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# Granagh-Ballingarry take Glen Rovers

Glen Rovers (Cork) 0-8  
Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) 5-8

by Tom Higgins

GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY captured their first ever Munster Senior Inter-Club camogie championship with a deserved win over hot favourites, Glen Rovers, at the Glen Field, Cork on Saturday.

The Limerick champions, who were much fitter and determined, started the better and a goal by

Kay Burke, following a free by Ida Quaid in the seventh minute gave them the spur the need.

Just as the Glen were beginning to settle they received a severe blow when Cork star, Denise Cronin, was sent to the line for a reckless challenge on Vera Sheehan in the ninth minute, and it was an uphill struggle for the Cork girls after that.

The Glen began to come more into the game, despite having only 11 players, and with Claire

McCarthy having a great game at full back and Sandie Fitzgibbon outstanding at centre back they managed to reduced the deficit to two points 0-6 to 1-5 at the half-time break.

After Lyn Dunlea, from a '30' and Kay Burke had exchanged points early in the second half 16-year-old Eileen O'Brien hit a purple patch for the winner's.

After she had converted a free, she score two goals in the space of three minutes, and this put and

end of the game as a contest as the Glen were ten points behind 0-7 to 3-8.

Linda Mellerick played her heart out for the Glen at centre-final but with Ida Quaid as the loose player in defence, the Glen were crowded out of it and could get no clear-cut opportunities.

When the Glen backs began to move up to try and recover the game they were caught on the quick break by the fitter, a faster Limerick forwards who added a

## Cork clash with Tipp in intermediate

THERE is a full programme of games this coming weekend on the Camogie front.

Pick of these will be the clash of Cork and Tipperary in the Munster Intermediate final on Sunday at The Ragg pitch, Tipperary at 5.30.

While on Saturday at the Glen Field at 3 o'clock Glen Rovers and Granagh Ballingarry from Limerick clash in the Munster Senior Club Final.

Also on Saturday at Ballinhassig the first of the Senior 'B' Championship semi-finals will be decided between Sarsfields and Kilbrittain at 5.45.

The remainder of the weekend will see a number of Junior 'B' and Under 16 Championship games decided.

The Cork Junior team fresh from their magnificent All Ireland victory on Sunday last will be in action again this weekend when they play Tipperary in the Munster Intermediate Championship final.

At the start of the season Cork decided to take part in the Munster Intermediate Championship in order to avail of more games for their Junior squad and having surprisingly defeated All Ireland Inter Champions Limerick in the semi final now find themselves contesting the final on Sunday next at The Ragg pitch.

On Saturday at the Glen Field at 3 p.m. Glen Rovers will be hoping for another Munster title for Cork when they take on the Limerick champions Granagh Ballingarry in the Munster Senior Club final and his game has all the ingredients of a thriller.

Also on Saturday at Ballinhassig at 5.45, Kilbrittain and Sarsfields will be in action in the first of the Senior 'B' championship semi-finals and this is a close one to call. Kilbrittain have not really been tested in the championship to date having had easy victories over Na Piarsaigh and Brian Dillon in earlier rounds but however look to be strong all round and on this occasion could just

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about shade it.

They have very talented players in Miriam Deasy, Mary Sexton, Emer O'Sullivan, Eileen O'Neill and the evergreen Mary Brennan and these girls on form will not easily be halted.

On the other side Sars had to pull out all the stops before eventually defeating Aghabullogue in a replay.

They are a very experienced bunch of players having played together for quite a number of years.

They will look mainly to players like goalkeeper Lillian Zankant, Liz Dunphy, Helena Barry, Breda Kenny and Patricia Finneron.

#### FIXTURES

Tomorrow: Munster Senior Club Final: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Granagh Ballingarry (Limerick) at Glen Rovers at 3.00 p.m.

Senior 'B' Semi Final: Sarsfields v Kilbrittain at Ballinhassig at 5.45, Ref. R. Sheehan.

Under 16 'A' Championship: Cloughduv v St. Vincents at Cloughduv at 2.30, Ref. Newcastle.

Under 16 'B' Championship: Eire Og v St. Fanahans at Eire Og at 2.30, Ref. Inniscarra; Watergrasshill v Barryroe at Watergrasshill at 2.30, Ref. Hilda Horgan.

Sunday: Munster Intermediate Championship Final.

Cork v Tipperary at The Ragg, Co. Tipperary at 5.30.

Junior 'B' Championship:

Valley Rovers v St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs at 5.30; Aghabullogue v Mayfield at Aghabullogue at 12 noon; St. Catherine's v Cobh at St. Catherine's at 12 noon.

Under 16 'A' Championship:

Tracton v Courcy Rovers at Tracton at 12.30.

## Cork beat Tipp to add to glory

Cork 2-9  
Tipperary 2-6

THE Cork junior squad added the Munster Intermediate League title to the All-Ireland Junior title, won a week earlier, when they edged out Tipperary at the Ragg yesterday.

Against the breeze for the first half, Cork looked the better early on and a Linda O'Sullivan goal in the 11th minute put them 1-3 to 0-2 ahead. Tipperary, also fielding their junior side, settled and had goals from Maeve Corcoran and Sinead Collins in the closing minutes of the half to lead 2-4 to 1-3 at the interval.

Cork were on top in the third quarter but found Tipperary hard to break down. But they drew level with a Sinead Cahalane point from a free in the 22nd minute and two minutes later Mary Kennefick struck what was to prove the decisive goal. Cork deserved their win and can thank Colette Cronin, Hilda Kenneally, Eileen Buckley, Linda O'Sullivan, Mary Kennefick and the accurate Sinead Cahalane for their success.

Scorers for Cork: M. Kennefick 1-2, S. Cahalane 0-4, L. O'Sullivan 1-1, T. Doyle and M. Kenneally 0-1 each. Tipperary: C. Hennessy 0-4, S. Collins and M. Corcoran 1-0 each, J. Fahy and F. Loughnane 0-1 each.

CORK: L. Nolan, E. Healy, A. Dilworth, T. Doyle, C. Cronin, H. Kenneally, E. Buckley, S. Cahalane, M. Kennefick, S. O'Callaghan, A. O'Connell, L. O'Sullivan, Sub. C. Kirby for O'Connell.

TIPPERARY: E. Hayden, A. Hogan, S. Coyne, N. Bonner, O. Egan, M. Corcoran, S. Collins, J. Fahy, F. Loughnane, H. Frawley, P. Loughnane, C. Hennessy, Sub. G. Ormonde for Bonner, M. Harkin for Egan and J. O'Connor for P. Loughnane.

## to the cleaners

further two well taken goals before the end.

In addition to Ida Quaid, Bernie O'Brien had a splendid game in defence while Ber Chawke and Deirdre Sheehan were prominent in midfield, particularly in the second half.

Up front Kay Burke and Eileen O'Brien had tremendous games.

For the Glen, who looked a very tired side, Claire McCarthy, Mary Burke and Sandie Fitzgibbon stood out in defence while Linda Meller-

ick was outstanding in midfield assisted by Stephanie Dunlea.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: L. Mellerick 0-3, L. Dunlea 0-2 (0-1 '30'), S. Dunlea 0-2, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1. Granagh-Ballingarry: E. O'Brien 3-3 (0-3 frees); K. Burke 1-3, L. Lesley 1-1, V. Sheehan 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS: O. Murphy, C. McCarthy, M. Burke, S. Fitzgibbon, Y. McCarthy, D. Cronin, S. Dunlea, L. Mellerick, T. Murphy, K. Riordan, E. Harte; L. Dunlea, Subs. H. Dunlea for E. Harte (40th minute), L. O'Donovan for K. Riordan (50th minute).

GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY: Breda O'Brien; Bernie O'Brien; P. McKenna, M. Sheehan, I. Quaid; J. Cullinane, B. Chawke, D. Sheehan; K. Burke, V. Sheehan, L. Lesley; E. O'Brien.

## Cork girls topple Tipp

CORK..... 2-9 TIPPERARY..... 2-6

A GOAL by Mary Kennefick six minutes from time clinched victory for Cork over Tipperary in an exciting Munster Intermediate camogie final at The Ragg yesterday.

Cork did well early on against the breeze and had a goal in eleven minutes by Linda O'Sullivan. Tipperary came back strongly and with goals by Maeve Corcoran and Sinead Collins led 2-4 to 1-3 at the interval.

There was little between the sides in the second half and they were level when Mary Kennefick got the decisive goal for Cork in the 24th minute.

SCORERS — Cork: M. Kennefick 1-2, L. O'Sullivan 1-1, S. Cahalane 0-4, T. Doyle, M. Kenneally 0-1 each. Tipperary: C. Hennessy 0-4, S. Collins, M. Corcoran 1-0 each, J. Fahy, F. Loughnane 0-1 each.

REF — M. Pollard (Waterford).



Trisha Murphy, Glen under pressure from three Granagh-Ballingarry defenders in the Munster Club Senior Camogie Championship final. Picture: Denis Minihane.



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# The music dies for Glen girls



The Burke sisters Kay and Mary who played on opposing sides in Saturday's camogie final.

IT was inevitable that the Glen camogie bubble would burst at some stage, but never in their wildest dreams did they anticipate such a drubbing as they got from Grenagh-Ballingarry in last Saturday's Munster club final on home soil.

Glen's cause wasn't helped by the loss of Therese O'Callaghan through injury and to compound their problems, they had Denise Cronin sent off early in the game which left them with a mountain to climb.

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

Great credit to the Limerick girls for scaling the heights.

For St. Marys Convent in Charleville, Saturday's success by Ballingarry was particularly significant.

Six of their senior team, Breda O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Laura Leslie and Gene Cullinane all won All-Ireland medals with the school earlier this year, and for one

young lady in particular, the Munster club success completed a remarkable year.

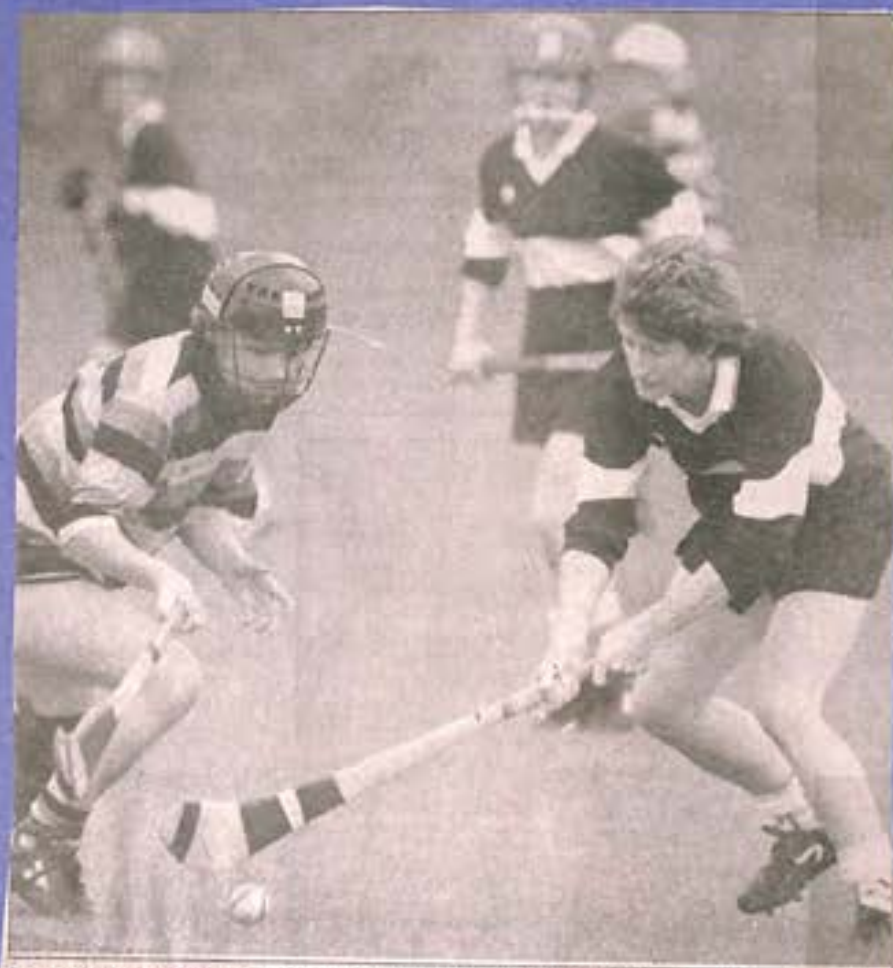
Fourteen-year-old Eileen O'Brien, already the holder of five All-Ireland medals won this year, is now in line for her sixth as Ballingarry pursue the club title later this month.

Included in Eileen's collection of All-Ireland medals won so far, are the Colleges senior and All-Ireland Sevens, Intermediate with Limerick, junior league with Limerick and Felle na nGael with her

club.

During the five games in the Felle, Eileen amassed the record score of 13 goals 19 points, and in last Saturday's final against the Glen, she again showed her scoring prowess scoring 3-3 as Ballingarry chalked up 5-8 to Glen's 0-8.

For the Burke sisters Kay and Mary, Saturday's clash was one of mixed emotion. Kay was a member of the winning team while Mary had to content with the losers spot on this occasion.



Ber Chawke of Granagh-Ballingarry tussles with Glen's Stephanie Dunlea in the Munster Club Senior Camogie final at the Glen grounds, Cork. Picture: Denis Minihane

## Galway camogie finals are down for decision

AFTER the Galway senior camogie team made history in Dublin last weekend, its back to business again with the county senior and junior finals on in Bullaun next Saturday at 1.00 and 2.30 respectively.

This year the senior final sees the unique pairing of Pearse's and Shamrocks. The Ballymacward based Pearse's side are no strangers to this level of competition. They will be contesting the fifth senior county final in a row and were county champions in 1992 and 1994.

Shamrocks, on the other hand, are in their first ever senior final. The club which was only established in 1993, have won the junior A and U.14 final to date and hope to make a major breakthrough in the senior ranks on Saturday.

The senior game is followed by Castlegar against Mountbellew/Moylough in the county junior final. Both teams are newcomers to the competition and they both will be eager to make a breakthrough into the senior ranks.

**GALWAY — Senior Camogie final:** Pearse's 5-4 (A. Ryan-Forde 3-1, S. Glynn 1-1, M. Haverly 1-0, A. Hilary 0-2), Shamrocks 0-11 (S. Keane 0-7, G. Maher, F. Ryan, T. Fallon and R. Coen 0-1 each). **Junior A Camogie final (Bullaun):** Mountbellew-Moylough 0-3, Castlegar 0-2.

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**DUBLIN — U-16 final:** Thomas Davis 2-5, Ballyboden 2-2. **U-14 final:** Good Counsel 3-3, Kevins 3-1. **U-13 final:** Joly Meenag 9-0, St. Judes 2-1. **U-11 final:** Ballyboden 7-0, Kevins 1-0.

## Coachford march on

Coachford College 5 - 8  
St. Mary's, Macroom 1 - 2

IN the Munster Colleges Camogie U15A second round game played at Cloughduv on Monday, the black and reds of Coachford heavily defeated arch rivals Macroom thanks to some accurate points scoring from Maria Noonan and the tenacity of Ann Enneguess. Coachford opened the scoring with Noonan getting two points. Catherine Corkery replied immediately after a long clearance by Sally Anne Shannon. Coachford captain Chris Murphy, who tormented the Macroom defence when at full forward and later midfield, made an incisive solo into the danger area and Sheila Crowley made no

mistake from Murphy's pass. Maeve O'Connell and Claire Sheehan lorded it at the back for the college. Ger McSweeney and Mary Enneguess controlled midfield and Maria Noonan began to score point from all angles. Kate Hayes and Una O'Donoghue tried to stem the Coachford onslaught but Ann Enneguess, the best player on view, kept battling and scored an excellent point from long range. Macroom were 2 - 4 to 0 - 2 in arrears at half-time and set about reducing the deficit in the second half.

Fiona McSweeney cleared from the wing. Murphy added to the momentum and Brid

O'Connell scored a good goal, giving Noreen Burns no chance. Ann Enneguess goaled from the resultant ruck-out and Maria Noonan got an excellent solo effort.

The score of the game from Cathriona Crowley was a beauty. Ger McSweeney, who had an excellent hour, provided Murphy with vital possession and she rounded Corkery, Delaney and Therese Coughlan before crossing the ball into the danger area where Crowley doubled on the sliotar into the net. Noonan scored her seventh point and Una O'Donoghue got a good individual solo goal for Macroom before the referee, Marie Corkery, blew the final whistle. Macroom had Muskerry players Linda O'Leary,

Una O'Donoghue, Catherine Corkery and Sally Anne Shannon to the fore whilst Coachford, who appeared strong in all areas, had Ann Enneguess, Claire Sheehan, Chris Murphy and Maria Noonan in top form.

Coachford now meet St. Aidans, Dublin Hill in the third round.

**Coachford**

C. McCarthy, F. McSweeney, C. Sheehan, S. Buckley, M. O'Connell, A. Enneguess, M. Enneguess, G. McSweeney, M. Noonan, S. McCarthy, C. Murphy, B. O'Connell. Subs: K. O'Flynn, C. Crowley, S. Reck.

**Macroom**

N. Burns, S. Crowley, S. Shannon, J. Delaney, K. Hayes, T. Coughlan, K. Corkery, M. Nash, U. O'Donoghue, J. Lucey, N. Dunne, L. O'Leary. Subs: O. Roche, R. Murphy, A. Kelly.



# Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

As there are no fixtures this weekend, we will continue a brief history which was brought up to 1970 in October last year.

In the spring of 1971 a voluntary group of enterprising young Dublin-based people published the first issue of the quarterly magazine "Camogie". The following year Una Bean Uí Phuirseil became President of the newly established C.C.I.A. and under her guidance, the first of the present four extra competitions for all higher colleges began. Congress approved a new uniform for players and lifted the ban on playing hockey. Galway hosted in 1973 the first Congress to be held outside Dublin and delegates opted for the Open Draw system for the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

The Golden Jubilee of the Revival of the Tailteann Games was celebrated in '74 with the introduction of the All-Ireland Minor Championship. Once again Down made history when their name was the first to be inscribed on the minor trophy. Congress decided to appoint a National PRO and this office was entrusted to Jo Golden, Kilkenny, the C.C.I.A. Delegate to Ardchomhairle. The Association participated for the first time in Feile na nGael, and Ahane, Limerick won the title. A primary schools council was set up under the chairmanship of Shiela McAnnulty. While assuming a new role in one area, Shiela decided not to seek re-election to the office of

Ardrunai in '75. She was succeeded by Jo Golden with Kitty Murphy, Clare becoming the second PRO.

Ardchomhairle appointed Mary Moran, Cork and Ann Carroll, Kilkenny as National Coaches. A camogie annual replaced the magazine "Camogie" and the first All-Ireland finals of Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa, a talent competition, took place. Activities on the playing fields took the limelight again in 1976 with the introduction of the senior National League. Tipperary won the first title when defeating Wexford 4-2 to 1-3.

Community games had been winning widespread support and camogie had been included in their programme of events at county level. However by '76 camogie involvement had increased to such an extent that its final was one of the main attractions in the national finals. Bawnboy, Cavan won that first title.

Congress of '78 took a momentous decision to explore the feasibility of appointing a full time officer, a decision taken in light of continuing expansion and growth with a consequent increase in the work load, particularly at central level. Rosina McManus, Antrim a former Uachtaran was appointed to Cospoir, the newly formed National Sports Council. Rosina had some years prior to this been appointed to the Northern Ireland Sports Council.

The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association

was celebrated with enthusiasm throughout the country. A national walk was undertaken with great success. A national league was inaugurated for counties of junior status and Armagh were the first winners of Corn De Burca, just piping Kildare in a thrilling final. Gael Linn competition, now embracing senior and junior sections, returned to a county Meath pitch where, local tradition has it, Cuchulainn himself had sported. Celebrations concluded with an Ardchomhairle function at which the principal guest of honour was actress Siobhan McKenna, herself a former camogie player.

In 1980 Ardrunai Jo Golden, became the first Development Officer of the Association. With the support of Cumann Luthchleas Gael, which kindly provided an Office in Croke Park.. Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael finally had its own headquarters.

1981 saw the extension of the National Junior League to include junior teams from the senior status counties. Sadly, it saw too, the passing of Sean O'Duffy whose commitment to the game and the Association had spanned a period of 75 years and who has rightfully won a unique place in the history of camogie. In 1982, a super star type National competition was set up "Gradm Tailte". This was the first time since 1904 that all 32 counties participated in any competition.

The following year National Coach Mary Moran, published an advanced Coaching Manual.

In 1984 Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael reached its 80th anniversary as Cumann Luthchleas Gael celebrated its Centenary ..... (to be continued).

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A Brief History*





# Cork keep control and claim their camogie final place

Cork 4-20  
Clare 1-8

CORK had an easy passage in the semi-final of the Munster senior camogie championship.

The winners were always in control and led by 13 points at half time, when the score was 2-8 to 0-1.

Cork's first-half goals came from Fiona O'Driscoll and Vivienne Harris.

They continued to control matters after the break and added two more goals from Sinead O'Callaghan to run out worthy winners.

Outstanding for Cork were Sandy Fitzgibbon, Fiona O'Driscoll, Mary Kennefick, Etna Duggan and Paula Goggin.

Clare's best were Clodagh Lennon, Orla Slattery, Debbie McDonagh, Noel Comyns and Maria Collins.

Scorers — Cork: S O'Callaghan 2-1, F O'Driscoll 1-4, L Dunlea 0-7, V Harris 1-2, M Kennefick 0-5, E O'Sullivan 0-1.

Clare: P Maloney 1-2, C Lennon 0-2, O Slattery, S O'Brien, N Comyns, M Collins 0-1 each.  
CORK: P Goggin, E Duggan, M Deasy, S Dunlea, M Finn, V Harris, S Fitzgibbon, E Buckley, S O'Callaghan, F O'Driscoll, M Kennefick, L Dunlea Sub: E O'Sullivan

CLARE: A McCormick, M Costelloe, C Lennon, O Slattery, S McGrath, N Comyns, M Collins, J Frost, D McDonagh, S O'Brien, A Keane, P Maloney  
Referee: Pauline McCarthy, Limerick.

INNISCARRA qualified for the Senior B camogie championship final when they had a comfortable 5-7 to 2-6 victory over St Finbarr's at Ballincollig.

An Irene O'Keeffe goal after three minutes saw them take a lead which they were never to lose.

Further goals from Catherine O'Leary and Catriona Hogan, plus points from the same players, gave them a comfortable 3-4 to 0-3 lead at the break.

Early in the second half Colette O'Mahony and Criona Harte exchanged goals and a further Barrs goal from Roisin O'Donovan gave

them a glimmer of hope.

Inniscarra finished the stronger, however, and when Catriona Hogan slotted home their fifth goal they were on their way to a final meeting with Kilbrittain.

Scorers — Inniscarra: I O'Keeffe 1-3 (0-3 free), C Hogan 2-1, C Harte 1-1, C O'Leary 1-2  
St Finbarr's: C O'Mahony 1-2 (0-1 free), J Duffy 0-2 (0-1 free), R O'Donovan 1-1, F O'Sullivan 0-1

Cork never looked like they were going to lose this contest



Clare's Debbie McDonagh challenges Sandy Fitzgibbon in the Munster senior championship semi final.

## Coachford's victory hard fought

Coachford 4-7  
St. Mary's Midleton 1-7

THE Quarter Final of the Cork Colleges Senior Camogie played Midleton on Monday. Coachford College fashioned a hard fought victory over arch rivals St. Mary's Midleton.

Coached by Cork Senior Mary O'Connor, Midleton were assisted by a strong breeze and led through points from Claire Flavin before the

Muskerry side got on the scoresheet.

Claire Sheehan's long clearance was well controlled and Mary Ennaguess got the early score for Coachford, this was added to by Sheila Crowley and then Midleton forward Karen O'Sullivan had a long range effort deflected past the superb keeper Susan Cooney.

Coachford rallied through resilient Siobhan

O'Leary and Abby Lehan who set up Louise Murphy for the first of her three points. Sheila Conway added her second goal with the assistance of Sinead A. Buckley and the visitors were looking good at the interval with a point between the sides.

Cork players, Val O'Sullivan and Nora Ahern had other ideas for Midleton however and Karen O'Sullivan added another point.

Sinead C. Buckley and Marjorie Twomey started to gain control in defence for Coachford, Linda Ronan, who had a good hour, began to assert herself and Maria Noonan started to win some vital possession in the half forward line. Sheila Crowley added a third goal and Cooney made an excellent string of saves to deny the East Cork comeback attempt.

The Muskerry School were without the services of Trish Murphy and the irrepressible Deirdre Twomey, scorer of a brace of goals for Aghabullogue in a recent Junior game from centre back. Midleton were bolstered by players from the Imokilly divisional side, namely Deirdre Pomphrett, Anna Corcoran, Fiona O'Keeffe and the highly effective Sinead Kenefick.

The Coachford team included Cork Minors Siobhan O'Leary, Louise Murphy, Sheila Crowley, Mary Ennaguess, Sinead C.

Buckley and current U18 player Sinead A Buckley with Maria Noonan, and Claire Sheehan part of the Muskerry divisional side this season.

Coachford are due to play the winners of Clonakilly or St. Mary's Macroom in the Semi-final. Those who caught the eye for Midleton were Nora Ahern, Karen and Val O'Sullivan with Sheila Crowley, Marjorie Twomey and player of the match Susan Cooney the best for the victors.

**Coachford**  
S. Coomey, L. Ronan, M. Twomey, C. Sheehan, S. O'Leary, M. Ennaguess, A. Lehan, S.C. Buckley, S.A. Buckley, M. Noonan, S. Crowley, L. Murphy.  
Subs: C. O'Leary, B. O'Regan, M. Twomey, M. Browne, S. Buckley, A. O'Sullivan.

**Midleton**  
J. O'Donovan, C. Coleman, F. O'Keeffe, M. O'Brien, N. Ahern, S. Kenefick, V. O'Sullivan, A. Corcoran, C. Flavin, K. Sloane, D. Pomphrett, K. O'Sullivan and R. Corcoran.

## Camogie Column

By Yvonne Corkery

### Player Profile



Name:  
Katherine Corkery.

Age:  
14

School:  
St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom.

Club: Cloughduv.  
Favourite Sport: Camogie, Football, Soccer, Badminton.  
Successes In Camogie: 1 Munster, 1 County medal with school, 1 County with club, 1 Mid-Cork with Aghinagh.  
Position In Playing Field: Centre Field.  
Favourite Sportstar: Eric Cantona.  
Favourite Food: Chicken Curry/Pizza.  
Hobbies: Cycling, Swimming.  
Favourite Film: Independence Day.  
Ambition: To play with Cork.

CONGRATULATIONS to Katherine Corkery, Mary Nash, Sally Anne Shannon, Niamh Dunne, Orla Roche, Noreen Burns and Linda O'Leary, who were involved in the Cloughduv camogie team that beat Courcy Rovers in the U14A County Final.

**CAMOGIE:** Munster Senior Championship Final: Cork 4-14 Limerick 0-8; Munster U-18 Championship Semi-final: Cork 4-10 Limerick 3-7; Junior A Championship Semi-final: St. Finbarrs 4-3 Tracton 0-3; U-16 A Championship: Kilbrittain 4-5 Cloughduv 3-5



The All Ireland Camogie Club Championship Final takes place on Sunday 17th.





# Cork girls' Munster mission

**T**HE main focus this weekend front will be on the inter-county scene with both the Cork senior and U-18 teams in action.

Today the under-18 team take on Limerick in a first round game at Ballincollig at 2 p.m. At the same time and venue tomorrow, the senior also meet Limerick in the Munster Senior Championship Final.

Locally the pick of the games will be the clash of St. Finbarr's and Tracton in the Junior 'A' semi-final tomorrow at Ballinhassig (3.30).

Elsewhere the junior 'B' and under-18 championship continues.

Tomorrow the senior team will be hoping to retain their Munster Championship crown when they clash with Limerick.

## Understrength

Despite being understrength last Sunday, they had a comprehensive win over Clare in the semi-final and will be hoping for a repeat performance tomorrow.

The players should have got over the All-Ireland final defeat and they will be anxious to return to winning ways.

However they will be without a number of regulars. Goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, Therese O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin and Mary O'Connor all unavailable, but the team should include Paula Goggins, Mags Finn, Eithne Duggan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Vivienne Harris, Irene O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Driscoll and Lyn Dunlea.

The clash of Tracton and the Barrs should be an interesting one. The Barrs were defeated in last Sunday's senior 'B' semi-final, and will be anxious to make amends. But they face difficult opposition in Tracton.

The South East side have already played three games in the championship while



Linda Mellerick - will face Limerick tomorrow

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the Barrs have yet to play.

The Barrs received a bye in the preliminary round and were given a walk over from Killeagh in the first round.

Because of they played three games, Tracton are favourites for a final with Valley Rovers.

Tracton look a strong all round side with some fine performers in Catherine Ginnane, Eileen Collins, Jackie Lyons, Julianne Kingston and Mary Walsh.

However they won't have things all their own way from.

The Barrs are a young side and will be looking mainly to players like Aoife Fitzpatrick, Barbara Ann Corcoran, Colette Kirby, Karen Buckley, Sandra O'Donovan and Shirley Cashman to carry them through.

Brian Dillons should have the edge over Ballygarvan in the

semi-final of the under-16 'A' championship.

In the under-18 'B' championship Barryroe, Eire Og and Carrigrohilly will all be expected to advance.

In the only other games listed Aghabullogue and Mayfield clash in the Junior 'B' Championship and this is a difficult one to call.

Mayfield have been going well this season and could just shade it.

**Fixtures**  
Saturday, October 12  
Munster Under-18 Championship

Cork v Limerick at Ballincollig at 2 o'clock.

Sunday, October 13  
Munster S.C. Final - Cork v Limerick at Ballincollig at 2 o'clock.

Junior 'A' Championship semi-final - Tracton v St. Finbarr's at Ballinhassig at 3.30 p.m.

Junior 'B' Championship - Aghabullogue v Mayfield at Coachford at 12 noon. (Ref. time: 1.00 p.m.)

Under-16 'A' Championship - Brian Dillons v Ballygarvan at Douglas at 3.30 p.m. Kibritan v Cloughduv at Kibritan at 2 o'clock. Ref. Barryroe.

Under-18 'B' Championship - St. Catherine's v Eire Og at St. Catherine's at 3 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarr's). Carrigrohilly v Na Pier-

# Skilful Cork retain trophy

Cork 4-14  
Limerick 0-8

**CORK'S** total dominance in all sectors of the field insured that the result of the Senior Munster Camogie Championship Final was never going to be in doubt.

Cork led from the 2nd minute with a Fiona O'Driscoll point.

And when the same player blasted the Limerick net three minutes later Cork took off.

Leading at half-time 2-8 0-1 they continued the pressure in the second half. And with Miriam Deasy and Sandy Fitzgibbon excelling, further goals from Sinéad O'Callaghan and Miriam Deasy plus excellent points from O'Driscoll, Deasy and Lynn Dunlea saw Cork rampant.

Limerick introduced Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien and they improved the situation, somewhat, scoring some nice points. However, on the day, it was Cork's experience and skill which saw them retain their Munster title.

**Scorers:** Cork — F. O'Driscoll 2-6 (one from free), M. Deasy 1-4, S. O'Callaghan 1-0, M. Kenniffick, V. Harris 0-1.  
Limerick — T. McCarthy 0-3 (one from free), V. Sheehan 0-3, B. O'Brien 0-1, E. O'Brien 0-1.  
**CORK:** K. O'Leary, E. Duggan, E.

Goggins, M. Finn, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Harris, S. Dunlea, E. Buckley, S. O'Callaghan, M. Deasy, L. Dunlea (captain), F. O'Driscoll. Subs: L. Mellerick for M. Finn, H. Kennelly for S. O'Callaghan, M. Kenniffick for S. Dunlea.

**LIMERICK:** B. O'Brien, H. Clifford (captain), A. Sheehy, I. Quade, L. Leonard, M. Burke, E. Sheehan, P. McCarthy, K. Burke, S. O'Kelly, B. O'Brien, N. Cregan. Subs: C. McNamara for L. Leonard (injured), V. Sheehan for S. O'Kelly, E. O'Brien for N. Cregan.

**Referee:** M. Pollard, Waterford.

Cork 4-10  
Limerick 3-7

**TWO** outstanding displays by Sinéad O'Callaghan and Vivienne Harris helped Cork to a six points win over Limerick in this Munster Under-18 camogie championships semi-final, played in driving rain at Ballincollig, Cork on Saturday.

Cork trailed at the break by five points 3-2 to 1-3 and will now meet either Clare or Tipperary in the final.

**Scorers for Cork:** S. O'Callaghan 0-6 (0-1 '30'), C. Harris 2-0, V. Harris 1-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '30'), E. Clifford 1-0.  
Limerick: E. O'Brien 1-5 (0-1 free, 0-1 '30'), S. Kelly 1-0, C. Harrington 1-0, A. Sheehy 0-2.

**CORK:** C. Healy, D. Healy, S. Buckley, T. Doyle, E. O'Sullivan, E. Moynihan, V. Harris, T. Roche, C. Harris, S. O'Callaghan, E. Clifford (capt), N. Nash. Subs: K. Riordan for E. Moynihan and C. O'Leary for N. Nash (57th minute).

**LIMERICK:** B. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, M. Harrington, L. Leslie, D. Davern, S. O'Kelly, J. Cullinane, M. Casey, A. Sheehy, C. Harrington, E. O'Brien, V. Sheehan. Subs: K. O'Shea for M. Casey (50th minute).

**Referee:** P. O'Grady (Clare).

## Experience the key to a Cork victory

THE National Junior Camogie league gets underway on Sunday with newly-crowned All-Ireland champions Cork traveling to take on Clare in what should prove a thrilling tussle.

### CAMOGIE

By PJ FULHAM

Clare will be looking forward to a crack at the champions on home ground.

However, the experience of Cork's Eileen Buckley, Antoinette O'Connell and Hilda Kennelly may prove too much for the Banner County.

Beaten Junior finalists, Roscommon, travel to cross swords with old rivals, Offaly.

**FIXTURES — Sunday, National Junior League:** At Rath, Offaly v Roscommon 1.0. At Ballym, Galway v Carrigrohilly 2.0. At Celbridge, Kildare v Down 2.30. At Buncloody, Wexford v Tipperary 12.30.



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# Camogie World

By P.J Fulham

**A**ll-Ireland senior camogie club champions, Rathnure, Wexford will host the London champions on Sunday next in an All-Ireland quarter-final. The London champions are not yet to hand but they will face a very stiff task in taking on the champions. Rathnure had it easy in the final last year against Toomevara, Tipperary and this year in the Leinster championship final they disposed of Kilkenny champions, Lisdowney, who fielded five of the Kilkenny senior team. The Wexford club parades Catherine Murphy who played for the county and province for a number of years and is still worth her place at centre back or full back. Another player who played in the All-Ireland of 1994 against Kilkenny is Ann Reddy, a very experienced forward. Geraldine Codd and Bernie Higgins have also been chalking up scores.

They are almost certain to advance to the semi-final where they will meet the Connacht champions.

Rathnure panel - Mary Barron, Catherine Murphy, Anna May White, Mary Hayden, Claire O'Connor, Aoife O'Connor, Norma Carty, Michelle O'Leary, Ann Reddy, Marguerite Somers, Karina Somers, Geraldine Codd, Bernie Higgins, Brigid Howlin, Brigid Murphy, Bernie Holohan, Elaine Holohan.

Fermanagh are the Ulster Under 18 champions. They just had one point to spare over Antrim in an exciting final played at Teemore. A point by Nuala Green just on the full time whistle gave Fermanagh their first ever title. Both teams produced good fare with the Fermanagh forwards always looking sharper than their opponents. Goals by Emma Martin and Glenda Fitzpatrick gave the Ernesiders a slight lead at the break 2-4 to 1-6, the Antrim goal coming from Dunloy's Brona Burns.

Second half goals by Sibeal McKenna had the Glensiders heading for victory, but it turned into a tit for tat affair with Fermanagh securing victory.

Final score - Fermanagh 3-12 Antrim 4-8

Scorers - Fermanagh - Emma Martin 2-1, Nuala Green 0-7, Glenda Fitzpatrick 1-2, Noirin Maguire 0-2.

Antrim - Sibeal McKenna 2-1, June Adams 1-4, Brona Burns 1-0, Kerri O'Neill, Tracey McAuley and Colette Downey 0-1 each.

Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down are the Ulster Club champions. They got the better of Dunloy, Antrim in the Club championship final. It was a very exciting encounter. Leitrim came from 4-6 to 1-6 down in the

final quarter to win on a scoreline of 5-8 to 4-7.

Scorers - Leitrim - Mairin McAleenan 2-4, Lil Cunningham 2-0, Bernie Kelly 1-1, Majella Murray 0-2, Caitriona McCrickard 0-1.

Dunloy - Oonagh Elliot 2-0, Anne McKee 0-5, Elaine Dowds 1-1, Claire Maguire 1-0, Sinead McMullan 0-1.

The Maguire Cup is an annual competition in Ulster and produces some excellent encounters. Down and Armagh clashed in what turned out to be a thriller. Armagh is a senior county while Down is Intermediate. It was a closely contested affair. Goals by Mairin McAleenan, Cathy Mulholland and Valerie Hynds gave Down a 3-3 to 2-1 lead at the break. Armagh's goals coming from Ellen Donnelly and Deirdre Connolly. The second half was an edge of the seat affair as it turned out to be score for score, with Down gaining victory by one point 5-6 to 5-5.

Scorers - Down - Mairin McAleenan 2-2, Valerie Hynds 1-2, Cathy Mulholland 1-1, Jennifer Branniff 1-0, Majella Murray 0-1.

Armagh - Deirdre Connolly and Ellen Donnelly 1-2 each, Bernie McBride 1-1, Mary Donnelly and Olive McGeown 1-0 each.

Antrim and Derry crossed swords in another Maguire Cup tussle. This was a one sided affair with seven of the Antrim team putting their names on the scoreboard. Derry were somewhat disappointing as there was little between the sides in the league and championship.

Half time score - Antrim 5-3 Derry 0-3. Full time score - Antrim 8-9 Derry 0-6.

Scorers - Antrim - Carla Doherty 2-1, Majella McMullan and Grace McMullan 2-0 each, Elaine Dowds 1-2, Claire McGarry 1-1, Maureen Barry 0-3, Oonagh Elliot 0-2.

Derry - Mary O'Kane 0-4, Michelle Keally and Movita Doyle 0-1 each.

## Tipperary Championship

Shannon Rovers got the upper hand over Portroe in the replay of the Tipperary Intermediate Championship final played in Cloughjordan. The weather conditions were not good but both teams served up whole-hearted and quality performances. The winners led 1-1 to 1-0 at the interval. However, Portroe could only manage to add one point in the second half despite several scoring chances. Shannon Rovers had their share of missed chances but added a further 1-2.

Final Score - Shannon Rovers 2-3 Portroe 1-1

## Defending Champions Rathnure to meet London



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# Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

The scene is now set for the 1996/97 National Junior League. There are 18 counties taking part, divided into four zones, with the top two from each zone going through to the quarter-finals.

**Zone A:** Cork, Clare, Wexford and Tipperary

**Zone B:** Antrim, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh, Tyrone

**Zone C:** Armagh, Dublin, Carlow, Kildare, Down

**Zone D:** Cavan, Galway, Offaly, Roscommon

On Sunday next, there are seven fixtures down for decision. Newly crowned All-Ireland Junior champions Cork travel to take on Clare. The Rebel County should start their campaign with a win. Nevertheless, Clare could be looking forward to a crack at the champions on home ground, which should make it an interesting tussle. The experience of Cork's Mary Keniffick, Eileen Buckley, who got 'Girl of the Match' in the All-Ireland final, Antoinette O'Connell and Hilda Kenneally may prove too much for the Banner County.

Leinster champions Kildare host League finalists Down. When the sides met in the League last year, Down proved much the stronger side, winning on a scoreline of 6-9 to 2-6. However, Kildare were defeated by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final by just four points and are sure to provide stiff opposition, but the 'Mourne' girls may get off on a winning note.

Offaly will show their hospitality to the All-Ireland finalists Roscommon. This encounter should produce lots of flair and determination. Offaly will be quietly confident of collecting the points. They defeated their opponents in last season's League play-off for a place in the quarter final, 2-11 to 1-4. They have prominent players in Maggie Lynch, Michelle Davis, Dymphna White and Eileen and Honor Kinsella.

Roscommon will be going all out to give a good account of themselves in the League. They are a team that can produce much better than they did in the final. They will be looking to Mary Gannon, Karina Jones, Maeve Healy, Ursula Hussey and Mary Grehan to collect the points but may find Offaly hard to overcome.

Tipperary travel to tussle with Wexford. This should be a keenly contested affair. Neither teams figured in the knock-out stages last year. Wexford seem to have a strong squad including players such as Bernie Higgins, Kate Kelly, Rosemary Breen, Aine Codd and Marie Butler. Nevertheless, Tipperary will provide stiff opposition.

Galway, Tipperary and Down, are Intermediate teams eligible to take part in Junior League and the morale is still high in Galway after their great achievement in the All-Ireland Senior final. They face Cavan who would be classed outsiders. However, the Breffni girls are sure to give a good account of themselves with good performers such as Ita Kiernan, Eimear Brennan, Patricia Martin, Majella and Marie Prior. But Galway may carry too much strength on the day.

Derry travel to Antrim and will meet with a formidable force in the 'Glensiders' who were pipped by Roscommon for a place in the All-Ireland final. When the teams met in the Maguire Cup recently, Antrim had a comprehensive win, 8-9 to 0-6. When the sides met in the League last year it was Derry that secured the points, 2-7 to 1-5.

Antrim can parade players such as Brona McCorry, Grace McMullan, Majella McMullan, Elaine Dowds and Oonagh Elliott. While Derry have stars in Mary O'Kane, Michelle Kealey, Movite Doyle, Claire and Martina Mulholland, Antrim look set to take the points.

Fermanagh and Donegal clash at the latter venue. These two counties should produce good fare with little separating the sides at the finish.

Also on Sunday, the Leinster League final takes place when the holders, Meath, travel to face Laois at Mountrath. This should be a sparkling encounter. Meath have full points from their campaign while Laois' only defeat was to Meath. Meath are the holders. This is a repeat of last year's final and Laois will be anxious to turn the tables, but the Royal County will not relinquish their title easily.

## Results:

**Down 6-12, Antrim 1-7.**

Scorers - Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-3, Sinead McGovern 2-1, Colleen Hynds 1-2, Cathy Mulholland 1-1, Jennifer Branniff 0-2.

2, Nuala Magee, Claire McGrath and Valerie Hynds 0-1 each.

Antrim: Denise O'Boyle 0-5, Grace McMullan 1-0, Elaine Dowds 0-2.

**Ulster Minor League final**

**Down 1-8 Antrim 1-7**

Scorers: Antrim: Deirdre Quinn 0-5, Michelle Goss 1-1, Angela Fearon 0-2

## Re: ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINALS, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1996

In view of comments made through the media, Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael wishes to issue the following statement in relation to the All-Ireland Camogie finals in Pairc an Chrocaigh on Sunday, 22nd September, 1996.

Over fifty years, including this year, in which our All-Ireland finals have been held in Pairc an Chrocaigh, our Association has enjoyed the full support of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

Due to a replay of this year's All-Ireland football final, Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Pairc an Chrocaigh, approached Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael with a request to have the New Stand, rather than the Hogan Stand, open to the public on the day of the All-Ireland Camogie Finals in order to facilitate the staff of Pairc an Chrocaigh in its preparations for the replay.

Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, in the spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation which has existed between both organisations since the foundation of our Association almost one hundred years ago, readily acceded to this request.

Liam O Maolmhichil, Ard Stiurthoir, his office staff, his groundsmen and his stewards facilitated us in every possible way so that the change could be effected at minimum inconvenience to our administrators, to our teams and to those attending the finals.

Sean Boothman, Uachtaran Chumann Luthchleas Gael, was not in a position to attend this year's finals but we had as a most welcome guest, Seosamh MacDonnchadha, An t-Uachtaran Tofa, whose presence on the day when An Ghaillimh won its first All-Ireland Senior Championship final was particularly appropriate.

Sean Boothman and his wife Nuala were very welcome guests at the lunch for the teams on Monday.

It is regrettable that neither those members of the public who made statements through the media, nor the media which afforded coverage of their statements, saw fit to contact our office in Pairc an Chrocaigh to ascertain the facts and our views.

Had they done so, they would have understood that allegations made against Cumann Luthchleas Gael were without foundation.

Sile de Bhailís  
Ardrúnaí

# 1996/'97 National Junior League gets underway

## CAMOGIE

National Junior League: Offaly 1-13; Roscommon 2-6; Down 5-15; Kildare 2-4; Fermanagh 13-9; Donegal 6-0; Antrim 9-7; Derry 4-11; Wexford 1-11; Tipperary 1-5.  
Dublin Senior 'A' League: Marino 8-3; O'Toole's 0-2. Senior 'B' League: Thomas Davis 0-6; Duff 1-2. Inter 'A' League - Naomh Mearnóg 4-7; Naomh Padraig 0-1.  
Junior 'A' League: Marino 2-2; Na Fionna 0-2. U16 League: Marino 1-6; Crumlin 0-1. Ballyboden 2-0; Thomas Davis 1-2.  
U11 League final: Naomh Mearnóg 4-3; Ballyboden 1-1.



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Irene O'Keeffe captain of Inniscarra in training for the final.

# A close final is in prospect

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On Sunday next at Glen Rovers at 12.30 the destination of the Senior 'B' Championship title for 1996 will be decided when the girls from Inniscarra and Kilbrittain will battle it in an eagerly awaited game and which should attract a big following to the city venue.

Inniscarra are basically a very young side with their success story starting back in 1991 when they won the Cork Feile Na nGael title for the last time ever.

The following year they won the Junior 'A' and Under 16 Championships. In 1993 they added another U16 title but the real breakthrough came in 1994 when they won the Intermediate Championship and were promoted to senior ranks for the first time in the history of their club.

Now two years later they find themselves contesting the Senior 'B' final and their team for Sunday will mainly be made up of players from these winning sides and on their performances in the past year they must be in there with every chance of success.

They will be captained on Sunday by Cork senior player Irene O'Keeffe and have other very experienced players in Cork junior goalkeeper Leona Nolan, Aileen O'Sullivan, Catriona O'Callaghan, Catriona Hogan, Evelyn Moynihan, Nicola Buckley and Criona Harte. If these girls can repeat their performance of late they could be in there with every chance of success but they face formidable opponents in Kilbrittain.

### Secret

The West Cork side make no secret of the fact that the winning of the Senior 'B' Championship has been their goal since the start of the season and they are certainly going to leave no stone unturned on Sunday next to achieve this.

This will be their second appearance in a Senior final, having been defeated by Bishoptown in the 1991 decider.

Despite their short number of years in existence Kilbrittain have certainly made great strides and must be rated as one of the most progressive clubs in the county.



Eimear O'Sullivan Kilbrittain

They won their first trophy in 1990 when they won the Junior 'A' Championship and in 1992 they recorded a magnificent double when they took both the Intermediate and Under 18 Championships.

To date they are still involved in the Junior 'B' and U16 Championships semi finals and certainly appear to have a wealth of talent to choose from.

On their way to the final they recorded comprehensive victories over Na Piarsaigh and Brian Dillons in earlier rounds but in the semi final had to fight much harder before eventually overcoming a strong Sars side.

On Sunday next they will look mainly to Cork Senior player Miriam Deasy to show the way but they also have very experienced players in the evergreen Mary Brennan whose tenacity and determination on the field is second to none.

### CAMOGIE FIXTURES

Saturday October 19th:

U16 'A' Championship semi final: Brian Dillons v Ballygarvan at St. Finbarrs at 2 o'clock; U16 'B' Championship: Douglas v St. Catherine's at Douglas at 1 o'clock. Ref: St. Finbarrs; Sarsfields v Barryroe at 3 p.m., Ref: Courcy Rovers.

Sunday October 20th: Senior 'B' Championship Final: Inniscarra v Kilbrittain at Glen Rovers at 12.30. Ref: R. Sheehan; Under 16 'B' Championship: Valley Rovers v Mayfield at Valley Rovers at 4.45.

# Ronan stars for Coachford

Coachford College 2 - 4  
St. Pats, Mayfield 2 - 4

IN the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship first round played at Coachford on Wednesday last, St. Patrick's and Coachford ended on level terms after a thrilling encounter. The home team found it difficult to convert their early superiority into scores and it was St. Pats who opened the scoring with Sabrina Buckley scoring two points from thirties. Louise Murphy, who tormented the St. Pats defence throughout the

game, scored a point and after good work outfield from the resolute Siobhan O'Leary and Sinéad C Buckley, Anthea O'Brien at centre back for the city side began to dominate matters and her clearance found Rebecca Williams who gave Susan Cooney no chance from close range.

The mid-Cork team had it all to do in the second half but got a glorious start when Linda Ronan, Coachford's best player on the day, gained total

control at centre field coupled with the tenacious Cork Minor captain Sinéad A Buckley, now lording it at centre back, allowed Louise Murphy to score a vital goal. This was added to by a point from Sheila Crowley to equalise matters and the Muskerry school took the lead with Marjorie Twomey supplying Crowley with her second point. Coachford introduced Siobhan Buckley to bolster midfield and, with Deirdre Twomey settling in well at the back, they goaled again through Cork minor Louise Murphy.

St. Pats were stunned into action by this onslaught with Thérèse Drummond, Jackie O'Sullivan and Sinéad Kelly improving their efforts. Sabrina Buckley scored a thirty, Rebecca Williams added a goal and Buckley another thirty.

The game was in the balance when Sheila Crowley scored her third point to put both sides level. Referee Marie Corkery, who was excellent on the day, blew the final whistle thus ending what was commonly acknowledged by the supporters as a great Colleges match.

Coachford can be well pleased with the performance of Siobhan O'Leary, the classy Sinéad A Buckley, Louise Murphy, Sheila Crowley and Linda Ronan whilst St. Pats had stars in Rebecca Williams, Anthea O'Brien, Sarah Manley and Jackie O'Sullivan. Coachford Coach Rob Lotty stated after the game that it was an important result for the school, adding that this was the first year the school were allowed enter for the senior grade championship, having been hitherto excluded due to their community college status. The replay is scheduled for early November, the eventual victors meeting Nenagh, Tipperary.

### St. Pats

M McCarthy, C Browne, A Cotter, G O'Connell, A O'Brien, S Buckley, J O'Sullivan, T Drummond, R Williams, T Deane, S Kelly, S Manley. Sub: D Sheehan.

### Coachford

S Cooney, S C Buckley, S O'Leary, M Twomey, S A Buckley, A Lehan, L Ronan, D Twomey, M Ennequess, L Murphy, S Crowley, B O'Regan. Subs: M Twomey, S Buckley.

# Inniscarra capture Senior 'B' camogie championship

Inniscarra 2-11  
Kilbrittain 1-8

by Tom Higgins

A SUPERB display by captain, Irene O'Keeffe, helped Inniscarra capture the Cork County Senior 'B' camogie championship title at the Glen Field, Cork yesterday when they defeated Kilbrittain in a hard fought game.

The winners laid the foundation for their victory in the opening half when they played excellent ground camogie out of defence to set up some excellent scoring opportunities for their forwards. This saw them ahead at the break by 2-6 to 0-6.

They got off to a flying start and had a goal and a two points on the board in the opening twelve minutes before Kilbrittain had their opening score, a point from their star player Miriam Deasy.

But an opportunist goal by Irene O'Keeffe two minutes later put her side on the road to victory.

On the turnover, Inniscarra added to their advantage with two Criona Harte points.

Kilbrittain fought very hard and were unlucky not to have a few goals, one effort from Miriam Deasy going narrowly wide, and another being kicked off the goal-line.

Kilbrittain played their best camogie in the last ten minutes and although Miriam Deasy managed to get a goal for her side four minutes from time it was too little too late and Inniscarra ran out worthy winners, on a pitch that was quite good considering the heavy overnight rain.

For the winner's, in addition to Irene O'Keeffe, Tracy Ryan was very solid at full back while Evelyn Moynihan and Ann Golden played well in midfield. Up front Catherine O'Leary and Criona Harte were always dangerous.

Rose Hayes, in goal for Kilbrittain could not be faulted for the goals that got past her and had an excellent game. In the back line Annette O'Leary and Niamh O'Mahony were prominent while Mary Sexton tried hard in the middle of the field. In the forwards Eilish O'Regan and Miriam Deasy always looked dangerous.

Scores: Inniscarra: I O'Keeffe 1-5, C Harte 0-4 (0-1 "35", 0-1 free), C O'Leary 1-0, C Horgan 0-2. Kilbrittain: M Deasy 1-5, E O'Regan 0-3 (0-1 free).  
INNISCARRA: L Nolan; T Ryan; A O'Sullivan; M O'Sullivan; N Buckley; E Moynihan; M N O'Sullivan; A Golden; I O'Keeffe (capt); C O'Leary; C Horgan; C Harte. Subs: S O'Leary for M O'Sullivan (40th minute); C O'Callaghan for A Golden (43rd minute).  
KILBRITTAIN: R Hayes; A O'Leary; S O'Donovan; M Brennan; N O'Mahony; C Hurley; M Sexton; E O'Sullivan; E O'Regan; M Deasy (capt); D Coughlan; E O'Neill. Sub: V O'Keeffe for N O'Mahony (43rd minute).  
Referee: Tracy Sheehan.



## GLANCE BACK TO 1962

This week, as requested, we give a report on the 1962 Interprovincial. Geraldine Callinan, a diminutive schoolgirl from Graigecullen, a dressingroom replacement for absent Loretta McDonald was the heroine of the Leinster camogie side which, after twenty minutes of extra time, snatched victory from the holders Munster in an intensely exciting Gael Linn Cup semi-final played at Parnell Park, Dublin. For much of the seventy minutes played, Munster looked the more likely winners, and at one time were eleven points ahead. That lead had been cut to five points, 4-2 to 3-0 at half time.



Four girls from Wexford who were members of the Leinster Gael Linn team. Standing left to right - L Parle (capt.), M Synott, J Murphy, M Hearne.

Hearne, Wexford, K Ryder, Dublin, G Callinan, Laois, R McMahon, Louth, U O'Connor, Dublin, L Parle, Wexford, J Doyle, Dublin.

Munster - S Sutton, Cork, R Ryan, Limerick, B Shine, B Murphy, K Clancy, Cork, T Griffin, Tipperary, J Howlett, Waterford, J Murphy, Cork, M Moloney, Limerick, K Griffin, Tipperary, E Neville, Limerick, T Murphy, Cork.  
Referee - M Gilroy, Ulster.

In the other semi-final Ulster gave an impressive display at Carrickmacross when they defeated Connacht by two points. Heavy rain made the pitch very soft and also kept the attendance to a minimum. Nevertheless camogie was good and the closeness of the exchanges made it very exciting. Margaret McAtamney of Ulster was undoubtedly the star of the match.

Final score - Ulster 2-9 Connacht 3-4

Scorers - Ulster - MP Jameson 2-0, M McAtamney 0-4, M Gilroy and M Kearns 0-2 each, S Ward 0-1.

Connacht - K Flaherty 2-0, J Ruane 1-2, K Clancy 0-2.

The final was played in Casement Park, Belfast on October 7th. Both sides gave an excellent exhibition of camogie. It was close all the way with little separating the sides at any time. Leinster played with the wind in the first half and had an early goal from a

long shot by Kay Ryder. Ulster moved well into the breeze. Leinster had two points to spare at the break 3-1 to 2-2.

Ulster then went ahead with a goal immediately after the restart. It looked as though a home victory was certain, but captain Lily Parle, from Wexford struck back for her second goal. It was score for score up to the final whistle as Leinster clinched victory 7-2 to 5-3.

Scorers - Leinster - J Doyle 2-1, L Parle 2-0, U O'Connor 1-1, K Ryder and G Callinan 1-0 each.

Ulster - M Gilroy and M Kearns 1-1 each, MP Jameson, S Ward, L Reynolds 0-1 each, M McAtamney 0-1.

Leinster - A Brennan, M Synott, M Nurney, S Lennon, G Hughes, K Ryder, M Hearne, J Murphy, G Callinan, U O'Connor, J Doyle, L Parle.

Ulster - T Jordan, MC Mallon, P McKeever, Armagh, C Hughes, M Kane, MMcAtamney, S Ward, L Carabine, M Kearns, MP Jameson, M Gilroy, Antrim, L Reynolds, Armagh.



The Ulster team which lost to Leinster in the 1962 Gael Linn. Referee - K Griffin, Tipperary.



The Leinster team which defeated Ulster in the Gael Linn Inter-Provincial 1962.

## Cork girls going for the Munster three in a row

THE Munster Under 18 Final between Cork and Tipperary and the County Junior "A" Championship Final involving Valley Rovers and St. Finbarrs will dominate the camogie fixture list this coming weekend.

Both games are scheduled for Sunday with the Munster Final timed for (venue not yet known) while the Junior "A" Final will go ahead at Gloughduv at 12.15.

When the Cork under 18 team will take field on Sunday next they will be seeking their third Munster title in a row. This is certainly a remarkable achievement considering Cork have not won a Munster minor title since 1991.

Two weeks ago Cork

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played Limerick in the semi-final. Going into that game, Cork would again have been underdogs but they rose to the occasion in remarkable fashion and despite being behind at the interval, they put in a marvellous second half performance before eventually coming out on top.

The team will be backboned by Sinead O'Callaghan and Tricia Doyle, both members of Cork's All-Ireland winning junior side, and Cork senior, Vivienne Harris.

They have other experienced players in Eire Og's Deirdre Healy, Sinead Buckley from Aghabullogue, Evelyn Moynihan and Ciona Harte, Innis-

carra, and Ellen Clifford, St. Finbarrs, who captains the side.

At local level, the clash of Valley Rovers and St. Finbarrs in the County Junior "A" Championship Final promises to be an interesting one.

Valley Rovers, winners of last seasons Junior "B" Championship, will be hoping to move up another grade to intermediate ranks in the coming year. They looked impressive in their semi-final victory over Ballinhassig and will certainly not give into defeat on Sunday next. They are a very experienced bunch of players and will look mainly to players like goalkeeper Michelle Shields, Helen Kiely, Bernie Shiels, Elaine Burke, Fionnuala Calnan and the

evergreen Nancy O'Donovan, who still has not lost her scoring touch.

The Barrs surprised many when they defeated Tracton in their semi-final clash.

They are basically a very young side with fine performers in Colette Kirby, Linda O'Connell, Barbara Ann Corcoran, Marie Scully, Aoife Fitzpatrick and captain Karen Buckley.

Valley Rovers will be favourites but no doubt the Barrs will be in there fighting to the end.

In the only other game listed Courcy Rovers and Kilbrittain will be in action on Saturday at Barryroe, at 3 p.m. in the semi-final of the Junior "B" Championship.



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## Vivienne the ace for Cork U-18's

Cork 1-15  
Tipperary 3-4

A superb display by Vivienne Harris helped Cork retain their Munster U-18 Camogie Championship title and make it three in a row. Despite the heavy rainfall all week the Aghballyogue pitch was in excellent condition and helped in no small way to produce a wonderful contest.

The champions got the perfect

start with a Criona Harte goal after two minutes. By the 15th minute Cork led 1-3 to 0-2 when a goal from Ciara Gaynor brought Tipperary back into contention.

Cork took their points well, in particular Harris, and approaching half-time they led 1-8 to 1-4. However, a second Tipp goal from Ca-triona Hennessy meant just a point separated the sides at the break. Cork dominated the second-half and Tipp's third goal from

Gaynor came in the final minute.

Scorers: Cork: V. Harris 1-10 (4 from free, 2 from 30s); C. Harte 1-1; S. O'Callaghan 0-2; E. Clifford, C. O'Leary 0-1 each. Tipperary: C. Gaynor 2-1; C. Hennessy 1-2 (2 from free); M. Looby 0-1.

TIPPERARY: D. O'Connor, R. Gormely, M. Harkin, M. Looby, M. Corcoran, C. Maher, J. O'Connor, J. Delaney, E. Hayden, C. Gaynor, H. Grogan, C. Hennessy. Subs: S. Loughnane for C. Maher, J. Ryan for D. O'Connor (injured).

CORK: C. Healy, D. Healy, S. Buckley, E. O'Sullivan, T. Doyle, V. Harris, E. Moynihan, T. Roche, S. O'Callaghan, C. Harte, E. Clifford (captain), C. O'Leary. Subs: K. Riordan for C. O'Leary; N. Nash for E. Moynihan.

## Camogie World By P.J Fulham

### ROSCOMMON SUFFER ANOTHER DEFEAT

**A**ll-Ireland junior finalists Roscommon suffered another set-back when they had to give way to Offaly in their National Junior League tie at Rath. Michelle Davis was the thorn in Roscommon's side, notching off a personal tally of eleven points.

It was a keenly contested affair with Offaly holding the upperhand. A goal from Maureen Dooley midway through the first half was cancelled out by a similar score by Mary Gannon minutes later. Offaly led 1-6 to 1-3 at the break. Final score: Offaly 1-13 Roscommon 2-6. Scorers: Offaly: Michelle Davis 0-11, Maureen Dooley 1-2. Roscommon: Mary Gannon 1-4, Caroline Connaughton 1-2.

Referee: Marie Woods, Kildare

Meanwhile last season's beaten league finalists Down collected the points easily in their National League encounter with Kildare played at Cellbridge. The winners led 1-8 to 0-3 at the break and the Lily whites could not curb the power of their opponents in the second half as they ran out winners on a score of 5-15 to 2-4.

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 3-7, Sinead McGovern 1-3, Jennifer Branniff 1-0, Edel Mason 0-3, Claire McGrath and Deirdre Savage 0-1 each.

Kildare: Miriam Malone 2-3, Eileen Murray 0-1.

Referee: Marie Connell, Dublin

Other National Junior League results: Fermanagh 13-9, Donegal 6-0

Scorers: Fermanagh: Glenda Fitzpatrick 8-2, Roisin O'Reilly 2-4, Nuala Green 1-3, Emma Martin and Noirin Maguire 1-0 each. Donegal: Nuala Doherty and Elaine McGonagle 2-0 ea, Lisa Doran and Lisa Boyle 1-0 each.

Antrim: 9-7 Derry 4-11 Scorers: Antrim: Oonagh Elliott 4-0, Grace McMullan 2-1, Jane Adams 1-2, Kerri O'Neill 1-1 Karen Coyle 1-0, Claire McGarry, Niamh Hyndman and Denise O'Boyle 0-1 each. Derry: Catherine Pickering 2-2, Mary O'Kane 1-2, Nuala Rankin 0-4, Bronagh Birt 1-0, Kathy McDonald 0-3.

Wexford 1-11, Tipperary 1-5.

Meath the holders and Laois must meet again to decide who will be the 1996 Leinster League champions after they finished all square after a thrilling final at Mountrath.

Meath were lucky to get another bite at the cherry: a shot by Christine Ralleigh in the closing stages ended up in the Laois net to leave the sides level.

A goal by Paula Mortimer in the first half gave Laois a 1-3 to 0-4 lead at the break. In the second half it was score for score. Laois suffered a severe set-back when

Paula Mortimer had to retire injured ten minutes from the end. Meath never gave up trying but looked as if they were going to lose their title until that Christine Ralleigh goal which Nora Lyons made a brave attempt to stop. Final score: Laois 1-9 Meath 1-9. Scorers: Laois: Patricia Cuddy 0-5, Paula Mortimer 1-1, Gwen Ryan, Mary Moore and Niamh Dowling 0-1 each.

Meath: Ann Marie Pennihy 0-5, Christine Ralleigh 1-0, Christine O'Brien and Suzanne Kelly 0-2 each. Referee: Sean O'Brien, Wexford.

The replay will be on November 10th in Meath.

On Sunday next the semi-finals of the All Ireland club championship are down for decision. Rathnure, Wexford, the holders, take on Na Piarasigh, Galway in what should be a cracker and also a torrid test for the champions. Na Piarasigh are a strong outfit. They field six players who have won All Ireland senior honours with the county: These are Louise Curry, Sharon Glynn, Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin, Brigid Kilgannon and Ann Forde.

However, Rathnure are not wanting for talent; they had a runaway victory over the London champions, London/Irish in a quarter-final tie and can parade players such as Catherine Murphy, Bernie Higgins, Ann Reddy, Geraldine Codd, Aoife O'Connor and Marguerite Somers all capable of producing lots of fire power. They will not relinquish their title easily.

The other semi-final boasts a host of stars. Limerick champions Granagh/Ballingarry have the venue against Leitrim/Fontenoy's Down. This should be an entertaining encounter which should produce lots of flair and determination.

Many of the players are no strangers to one another as they have met at county level in the Intermediate final earlier this year when Limerick defeated Down.

On the team that day from Granagh/Ballingarry were Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Eileen O'Brien, Ida Quaid and Vera Sheehan. On the bench they had Jean Cullinane, Laura Leslie, Deirdre Sheehan and Marie O'Brien.

In the Munster final they had a 5-8 to 0-8 win over the Cork champions, Glen Rovers. Leitrim/Fontenoy's are a useful squad. They had four players on the Down team against Limerick: Nuala McGee, Donna Greeran, Monica McCartan and Captain, Mairin McAleenan. They also included Majella Murray in the subs.

They defeated Dunloy in the Ulster final 5-8 to 4-7

Home venue will be an advantage to the Limerick club. Never-the-less it should be close at the finish.

Dublin senior and junior teams are involved at St Anne's Park, Bohernabreena this weekend. The juniors take on Armagh in a National League tie (1pm). They are in with a good chance of collecting the points.

The seniors clash with Kilkenny in the Leinster championship final at 2.30pm. While Kilkenny may carry too much strength on the day it should be an interesting affair.

County Tipperary results:

JB Final: Borrisoleigh 1-5 Drangan 1-4

Under 16 final: St Cronins 3-1 Lorrha 0-5

Under 18 semi-final: Burgess 1-5 Templemore 1-2



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# Trish is now aiming for the senior title win

**TRISH DOYLE** is the latest Bishopstown camogie player to win a coveted All-Ireland camogie medal.

Young Trish played a starring role for the

Cork junior team in their All-Ireland win over Roscommon in Croke Park last month.

A native of Banteer, Trish, who is in her Leaving Certificate

year in school is a former Cork under 16 and has played on the Cork under 18 team for the last three years.

She has played all her camogie with Bishopstown club, whom she joined at 13 years of age and with whom she has won under 14, under 16 and Senior B County titles.

Trish also excels at badminton having represented both Munster and Ireland at underage level.

Her next camogie ambitions are to play on the Cork senior team and to help her club to win the Cork Senior A title.

Trish is very grateful to Bishopstown underage coach Councillor Pat Murray and also to the club's senior coach Neil White.

It was always her life's ambition she said to win an All-Ireland medal playing in Croke Park and having done so, she is eager to do so again.

With her great talent, she is likely to succeed at senior level with Cork in winning more All-Ireland medals in the not too distant future.

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### BUSINESS AS USUAL IN NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE



Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh, Cathaoirleach Bhord na Gaeilge, le Imelda Nic Oibhcin (captain na Gaillimhe) agus Antoinin Ni Chonaill (captain Chorcaí), ar dheis.

Sheehan and Mary Coady. They were just pipped for a place in the quarter final of the league last season while Kildare made it to the last eight and were defeated by Derry 3-4 to 0-5. Carlow are always hard to overcome on home ground, but the experience of Kildare's Miriam Malone, Liz Doran, Melanine Treacy, Aisling Treacy and Michelle Aspel may see them collect their first brace of points.

Clare are pitted against Tipperary at the latter's venue. This is the Banner County's first outing. Tipperary will be going all out to make amends for their defeat by Wexford. Derry face Fermanagh on home ground. Fermanagh had an overwhelming victory over Donegal, but may find the Oak Leaf County strong opposition. Tyrone make their debut against Donegal and should start on a winning note.

Down have captured the Maguire Cup at the expense of Antrim. This was an entertaining encounter. Both sides fielded short of their usual squad. Antrim led 0-4 to 0-3 at the break. Down got the upperhand in the second half to run out winners on a score of 1-10 to 1-6.

Scorers - Down - Jennifer Branniff 1-4, Coleen Hynds 0-3, Mairin McAleenan 0-2, Valerie Hynds 0-1.

Antrim - Niamh Hyndman 1-0, Elaine Dowds 0-3, Jean Adams, Claire McGarry and Kerri O'Neill 0-1 each.

Kilkerly (Louth) retained the Milk Cup title when they got the better of Broadford (Kildare) in the final played at Turin, Westmeath. The semi-finals and final were played on the one day. Semi-final results: Broadford 3-7 Killyon (Meath) 3-1;

Kilkerly 3-6 St Laurences (Kildare) 0-7.

The final was an excellent match played in heavy rain throughout. The winners led 2-2 to 1-3 at the break. A second half goal by Ann McDonald in the final quarter put the issue beyond doubt.

Final score: Kilkerly 3-5 Broadford 1-5

Scorers - Kilkerly - Ann McDonald 2-2, Mary Carthy 1-0, Donna Bates 0-2, Mairead Mulland 0-1.

Broadford - Miriam Malone 0-5, Liz Doran 1-0.

Referee - Aileen Lawlor, Westmeath.

The Player of the Final award went to Ann McDonald, Kilkerly.

**O**n Sunday the National Junior League continues. Roscommon host Galway in a repeat of the Connacht junior final in which Roscommon came out tops 2-9 to 2-6. Roscommon will be anxious to secure the points after their defeat by Offaly. However, Galway will be hard to overcome and will pose problems for the All-Ireland finalists with players such as Aoife Lynskey, Aine Hillary, Anne Hardiman, Eileen Earls and Sandra Farrell. Roscommon will be depending on Karina Jones, Mary Gannon, Maeve Healy, Ursula Hussey and Geraldine Carr to snatch victory.

Carlow are at home to Kildare in a repeat of the Leinster Junior final which the Lilywhites won on a score of 3-9 to 1-10. Kildare have already dropped two points to Down while this is Carlow's first outing. It is sure to be an entertaining encounter. Both sides are capable of producing lots of fire power. Carlow have good performers in Valerie Crean, Nuala Quirke, Olivia Maye, Marie



Michael O'Muircheartaigh presents the sponsorship cheque for the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship to Belle O'Loughlin (Uachtarán Cumann Comagaitochta na nGael).



## CAMOGIE NOTES

# Barrs take on Rovers

THE coming weekend will be a busy one on the camogie front with a number of important games. Pick of these will be the clash of Valley Rovers and St. Finbarrs in the final of the Junior A Championship and this game is scheduled for tomorrow at 12.30.

The Junior A Championship Final involving Valley Rovers and the Barrs, postponed last weekend because of weather conditions, will now go ahead tomorrow and this game promises to be an interesting one.

Valley Rovers are tipped by many this year to take Junior A Championship but they face a surprise package in St. Finbarrs. The Barrs surprisingly defeated Tracton in the semi final and while they will go into this game as underdogs are still expected to provide strong opposition.

The city team are basically a young side but have fine performers in goal-keeper Veronica Nash, Linda O'Connell, Barbara Ann Corcoran, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Colette Kirby and captain of the side Karen Buckley.

However on paper the South east side must start as favourites. They defeated a strong Ballinhassig side in their semi final clash and despite being down to eleven players half way through the first half still managed to win fairly convincingly.

They appear to be strong in all sectors with very experienced performers in Michelle Shiels, Bernie Shiels, Fionnuala Clanan, Helen Kiely, Elaine Burke and full forward Nancy O'Donovan who has been their main scorer to date.

If these girls play to form they will be difficult to halt but whatever the outcome it promises to be a great contest.

In the remaining games of the weekend we should have yet another marvellous game in store when Kilbrittain and Aghabullogue clash in the Under 16 A semi final on Saturday.

Here again Aghabullogue will be favourites to advance but they will certainly not get things easy from Kilbrittain.

The Mid Cork Club have some excellent players in Sinead Buckley, Mary Eneaguss, Sinead Crowley and Abbie Lehan and if these girls play to form they should have the edge on a Kilbrittain side that will be looking to the experience of Emer O'Sullivan and Valerie O'Keefe to carry them through.

In the Under-16 B semi finals Mayfield who have their ace player in Catherine Barrett will be expected to overcome the challenge of Carrigtwohill while at Bandon Douglas who have been showing great form of late and who have fine performers in Amanda O'Regan and Amanda Murphy could be up against it when they face what appears to be a strong Barryroe side.

**Fixtures**  
Under 16 A Championship Semi-final  
Kilbrittain v Aghabullogue at Cloughduv at 2.30

Under 16 B Championship Semi-finals  
Mayfield v Carrigtwohill at Caherlag at 3p.m.

Douglas v Barryroe at Bandon at 3p.m.

**Tomorrow**  
Junior A Championship Final  
St. Finbarrs v Valley Rovers at Church Road at 12.30Ref. T. Sheehan.

## Rathnure's title on line

**CHAMPIONS** Rathnure (Wexford) take on Pearse's (Galway) in what should be a cracker of an All-Ireland senior club semi-final on Sunday.

A strong Pearse's field six players who won All-Ireland senior honours with the county in Louise Curry, Sharon Glynn, Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin, Bridgid Kilgannon and Anne Forde.

However, Rathnure are not wanting for talent and can parade players such as Catherine Murphy, Bernie Higgins, Anne Reddy, Geraldine Codd, Aoife O'Connor and Marguerite Somers who are all capable of producing plenty of fire-power and will not relinquish their title easily.

The other All Ireland club semi-final sees Limerick champions Granagh-Ballingarry host Leitrim-Fontenoys (Down).

**FIXTURES**  
**SUNDAY**  
**ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CLUB SEMI-FINALS**

At Ballymacward: Pearse's (Galway) v Rathnure (Wexford) (2.30). At Ballingarry: Granagh-Ballingarry v Limerick-Fontenoys (Down) (12.0).

**NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
At Bohernabreena: Dublin v Armagh (1.0).

**LEINSTER SENIOR FINAL**  
At Bohernabreena: Dublin v Kilkenny (2.30).

## Pearse's dump champs

**PEARSE'S**.....3-14; **RATHNURE**.....3-1  
THE reigning All Ireland Camogie champions, Rathnure, were unceremoniously dumped out of the Championship by Pearse's in a one-sided semi-final at Ballymacward yesterday.

Powered on by inspirational forward Sharon Glynn, who scored a whopping 1-10 over the hour, the home side built up an interval lead of 2-8 to 0-1.

Rathnure had the advantage of the strong wind in the second half, but the expected backlash never materialised and a brace of late goals could not turn the tide.

**SCORERS:** Pearse's — S Glynn 1-10, A Forde 1-1, M Haverly 1-0, M Glynn 0-2, A Hillery 0-1. Rathnure: G Codd 2-1, M O'Leary 1-0.

**GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY**.....2-15; **LEITRIM-FONTENOYS**.....0-8  
LIMERICK champions Granagh-Ballingarry proved too strong for the Down champions Leitrim-Fontenoys in yesterday's All-Ireland camogie club championship semi-final played at Ballingarry yesterday.

After a great first half by the winners, during which Eileen O'Brien notched up eight points and had a personal tally of 11 in all.

They led 0-11 to 0-5 at the break. In the early stages of the second half Down's Maureen McAleenan cut the leeway by two points. However, a goal each by Marie Shaw and Kay Burke put the issue beyond doubt.

**SCORERS** — Granagh-Ballingarry: E O'Brien 0-11; M Shaw, K Burke 1-0 each, I Quaid 0-2, V Sheehan, D Sheehan 0-1 each. Leitrim-Fontenoys: M McAleenan 0-6, M Murray 0-2.



■ Valley Rovers, Cork County Junior A Camogie Champions after they defeated St. Finbarrs in the Final played at Blackrock. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)

## Inniscarra are senior 'B' champs

ON Sunday 20th October '96 another chapter in the illustrious history of Inniscarra Camogie Club was written when they won the Cork Senior B competition. It was only their second year in this competition as they had only won the Intermediate Cup in 1994.

This great run of success was started in 1991 when Emma Dineen lead a very promising team to U14 and Féile success. These players have formed the backbone of the current senior team. Next came U16 success with Terry McMahon and Martin McDonnell. In these years Cork captained and provided players for Cork Minor team, unfortunately without success but with the experience gained they have gone on to provide the Cork U18 team with

the players to win three U18 Munster Championships. In 1992 and 1994 Tony Hegarty trained the team to Junior and Intermediate Championship wins. We in Inniscarra Camogie Club have been so lucky with our trainers, so when Tony retired in 1994 Liam Harte took over and this year he has been renowned with the super win in the Senior Championship. While we had tremendous training there would have been no success without the

commitment and dedication of our players. I will list here the competitions they have won but not the individual players because the list would be too long.

Cork County Féile Na Geal and U14 Championships: Cork County Minor, two; Cork Junior Championship, Cork Intermediate, Cork Senior B.

We have had players in Cork Senior, Junior, Intermediate and U18 All-Ireland and Munster wins.

At schools level our players have taken their experience to help the school with wins at Sciath Na Scoil, Cork Colleges and Munster

College success and Cork V.E.C. Senior Championship wins.

Leona Nolan, Tracey Ryan, Nicola Buckley, Evelyn Moynihan, Margaret N. O'Sullivan, Ann Golden, Catherine O'Leary, Caitriona Hogan, Criona Harte, Siobhan O'Leary, Geraldine Casey have all worn the Cork jersey with pride over the past few years but pride of place goes to Irene O'Keefe who also won player of the match in the 1992 All-Ireland Final.

The future also looks promising as this year Emma Dineen has started all over again by taking the U12 team to the County Final.

## Ballingarry through to senior club camogie final

Granagh-Ballingarry 2-15  
Leitrim-Fontenoys 0-8

THERE were tremendous scenes of jubilation in Ballingarry, Co Limerick, yesterday when Granagh-Ballingarry qualified for their first all-Ireland senior club camogie final with a comprehensive 2-15 to 0-8 win over the Ulster champions from Down.

For 14-year-old Eileen O'Brien, who has already won three all-Ireland medals this year, the game

was a personal triumph. She scored eleven of Limerick's points, eight of them in the first half at the end of which Limerick led by 0-11 to 0-5.

The second half was a one-sided affair — Limerick were totally on top and ran out easy winners.

**Scorers** - Granagh-Ballingarry: E O'Brien 0-11, B Chawke, K Burke 1-0, I Quaid 0-2, D Sheehan, V Sheehan 0-1. Leitrim-Fontenoys: M McAleenan 0-6, N Murray 0-2. **GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY:** E O'Brien, P McKenna, B O'Brien, M Sheehan, I Quaid, J Cullinan, B Chawke, D Sheehan, K Burke, V Sheehan, L Lestley, E O'Brien

**LEITRIM-FONTENOYS:** J. Browne, M. Higgins, D. Greenon, M. McCartan, A. Morgan, R. Cunningham, M. Murray, T. Byrnes, K. McCrickard, M. McAleenan, S. Kelly, L. Cunningham

Valley Rovers 1-8  
St Finbarrs 0-2

Just twelve months after winning the junior B championship, Valley Rovers took the junior A camogie championship title in style yesterday. A strong first-half display saw them lead 0-4 to no score at half time. Opening the second half with

points from Bernadeen Maher and Marie O'Sullivan, St Finbarrs cut the deficit to two points. However, the Innishannon girls quickly regained the initiative and Michelle Shields shot home to end the issue.

**Scorers** - Valley Rovers: M Hurley 0-3, E Burke 0-3, M Shields 1-2. St Finbarrs: B Maher 0-1, M O'Sullivan 0-1. **VALLEY ROVERS:** S Shields, C Quirk, S Burke, C O'Mahony, C O'Riordan, M Hurley, E Burke, S Callanan, H Kiely, M Shields, B Shields, N O'Donovan. **ST FINBARRS:** V Nash, A Fitzpatrick, C Kirby, M O'Sullivan, S Cashman, L O'Connell, B Maher, BA Concoran, S O'Donovan, R Myers, M Scully, K Buckley



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Mrs. Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board, presents the County Junior Championship Trophy to Valley Rovers captain Helena Kiely.

## Camogie booming in Carrighdoun

CARRIGHDOWN Camogie Board has been going from strength to strength since its formation in 1993, when the clubs of the South East area amalgamated to form this expanding division.

The game is growing rapidly in the area, with increased activities and competition for all age groups arising out of the amalgamation. The clubs who joined forces three years ago are Ballygarvan, Ballinhassig, Tracton, Carrigaline, Valley Rovers, Courcey Rovers and Sliabh Rua.

The Carrighdoun Board held a function recently to mark the sponsorship by McNamara's Super Valu, Kinsale, of a set of

jerseys which will be used by the Carrighdoun under-15 side in the forthcoming county camogie blitz.

Also present at the function at the Atlantic Manor Hotel in Garrettstown were representatives of the South East Sciath na Scoil and camogie referees in the division.

Schools coach for the south east county area, Joe McGrath was also honoured last week, as were the co-founders of the Carrighdoun Division, Jim Forbes and William Flynn, to whom presentations for outstanding work were made by Carrighdoun Camogie Board Chairperson, Mary Bugler.

Clubs and players from the

division have achieved great success in the last year, with Valley Rovers capturing the County Junior 'A' title last Sunday with a victory over St. Finbarrs, while Courcey Rovers reached the Féile na nGael Division One All-Ireland Final during the summer.

Linda O'Sullivan of Ballinhassig won a Junior All-Ireland medal with Cork in September and three Carrighdoun players were selected on the county minor team that reached this year's Munster final, where they were defeated by Tipperary.

While county competitions are organised at u-12, u-14 and u-16 levels, the Carrighdoun Camogie Board runs matches for the odd age groups, keeping the girls in the division active from week to week.



Charles Hurley, Manager McNamara's Super Valu Kinsale, presenting a set of jerseys to Mary Bugler, Chairperson Carrighdoun Camogie Board. Also pictured are Sean O'Callaghan, Asst. Manager with Suzanna Barrett and Elizabeth Bugler. (Pic: Howard Crowdy)



Helena Kiely, Valley Rovers captain, celebrating their Cork County Junior A win after defeating St Finbarrs.

## Galway out to visit revenge on Roscommon

THE National Junior League continues on Sunday when Roscommon host Galway in a repeat of the Connacht Junior Final won by Roscommon 2-9 to 2-6.

### CAMOGIE

BY P J FULLAM

Roscommon will be anxious to secure the points after their defeat by Offaly. However Galway with Aoife Lynskey, Aine Hillary, Ann Hardiman, Eileen Earls and Sandra Farrell starring will pose problems for All-Ireland finalists Roscommon who will be looking to Carina Jones, Mary Gannon, Maeve Healy, Ursula Hussey and Geraldine Carr for victory.

Carlow, in their first league outing, are at home to Kildare in a repeat of the Leinster Junior Final won by the Lilywhites 3-9 to 1-10.

**SUNDAY** — National Junior League — **FIXTURES**  
 At Athleague: Roscommon v Galway 2.0; At Leighlinbridge: Carlow v Kildare 2.30; At Omagh: Tyrone v Donegal 2.0.



## Courceys fancied to take Junior B

### CAMOGIE

TOMORROW will be a busy day for the junior players from Courcey Rovers and Aghabullogue who will decide the destination of the County Junior B Championship.

Courcey Rovers start tomorrow's final as favourites and having contested the final on four occasions, finishing runners-up on each occasion, and they will be going all out for victory.

They have excellent players in Sarah Hayes, Claire Murphy and Rachel Maloney and are captained by Cora Murphy. All these girls will give their all to take the title to their club.

Courceys are coached by Pat Nyhan and they have put in a rigorous training schedule in their quest for honours.

Having lost to Valley Rovers in last season's county final, they are not going to be caught this year and it will take a mighty effort from Aghabullogue to secure victory.

They have never won the Junior B title and would love to bring it back to Mid-Cork.

They are a young side captained by Theresa Walsh and coached by Mike Healy and Geraldine Barry-Murphy, who herself has given excellent service to the club.

They also include in their side Sile Buckley, Linda Roman and Helen McSweeney and are well capable of taking the title.

Tomorrow's game promises to be a lively affair to bring the curtain down on the County Board's last county championship final this year.

The U18 championship continues tomorrow when Cloughduv, who defeated Bishops-town last weekend, take on Ballygarvan at Cloughduv.

Tracton take on Killeagh at Minane Bridge, whilst St. Finahans make the long journey to Kilbrittain.

**Fixtures**  
Sunday, November 17  
Junior B Championship Final: Aghabullogue v Courcey Rovers at Bandon, 12 noon.

U18 Championship:  
Cloughduv v Ballygarvan at Cloughduv, 2p.m.  
Kilbrittain v St. Finahans at Kilbrittain, 2p.m.  
Tracton v Killeagh at Tracton, 2.30p.m.

## Bridesmaid becomes the bride in Camogie junior B

Courcey Rovers 3-9  
Aghabullogue 1-1

not get through a Courcey's defence which held solid.

COURCEY Rovers put the heartbreak of four lost County Finals behind them when they took the Junior B Camogie Championship title yesterday. They led from 6 minutes and led 1-5 to 1-1 at the break. In the second half they dominated totally with goals from Shirley Maloney and points from Rachel Maloney. Aghabullogue fought hard but could

Courcey Rovers: S. Maloney 3-2, R. Maloney 0-4, C. Murphy 0-1, E. McCarthy 0-2, Aghabullogue: T. Walsh 1-0, S. Cooney 0-1. Aghabullogue: K. Murphy, N. Foley, A. Roche, T. Murphy, D. Twomey, T. Walsh, H. McSweeney, A. Lehan, S. Buckley, M. Twomey, L. Ronan, S. Cooney. Subs: M. Noonan for N. Foley, M. Buckley for A. Lehan.

Courcey Rovers: J. Hayes, C. Hannon, S. O'Regan, M. O'Donoghue, Cora Murphy, T. Maloney, S. Hayes, R. Maloney, S. Maloney, Clare Murphy, R. Maloney, E. McCarthy. Subs: N. Downey for E. McCarthy, M. Murphy for C. Murphy, L. O'Mahony for R. Maloney.

## Cork girls can point the way in Wexford

SUNDAY next sees the final round of the national junior camogie league before the winter break.

All Ireland champions Cork, playing their first match of the campaign, travel to take on Wexford. The home side have two points under their belt from their outing against Tipperary.

They will be looking towards Bernie Higgins, Ann Cousins, Aoife O'Connor and Jenny McLoughlin for inspiration if they are to overcome the visitors.

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However, with Eileen Buckley, Antoinette O'Connell, Mary Kenniff and Sinead Connelly in their side the Rebel county should come away with the points.

In the other games Cavan enjoy home advantage against Offaly and will be anxious for a win after their defeat by Galway.

Offaly have two points to their credit from their victory over All Ireland junior finalists, Roscommon.

Dublin travel to take on Down. They have two points each. Dublin's win over Armagh recently will give this young squad confidence.

Nevertheless, Down are an experienced side and are hard to overcome on home ground and may well take the points.

**FIXTURES** — Sunday: National Junior League — Down v Dublin, Ballyho, land 2.0; Wexford v Cork, Bunclody 2.0; Cavan v Offaly, Crosserlough 2.0; Donegal v Antrim, Ballyboley 2.0; Armagh v Kildare, Tyrone v Derry.

## Husband and wife to guide camogie club

CARRIGALINE Camogie Club held its AGM recently — and husband and wife team of Billy and Kay Fitzgerald are club chairman and secretary respectively for the coming season.

The other officers include vice chairman Angela Harrington, assistant secretary Susan Breen, treasurer Monica O'Connell, assistant treasurer Lorraine Kiernan and PRO Donna Jones.

The Ballinhassig club will hold their AGM on November

21 — and secretary of the Southeast Camogie Board Marion Fleming asks that all referees' reports be sent to the secretary promptly.

Chairman of the Southeast Board Mary Buglar has congratulated her home team, Valley Rovers, on winning the County Junior A title last week. This is a step forward for the division, who now have an intermediate team — and Mary wished Courcey Rovers well in their upcoming county semi final.

## Win for Wexford

ALL-IRELAND Junior Camogie Champions, Cork, failed to match Wexford in their National Junior League tie at Bunclody and lost to the home side by 2-11 to 2-7.

The foundations of the home success were laid in the first half when they enjoyed a lead of 1-6 to 0-5 with the goal coming from Marie Butler.

# U16 finals are the highlight

THE coming weekend will be another busy one on the camogie front with a number of vital games down for decision. On Sunday both the finals of the Under 16 "A" and Under 16 "B" Championships will be decided and will see Aghabullogue and Kilbrittain involved in the "A" Final, while Barryroe and Mayfield will contest the "B" Final.

Also on the same day the Under 18 Championship gets off to a start.

Kilbrittain will be hoping to put their defeat in the Senior "B" Final behind them on Saturday next when they clash with Courcey Rovers in the semi-final of the Junior "B" Championship. However, they face formidable opposition in the Ballinaspsittal based side. Courceys have been knocking on the door of this championship for a number of years now and should really have been participating in the "A" grade long before now.

### Strong

They are a strong all round side and will be fancied to come out on top on this occasion. They have very talented players in the Moloney sisters, Shirley and Rachel, Sarah Hayes and Cora Murphy.

However, Kilbrittain are renowned for their determination and will not give into defeat too easily. They will have lost the services of Cork Minor, Valerie O'Keeffe, since their last game as she came on in the Senior "B" Final, but they still have very experienced players in Cathy O'Regan and Helen O'Donovan and if these girls play to form we could have an interesting contest.

The Under 16 "A" Final involving reigning champions, Aghabullogue and city representatives Brian Dillons has all the ingredients of a thriller. On form the Mid Cork side will be favourites to retain their title, but it certainly looks like they will have formidable opposition in Brian Dillons.

The city side are a very stylish outfit with very skilful players in Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan, Thereese Drummond and Sarah Manley. They have looked very impressive in the championship to date but on this occasion could find the going tough against Aghabullogue.

The Mid Cork Club will be seeking their third title in a row. Spearheaded by such fine performers as Sinead Buckley, Mary Eneguss, Sheila Crowley and Abbie Lehan it is difficult to see them being halted on this occasion.

In the "B" Final Barryroe will be hoping to complete what has been a marvellous year for the club. Starting back in May they won the Under 18 Championship. Later in the year they took the Intermediate Championship and a win at Under 16 level would certainly be the icing on the cake for them and looking at their performances of late they certainly look capable of achieving this. They are a strong side with marvellous performers in Jennifer O'Leary, Fiona Collins, Emer O'Donovan and Geraldine Collins, and if these girls play to their usual form they must be in there with every chance.

However, a win for the city club, Mayfield, would certainly be the boost they are looking for and like their West Cork opponents they too have looked impressive in their recent games. They will be powered by Cork Minor, Catherine Barrett and have other fine players in Merilla Horgan, Leslie Ann O'Callaghan, Niamh Daly, who captains the side, and Noelle Foley, and I am sure these girls will leave no stone unturned to ensure victory.

### FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sun) — Under 16 "A" Championship Final — Brian Dillons v Aghabullogue at Ballyanly 2 p.m.; Under 16 "B" Championship Final — Mayfield v Barryroe at Rathpeacon 12.15 p.m.

## Mid-Cork girls in command

Aghabullogue 4-4  
Brian Dillons 0-9

AGHABULLOGUE made it three u-16 A camogie championship titles in-a-row when they defeated Brian Dillons at Ballyanly yesterday.

Abbie Lehan had the ball in the net with the Mid Cork side's first attack and they led 2-2 to 0-4 at the break. Two goals within three minutes of the second-half from Louise Murphy and Susan Cooney put them totally in control.

Brian Dillons had a late flurry of points but it was not enough.

AGHABULLOGUE: A. Eneguss, M. Twomey, L. Ronan, T. Murphy, S. Buckley, S. Cooney, D. Twomey, M. Eneguss, P. O'Flynn, L. Murphy, S. M. Crowley, A. Lehan. BRIAN DILLONS: K. O'Leary, A. Cotter, L. Keating, S. Manley, A. O'Brien, J. O'Sullivan, G. O'Connell, S. Buckley, T. Drummond, S. Kelly, T. Deane, S. Mangin. Sub: P. Dorney for K. O'Leary.

Barryroe 6-2  
Mayfield 1-1

BARRYROE crowned a great year by capturing the u-16 B title.

Goals from Geraldine Collins (2), Fiona Collins, Paula O'Leary and Helen Keohane saw them 5-2 to 1-1 ahead at the break. Mayfield improved afterwards but there is no way back.

BARRYROE: J. O'Leary, K. Whelan, R. Holland, A.M. Fleming, R. McCarthy, P. O'Leary, E. O'Donovan, S. Collins, G. Collins, H. Keohane, S. Keohane, I. Dineen. Subs: K. McCarthy, M. Cahalane.

MAYFIELD: D. O'Halloran, L. A. O'Callaghan, M. Horgan, D. Weathers, R. Long, J. Welch, M. Gillis, N. Daly, C. Barrett, N. Foley, S. Hannon, L. O'Brien.



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Members of the Carrigdhoun Camogie, past and present, at the board delegation, which was held at the Atlantic Manor, Garrettstown. Included in the picture are: Noreen Quinn, Theresa Murphy, Kay Fitzgerald, Micheal Barrett, Mary Hurley, William Flynn; Marion Fleming, Sheila Golden (Chairperson Cork County Camogie Board), Mary Bugler (Chairperson Carrigdhoun Camogie) and Theresa Shannahan, Secretary County Board.

## Camogie World *by P.J. Fulham*

Pearses, Galway dethroned All-Ireland club champions Rathnure, Wexford in the All-Ireland senior club championship semi-final played at Ballymacward. Pearses played with the wind in the first half and produced great firepower and picked off their scores to give them a 2-8 to 0-1 lead at the break.

The second half was more evenly contested. Goals by Geraldine Codd, Anne Reddy and Bernie Higgins were not enough to give the champions any hope of victory as the Glynn sisters Sharon and Michelle were in top form. Final Score: Pearses 3-14 Rathnure 3-1

Scorers - Pearses - Sharon Glynn 1-10, Ann Ryan/Forde 1-1, Martina Haverty 1-0, Michelle Glynn 0-2, Aine Hillary 0-1.

Rathnure - Geraldine Codd 1-1, Ann Reddy and Bernie Higgins 1-0 each.

Referee - Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

In the other semi-final played at Ballingarry Limerick champions Granagh/Ballingarry proved too strong for Down champions Leitrim/Fontenoy's. After a great first half by the winners in which Eileen O'Brien notched off 0-8 (Eileen had a personal tally of eleven points in all), they led 0-11 to 0-5 at the break. In the early stages of the second half Down's Mairin McAleenan cut the leeway by two points. However, a goal each by Marie Shaw and Kay Burke put the issue beyond doubt.

Final score - Granagh/Ballingarry 2-15 Leitrim/Fontenoy's 2-2

Scorers - Granagh - Eileen O'Brien

0-11, Marie Shaw and Kay Burke 1-0 each, Ida Quaid 0-2, Vera Sheehan and Deirdre Sheehan 0-1 each.

Leitrim - Majella Murray 2-0, Mairin McAleenan 0-2.

Referee - John Pender, Kildare.

Kilkenny retained the Leinster Senior Championship title after a good second half against Dublin at Bohernabreena. After a low scoring first half the sides were level at 0-4 each at the break. However, Kilkenny stepped up the pace in the final half with Sinead Millea in great scoring form to run out winners on a score of 2-16 to 0-7.

Scorers - Kilkenny - Sinead Millea 1-10, Marina Downey 0-4, Brigid Mullally 1-0, Margaret Comerford 0-2.

Dublin - Carmel O'Byrne 0-4, Denise Smyth 0-2, Helen Drumgoole 0-1.

Referee - Mary Connor, Louth.

Dublin got off to a good start in the National Junior League when they defeated Armagh at Bohernabreena. It was a good performance by the Dublin squad who led 2-4 to 2-1 at the break and went on to a 2-10 to 2-2 victory.

Scorers - Dublin - Oonagh Ward 1-3, Sinead Elliott 1-1, Mary Nevin 0-2, Valerie Reaney 0-3, Siobhan Tracy 0-1.

Armagh - Denise McCrinnion 2-0, Bernie Gribbon 0-2.

Referee - Pat Reynolds, Louth.

Sunday next is the final round of the National Junior League before the winter break. All-Ireland champions

Cork travel to tussle with Wexford at Bunclody. This is Cork's first outing. Their previous fixture against Clare was called off owing to the pitch being unplayable. Wexford have

two points under their belt from their outing against Tipperary. They can cause problems for the champions with the following players in top form: Bernie Higgins, Ann Cousins, Aoife O'Connor and Jenny McLoughlin.

However, Cork will be hungry for the game. It has been the trend for the past six years that whatever county wins the junior championship goes on to win the league title. The Rebels County will be anxious to continue this trend with players such as Eileen Buckley, Antoinette O'Connell, Mary Kenniffic, Hilda Kenneally, Sinead Cahalane starring, they should get off to a good start.

Cavan have the venue against Offaly at Crosserlough and will be anxious for a win after their defeat by Galway. Offaly have two points to their credit from their victory over All-Ireland Junior finalists Roscommon and with performers such as Michelle Davis, Maggie Lynch, Dymphna Whyte, Eileen and Honor Kinsella on board they will travel with confidence.

Cavan will be looking for a good performance from Eimear Brennan, Ita Kiernan, Marie Brady, Marie Prior and Mairead Lynch. It will be a very entertaining tussle, going down to the wire.

Dublin travel to take on Down. They have two points each. Dublin's win over Armagh recently will give this young squad confidence. Nevertheless Down are an experienced side and are hard to overcome on home ground (Ballyholland) and may well take the points.

Armagh have the venue against Kildare. Both lost out in the first round and will be anxious to get on the winning trail. Kildare should be good enough to take the points here but Armagh will not give in too easily.

Derry and Tyrone clash at the latter venue. This should be an entertaining encounter with Derry favourites to collect the points.

Antrim and Donegal cross swords at the latter venue. The Glensiders should secure victory at Ballybofey.

## Pearses End Rathnure's Reign





At the presentation were (front from left) L/R front: Noel Keohane, Mary O'Sullivan, Eily McDonnell, Breda Fleming, Alison Dilworth, Marie Kearney (Chairperson of the Munster Council) and (back) committee members.

## Club honours star camogie players

BRIAN DILLONS Hurling and Football and Camogie Club honoured Alison Dilworth, Mary O'Sullivan (selector) and members of the Cork Junior All-Ireland winning Camogie team at a function at the clubhouse recently.

Alison Dilworth of was honoured by her home club alongside Mary O'Sullivan.

Breda Fleming, chairperson of camogie club said that it was a great achievement for the club to have a player and a selector with Cork.

Also present on the night was Eily McDonnell, President of Brian Dillons Camogie club who holds five All-Ireland camogie senior medals with

Cork and played for Lee Hosiery.

Alison Dilworth became the first player to bring an All-Ireland medal in camogie to Brian Dillons.

Guests on the night also included Marie Kearney, Chairperson of the Munster Council, Sheila Golden, Chairperson of Cork Camogie Board, Eily McDonnell, President of Brian Dillons Camogie, Noel Keohane, Chairman of Brian Dillons Hurling and Football Club.

Presentations were made to Alison and Mary O'Sullivan from both clubs, on their achievements.



Breda Fleming (Chairperson of Brian Dillons Camogie), Alison Dilworth, Noel Keohane (Club Chairman), Mary O'Sullivan (Cork selector).

## Camogie finals on the move

THE Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Camogie Finals at Croke Park are being moved from the third to the first Sunday in September next year.

This is the result of alterations in the GAA calendar and means that the championships will have to commence earlier.

Eight teams will take part in next year's title race — Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford, Armagh, Clare, Dublin and Limerick.

In the first round, 1993 finalists Wexford will have home advantage against Limerick who are newcomers to the senior ranks.

Current champions Galway seem to have an easy passage when they travel to take on Armagh, while Kilkenny look set to make it to the semi-finals with a home tie against Dublin. This year's beaten finalists, Cork, have Clare on home ground.

In the semi-finals, Galway or Armagh will meet Kilkenny or Dublin and Cork or Clare will face Wexford or Limerick.

Cork and are almost certain to be in contention for a crack at the title again.



Claire Murphy, Courcey Rovers, receiving the Player of the Match award from Sheila Golden, Chairperson, Cork County Camogie Board, after Courcey's win over Aghabullogue in the Cork County Junior B championship final at Bandon.



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On Sunday next the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final takes place. Pearse's Galway and Granagh/Ballingarry compete in the 33rd All-Ireland Club Championship Final and whatever the outcome a new club will become the 17th name to be inscribed on An corn O'Ceannail.

Buffers Alley, Wexford is the only club to win this competition on four occasions in a row, 1981 to 1984. This will be only the third time for Connacht and Munster clubs to meet in the final and the second time for a Galway and Munster club to meet in the final.

In 1975 Croagh/Kilfinny, captained by Brid Stokes defeated Athenry, Galway 4-6 to 4-5. Limerick's only other success was Ballyagran in 1978. Captained by Pauleen McCarthy, they defeated Buffers Alley 1-3 to 0-1.

Three Galway clubs have won the title. Oranmore defeated St Pauls, Kilkenny 3-2 to 2-3 in 1973. In 1977 Athenry overcame Portglenone, Antrim 10-5 to 1-1 and the last was Mullagh in '91 when they recorded a 4-13 to 0-2 victory over Eglis, Tyrone. Galway clubs unsuccessfully contested ten finals and Limerick clubs two.

Granagh dates back to the thirties but the present club was set up in 1977. The success of the club is due in no small way to the nurturing of underage players down the years. Feile na nGael and community games success came in 1991 and eight members of those teams are on Sunday's panel. Granagh have won twelve Under 21 titles in a row. Nine times Limerick senior champions in eleven years, they secured their first Munster title this year.

There are four sets of sisters on the Granagh panel: Breda, Bernie and Eileen O'Brien; Vera, Deirdre and Maureen Sheehan; Shiela, Claire and Joanne Treacy; Una and Ida Quaid. Ten of the panel won All-Ireland Intermediate Championship medals

when Limerick defeated Down earlier this year 2-10 to 1-6: Bernie, Breda and Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Bourke, Jean Cullinane, Ida Quaid, Laura Leslie and Marie O'Brien. Many also hold All-Ireland Colleges medals with St Mary's, Charleville.

Pearse's was also founded in 1977 and they too have a great record at underage level. They won Feile na nGael in 1988, '93, '94 and Division 2 in '91. Team captain Ann Ryan-Forde won the All-Ireland Feile skills in 1981. Six of the panel won All-Ireland senior championship medals with Galway earlier this year: Louise Curry, Sharon Glynn, Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin, Ann Ryan-Forde, Brigid Kilgallon. They also field numerous All-Ireland Colleges medal holders with St Raphael's as well as five All-Ireland minor medalists. Pearse's are three times county and Connacht champions.

In the semi-finals Pearse's defeated the holders Rathnure, Wexford 3-14 to 3-1 while Granagh/Ballingarry had a 2-15 to 0-8 win over Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down.

Sharon Glynn scored a personal tally of 1-10 in that match while Granagh's Eileen O'Brien was responsible for eleven points of their total.

They are two evenly matched sides, their respective counties have tasted success earlier this year, and the level of skill produced so far in the competition augurs well for an exciting final.

Pearse's panel - Aisling Ward, Colette Deadey, Tracy Laheen, Brigid Kilgallon, Martina Haverly, Michelle Glynn, Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin, Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary, Ann Ryan-Forde (capt), Aggie Burke, Ann Earls, Shirley Hynds, Mairead Meehan, Veronica Sweeney, Jan Gavin, Shauna Ward, Jacinta Burke, Majella Dwyer, Carol Hynds, Eileen Hannon, Ursula Hannon.

The final will be played in

Ballingarry, Wexford.  
Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Galway had a good win over Roscommon in the National Junior League at Athleague. This win leaves Galway at the top of the table in their zone. Two goals by Mairead Lynch in the first half gave the winners a 2-4 to 1-2 lead at the break with Roscommon's goal coming from Majella Byrne.

A second half goal by Galway's Caroline Murray put the icing on the cake.

Final score - Galway 3-7 Roscommon 1-4

Scorers - Galway - Mairead Lynch 2-0, Therese Maher 0-6, Caroline Murray 1-0, Emer Martin 0-1.

Roscommon - Majella Byrne 1-0, Caroline Connaughton, Mary Gannon, Emer Farrell and Hillary Hussey 0-1 each.

Referee - Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Laois are the new Leinster Junior League champions having swept the title from holders Meath after a replay at Killyon. It was obvious that Laois had trained hard for this encounter and played with great fire and determination and never gave the home side a chance of getting into the game as they coasted to a 4-6 to 0-4 victory.

Scorers - Laois - Paula Mortimer 2-2, Patricia Cuddy and Marie Dowling 1-1 each, Nicki Ryan and Niamh Dowling 0-1 each.

Meath - Yvonne Quinn 0-2, Christine Ralleggh and Christine O'Brien 0-1 each.

Laois - Sarah Dunphy, Lourda Hosey, Lenora Lyons, Laetitia Lyons, Mary Moore, Therese Keenan, Niamh Dowling, Patricia Cuddy, Nicki Ryan, Marie Dowling, Sinead Cuddy, Paula Mortimer.

Subs - Patricia Bergin for M Dowling, Gwyn Ryan for P Mortimer.

Rest - Sandra Culleton, Pamela Holes, Sharon Palmer, Carol Daly, L Hill, S Kennedy.

Meath - Breda Dennihy, Darina Smyth, Marie Roach, Mary Burke, Sharon Ralleggh, Linda Telford, Christine O'Brien, Ann Marie Dennihy, Stephaine Heavey, Yvonne Quinn, Brona Clarke, Christine Ralleggh.

Subs - Susan Kelly for B Dennihy, Colette Rowan for B Clarke.

Rest - Michelle Connolly, Derville O'Carroll, Elizabeth Lynch, Amy McElvanne.

Referee - Sean O'Brien, Wexford.

## Galway and Limerick champions meet in 33rd All-Ireland Club Final



Cora Murphy, captain Courcey Rovers (right) and team mate Claire Murphy, player of the match, in a happy mood after their victory over Aghabullogue in the Cork County Junior B Camogie Championship final at Bandon.



Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork County Camogie Board, presenting the trophy to Cora Murphy, Captain Courcey Rovers after their win over Aghabullogue in the Cork Junior B camogie championship final at Bandon. On left is Julia Slyne, Chairperson Bandon Camogie Club.



## Clubs to debate fine motion

ON Sunday next Cork camogie clubs will gather in the new Shandon Court Hotel to review the year's activities.

Amongst the items on the agenda for discussion is a motion from the St. Finbarr's club calling for a fine of £50 to be placed on clubs who fail to field in championship games, the Banns are also calling for neutral referees to be appointed for all U16 league and championship games.

There is also a motion from Coiste Chontae Chorcaí which is calling for stiffer penalties to be imposed on clubs who fail to provide referees for games.

In her report to convention county secretary Tracy Sheehan congratulates the Cork Junior team on their All-Ireland success, she also pays tribute to the U18, Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams who won titles in the past year.

For the coming year all the outgoing officers have been re-elected as follows: Chairperson Sile Golden (Inniscarra); Vice chairperson Marion McCarthy (St. Finbarr's); Runai Tracy Sheehan (Mayfield); Treasurer Mary McSweeney (Bandon); Registrar Kay Dunne (Ballincollig); PRO Mary Newman-McCarthy (Glen Rovers).

The outgoing fixture secretary Mary O'Sullivan is not seeking re-election and the convention will hope to elect somebody from the floor.

Before convention on Sunday morning there is a full fixture list in the U18 championship as clubs endeavour to complete their programme before the winter break.

**Fixtures**  
Tomorrow: U18 Championship: Douglas v Coursey Rovers, Douglas, 11.30; Inniscarra v Barryroe, Inniscarra, 11.30; St. Vincents v Ballinhassig, St. Vincents, 11.30; Aghbullogue v Carrigaline, Carrigaline, 11.30.

Cork County Convention: Shandon Court Hotel 2pm.

All-Ireland Club Championship Final: Grenagh/Ballingarry (Limerick) v Pearse's (Galway) at Grenagh-Ballingarry, 2pm.

## Disappointment at apathy towards affairs of board

THE Cork County Camogie Board held its annual convention in the plush surroundings of the Shandon Court Hotel yesterday.

Chairperson Sheila Golden, in addressing the convention, spoke of the lack of interest shown by a number of clubs towards the running of board affairs.

Sheila expressed disappointment that only eight clubs out of 42 had bothered to return their nomination papers for convention, and the return of all officers unopposed, as was the case yesterday, was sometimes not a good thing for a board.

Mrs Golden also expressed disappointment at the attendance at the recent referees' course.

A motion from St. Finbarr's, that neutral referees be appointed for all U-16 league and championship games failed to get the required support.

However, a motion from Coiste Chontae Chorcaí that all potential referees attend referees' courses was passed.

A St. Finbarr's motion that all teams who fail to field in championship games be fined £50 was also lost.

During the course of the convention, delegates expressed thanks to the board sponsors ACC Bank for their support and generosity.

The secretary Tracy Sheehan in her report, congratulated the Cork Junior team on winning the All-Ireland title. She also congratulated the Cork U-18, Intermediate, Junior and Senior teams on winning Munster titles.

During the convention, the following transfers were passed with no objec-

tions from the clubs they were leaving.

Marie Scully from St. Finbarr's to Carrigaline, Róisín O'Gredy from St. Finbarr's to Bishopstown, Niamh Joyce from St. Finbarr's to Bishopstown, Janet Power from Killeagh to Youghal, Deirdre Sheehan from Ballygarven to Brian Dillons, Stephanie Dunlee from Glen Rovers to Cloughduv, Lynn Dunlee from Glen Rovers to Cloughduv, Margaret Kelly from Ballygarven to Sliabh Rúa, Mary Murphy St. Finbarr's to Kildorrery, Hilda Dunlee from Glen Rovers to Cloughduv, and Nora Murphy St. Finbarr's to Kildorrery.

The transfers of Laura Holland and Jill Hanna from Brian Dillons to Glen Rovers and Grace O'Sullivan and Orla O'Sullivan from Ballygarven to St. Finbarr's were rejected.

Officers elected: Hon president Mary Moran, St. Finbarr's; chairperson, Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; vice chairperson, Marion McCarthy, St. Finbarr's; secretary, Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield; treasurer, Mary McSweeney, Bandon; registrar, Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; PRO, Mary Newman-McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

As the outgoing fixture secretary Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons, did not go forward for re-election, the convention failed to elect a fixture secretary and is going back to the clubs to seek nominations for the same.

Selectors: Senior: Angela Sheehan, Watergrasshill, Tom Nott, Na Piarasigh + 1 Co. Champions Glen Rovers.

Intermediate: Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons, Denis Dineen, Ballinora, Lillian Zincent, Sarsfields. Junior: Sheila Golden, Inniscarra + 1 from intermediate Co. Champions Ballyroe and 1 from Junior Co Champions Valley Rovers.

U-16: Derek McCarthy, St. Finbarr's, Rob Lott, Sarsfields, + 1 from Co Champions Aghabullogue. U-18: Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield, Derek McCarthy, St. Finbarr's + 1 from Co Champions.

Cork delegates to Munster Council: Kay Dunne, Cork Delegates to Munster convention: Mary McSweeney and Kay Dunne. Congress delegates: Rose Desmond, Marian McCarthy, Sheila Golden, Mary McSweeney and Lily O'Sullivan.

McCarthy-Newman, Glen Rovers.

### Transfers

Interesting transfers granted at the Camogie Convention were those of sisters Stephanie and Lynn Dunlee from Glen Rovers back to Cloughduv.

### Selectors Appointed

**Senior:** Angela Sheehan, Watergrasshill; Tom Nott, Na Piarasigh with Glen Rovers representative.

**Intermediate:** Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons; Denis Dineen, Ballinora, Lillian Zincent, Sarsfields.

**Junior:** Sheila Golden, Inniscarra and reps from Barryroe and Valley Rovers. **Under 16:** Derek McCarthy, St. Finbarr's; Rob Lott, Sarsfields and Aghabullogue representative. **Under 18:** Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield; Derek McCarthy, St. Finbarr's and rep from County Champions.

By Michael English

### Camogie

All existing officers were returned unopposed at last Sunday's Camogie Convention and Sheila Golden chairperson seems to think that clubs aren't sufficiently interested in the affairs of the Board. For position of fixtures secretary Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons, decided to go forward.

**Selected Were:** President, Mary Moran, St. Finbarr's; Chairperson, Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Vice Chairperson, Marian McCarthy, St. Finbarr's; Secretary, Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield; Treasurer, Mary McSweeney, Bandon; Registrar, Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; PRO, Mary



■ Cork Camogie Board AGM. Brian Dillons delegates Mary O'Sullivan, Breda Fleming and Margaret O'Sullivan attended Camogie Convention at Shandon Court Hotel. (Pic: Mike English)



■ Sheila Golden, Chairperson, Cork County Camogie Board addressing delegates to Annual Convention at Shandon Court Hotel. (Pic: Mike English)

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# Granagh-Ballingarry go in search of All-Ireland glory

By AIDAN CORR

LIMERICK camogie club, Granagh-Ballingarry, stand on the threshold of their biggest success in their history when they take on Galway champions, Pearses, in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship at Ballingarry GAA Field on Sunday, (throw-in 2 p.m.).

The Limerick girls qualified for the decider, thanks to an impressive victory over Leitrim Fontenoy's, the Down champions, earlier this month but they will have to be at their best to overcome a Galway side that is regarded as one of the strongest outfits in the country at the moment.

Pearses created one of the shocks of the current season when they hammered defending All-Ireland champions, Rathnure of Wexford, in their semi-final, and with camogie enjoying a pretty high profile in the Connacht capital since their county's success in this year's champi-

onship, Granagh-Ballingarry can expect one of their most severe tests on Sunday next.

Tracey Laheen has been a tower of strength in defence for the Galway side all season and in Michelle Glynn, Martina Harkin, Carmel Hannon and Sharon Glynn they have some of the best players in the country at the moment.

Add to that the skills of Ann Forde and Aine Hillery and it is easy to see why Pearses, all of whose players have won All-Ireland medals already in some grade, will be going into Sunday's final as odds-on favourites to carry off the club trophy.

Granagh-Ballingarry, however, are a determined bunch. They possess some of the best players this county can offer at present and there is no doubting their determination to turn the tables on their more vaunted rivals.

From the youngest player on the team, 14-year-old Eileen O'Brien to the experienced Bernie Chawke, the Limerick side have per-

formers of exceptional ability and the fact that this club has supplied the Limerick county side with more than their share of players cannot be overlooked.

Granagh-Ballingarry will be looking to players like Kay Burke, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Ida Quaid and the talented Vera Sheehan to turn this game in their favour. All have experienced the 'big time' in this code and urged on by what is expected to be a large home attendance, the Limerick girls certainly have the ability to cause one of the biggest upsets of the season.

Interestingly, centre fielder, Ber Chawke could well be taking the field in the company of her three nieces on Sunday with Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien and Jean Cullinane all in the panel. Ber won an All-Ireland junior title with Limerick as far back as 1977 as well as an All-Ireland club medal, three Munster Senior Club medals and numerous underage and senior county medals.

The three O'Brien sisters also look like starting the game. Breda O'Brien will certainly be minding the net for Granagh-Ballingarry with her two sisters, Bernie and Eileen, also likely to be in the starting line-up.

It is most important for the Limerick side that they get off to a good start in Sunday's decider. Pearses have shown this season that they have a particularly effective scoring machine and their 3-14 tally against champions Rathnure in the semi-final cannot be ignored. The Granagh-Ballingarry defence will have to be particularly sharp during the early stages and with the Galway forwards in such devastating scoring mood, close marking will have to be the order of the day.

The present Granagh-Ballingarry camogie club was set up in 1977 although the game has been played in the area as far back as the 1930s. The past 20 years have seen them capture almost every trophy available on the domestic scene and many of the pre-

sent panel have been playing together since the club won the division one camogie Féile na nGael title as well as the Community Games title in 1991. Eight girls from that era, in fact, will be in Sunday's panel: Breda and Eileen O'Brien, Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Caroline O'Connor, Jean Cullinane, Marie O'Brien and Laura Leslie.

A special trophy, sponsored by the Estuary Filling Station, Chawke's Cross, Granagh, will be presented for the 'lady of the game'. The Granagh-Ballingarry team will be the same that started the game against Leitrim Fontenoy's of Down in the semi final and the panel is:

Breda O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Bernie O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Ida Quaid, Jean Cullinane, Ber Chawke, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie, Eileen O'Brien, Joanne Treacy, Caroline O'Connor, Marie O'Brien, Sile Treacy, Una Quaid and Claire English.

Referee for the final will be Aine Derham of Dublin.

## Pearses girls aim to crown marvellous year for Galway camogie with club triumph

—by Ciaran Tierney—

IT WOULD wrap-up an almost perfect year for camogie in Galway if Pearses, the county champions, can lift the All-Ireland club title for the first time at Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, on Sunday (2 p.m.). And confidence is bound to be high among a Pearses side which features four of the victorious Galway team who lifted the All-Ireland title for the first time in history at Croke Park in September.

But they should be under no illusions as to the task facing them when they travel to take on a strong Granagh-Ballingarry team which has stormed through the Munster championship this year.

Camogie is on a high in Galway at the moment and team manager Michael Kennedy is hopeful that Pearses can end a sequence of final defeats which saw them pipped for the title in the 1992 and '94 deciders.

Those bitter defeats should harden the resolve of a side which looks stronger than ever this year. With star forward Sharon Glynn, marvellous midfielders Martina Harkin and Carmel Hannon, and Louise Curry in goal, they already possess quality players who have tasted success at the highest level with the county team.

Then they have the towering defensive presence of Tracey Laheen or the youthful vigour of county minors Colette Deely and Michelle Glynn down the right wing. Not to mention veteran full-forward Ann Forde, who has been an inspiration to the club over the past decade.

It would seem that their time has come. And this trip to Limerick affords them the perfect opportunity to dispel

the memories of their previous final defeats to Rathnure (Wexford) and the mighty Glen Rovers (Cork).

"The fact that the county won the All-Ireland senior and minor titles was a huge boost for us," said Kennedy. "The confidence is very good now and we are hugely determined to win on Sunday."

Kennedy said that their preparations had run perfectly since their semi-final defeat of a limited Rathnure side (3-14 to 3-1), although he was disappointed that the Pearses defence allowed in three goals late in a game which they had dominated completely.

The manager's only problem this week was to dispel any hints of over-confidence from the Pearses players who, after all, are taking on a Granagh-Ballingarry side which humbled Glen Rovers by 5-8 to 0-8 in the Munster Final.

The Limerick club are no strangers to success themselves, as nine of their starting 12 on Sunday — including powerful full-forward Eileen O'Brien — were on the Charleville team which beat St. Raphael's College, Loughrea, in the All-

Ireland Senior Schools final back in April.

O'Brien is bound to cause considerable problems for the Pearses defence on Sunday, having scored 3-7 against Glen Rovers and 0-11 against Leitrim-Fontenoy's (Co. Down) in her two previous championship outings with the club.

And her youthful team are strong right down the middle, from the solidity of Breda O'Brien and Muireann Harrington in defence to a midfield powered by Jean Cullinane and the Sheehan sisters, Deirdre and Vera.

But Pearses are the leading lights in a part of East Galway where camogie has become hugely popular in recent years. And they know that destiny is in their own hands.

"Granagh-Ballingarry have an excellent record in Limerick and Munster and we have to guard against complacency going into this final," said Kennedy. "But our success has been founded on a good underage policy and it would be fantastic for the club if we were to lift the Cup on Sunday."



PICTURED at the Galway camogie victory social in Hayden's Hotel on Friday night. Front row: Padraig Loughnane, Denise Gilligan, Audrey Noone and Paddy Sweeney. Back row: Brid Henderson, Brendan Glynn and Rita Glynn with the O'Duffy Cup.



# Pearse girls crown great year for Galway camogie with All-Ireland success

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Pearses.....1-8 :: Granagh-Ballingarry.....2-3

—by Claran Tierney—

TO appreciate pleasure it is necessary to have experienced pain, which is why Pearses could relish this historic All-Ireland Camogie Club championship victory on Sunday. It was a win to savour for the Galway side, who had to endure almost unbearable tension in the dying minutes of a gripping final.

It may have been just a two point winning margin, and the result may have been in doubt right up to the end, but that was of little concern to the Galway girls after they had beaten the Limerick and Munster champions in their own back yard.

The celebrations which have continued around Ballymacward and Gurteen all week have been all the more enjoyable considering that Pearses suffered heartbreaking defeats, also by very narrow margins, in their two previous senior All-Ireland semi-finals.

It was third time lucky for the Galway champions, who emerged from Connacht only to be edged out so narrowly by Rathnure in 1992 and Glen Rovers in '94. But this time their cocktail of youth and experience was determined to go all the way.

And it took real grit and determination to lift the title in the far from inviting conditions at Ballingarry on Sunday. Once again Sharon Glynn was the star of the show, but ultimately this victory was forged from some excellent performances right throughout the park.

Their commitment was truly commendable, particularly in a rock-solid defence in which Aisling Ward, Colette Deeley, and Tracy Laheen (particularly in the first half) were superb.

They restricted a Granagh-Ballingarry attack which had built up a reputation for high scoring in their earlier championship outings, and Ward — in particular — performed brilliantly to confine the threat posed by lethal Limerick full-forward Eileen O'Brien.

The fact that O'Brien was confined to just two points over the hour spoke volumes for the huge contribution which Ward made to this game, and she set the tone when she won the first battle between them following the throw-in.

Pearses began rather poorly, despite having the swirling wind at their backs, and both sets of forwards struggled in the slippery underfoot conditions. And Pearses wasted a lot of chances with eight wides in the first half.

strong run and her second shot was brilliantly saved on the line by Breda O'Brien.

Meanwhile, Louise Curry produced a fine save to deny a powerful O'Brien shot at the other end, before Glynn set up a neat Ann Forde score to leave the visitors 1-4 to 0-3 in front at the interval.

Ballingarry began to apply considerable pressure on the Pearses defence immediately after the break and they came right back into it when Laura Leslie found the net just one minute into the second half. She was perfectly positioned to slam the rebound home after Curry could only parry a strong shot from O'Brien.

Glynn and Forde registered two morale-boosting points at the other end, however, and Pearses enjoyed a lucky escape when Leslie blasted a short range effort just wide of the target.

It was a tense, nail-biting second half in which there was little or nothing between these two hugely committed sides. But Ward and Deeley came into their own in the face of considerable pressure, while the commendable work-rate of Glynn and Harkin made a huge difference in the end.

That said, the teams were back on level terms thanks to a goal from the ever-threatening Kaye Burke nine minutes from the end. Burke inspired a huge cheer from the home crowd when she produced a deft flick to the net, after an Eileen O'Brien

'30' took a deflection in the Pearses penalty area.

As the tension mounted, though, Pearses regained control. Glynn pointed a free following a foul on Harkin and Martina Haverly had a glorious chance to wrap-up proceedings following a fine passing move three minutes from the end — but she blasted the ball badly wide.

The travelling Pearses fans erupted in delight when Haverly set up a wonderfully composed point from Carmel Hannon, to leave them two in front with just one minute to go.

The home side finished on the attack, with Quaid sending two '30's into a crowded Pearses penalty area, but both efforts were scrambled away before the final whistle sounded and Pearses became the fourth club in history to bring the All-Ireland title back to Connacht.

It was a fitting return for years of hard work, and the club's wonderful underage policy, when long-serving captain Ann Forde stepped forward to collect the Cup. A perfect end to a wonderful year for camogie in Galway.

Pearses: L. Curry; A. Ward; C. Deeley, T. Laheen, B. Kilgannon; M. Glynn, M. Harkin (0-1), C. Hannon (0-1); M. Haverly, S. Glynn (1-3, all frees), A. Hillery (0-1); A. Forde (0-2).

Granagh-Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien; P. McKenna;

Bernie O'Brien, M. Sheehan I. Quaid; J. Cullinane (0-1), B. Chawke, D. Sheehan; K. Burke (1-0), V. Sheehan, L. Leslie (1-0); E. O'Brien (0-2, 1 free).



Kay Burke, ball in hand, sets up a Granagh-Ballingarry

## Na Piarasigh add to spoils with All-Ireland club win

Na Piarasigh (Galway) 1-8  
Granagh/Ballingarry (Limerick) 2-3

by Diarmuid O'Flynn

ALREADY with the senior and minor inter-county All-Ireland trophies in the bag, the strength of Galway camogie was emphasised yet again when Na Piarasigh added the club All-Ireland title to their collection with a hard-earned win over Granagh/Ballingarry at Ballingarry yesterday.

Heavy rain had turned the pitch into a bit of a quagmire, but nevertheless, this was a cracker of a contest.

Na Piarasigh had the advantage of a strong wind in the first half, and though the home side opened the scoring with a fine point from Deirdre Sheehan in the sixth minute, it was Piarasigh's, using the wind, who were applying most pressure.

Midfielder Martina Harkin opened the Galway account in the seventh minute and by the end of the first quarter additional points from Hilary and Glynn had them ahead, 0-3 to 0-1.

However, by the 20th minute, the Limerick side were level, following a brace from Eileen O'Brien.

Not for long. In the 21st minute, a powerful shot from a 30 metre free by Sharon Glynn rattled the Granagh net, and a point from Ryan-Forde had the Galway side deservedly ahead at half-time, 1-4 to 0-3.

A terrific run into the heart of the Granagh/Ballingarry defence from the throw-in by midfielder Martina Harkin led to a foul and pointed free from Sharon Glynn, and Na Piar-

saigh hearts lifted. But immediately, Granagh/Ballingarry hit back. A dangerous centre from Eileen O'Brien was batted out by Louise Curry, the strong Piarasigh keeper, but Laura Leslie was on hand to belt home the rebound — 1-5 to 1-3, and the game still in the melting pot.

A couple of minutes later however, Ann Ryan-Forde drilled home a wicked angled shot just over the bar, and Piarasighs were three points to the good.

Now it was Piarasigh's turn to show their defensive wares, but the defensive wall finally gave in the 53rd minute — a free from Eileen O'Brien finally netted by the alert Kaye Burke, and the sides were level — 1-6 to 2-3, with seven minutes left.

Time for the champions to show up, and they did. First, captain Ryan-Forde made another vital free-producing run, duly and magnificently pointed by Sharon Glynn, then Hannon pointed in the 59th minute.

Granagh/Ballingarry hurled everything at Piarasigh in the final minutes — veteran Bernadette Chawke had a shot saved in the 58th minute, Ida Quaid similarly in the 59th minute, with the ball being scooped out for a 35.

Then finally, relief, ecstasy, agony. The final whistle from impressive referee, Aine Derham, and the end of a tremendous contest.

NA PIARASIGH: L. Curry; A. Ward; C. Deeley, T. Laheen, B. Kilgannon; M. Glynn, M. Harkin (0-1), C. Hannon (0-1); M. Haverly, S. Glynn (1-3), A. Hillery (0-1); A. Ryan-Forde (0-2).  
GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY: Breda O'Brien; P. McKenna; Bernie O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Ida Quaid; J. Cullinane, B. Chawke, D. Sheehan (0-1); K. Burke (1-0), V. Sheehan, L. Leslie (1-0); E. O'Brien (0-2).



The Granagh/Ballingarry camogie team which will be hoping for All-Ireland Club success on Sunday next when they take on Pearses of Galway in Ballingarry. (LL)

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# Dramatic final but locals lose

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BY CORMAC LIDDY

Granagh/Ballingarry..... 2-3  
Pearses, Galway..... 1-8

THIS was a heartbreak defeat for Granagh-Ballingarry in a superbly entertaining All Ireland senior club championship final at Ballingarry on Sunday but the Limerick girls played a major part in making the game such a close, exciting and high quality affair which kept the big crowd on their toes right to the final second when, indeed, a winning goal might well have been snatched by the Munster champions.

Few, in advance, gave Granagh-Ballingarry a great deal of hope. Pearses included six of the panel

who helped Galway win the All Ireland senior title and another five were members of the Galway minor All Ireland winning team.

Granted many of the Limerick girls were on the county side that won the All Ireland junior and intermediate titles but there is a big step-up from Intermediate to senior.

With a thimbleful of luck Granagh-Ballingarry might have snatched a famous win. But lady luck was certainly not on their side in those closing stages as they strove for the goal that would have sent the Galway girls reeling.

Twice in injury time the Limerick girls had chances. Firstly Ide Quaid set about taking a free but failed to life the by then sodden sliotar but the ball was driven goalward by a supporting player and cleared for a "30". I do not know if the referee told Ms Quaid that she had to score direct but

whatever the outcome the ball did not travel too far and with great relief for the visitors the final whistle sounded.

It was a marvellous effort by Granagh-Ballingarry but when they review the game they will be first to admit that their scoring rate was far too low for such an important game. Only five scores in the hour with two of those scores coming in a second half in which they had the benefit of the very strong breeze. Those two scores were well-taken goals but far too many opportunities were squandered from frees and from play over the hour.

The Ballingarry Youth Band set the scene with a fine rendition before the game which started on a very heavy sod and, indeed, this was another factor that militated against the home side who were generally much lighter and found the conditions more difficult.

But in the first half Granagh-Ballingarry defended superbly and were were only two points in arrears at the interval, 1-4 to 0-3.

Eileen O'Brien had the first wide of the game from a free after Bernie Chawke was fouled and then followed two wides by Sharon Glynn for the visitors before Granagh-Ballingarry went in front after five minutes. A free by Ide Quaid reached Kay Burke whose flick was picked up and pointed by Jean Cullinane.

Within the next two minutes Pearses had points by Martina Harkin and Aine Hillary and Eileen O'Brien was off target with two more chances for the home-siders.

Sharon Glynn made it 3-1 for Pearses before O'Brien narrowed the gap and then levelled with a superb strike.

But Granagh-Ballingarry were stunned after 20 minutes when Sharon Glynn got in for a glorious goal and the same played raced through again but amazingly shot wide.

An Ide Quaid free was scrambled to safety off the Pearses line before Ann Ford had the final say with a point for the visitors to leave them 1-4 to 0-3 in front.

But it was no the turn of Granagh-Ballingarry to be assisted by the strong breeze but they found scoring extremely difficult.

Sharon Glynn extended the Pearses lead with a point within a minute but seconds later it was the turn of the home supporters to cheer after a cracking goal by Laura Leslie. It came after the Pearses goalkeeper Louise Curry could only partially stop a shot from Eileen O'Brien and when the ball broke to Leslie she whipped it to the net to leave only two points between them.

Ann Ford had a further

point for the Galway side and Granagh-Ballingarry had to wait until the 22nd minute for further jubilation. Once again the Pearses goalkeeper could not make a clean save from O'Brien and with several players near the goal area the ball was whipped to the net by, I understand, Kay Burke but I could not see for certain from my sideline perch.

Thus with 18 minutes remaining the side were level but surprisingly that was to be the last score by Granagh-Ballingarry who moved Ide Quaid to attack for most of the second half in a bid to grab a winner.

But apart from the excitement of the last few minutes the home side rarely threatened.

It was certainly no fault of Ide Quaid that Granagh-Ballingarry lost. She had a truly superb hour and others to shine were Patsy McKenna, Bernie O'Brien and Eileen O'Brien while goalkeeper Breda O'Brien made some fine saves.

All the others, too, worked extremely hard in a bid for history but it was not to be but Granagh-Ballingarry will surely be back again in their attempt to become the best club in Ireland. They are very, very close to being such at the moment and it was unfortunate that they did not succeed.

**Granagh-Ballingarry:** Breda O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Bernie O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Ide Quaid, Jean Cullinane, Bernie Chawke, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie, Eileen O'Brien.

**Pearses:** Louise Curry, Aisling Ward, Colette Deeley, Tracy Laheen, Bridget Kilgannon, Michelle Glynn, Martina Harkin, Carmel Hannon, Martina Haverly, Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary, Ann Forde.



Kay Burke, Granagh-Ballingarry gets in a shot against Pearses's.



Eileen O'Brien, Granagh-Ballingarry tries to make a clearance in the game against Pearses's.

## Galway girls grab first title

PEARSE'S ..... 1-8  
BALLINGARRY..... 2-3

TWO late points from Carmel Hannon and Sharon Glynn gave Pearses of Galway a dramatic victory over Limerick side Granagh-Ballingarry in yesterday's All Ireland Club Camogie final.

Pearses led by 1-4 to 0-3 at half-time, but Ballingarry, with home advantage, began to take control when aided by the strong breeze in the second half. Goals from 14-year-old Eileen O'Brien, followed by another smashing effort from Kay Bourke saw Ballingarry draw level at 2-3 to 1-6 midway through the second half.

### ALL-IRELAND CLUB CAMOGIE FINAL

Martina Harkin, Aine Hillary and Sharon Glynn had given Pearses a 0-3 lead after 17 minutes. Eileen O'Brien narrowed the gap with two fine points, but Glynn netted a goal for Pearses five minutes before the break to give Pearses a four-point lead at the interval.

**SCORERS — Pearses:** S Glynn 1-2, M Harkin and Hillary 0-2 each, A Forde, C Hannon 0-1 each. **Granagh-Ballingarry:** E O'Brien 1-2, K Bourke 1-0, D Sheehan 0-1.

**PEARSE'S —** L Curry, A Ward, C Deely, F Lahen, Kilgannon, M Glynn, M Harkin, C Hannon, M Hanley, S Glynn, Hillary, A Forde (Capt).

**GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY —** B O'Brien, P McKenna, O'Brien, M Sheehan, I Quaid, G Cullinane, B Chawke, D Sheehan, K Bourke (Capt), V Sheehan, L Leslie, E O'Brien.

REF — A Graham (Dublin).





A battle for possession in the All-Ireland camogie final.



Helen Clifford McCarthy, camogie award winner, pictured with her husband and family at the Murphy Brewery Limerick sports star of the year banquet at Kilmurry Lodge.

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THE GALWAY under-14 camogie team which gave outstanding displays in Ballymacward when winning the inter-counties blitz. In this competition Galway accounted for Offaly, Tipperary and Kilkenny in the earlier rounds before accounting for an accomplished Kilkenny side in the final. Back row, left to right: Donal Burke (Shamrocks, manager), Valerie Flaherty (Kinvara), Sinead Kennedy (Ballinasloe), Sarah Kelly (Davitts), Fiona Gohery (Davitts), Karen Huban (Kinvara), Helen Fahy (Ballindereen), Colette Glennon (Mullagh), Michelle Fahy (Oranmore), Siobhan Diskin (Clarinbridge), Geraldine McGrath (Sarsfields, selector), Dermot Connolly (Ballinasloe, selector). Front row: Orla Ryan (Craughwell), Karen Ryan (Craughwell), Orla Kilkenny (Pearses), Stella Carty (Shamrocks), Claire Ann Spellman (Shamrocks), Elaine Kearns (Clarinbridge), Sherry Mannion (Clarinbridge), Regina Glynn (Athenry), Mary Kelly (Davitts), Emer Hoarley (St. Colemans).

## CAMÓGIE PLAYER OF THE MONTH 1996



Eileen O'Brien  
(June)



Bernie O'Brien  
(July)



Anne Lenihan  
(August)



Kay Bourke  
(September)



Jean Culinane  
(October)



# Camogie World By P.J Fulham

## PEARSES ARE ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONS

**P**earses, Galway, collected their first All-Ireland senior club Championship title when they overcame a strong challenge from the Limerick champions Granagh/Ballingarry in an exciting final played at Ballingarry. The underfoot conditions were not great but never-the-less this was a cracking final.

Pearses played with the advantage of a strong wind in the first half. The home side opened the scoring when Deirdre Sheehan pointed after six minutes. Midfielder Martina Harkin opened Pearses account with a similar score one minute later. Further points by Aine Hillary and Sharon Glynn had Pearses ahead 0-3 to 0-1 at the end of the quarter. Granagh/Ballingarry stepped up the pace and two great points by Eileen O'Brien put the sides on level terms. In the 21st minute a thirty metre free by Sharon Glynn went all the way to the Granagh net. This proved to be the vital score of the game in the end. A point by Ann Ryan/Forde gave the Galway club a 1-4 to 0-3 lead at the break.

Early in the second half Sharon Glynn pointed from a free to put her side five points in front, but Granagh launched an attack. A good centre from Eileen O'Brien was blocked down by the Pearses keeper Louise Curry but Laura Leslie was on the loose to rattle the rebound to the net leaving the score 1-5 to 1-3 and the game still an edge of the seat affair. Soon there were three points between the sides when Ann Ryan/Forde pointed.

Now Pearses defence came under pressure, but the wall finally gave in on the 53rd minute when a free by Eileen O'Brien found Kay Bourke who rattled Pearses net to leave the score with seven minutes remaining all square 1-6 to 2-3.

It was a hectic seven minutes as both sides fought hard for scores. Granagh/Ballingarry threw everything they had at their opponents.

Veteran Bernie Chawke had a shot saved on the 58th minute and Ida Quaid's shot went out for a thirty. Sharon Glynn pointed and Carmel Hannon had the final score of the game when she sent over the bar on the 59th minute.

Final score: Pearses 1-8

Granagh/Ballingarry 2-3.

Scorers: Pearses: Sharon Glynn 1-3 Ann Ryan/Forde 0-2, Martina Harkin, Carmel Hannon and Aine Hillary 0-1 each.

Granagh/Ballingarry: Laura Leslie and Kay Bourke 1-0 each, Eileen O'Brien 0-2, Deirdre Sheehan 0-1.

**Pearses Team:** Louise Curry, Aisling Ward, Aolette Deeley, Tracey Laheen, Brigid Kilgallon, Michelle Glynn, Martina Harkin, Carmel Hannon, Martina Haverty, Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary, Ann Ryan/Forde.

**Granagh/Ballingarry team:** Breda O'Brien, Patricia McKenna, Bernie O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Ida Quaid, Jean Cullinane, Bernie Chawke, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Bourke, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie, Eileen O'Brien.

**Referee:** Aine Derham, Dublin.

The All-Ireland Camogie finals day in Croke Park which is usually the third Sunday in September will be the first Sunday in September next year. This is the result of alterations in the G.A.A. Calendar of events.

The camogie senior draw for the "Bord na Gaeilge" All-Ireland Championship for 1997 is one of great interest.

There are eight teams taking part: Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford, Armagh, Clare, Dublin and Limerick.

In the first round 1993 finalists Wexford will have the venue against newcomers to senior ranks Limerick.

All-Ireland champions Galway seem to have an easy passage when they travel to take on Armagh. Kilkenny look set to make it to the semi-finals when they host Dublin, while this years beaten finalists Cork have Clare on home ground.

In the semi-finals, Galway or Armagh will meet Kilkenny or Dublin. If Galway v Kilkenny it would be sure to be a big test for the champions. Cork or Clare will face Wexford or Limerick. Cork will be trying hard to get back on the winning trail and will be almost certain to be in contention for a crack at the title again.

## Cork to face old foes in first round

**NEWCOMERS** Cork will face old rivals Tipperary in the first round when they make their debut in the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship next year, writes P.J. Fulham.

It is Cork's first time to take part in this competition, having gained entry by winning this year's Junior championship. Holders Limerick begin the defence of their crown against Clare.

All Ireland Intermediate Camogie championship draw — 1st rd: A Down v Galway, B Dublin v Armagh, C Limerick v Clare, D Cork v Tipperary. First named teams have home advantage.

NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE TABLES					
ZONE A					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wexford	2	2	0	0	4
Cork	2	1	0	1	2
Clare	2	0	0	2	0
Tipperary	2	1	0	1	2
ZONE B					
Tyrone	2	2	0	0	4
Fermanagh	1	1	0	0	2
Antrim	2	1	0	1	2
Derry	2	1	0	1	2
ZONE C					
Down	2	2	0	0	4
Dublin	2	1	0	1	2
Kildare	2	1	0	1	2
Armagh	2	0	0	2	0
Carlow	0	0	0	0	0
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Galway	2	2	0	0	4
Offaly	2	1	1	0	3
Cavan	2	0	1	1	1
Rescomon	2	0	0	2	0

## U18 Championship 2nd round

Inniscarra 1-7  
Éire Óg 0-4

IN the second round of the U18 Championship, a local derby was played in Ballyanly between Éire Óg, at Inniscarra. While this was a very young Éire Óg team, they eventually had to give way to an older and stronger Inniscarra team. Inniscarra led only by a single goal at half time but they eventually pulled away from them. This is not the ideal time of the year to be playing any championship and it is a credit to all teams who play their fixtures in poor condition.

**Inniscarra Team:** G. Casey, A. Murphy, S. O'Leary, M. McMahon, M. O'Connell, C. O'Leary, B. O'Regan, T. Murphy, C. Harte, C. O'Brien, C. Hogan (Captain), M. Lynch and M. O'Callaghan.

## Inniscarra Determined in 1st round U18 Championship

Inniscarra 2-8  
Barryroe 1-2

ON Sunday 24th November, Barryroe travelled to Ballyanly for the 1st round of the U18 Championships at champions of 1995, however a very determined Inniscarra team never left them settle and at half time Inniscarra led 5 points to 1 goal. In the second half the Inniscarra forwards really turned on the pressure and added a further 2 goals and 3 points to Barryroe's 2 points. At the end of the game Inniscarra were worthy winners at 2-8 to 1-2.

**Inniscarra Team:** G. Casey, A. Murphy, S. O'Leary, M. McMahon, M. O'Connell, T. Murphy, E. Moynihan, M. Lynch, C. Harte, C. Hogan (Captain), B. O'Regan, C. O'Leary, L. Hall and C. O'Brien.

## 40 YEARS AGO

The holders, Old Aloysians, were held to a 2-1 each draw by their old rivals, Glen Rovers, when they met in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at the UCC Grounds, where the teams lined out as follows — Old AIs. — J. Clancy, M. Clancy, L. Coughlan (Capt.), M. Joyce, A. Lane, L. McGowan, A. O'Donovan, J. O'Grady, S. O'Sullivan, G. O'Sullivan, B. Walsh, M. Wyley, M. Murphy, L. McCarthy, A. McCarthy, Glen Rovers — S. Cahill, A. Crotty (Capt.), B. Lucey, N. Deane, N.

Murphy, M. Browne, E. Dempsey, B. Deane, M. Murphy, K. O'Donovan, P. O'Reilly, N. Coughlan, E. O'Halloran.



# Camogie World By P.J Fulham

## GOOD WINS FOR WEXFORD AND DOWN

**W**exford secured two valuable points when they got the upperhand of the All-Ireland junior champions Cork in this National League tie played at Buncloody. The winners produced lots of fire power against their strong opponents and a great goal by Maire Butler gave them a 1-6 to 0-5 lead at the break. The All-Ireland champions hit back with some fine scores in the second half, two goals by Elaine Kirby and two points by Mary Kennefic. This did not daunt the spirits of the Model County who finished the stronger with a goal by Joan Redmond and some well taken points by Bernie Higgins to put four points between the sides at the final whistle.

Final score: 2-11 Cork 2-7.

Scorers Wexford: Bernie Higgins 0-8, Maire Butler and Joan Redmond 1-0 ea. Rosemary Breen 0-3. Cork: Elaine Kirby 2-0 Mary Kennefic 0-5. Eithne Denny 0-2. Referee: Maire Woods, Kildare.

A goal just on the full time whistle by Cavan's super sub Rosie Mulligan swept victory from Offaly and shared the spoils in this league encounter played at Crosserlough. Offaly led 2-4 to 0-5 at the break and looked like collecting the points until Mulligan rattled the net to leave it all square on a score of Offaly 3-4 Cavan 2-7.

Scores: Cavan Majella Prior 0-4, Elaine Prior and Rosie Mulligan 1-0 each, Ita Kieran 0-2, Louise Adams 0-1.

Offaly: Michelle Davis and Maggie Lynch 1-2 each, Maureen Dooley 1-0.

Referee: Pat Fox, Fermanagh.

Down secured their second brace of points when they coasted to victory over Dublin at Ballyholland. Once again Down were powered by Mairin McAleenan who scored 2-9 and was voted Ulster 'Player of the year'. Down showed good form when defeating Kildare in their first outing. Dublin had two points from their game against Armagh. Dublin could never make an impact in this contest and at the interval they trailed 2-11 to 0-0. Dublin goalkeeper Mary O'Connell made some fine saves and Valerie Reaney tried very hard missing the target on a few occasions. Mairin McAleenan got valuable support from Cathy Mulholland and Jennifer Braniff. The home side were not inclined to give Dublin forwards much possession as they ran out winners on a score of 2-20 to 1-3.

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-9, Cathy Mulholland 0-6, Jennifer Braniff 0-2, Majella Murray, Sinead McGovern

and Pauleen Greene 0-1 each.

Dublin: Emer Brannigan 1-0, Valerie Reaney 0-2, Mary Nevin 0-1.

Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Kildare collected their first points when they got the better of Armagh in a low scoring encounter at Lurgan. Kildare held the upperhand throughout with Melanie Treacy producing great defensive work and Miriam Malone notching off scores. However Armagh tried hard and a goal by Brigid Moore left them in contention but Kildare held on to a 2-6 to 1-3 victory.

Scores: Kildare: Miriam Malone 2-4, Eileen Murray 0-2.

Armagh: Brigid Moore 1-0, Joan Rice 0-2, Avourneen Kearney 0-1.

Referee: Geraldine Clarke, Monaghan.

Tyrone went on a scoring spree when they met Derry at Clonoe. The first half was a ding dong battle, only three points separated the sides at half time, Tyrone 3-4 Derry 1-7. Tyrone banged home six goals in the second half time to give them a 9-10 to 2-9 victory.

Scorers Tyrone: Brenda Burke 2-4, Leona Fay 3-0, Simone Forbes 2-3, Catherine Finnegan 1-1, Maeve McGuirk 1-0, Maryrose McGrady and Catherine Jones 0-1.

Derry: Movita Doyle and Cathy McDonald 1-2 each, Nuala Rankin 0-5.

Referee: Catherine Gaynor, Cavan.

Dublin re-convened Convention was held recently in Parnell Park. Only the P.R.O and Clarahoir retained their positions. The other outgoing Officers did not seek re-election. The following Officers were elected:

Cathaoirleach: Jim Carroll, Naomh Mearnags. Jim previously held this position a few years ago.

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Frances McManus, Naomh Aoife. This is Frances's first time to serve as a County Board Officer.

Cisteoir: Ray Seery, Crumlin also first County Officership.

Clarahoir: Pamela Howark, Cuala. Pamela took over this position after the death of Sophia Brack.

P.R.O. Maire Uí Scolai, Cuala. This is the first time Cula had two members to serve as county Board Officers at the same time.

Convention failed to elect a Runai.

Frank Malcolmson, Thomas Davis, was elected Manger of the County senior team.



At Convention recently Belle Uí Lochlainn, Uachtarán Cumann Comogaíochta na nGael, presents a special piece of crystal to Kay Timmins who retired from Dublin camogie after years of service. Left to Right: Belle Uí Lochlainn, Kay Timmins, Maire Brady and Pat Rafferty.

### 40 YEARS AGO

A POINT in the opening minutes for Glen Rovers and the winning goal in the last few minutes for Old Aloysians were the only scores of an amazing Cork County Senior Camogie Championship replay between the teams at the UCC Grounds, where Eve Dempsey had the opening point for the Glen well before Angela Lane scored the winning goal for Old Als. The teams were -

Glen Rovers - S. Cahill, C. O'Donovan, B. Lucey, K. O'Halloran, N. Deans, M. Buckley, M. Browne, P. O'Reilly, A. Crotty (Capt.), N. Murphy, M. Murphy, E. Dempsey.

Old Als. - E. O'Donovan, B. Walsh, G. O'Sullivan, I. McGowan, J. Clancy, J. O'Grady, S. O'Sullivan, L. Coughlan (Capt.), M. Joyce, A. Lane, L. McCarthy, M. Wyle.

### Woodford Community Games - Silver Medal Winners Mosney 1996



Back row, left to right: Elizabeth Flynn, Laura Roche, Emma Kilcarr, Doreen Kelly, Marie Burke, Sinead Donnelly, Sarah Roche, Lisa Moroney. Front row, left to right: Anne Fogarty, Alva Sheil, Cathriona Kelly, Edel Garvey (capt.), Mary Fahy, Mary Kelly, Edel Pierce.

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## CAMOGIE COMMENT BY MARY MORAN

### *O'Duffy Cup completes the Galway jig-saw*

**T**he final piece of the jig-saw fitted into place for Galway at Croke Park last September. The acquisition of the O'Duffy Cup completes the picture. Prior to this Galway had won everything else that was worth winning, but the ultimate prize had eluded them.

Now Galway can hold up their heads with the best. On a rough count, the county has claimed almost forty All-Ireland championship titles. These include All-Ireland junior, minor, club and colleges titles. We have seen some of the best talent to emerge in the game over the past twenty years in the maroon and white.

Early in the season, Galway did not look like potential champions. They qualified for the knockout stages of the National Senior League but conceded the sizeable tally of eight goals and twenty eight points in their outings with Kilkenny and Cork.

Many other counties would have given up the ghost following a fifteen point hiding in the National Senior League final. But Galway rebuilt their defence and set themselves a training programme which would match any undertaken by hurlers or footballers. The Broderick sisters, Olivia and Anne, Pamela Nevin and Dymna Maher were brought back into the side when relieved of examinations and transformed its potential.

Fourteen points from Sharon Glynn set Galway on the road to victory against Dublin in the opening round of the championship. Seven weeks later and now well into their training programme Galway brushed aside Wexford's challenge. It seemed to be the same old story for the Connacht girls as Cork went into a seven point lead in the final.

But this Galway team was different. Like their predecessors, they had the talent but they also had determination, willingness to work for one another and hunger for victory. They played some great camogie in the second half. They worked and executed some delightful scores and held out with great resolve when Cork came back in the final

minutes.

A number of Galway girls now hold an impressive spread of All-Ireland medals. Their captain, Imelda Hobbins is a good example. In her collection are All-Ireland senior, junior, minor, club championship medals. She also holds a National Senior League and several All-Ireland Colleges medals.

Now that Galway have the O'Duffy Cup, the next question is who will be able to take it from them? There is talk of retirement among the senior members of the Cork team and it would take a season or two for their junior players to step up a grade. Kilkenny have not the goal scoring power at the moment which brought them so many championships. Wexford went backwards this year and the northern sides found the going tough.

Will we see Limerick return to the senior ranks in 1997? They built on last year's All-Ireland Junior success and moved up a step to take the All-Ireland Intermediate title. The average age of their side is young. They have benefited

from the success of St. Mary's Charleville and have every reason to look forward with optimism.

If there was a Young Player of the Year award, it would surely go to Limerick's rising star, Eileen O'Brien. She started the season as a thirteen year old. She caught the eye in the colours of St. Mary's, Charleville with whom she won All-Ireland Colleges Senior and Sevens. As the season progressed she picked up National Junior League, Limerick and Munster Club Championships, and an All-Ireland Intermediate Championship. Her deft wristwork kept her in the scorers list. She is definitely one for the future.

Cork fans who felt that their senior team had left their crown behind them, drew some measure of consolation from the victory of their junior side. Apart from those very close to the team, expectations were not very high. The feeling was that Roscommon would have learned from last season's experience and would be very hard to stop.

However, Cork looked the more competent and polished outfit. Goals from Mary Kennefick early in the second half put Cork firmly on the road to success. Some of these girls have worn Cork colours in various grades and it was nice to see them collect an All-Ireland medal at last. Their progress will be carefully followed to see how many will make the grade at senior level.

Galway captured their sixth All-Ireland Minor title in impressive fashion. Wexford were forced to surrender their crown but not before two great games against Galway. The high scoring Colette Nevin notched 4-25 between the two Wexford matches and the final against Tipperary.

Three members of the Galway minor team, Colette Nevin, Therese Maher and Michelle Glynn had sisters on the All-Ireland winning senior team. It was a truly memorable season for the Glynn sisters. Later in the year, they played together in the All-Ireland Club final when Pearses rounded off a record breaking year for Galway.

1996 had its sad moments. Sophie Brack, one of the best full-forwards camogie ever produced, went to her final resting place. A few months later, she was joined by her Dublin team-mate, the legendary Kathleen Mills. The best known player to grace the game, she won fifteen All-Ireland senior medals, a record unlikely ever to be broken.



*Antoinette O'Connell holds aloft the All-Ireland trophy after leading Cork Juniors to victory.*



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## CAMOGIE

# GALWAY'S FIRST SENIOR TITLE

By BRIDÍN UÍ MHAOLAGÁIN

**B**efore a record attendance of 10,235 at the Bórd na Gaeilge All-Ireland final Galway were very much the underdogs. Earlier in the year they had been disposed of in no uncertain manner by a brilliant Cork team. Putting that defeat behind them quickly they began to concentrate on the forthcoming Senior Championship. Cailíní óga na Gaillimhe, the minor team, had already brought All-Ireland glory across the Shannon and the seniors were determined to emulate that success.

They engaged in no fewer than 63 training sessions. Sometimes even at eight o'clock in the morning and grew in stature as they defeated allcomers en route to Croke Park for the final.

Cork certainly had their chances and even at half-time one felt that they could go into over-drive at any moment and once again defeat the women of the tribes! This was not to be, however, and an early second half goal by player of the match Craughwell's golden girl, Denise Gilligan — possibly the most spectacular of the game — followed by another palmed to the net by Martina Harkin really finished Cork's chances.

Years of coaching, encouragement, development and practice paid-off in full this season for Galway as they swept the senior boards helped by a "Dub" in the goals! Super saver Louise Currie, who won an All-Ireland medal with her native Dublin in the inaugural AIB Intermediate in 1992, has added two senior All-Irelands to her collection this year. A breathtaking performance in the Bórd na Gaeilge All-Ireland, especially in the second half, when she carried off three spectacular

saves, helped her Galway side to a historic first senior title. Louise helped to create even more history in the AIB club All-Ireland when her new club, Na Píarsaigh, emerged as champions by a nail-biting margin of two points 1-8 to Limerick champions' 2-3. The valiant Limerick club champions Granagh-Ballingarry were lead by Vera Sheehan. Bernie Chawke and the young talented Eileen O'Brien of Féile na nGael fame.

Féile continues to be the bedrock of successful juvenile clubs. Templemore of Tipperary took the honours in Division 1, Granagh-Ballingarry, Limerick in Division 2, Clairseacha Baile Cholmáin Division 3 and newcomers Drumcullen, Co. Offaly, Division 4. Michelle Glynn who was awarded player of the match in the minor All-Ireland for Galway this year was yet another one of the victorious stars of Na Píarsaigh club. Michelle combined skilfully with big sister Sharon to bring glory to the Na Píarsaigh club.

Lessons galore can be learnt from these successful All-Ireland players. The coaching and training received by most of them in the now renowned cradle of camogie in the west - St. Raphael's College - will yield results a hundred fold! Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad!

Like the G.A.A., Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael looks to the clubs to provide the foundation for the promotion of the game. This foundation instils in the members a sense of belonging, a spirit, a loyalty and a dedication all of which are fundamental to the success of the association at all levels. The club championship is second only to the All-Ireland championship when it comes to keen competition. Any team that survives the challenge of super-clubs like the "Glen" of Cork, Lisdowney in Kilkenny, Dunloy in Antrim or Davitts in Galway in its quest for gold has to be special!

### MULTI-TALENTED

Multi-talented Cork county teams are far from vanquished as they are still supreme in Senior League and Junior Championship. Their superstars graced the Munster Gael-Linn teams both at senior and junior levels and took both trophies back to Munster. They, of course, were ably supported by up and coming Limerick players, who are now showing the fruits of Féile na nGael success. The Limerick county team won the junior All-Ireland League to gain Corn de Búrca together with the beautiful A.I.B. Cup which they won for the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship. Limerick have some ladies!

Tá Cumann Camógaiocht na nGael go mór faoi dromaoin ag Bórd na Gaeilge as an urraíocht fhlaithiúl atá a dhéanamh acu ar na cluichí ceannais.

The Camogie Association also got a much-needed boost from the Department of Education this year in the form of £100,000 grant for helmets. The expense incurred in putting out a team with maximum protection and efficiency is quite staggering but safety is of paramount importance.

This windfall is much appreciated and will go a long way to improve and develop camogie at school, college and juvenile level.

U.C.D. hosted the prestigious Third level Ashbourne Cup this year 80 years after Lord Ashbourne had presented it! A colourful character, a professor from Trinity College and prominent member of Conradh na Gaeilge, he presented a magnificent silver cup much to the displeasure and disapproval of the "powers that be," to be played for by the "Ladies of the Universities"! This Lord was renowned for sporting a saffron kilt and playing bagpipes. To honour the occasion a lone piper suitably clad in saffron kilt — "piped" the players onto the pitch for the Ashbourne final in Belfield much to the delight of the spectators.

A special presentation reception held in conjunction with the Ashbourne Cup and sponsored by Bórd na Gaeilge - was held to mark the resignation of Mrs. Josie Stuart as president of the U.C.D. camogie club after 42 years gracing the office. This must be a record by any standard as Josie was only the second president since the foundation. She took over the position after the death of Professor Agness Farrell first president of U.C.D. and former President of the Camogie Association.

Abroad U.S.A. continues to flourish and the now well-established International seven-a-side staged in New York attracts students and residents alike in a well-organised tournament under the watchful eye of U.S. camogie President Kathleen McDonagh formerly of Tipperary.

Boston club Eire Óg once again took the honours in the All-American Senior Championship in a close encounter with Young Irelands of New York.

The year brought its sad moments with the passing of Elizabeth Crampsie of Derry and the two great legends of Dublin camogie - Sophia Brack and Kathleen Mills. The exploits of these former "greats" will be remembered with great fondness and nostalgia whenever camogie players gather together.



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# THE CAMOGIE SCENE

## Galway Win First Senior Crown in a Thriller

**G**alway secured their first "Bord na Gaelige" All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship title on a memorable Sunday in September in Croke Park before an attendance of 10,200, by defeating Cork (holders) in a thrilling encounter. This was the second year that the Championship was sponsored by Bord na Gaelige.

Galway contested the first two All-Ireland finals against Dublin in 1932 and '33. The '32 final was played in Galway in August 1933.

In 1937 Galway and Dublin appeared in the first All-Ireland final to be staged in Croke Park, and, after 64 years, at their 10th attempt Galway became the sixth County to have its name inscribed on the "O'Duffy Cup". Captain Imelda Hobbins made history by taking the coveted trophy across the Shannon for the first time. Imelda won her first All-Ireland medal after wearing the Maroon for eleven years.

### Fourth Meeting

This was the fourth meeting of Cork and Galway in the final. It was Cork's 31st appearance with 17 wins to their credit. It was a sad day for Cork Skipper, Therese O'Callaghan, as it was the third time she captained a losing Cork team.

In the semi-finals Cork defeated old rivals Kilkenny (1-13 to 0-11), while Galway had a 1-13 to 1-5 win over Wexford.

Both sides were slow to settle. Galway played with the wind advantage in the opening half. Cork's Lynn Dunlea had the first goal of the game in the 21st minute. Denise Gilligan goaled for Galway just before the break to leave the half-time score Cork 1-9 Galway 1-6.

### Scoring Burst

A scoring burst, which produced three goals in a seven-minute period at the start of the second half, saw Galway wipe out a three-point deficit to go six points clear.

The Rebel County had the opportunity to make a comeback in the final quarter when the Western County failed to score, but failed to take advantage of four late

### A Moment Of History



• **CELEBRATION TIME** ... Galway Captain Imelda Hobbins raises the O'Duffy Cup in triumph at Croke Park after Galway's historic title win (Picture: Evening Herald)

## Imelda Hobbins Has Honour Of Bringing O'Duffy Cup Across The Shannon

By P.J. Fulham





Galway captain Imelda Hobbins.

• Delight is written on the face of Galway's Denise Gilligan as she celebrates with joyous supporters a moment of destiny (Photo: Jim O'Kelly, Evening Herald)

scorable frees and ended two points adrift at the final whistle.

Final Score: Galway 4-8 Cork 1-15

Player of the Match: Denise Gilligan, Galway.

## Limerick Take Intermediate Title By Beating Down

In the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final, Limerick defeated Down to take An Corn Puirceil at their first attempt.

Senior Counties are seeded for the championship and some, on losing the first round, may join graded intermediate teams for the Intermediate championship. This was the first time the final was contested by two graded intermediate teams. Limerick qualified by winning the 1995 All-Ireland Junior Championship.

Down became the first County to be graded after winning the Junior Championship in 1991 and contested the first Intermediate final against Dublin in 1992. Limerick never lost a match since their defeat by Galway in the semi-final of the

League in 1995.

On the path to the final Limerick had comprehensive wins over Tipperary and Armagh in the semi-final (4-10 to 2-4). Down recorded victories over Galway and the holders Clare in the semi-final (4-14 to 1-9).

### Always Confident

The final was played in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. The winners always looked confident. Goals by Vera Sheehan and Kay Burke gave them a 2-6 to 1-3 lead at the break. Down's goal coming from Valerie Hynds.

The second half was a low-key affair. Limerick's experienced defence secured victory on a score of 2-10 to 1-6.

Player of the Match: Deirdre Savage, Down.

## Cork Are Junior Champions After Twelve Years Lapse

Cork secured their fifth All-Ireland Junior Championship title in style when they defeated Roscommon in the final -



the curtain-raiser to the senior final at Croke Park.

This was the first time for the sides to meet in a final. Cork contested the first two junior finals for the "New Ireland" Cup in 1968 and '69 and took part in eleven finals in all. Roscommon were making their second appearance in Croke Park.

Mary Kennefic's hat-trick of goals ensured that Roscommon, who lost by a single point to Limerick in the 1995 decider would endure further heartbreak.

Mary Kennefic had Cork's first goal on the third minute and by the fifth minute Roscommon had drawn level. Cork piled on the pressure and were rewarded with a goal and two points. A goal by Maeve Healy left Roscommon well in contention at the break as they trailed by just two points, 2-2 to 1-3.

On the turn-over Cork really showed their class. Two goals in four minutes in the third quarter from Sinead O'Callaghan and Mary Kennefic saw Cork gain an eight-point lead. Roscommon could only muster three points from frees by Karina Jones and a goal and a point by Maeve Healy as Cork coasted to a 6-5 to 2-7 victory.

*Player of the Match: Eileen Buckley, Cork.*

## Minor Honours For Galway

Galway are the All-Ireland Minor Champions having got the better of old rivals Tipperary in a cracking final at Semple Stadium.

Galway have contested more than half of the All-Ireland finals and all except one semi-final since the competition started in 1975. This was their fourth-in-a-row appearance and their fifth final in the '90s. This was the sixth occasion for Galway to carve its name on "An Corn Tailteann".

In the semi-finals Tipperary had an impressive 5-14 to 0-5 win over Antrim, while it took a re-play to separate Galway from the holders Wexford 2-13 to 2-10.

Galway took their chances better in the opening half and after 17 minutes led 2-5 to 0-2. Tipperary fought hard and by half time the scored board read Galway 2-8 Tipperary 1-5. Five Minutes into the final half Galway had taken a nine point lead. Tipperary made a great comeback and cut the deficit to two points.

Final score: Galway 3-16 Tipperary 4-11.

*Player Of The Match: Michelle Glynn, Galway.*

## Rathnure Take First Club Title:

Rathnure, Wexford collected their first All-Ireland senior club championship title in 1995 with a convincing win over Toomevara, Tipperary at Toomevara. It was the sides first meeting. The last Tipperary club to contest a club final was Thurles in 1971 and the County's last success was Glengoose in 1966. Buffers Ally, Wexford had won the title on five occasions prior to 1984 and Rathnure contested the '92 decider.

In the semi-finals Rathnure had an easy passage over Leitrim/Fontenoy's, down 5-11 to 1-9 while it took extra time to decide a winner in the other semi-final between Toomevara and Davitt's, Galway 4-6 to 3-7.

In the final Rathnure led 1-5 to 0-3 at the break. Then a dramatic third quarter saw the winners crash home 3-1 in an eleven minute spell to leave the final score: Rathnure 4-9 Toomevara 1-5.

## National Leagues:

Cork retained the National Senior League with a convincing win over Galway in the final at Pairc Ui Rinn. In the semi-finals Cork defeated Armagh 6-15 to 2-3, while Galway overcame Kilkenny 6-13 to 5-12.

Lynn Dunlea destroyed the Western side with a personal tally of 2-9. A 2-11 to 1-3 lead at the break saw Cork to a 3-16 to 1-7 victory.

Limerick collected their third National Junior League title when they put in a good second half performance against Down at An Ríocht.

Limerick had a 3-12 to 2-6 win over Derry in the semi-final. Down recorded a 3-12 to 2-2 victory over Galway.

The first half was close, as the end of which Down led 2-4 to 2-3. Limerick stamped their authority in the second half and glided to a 5-10 to 3-7 victory.

## Munster Win Gael Linn Titles

Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Competition was staged for the second year in succession in June. Semi-finals and finals in both senior and junior were held on the one day at Naomh Brid Park, Blanchardstown. Conditions were ideal.

Senior semi-finals: Ulster 4-8 Connacht 4-7, Munster 3-16 Leinster 0-6.

In the final Munster retained the title after being stretched all the way by a determined Ulster squad that pushed the match into extra time.

Final score: Munster 4-18 Ulster 6-10.

Junior semi-finals: Ulster 3-12 Connacht 1-2, Munster 4-13 Leinster 2-7. Munster made it a double when they captured the junior title on a score of Munster 3-17 Ulster 1-7.

## Angela Steps Down

Kilkenny County Board held a function last March to mark the retirement of Angela Downey from the Inter-County scene. There was a surprise in store for Angela on the night when she was present with 'This is your Life'. Micheal O Muircheartaigh was M.C. There was a large attendance from all over the Country, and a great night was had by all. Angela continues to play with her club Lisdowney.



# CAMOGIE ROLL OF HONOUR FOR 1996

## Bord an Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship

Galway 4-8 Cork 1-15

### All-Ireland Intermediate Championship

Limerick 2-10 Down 1-6

### All Ireland Junior Championship

Cork 6-5 Roscommon 2-7

### All-Ireland Minor Championship

Galway 3-16 Tipperary 4-11

### National Senior League

Cork 3-16 Galway 1-7

### National Junior League

Limerick 5-10 Down 3-7

### All-Ireland Club Championship 1995

Rathnure, Wexford 4-9

Toomevara, Tipperary 1-5

### Senior Gael Linn Munster 4-18 Ulster

6-10 A.E.T.

### Junior Gael Linn

Munster 3-17 Ulster 1-7



• Cork's star forward Lynn Dunlea bursts past Galway defenders Olivia Broderick and Olive Costello during the 1996 All-Ireland Senior Camogie final (Picture: Jim O'Kelly, Irish Independent)

## Colleges

### Ashbourne Cup

U.C.C. 3-3 U.U. J. 1-6

### Ashbourne Shield

U.L. 0-10 W.R.T.C. 0-2

### Purcell Cup

Maynooth 1-9 Queens 1-6

### Purcell Shield

D.C.U. 1-9 U.U. Coleraine 1-0

### C.C.I.A. League

U.U.J. 3-11 U.C.C. 0-1

### Freshers

U.C.D. 4-6 U.U.J. 0-1

### All-Ireland Colleges

Senior St. Mary's, Charleville 1-15 St.

Raphael's, Loughrea 3-3

### Junior

St. Mary's, Magherafelt 1-10

F.C.J. Bunclody 0-4

### National Feile Na nGael

#### Div. 1.

Templemore 2-10

Courcey Rovers, Cork 1-3

#### Div. 2.

Granagh/Ballingarry 2-6

Butlerstown, Waterford 1-1

## Kathleen Mills' Passing

During the year the Camogie Association was saddened by the death of two former stars both from Dublin. The legendary Kathleen Mills who held the record of 15 All-Ireland senior Championship medals.

Sophia Brack who held 8 All-Ireland medals and was captain on six of those occasions, which is a record. At the time of her death she was Registrar of Dublin County Board and of Leinster Council.

Ar dheis Dhe go raibh an Anam.

### Div. 3.

Clairseacha Baile Cholmain, Down 4-1

Cappagh, Kildare 2-0

### Div. 4.

Drumcullen, Offaly 4-4

Castleblaney, Monaghan 0-3

## Ceol, Caint Agus Damhsa Results

Ceili Dancing Clonduff, Down

Set Dancing Patrickswell, Limerick

### Ballad Group

Na Phiarsigh, Galway

### Table Quiz

Lough Lene Gaels, Westmeath

### Solo Singing

Chrisyine Pierse, St. Dominick's, Roscommon

### Instrumental Music

Betty Nally, Drumraney, Westmeath

### Recitation

Michael Shinnors, Patrickswell, Limerick.





Micheál Ó Muirheartaigh presents the sponsorship cheque for the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior camogie championship to Belle O'Loughlin (Uachtarán Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael).



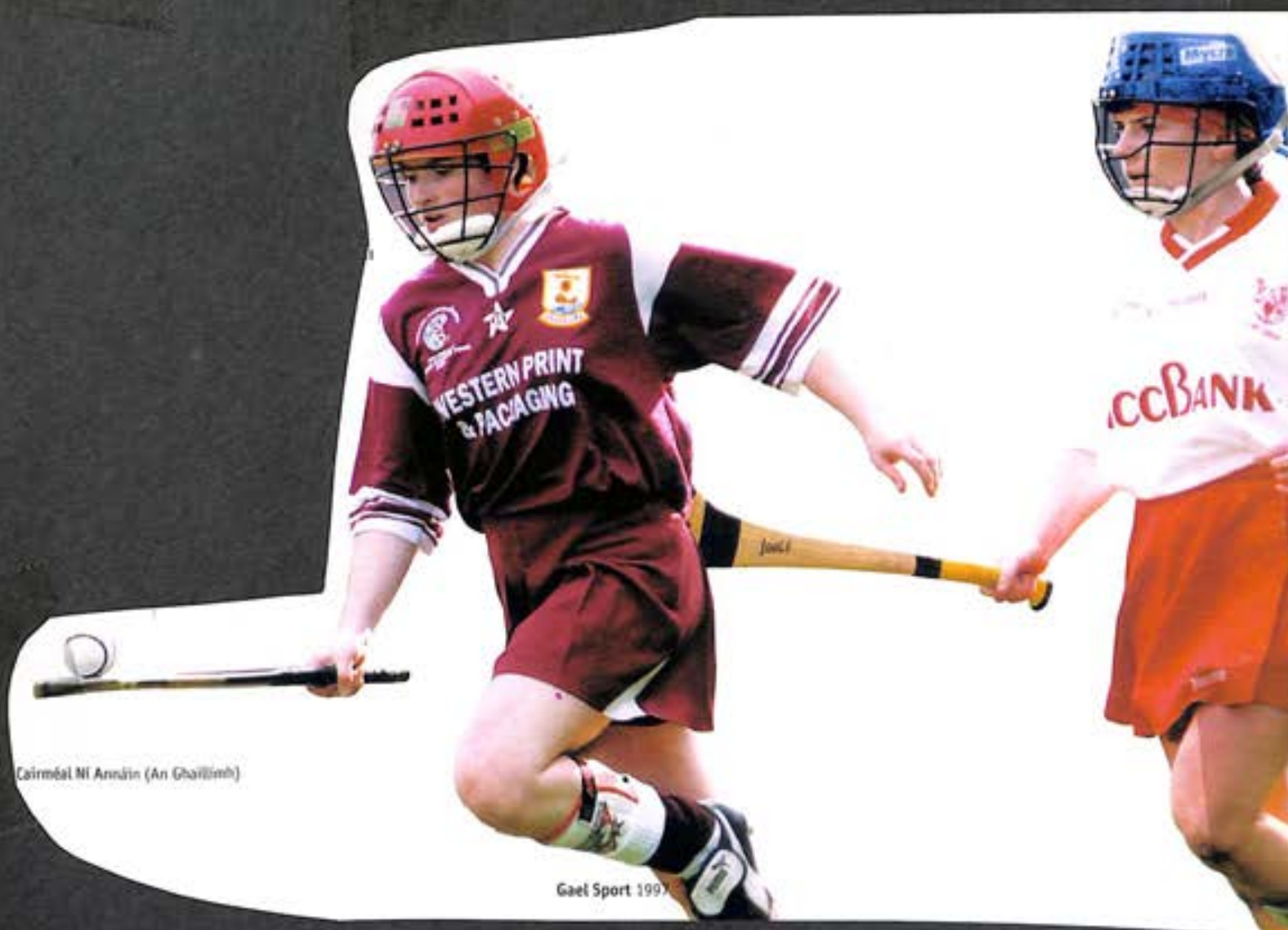
Galway stars Pamela Nevin (in possession) and Carmel Hannon.



Cork Junior captain Antoinette O'Connell.



Micheál Ó Muirheartaigh Cathaoirleach Bhord na Gaeilge, le Imelda Nic Oibhcin (captaen na Gaillimhe) agus Antoinín Ní Chonaill (captaen Chorcaí), ar dheis.



Cairmál Ní Annáin (An Ghailimh)



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Galway's Martina Harkin pulls away from Cork marker Margaret Finn.



Marie Pollard from Waterford took charge of the Limerick-Down Intermediate Final.

## C.A.A. Immortals

No. 19 in a series by Jack Mahon

# Angela Downey (Kilkenny) Camogie

THE Downey twins Angela and Ann were born on June 1st, 1957 to Shem (former Kilkenny hurling star) and the late nurse Brigid Downey from Castle Street, Ballyragget. They were the heaviest twins born in St Luke's Hospital up to that time.

The girls quickly got a grá for the camán, helped on by their greatest fan, Shem, and even at school their great skill began to surface.

Angela and Ann were always great pals and they shared many camogie triumphs together. Ann flowering later than better-known Angela.

To say that Angela became one of the best known camogie stars of all time is an understatement. She was a fierce competitor, could score from all angles and her list of achievement, though not

unique, in however, awesome. Angela Downey-Browne's collection includes 12 senior All Ireland's, including 7-in-a-row between 1984 and 1991, 7 All Ireland Club Championships (6 with St Pauls and 1 with Lisdowney, the latter probably her greatest achievement) numerous county titles, a Texaco award in 1986 and many other awards.

On Saturday night, March 23rd, 1996, Angela walked into the Springhill Hotel, Kilkenny, as though to meet

some of her teaching colleagues but instead was completely surprised by a 'This is Your Life' tribute from the Kilkenny Camogie Board. Over 600 friends and fans from near and far had come to honour the greatest camogie player Ireland has produced for years, if not ever. It was a moment to savour as Michael O Muircheartaigh, in his own way, traversed the years of Angela's excellence.

In the Kilkenny Yearbook of '95/'96, Enda McEvoy paid Angela this tribute: 'Think of all the great Kilkenny hurling stylists of the century, Meagher, Phelan, Langton, Keher, Carey. Now, if you haven't already done so, add Angela Downey to the list. She had the skill and the elegance. Let us pray that although the Black and Amber may never be again blessed with players of the talent of Angela Downey, it will never want for ones with the attitude, determination, will to win and hatred of losing she showed so defiantly for so long'. Amen to all that - thanks Angela.

Angela Downey receiving a National Irish Bank, Player of the Month award in her final year.





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## ST MARY'S SCHOOL ARE ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

ST MARY'S School, Charleville captured their first All-Ireland senior camogie title when they defeated Connaught champions St Raphaels, Loughrea on a scoreline of 1-15 to 3-3 in the final of the championship at Birr, Co. Offaly.

The Charleville girls opened the scoring with three points from frees, scored by Eileen O'Brien who was to prove their star sharp-shooter over the course of the game.

The Loughrea girls replied with a minor score followed by a Charleville point from team captain Deirdre Sheehan to stretch the Charleville lead. But Loughrea struck with a goal a minute later to level the scores.

Jean Cullinane, Limerick's camogie player of the year, regained the lead for St Mary's with a point and Sinead

O'Callaghan put them two ahead before the Loughrea forwards again breached the Charleville defence to slot home the rebound after Charleville goalkeeper Lisa Moloney's brilliant save to give the Galway girls a brief lead.

However, the sides were level again when Eileen O'Brien pointed from a free and Sinead O'Callaghan's point regained the lead for Charleville.

Eileen O'Brien was on target again with a point in the 24th minute to leave the half time score 0-9 to 2-1.

Eileen O'Brien opened the scoring in the second half as she did in the first, with a point from a free.

There followed great passages of play before Loughrea pointed from a free in the twelfth minute. Further points from Eileen O'Brien and Breda O'Brien

edged Charleville further in front. However, Loughrea were not finished yet and hit back with a goal in the 20th minute. Caoimhe Harrington lifted Charleville hearts when she broke through for her side's early goal in the 22nd minute of the half.

Loughrea got another point from a free, but two points from Eileen O'Brien and one from Angela Sheehy gave St Mary's a deserved victory over tough opponents to bring the first All-Ireland senior camogie championship to Charleville.

A special word of congratulations to all the team members, their coaches, Vincent Harrington, Anne Marie O'Keeffe and Fr Tim Hazelwood for the hard work in preparing the team during the season.

### ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE - ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1995-'96



*Back: Kary O'Shea, Caoimhe Harrington, Karina Carroll, Muireann Harrington, Jean Cullinane, Laura Leslie, Kim Hickey, Breda O'Brien, Sinead O'Callaghan, Pauline Lynch. Front: Muiread Keane, Sharon Kelly, Marie O'Brien, Eileen O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Vera Sheehan, Marie Foley, Angela Sheehy and Lisa Moloney.*

## Another All-Ireland trophy

THE all conquering camogie players of St Mary's School, Charleville, confirmed their status as kingpins of colleges hurling when they brushed aside the challenge of successive teams from around the country to add the All-Ireland Sevens championship to their senior title.

The sevens blitz was played in Dublin's Phoenix Park and involved camogie teams from schools and colleges from Ulster, Connaught, Leinster and Munster in the knockout series.

The northern side, Maghera were

unlucky to be drawn against the Charleville girls in their opening game of four. The St Mary's forward division could do no wrong on the day with Caoimhe Harrington notching up five goals, Sinead O'Callaghan 1-2, Eileen O'Brien 1-2, Angela Sheehy 1-2 and Pauline Lynch 0-1 to give them a total of 8-7 to 0-2 for the hapless Derry side.

The Cuans team from Galway were next to fall to the rampant St Mary's who had another facile win on a scoreline of 6-5 to 0-1. In this game Sinead O'Callaghan was the top scorer with 5-1

and Lisa O'Mahony scored 1-1 and the O'Briens, Marie and Eileen had points and Angela Sheehy also had a point.

Leinster champions, Presentation Kilkenny, provided the opposition in the semi-final and again the Charleville side proved too strong and easily overcame their challenge, winning by 3-3 to 0-1. Caoimhe Harrington was again on target scoring 2 goals, Sinead O'Callaghan had a goal and the points came from Eileen O'Brien, Pauline Lynch and Angela Sheehy.

And so to the final game against old



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rivals St Raphael's of Loughrea whom St Mary's beat to take their first All-Ireland senior championship a few weeks earlier.

St Raphael's girls were out to revenge this defeat but the Cork side had other ideas and proceeded to confirm their superiority over the Cyril Farrell trained westerners by inflicting another crushing defeat when they ran out convincing winners on a score of 5-4 to 0-2.

The scores came from Sinéad O'Callaghan 3-0, Caoimhe Harrington 2-0 and Eileen O'Brien 0-4, killed off the challenge of St Raphael's to give the Charleville school another fine victory.

Their latest All-Ireland victory crowns a magnificent year in camogie for St Mary's and their coaches Vincent Harrington and Ann-Marie O'Keeffe who have been in charge of the team for many years and Fr Tim Hazlewood who has been involved with the school since he came to Charleville, deserve the highest of praise for preparing their charges so well.

Credit must also go to the girls individual clubs in Co. Limerick and North Cork for the input they have had in the success of the team in achieving the pinnacle of success at schools and colleges level in Ireland.

## Camogie team honoured

THE girls of St Mary's School, Charleville camogie team were feted for the sporting honour they had brought to their school over the past year at a victory celebration which was held at the Deerpark Hotel.

School Principal Sr M. Martina paid glowing tributes to the girls who swept the boards in Cork County, Munster and All-Ireland Colleges and Schools camogie this past season.

"You brought great honour to your school through your sporting achievements and I have no doubt that your academic results will be a par with what you have achieved in sport. Your commitment and dedication to your task

is a shining example to all", she said.

Outlining their many successes during the year she also congratulated team members Vera Sheehan and Jean Cullinane who were awarded the Limerick Vocational Sports Award and the *The Examiner* Munster Colleges Award, respectively.

The girls were presented with their medals by Mrs Mary Moran, secretary of the Munster Schools Association. Also present at the function were Mrs Sheila Morgan, former President of the All-Ireland Schools Camogie Association. The evening concluded with a most enjoyable disco.

## Rising Camogie star Sinéad creates major impression in Cork

Charleville school girl hurling star Sinéad O'Callaghan, of Love Lane has certainly carved a name for herself in camogie at schools, county, Munster and All-Ireland levels since she took up the game only four years ago.

Sinéad has won two junior All-Ireland Schools medals with the local St Mary's team and a senior schools All-Ireland medal when the side captured their first senior title last April when they defeated St Raphael's, Loughrea in an exciting encounter at Birr.

She has also won three All-Ireland 7-a-side medals, again with St Mary's, the latest of them this year when they swept aside all opposition to take their third sevens title.

Sinéad was introduced to camogie by St Mary's teacher and camogie coach Vincent Harrington, the person who has been the biggest single influence on her playing career to date.

Sinéad is a natural at the game and has virtually made the centre-forward position in the team her own.

She plays club camogie with the Ballygran club and holds a Limerick County medal at under-16 level which she won with Ballygran in 1995.

She declared for Cork County this year and the Cork mentors were quick to spot



Sinéad O'Callaghan

Sinéad's potential, selecting her for the team which won the National League final in May when Cork beat their old rivals Galway in the final.

She was also selected for the Junior side with which she has won an All-Ireland medal when Cork defeated Roscommon in the final in Croke Park last September.

She was also on the bench for the Cork

senior team which was narrowly beaten by Galway in the senior All-Ireland in early October. But she received some measure of consolation for that defeat when she was on the Cork team which beat Tipperary in the Munster championship recently.

Sinéad, who is daughter of Charleville AIB official Jim O'Callaghan and Maura, who is a teacher, is steeped in the Gaelic tradition as her grandfather, the late Pat Kelliher of Buttevant, was an official with the North Cork Board GAA for a long number of years. Her father Jim, also played hurling and holds an administrative position with the Rathluirc Junior club.

"I get every encouragement to play the game at home and they take me to training sessions where ever they are held", said Sinéad.

On completion of her studies at St Mary's in Charleville, Sinéad intends to enter the teaching profession and so carry on the family tradition.

On the playing field, Sinéad is set for a brilliant career in camogie at senior level with the Cork County team and we will be hearing a lot more of this brilliant young Charleville player to whom we extend congratulations on her success to date.



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# CAMOGIE GLORY FOR LIMERICK

By  
AIDAN CORR

Limerick .....2-10  
Down.....1-6

Limerick fans got a deserved opportunity to wave their green and white flags in celebration at the end of an All-Ireland final when the county's camogie girls won the intermediate final at a surprisingly well-attended Páirc na nGael in September.

Down, however, will look back with regret at a string of second half misses that, had they been converted, would have put a decidedly different picture on the eventual outcome.

The northern girls sent eight efforts wide of the Limerick posts in a second 25 minutes that they dominated for long periods and when they did find the target they were thwarted by an-form Breda O'Brien in the Limerick goal.

Over the 50 minutes, however, Limerick were the better side. Their

defence, in particular, hurled with great determination, marked their opponents very closely and seldom gave them room to open up the play. Seasoned campaigner, Ann Lenihan, was a tower of strength at centre back and with captain, Helen Clifford-McCarthy giving an inspiring performance, the younger players responded to their example.

Deirdre Sheehan, who came into the starting line-up as a surprise replacement for Mary Bourke, had an outstanding first half while Vera Sheehan, Pauline McCarthy and Kay Bourke were always capable of scores.

Winning her fourth All-Ireland medal of the season, Eileen O'Brien of Granagh-Ballingarry, had a quiet afternoon, notching just the one point but showed glimpses of a talent that has marked her as a promising player of the future.

Limerick, as expected, started in lively fashion and when Kay Bourke was fouled after picking up a neat pass from Vera Sheehan, Pauline McCarthy

pointed the free. Down soon replied and after they missed an easy free, Bonnie MacGreevy placed Máirín McAleenan for a nice point.

Almost immediately, Limerick scored their first goal of the game when Vera Sheehan beat Down keeper, Carol Gilmore, in a race for a ball that had deceived the defence. On 7 minutes, it appeared that Down had equalised from a Máirín McAleenan free but referee Maria Pollard from Waterford overruled the score. The northerners got some reward on 12 minutes, however, when Máirín McAleenan pointed a free to bring the score to 1-1 to 0-2 and it took a smart save from Breda O'Brien a minute later to prevent Down from scoring a goal that they just about deserved at this stage of the game.

There was only a point between the teams after 15 minutes when Down strung together their best move of the game which ended with the excellent Valerie Hynds shooting over but Pauline McCarthy brought the score to 1-2 to 0-3 on 18 minutes from a '30'.

Two minutes later, Down were struck a severe blow when Limerick scored their second goal of the game thanks to a fine Kay Bourke effort and this was followed by an excellent point, struck left-handed from the right by Vera Sheehan to put the Shannonsiders ahead by 2-3 to 0-3.

Down badly needed a goal at this stage and they got their reward when Bonnie MacGreevy passed to Valerie Hynds who crashed the ball to the net to put just a goal between the teams after 21 minutes.

Urged on by their team manager, Eamonn Cregan, Limerick again lifted their game and points followed from Pauline McCarthy and Kay Bourke to bring the score to 2-5 to 1-3. A minute later, Limerick edged further ahead thanks to a nice point from play by Eileen O'Brien to bring the half time score to 2-6 to 1-3 in favour of Limerick.

It had been evident during the opening half that while Limerick took their chances better, there was a lot of hurling left in this Down side. It was no secret that they were taking this final very seriously and there was an amount of confidence in the northern camp that they could upset the home side and carry the trophy over the border.

The fact that they had flown down the previous day and were staying in the region until Monday emphasised their enthusiasm and Limerick knew that they would have to be at their best



Helen Clifford McCarthy holds the Cup aloft with Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon and Belle O'Loughlin looking on.



in the second half to withstand their challenge.

Straight from the throw-in, Down nearly got a confidence-boosting early goal but Valerie Hynds' shot from ten yards out was expertly saved by Breda O'Brien in the Limerick goal. Limerick swept downfield and Pauline McCarthy edged the home side further ahead with a well taken free.

Down continued to take the game to Limerick and once again it took a marvellous Breda O'Brien save from Monica McCartan's shot to keep her side seven points ahead. Down regretted that miss and it was Kay Bourke at the other end who added another Limerick point almost immediately to put eight points between the sides.

Down replied with points from Máirín McAleenan and Jennifer Braniff and after Kay Bourke struck another Limerick minor, Jennifer Braniff scored what was to be Down's final score of the afternoon, a point from in front of the goal.

Jane Cullinane replaced the injured Ide Quaid in the final minutes but there was no stopping Limerick now. The green and whites had broken the spirit of the northerners and when a free was awarded 30 metres from the Down goal, Pauline McCarthy had the accuracy to send over to finish the scoring and leave her side deserving winners by a seven point margin.

Down can look back on the game with a certain amount of satisfaction. They had outstanding performers in Monica McCartan, Colleen and



Action from the All-Ireland final.

Valerie Hynds, Máirín McAleenan and Bonnie MacGreevy, who graduates as a camogie tutor from the Limerick NCTC on Friday next, and Edel Mason and Nuala Magee performed heroics at the back.

Limerick, winners of the All-Ireland junior title last year, now qualify for the senior camogie competition next season and their successes during the past few years is as much a tribute to the panel as it is to their management and mentors.

Eamonn Cregan and Noreen Lynch have made significant contributions to Limerick camogie over the past few years and it will be interesting during the coming year to see how this young side fares against the likes of Kilkenny, Cork and Galway at senior level.

Accepting the cup from the national

camogie president, Belle Ui Lochlainn, Limerick captain, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, paid tribute to all who had contributed during the year and thanked Down for what she described as "a tough, yet sporting game."

For Limerick corner forward, Eileen O'Brien, the win gave her her fourth All-Ireland medal of 1996 having already won medals at All-Ireland sevens, junior league, Féile na nGael and junior colleges level already this year.

Winning their second All-Ireland camogie title in two seasons is an achievement any county can be proud of and it will be interesting to see if the Shannonsiders can make it three-in-a-row when they compete at senior level next season.

Limerick: Breda O'Brien (Granagh Ballingarry); Helen Clifford-McCarthy (Bruff) captain, Agnes Sheehy (Croagh-Kilfinny), Ann Lenihan (Croagh Kilfinny), Liz Leonard (Bruff), Bernie O'Brien (Granagh Ballingarry), Ide Quaid (Granagh Ballingarry), Deirdre Sheehan (Granagh Ballingarry), Vera Sheehan (Granagh Ballingarry), Pauline McCarthy (Bruff), Eileen O'Brien (Granagh Ballingarry), Kay Bourke (Granagh Ballingarry).

Subs., Mary Bourke for Bernie O'Brien; Jane Cullinane for Ide Quaid.

Down: Carol Gilmore; Edel Mason, Pauline Green, Nuala Magee, Donna Greeran, Monica McCartan, Colleen Hynds, Deirdre Savage, Jennifer Braniff, Máirín McAleenan, Valerie Hynds, Bonnie MacGreevy.

Referee, Marie Pollard, Waterford.

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Granagh/Ballingarry senior camogie club champions, and All-Ireland Club championship finalists 1996: **Back:** Claire English, Bernie Chauke, Breda O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Laura Lesley, Patricia McKenna, Una Quaid, Marie O'Brien. **Front:** Vera Sheehan, Bernie O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Maureen Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Caroline O'Connor, Ida Quaid, Sheila Treacy. This team was narrowly beaten on November 24, by Pearse's of Galway on a scoreline of 1-9 to 2-3.

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Roche, Alison White, Una Geary, Caitriona Shelton, Aisling McAuliffe, Linda Kinnane, Maura Creagh, Sinead McAuliffe.

**U-16B:** Teams that participated in this competition were: Granagh, Newtownshandrum, Knockaderry, Ballyagran, Fr. Dorans, Na Piarsaigh, Bruff. Granagh Ballingarry and Bruff contested the final. This was a close game and highly competitive with Granagh/Ballingarry coming out the winners. The team was: Aoife Sheehan, Helene Walsh, Georgina Frawley, Johanne Twomey, Laura Lesley, Emer O'Shea, Tara Moloney, Sandra O'Halloran, Eileen O'Brien, Claire Lenihan, Sandra Fitzgerald, Ciara O'Shea, Catherine Lesley, Amee McCarthy, Catherine O'Connor, Ciara McGrath.

**U-16B:** The following teams competed: Feenagh-Kilmeedy, St. Fintan's, Newcastle West, Killeedy, Croagh-Kilfinny, Adare, Blackrock, Mungret, Patrickswell, Galbally. Final: Killeedy, 3-3; Galbally, 3-4.

**Galbally:** Margaret Davern, Caitriona Coffey, Siobhan Condon, Sinead Barrett, Brid Davern, Sandra Hedigan, Carmel Ahern, Aine O'Reilly, Margaret McSweeney, Máiread Kelly, Marie Donovan, Noel Sheehy, Rose Carroll, Tricia Noonan, Catherine Coffey, Kathleen Coffey, Emma Noonan.

**U-18 League:** Team competing: Patrickswell, Creora, Adare, Croagh-Kilfinny, Ballyagran, Blackrock, Knockaderry, Newcastle West, Killeedy, Granagh/Ballingarry, Newtownshandrum, Galbally.

This competition is still in progress at time of writing.

**U-21 championship:** Teams, Patrickswell, Granagh/Ballingarry, Newtownshandrum, Croagh/Kilfinny, Killeedy, Ballyagran, St. Fintan's. This

competition has still to be finalised at time of writing.

**Junior League and Championship:** This competition saw Killeedy take to the fore winning both trophies. The following teams participated: Creora, Ahane, Na Piarsaigh, St. Patrick's, Blackrock, Killeedy, Ballyagran, Bruree, Galbally. The league final was contested by Killeedy v. Na Piarsaigh. Killeedy won the day.

**The winning team was:** Carmel O'Sullivan, Majella O'Sullivan, Gretta Cremin, Elaine Foley, Karen O'Connell, Caitriona Dore, Catherine Hayes, Michelle Carroll, Michelle Casey, Mairead Flynn, Siobhan Magner, Aileen Fitzmaurice, Judy Hennessy, Deirdre Fitzpatrick.

Junior championship final saw Killeedy and Galbally contest with Killeedy coming out on top. The winning team was as follows: Michelle Casey, Catherine Hayes, Caitriona Dore, Marion Magner Flynn, Elaine Foley, Karen O'Connell, Helen Collins, Majella O'Sullivan, Betty Harkin, Michelle Carroll, Bridget Dore, Siobhan Magner, Gretta Cremin, Maura Barry, Judy Hennessy, Mairead Flynn.

#### Intermediate Championship:

Teams competing, Tournafulla, Bruff, Newtownshandrum, Knockaderry, St. Fintan's. The final was contested between Bruff and Newtownshandrum with Newtown coming out worthy winners. The panel was: Fiona Kelleher, Mary Mulcahy, Claire Brown, Geraldine Cotter, Catherine O'Mahony, Nora Noonan, Caroline Gilteneane, Niamh Bowles, Sheila Cotter, Gill Reidy, Caragh Manton, Caragh White, Sara Reidy, Aine Kelliher, Jennifer Reidy, Brid Keane, Louise Moran.

**Senior championship and League:** On the senior competition the follow-

ing teams participated: Patrickswell, Bruff, Newtownshandrum, Croagh Kilfinny, Ballyagran, Granagh Ballingarry.

The championship saw Granagh Ballingarry take on Newtownshandrum in the final but once again Granagh were the champions.

The same two teams played the league with Granagh Ballingarry once again showing their skill, determination and commitment and beating Newtown well on the day.

The Granagh/Ballingarry team was: Breda O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Maureen Sheehan, Bernie O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Bernie Chauke, Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Caroline O'Connor, Ida Quaid, Marie O'Brien, Laura Lesley, Una Quaid, Claire Treacy, Sheila Treacy.

Granagh Ballingarry went on to represent Limerick in the Munster Championship and played the famous Glen Rovers in the Munster Club final. This game saw Granagh win on a scoreline of 5-8 to 0-8. Granagh played Leitrim Fontenoy's of Down in the All-Ireland club semi-final winning to qualify for the All-Ireland final against Pearse's of Galway.

Special mention must be given to 14-year-old Eileen O'Brien of Granagh/Ballingarry who, since September, '95, has won a senior colleges All-Ireland with her school, St. Mary's Charleville; an All-Ireland Feile na nGael u-14 Div. 1, All-Ireland national league (junior), All-Ireland intermediate championship, All-Ireland seven-a-side St. Mary's, Charleville.

Eileen is now bidding for his sixth All-Ireland as he is a playing member of her senior club, Granagh/Ballingarry who are in the final.

Senior B final saw Ballyagran and Patrickswell participate with Ballyagran taking the trophy.



# Galway - All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1996

## A diary of Galway's historic victory



BY  
SEAN WALSH  
GALWAY BAY FM

**May 1996:** Had spent the afternoon reporting on the National senior league camogie final. Galway overran by Cork. At least, there was an opportunity to see the newly refurbished Pairc Ui Rinn! Cork looked invincible. One loyal Galway fan looked towards the championship and mused "Will they even beat Dublin in the All Ireland quarter final?" Yet, afterwards, Galway manager Tony Ward, spoke about the facts - a number of key personnel were missing and just sixteen training sessions had yet been "enjoyed" by the Galway panel. "So", he told us, "if we can get things right for the championship, we won't be far away...." *We listened and wondered.*

**August 1996:** The hard work was done away from the glare of publicity. Running and hurling. A panel, a management team and their dream. The panel was strengthened and selectors Madge Kennedy and Johnny Keane helped Tony ensure that each and every stone was unturned. Dublin were indeed beaten in the quarter-final. The All-Ireland semi-final beckoned.

The races came and went. In an interview for Friday Sportscene, Tony Ward spoke about there being a difference this year.....there was a buzz.....the minors' All-Ireland victory infused a confidence.....the players were focused.

Galway 1-13 Wexford 1-5. Veronica Curtin's classic early goal. The watertight defensive cover provided by Olive Costello, Ann Broderick, Olivia Broderick and Pam Nevin. Captain Imelda Hobbins' invaluable 4 point contribution - Carmel Hannon set her up for one particularly important second half score. Gretta Maher, Ann Forde and Bridget Kilgallon all saw action. And, so to a second All-Ireland final appearance in 4 years.

**September 1996:** The All-Ireland week. Less hype than in 1993. Cork are the reigning All-Ireland champions. Going for their 18th title. Galway never won it. Cork are favourites. Overwhelming favourites. Tom Knot, the Cork manager, told Paul McGinley, on Galway Bay FM, of his confidence in the preview of the final. But, Madge Kennedy spoke of it being Galway's year. Galway are up for it!

**Saturday, September 21:** Joe Kelly, of

Donoghues Coaches, ferried a quietly confident panel to Dublin. Destination: Bewleys hotel, at Newlands Cross.

**Sunday, September 22:** Fr. Vincent Lawless sought divine assistance at Sunday morning mass. The team meeting. The puck-around. The nerves. Onto Croke Park. Game live on Galway Bay FM. Half time: Cork 1-9 Galway 1-6.

Denise Gilligan's second goal. Martina Harkin's goal. Dymphna Maher's goal. Sharon Glynn, Dymphna Maher and Pam Nevin drive forward. Louise Curry "saves" the day, on a few occasions. The returned Carmel Allen and Gretta Maher are introduced. Full time: Galway 4-8 Cork 1-15. Incredible scenes. Galway's FIRST ever senior camogie title. A tide of maroon and white emotion engulfed Croke Park. Match analyst Cyril Farrell proclaimed the enormity of the achievement. Imelda Hobbins, the first Galway recipient of the O'Duffy Cup, stated in her acceptance speech "that if you want the cup badly enough, you will get it". *We listened and approved.*

W.P.P. to the fore. Kieran Kelly a happy sponsor. The party began. Onto the Green Isle. Tony and Imelda were whisked to R.T.E. for interviews on the 9 o'clock news. The girls portrayed an impressive image of themselves, and Galway camogie all through the weekend, in the manner in which they both expressed, and carried themselves. The night was long! And, in the midst of the celebrations, one could easily pick a hurling team from the attendance that would have a good run in any championship!!!

**Monday am, September 23:** The players spoke of the sweet feeling when they first awoke. Nice to see the O'Duffy cup at breakfast. The daily newspapers were in demand. Tony Ward and Michael Kennedy, Co. Board chairman, were interviewed live by Keith Finnegan, on Galway Bay FM. R.T.E.'s Pat Kenny had the pleasure of Imelda Hobbins and Sharon Glynn's company. Onto the banquet for the 4 All-Ireland finalists in the Berkley Court. The delighted County board officers Carmel Gilligan, Donal Burke and Michael Kennedy along with the team management set about organising the homeward schedule.

**Monday pm, September 23:** The homecoming. First stop Mother Hubbard's. A highlight had to be watching Imelda walk with the 'O'Duffy' across the Shannon in Athlone. A proud moment for a proud captain. A host of former players were remembered - they provided the legacy of a strong camogie tradition. It was their victory too.

Each area gave a special welcome to their own. Ballinasloe.... Kilconnel.... Killaun Cross.... New Inn.... Ballaun.... Cappataggle.... Mullagh.... dancing at the crossroads in Gurtymadden.... Loughrea.... and finally on to Craughwell at 1.45 am! The warmth of the reception received by the camogie entourage, as they slowly made their way around Co. Galway, was a revelation. The crowds were huge, the goodwill infectious. History in the making, and to see it unfold was a privilege. Memories of 1980 were recalled. Speeches and more speeches. Tears. Unbridled joy. Smiling faces. Bonfires and more bonfires. Captain Imelda Hobbins a superb ambassador. An atmosphere of contentment and pride. *We watched and could only be impressed!*

The final word: It has to be a verse! From the anthem of the weekend, composed by the noted songwriting partnership of Rita Coen and Emer Hardiman:

"Ha Ha Ha Barrys tea,  
Sandie Fitzgibbon and Lynn Dunlea,  
Ye have yer 'Banks' and Murphys stout,  
We got to Croke Park and won it out!"

1996 senior camogie panel: Louise Curry (Pearses), Olive Costello (Sarsfields), Ann Broderick (Davitts), Olivia Broderick (Davitts), Pamela Nevin (Mullagh), Dymphna Maher (Shamrocks), Sharon Glynn (Pearses), Carmel Hannon (Pearses), Martina Harkin (Pearses) vice captain, Imelda Hobbins (Mullagh) captain, Denise Gilligan (Craughwell), Veronica Curtin (Craughwell), Olivia Coen (Mullagh), Bridget Kilgallon (Pearses), Gretta Maher (Shamrocks), Carmel Allen (Craughwell), Ann Forde (Pearses), Caltriona Finnegan (Davitts), Aine Hillery (Pearses), Cora Curley (Mullagh), Helen Ryan (Shamrocks), Ann Hardiman (Mullagh), Fiona Healy (Craughwell), Rita Coen (Shamrocks), Fiona Ryan (Shamrocks), Aoife Lynskey (St. Colmans), Emer Hardiman (Mullagh).

## Mountbellew/Moylough

### County and Connacht Junior A Camogie Champions 1996



Back row, left to right: Frank McDonagh (trainer), Niamh Colleran, Marie Carrick, Una Keary, Catherine Gardiner, Mary Coyle, Aine Gordan, Caroline Laheen, Angela Laheen, Mary McDonagh, Anne Carthy, Linda Donnellan, Brenda Dempsey, Aileen Dempsey, Claire Kenny, Karen King, Carol Gavin, Caltriona Nee, Corina O'Sullivan, Louise O'Brien, Amy Donoghue, Christine McHugh (manager). Front row, left to right: Nuala Kilgannon, Damien McHugh (mascot), Adrian Bellew (mascot), Mary Bellew, Laura McHugh, Carol Dempsey, Mary Cunliffe, Catherine Gavin (capt.), Paula Carrick, Karen McHugh, Noel McDonagh (mascot), Mary Hannon, Aoife Ruane, Annette Crehan, Alma Geraghty, Elanora Gavin, Rita Gavin.





CHAMPIONS . . . the Galway senior camogie team which created history by capturing the All-Ireland title for the first time ever.

Back row (left to right): Ann Broderick, Pamela Nevin, Louise Curry, Olive Costello, Sharon Glynn, Olivia Broderick.

Front row: Carmel Hannon, Veronica Curtin, Imelda Hobbins, Martina Harkin, Dympna Maher, Denise Gilligan, Mascots Karen Kennedy and Ciara Ward.

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# Minor Camogie All-Ireland for Galway



*The All-Ireland Winning Team*

Back row, left to right: Jackie O'Brien (selector), Collette Walsh (manager/trainer), Aoife Connolly, Mary Flannery, Susan Regan, Mairead Mahoney, Colette Deely, Therese Maher, Valerie Treacy, Michelle Glynn, Shauna Ward, Veronica Sweeney, Maria Corcoran, Albhe Kelly, and Lourda Kavanagh. Front row, left to right: Sandra Tannian, Cathy O'Rourke, Lorraine Murphy, Siobhan Hardiman, Aisling Brennan, Aoife Lane, Paula Carrig, Colette Nevin (captain), Siobhan Cummins, Mairead Meehan, Elaine Kerins, Sarah Cullinane, and Dermot Connolly (selector).

**A**s with all hurling and camogie championship campaigns the Connacht final is the first obstacle. As such, and with other things on my mind, (especially a wedding date the following Sunday!), the Galway minor camogie team commenced their championship in Loughrea on Wednesday June 26th. We recorded an easy win over a poor Roscommon outfit, who tried hard but were never in the game.

While I took a few days break (honeymoon!), the panel were left in the capable hands of selector Dermot Connolly, much to the joy of most of the team, especially the Pearses contingent (we won't mention any names!). With three weeks before the All-Ireland semi-final trip to Wexford, the sessions increased to four a week, and things were hotting up. Captain Colette Nevin was leading by example and never missed a session – the same applied for all 25.

At 7.30 am on Sunday 21st July, Joe Kelly, and Donoghue's bus was ready for the trip to Wexford. First stop Craughwell, then Loughrea, onto Ballinasloe for the noisy bunch, the last stop before

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breakfast in Carlow. Even Valerie Tracey was now with us after a small hiccup in Craughwell!

Five hours on a bus is not the best preparation for an All-Ireland semi-final and having to climb the wall to get into Wexford Park is probably even worse, but this was only the beginning of a bad day. Opened the gear bag to find no skirts! Don't panic! Secretary Carmel Gilligan to the rescue – found a club team in Wexford with maroon skirts!

And so to the match. We always knew it would be close, but we did not play well. Led by a point near the end, only to have Wexford draw level. It was disappointing, but upon reflection we knew we were lucky and could look forward to playing at home, in Loughrea, the following Sunday. Very few of the team left Wexford Park pleased with their performance – however, Colette Nevin shot 1-7 of our 2-8 tally, while Paula Carrig, new to the county ranks from Moylough/Mountbellew, showed she was up to the challenge, with Michelle Glynn,

as ever, battling hard.

Back to the hotel for the meal. But with the Galway footballers on the telly and sub Mairead Meehan having a brother playing, we were all glued to the box. Disappointment again that day though, as Mayo won the Connacht Final, while even Corkman Donal Burke had nothing to shout about as Cork went down to Kerry!

The bus trip had its advantages though, in that the team got to know each other better and a bond was formed before the replay. The worst thing about a replay, is that there isn't a lot you can do for the week. It's all about mental preparation at this stage.

Sunday 28th dawned – it was fine, but a strong breeze. With a few positional changes, we were all set. Unlike the drawn game we took the match to Wexford and led by six points. But we allowed them back in and at half time our lead was back to 3 points. Half time team talk was not pleasant and no place for the faint hearted! With the words echoing in their ears, and facing a strong breeze, Galway showed what character is all about.

## Girls Camogie Team, County Champions and INTO Skills Winners 1996



Back row, left to right: Margaret Burke (teacher), Jikke Andringa, Elaine Conroy, Edel Pierce, Petrina Loughrey, Elizabeth Flynn, Laura Roche, Maria Burke, Desmond Donnelly. Front row, left to right: Fiona Hynes, Patricia Roche, Terease Murphy, Sinead Donnelly (capt.), Miriam Hynes, Michelle Shiel, Denise Coughlan.

## Salihill U16 Camogie Winners of Pan Celtic Festival 1996 & Cecelia O'Reilly Perpetual Shield 1996



Front row, left to right: E. Duane, N. Mulchair, S. Gahan, C. Trill, R. Houlihan, N. Houlihan, J. Fahy. Back row, left to right: A. McLoughlin, E. Feeney, O. Nally, A. M. Grehan, M. Houlihan, L. Mulchair, S. Regan, A. O'Connell, C. Boylan, P. Flaherty.

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# PEARSE'S CAMOGIE CLUB

## ... A Great Year

**I**N THE 1996 U-14 County Championship, Craughwell proved too strong in the semi-final. The 1995 county minor final was played in April - St. Colman's were our opponents. Even though St. Colman's were favourites, the two All-Ireland winning Féile na nGael teams gave us a great panel to pick from and we won. Jennifer Burke accepted the cup on behalf of her team.

With many of our club players involved with the county, both at minor and senior level, club action centred on the under age. The U-10 team, under their trainer, Marion Flannery, played some great games and were unlucky to go out to an excellent Mullagh team. The U-12 team, again under the guidance of Marion Flannery, went out to Killimor in a fine game. Marion was extremely busy with all under age teams, and helped by Valerie Higgins, they also reached the U-13 final.

Following Galway's win in the All-Ireland minor final, it was back to club duty, and another county minor final appearance in the same year beckoned - this time the 1996 competition, Davitts provided excellent opposition and eventually we won to put two minor titles back-to-back. The management team was Collette Walsh, Aine Hillary and Aisling Ward. Captain Shauna Ward accepted the cup.

The Junior team had a great championship run and were eventually beaten in a playoff by Athenry. Most of this team then joined the senior panel. In Bullaun, one week after Galway's historic senior All-Ireland win, Pearse's, fielding six of that Galway senior panel, defeated Shamrocks to win their third senior county final by 5-4 to 0-11. One of the proudest moments for the club was when senior captain Anne Forde accepted the new senior county cup, the Catherine Donnellan Memorial Cup, presented by her husband Mike. Mike is a selector on the Pearse's senior team with Pat Burke and trainer Michael Kennedy. Catherine will always live in our club's memory, but will now always be remembered throughout the county for her eternal love of the game.

A meeting with All-Ireland club champions Rathnure in Ballymacward on Sunday 3rd of November in the All-Ireland club semi-final was the prize. The club organisation was superb, as was the team performance on the day as Pearse's recorded a splendid 3-14 to 3-1 victory. The final, which represented Pearse's first appearance in an All-Ireland senior club final, was played in Ballingarry, Co. Limerick. The home team, Granagh-Ballingarry, provided stern opposition, but Pearse's recorded a famous victory on a scoreline of 1-8 to

2-3 to cap a wonderful year. The homecoming was magnificent, as Ann Forde led home her victorious team with the one cup that now completed the club's trophy collection.

Elsewhere our senior trainer Michael Kennedy became the first County Board Chairperson in Galway to welcome the O'Duffy Cup to Galway, while Collette Walsh trained the Gawlay minor team to All-Ireland success. Six of our club players won minor All-Ireland medals: Michelle Glynn, Collette Deely, Veronica Sweeney, Shauna Ward, Mairead Meehan and Mary Flannery. We were also well represented on the historic senior county panel with Sharon Glynn, also our club chairperson, Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin, Louise Curry, Anne Forde and Aine Hillary all part of that panel.

In March our Ballad Group won their second All-Ireland in the camogie Scór competition, under the guidance of Ann Ward and Aggie Burke. Jennifer Burke, Shauna Ward, Joan Tracey, Ruth Dempsey and Mary Flannery sang their way to their second title. In December, the club hosted their first ever social in Gullane's Hotel in Ballinasloe.



*Pearse's Minor Camogie team, 1996 County Champions*

### *All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions:*



#### **PEARSE'S CAMOGIE**

Pearse's Camogie which Defeated Grannagh - Ballingarry in the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final at Ballingarry Co. Limerick. This picture was taken on the day Pearse's beat Rathnure of Wexford in the Semi-Final. Standing, from left: Pat Burke (selector), Ursula Hannon, Carol Hynes, Louise Curry, Tracy Laheen, Michelle Glynn, Aine Hillary, Veronica Sweeney, Mike Donnellan (selector), Aggie Burke, Eileen Hannon, Michael Kennedy (trainer-manager), Jan Gavin, Ashling Ward, Brigid Kilgannon. Front row: Sharon Glynn, Collette Deely, Majella Dwyer, Jennifer Burke, Shauna Ward, Martina Harkin, Karina Donnellan (mascot), Ann Ryan-Forde (captain), Martina Haverty, Carmel Hannon, Shirley Hynes, Mairead Meehan and Ann Earls.



# St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea win three more All-Ireland titles

## Camogie

The junior and senior camogie teams from St. Brigid's created their own history in winning both All-Ireland titles, thus making it 4-in-a-row in both grades. They were coached and inspired by Tommy Coen.

The juniors defeated New Inn in the Connacht final. In the semi-final they defeated Roscrea. The All-Ireland final against St. Aidan's High School Derrylyn was a repeat of last year's final. It was played in Longwood Co. Meath. Early goals from Sinead Burke and Fiona Healy left Loughrea in the lead at half time by a score of 3-2 to 1-2. Trojan displays by Fiona Healy at centre back, who scored 1-6, Niamh Dolan, Karen Ryan in goal and Stella Carty left the Loughrea girls All-Ireland champions for the fourth year in a row by a score of 5-7 to 2-4.

In the senior camogie championship, New Inn held St. Brigid's to two points at half time in the County final but the Loughrea girls proved too strong in the end with the final score being 7-8 to 2-5.

In the All-Ireland semi final

Borrisokane V.S. put up stern opposition. The game was played at Luskagh in very heavy conditions. St. Brigid's eventually reached the final thanks to two late goals from Denise Gilligan.

The final against Kilcormac V.S. was played in Padraic Pearses Co. Roscommon. It turned out to be a one sided game. Denise Gilligan, Sandra Tannian, Fiona Healy and Captain Alisha McNamara had great games. St. Brigid's went on to record an easy victory with the final score being St. Brigid's Vocational school 6-10 Kilcormac Vocational School 2-4

## Davitts Minors 1996



Back row, left to right: Lorainne Donnelly, Caroline Clancy, Avril Fahy, Eimear Flannery, Lourda Kavanagh, Karen Power, Denise Garvey, Maria Donnelly, Theresa Roche, Cathy Garvey, Marie Burke. Front row, left to right: Sarah Roche, Emer Finn, Geraldine Flannery, Doreen Kelly, Alva Kelly (capt.), Fiona Gohery, Edel Garvey, Mary Kelly, Eleanor Roche.

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## All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions



Back row, left to right: Ursula Whiskey, Olivia Mullins, Aileen Hardiman, Lisa Fahy, Niamh Dolan, Rosa Clarke, Cathy O'Rourke, Caroline Murray, Siobhan Hardiman, Nicola Burke, Bernie Murray. Front row, left to right: Siobhan Burke, M. Monaghan, Colette Glennon, Denise Gilligan, Fiona Healy, Alisha McNamara (capt.), Pauline Murray, Laura Fallon, Sandra Tannian, Stella Carty, Karen Ryan.

## Galway U-14 Inter-County Camogie Blitz Winners 1996



Back row, left to right: Donal Burke, Shamrocks (manager); Valerie Flaherty, Kinvara; Sinead Kennedy, Ballinasloe; Sarah Kelly, Davitts; Fiona Gohery, Davitts; Karen Huban, Kinvara; Helen Fahy, Ballindereen; Colette Glennon, Mullagh; Michelle Fahy, Oranmore; Siobhan Diskin, Clarinbridge; Geraldine McGrath, Sarsfields (selector); Dermot Connolly, Ballinasloe (selector). Front row, left to right: Orla Ryan, Craughwell; Karen Ryan, Craughwell; Orla Kilkenny, Pearses; Stella Carty, Shamrocks; Claire Ann Spelman, Shamrocks; Elaine Kearns, Clarinbridge; Sherry Mannion, Clarinbridge; Regina Glynn, Athenry; Mary Kelly, Davitts; Emer Hooley, St. Colemans.

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## Davitts U-10 Co. Champions 1996



Back row, left to right: Marita Gordon, Ann Marie Broderick, Ann Marie Whelan, Fiona Hynes, Linda Gohery, Sarah Molloy, Valerie Burke, Edel Dervan, Phyllis Hayes, Miriam Hynes, Gerry Madden. Front row, left to right: Angela Power, Louisa Burke, Nicola Broder, Orla Kelly, Janet Madden, Caroline Kelly, Elaine Broder, Michelle Tynan, Patricia Roche.

## Davitts U-14 Co. Champions 1996



Back row, left to right: Laura Roche, Elizabeth Flynn, Marie Molloy, Deirdre Gilchrist, Catherine Bruton, Sarah Kelly, Edel Garvey, Doreen Kelly, Denise Garvey, Lisa Moroney. Front row, left to right: Marie Burke, Cathriona Kelly, Sinead Donnelly, Marie Burke, Lorainne Donnelly (capt.), Eimear Flannery, Fiona Gohery, Mary Fahy, Mary Kelly.

## DAVITTS

again reflect on a very successful year at underage level, the highlight being our qualification as Galway representatives for the Féile which was held in Waterford. We defeated a gallant Craughwell team in the County final on a score of 1-3 to 1-1 on a day not suited to skilful camogie. A hectic weekend in Waterford saw us reach the All-Ireland semi-final where a physically stronger Courcy Rovers from Cork proved our victors.

Our U-10 retained their County title in a highly competitive and entertaining final versus Mullagh. The standard of camogie was widely commented as exceptional for this age group.

Old rivals Pearses proved too good for our U-16s in the

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County final and at the time of writing our U-18s are waiting to meet the winners of Mountbellew/Moylough and Shamrocks

in the county final. Our senior team have qualified to meet Mullagh in the senior league final. Five of our seniors have achieved All-Ireland success with Galway this year, Alva Kelly and Lourda Kavanagh playing of the victorious minor team and Anne Broderick, Olivia Broderick and Cathriona Finnegan being part of the history making senior team who won the O'Duffy Cup for the first time. Well done to all concerned. Finally Davitts contributed all members of the Woodford Community Games team which retained the Silver medals in the National Community Games finals in Mosney this year.



# Athenry Camogie Club 1996

Athenry Camogie Club continued to prosper and develop further during 1996. Obviously success is not gained overnight. For the past number of years a lot of hard work and dedication has gone into training teams by Gerry Connaughton, Frank O'Shea and Brian Hanley and same is now coming to fruition. The highlight of the year was winning the U-12A championship for the first time.

## U-12A - Outlined by Gerry Connaughton

After the disappointment of losing the 1995 final Athenry were determined to go one better this year.

The first competition the U-12s participated was the Unlacked Trophy held by the Kilconieron Club. After great displays by the team throughout the tournament Athenry were victorious. Rosemary Naughton was selected as player of the Tournament.

The first championship match was against Sarsfields and Athenry suffered a narrow defeat. In the second round Athenry were successful against Mullagh and this gave them a quarter-final placing against St. Colmans. Athenry

achieved a great victory. The semi-final was against Davitts. This match was evenly contested however in the end Athenry ran out comfortable winners. Athenry were through to another U-12 final. Their opponents were Sarsfields. On the day all the Athenry team played

to their potential and as captain Emer Morrissey accepted the cup. The victory was compensation for last year's defeat and two years previously Sarsfields had defeated the Athenry team in the U-10A final. What a come back.

## Athenry U-12A Camogie Champions 1996



Back row, left to right: Des Coen, selector, Karen Lynskey, Deirdre Foran, Orla Ryan, Carra Glynn, Emer Morrissey Capt., Sarah Mulkerrins, Cathy Noone, Sandra Laffey, Teresa Kennedy Lydon, Gerry Connaughton, manager/trainer. Front row, left to right: Rosemary Naughton, Emma Costello, Lydia Gurley, Sarah Donoghue, Fiona Coffey, Laura Walshe, Jacqueline Kelly, Darrelle Coen.

## Athenry U-14B Camogie Runners-up 1996



Back row, left to right: Mixie Donoghue, trainer/manager, Elaine Healy, Ellen Caulfield, Carra Glynn, Sarah Donoghue, Laura Laffey, Martina Molloy, Grainne Fahy, Mary Keogh, Sharon Quirke, Karen Morrissey, Des Coen, selector. Front row, left to right: Rosemary Naughton, Sarah Mulkerrins, Aoife Caulfield, Sandra Laffey, Regina Glynn, Tracey Feeney, Darrelle Coen, Alice Poniard, Linda Coffey, Emer Morrissey, Fiona Coffey.



Orla Madden, captain of Athenry Junior Camogie League Champions 1996

# Aghabullogue Underage Camogie & Hurling 1996



Aghabullogue under 16 camogie players, who were presented with their medals by Ciaran O'Sullivan, left, back row.



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## Camogie Affairs reported by Mary Newman McCarthy

Pride of place this year goes to our Junior Team, who succeeded in bringing the All-Ireland title back to Cork for the first time since 1984. To complete a marvellous year for the Panel, they also won the Munster Junior and Intermediate Championship and it also meant that for four of the team, Eileen Buckley, Hilda Kenneally, Mary Kennefick and Sinead O'Callaghan, a unique honour, as they also collected Munster Senior Championship medals.

It was a very determined bunch of players that set about their task and ably assisted by excellent Selectors, Mary O'Sullivan, Sile O'Brien and Denis Dineen, who also coached the side, it was obvious it would take a good team to beat them.

Waterford were easily overcome in their opening game, but it took extra time to defeat All-Ireland Champions Limerick (who were fielding a new side). This game certainly did justice to its Munster Final status and a late goal from Mary Kennefick proved crucial.

Kildare were overcome in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and it set up a final date with Roscommon on September 22nd. The Connacht champions were runners-up in 1995 and were expected to prove difficult opponents. Once again, however, the side's ability to get goals proved decisive and strikes from Mary Kennefick, Hilda Kenneally and Captain Antoinette O'Connell, ensured the New Ireland Cup returned to Leaside on a 6-5 to 2-7 scoreline.

To complete a memorable day, Eileen Buckley was selected Junior Camogie Player of the Year, a well deserved award.

The team finished the year on a high, winning the Munster Intermediate Championship, defeating Limerick in the Final. Next year we will compete in the Intermediate Championship at All-Ireland level and with the displays given this year, it should hold no fears for an excellent squad.

### SENIOR:

After an excellent League campaign, culminating in an easy win over Galway in the Final at Pairc Ui Rinn, confidence was high that the exploits of '95 could be repeated in '96.

Armagh were defeated in the first round of the Championship, thus setting up a Semi-Final meeting against arch rivals Kilkenny.

This was by no means a classic, but Cork's improved second-half display and a late Lyn Dunlea goal ensured victory and a final meeting with Galway.

The destination of the O'Duffy Cup was effectively decided in a ten minute scoring burst either side of half-time, in which Galway scored 4 goals and gave

# Crowning Glory for our Juniors

them a seemingly unassailable lead.

Cork to their credit, fought back strongly and cut the deficit to 2 points, but missed chances proved costly and eventually they ran out of time and Galway collected their first title by 4-8 to 1-15. Cork did come back to win the Munster Championship, but it was poor consolation as the big prize eluded them and while we congratulate Galway on their success - be warned, we will be back.

### MINOR:

Once again, excellent preparation ensured we reached the Munster Final, but had to give way to Tipperary, who were winning their fourth title in-a-row.

### UNDER-18

A third Munster title in-a-row was collected in this grade, with a Semi-Final win over Limerick followed by an exciting win over Tipperary in the Final inspired by an outstanding performance from senior star Vivienne Harris, who contributed 0-10 of their 1-15 to 3-4 score.

### COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

The draw for this Championship guaranteed it would be Club v Division in the Final.

First game of the campaign saw 1995 "B" winners Fr O'Neills opposing champions Glen Rovers, who were introducing a number of newcomers to Senior Championship, as they set out in an attempt to equal a club record of '7 titles in a row' set by the great Glen Team of 1962-1968. It turned out to be an excellent contest, with the scores level on several occasions. However, a strong finish by the champions, which yielded goals from Emma Harte and Therese O'Callaghan ensured a Glen victory and set up a semi-final meeting with Bishopstown, in what was a repeat of the '95 Final.

These two sides have built up a keen rivalry over the years and it made for a very intriguing contest. The champions led by just 2 points, with time almost up, when the experienced Sandy Fitzgibbon set up Therese O'Callaghan for the clinching goal and the Glen were through to their 11th Final in-a-row.

At the other side of the draw, Imokilly, after a shaky start, overcame Muskerry, while Carbery, despite a good display from Miriam Deasy, went under to Seandun. In their semi-final meeting Imokilly's ability to take their chances and with Breda Kenny, Sinead Cahalane and Mary O'Connor in top form, gave them victory and a place in the Final.

The Delaney Rovers ground at Kilbarry, proved a magnificent setting for the Final and the Glen and Imokilly did not disappoint, as they served up a great game.

Lyn Dunlea got a goal in the first minute, but great play by Imokilly and a Patricia Finneran goal saw the challengers ahead 1-4 to 1-1 at the break. With ten minutes left for play the sides were still level, but not for the first time in the Championship, the Glen finished strongly and outstanding play from Denise Cronin, Claire McCarthy, Mary Burke and Orla Murphy, ensured the record was equalled and it was a proud Captain Linda Mellerick who accepted the Science Cup on behalf of her equally proud colleagues.

Their campaign in Munster ended in disappointment, when Limerick champions Granagh-Ballingarry defeated them in the Final, having earlier recorded victories over Bodyke (Clare) and Munster champions Toomevara (Tipperary) in the Semi-Final.

### SENIOR "B" CHAMPIONSHIP:

A combination of draws and Cork's dual involvement on All-Ireland Final day, meant it was October 20th before the Final of this competition was played, in which Inniscarra faced Kilbrittain. In the earlier rounds St. Finbarrs defeated Newcestown, but had no answer to a powerful display from Inniscarra at the



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Cork All-Ireland Junior Camogie Champions '96. Back row, from left: Hilda Kenneally, Mary Kennefick, Sinead Cahalane, Eileen Buckley, Sinead O'Callaghan. Front row, from left: Patricia Doyle, Enda Dineen, Colette Cronin, Alison Dilworth, Antoinette O'Connell, capt., Leonie Nolan and Linda O'Sullivan.

semi-final stage.

Kilbrittain easily disposed of Brian Dillons in Round One and after Sarsfields overcame Aghabullogue, it was the south west side that qualified for their second final in 3 years with a good solid team performance.

Despite the lateness of the year and on a Glen Rovers pitch that was in excellent condition, in spite of heavy rainfall, both sides turned in a cracking contest. Not for the first time Irene O'Keeffe gave a top class display in securing the title for her side and she was ably assisted by Tracy Ryan, Leonie Nolan and Ann Golden, who also impressed in their 2-11 to 1-8 victory.

It was a proud moment for Board Chairperson Sile Golden, as she presented the cup to her club colleague Irene O'Keeffe and Inniscarra can look forward to playing in the County Senior Championship next season.

#### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

Only five teams contested this Championship and Barryroe followed their success in last year's Junior Championship with a win over Castlemagner. The final scoreline of 3-3 to 1-7 is an indication of a close and exciting contest.

#### UNDER-AGE:

In the U-12 League Final, an all Mid-Cork Final produced a great game,

with Aghabullogue emerging winners.

Cloughduv continued mid-Cork's good run, when they defeated Courcey Rovers in the U-14 Final.

Feile na Gael again gave us an excellent competition, with Courcey Rovers turning in some fine displays to win the competition and go forward to represent the county in Waterford. They maintained this form at the National Competition, reaching the Final, before going under to Templemore. Rachel Moloney gave some outstanding performances, but the squad as a whole represented the county and indeed their club with distinction and were worthy ambassadors. Amanda O'Regan (Douglas) took part in the Skills Competition and performed creditably.

Sciath na Scoil continues to provide marvellous entertainment and all involved are to be complimented on their efforts. Scoil Oilibhear (Dublin Hill) took top honours winning the Roinn "A" Section.

Scoil an tAthair Maitiu (Togher) put the heartbreak of their '95 defeat behind them to win Roinn "B". Ballygarvan, Ballyheda, Ballinspittle and Glenville were all successful in their respective groups. The spread of honours is evident of the excellent work being done at Primary School level and long may it continue.

#### GENERAL:

Other awards to come the county's way in '96 included U.C.C.'s tremen-

dous feat in winning the coveted Ashbourne Cup. Munster recorded an outstanding double in the Gael-Linn Cup, with Denise Cronin captaining the Senior side.

Sandy Fitzgibbon was selected the "National Irish Bank" Player of the Year, the second such occasion on which this outstanding player was chosen.

In the South-East and Seandun Divisions, the clubs have organised their own internal competitions, which are proving to be an outstanding success and maybe other divisions would consider such a venture, as it ensures our players are provided with extra games, which they can only benefit from.

While 1996 saw us lose our All-Ireland title at Senior level, it was successful in many other areas and the increasing numbers in clubs and schools that are now playing, is testimony to that.

The continued support given by our sponsors is also vital and in this regard A.C.C. Bank's involvement eases the burden somewhat and guarantees our teams are not found wanting when it comes to preparing for championships. Liam Harte's role in this area is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to the future with confidence and maybe the day will not be far off when we will have a camogie section in every club in the county.



## Drom-Inch U-18 A County Champions 1996



Front (left to right) Maria Harkin, Teresa Maher, Niamh Harkin, Sarah O'Brien, Catriona Hennessey, Claire Hoare, Ann Ryan.  
Back (left to right) Sinead Egan, Norma Harrington, Breda McGrath, Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby (captain), Deirdre Delaney, Julie Delaney, Jane Ryan.  
Missing from Photo: Catherine McGrath, Joanne Ryan.

## Drom-Inch, All-Ireland Senior 7-a-side Div. 1 Champions



Competition played at Kilmacud Crokes, Dublin in September, 1996.  
Front (left to right) Helen Kiely, Niamh Harkin, Catriona Hennessey, Maria Harkin.  
Back (left to right) Aileen Looby (captain), Mary Looby, Julie Delaney, Joanne Ryan, Jane Ryan, Jacqueline O'Connor.