie and may pave the way for even more National competitions.

I thank those who foster camogie in our schools. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na hoifigigh, na réiteoirí, na múinteoirí agus le achan duine ar son a gcabhrach.

Guím gach ráth ar na himreoirí uile atá ar pháirc na himeartha inniu agus oraibh go léir.

Dónal De Burca
Uachtarán

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1969	Pres, Kilkenny	St. Aloysius, Cork	3-2 to 1-2	Mary Tallis
1970	Pres, Kilkenny	Sacred Heart, Newry	2-3 to 1-1	Liz Neary
1971	Sacred Heart, Newry	Pres, Mountmellick	3-2 to 2-1	Anne McCone
1972	Pres, Oranmore	St. Louise, Kilkeel	6-1 to 4-4	Marie Murphy
1973	Pres, Mountmellick	Pres, Athenry	4-2 to 1-2	Carmel Cottrell
1974	Pres, Athenry	St. Louise, Kilkeel	3-1 to 1-0	Midge Poniard
1975	Pres, Athenry	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Poniard
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork	Pres, Athenry	2-2 to 0-2	Jacinta O' Brien
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres, Athenry	2-2 to 1-3	Cora Hennessy
1978	Pres, Athenry	Loreto, Coleraine	2-3 to 2-2	Anne Poniard
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres, Athenry	3-3 to 1-3	Majella Hallinan
1980	North Pres, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	4-7 to 1-1	Imelda Cronin
1981	St. Patrick's, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	1-3 to 0-5	Ann O' Mahony
1982	St. Patrick's, Shannon	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	1-7 to 1-4	Caroline O' Meara
1983	St. John Of God-Artane	St. Patrick's, Cork	2-6 to 2-1	Adele Campbell
1984	Maryfield, Dublin	North Pres, Cork	2-5 to 0-5	Roisin Brady
1985	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Cork	4-7 to 3-3	Deirdre Costello
1986	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	FCJ Buncloody	3-5 to 0-4	Angela Cooney
1987	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-8 to 0-4	Brid Stratford
1988	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	FCJ Buncloody	2-13 to 1-5	Imelda Hobbins
1989	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Keady	5-9 to 2-10	Triona Dolphin
1990	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	3-11 to 2-0	Imelda Maher
1991	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	Vocational, Thomastown	3-6 to 0-0	Siobhán Keane
1992	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-7 to 2-4	Pamela Nevin
1993	St. Brigid's, Callan	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-7 to 1-2	Sinead Millea
1994	St. Patrick's, Nenagh	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-10 to 1-2	Noelle Kennedy
1995	Pres, Kilkenny	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-4 to 2-4	Deirdre Phelan
1996	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	1-15 to 3-3	Deirdre Sheehan
1997	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-16 to 4-2	Vera Sheehan
1998	St. Mary's, Charleville	Coláiste Bride	1-11 to 1-4	Sinead Callaghan
1999	St. Mary's, Charleville	Coláiste Bride	3-10 to 0-5	Caoimhe Harrington
2000	St. Mary's, Nenagh	Seamount, Kinvara	3-6 to 0-7	Mary Rose Ryan
2001	St. Mary's, Charleville	Loreto, Kilkenny	4-7 to 0-3	Niamh Bowles
2002	St. Mary's, Charleville	Portumna Community	4-16 to 1-9	Aine Kelleher
2003	Coláiste Bride	St. Patrick's, Maghera	5-7 to 0-3	Ciara O' Connor
2004	Coláiste Bride	St. Mary's, Charleville	0-8 to 0-8	Ursula Jacob
Replay	Coláiste Bride	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-7 to 2-4	Bronagh Furlong
2005	Coláiste Bride	St. Mary's, Charleville	1-8 to 2-3	

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1999	Sacred Heart, Clonsilla	Kilcormac Vocational	3-13 to 2-5	Geraldine Collins
2000	St. Patrick's, Shannon	St. Cuan's, Castleblaney	3-5 to 1-0	Siobhán Kelly
2001	St. Brigid's, Callan	Mercy, Woodford	2-5 to 1-4	Aoife Tracy
2002	Mercy, Waterford	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	2-8 to 1-5	Mairéad Murphy
2003	Coachford College	Pres, Athenry	1-5 to 0-7	Joan Twomey
2004	St. Rynagh's, Banagher	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	2-7 to 0-7	Susan Eamer
2005	Mercy, Woodford	Ursuline's, Thurles	2-6 to 0-5	Phylis Hayes

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St. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Ráth Lúirc

Navy & Sky Blue

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Eileen Hanley | Milford |
| 2. Fiona Chawke | Granagh/Ballingarry |
| 3. Rebecca Finn | Milford |
| 4. Orla Carroll | Ballyhea |
| 5. Maria Walshe | Ballyhea |
| 6. Fionnuala Dore | Ballyagran |
| 7. Sarah Sexton | Milford |
| 8. Rosemary Rea | Ballyagran |
| 9. Mary Coleman [C] | Ballyhea |
| 10. Fiona Morrissey | Granagh/Ballingarry |
| 11. Aine Watson | Milford |
| 12. Aisling Thompson | Milford |
| 13. Annette McAuliffe | Ballyagran |
| 14. Shannon Brosnan | Ballyagran |
| 15. Lisa Fitzgerald | Ballyagran |

Subs:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 16. Rachel Waters | Ballyhea |
| 17. Michelle O' Connor | Newtownshandrum |
| 18. Lisa Meaney | Ballyhea |
| 19. Joanne Herlihy | Newtownshandrum |
| 20. Fiona O' Connell | Buttevant |
| 21. Ashling McAuliffe | Ballyagran |
| 22. Cliona Galvin | Milford |
| 23. Darina O' Callaghan | Buttevant |
| 24. Eimear Healy | Buttevant |

Selector:

Ger O' Donovan
Vincent Harrington

Many of the players on view today will represent Ulster, Connaught, Leinster or Munster for the Interprovincial Post Primary competition on Saturday, 8th April in Portlarnock. Many thanks to O' Neill's for sponsoring the competition.

PRES, ATHENRY

Coláiste na Toirbhirthe, Béal Áth an Rí

White & Maroon

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Deirdre Ward | Athenry |
| 2. Mary Ward [C] | Athenry |
| 3. Rachel Kelly | Craghwell |
| 4. Katie O' Dwyer | Athenry |
| 5. Rachel Waldron | Athenry |
| 6. Jessica Gill | Athenry |
| 7. Ciara Kennedy | Killimor Daly |
| 8. Darina Ryan | Killimor Daly |
| 19. Lorraine Ryan | Killimor Daly |
| 10. Louise Callanan | Clarinbridge |
| 11. Stephanie O' Dwyer | Athenry |
| 12. Maedbh Carr | Athenry |
| 13. Madelene McDonagh | Athenry |
| 14. Laura Walshe | Turloughmore |
| 15. Noreen Coen | Athenry |

Subs:

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 16. Laura Loughnane | Athenry |
| 17. Aine Seoighe | Athenry |
| 18. Rachel Kennedy | Craughwell |
| 20. Emma Rourke | Craughwell |
| 21. Kayla Hallissey | Athenry |
| 22. Deirdre Fahy | Turloughmore |
| 23. Sarah Coen | Killimordaly |
| 24. Alison Healy | Athenry |

Selectors:

Eoin McGillicuddy
Caroline Carr

The Senior A Cup, Corn Sceilg was donated by the O' Kelly family in memory of their father, JJ O' Kelly. Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Minister for Education in the second Dáil, was a member of Craobh an Chéitinnigh of the Gaelic League where Camogie originated.

Pen Pictures: St. Mary's Charleville Senior Camogie Panel

Eileen Hanley (Milford) Reliable goalkeeper who was outstanding in the semi final win. Commands her backline very well and is a great shotstopper. Loves buying all kinds of sports jerseys!! Even Wednes!!

Fiona Chawke (Granagh/Ballingarry) A skilful defender. Daughter of the famous Bernice and Mike, she is following in her parents' footsteps with her displays on the field. Has won an All Ireland Senior Club Camogie medal. Talks a lot to Coleman and McCauley in Business class!!

Rebecca Finn (Milford) Although still only 14 she is a commanding presence in the full back line. Tough player who is possibly the most skilful on the team. Loves to do spins on training!!

Orla Carroll (Ballyhea) One of the players of the match in the semi final win. A tough no nonsense corner back. An opposing corner forward won't like to be marked by Orla. Likes going to Dundrum!!

Maria Walshe (Ballyhea) What a player! Great heart and determination. Is in great form this year. Still a junior player. Has a great future ahead in the game and would like everyone to know that as **Walshe Walshe**.

Fionnuala Dore (Ballyagran) A classy centre back who is also an accomplished basketball player that plays with University of Limerick. Very athletic and skilful. Great heart and will never give up. Managing Director of Choice Clothing's Main Company but secretly would like to be part of V&A VROOM!!!

Sarah Sexton (Milford) A skilful, fast elusive player. An attacking half back. A key member of the Milford Senior team. Has been known to sleep a lot on school buses!!

Mary Coleman (Ballyhea) (Captain) Daughter of Geraldine who played intercounty with Limerick. A skilful midfielder who sets up a lot of the play for the forwards with her quick thinking and vision. Has played for Cork at many levels. Likes to sleep in Spanish class!!

Rosemary Rea (Ballyagran) Still only in second year Rosemary is a future star in the game of camogie. Very fast and skilful, she plays midfield on both the schools junior and senior teams. Would love to play for Cork!!

Fiona Morrissey (Granagh/Ballingarry) Playing really well at the moment in her best year ever for the school. Is at present a Limerick senior and capable of taking her scores. Has won an All Ireland Senior Club Camogie medal. Loves her ears!!

Aine Watson (Milford) Following in her mother's and mother's footsteps in being another great player. Chief playmaker on the team. Has represented Cork at many levels. Reckons that farmers are the richest people in Ireland!!

Aisling Thompson (Milford) Captain of this year's junior team. Aisling is a fast, skilful and elusive forward who is great to take her scores. Has represented her county and will be a name to watch in the future. Tadgh Keating's favourite person on the bus!!

Annette McAuliffe (Ballyagran) Another 2nd year on the team and is sister of Aisling and Sarah. Is a goal poster supreme who has buckets of talent. Is playing corner forward on today's team. One of the jokers in second year!!

Shannon Brosnan (Ballyagran) A very hardworking player who is playing in a new role of full forward this year. Has represented Limerick at many levels. A keen supporter of the Limerick Intercounty Senior Hurling team!!

Lisa Fitzgerald (Ballyagran) Free taker and exceptionally gifted hurler. Has loads of skill. Playing corner forward. Scored 2.5 in the semifinal. Quiet but is always the quiet ones you have to watch out for!!

Rachel Waters (Ballyhea) A tough player who always gives 100%. Can play in both the backs and the forwards. Sister of Edwina who played for the school over the last few years. Was the busiest shopper on the schools recent school tour!!

Michelle O' Connor (Newtownshandrum) Comes from a famous family. Is sister of John, Ben, Jerry and Paula. Very skilful player who is capable of being tough when needs be. Will be cheering on Newtown seniors in the All Ireland final where hopefully they will have won!!

Lisa Meaney (Ballyhea) A very reliable defender who is very committed to the schools camogie teams. Will never make it easy for an opponent. Bought a lovely belt on the school tour in Rome!!

Joanne Herlihy (Newtownshandrum) A very dedicated member of the panel. Can play in the backs or the forwards. A very skilful player. Won an award for Finance in last years Main Company County Final. Another quiet one but what have we said before about the quiet ones!!

Fiona O' Connell (Buttevant) Still in TY. Fiona is an attacking player who has great leading skills. Played midfield on last year's junior team and was one of the main reasons why Buttevant won this years County U16 title. Likes to do a bit of shopping as shown on the school tour!!

Ashling McAuliffe (Ballyagran) Sister of Annette and Sarah. Ashling can play in the backs or the forwards. Is playing a starting role on this year's junior team. Can be relied on and is a skilful player. Another quiet one, but what have we said before about the quiet ones!!

Cliona Galvin (Milford) Another star of the future. Is a tough and skilful back who never gives an opposing forward too much room. A star on the junior team and is still junior again next year. Could yet decline for Kerry under the parents rule!!

Darina O' Callaghan (Buttevant) A very talented player who is terrorising defenses all year so far. A corner forward with an eye for goal. Is still only in 2nd year and has a great future ahead of her. If you want some famous Darina is your woman!!

Eimear Healy (Buttevant) A 2nd year who plays midfield on the schools junior team. A very talented hurler who is also a great freetaker. Will have a crucial role to play in years to come for the school. Has been known to confuse the dentist with the handbrakes!!

Ger O' Donovan - runner up in the last year's contest!! Munster Colleges Chairman. Single. Low mileage!!

Vincent Harrington - Bought a shirt!!

Camogie was introduced to St. Mary's Charleville in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork and Munster Colleges titles, St. Mary's have won 28 All Ireland Colleges titles which include Senior, Junior and 7 a side. Charleville are indebted for much of their success to their local clubs, namely Ballyagran, Ballyhea, Buttevant, Charleville, Granagh/Ballingarry, Kilsalllock, Milford and Newtownshandrum.

The All Ireland Post Primary Committee consists of Donal Burke, President (Connaught), Noelle O' Driscoll, Vice President (Leinster), Prionsias Creedon, Runai (Munster), Caltriona Scott, Treasurer (Ulster), Colette Kennedy, Ardchomhairle delegate (Connaught), Colm O Cathain, Sponsorship (Leinster), Ann Marie Bateson, Registrar (Ulster), Jennifer Steede, PRO (Leinster), Vince Harrington, Trophies (Munster) and Paul Beecher, Ref Liaison (Leinster).

Pen Pictures: Presentation, Athenry Senior Camogie Panel

Deirdre Ward (Athenry) Jun A All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Mary Ward [C] (Athenry) Senior B 2003, Sen A '06

Rachel Kelly (Craughwell) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Katie O' Dwyer (Athenry) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Rachel Waldron (Athenry) Jun A All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Jessica Gill (Athenry) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04, All Ireland '05, Sen A '06, Played half back in 2003 All Ireland senior B final v Coachford.

Ciara Kennedy (Killimordaly) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Darina Ryan (Killimordaly) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Lorraine Ryan (Killimordaly) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Louise Callanan (Clarinbridge) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Stephanie O' Dwyer (Athenry) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Maedbh Carr (Athenry) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Madelene McDonagh (Athenry) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen B 2003, Sen A '06

Laura Walshe (Turloughmore) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Noreen Coen (Athenry) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen B 2003, Sen A '06, Scored 2-9 in semi final replay! Scored 3 points as a first year in 2003 senior B final

Laura Loughnane (Athenry) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Aine Seoighe (Athenry) Sen A '06

Rachel Kennedy (Craughwell) 1st Yr 9-A-Sides, Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Emma Rourke (Craughwell) Sen A '06

Kayla Hallissey (Athenry) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Deirdre Fahy (Turloughmore) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Sarah Coen Ryan (Killimordaly) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Alison Healy (Athenry) Jun A '04 & All Ireland '05, Sen A '06

Pen Pictures: Gort Community School Senior Camogie Panel

Aoihbhinn Linnane (Gort) Connaught Senior C, Co. U14

April Dooley (Thames) Connaught Senior C, U16

Brenda Killilea (Gort) Connaught Senior C, Co. U14

Chloe Curtin (Thomas) Connaught Senior C

Claire Quinn (Thomas) Connaught Senior C

Clara O' Connor (Kilnamona) Connaught Senior C, U16, Clare U18

Evelyn Glynn (Kilnamona) Connaught Senior C, U14, U16, Primary game

Finola Keely (Thomas) Connaught Senior C, U12, U16

Heather Cooney (Thomas) Connaught Senior C, U16, Co. U16

Jessica Dooley (Thomas) Connaught Senior C, Co. U16

Laura Murphy (Vc) (Ardahan) Connaught Senior C

Meghan Scully (Ardahan) Connaught Senior C

Michelle Kelly [C] (Thomas) Connaught Senior C, Galway Juniors

Rachel O' Toole (Ardahan) Connaught Senior C, U13, U12

Sharon Lee (Kilnamona) Connaught Senior C, U16, U18

Sinead Gardiner (Ardahan) Connaught Senior C, U16

Stacey Lynskey (Thomas) Connaught Senior C, U16

Stephanie Broderick (Thomas) Connaught Senior C, U16

Stephanie Taaffe (Kilnamona) Connaught Senior C, U14

Tracey Mahon (Thomas) Connaught Senior C

Andrea Lally (Gort) Connaught Senior C, U12, U14

Lorraine Moylan (Thomas) Connaught Senior C, U14

Kathleen Hall (Ardahan) Connaught Senior C, U16

St. Patrick's, Keady – Senior B Finalist 2006



St. Fergal's, Rathdowney – Senior B Finalist 2006



Presentation, Athenry – Senior A Finalist 2006



St. Mary's, Charleville – Senior A Finalist 2006



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St. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, KEADY

Coláiste Naomh Pádraig, An Céidigh

Yellow, Maroon & Blue

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Catherine Toner | Ballymacnab |
| 2. Aileen McParland | Ballymacnab |
| 3. Roisin Murray | Keady |
| 4. Mairead Shortt | Ballymacnab |
| 5. Edel McParland | Ballymacnab |
| 6. Danielle McBirney [C] | Keady |
| 7. Shauna McKee | Ballymacnab |
| 8. Sarah Molloy | Keady |
| 9. Gráinne Kelly | Granemore |
| 10. Mairead McClelland | Ballymacnab |
| 11. Michelle Murphy | Keady |
| 12. Stephanie McParland | Ballymacnab |
| 13. Noelle O' Hanlon | Middletown |
| 14. Kerryann Tomany | Keady |
| 15. Geraldine Gray | Ballymacnab |

Subs:

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 16. Laura Comiskey | Keady |
| 17. Corrina McKee | Ballymacnab |
| 18. Oonagh Curry | Middletown |
| 19. Kerry Mone | Keady |
| 20. Natalie Gray | Ballymacnab |
| 21. Angela Clarke | Madden |
| 22. Shauna Smyth | Ballymacnab |
| 23. Claire McKernan | Derrynoose |
| 24. Orla Doyle | Granemore |
| 25. Roisin Mallon | Madden |
| 26. Emma Haughey | Granemore |

Selectors:

Paddy Hughes
Ann Marie Bateson

A camogie player can hand pass a goal and can also drop the hurley to play the ball away

St. FERGAL'S, RATHDOWNEY

Coláiste Fhearghail Naofa, Ráth Domhnaigh

Green & Red

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Emma Davy | St. Brigid's |
| 2. Aoife Quinlan | St. Brigid's |
| 3. Sinead Delaney | St. Brigid's |
| 4. Kate Hyland | St. Brigid's |
| 5. Mary Dowling | St. Brigid's |
| 6. Marion O' Grady | St. Brigid's |
| 7. Karen Cuddy | St. Brigid's |
| 8. Eimear Delaney [C] | St. Brigid's |
| 9. Mary Fitzpatrick | St. Brigid's |
| 10. Sinead Sinnott | St. Brigid's |
| 11. Aine O' Mahony | The Harps |
| 12. Linda Moylan | St. Brigid's |
| 13. Sharon Fitzgerald | The Harps |
| 14. Margaret Kelly | St. Brigid's |
| 15. Rachel Hyland | St. Brigid's |

Subs:

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|------------------------|--------------|
| 16. Emma Dollard | St. Brigid's |
| 17. Laura Fogarty | St. Brigid's |
| 18. Eimear O' Grady | St. Brigid's |
| 19. Stephanie Guidera | St. Brigid's |
| 20. Catherine Harrison | St. Brigid's |
| 21. Emma Galvin | The Harps |
| 22. Ciara Quinlan | St. Brigid's |
| 23. Emma Gorman | St. Brigid's |
| 24. Kate Dowling | St. Brigid's |
| 25. Jennifer Hyland | St. Brigid's |

Selectors:

Fergal Ryan

Ulster has 41 schools, Connaught has 16 schools, Leinster has 75 schools and Munster has 79 schools participating in county or provincial colleges competitions – 211 in total

Pon Pictures: St. Fergal's, Rathdowney Camogie Panel

Eimear Delaney (Captain) (St. Brigids) 4 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster Schools Football, 1 Jun All Ireland Camogie Club 2 U.16 Co. C.Ships, 2 U.14 Co. C.Ships, 1 Minor Co. C.Ship, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
Linda Moylan (St. Brigids) 4 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster Schools Football, 1 Jun All-Ireland Camogie Club 2 U.16 Co. C.Ships, 2 U.14 Co. C.Ships, 1 Minor Co. C.Ship, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
Margaret Kelly (St. Brigids) 4 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster Schools Football, 1 Jun All-Ireland Camogie Club 2 U.16 Co. C.Ships, 2 U.14 Co. C.Ships, 1 Minor Co. C.Ship, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
Sinead Sinnott (St. Brigids) 4 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster Schools Football, 1 Jun All-Ireland Camogie Club 2 U.16 Co. C.Ships, 2 U.14 Co. C.Ships, 1 Minor Co. C.Ship, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
Marian O Grady (St. Brigids) 4 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster Schools Football, 1 Jun All-Ireland Camogie Club 2 U.16 Co. C.Ships, 2 U.14 Co. C.Ships, 1 Minor Co. C.Ship, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
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Sinead Delaney (St. Brigids) 3 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Jun All Ireland Camogie, Club 1 U.14 Co. C.Ship, 1 U.16 Co. C.Ship, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
Eimear O Grady (St. Brigids) 3 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Jun All Ireland, Club 1 U.14 Co. C.Ship, 1 U.16 Co. C.Ship
Emma Dollard (St. Brigids) 2 Leinster Schools Camogie, Club 1 U.14 Co. C.Ships, 1 U.16 Co. C.Ships, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
Kate Hyland (St. Brigids) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster Schools Football, Club 1 U.16 Co. C.Ships, 1 Jun Co. C.Ship
Rachel Hyland (St. Brigids) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster Schools Football, Club 1 U.14 Co. C.Ship, 1 U.16 Co. C.Ship
Laura Fogarty (St. Brigids) 3 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Jun All Ireland Camogie, Club 1 U.14 Co. C.Ship, 1 U.16 Co. C.Ship
Stephanie Guidera (St. Brigids) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, Plays camogie and ladies football, Sharon Fitzgerald (The Harps) 2 Leinster Schools Camogie, Club U.14 Co. Shield
Catherine Harrison (St. Brigids) 2 Leinster Schools Camogie, Plays camogie and ladies football, Emma Davy (St. Brigids) 2 Leinster Schools Camogie, Club 1 Co. U.14 C.Ship
Mary Dowling (St. Brigids) 2 Leinster Schools Camogie, Club 1 Co. C.Ship
Aoife Quinlan (St. Brigids) 2 Leinster Schools Camogie, Has won Leinster U.14 C.Ship with Laois Club U.14 Shield Final, Emma Galvin (The Harps) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, Has won Leinster U.14 C.Ship with Laois Club U.16 Shield Final
Clara Quinlan (St. Brigids) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, 1 Leinster C.Ship with Laois U.14
Emma Gorman (St. Brigids) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, Club 1 Co. Shield U.14
Jennifer Hyland (St. Brigids) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, Club 1 Co. Shield U.14
Kate Dowling (St. Brigids) 1 Leinster Schools Camogie, Club 1 Co. Shield U.14

All Ireland Semi-Finals

Senior A	St. Mary's Charleville	2-4	St. Brigid's, Callan	0-3
	Pres. Athenry	2-6	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	3-3
	Replay:	3-12		1-4
Senior B	Borrisokane	0-5	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	3-9
	St. Patrick's, Keady	2-8	St. Brigid's VS. Loughrea	3-5
	Replay:	2-6		1-6
Senior C	Colaiste Choilm	4-9	Heywood College	1-2
	St. Patrick's, Dungannon	1-4	Gort Community School	4-1

Gort Community School – Senior C Finalist 2006



Colaiste Choilm – Senior C Finalist 2006



COLÁISTE CHOILM, BALLINCOLLIG

Colaiste Choilm, Baile an Chollaigh

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| 1. Aisleen Sheehan | Ballincollig |
| 2. Alison Coughlan | Ballincollig |
| 3. Clíodhna McCarthy | Eire Og |
| 4. Susan Kenefick | St. Finbarr's |
| 5. Kate O' Donoghue | Ballincollig |
| 6. Leah Weste | Ballincollig |
| 7. Brea O' Callaghan | Ballincollig |
| 8. Maria O' Donoghue [C] | Ballincollig |
| 9. Sarah Buckley | Ballincollig |
| 10. Margaret O' Sullivan | Ballincollig |
| 11. Claire Ryan | Ballincollig |
| 12. Ashley Lovett | Ballincollig |
| 13. Holly Coomey | Ballincollig |
| 14. Aoife McCarthy | Eire Og |
| 15. Ciara Mcsweeney | Ballincollig |

Subs:

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| 16. Fiona Kearney | Ballincollig |
| 17. Grainne Desmond | Inniscarra |
| 18. Noreen Bradley | Ballincollig |
| 19. Lisa O' Callaghan | Ballincollig |
| 20. Elizabeth Harrington | Ballincollig |
| 21. Aisling Punch | Inniscarra |
| 22. Maeve Ni Bhuachalla | inniscarra |
| 23. Emer O' Sullivan | Ballincollig |
| 24. Clíodhna Irish | Ballincollig |
| 25. Keely Sheehan | Ballincollig |
| 26. Orla Murphy | Ballincollig |
| 27. Lisa O' Sullivan | Ballincollig |

Selectors:

Hilda Kenneally
Conor Kinsella

GORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Pobalscoil na Goirte

White & Black

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| 1. Aoibhinn Linnane | Gort |
| 2. April Dooley | Thomes' |
| 3. Brenda Killilea | Gort |
| 4. Chloe Curtin | Thomas' |
| 5. Claire Quinn | Thomas' |
| 6. Clara O' Connor | Kilnamona |
| 7. Evelyn Glynn | Killanena |
| 8. Finola Keely | Thomas' |
| 9. Heather Cooney | Thomas' |
| 10. Jessica Dooley | Thomas' |
| 11. Laura Murphy [Vc] | Ardrahan |
| 12. Meghan Scully | Ardrahan |
| 13. Michelle Kelly [C] | Thomas' |
| 14. Rachel O' Toole | Ardrahan |
| 15. Sharon Lee | Kilnamona |

Subs:

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| 16. Sinéad Gardiner | Ardrahan |
| 17. Stacey Lynskey | Thomas' |
| 18. Stephanie Broderick | Thomas' |
| 19. Stephanie Taaffe | Kilnamona |
| 20. Tracey Mahon | Thomas' |
| 21. Andrea Lally | Gort |
| 22. Lorraine Moylan | Thomas' |
| 23. Kathleen Hall | Ardrahan |

Selectors:

Marion Lowry
Pat Canole
Siobhán Hussey

CAMOGIE

National League Div 1A
Cork 3-8 (J. O'Leary 1-3 (0-2)), S. O'Donovan, E. Delaney 1-1 each, A. Geary, R. Moloney, E. Burke 0-1 each)
Galway 1-8 (L. Kavanagh 1-5 (0-4)), G. Kelly, B. Kerins, A. Connolly 0-1 each.
Wexford 2-12 (U. Leacy 2-4, K. Kelly 0-5 (0-4)), J. Dwyer 0-2, K. Parrock 0-1)
Kilkenny 1-7 (S. Miles 1-2 (0-2)), E. Delaney, E. Aylward, L. Lyng, C. Aylward and A. Neary 0-1 each.
Tipperary 4-16 (D. Dunne 1-3, M. Ryan, J. Ryan, G. Kinnane 1-0 each, P. Fogarty 0-5, C. Grogan 0-4, C. Hennessy 0-3, E. Hayden 0-1) **Limerick 0-8** (M. Casey 0-3, E. O'Brien 0-2, S. O'Shaughnessy, N. Casey, M. Nash 0-1 each).
Div 1B: Dublin 1-14 (E. Beannigan 1-0, L. O'Hara 0-7, C. Lucey 0-2, N. Taylor 0-2, F. Corcoran, C. Power, C. Durkan 0-1 each)
Tipperary 1-6 (L. Young 1-1 (1-0)), E. Ryan 0-3 (0-2), N. Flanagan, A. Lowry 0-1 each).
Kilkenny 1-13 (M. Dargan 1-0, E. Keane 0-5, B. Neary 0-4, M. O'Keefe, K. Fennelly, A.M. Phelan, N. Corrigan 0-1 each)
Wexford 1-1 (F. Doran 1-0, S. Carr 0-1).
Cork 1-8 (E. O'Farrell 1-1, M. O'Neill 0-4 (0-3)), L. Dargan 0-2 (0-1), M. Deasy, M. Watson 0-1 each. **Galway 1-8** (S. Donoghue 1-1, M. Conroy 0-4, S. Ward, J. Gill, S. Keane 0-1 each).
Div 2A: Offaly 2-10 (M. Davis 0-8 (0-7)), E. Corcoran, E. Carey 1-1 each) **Derry 1-7** (E. Wilkinson 1-0, K. Mc. Auley 0-3 (0-1)), G. Mc. Goldrick, C. Doherty, D. Mc. Cann, B. Mc. Ivor 0-1 each).
Kildare 4-7 **Dublin 3-6** (C. Maloney 1-2 (0-2)), A. Murphy, 1-1, C. Donnelly 1-0, F. Hayes 0-1, A. Maguire 0-1, J. Hozoy 0-1 each).

A player can catch the sliotar 3 times in camogie. How? Once she has either caught or lifted the ball directly into her hand the first time, she can catch it twice more provided she plays the ball away from her after the third catch.

Gill point earns Pres replay with St Mary's

St Mary's, Charleville 2-5
Presentation College, Athenry 2-5

by Therese O'Callaghan

MAYBE the weather gods might be a little kinder when these sides meet again on Saturday week to determine the victors of the All-Ireland senior A college's camogie final.

On Saturday the two teams battled bravely in a bitterly cold McDonagh Park, Nenagh, for the bragging rights. Honours even was how it emerged following a dogged 70-odd minutes of hard slog.

In the end, the outcome hinged on a 68th-minute injury-time free from Jessica Gill to tie up affairs after an exciting second-half saw the Galway side claw back from a 2-4 to 1-2 half-time shortfall.

St Mary's made the early running with the wind to their backs. A brilliant solo goal from Aine Watson on the 20th minute, and a second from Annette McAuliffe that was shot from the edge of the square, were the key aspects of their five-point interval lead. Another factor was the precision of Lisa Fitzgerald's three points from frees.

Athenry never allowed themselves fall too far behind though, and when Madeline McDonagh finished a splendid move — initiated in the half-back line by Lorraine Ryan — into the net, the Galway school emerged brimful of confidence for the second period.

The Charleville side would have to cling on while Presentation College set about registering more scores on the board.

And when McDonagh fired home her second goal, it made for an anxious final few moments for the two camps.

Defending heroically, Charleville forced Gill, who had earlier bagged a brace of points, to save the day with a superbly struck free deep in injury time.

Scorers St Mary's, Charleville: A Watson 1-1, A McAuliffe 1-0, L Fitzgerald 0-3 (frees), A Thompson 0-1.

Presentation College, Athenry: M McDonagh 2-0, J Gill 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 45m), N Coen 0-2.

ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE: E Hanley, F Chawke, R Finn, O Carroll, M Walshe, F Dore, S Sexton, R Rea, M Coleman (Capt), F Morrissey, A Watson, A Thompson, A McAuliffe, S Brosnan, L Fitzgerald.

Subs: M O'Connor for O Carroll, D O'Callaghan for S Brosnan.

PRESENTATION, ATHENRY: D Ward, K O'Dwyer, M Ward (Capt), R Kelly, R Waldron, J Gill, L Callanan, D Ryan, L Ryan, S O'Dwyer, C Kennedy, M Carr, M McDonagh, N Coen, L Walshe.

Subs: L Loughnane for M Carr.

Referee: J Pender (Kildare).

Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig 1-6
Gort CS 1-2

A FIRST All-Ireland camogie win is being celebrated in Ballincollig's Colaiste Choilm after their hard-earned victory in Saturday's All-Ireland senior C final, also at Nenagh.

It was a truly memorable success after Gort CS came storming back in the icy wind-assisted second half. However, the talented Claire Ryan — scorer of 1-4 in total — nailed this victory with a wonderful goal.

Hilda Kenneally has contributed hugely to camogie at county and club level down the years. Now teaching in Colaiste Choilm, she has steered this latest bunch of stars to national acclaim. However, modest as always, she heaped all the credits on this heroic bunch of players.

"It is not down to us. Conor and I are with the team only two years. They are a great group that just needed a bit of direction," the former Newcestown player revealed.

"They had to work so hard for this. We were in severe trouble at half time. We only led by four points, which wasn't enough after playing with the wind. So we devised a plan to defend rather than try and get scores. Player-of-the-match Leah Weste was magnificent. She played a sweeping role from centre back and we pulled Maria O'Donoghue out from midfield to help the defence."

Credit must go to Ryan, who held her nerve to score three vital frees that gave her side a 0-5 to 0-1 interval lead. However, when Aoibhinn Linnane struck for Gort's goal in the 55th minute, she set up a grandstand finish. But the Munster champions always had that bit more in reserve and Ryan sealed victory with her green flag three minutes later.

Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig scorers: C Ryan 1-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45m), M O'Donoghue and A Lovett 0-1 each.

Gort CS: A Linnane 1-0, E Glynn and S Lynskey 0-1 each.

COLAISTE CHOILM, BALLINCOLLIG: A Sheehan, A Coughlan, C McCarthy, S Kenefick, K O'Donoghue, L Weste, B O'Callaghan, M O'Donoghue (Capt), S Buckley, M O'Sullivan, C Ryan, H Coomey, A Lovett, A McCarthy, C McSweeney.

Subs: A Scally for C McSweeney.

GORT CS: J Dooley, C Curtin, S Lynskey, L Murphy, S Taaffe, A Dooley, C O'Connor, S Broderick, H Coomey, E Glynn, M Kelly (Capt), A Linnane, F Keely, S Lee, M Scully.

Subs: C Quinn for S Lynskey, S Gardiner for M Scully.

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

St Fergal's, Rathdowney, created another piece of history in the midlands winning the All-Ireland B title, their first national crown. They overcame St Patrick's High School Keady 2-9 to 2-4.

Linda Moylan bagged both goals, but they still had to see off a stiff challenge headed up by goal getters Mairead McClelland and Michelle Murphy.

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Pen Pictures: Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig Senior Camogie Panel

Ashleen Sheehan (Ballincollig) 2006 Muskerry team. Co. 1st Yr.
Alison Coughlan (Ballincollig) Cork U14 2006. Co. 1st Yr.
Clodhna McCarthy (Eire Og) Cork U16 team. Co. U16 club 2004.
Susan Kennelick (St. Finbarrs) Cork U14 2003 and Junior Shield winner 2005.
Kate O'Donoghue (Ballincollig) 2006 Muskerry team. Co. 1st Yr.
Leah Weste (Ballincollig) Cork U16 team. League winner with Ballincollig.
Brea O'Callaghan (Ballincollig) All Ireland U14 2005 Cork Colleges. League winner.
Maria O'Donoghue (Ballincollig) 2004 League winner. 2004 Muskerry team.
Sarah Buckley (Ballincollig) 2006 Muskerry team. Co. 1st Yr.
Margaret O'Sullivan (Ballincollig) Cork U14 2003. League winner with Ballincollig.
Claire Ryan (Ballincollig) All Ireland U14 2004. League winner with Ballincollig.
Ashley Lovett (Ballincollig) 2003 Muskerry team and League winner with Ballincollig.
Holly Coomey (Ballincollig) Irish and Cork Basketball player 2005. 2006 Muskerry team.
Aoife McCarthy (Eire Og) Cork U16 team and County winner with Eire Og in 2004.
Ciara McSwiney (Ballincollig) Co. League winner with Ballincollig in 2004.
Fiona Kearney (Ballincollig) Co. League winner in 2004 and Muskerry member.
Grainne Desmond (Iniscarra) Iniscarra Senior player. 2004 Muskerry team.
Noreen Bradley (Ballincollig) Co. League winner in 2004 and Muskerry member.
Lisa O'Callaghan (Ballincollig) Co. League winner with Ballincollig in 2004.
Elizabeth Harrington (Ballincollig) 2006 Muskerry team. League winner with Ballincollig.
Aisling Punch (Iniscarra) 2005 Co. League winning team with Iniscarra.
Maev Ní Bhúachalla (Iniscarra) Iniscarra Senior team. 2004 Muskerry team.
Eimear O'Sullivan (Ballincollig) Co. in 2004.
Cliona Irish (Ballincollig) 2006 Muskerry team.
Keely Sheehan (Ballincollig) Co. League winner with Ballincollig in 2004.
Lisa O'Sullivan (Ballincollig) 2006 Muskerry team. Co. winning team in 2004.
Aoife Scally (Eire Og) Co. winner with Eire Og. Munster winner with Cork Football U14.
Deirdre McAuliffe (Eire Og) 2004 U16 and U13 Co. winning team with Eire Og.
Orla Murphy (Ballinora) Captain of Ballinora U16 team. Muskerry 2005 team.

Pen Pictures: St. Patrick's, Keady Senior Camogie Panel

Danielle Mc Birney: Play camogie, like going out, playing with my friends at sunset until dawn. Fav player: P. Hughes.
Shauna Mc Kee: Fav player: Kieran Mc Geeney. I like going out and enjoying the craic at the weekends.
Laura Comiskey: I like being with the girls messing about, being loud and having a good laugh. Fav player: A. Kernan.
Stephanie Mc Parland: They call me the stallion. I don't know why!! Fav Player: Shauna Mc Kee.
Aileen Mc Parland: I love going out at the weekends, socialising and shopping. Member number 1 of the salad club.
Edel Mc Parland: Salad club member No.2. Members 3 and 4 are in the stand today! Favourite player: The Stallion.
Angela Clarke: Hobbies: playing camogie, netball, road bowls, going out and socialising and reading. Favourite p is Owen Kelly.
Grainne Kelly: Play camogie, football and netball. I enjoy going out at the weekend with my friends and I pecking about the field.
Fav player: Sean Og O'Thalpin.
Oonagh Curry: Fav player: Kieran Mc Geeney. Enjoy going out at the weekends for the craic and going to h and football matches.
Shauna Smyth: Enjoy going out but wouldn't go out without my boyfriend. Enjoy paying camogie with my team.
Sarah Molloy: If we win today I am ok. I will go into convulsions of crying and roaring but its normal. Don't ca ambulance!
Fav Player: Mairead Doyle.
Kerryann Tomany: I have promised not to tell any jokes on the way home because hum, hum... I don't remember.
Fav player: Collette Mc Sorley.
Patrice Murphy: The 'rock'. The 'mammy' of the team. If we win I need to get a granny sitter.
Orla Doyle: I enjoy running, running and running. Did I mention I love running. Go forest!
Claire Mc Kernan: Good friend Orla Doyle but can't keep up with her!
Róisín Murray: Hope to win an All-Ireland today and smile and smile and smile for all Johns' pictures.
Mairead Mc Clelland: Love to socialise but go nowhere without my other half (Geraldine Gray).
Geraldine Gray: Play it to me Mairead, I'll play it back to you, we'll do it together.
Mairead Short: Fav player: Sean Og because people say I play like him.
Kerry Mone: Fav player: Collette Mc Keever. Enjoy a plate of the good old spuds.
Natalie Gray: If we win Bally's (mammy) taking me shopping all week.
Corrina Mc Kee: Like going out with my girls. Shauna, best bimbo and Mrs Chatterbox-Catherine.
Catherine Toner: Love to socialise, have best fun with my moody friends Corrina and blondest girl in the v Shauna and Kerry.
Róisín Mallon: Fav player: Ken Mc Grath (Waterford). Fav food: Steak and chips.
Noelle O'Hanlon: Fav Player: Ann Marie Bateson. I love to play camogie with my barbies!
Michelle Murphy: Little down on energy today as I'm off chocolate biscuits for lent, so I'm flat out on ginger.
Most admired person - our bus driver Paco (Daddy).

Sacred Heart double win

by Mary Newman

A BUSY but successful week for the camogie players from Sacred Heart Convent Clonakilty as they annexed Munster and Cork Colleges titles within four days.

Clonakilty 5-5
Coachford 2-4

A strong opening half display saw Clonakilty lead Coachford 3-4 to 1-1 in this Cork Colleges Senior B championship final.

Sharon Whelton, Aoife Deasy and Wánita Brennan all found the net while three points from sharp shooter Sharon Whelton ensured the Clonakilty girls dictated proceedings through the opening half hour, while a Niamh Dilworth goal and a point from Nicola Moynihan kept Coachford in contention.

Clon were dealt a blow be-

fore the start of the second half when they lost their captain Carol Fleming and Ann Marie O'Regan through injury but their team mates responded magnificently.

Coachford staged a strong second half comeback and with Niamh Dilworth grabbing a goal and points from Nicola Moynihan and Mary O'Sullivan, just one goal separated the sides with 10 minutes remaining. However, Clonakilty regained the momentum with Aoife Deasy and Sheila O'Donoghue finding the net before a point from the impressive Sharon Whelton ensured the title was going to Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart Clon 3-4
Nenagh 0-5

Clonakilty had just the weekend to recharge the batteries before it was all hand on deck again when they took on

Nenagh in the Munster Senior "A" league final. From the throw in Clonakilty were under pressure, but they hung in despite trailing 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval, Martina O'Brien, having grabbed the all important goal in reply to four Nenagh points.

Determination was very much the key to this victory and the Clonakilty girls had it in abundance, from the start of the second half.

Up front Sharon Whelton and Aoife Deasy came more into the game. Goals by the duo had Clonakilty back in the game, while Sharon Whelton added three points, Aoife Deasy contributing two with Sharon O'Donovan also got on the score sheet with a point.

An ecstatic Liam Nash had huge praise for his charges: "I am very proud of them and it no more than they deserve."



Pictured with the 5th Class Premier camogie trophy and the O'Duffy Cup were Laura Cooney, Deirdre Bevan, Aisling Fox and Clare Shine.

National League round up

(2006-03-19)

REBEL County Cork can now jet off on their well earned All-Ireland victory trip to Egypt in the knowledge that they have maintained their unbeaten run in the Division 1A League following their 3-8 to 1-8 victory over the 2005 League champions Galway in Duggan Park on Sunday.

With ten minutes left on the clock only two points divided the sides, Cork leading 1-8 to Galway's 1-6, that is until Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon crashed in two goals within the space of four minutes to put the All-Ireland champions ahead 3-8 to 1-6, it meant curtains for Galway as they only managed two further scores after that. Cork who played with the wind in the opening half were ahead 1-5 to 0-3 at the break thanks to a Sarah Donovan opening first half goal.

Galway however, got the second half off to a good start with a Lourda Kavanagh goal after just five minutes to leave it, Galway 1-3, Cork 1-5. Both sides gave it their all and after fifteen minutes they were level at 1-5 each, however, Cork then stepped up the pace and despite three further points from Galway they could not put a hungry Cork side away who now go to meet Kilkenny on April 2nd following their trip from Egypt.

In the second Division 1 game Wexford gave a much improved performance against Kilkenny 2-12 to 1-7 in Wexford Park. The Cats having played with a strong first half wind were ahead 1-5 to Wexford's 0-4, the Kilkenny goal having come only after five minutes from Sinéad Millea. However, a second half brace of goals from full-forward Úna Leacy in the fifth and eighteenth minutes meant that Wexford were looking good and with Kilkenny playing against the strong wind now were only able to score two scores within the half.

Wexford who will be heartened by this result and especially the performance of full-forward Úna Leacy together with Orla Hernon and Josie Dwyer at midfield now go on to meet Limerick on April 2nd who failed miserably against Tipperary on Saturday. Four goals from Mary Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Geraldine Kinnane and Deirdre Dunne meant a white-washing of 4-16 to 0-8 to Limerick who failed dramatically in the second half having put in a good first half performance being only a goal in arrears at the break, Tipperary 3-1 to Limerick's 0-7.

Meanwhile in Division 1 B the Dubs maintained their unbeaten performance with a handsome 1-14 to 1-6 against Tipperary in Round Towers Clondalkin. Playing against the first half wind the home side only had to wait seven minutes for their opening score from Louise O'Hara which was a direct answer to Tipperary's opener from Eimear Ryan a minute earlier. Having playing with the strong first half wind the Premier county went in at the break leading 1-6 to 1-3, the Tipperary goal having come from a long range free from Louise Ryan which dipped into the back of the Dublin net.

However, Tipperary failed to score in the second half once Dublin's Ciara Durkan sent over the opening second half score after just a minute and a half. The Dubs stamped their mark on the game and with wing half back Caitriona Power in full trot and forwards Aisling Jordan and Louise O'Hara in top form there was nothing Tipperary could do right and having lost Eimear Ryan through injury at the break did not help their situation.

Elsewhere in Division 1B there was double joy for Cork who overcame Galway by the narrowest of margins, 1-9 to 1-8 with the winning Cork goal coming from Emer O'Farrell seven minutes into the second half. Kilkenny B team made up for their 'A' team with an overwhelming 1-13 to 1-5, having

led 1-1 to 0-1 at the break. Following a fifth minute goal from Frances Doran Wexford were in command and despite a second half goal from Kilkenny's Maura Dargan they never really threatened Wexford.

In Division 2A Kildare put in a great finish to deny Dublin a double victory on the day with a 4-7 to 3-6 victory in Dublin's opening game. With twenty nine minutes gone in the second half the Lilywhites were ahead 3-7 to Dublin's 3-6. However, Susie O'Carroll who is a rising Kildare star became the toast of the Curragh with a late goal one minute into injury time. The only other game in Division 2A witnessed Offaly beat the Oak Leaf county 2-10 to 1-7 in Rath. Edel Corcoran and Emma Delaney were the Offaly goal scores, one in each half while Elisha Wilkinson was Derry's lone goal scorer.

National League: Div 1A:

Cork 3-8: J O'Leary 1-3 (0-2F), S O'Donovan, E Delaney 1-1 each, A Geary, R Moloney, E Burke 0-1 each.

Galway 1-8: L Kavanagh 1-5 (0-4F), G Kelly, B Kerins, A Connolly 0-1 each.

Wexford: 2-12: Ú Leacy 2-4, K Kelly 0-5 (0-4f), J Dwyer 0-2, K Parrock 0-1

Kilkenny: 1-7: S Millea 1-2 (0-2f), E Delaney, E Alyward, L Lyng, C Alyward and A Neary 0-1 each

Tipperary: 4-16: D Dunne 1-3, M Ryan, J Ryan, G Kinnane 1-0 each, P Fogarty 0-5, C Grogan 0-4, C Hennessy 0-3, E Hayden 0-1

Limerick: 0-8: M Casey 0-3, E O'Brien 0-2, S O'Shaughnessy, N Casey, M Nash 0-1 each.

Div 1B:

Dublin 1-14: E Brannigan 1-0, L O'Hara 0-7, C Lucey 0-2f, N Taylor 0-2, F Corcoran, C Power, C Durkan 0-1 each.

Tipperary: 1-6: Lyoung 1-1 (1-0F), E Ryan 0-3 (0-2F), N Flanagan, A Lonergan 0-1 each.

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WEXFORD enjoyed a 2-12 to 1-7 victory over neighbours Kilkenny in yesterday's National Camogie League 1A encounter at Wexford Park. Having trailed by four points at the break (0-4 to 1-5), the wind assisted Model County stormed out on the restart and two goals from Úna Leacy along with points from Kate Kelly and Katrina Parrock ensured victory. In the Division's other game Cork maintained their perfect start to the season with a 3-8 to 1-8 victory over the champions Galway in Duggan Park. Late goals from Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon settled the affair for the Rebels who this week depart on their team holiday to Egypt. Elsewhere Tipperary crushed Limerick (4-16 to 0-8) with goals from Mary Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Geraldine Kinnane and Deirdre Dunne. In Division 1B, Emer O'Farrell's second half goal helped Cork's second string to victory over Galway (1-9 to 1-8) while Kilkenny B defeated Wexford B (1-13 to 1-5) and Dublin recorded a shock win over Tipperary (1-14 to 1-6). In Division 2A Kildare defeated Dublin (4-7 to 3-6) with Susie O'Carroll hitting the crucial goal one minute into injury time while Offaly defeated Derry (2-10 to 1-7) in Rath. *Maire Uí Scúil*



An Offaly player about to gather possession ahead of her opponent in last Sunday's National League game in Rath.

Nenagh girls lose out to Clonakilty

Clonakilty3-4
St Mary's Nenagh0-6

ST Mary's, Nenagh lost out to Clonakilty in the final of the Munster senior A league after an entertaining battle in Newtownshandrum on Monday last.

The match was played in atrocious conditions with a gale force wind blowing accompanied by rain and hail for the entire match.

The conditions certainly did not suit a younger and lighter Nenagh team.

St Mary's with assistance of the elements in the first half should have made better use of their scoring chances.

The Nenagh girls had numerous wides in the first half and should have converted more of these into scores. Nenagh only led by

a single point at half time haven given away a soft goal to Clonakilty against the run of play.

Clonakilty started the second half with another goal and after this St Mary's were always chasing the game. The Nenagh girls battled admirably though in the face of the adverse weather conditions and battled gamely into a biting wind.

The Nenagh girls got into the game better mid-way through the second half and despite conceding a few more scores they gave a very good account of themselves.

Many of the Nenagh girls played very well in the conditions but team captain, Mary Ryan and centre-back, Geraldine Stapleton deserve special mention for their performances.

Team: Aisling Whelan, Martina Gleeson, Sinead Quinlan, Laura Green, Laura Power, Geraldine Stapleton, Grainne Kelly, Mary Ryan (captain), Cliona Ryan, Catriona Kennedy, Bonnie Kennedy (0-1) Laura Reid, Amy Kennedy (0-1), Aoife Mc Loughney (0-4), Ciara Ryan.

Subs: Orla Williams, Niamh Flannery, Eimear Dwan, Laura Mahoney, Emma - Louise Coffey, Lorna Bergin.

Note: Aoife Mc Loughney and Mary Ryan have been selected to play for the Munster college's camogie team in the inter-provincials which take place in Dublin on Saturday 8th of April.

This is a great honour for the girls and good luck to both of them on the day.

Rathdowney claim All-Ireland 'B' title for first time

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All-Ireland Colleges' B final :
St. Fergal's Rathdowney 2-9 St. Patrick's Keady 2-4
An unfortunate neck injury to Keady midfielder Sarah Molloy 10 minutes into the second had a crucial part to play in the outcome of Saturday's All-Ireland B schools' final.
Keady had led at the break by 1-3 to 0-4, were very solid at the back and despite playing against the breeze had just scored a second goal through Michelle Murphy.
The injury held play up 15 minutes as an ambulance arrived to remove Sarah from the play. The incident certainly affected her teammates, while the gap she left in midfield was never really filled.
Rathdowney saw their chance and when play resumed, two goals changed the course of the game and saw the Laois girls collect the title for the first time ever.
St. Patrick's Keady : C Toner, R Murray, M Shortt, E McParland, D McBirney (capt), L Comiskey 0-1 frees, S McKee, G Kelly, S Molloy, S McParland, M Murphy 1-3, M McClelland 1-0, A Clarke, KA Tomany, G Gray.

Cork continue their unbeaten camogie run

Cork
Galway

3-8
1-8

by Mary Newman

CORK continued their unbeaten run in the division one A of the senior camogie league with a victory over Galway, in Ballinasloe. Cork 'took the game' to the league champions from the throw-in and led at the interval 1-5 to 0-3, thanks to a first-half Emer Dillon goal and points from Jennifer O'Leary, Sarah O'Donovan and Anna Geary.

Galway were back in contention within the first five minutes of the second-half: Lourda Kavanagh scored two quick points and followed this with a goal after Aoife Murray had blocked Brenda Kerins' attempt.

Emer Dillon and Rachel Moloney steadied Cork's nerve with two points, but Galway replied with a Brenda Kerins point. Elaine Burke scored after Jennifer O'Leary's shot was blocked by Stephanie Gannon.

Just two points separated the teams. Cork 'dug deep' to secure victory with two goals, from Sarah O'Donovan and Jennifer O'Leary. These deflated Galway's challenge. Aisling Connolly and Lourda Kavanagh scored late points for Galway, but, by now, Cork had secured their second brace of league points. The champions continue to seek their first, following their first-round defeat at the hands of Kilkenny.

Cork: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, S Corkery, E O'Riordan, R Curtin, M O'Connor, C Foley, G O'Connor, A Geary (0-1), U O'Donoghue, R Moloney (0-1), J O'Leary (1-3, 1-1 play, 0-2 from frees), E Dillon (1-1), S O'Donovan (1-1), E Watson. Subs: E Burke (0-1) for E Watson (44mins), S Hayes for C Foley (55mins), O'Cotter for G O'Connor (56mins), C Healy for U O'Donoghue (57mins).

Cork
Galway

1-9
1-8

The division one B side 'bounced back' from their defeat against Dublin to secure their first points again Galway.

Cork were always in control, but had to 'sweat out' the closing minutes, following a late Galway rally which reduced the deficit to one point.

Cork led 0-8 to 0-2 at half-time and had extended their advantage in the seventh minute of the second-half, thanks to an Emer O'Farrell goal. Martina Conroy scored three points, but these were followed by a Linda Dorgan point, before Conroy and substitute Jessie Gill pointed.

Sarah Donoghue ensured a grand-stand finish, scoring a goal one minute into injury-time. Galway applied the pressure, but the Cork defence, with Emer O'Sullivan in superb form, held out.

Cork: E Clifford, AM Fleming, L Hawkes, D Hayes, J Duffy, L O'Connell, E O'Sullivan, M Corkery, L Dorgan (0-2), N Bowles, M O'Neill (0-4, 0-3 frees, 0-1 play), M Watson (0-1), C Corkery, M Deasy (0-1), E O'Farrell (1-1). Subs: M Jaego for C Corkery (56mins), M Brown for M Watson, (59mins).



Ballinspittle Captain Stephanie O'Mahony lifts the 5th class camogie championship cup.

St Mary's Charleville 2-5
Pres, Athenry 2-5

THIS All Ireland Colleges Senior A final had the crowd on its feet as excitement reached fever pitch in Nenagh on Saturday.

Charleville had the advantage of a strong wind for the first period yet it was Athenry who were first off the mark with a pointed free from Noreen Coen.

Charleville then settled and attacked endlessly. Fiona Morrissey was causing a lot of problems, winning ball creating chances or won frees.

Aine Watson got Charleville on the scoresheet after nine minutes.

Four minutes later Lisa Fitzgerald hit over a free. The swirling wind was hard to judge and Charleville finished the half with five wides.

They had a golden opportunity of a goal at the end of the first quarter. Athenry keeper Deirdre Ward was dispossessed on the end line; the ball broke back to Annette McAuliffe who struck for goal.

Miraculously Mary Ward darted back and cleared off the line.

Good work again by Morrissey led to an excellent point out on the left hand side from Aisling Thompson.

Charleville were in control in general play. Once they gathered and rounded their player they caused problems for the Athenry defence. On 18 minutes McAuliffe did just that.

Gathering possession, she soloed past a number of players before hand-passing to Watson who strove for goal and almost walked the ball into the net.

1-3 to 0-1 ahead with 12 minutes of the half remaining, things were looking good for Charleville. They needed to press ahead and get as much distance between them and their opponents as possible before the break.

However, a three-minute purple patch saw Athenry pounce for 1-1 and give them renewed vigour. In the move of the match a long ball in from Lorraine Ryan, who was a tower of strength for the Galway side, found Stephanie O'Dwyer. She hit inside to Madeline McDonagh who gathered and rocketed the ball past Eileen Hanley giving her no chance. A point immediately on the back of this from Jessica Gill left only the minimum between the sides.

Charleville answered the call. A pointed free came from Fitzgerald on 27 minutes and then in injury-time McAuliffe was first to pounce after a long-range free batted out by goal-keeper Ward and struck to the net for a much-needed tonic. The sides finished the half 2-4 to 1-2.

A free after six minutes began Athenry's assault on Charleville's lead. Another excellent move two minutes later involving O'Dwyer, Coen and McDonagh led to the latter's second goal and Athenry were right back in it.

Coen brought them level. Lisa Fitzgerald pointed a free to give Charleville breathing space again.

For the next 25 minutes the game was played at a ferocious pace. Charleville played themselves to a standstill. They worked like Trojans but the longer the game was going on the more the elements were taking out of a very young side. Charleville had to come out to gather the ball and try and run with it to make any headway. Athenry just had to lob the ball and it was travelling 40 yards.

Still, Charleville bravely hung on. But it wasn't to be. Numerous stoppages allowed for eight minutes of in-



Fiona Morrissey of St Mary's, Charleville keeps her eye on the ball as Mary Ward of Presentation College, Athenry chases during the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Senior A final at Nenagh. Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

Mary's are denied at the death



Linda Mellerick

jury time and it was on the 38th minute that Athenry finally broke the Charleville challenge. Coolness personified saw Jessica Gill point a free from the half way line and both teams live to fight another day.

Scorers for Charleville: A Watson 1-1, L Fitzgerald 0-3 (0-3 frees), A Thompson 1-0, A McAuliffe 0-1.

Athenry: M McDonagh 2-0, J Gill 0-3 (0-2 frees), N Coen 0-2 (0-1 free).

CHARLEVILLE: E Hanley, F Chawke, R Finn, O Carroll, M Walsh, F Dore, S Sexton, R Rea, M Coleman (C), F Morrissey, A Watson, A Thompson, A McAuliffe, S Brosnan, L Fitzgerald.

Subs: M O'Connor for O Carroll (38 mins).

ATHENRY: D Ward, K O'Dwyer, M Ward (C), R Kelly, R Waldron, J Gill, L Callanan, L Ryan, D Ryan, S O'Dwyer, C Kennedy, M Carr, M McDonagh, N Coen, L Loughnane.

Subs: A Seolighe for M Carr (58 mins).



Mary Coleman, St Mary's, Charleville pulls on the ball after a challenge from Rachel Waldron and Jessica Gill, Presentation College. Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

WHAT THEY SAID

CHARLEVILLE coach Ger O'Donovan had a look of disappointment on his face after the full-time whistle blew.

To lead from the 13th minute to the 68th and then have it snatched away from you is heart-breaking.

But Charleville at least have another chance and Ger is also aware of this.

"Our back line was under huge pressure in the second half. We were blocking, hooking, pushing, harassing. The wind was a major factor.

"We had it in the first half and went up a few points. They used it to their advantage with their free taking in the second as proved by the last point there and she put it over under pressure."

"We worked like Trojans in the second half. Our half back line, centre field and half forward line...you can see them there on the ground, exhausted. You couldn't ask for any more from them."

Disappointed?

"Yeah, Disappointed. We had it, there was so much injury time played. But that's the luck of the draw I suppose, sometimes you benefit from that and sometimes you won't.

"But we're still there and that's what matters right now."



Ashley Lovett and Orla Murphy Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig celebrate after defeating Gort Community School in the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie C final at Nenagh.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

Weste is awake to lead Ballincollig's push for final glory

Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig 1-6
Gort Community School, Galway 1-2

By LINDA MELLERICK
Colleges Camogie

A SWEET victory for Colaiste Choilm of Ballincollig in the Colleges All-Ireland Senior C Camogie final in Nenagh on Saturday afternoon.

In the school's first All-Ireland Camogie final appearance, they produced the fairytale ending with a whole-hearted display.

Ballincollig played with the wind at their backs in the opening period and started well. They attacked from the outset and put the Gort defence under a lot of pressure, a pointed '45 after two minutes by Claire Ryan opening the scoring.

Despite dominating the first quarter, Ballincollig were finding scores difficult to come by.

Two further frees by Ryan had Ballincollig three in front after 11 minutes with still no score from play.

The wind died a little and Gort began to come more into the game. Evelyn Glynn hit over a free on 16 minutes and the girls from the west began to exert pressure.

They were met, however, by a defence in which Leah Weste, Susan Kenefick and Alison Coughlan were excellent.

With half time approaching and the wind growing stronger, a two-point advantage would represent an ominous lead at the break.

Ballincollig knew that they needed more and Claire Ryan and Maria O'Donoghue duly obliged with two magnificent points to lift the Cork side as the half time whistle blew.

Now facing the ferocious wind, Ballincollig had it all to do. A four-point lead would not win this title without a lot

of hard work.

And work hard they did. They hunted in packs. Holly Coomey epitomised Ballincollig's desire to win when on three occasions she chased a defender in possession and dispossessed them out around the middle of the field.

The game swung from end to end. Ashley Lovett pointed with 18 minutes played.

The low scoring in the second period did not take from the huge excitement and commitment shown by both sides.

Gort threw everything at Colaiste Choilm but time and again they were driven back by Weste.

She swept everything that came her way and drove countless ball back up the field. She was ably assisted by Coughlan who also gave a thundering display.

Just as it began to look as if it would be Ballincollig's day the unthinkable happened. With the strong wind any long ball lobbed in would be dangerous



Claire Ryan, scorer of 1-4 for Colaiste Choilm in Nenagh.

and so it turned out to be.

Aoibhinn Linnane burst through and rattled the net with just five minutes of normal time remaining. Only two points separated the sides and Gort's gander was up. Their supporters roared them to push ahead.

It was a critical time for Ballincollig

and they answered in the best possible way.

A long free was batted out by Dooley and Ryan once again was there to push it home.

That was it. Gort would not recover. They added a point a minute later but the day belonged to Cork.

Scorers for Colaiste Choilm: C Ryan 1-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45), M O'Donoghue and A Lovett 0-1 each.

Gort: A Linnane 1-0, E Glynn 0-1 (0-1 free), S Lynskey 0-1.

COLAISTE CHOILM: A Sheehan; A Coughlan, C McCarthy, S Kenefick; K O'Donoghue, L Weste, B O'Callaghan; M O'Donoghue (C), S Buckley; M O'Sullivan, C Ryan, H Coomey; A Lovett, A McCarthy, C McSweeney.

Subs: A Scally for C McSweeney (half-time).

Gort Community: J Dooley; C Curtin, S Lynskey, L Murphy; S Taaffe, A Dooley, C O'Connor; S Broderick, H Cooney; E Glynn, M Kelly (C), A Linnane; F Keely, S Tee, M Scully.

Subs: C Quinn for S Lynskey (35 mins), S Gardiner for M Scully (49 mins).

WHAT THEY SAID

Kenneally relishing her side's success

WHEN the final whistle blew the Ballincollig girls were ecstatic.

Overall they were better and stronger hurlers but it was really their fighting spirit and will to win saw them proudly bring back to their school its first All-Ireland Camogie title.

Former Cork All Ireland winning captain Hilda Kenneally, who, along with Conor Kinsella, coached the victorious Ballincollig side was absolutely over the moon with her school's famous victory.

Running on to the pitch to applaud her heroines, the joy and what this title meant to Colaiste Choilm and the local community was very much evident.

"The girls killed themselves, they worked their hearts out all through but in the first half I expected more from our girls."

"We said it to them at half time that if they didn't perform better in the second half than they did in the first the game was going to be taken from them."

"And to be fair to them they rose they gave me one 100% effort."

Putting to Hilda the fact that her team showed incredible fighting spirit, she readily agreed.

"The backbone to this team is our spirit and the belief the girls had in themselves."

"We just couldn't convert in the first half. In fairness to Gort they didn't take all their chances either but I felt they didn't get as many chances as us."

"Leah Weste was just unbelievable and didn't put a foot wrong."

"All the girls were tremendous."

This means so much to the school, to the clubs, to Ballincollig.

"They've been so good to us and this win will do their club the world of good."