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M. Tipperary minor camogie coach and selector Conor Ryan (Shannon Rovers), pictured at a training session for Sunday's All-Ireland final at Semple Stadium against Galway with Tipp players Catherina Hennessy (Drom/Inch), and Slobhan Ryan and Louise Ryan (Holy Cross).

### All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final . . .

# Galway stand between Tipp girls and crown

The continuing rivalry between Tipperary and Galway at all levels of hurling continues on Sunday when the counties meet in the All-Ireland minor camogie final at Semple Stadium, throw-in at 2.30.

Since the late 80s in particular, the paths of the two counties have crossed on numerous occasions - in hurling itself at senior, u-21, minor and college level, and in camogie at intermediate, junior and minor level.

Now they meet again when the stakes are highest and when the current form would suggest that there is little more than a puck of the ball between them.

In recent years Tipp and Galway have clashed in two All-Ireland minor finals and two semi-finals with a win each at both stages.

The most recent meeting was last year when Galway pipped Tipp by a point in the semi-final only to lose to

Wexford in the final.

"We have a score to settle with them after last year's defeat says selector Marian Graham.

The Tipp minors (u-16 in camogie) have a fine record in recent years. They have been Munster champions for the past five years and went on to win two All-Irelands over the same period, the most recent two years ago.

So they know what winning is all about and will bid on Sunday to bring further camogie glory to the county.

But Marian Graham stressed that it certainly won't be easy. "We have seen Galway play this year and

they are exceptionally strong. They have eleven of last year's team beaten in the final still playing for them" she says.

However Tipperary have also impressed in their championship campaign to date. In the first round they beat Limerick, then proved too good for Clare and met their toughest test in the Munster final against Cork.

That match showed the character of the Tipp girls. They led well at the break but Cork came back strongly in the second half with early goals that gave them a great boost.

Tipp pulled away to win well in the end but it was heart stopping stuff for most of the half as Cork put in a tremendous rally.

The All-Ireland semi-final was a different matter. Tipp travelled to Loughgeil to take on Antrim and won easily.

But while the weak

opposition offered by Antrim may not have done much for the Tipp team in its preparation for All-Ireland glory, the actual trio north itself did.

The few days spent together helped to bond the team and improve further the already strong team spirit. "They are all the best of friends" says selector Graham.

On Sunday Tipperary will be looking to players such as Cashel's Emily Hayden for inspiration. She has been a member of the panel for four years and her experience could be vital in the wing back berth.

Another 'veteran' of the side is captain and full-forward Catriona Hennessy from Drom-Inch and she will be expected to take her chances that come her way.

Also strong on experience is Helen Campion from Knockavilla while Sheena Howard, from Burgess, a

(By Michael Heverin)

niece of County Board PRO, Liz Howard, is another good player who is comfortable at centre field or centre back.

The three selectors, Conor Ryan, Noel Hennessy and Marian Graham have the team well prepared for Sunday's contest when the prize is a third All-Ireland title in five years.

They have no illusions about the task facing them. Galway always field strong under-age teams and this year they have beaten All-Ireland champions Wexford.

But Tipperary have an outstanding record in this grade and the team is playing to top form. Home advantage will also be a help so they get the nod to win the county's first All-Ireland title of the year on the GAA field.



Tipp players Joanne Ryan (Drom/Inch), Helen Collier (Templemore) and Niamh Dwyer (Thurles) pictured with selector Marian Graham at a training session for Sunday's All-Ireland minor camogie final against Galway.



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Tipperary minor camogie selectors who will be hoping for All-Ireland success on Sunday next photographed recently in Semple Stadium (l. to r.) - Noel Hennessey, Marion Graham (with her daughter Michaela) and Conor Ryan.

(By Noel Dundon)

## CAMOGIE:-

# Tipperary Minors Chase All-Ireland Glory

While Tipperary's minor hurlers might be playing in the All-Ireland semi-final against Antrim on Sunday afternoon next the camogie minors will be one step ahead of them and will be contesting the All-Ireland Final in Semple Stadium against Galway.

The Tipperary girls beat Antrim in their All-Ireland semi-final in Antrim and have been preparing for the final for the past number of weeks and as selector Marion Graham told the "Tipperary Star" things have been going very well for them.

"We have been doing well in training and we will be having a right go at the Galway girls. We have seen Galway in their replay against Wexford and they are very, very good. We will really have our work cut out for us because they are an excellent team and they will take beating", she said.

Marion was quick though to point out that the Tipperary side is very experienced one and they will also be a force in this final. "I'm not saying that we are out of this final at all and it would be stupid to think so. We have a fine team and if we can pay up to form we will do very well. We have some very experienced players who are vital to us and we are capable of beating anyone on our day", she added.

On their way to the All-Ireland the minors (which is u-16 for camogie) have beaten Limerick, Clare and Cork in Munster and Antrim in the All-

Ireland semi-final. The win over Cork was a very significant one for the team as Marion explained. "The Cork side were a very good one and we were not all that confident going into the game. They had been together for a long time but when we beat them we got a great boost", she says.

Playing Antrim away was only a matter of form for Tipperary and they came away with a 5-14 to 0-5 win. With players like Emily Hayden from Cashel who is in her fourth year as a minor, Cathriona Hennessey (Drom), Helen Camplon (Knockavilla) both playing in the grade for their third time and others such as Jacinta Fahy, Elmer MacDonnell and Sinead O'Sullivan, there certainly is quality in the Tipperary line-up. Also the fact that the game is on home turf will be a boost to the Tipperary girls.

"It is an added bonus for us to have the game going ahead in Semple Stadium. We have a score to settle with Galway. They beat us last year in the semi-final and we beat them two years ago in the final. The two counties have been battling for the last number of years and are well established in the grade", says Marion.

The selector/coach is Conor Ryan (Shannon Rovers), and his selectors are Noel Hennessey (Drom-Inch) and Marion Graham (Moycarkey-Borris).

## Minor point to prove

GALWAY and Tipperary have met twice in the All-Ireland minor camogie final in the past three years and the score currently stands at one apiece, writes PJ Fullam.

So on Sunday, both counties will be vying to gain the upper hand when they clash in this year's championship decider at Semple Stadium (2.30).

Tipperary emerged victorious after a replay in the 1993 final; one year later Galway turned the tables and stopped Tipp from completing a three-in-a-row.

Tipp field six of their 1994 squad - Noelle O'Dwyer, Emily Hayden, Cathriona Hennessey, Sinead O'Sullivan, Emer McDonnell and Jacinta Fahy. Galway will look for inspiration to captain and scoring ace Colette Nevin, Michelle Glynn, Theresa Maher and Sonia Tannian.



Tipperary play Galway in the All Ireland minor camogie final in Thurles on Sunday and pictured at the training session for the big match are players Norma Coffey, Emily Hayden and Denise Manton (all Cashel); Helen Camplon (Knockavilla) with selector Marion Graham (Moycarkey)



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# Emily proud standard bearer for parish and county

EMILY HAYDEN from Rosegreen, a fifth year student at Cashel Community School, will line out as vice-captain and centre-back for the Premier County under-16 team in their all-Ireland camogie clash with Galway, on Sunday next, at Semple Stadium.

The prodigious rise of Emily Hayden as a camogie player started when she was only seven, picking a ball around in the paddock near her home, under the expert guidance of her father, Jim Hayden, a native of Co. Kilkenny. Emily's older sisters, Miriam and Olivia, also encouraged her and her mother, Jean, a Dubliner by extraction, was also there with a word of kind encouragement.

Emily played camogie with Rosegreen national school from second class and also had the fairly recent distinction of being one of three local girls who helped the Rosegreen boys under-15 hurling team to win the West Tipperary championship, her girl colleagues being Cliona Gould and Denise Manton.

Louise O'Grady, along with Emily's father Jim and her older sisters have been a great inspiration to her camogie career from the very start in Rosegreen. Emily acknowledged readily in an interview with the *Tipperary Star*.

Earlier this year in April, Emily captained the Cashel Community School camogie team which won the Co. Tipperary schools final against Borrisokane. Ursula Ryan, school secretary, and teachers John Scully and T. J. Quinn, were the chief mentors for this success, combined with a great sense of team spirit and identity, she said.

Emily played at under-15 level and also incredibly with the seniors when she was only in first year and 12 years of age, for Scoil Mhuire, before she transferred to Cashel Community School. The school cur-

rently has a junior team but it is hoped to establish a senior squad this year.

Simultaneously to her participation in schools camogie Emily joined Cashel camogie club for which she has accumulated an equally glorious record. Emily identifies Billy Kelly, trainer; Ann Moloney, and Julie O'Dwyer as being very important influences on her with Cashel camogie club. As goalie Emily helped to win the under-16 county final for Cashel in 1992 and 1993. Captain of the under-16 team, Emily has also played at under-12 and under-14 levels for Cashel and is pleased at the vibrancy and morale at the club.

Centre-back and Tipperary vice-captain, Emily has a reputation as a courageous and skilful defender who also has an enviable name for taking frees from very far out usually well behind the half way line. This was very much in evidence, for example, in the Munster final against Cork also in Semple Stadium when many commentators regarded her as 'player of the match.'

Emily started playing for the county in 1993. She was a substitute that year but was drafted in as goalkeeper for the Munster final and her efforts helped to secure a draw for Tipperary who, subsequently, went on to win the replay. Emily won Munster final medals with Tipperary in '93, '94, '95 and '96 and won an All-Ireland under-16 medal for the Premier County in 1993.

About Sunday's final, Emily said -- "The whole panel is very determined to win, especially against Galway because they've beaten us for the last two years, in the final in 1994 and in the semi-final in 1995.

A cool and effective combination exists between Emily, the back, and Caitiona Hennessy in the forward line, the Tipperary captain from Drom-Inch.

They are often rivals in inter-club games but Emily praises all the Tipperary forwards as being a very effective and skilled combination of players.

Emily thinks very highly of county selectors and trainer Conor Ryan and Noel Hennessy and of county selector Marion Graham who she identified as a powerhouse of organisational skills on the county scene.

Outside the camogie, Emily has an all-round interest in sports and is particularly good as a soccer and basketball player at school. Also at Cashel Community School she identifies Martin Quirke, vice-principal as having made a powerful impact in terms of the development of schools camogie and also at club level in Cashel.

Emily is very fond of animals and had a most rewarding and enjoyable period of work experience during her Transition Year at nearby Ballydoyle Sta-

bles and with John Strumble, well-known veterinary surgeon in Cashel. She hopes, if possible, to take up a professional career in animal care after she has finished school.

Even with two hardworking pre-Leaving Certificate years ahead of her, Emily Hayden is determined that she will continue to play camogie at all levels available to her. It makes for an invigorating break from study she feels which is complementary to it and keeps her in good shape.

In any case the young Rosegreen player who has done her local parish community of Cashel and Rosegreen proud is wished every success in Sunday's final playing for Tipperary. Regardless of success or failure it is guaranteed that Emily Hayden will play with the characteristic heart and considerable reserves of talent she possesses. Her many admirers wish Emily the very best.



Emily Hayden from Rosegreen, vice-captain of the Co. Tipperary minor camogie team.

Picture: Philip Cronin, Cashel

## GALWAY AND TIPP NO STRANGERS

### CAMOGIE

Galway and Tipperary cross swords at Semple Stadium at 2.30pm today in the All-Ireland minor camogie championship final.

Since the All-Ireland minor championship was inaugurated in 1974 Galway have appeared in twelve finals, winning five - in 1977, '81, '86, '87 and '94. Tipperary contested their first of five All-Ireland finals in '89. They won three - 1990, 1992 and again the following year.

In the last four years the sides have met four times. In the semi-final of '92 Tipperary were successful after a replay. The following year the 'Premier County' won the title, again after a

replay. In the 1994 decider Galway turned the tables thus preventing Tipperary from securing a hat trick of titles. Their last meeting in the semi-final last year Galway came out tops with a 2-12 to 3-6 victory.

Therefore the counties are no strangers to each other. Both have benefited enormously from their wealth of talent at minor level. They are also boasted by college participation.

Galway's captain Colette Nevin, sister to senior star Pamela, registered a total of 2-18 in the semi-final and replay against Wexford. Other senior

connections: Michelle Glynn sister to Sharon, Therese Maher sister to Dymphna and Gretta. All three were members of last year's team.

Tipperary have a host of talent and will field six of their 1994 squad; Noelle O'Dwyer, Emily Hayden, Caitiona Hennessy, Sinead O'Sullivan, Emer McDonnell and Jacinta Fahy. They had an easy passage over Antrim in the semi-final.

The friendly rivalry between the Counties will make for a very keen contest with a fine display of skill. There have been more drawn matches at this grade than any other and today's final promises to be close.



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ALL IRELAND MINOR CAMOGIE FINAL:

## Tipp have a score to settle with Galway

by GERRY SLEVIN



The Co. Tipperary minor camogie panel who take part in the All-Ireland Camogie final on Sunday next in Thurles: Back l to r: Conor Ryan (Coach), Laura Ryan (Holycross/Ballycahill), Siobhain Ryan (do), Joanne Ryan (Drom-Inch), Helena Frawley (Burgess), Catherine Tiernan (Shannon Rovers), Jacinta Fahy (Borrisoleigh), Sinead Collins (Burgess), Emily Hayden (do), Denise Manton (Cashel), Louise Brennan (Shannon Rovers), Marian Graham (Selector). Front l to r: Pauline Kennedy (Borrisoleigh), Norma Coffey (Cashel), Helen Collier (Templemore), Emer McDonnell (Burgess), Sinead O'Sullivan (Lorrha), Catherine Hennessy (Capt) (Drom-Inch), Helen Campion (Knockavilla), Sheena Howard (Burgess). Missing from photo: Niamh O'Dwyer (Thurles), Niamh Connolly (Templemore), Martina Moloney (Newport), Marcella Crampton (Clonakenny), Noel Hennessy (Selector).



The North Tipp. members of the minor camogie panel - back l to r: Louise Brennan (Shannon Rovers), Catherine Tiernan (Shannon Rovers), Sheena Howard (Burgess), Jacinta Fahy (Borrisoleigh), Helena Frawley (Burgess). Front l to r: Sinead O'Sullivan (Lorrha), Emer McDonnell (Burgess), Pauline Kennedy (Borrisoleigh), Sinead Collins (Burgess). Front centre: Aine Ryan (Mascot).



Niamh Connolly a member of the North Tipp panel missing from above photo

If home venue is seen as an advantage to the Tipp minor camogie side when they line out

in Semple Stadium against Galway in Sunday's All Ireland final (2.30pm), they need look no further back than last season to realise that when Galway are opponents, the venue doesn't really matter. A year ago the teams met at the semi final stage in Thurles and the visitors won by a goal. So next Sunday, Tipp have a score to settle when they endeavour to bring what has been an impressive campaign to date, to a successful conclusion.

It will be the third final meeting of the counties in four years. In 1993, Tipp came out on top after a replay but the following year in Loughrea, the Munster champions who had to



Martina Moloney, a member of the North Tipp panel missing from above photo

come through two tough games against Wexford in the All Ireland semi final, lost their

crown.

En route to this year's final, Tipp beat Limerick, Clare and Cork in Munster before inflicting a massive 5-14 to 0-5 defeat on Antrim. Coached by Conor Ryan, with assistance from Marion Graham and Noel Hennessy, they are leaving no stone unturned to regain the title and a fine mix of the experienced and the new is expected to plead Tipp's cause in fitting manner.

It speaks volumes for the strength of the game at minor level in the county that no fewer than twelve clubs have an interest in the panel and nine are represented on the actual team.

For Emily Hayden it will be her 4th season in minor grade, while Catriona Hennessy has worn the Tipp colours for the past three seasons.

Selector Marion Graham, who with Conor Ryan has been involved with the minors for the past five seasons, is quietly confident that the score with Galway will be settled on Sunday.

"All round balance is probably the hallmark of this team and while past experience has shown that Galway never give up, I feel that we have what it takes to get the better of them this time" says Marion.

Tipp would probably have preferred a more competitive outing in the semi final than the match against Antrim provided. Nevertheless, the Munster campaign showed them in their true colours and having reached this stage, there is fierce determination to strike another mighty blow for Tipp camogie with an All Ireland win.



## BUSY TIME FOR CAMOGIE PLAYERS AS VARIOUS CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUE APACE

**A**rmagh are through to the semi-final of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship when they got the better of Dublin in this quarter-final tie played at Russell Park. A new look Dublin side played with great determination but could not match the experience of their opponents in the closing stages. The winners led 0-8 to 0-4 at the break.

Final score: Armagh 0-16 Dublin 0-10.

Scorers: Armagh - Colette Byrne 0-5, Mary Black 0-4, Bernie McBride 0-3, Donna McCusker and Mary Donnelly 0-2 each.

Dublin - Geraldine Dunne 0-6, Mary Duane 0-2, Louise O'Hara and Paula Malcolmson 0-1 each.

Referee - Mary Connor, Louth.

Down went on a scoring spree over Galway in another Intermediate quarter-final tie played at Loughrea. Down fielded the more experienced outfit against a young Galway side. The Mourne girls led 2-8 to 0-1 at the break and coasted to a 6-10 to 0-2 victory.

Scorers: Down - Jennifer Brannif 2-4, Valerie Hynds 2-2, Mairin McAleenan 1-2, Bonnie McGreevey 1-0, Deirdre Savage and Coleen Hynds 0-1 each.

Galway - Aoife Lynskey and Ann Hardiman 0-1 each.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Cork drifted over London in this All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter-final played at Mayfield. Cork led 3-9 to 0-5 at the break. The Londoners had no answer to their opponents scoring ability.

Final score - Cork 5-15 London 0-7

Scorers: Cork - Mary Kennifick 2-6, Antoinette O'Connor 2-0, Sinead O'Callaghan 1-3, Mary O'Connor, Linda O'Sullivan and Hilda Kenneally 0-2 each.

London - Maggie Greally 0-3, Niamh Mulhern 0-2, Mary Gilbey and Ellen Walsh 0-1 each.

Referee - Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

In a very entertaining All-Ireland Minor Championship semi-final replay Galway got the upper hand of the holders, Wexford at Loughrea. It was once again an edge of the seat affair. Colette Nevin was Galway's scoring ace with a tally of 1-11. In the first half it was score for score and just before half time a Sandra Tannian goal gave Galway a 1-6

to 0-6 lead at the break. Early in the second half a goal by Wexford's Kate Kelly put the sides on level terms. Galway went ahead with some well taken points by Colette Nevin before Kate Kelly had her second goal. This was cancelled out by a similar score by Collete Nevin. Elaine Holohan shot two points for the Slaneysiders. Both sides gave a tremendous exhibition in the final ten minutes. Galway emerged with three points to spare, 2-13 to 2-10.

Scorers: Galway - Colette Nevin 1-11, Sandra Tannian 1-0, Lourda Kavanagh and Therese Kavanagh 0-1 each.

Wexford - Kate Kelly 2-1, Elaine Holohan 0-5, Rosemary Breen 0-4.

Referee - John Pender, Kildare.

Lavey are the Derry senior champions having got the better of Ballinascreen in a close, low scoring encounter. The sides were level at 0-1 each at the interval. Lavey went on to a 1-5 to 0-5 victory.

Scorers: Lavey - Jeanette McCann 1-2, Martina Mulholland 0-2, Brona Birt 0-1.

Ballinascreen - Eileen O'Neill 0-4, Miriam O'Hagan 0-1.

Eglish collected their 25th Tyrone senior championship title when they proved too strong for a very young Ardboe side who were appearing in their first final.

Final score - Eglish 5-3 Ardboe 1-9

Antrim Senior Championship Final -

Dunloy 2-7 Loughgiel 1-8

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Minor Championship final is down for decision at Semple Stadium, at 2.30pm when Tipperary and Galway fight it out for honours. The counties have recently met at this stage of the competition in two occasions. In 1993 Tipperary were victorious after a replay. The following year Galway turned the tables stopping Tipperary from collecting three titles in a row. Galway have appeared in twelve finals winning five: 1977, 1981, 1986, 1987 and 1994. They went under to Wexford last year in the decider.

Tipperary have appeared in five finals winning three: 1990, 1992 and 1993. They will field six of their 1994 squad. The friendly rivalry between the counties will make for a very keen contest that should be close at the finish.

## An Ghaillimh agus Tiobraid Árann

By P. J. Fulham (P.R.O. Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael)

Since the All-Ireland Minor championship for An Corn Taitteann was inaugurated in 1974 An Ghaillimh have appeared in twelve finals and all except one semi-final. They won five titles: 1977, 81, 86, 87 and 94. Tiobraid Árann won their first Munster title in '81, the competition was in its 16th year when they contested their first of five All-Ireland finals in '89. They won three: '90, '92 and '93.

In the last four years the sides have met four times. In the semi-final of '92 Tiobraid Árann were successful in a replay. The following year the "Premier County" won the title again after a replay.

In the '94 decider An Ghaillimh turned the tables, thus preventing Tiobraid Árann from securing a hat trick of titles. Three titles in succession in this grade is very difficult to achieve and has only been won on two occasions by Corcaigh. In their last meeting in the semi-final last year Galway came out tops 2-12 to 3-6.

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Garman. There are other senior connections, Michelle Glynn is a sister to Sharon, Theresa Maher, sister to Dymphna and Gretta. All three are members of last year's team.

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### Na cluichí leath-cheannais, 1996

Tiobraid Árann 5-14; Aontroim 0-5.

An Ghaillimh 2-8; Loch Garman 3-5.

An Ghaillimh 2-13; Loch Garman 2-10 (replay)

### Na buaitéoirí ó 1974 i leith

Corcaigh (8): 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985.

An Ghaillimh (5): 1977, 1981, 1986, 1987, 1994.

Cill Chainnigh (3): 1988, 1989, 1991.

Tiobraid Árann (3): 1990, 1992, 1993.

Ath Cliath (1): 1982.

An Dún (1): 1974.

Loch Garman (1): 1986.





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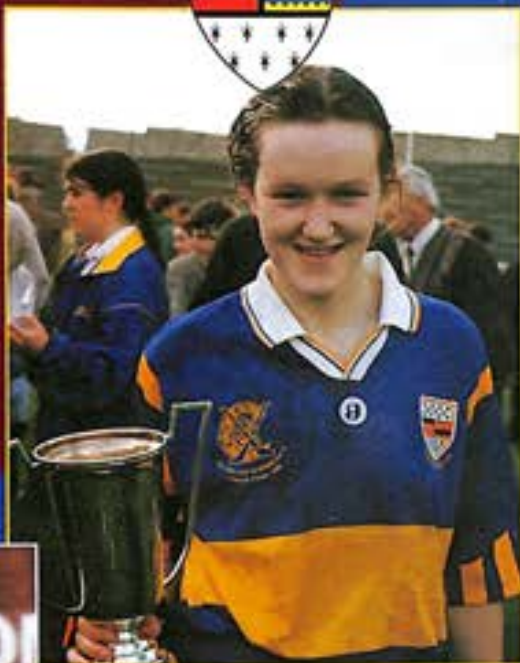
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### TIPPERARY SNIPPETS

Siobhán Ryan is daughter of John, County Development Officer Tipperary G.A.A. Board. She is a cousin of John Doyle, holder of 8 senior All-Ireland Hurling medals.

Helen Collier's brother, William, played minor football for Tipperary.

Eimear McDonnell is niece of Billy Morgan - former Cork goalkeeper and All-Ireland winning captain, who is now Manager of Cork football team.

Sheena Howard is grand-daughter of the late Garrett Howard, the only Limerick man to hold 5 senior All-Ireland hurling medals.

Martina Moloney's grandfather, Martin, played hurling with Waterford and Clare. Her father, Martin, captained Sexton Street CBS.

Marcella Crampton's father, Leo, plays with Tipperary Master hurlers (over 40).

Under the guidance of Tipp Selectors Marian Graham, Noel Hennessy and Conor Ryan, the minors have won 5 consecutive Munster championships.

Tipperary have won 3 Minor All-Ireland titles 1990, 1992, 1993.

## Fáilte - Úachtaran Cumann Camogáíochta na nGael



Thar cheann Cumann Camogáíochta na nGael cuirim cead míle fáilte romhaibh uilig cuig Tiobraid Árann agus chuig Cluiche Ceannais na Mionúir.

What an exciting final this promises to be between last year's finalists Tipperary and Galway who won the All-Ireland Final in '94. Given the high standard of skills and ability of both teams I am certain this match will surpass all expectations.

Sincerest congratulations to Na Coisti Contae, the selectors and managers responsible

for these two teams. Our Association is indebted to you and to your counterparts in every unit for your dedication and commitment. Gabhaim búiochas libh uilig agus le muintir agus le cairde na n-imreoirí as ucht bhuir gcuid tacaíochta.

Gabhaim búiochas le Coiste Thiobraid Árann for all the arrangements today and for the work they did for today's programme.

Go n-éirí go geal leis an dá fhoireann.

Belle Uí Lochlainn

### CORN TAILTEANN

The Minor All-Ireland Trophy, An Corn Tailteann, was first presented in 1977 to Galway when they defeated Dublin in Croke Park. The game was played before the All-Ireland Football semi-final between Armagh and Roscommon.

The All-Ireland minor series was inaugurated in 1974, when Down won.

### GALWAY SNIPPETS

Galway selector Jackie O'Brien is a well-known G.A.A. referee.

Galway Captain, Colette Nevin, is sister to senior player, Pamela.

Michelle Glynn's sister, Sharon, plays with the Galway senior team as do Therese Maher's sisters - Gretta and Dympra.

Galway have 5 All-Ireland Minor titles - 1977, 1981, 1986, 1987, 1994.

### Céad míle fáilte

Céad míle Fáilte romhaibse go léir chuig Stáid Semple inniu go dtáil Cluiche Cheannais Mionúir na hÉireann. Fáilte faoi leith roimh Belle Uí Lochlainn, Úachtaran Cumann Camogáíochta na nGael, na himreoirí, an réiteoir agus na hoifigigh uilig.

We look forward to a great final between Tipperary and Galway, here in Semple Stadium today. I hope that you all enjoy this special occasion. I would like to thank the Tipperary Co. G.A.A. Board for the use of Semple Stadium.

Padraig Ó Maoláin  
Cathaoirleach Coiste  
Camogáíochta Thiobraid Árann

### Búiochas

On behalf of the Parents and Friends of the Tipperary minor camogie panel, sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Fund raising effort, whether it be an advertisement, a donation, message of goodwill or gear for the panel. We ask you to support our advertisers and contributors who are in business. My thanks to Micheál Kennedy, Colette Kennedy and Carmel Gilligan, Galway, for supplying information and photographs to Martin Moloney for his invaluable help. My thanks to Breda Ryan (Kilkenny People Printing) for her professional help, and everyone who worked hard to produce this programme.

Liz Howard (Programme Editor)

## Clár an Lae

2.30 p.m. Cluiche Ceannais Mionúir na hÉireann

**TIOBRAID ÁRANN v AN GHAILLIMH**

Réiteoir: Áine Derham (Baile Átha Cliath)

3.45 p.m.

Presentation of An Corn Tailteann by Belle Ó Lochlainn (Úachtarán)  
Player of the Match - sponsored by Armagh Crystal

See the highlights of the game on *The Munster Game* on "Irish Multi-Channel" Tuesday and Thursday at 12 midnight and on "Suir Nore Relays" on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Sponsored by: Martin Moloney, Manager, First National Building Society; Aer Lingus (Shannon); Galway Co. Camogie Board.



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## TIOBRAID ÁRANN – NA MIONÚRAIGH



**BACK ROW (l-r):** Conor Ryan (selector), Pauline Kennedy, Marcella Crampton, Lorna Coffey, Martina Moloney, Jacinta Fahy, Joanne Ryan, Sinéad Collins, Niamh Dwyer, Louise Brennan, Catriona Tiernan, Louise Ryan, Helen Collier, Noel Hennessy (selector).  
**FRONT ROW (l-r):** Marion Graham (selector), Niamh Connolly, Sinéad O'Sullivan, Sheena Howard, Helena Frawley, Helen Campion, Aine Ryan (mascot), Catriona Hennessy (capt.), Eimear McDonnell, Siobhán Ryan, Emily Headon, Denise Manton.

## Galway girls win their sixth crown

**GALWAY**.....3-16  
**TIPPERARY**.....4-11  
**IMPRESSIVE** Galway won their sixth All Ireland minor camogie title when they held off the challenge of Tipperary in a thrilling final at Thurles yesterday.

Galway had the better of things in the first half when helped by the breeze. Goals by Sandra Tannian in the eighth minute and Colette Nevin in the 24th minute helped them to an interval lead of 2-8 to 1-5. Catriona Hennessy scored Tipperary's goal in the 18th minute.

### ALL-IRELAND MINOR CAMOGIE FINAL

A Sheena Howard goal for Tipperary in the sixth minute of the second half started their rally and a Siobhán Ryan goal six minutes from the end brought them within two points of Galway.

However, Colette Nevin netted for Galway three minutes later to put the issue beyond doubt, while Joanne Ryan's goal for Tipp in injury time was no more than a consolation.

For Galway, captain Colette Nevin, Sandra Tannian, Michelle Glynn and Colette Deely did well. For Tipperary Eimear McDonnell, Catriona Hennessy, Emily Hayden and Siobhán Ryan were best.

**SCORERS** — Galway: C. Nevin 2-7, S. Tannian 1-2, M. Glynn 0-4, P. Carrick, V. Sweeney, L. Kavanagh 0-1 each. Tipperary: C. Hennessy 1-10, J. Ryan, S. Howard, S. Ryan 1-0 each, E. McDonnell 0-1.

**GALWAY** — A. Connolly, C. O'Rourke, C. Deely, L. Murphy, S. Cullinane, V. Sweeney, M. Glynn, T. Maher, C. Nevin, L. Kavanagh, P. Carrick, S. Tannian. Sub: A. Kelly for Kavanagh.

**TIPPERARY** — N. Dwyer, H. Frawley, H. Campion, E. Hayden, N. Connolly, J. Fahy, S. Howard, J. Ryan, S. Sullivan, S. Ryan, E. McDonnell, C. Hennessy. Sub: S. Collins for Fahy, H. Collier for Connolly.

REF — A. Dermot (Dublin).

## AN GHAILLIMH – NA MIONÚRAIGH



**BACK ROW (l-r):** Siobhán Hardiman, Ailbhe Kelly, Mairéad Mahoney, Susan Regan, Aoife Connolly, Lourda Kavanagh, Cathy O'Rourke, Sarah Cullinane, Lorraine Murphy, Veronica Sweeney, Michelle Glynn, Colette Deely, Valerie Treacy, Maria Corcoran.  
**FRONT ROW (l-r):** Siobhán Cummins, Aisling Brennan, Shauna Ward, Therese Maher, Sandra Tannian, Colette Nevin (captain), Paula Carraick, Aoife Lane, Mary Flannery, Mairéad Meehan, Elaine Kearns.

## Galway winners in minor camogie All-Ireland thriller

**GALWAY** won their 6th All-Ireland minor camogie title when at the thriller at Thurles yesterday they held off a determined second half rally by Tipperary to win 3-16 to 4-11.

Galway had the better of things on the first half when helped by the breeze. Goals by Sandra Tannian in the 8th minute and a Colette Nevin goal in the 24th minute helped them to an interval lead of 2-8 to 1-5. Catriona Hennessy scored Tipperary's goal in the 18th minute.

Galway had three points in a lively start to the second half but then Sheena Howard had a goal for Tipperary in the 6th minute that sparked their comeback.

A Siobhán Ryan goal in the 24th minute brought Tipp within 2 points of Galway but 3 minutes later Colette Nevin scored Galway's third goal to seal their victory. Joanne Ryan had a consolation goal for Tipp in injury time.

Galway scorers: C. Nevin (2-7), S. Tannian (1-2), M. Glynn (0-4), P. Carrick (V. Sweeney, L. Kavanagh 0-1 each).

Tipperary: C. Hennessy (1-10), G. Ryan, S. Howard, S. Ryan (1-0 each), E. McDonnell (0-1).  
**GALWAY**: A. Connolly, C. O'Rourke, C. Deely, L. Murphy, S. Cullinane, P. Carrick, M. Glynn, V. Sweeney, S. Tannian, T. Maher, L. Kavanagh, C. Nevin. Sub: A. Kelly for Kavanagh.

**TIPPERARY**: N. Dwyer, H. Frawley, H. Campion, E. Hayden, N. Connolly, J. Fahy, S. Howard, J. Ryan, S. Sullivan, S. Ryan, E. McDonnell, C. Hennessy. Sub: S. Collins for Fahy, H. Collier for Connolly.



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Galway's Michelle Glynn races through the Tipperary defence during the All-Ireland camogie final in Semple Stadium on Sunday last.

# Gallant Tipperary fail to Galway

By Michael Dundon

Galway..... 3-16  
Tipperary.... 4-11

IF the term "gallant in defeat" was ever appropriate, it applied to the Tipperary minor camogie team, who, despite a tremendous display of courage, skill, and resolve, ended up losing to Galway in a thrilling all-Ireland final at Semple Stadium, Thurles on Sunday.

Only two points separated the sides at the end, and while Tipperary's fourth goal by Joanne Ryan came in injury time, Tipperary will look back at chances missed which might easily have led to Tipperary regaining the title last held in 1993, and recording a fourth triumph in this grade.

However, the better team won. Galway seemed more fired-up for the game. They were sharper in thought and action and also enjoyed an advantage in physique which they capitalised on. From early on, Tipperary were chasing the game, and while they did this with admirable tenacity, Galway looked a slicker combination all round and well worthy of their sixth championship at this level.

Galway sowed the seeds of victory in the first half when aided by the fresh breeze. Their midfield was rampant, with Michelle Glynn outstanding, and they punished Tipperary's slack marking with some excellent scores. Caitriona

Hennessy got Tipperary off the mark with a third minute point but the first quarter belonged to Galway who with goals in the eight and fourteenth minutes were 2-4 to 0-2 clear, and motoring against a struggling Tipperary side.

Tipperary badly needed a goal and a splendid run by Eimer McDonnell almost secured one but her effort was well saved. In the 18th minute Caitriona Hennessy netted after another fine run by McDonnell, a score that got Tipperary going but at the interval, Galway were 2-8 to 1-5 ahead and looking very composed.

With breeze to favour them in the second half, Tipperary needed to re-open smartly, but instead, Galway had three points from Collette Nevin frees to go nine points clear. Now Tipperary faced a major crisis but they responded magnificently. Sheena Howard getting a goal that really brought them to life.

Two Tipperary points followed quickly and Tipperary again had the ball in the net after fifteen minutes only to be blown back and awarded a free, pointed by Caitriona Hennessy, but inadequate compensation for the effort. Galway were fighting a determined rear-guard action, the close marking of their defence keeping Tipperary chances to the minimum but six minutes from time Siobhan Ryan had a Tipperary goal off a Sinéad Sullivan deliv-

ery to cut the deficit to two points.

Indicative of the quality of the Galway side, they responded with two points to ease the pressure. Tipperary forced a series of frees and thirties, but Caitriona Hennessy's efforts for goal were all beaten out and three minutes from time Collette Nevin clinched the win for Galway with their third goal.

To their credit, Tipperary never gave in but their only real reward was a Joanne Ryan Goal in injury time, too late for Tipperary to stage yet another rally.

It was an agonising defeat for the Tipperary girls all of whom played their hearts out. There is no doubt that they could have won, but on the day, they had to give best to an excellent Galway side who are worthy champions.

Tipperary had many fine individual performances with thirteen year old Eimear McDonnell showing great promise in the first half. Caitriona Hennessy was the main threat to the Galway defence, and though well-policed, she had a fine game. Siobhan Ryan too worked extremely hard, while Emily Hayden had her moments in defence and Niamh Dwyer could not be faulted in goal.

However, it was Galway's day and in Collette Nevin, Sandra Tannian, Michelle Glynn, Veronica Sweeney and Collette Deely, they had players who will surely be stars at senior

level in the not too distant future.

Credit too to the Tipperary backroom team of Marion Graham (Thurles), Noel Hennessy (Drom-Inch) and Conor Ryan (Shannon Rovers) who put so much work into getting their charges ready for this final.

Scores: Galway - C. Nevin 2-7; S. Tannian 1-2; M. Glynn 0-4; P. Carrick, V. Sweeney, L. Kavanagh 0-1 each.

Tipperary scorers - C. Hennessy 1-10; S. Ryan, S. Howard, J. Ryan 1-0 each; E McDonnell 0-1.

Galway - Aoife Connolly; Cathy O'Rourke, Collette Deely, Lorraine Murphy, Sarah Cullinane; Paula Carrick, Michelle Glynn, Veronica Sweeney; Sandra Tannian, Therese Maher, Lourda Kavanagh; Collette Nevin. Sub: A Kelly for Kavanagh.

Tipperary - Niamh Dwyer Thurles; Helena Frawley Burgess; Helen Campion Knockavilla/Donasheigh, Emily Hayden Cashel, Niamh Connolly Templemore; Jacinta Fahy Bornisoleigh, Sheena Howard Burgess, Joanne Ryan Drom/Inch; Sinéad Sullivan Lorrha, Siobhan Ryan Holycross/Ballycahill, Eimear McDonnell Burgess; Catherine Hennessy (Capt.) Drom/Inch.

Subs: S. Collins (Burgess for Fahy; H. Collier (Templemore) for Connolly;

Referee: A Derham, Dublin.



Action from the All-Ireland minor camogie final between Tipp and Galway on Sunday which Galway won by two points.



No way through -- Another Tipperary corridor of attack is snuffed out by Galway's Collette Deely in the camogie minor All-Ireland final at Semple Stadium, on Sunday last.



# Tipp girls' brave effort just fails against Galway

Tipperary 4-11 Galway 3-16

Heartbreak for Tipperary minor camogie players at Semple stadium on Sunday when they just failed to catch Galway in the All-Ireland final, losing by two points in a high scoring game, 3-16 to 4-11.

Galway were the better team for most of the game and they made their greater strength pay with lengthy periods of dominance.

But brave Tipp stuck to their task and were always close enough to trouble the Westerners. They showed their resolve with two goals in the last six minutes but they ran out of time before they could narrow the margin further.

A Galway goal sandwiched between the two Tipp goals ultimately decided the game. It came from their most dangerous forward and captain, Colette Nevin and put Galway six clear with four minutes left.

So Galway go one better than last year when they beat Tipp in the All-Ireland semi-final only to lose to Wexford in the final.

They are a big and strong side with outstanding hurlers in Nevin, Sandra Tannion and Michelle Glynn in midfield who was a real powerhouse.

Quicker Tipp had hurlers to match them in captain, Catherine Hennessy who scored 1-10, and Eimear McDonnell who always threatened when in possession, but they lacked balance elsewhere in the field and marking at the back wasn't as tight as it may have been.

Hennessy opened the scoring for Tipp after three minutes but it was the only time the Munster champions led. By the eight minute Galway were 1-2 to 0-1 ahead with the goal coming from Tannion.

Midway through the half Galway were 2-4 to 0-2 ahead with a Nevin free deceiving the defence and going all the way to the net. The second Tipp point came from a Hennessy free with the other Tipp forwards struggling to make an impact.

Tipp made a breakthrough in the 18th minute just after Lourda Kavanagh had extended Galway's lead to nine points, 2-5 to 0-2. Eimear McDonnell sent in a lovely pass to Hennessy who palmed to the net.

However Tipp couldn't build on that and they still trailed at the break by six points, 2-8 to 1-5.

Two of their points came from Hennessy frees and the third from McDonnell who might very well have finished a great run with a goal instead.

Yet Tipp were still close enough to Galway and they had the wind in their favour in the second half. They needed a good start to the second half, to cut back the Galway lead and encourage the younger members of the team, but Galway took control in the first five

(By Michael Heverin)

minutes and three pointed frees, two from Nevin and one from Kavanagh, put the Connacht side 9 up, 2-11 to 1-5.

Tipp did enjoy their moments after that but they were always playing catch-up.

A brief revival followed and they brought the margin down to four points. Sheena Howard won possession from a Tipp puck-out and sent a long range effort straight to the net. Catherine Hennessy followed up with two pointed

frees and the Galway lead had been cut to 2-11 to 2-7 twelve minutes into the half.

Tipp were now playing some of their best hurling of the hour and after Paula Corrick and Hennessy had exchanged further points, Joanne Ryan went on a great run that should have yielded a goal but instead of passing she shot herself and saw her attempt saved.

Glynn and Hennessy swapped further points from frees before Tipp hopes were raised again. Sinead Sullivan found Siobhan Ryan in space and the Holicross/Ballycahill girl scored a fine goal.

But once more Galway raised their game in response and Nevin first pointed a free and then was put clear to score the games decisive goal to leave her side six clear, 3-15 to 3-9, with just four minutes left.

It was down to five with normal time up and when Joanne Ryan goaled in injury time, it was too little too late.

Tipp had battled bravely but their best just wasn't good enough against a Galway side that were physically stronger and more successful in their play.

The Tipp defence were under pressure from an early stage but Niamh Dwyer was always alert in goal while Helen Campion and Emily Hayden put in a lot of work in defence.

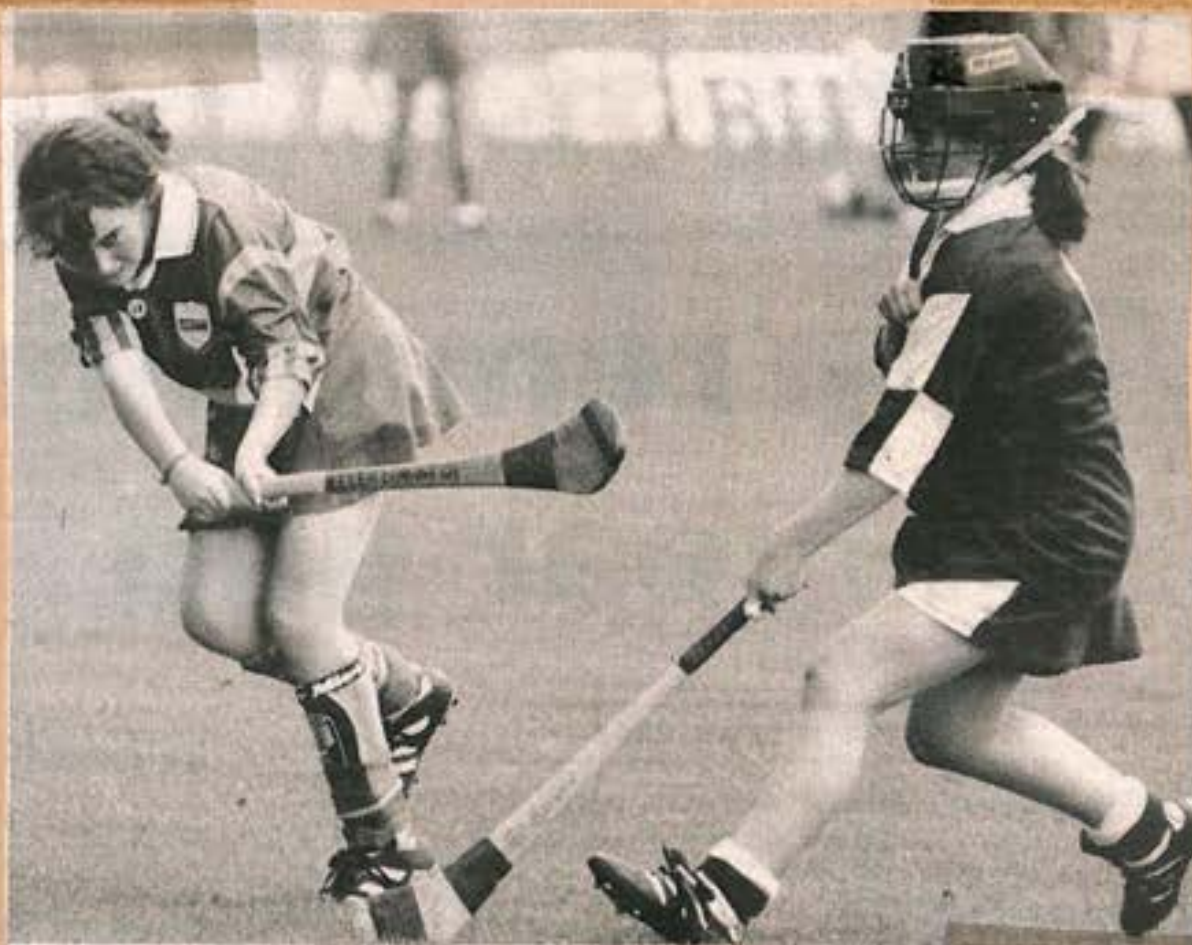
Midfield was a difficult area for the home side but Sheena Howard and Joanne Ryan were industrious while upfront Catherine Hennessy posed the greatest threat while Eimear McDonnell looked an exciting prospect with some fine penetrating runs.

For Galway, colette Nevin did most damage, while Sandra Tannion was also dangerous in attack. The

most dominant midfielder on view was Michelle Glynn.

**TIPPERARY** - Niamh Dwyer (Thurles), Helena Frawley (Burgess), Helen Campion (Knockavilla), Emily Hayden (Cashel), Niamh Connelly (Templemore), Jacinta Fahy (Borrisoleigh), Sheena Howard (Burgess) 1-0, Joanne Ryan (Drom-Inch) 1-0, Sinead Sullivan (Lorrha), Siobhan Ryan (Holicross/Ballycahill) 1-0, Eimear McDonnell (Burgess) 0-1, Catherine Hennessy (Drom-Inch) 1-10. Subs., Sinead Collins (Burgess) for Fahy; Helen Collier (Templemore) for Connelly.

**GALWAY** - Aoife Connelly (Caly O'Rourke), Colette Deely, Lorraine Murphy (Saragh Cullinane), Pamela Corrick 0-2, Michelle Glynn 0-4, Veronica Sweeney Sandra Tannion 1-2, Theresa Maher, Lourda Kavanagh 0-2, Colette Nevin 2-6, subs., Ailbe Kelly for Kavanagh. Referee - Aine Derham.



Tipperary defender Helen Campion from Knockavilla gets in her clearance despite the attentions of a Galway player during the All-Ireland minor camogie final at Thurles on Sunday which Galway won.

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KILKENNY PEOPLE, WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1996

# Goalie Holland the heroine

Lisdowney 2-14

Marino 1-8

AN EXHIBITION of goal-keeping the like of which hasn't been seen for a long time was witnessed on Sunday in St. Vincent's park, Dublin, when Lisdowney and Marino met in the Leinster club senior camogie semi-final.

Lisdowney can thank the superb Miriam Holland who made two point blank saves, one on the stroke of half time and the other midway through the second half. Her puckouts, saves and general positioning bore the hallmark of Lisdowney's victory.

Holland controlled the backline, her steadying influence helped those around her enormously when they seemed to be struggling.

Marino, were first to score, a point from a free from Carmel O'Byrne. Ann Downey replied from play. With the tension high, scores were hard to come by.

In the 12th minute Lis-

downey were awarded a free near the sideline on the right. The free was blocked by Patsy Murphy, rebounded to Ann Downey on the 30m line. Ann struck a low ball to the net.

Two minutes later, Ann Downey had a point from play after some excellent work by Sandra Gleeson and Catherine Dunne. Marino kept their hopes alive with two good points, one from the dangerous Carmel O'Byrne and one from Louise Lynch.

Aine Dunne and Carmel O'Byrne exchanged points (1-3 to 0-4). Marino pushed out centre-forward Denise Smith, who gathered and sent a high ball from centrefield, to Louise Lynch who in turn pointed.

At this stage Denise Smith was acting as a fourth mid-field. This troubled Lisdowney until they came to grips with it. Once more a low ball went to the impressive Carmel O'Byrne, who soloed

from about 30m, struck what seemed a certain goal from the 13m line. Holland saved brilliantly, and carried the ball over the line for a 30m free. O'Byrne failed to convert.

Marina Downey collected the puckout which landed in the opposing backline, and shot a good point. This was the last score of the first half (1-4 to 0-5).

On the resumption conditions deteriorated following a heavy shower. Lisdowney introduced Anna Whelan and Angela Downey for the hard-working Aine Dunne and Ann Marie Hughes.

Lisdowney were soon brought down to earth when Marino had a goal from Emer Brannigan after a scramble. Three minutes later Carmel O'Byrne put them further ahead with a point from a 30m free.

At this stage the character of Lisdowney was put to the test. Marino, with the confidence high, were improving

with every stroke.

It was Marina Downey, now operating at wing forward, who again got on the end of a massive puckout from Miriam Holland. She was the first to react and drove an unstoppable shot to the net. Lisdowney upped their game.

From there to the finish Catherine Dunne and Sandra Gleeson controlled midfield. Caroline Glendon and Fran Shore snared their players. Captain Brigid Wall was sweeping all in front of her.

Lisdowney were looking good, but it was the trio of Downey, Whelan and Downey who really hurt Marino. Angela Downey struck five points, including a spectacular one, on the 15m line on the sideline. This epitomised Angela at her best, and the score acknowledged by the Marino supporters.

Marina Downey, although carrying an injury, was top scorer with 1-5. Anna Whe-

lan, although she didn't score, kept a good supply of low ball to Angela and Marina.

With 5 minutes remaining Marino were rewarded three 15m frees in succession but the backline marshalled by Holland was equal to the task. Marino, for all their effort, couldn't breakthrough for that vital score.

Lisdowney have worked hard under Annie Murphy and Anna Whelan. Their workrate deserves the highest of praise.

Bridget Wall, despite taking a heavy knock played a real captain's part. Caroline Glendon and Fran Shore were two of the hardest working defenders. Bridget Barnaville worked hard and was always a steadying influence. The mid-field trio of Sandra Gleeson, Marina Downey and Olivia Donnelly were full of running.

Ann Marie Hughes in the number 9 shirt gave her all in the middle of the front three. Ann Downey was often found foraging in her own half.

Catherine Dunne's distribution to the rest of the forwards was excellent, while her sister Aine set the Lisdowney girls on their way with a well taken point.

Angela Downey and Anna Whelan joined the fray at half-time. This duo have improved with every appearance and played their hearts out.

Lisdowney meet Leinster and all-Ireland champions, Rathfriland, in the Leinster final on September 8 in Lisdowney.

Scorers: Lisdowney - Marina Downey (1-5, point free); Angela Downey (0-6); Ann Downey (1-2); Aine Dunne (0-1). Marino - Carmel O'Byrne (0-6, four frees); Louise Lynch (0-2); Emer Brannigan (1-0).

Lisdowney - Miriam Holland, Caroline Glendon, Brigid Wall (Captain), Bridget Barnaville, Fran Shore, Olivia Donnelly, Marina Downey, Sandra Gleeson, Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Anne-Marie Hughes and Aine Dunne. Subs. - Anna Whelan, Angela Downey, Claire Tallis (used), Martina Tallis, Ann Holland, Lizzie Fogarty.



Lisdowney Camogie Team

## Will Angela make a dramatic appearance?

The Cork camogie girls may yet have to overcome the Downey factor in their quest for further All-Ireland glory.

Sunday's senior semi-final at Christy Ring Park promises to be another battle royal with Kilkenny.

Ann Downey will certainly line out at centrefield for the Leinster champions, but the big question and the big worry for Cork concerns Ann's twin sister, Angela.

Widely regarded as the greatest forward of the modern era, Angela, who is now 38, could yet make an appearance in the black and amber.

By TP O'MAHONY

Her presence on Sunday would undoubtedly make Cork's task of retaining their All-Ireland title much more difficult.

### Tougher

The Glen star, and current Cork captain, Therese O'Callaghan, agrees.

"If Angela plays, we are going to have a much tougher match on our hands."

There are real doubts, though, about Angela's fit-

ness. She had a baby earlier this year, and the word was that she had finally decided to hang up her caman.

The other week, however, to the surprise of some and the delight of Kilkenny fans, she returned to club camogie with the Lisdowney team.

This was her first outing in over a year, so a big question mark hangs over her form and her fitness.

However, Kilkenny might still introduce her on Sunday, especially if things are not working out for them.

With or without Angela, Kilkenny will - as always - be

formidable opponents.

Therese O'Callaghan, though, remains quietly confident.

"We have the players and we have the ability - we just have to do it on the day."

Cork, with the League title already secured, will be hoping to advance to their second consecutive All-Ireland.

They won a thrilling encounter in Croke Park last year, beating Kilkenny with splendid goals late in the second half from Denise Cronin and Linda Mollerick. Leesiders will again be

looking to these players and the likes of Lynn Dunlea and Sandie Fitzgibbon to see off the Kilkenny challenge.

### Kinder

Had lady luck been kinder, Cork would be hoping to advance to their fifth consecutive All-Ireland senior final on Sunday.

They won the title in 1992, 1993 and 1995 - going out in 1994 to Kilkenny in the semi-final.

"Nobody is counting - we just want to win this one," says Therese O'Callaghan.



# Cork take on Kilkenny



■ Cork Senior Camogie players getting in some ball control during training. (Pic: Michael English)

■ Tom Nott putting the Cork Senior Camogie Team through their paces. (Pic: Michael English)

On Sunday next at Páirc Uí Rinn at 3 p.m. all Camogie followers will be hoping that Cork will continue on their road to Croke Park when they take on Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. In what is a repeat of last year's Final, Cork will be under no illusions as to the task ahead and as All-Ireland champions will wear a heavy crown.

Down through the years Cork and Kilkenny have had many a famous battle with the Noreiders breaking Cork's hearts on numerous occasions. However, it was Cork's turn in Croke Park last season but victory only came in the final minutes and Kilkenny will be anxious to overturn that result.

Absent from the side which line out that day will be corner back Mags Hickey from the Freshford Club, Mags is a member of the victorious U.C.C. Ashbourne Cup and is presently working in the U.S.A. A notable absentee will be Angela Downey who retired after last year's final, however many feel that she may be coaxed out of retirement and may appear at some stage of the game.

The Kilkenny team is a blend of youth

and experience. They will have the evergreen Ann Downey who will always give 100%, added to this Gillian Dillon a daughter of Kilkenny stalworth Pa, the stylish Marina Downey and tough defender Brigid Barneville and you face formidable opposition.

Cork will be expected to field their All-Ireland winning side of last season with Killeagh's Kathleen Costine in goal, solid defender Mags Finn from the Fr. O'Neills Club, and the outstanding Sandie Fitzgibbon added to this Linda Mellrick, Lynn Dunlea and Leanne O'Keeffe and you have a very formidable side ready and waiting to take on Kilkenny.

Cork are captained by Therese O'Callaghan from Glen Rovers who will be hoping this will be her year. Having captained the Cork sides defeated in the '89 Final by Kilkenny and the '92 team she was going for three in a row also defeated by Kilkenny. Therese will be hoping for a victory this time around. She has fought her way back to full fitness having been out of action for the league final V Galway only coming into the game as a late replacement for the injured Fiona

O'Driscoll.

Cork will be hoping to have a big following in Páirc Uí Rinn for the game. With a 3 p.m. start all Corkonians are urged to come out in strength and help the girls hold onto their All-Ireland title.

## Sports Fixtures

### Saturday 17th August

Junior A C'ship quarter finals Watergrasshill V St. Vincents, Watergrasshill 7 p.m.  
Glen Rovers V Brian Dillons, Glen Rovers 7.15 p.m.  
Valley Rovers V Douglas, Innishannon 7 p.m.

### Sunday 18th August

All-Ireland Senior Semi-Final, Cork V Kilkenny Páirc Uí Rinn 3 p.m.

### Tuesday 20th August

1995 Junior A League Final Glen Rovers V Barryroe at Innishannon 7.15 p.m.

### Wednesday 21st August

U16 B L quarter final Barryroe V Tracton at Tracton 7 p.m.

## Cats must breach Rebels stronghold

KILKENNY will be out for revenge when they take on Cork in the the Bord na Gaeilge All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday.

The teams have not met since the All Ireland final last September, when Cork swept to victory with a late rally to win by 4-8 to 2-10.

### CAMOGIE

By PJ FULHAM

And Cork have not rested on their laurels. Since then they have collected the league title by winning all their games convincingly.

In the final they recorded a 3-16 to 1-7 victory over Galway who had earlier disposed of Kilkenny 6-13 to 2-12 in the league semi-final.

Needless to said Kilkenny will go all out to show their mettle. Despite the fact that they will be without Angela Downey, the Kilkenny team will not lack in talent. It should be a tough tussle but champions Cork should just shade it.

Meanwhile, the semi-finals of the intermediate and junior championship take place. In Intermediate, the holders Clare travel to face Down.

The Banner county will be seeking their third title. Down had an overwhelming victory over Galway in the semi-final and for many years have been hoping to make senior grade. However they will get it hard to overcome the champions.

In Junior, Roscommon and Antrim cross swords in a repeat of last year's semi-final.

### FIXTURES

SUNDAY — Bord na Gaeilge All Ireland Senior championship semi-final — Cork V Kilkenny, Páirc Uí Rinn, 3.0. All Ireland Intermediate Championship semi-final — Down V Clare, St John's Park Castlewellan, 1.30. All Ireland Junior championship semi-final —

## Legendary Kathleen passes away

THE death has occurred of the legendary Kathleen Mills who carved a special niche in camogie history with her record collection of 15 All Ireland Senior Championship medals.

Kay, as she was affectionately known, won her first All Ireland medal with Dublin in 1942 after defeating Cork in the replay of the first drawn All Ireland final and she recorded her historic 15th in 1961. She then retired from inter-county competition.

Kay won three in a row (1942 to 44), seven in a row (1950 to 56) and four in a row (1958-61). In 1948 Her club CIE, represented Dublin in the All Ireland Senior Championship and won the O'Duffy Cup.

Kay won Gael Linn medals with Leinster in 1956 and in 1958. She also gained numerous Dublin championship and league honours.

Kathleen was a lady of quiet disposition who loved to talk about the game but never boasted. The Camogie Association mourns the passing of this great lady.

Ar dheis Dhé go raibh an

Kathleen Mills (Dublin)  
Kathleen Mills was the daughter of a Dublin mother and a Cork father and from an early age displayed great talent for a number of sports. She first held a hurley in her hand at five years of age, (1928), and finally put it away in 1961. Kathleen made her debut with GSR (later to become CIE) in 1938 and went on to win an astonishing total of fifteen All-Ireland medals and twenty Leinsters before calling it a day at the age of 48.

Dublin were camogie's dominant force throughout Kathleen's playing days and she first earned recognition for the county in 1941 but Cork came out on top in the final. Kathleen always played on the left wing and was a prolific scorer, both from play and placed balls. Her first all-Ireland medal came in a replay against Cork in 1942 and her fifteenth was on her birthday in 1961. Kathleen was the first camogie player to become the Irish Independent's Sports Star of the Week and her contribution to the game was incalculable.

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# Therese out to get monkey off her back

**QUIETLY**, without the huge advance notice the hurlers from Limerick and Wexford have given of their intentions, the Cork camogie team are preparing to do battle.

Calmly, beavering away in the shadow of a bigger game, the women's side are putting their title on the line tomorrow.

Nervously, Cork captain Therese O'Callaghan is anxious to put her captaincy jinx to rest.

The black and amber of Kilkenny tends to haunt the Glen Rovers woman.

More than any other team they manage to ignite a fire in her belly that won't be quenched.

That niggling Kilkenny saga began in 1991 when Therese was captain and they walked away with the All Ireland title. The second body blow came in 1994 when she captained the side Kilkenny defeated in the All Ireland semi-final.

Nobody is more determined than Therese to whip their hat-trick hopes from under their feet tomorrow.

"I hate being beaten by them more than anybody else, it's as simple as that. Once I see a Kilkenny jersey it spurs me on all the more."

"I know what the rest of the team mean when they say if we weren't playing Kilkenny tomorrow they wouldn't have that sick feeling before the game. There is such a huge rivalry between us and I'm sure it is the same for them."

Both sides have adopted a cute, cunning approach to Cork/Kilkenny games that allows as much play off the pitch as on. And experience has taught Therese not to trust the Noreiders.

"They have announced their team but the side they play tomorrow will probably be different again."

Camogie, for the uninitiated, has legends and heroes too. In Kilkenny, Christy Heffernan and Eddie Keher-like status is reserved for the Downey twins.

Amidst ceremonies, celebrations and presentations Angela Downey "officially" retired from the game last year. But Therese O'Callaghan has learned not to trust Noreider retirements.

"She has played for her club this year even though she is supposed to have retired completely. So we won't be at all surprised if she is brought on at some stage tomorrow."

More than fifteen years of camogie has done nothing to



Therese O'Callaghan: Looking for All Ireland glory.

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dull this Cork woman's love of the game. Four nights a week and weekends often void of late nights and socialising may seem like a huge sacrifice, but Therese wouldn't have it any other way.

"You have to decide at the beginning of the season to give that commitment, all the girls do it, that's just the way it is. And until I stop loving the game I'll continue to give put it all in."

It doesn't leave time for a whole lot else. Therese did

dabble in Gaelic football but camogie "took over" and for a long time now that's the way it has been.

She is acutely aware of the gulf between the women's and the men's game - not in terms of skill and ability - but rather in terms of how people perceive it.

"Of course it would be great to have the same kind of interest as is in hurling, but so many people just haven't watched a live game so it's hard to persuade them."

Therese does offer a solution though. Imagine Croke Park on All Ireland final day. Instead of the minor final as an appetiser to the Match of the Day, the 70,000 or so spectators are treated to the Women's Game.

But as with every other sport ever kicked, raced, punched or hurled, politics leap right in the path of common sense.

"There would be so many things to work out for that to happen that I don't know if it would ever take place. But I know it would work wonders for the game."

## Therese O'Callaghan factfile

Name: Therese O'Callaghan.  
Age: 32.  
Occupation: Civil Servant.  
Status: Single.  
Home Club: Glen Rovers.  
Sporting Highlight: Captaining her club to an All Ireland title in 1990.  
Sporting Achievement: Captain of the Cork camogie team and a member of the squad since 1989.  
Sporting Hero: Triple Olympic Gold Medal winner, Michelle Smith.  
Ambition: To captain Cork to an All Ireland title in 1996.

## Cork defend camogie title against old rivals

THE Cork Senior camogie team defend their All-Ireland title against Kilkenny tomorrow at Páirc Uí Rinn at 3 p.m.

After winning the title in tremendous fashion last year, Cork will need a repeat performance to hold on to their title.

Kilkenny will come determined to avenge last year's defeat.

Kilkenny are captained this year by Sinead Milles and they also have excellent players in Marina Downey, Brigid Barnaville, and Ann Downey.

However, they are fielding this season without the legendary Angela Downey, who retired after last year's final.

Also absent will be Margaret Hickey, who is in America, but they have a well balanced side and excellent defenders in Deirdre Malone and Sinead Costelloe.

Marie Maher and Gillian Dillon are extremely dangerous and the Cork defenders will have to be in form to hold them.

The Cats are coached again this year by Shem O'Grady.

Cork won this year's National League, defeating Galway in the final. For Sunday's game the team will feature just one change from last year's starting All-Ireland winning side.

Into the team comes Vivian Harris from Bishopstown. The team will be Kathleen Costine in goal, with Sandy Fitzgibbon, Eithne Duggan, Paula Goggins and Mags Finn in defence. Midfield are Denise Coleman, Viv Harris and Therese O'Callaghan (captains). The forwards are Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keefe, Linda Mellerick and Lynn Dunlea.

Cork also have strong substitutes in Mary O'Connor and Stephanie Dunlea, who is back on the panel after receiving an injury earlier in the year.

The panel will also include Hilda Keneally, Rose Desmond, Sinead O'Callaghan, Mary Kennefick, Miriam Deasy and Cork junior captain, Antoinette O'Connell.

Coached by Tom Nott, the side have undergone a rigorous training schedule and will fight to the end to retain the title.

In the senior County Championship semi-final, Imokilly and Seandun meet at Caherlag on Wednesday night to decide who will meet Glen Rovers in the senior county final.

In the Junior A Championship, Watergrasshill will meet St Vincents, Tracton

clash with Inniscarra, while Valley Rovers play Douglas at Innishannon.

In the Junior A League final on Tuesday night, Glen Rovers take on Barryroe in an interesting clash.

Glen Rovers, with youngsters Karen Riordan, Linda Brady and Emma Harte, will have to work hard against a very strong Barryroe side, which will include Cora Keohane and Ann Sheehy.

TODAY: Junior A. Championship - all 7 p.m. - Watergrasshill v St. Vincents, at Watergrasshill; Tracton v Inniscarra at Tracton; Valley Rovers v Douglas, at Valley Rovers.

TOMORROW: All Ireland camogie semi-final - Cork v Kilkenny, Páirc Uí Rinn 3 p.m.

TUESDAY: Junior A. League final (95). Glen Rovers v Barryroe at Innishannon 7.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Senior county camogie semi-final, Imokilly v Seandun, Caherlag 7.15 p.m.

U-14 B. League quarter final, Tracton v Barryroe at Tracton, 7 p.m.





Angela Downey (right): "Players don't make good supporters. I'm a terrible spectator. Awfully loud."

INPHO/TOM HONAN

# Old firm game lacks Angela

**S**OMETHING strange is about to happen at Páirc Uí Rinn in Cork this afternoon.

It's not the fact that Kilkenny are taking on the home side in the All Ireland camogie semi-final. It's the fact that they're doing so without Angela Downey. Did anyone think we'd ever see the day?

The Berlin Wall fell. Royal marriages commenced and collapsed. Nelson Mandela went from prisoner to president. Angela Downey was there through it all. Through 12 All Ireland victories, a sackload of club medals and a sideboard of other awards. Even through the birth of a little girl named Katie and, as if to show that anything Sinatra could do the Ballyragget woman could do equally well, more than one comeback.

But no more comebacks. No more camogie except with her club Lisdowney. Time and tide, plus the arrival last May of Conor Downey-Browne, have seen to that. At the former Flower Lodge today, Kilkenny face their first Angela-less championship in a quarter of a century.

The woman herself has been watching the team train, "more so for the fresh



**Enda McEvoy**

Cork and Kilkenny meet in the All Ireland camogie semi-final today, retired Angela Downey will be looking on closely

air than anything." But once the sliotar is thrown in, she's not a very good spectator.

"While I'd love to be out there on the field, you have to call a halt some time. Today is when it will really sink in, I suppose. Everyone else would prefer me to be out there too because of the amount of noise I make from the sideline. Players make bad spectators, but I'm a terrible spectator. Awfully loud."

Awfully loud because although her playing days may have finally come to a halt she wants Kilkenny to win as much as ever she did. Angela Downey loved winning and hated losing. Really loved winning and really hated losing. More than any other woman who ever held a camogie stick, quite possibly.

That's what kept her going. That's why the passage of 23

years separated her first All Ireland final appearance in 1972 (a four-point defeat at the hands of Cork) from her last in 1995 (oddly, another four-point defeat at the hands of Cork). When she talks about the 12 successes in between, she's no less animated about the ones that she firmly believes got away.

And why she'll be tossing and turning in bed tonight, pucking every ball of this afternoon's match all over again. The problem she finds with some of the younger crowd is that they won't be. They can treat the two impostors, triumph and disaster, just the same. Angela Downey never could.

The identity of today's protagonists does not shock. Cork, the reigning champions, have captured three of the last four O'Duffy Cups.

Kilkenny won the other one and before that, had pulled off an All Ireland seven in a row between 1985 and 1991. The only other counties to get a look-in during the last 20 years, and a brief look-in at that, were Antrim in 1979 and Dublin five years later.

Since then Dublin have departed the scene completely, a fade-out that staggers the Thomastown VS geography teacher. It's one of many changes she's witnessed.

"The standard and level of fitness has rocketed. The work done on skills too. In my youth it was a case of a hurley and a few sprints. There was no such thing as a warm-up or a warm-down. Now it's all drills and circuit training. And in Kilkenny there's roinn this and roinn that, different grades, new clubs and far more children playing the game at school. There was none of that in my day."

Angela would like to be able to add that media exposure for camogie has mushroomed in tandem. She can't, for it hasn't. Her suggestion, not a popular one in certain circles she concedes, is that "we should come away from our own day in Croke Park and hold the All Ireland final with a big hurling match."

More ideas she favours include a longer and wider pitch ("seeing goalkeepers drive the ball the length of the field and land it out over the far endline is crazy"), keeping teams 12-a-side rather than 15-a-side, and introducing a proper advantage rule. Anyone who attended last September's decider at Croke Park and blanched at the two stoppages every three minutes will agree with Mrs Downey-Browne on the latter.

"Get fouled in scoring a goal and you're called back and given a free. My view is that you deserve the goal if you've taken a clatter in scoring it. Last year's was the first All Ireland I woke up not physically sore from on the Monday morning, which is a bit ridiculous."

Kilkenny today are also missing Deirdre Malone and Breda Holmes. Helping to compensate is the return of Una Murphy, back after years of injury, and Brigid Mullally. League champions Cork, meanwhile, have all of the 1995 contingent present and correct, with the up and coming pair of Mary O'Connor (Killeagh) and Miriam Deasy (Kilbrittan) adding depth to the panel. The main absentee is not a player but a

selector: Rose Mackey, who's expecting a baby.

It should on the face of it be Cork's day. Miriam Murphy, their chairman of selectors, is around too long to swallow that one. Over-confidence will not be a problem for the titleholders, she insists. Staleness might be.

"There's rarely been more than the puck of a ball between ourselves and Kilkenny down the years. But we put in an enormous effort last season, and some of our girls are going for their fourth All Ireland in five years. Thankfully our trainer Tom Nott, who used to be an under-age selector with the Cork hurlers, is extremely good, extremely enthusiastic and has put new life back into the panel."

Is this the real All Ireland? Many believe it is. Miriam Murphy is quick to say no. Wexford, she points out, have been there and thereabouts and will be energised by the example of the menfolk. The sound of Galway's rapping on the door has become louder and louder. Sooner or later, one of them have to step into the warmth.

Not before the old firm have another fling today, all the same.



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# Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

## Rebels and Cats meet in first semi-final

The first of the "Bord Na Gaeilge" All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals takes place on Sunday when arch rivals Cork (the holders and National League Champions) and Kilkenny face each other in what should be a sparkling contest. Cork will carry the tag of favourites to advance. Their outstanding form in the league shows that they are a sharp squad. They won all their games by large margins. This is their first major test in the senior championship. In their first outing Armagh proved poor little opposition. Kathleen Costine has proved to be an excellent 'keeper. Sandie Fitzgibbon is always in top form in defence. Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin are very experienced at centre field. Their forwards are sharp. Lynn Dunlea is their scoring ace.

The team plays with great consistency. Kilkenny are always hard to overcome. They got a bye in the first round and will be very determined to get the better of the Rebel County to reach their first final without Angela Downey. While Angela was a big influence on the team it is now down to her sister Ann, who is the most experienced player on the team and seldom has an off day in the number seven slot.

The Kilkenny squad is star studded and does not lack experience, parading players such as Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon, Brigid Mullaly and the Millea sisters Sinead and Tracey. Sinead played alongside Angela Downey and is well capable of picking off scores. It will be a tough tussle with little separating the sides at the final whistle.

Clare and Down meet in the Intermediate Championship semi-final. The Banner County are the holders and will be seeking their third title. They put up a good display in senior ranks against Wexford going under by just two points. They have prominent players in Sylvia and Sinead O'Brien, Moira McMahon, Noelle Cummins and Anne Keane.

Down gave a good account of themselves in the National league and had an overwhelming victory over Galway in the quarter-final of this competition. For many years they have been trying hard to make senior grade and hope that this is their year; with players such as Mairin McAleenan, Bonnie McGreevey, Coleen Hynds, Jennifer Branniff and Pauleen Green they should produce strong opposition for their opponents. However, the Banner County's experience at senior grade may see them into the final.

Meanwhile on Sunday a semi-final of the All-

Ireland junior championship is down for decision when Roscommon and Antrim cross swords in a repeat of last year's semi-final when the Connacht County won by the minimum score after a replay, 1-8 to 1-7.

This points to a close encounter once again. Roscommon had a 2-9 to 2-6 win over Galway in the Connacht final while Antrim had a 4-3 to 1-10 win over Tyrone in the Ulster final. Roscommon should be well assisted by Geraldine Carr, Liz Hanley, Mary Gannon, Hillary Hussey and Karina Jones.

Antrim have good performers in Elaine Dowds, Oonagh Elliott, Brona McCorry, Majella and Sinead McMullan.

However Roscommon are quietly confident of reaching the All-Ireland final for the second year.

St Laurence's Kildare are the Leinster junior club champions. They got the edge over Camross, Laois to take their first title in this final played at St Laurences. It was a game that produced plenty of flair and determination from both sides with little separating them at any time. St Laurence's played with a strong wind in their favour in the opening half and led 0-7 to 1-2 with the goal coming from Paula Mortimer.

The second half continued to be a ding dong battle. The vital score of the game came when Elaine Miley goaled for St Laurences and at the finish the Kildare champions had two points to spare.

Final score: St Laurence's 1-10 Camross 1-8.

Scorers: St Laurence's Elaine Miley 1-2, Aisling Treacy 0-3, Sharon Browne and Michelle Aspel 0-2 each. Ruth Treacy 0-1.

Camross: Trish Cuddy 0-6, Paula Mortimer 1-0, Sinead Cuddy and Mary Moore 0-1 each. Referee: Brendan Williams, Kilkenny.

Ulster Club Championship: Leitrim/Fontenoy's (Down) 7-13.

Mairin McAleenan 3-7, Rosaleen Cunningham 3-0, Bernie Kelly 1-2, Majella Murray and Caitriona McCrickard 0-2 each.

Eglis (Tyrone) 0-4 Leona Fay 0-2, Catherine Finnegan and Una Donnelly 0-1 each.

**FIXTURES FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 18th**  
"Bord na Gaeilge" All-Ireland senior championship semi-final:

At Pairc Ui Rinn Cork V Kilkenny 3pm

All-Ireland Junior Championship Semi-final  
Antrim V Roscommon at Loughgiel 2.30 pm

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi-final:  
Down V Clare at a Down venue.

## Kathleen Mills

**Kathleen Mills, Dublin camogie star. Born 1923; died August 1996**

IN that curious way that history has of throwing up parallels, it was perhaps ironic that the great Kathleen Mills should pass away the year after her modern-day equivalent, Angela Downey, retired from inter-county camogie.

Mills was a member, maybe the member of the phenomenal Dublin teams of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

She won her first All Ireland medal in 1942; her final medal tally amounted to an unequalled 15 All Irelands

and 20 Leinster championships.

It would have been more if she hadn't missed her country's 1949 victory.

Similarly, a dispute between Dublin and the Camogie association meant that her all-conquering team were kept out of the 1945 and 1946 competitions. She amassed numerous honours too with her club CIE (formerly GSR).

She also won two interprovincial awards with Leinster. She won the last of her 15 All Irelands in 1961 at the age of 38.

The magnitude of her achievement is reflected in the fact that her haul is unlikely ever to be equalled, let alone surpassed.

Most of the leading camogie medal-winners were team-mates of Mills in the great Dublin sides of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

Born in 1923 to a Dublin mother and a Cork father, Mills was a devastating left-winger who could strike long off both sides.

In his book *Hurling Giants*, Brendan Fullam describes her as "devastating. She was a

natural left-hander, right hand under—could strike left and right—could even take frees left or right.

"She had many deft touches, including a capacity to send sideline cuts over the bar. She was a speed merchant.

"Add to this her long striking—accurate distribution, excellent wrist work—and you had a player with a mix of skills rare in the hurling world".

Truly it can be said, *Ní bh-eidh a leithéid ann arís.*

John O'Brien



# Cork women's grit and steel sees them

Cork  
Kilkenny

1-13  
0-11

by Aolfe Kavanagh

CORK'S wonder-women pulled out all the stops and offered up a performance made from pure guts, determination and hunger at Pairc Uí Rinn in Cork yesterday to continue their direct route to the All-Ireland final.

The county's hurlers could do worse than take a leaf or two out of this display built, as it was, on a steely pursuit of victory.

"This was a brilliant team performance, all the girls can be proud of what they did today," said Cork captain Therese O'Callaghan.

After 60 minutes Cork's opponents Kilkenny were left wondering what they had to do to pierce this mammoth defence which withstood huge helpings of pressure in the final 30 minutes, all directed at goalmouth. While Cork had the edge on the Leinster visitors

throughout, their victory was sealed only minutes from the final whistle.

In fact, that whistle was the most familiar sound at the park yesterday as Waterford referee Marie Pollard behaved like a child with a new toy and insisted on disrupting play regularly throughout the sixty minutes. As a result this became a battle of the free-takers with just one goal and four points scored from play.

There was more than placed ball expertise to recommend this tussle though. Factors like huge performances from Cork's Vivienne Harris, goalie Kathleen Costine, Denise Cronin and Lynn Dunlea as well as Kilkenny's Sinead Millea, Gillian Dillon, Marina and Ann Downey.

Tense and tight the game began in true Kilkenny - Cork fashion with space a rare commodity. The sides toyed with their sticks until the sixth minute when one of the rare points from play went over after a three-woman move concluded in a tasteful

point from Kilkenny's Sinead Millea. Then, it was point for point until Cork edged ahead by two on the 26th minute and left a close, sticky first half three points in front.

At the start of the second, Cork's Kathleen Costine made the first of two crucial saves which kept her side en route for Croke Park. Ann Downey, out of the shadow of her twin following Angela's retirement, sent a high ball in, picking out her team mate Bridget Mulally. The corner-forward struck low and hard but there was no way past Cork's No.1 who flicked the ball away to temporary safety. Out of a skirmish in the corner then the ball danced across the goalmouth and had substitute Catherine Dunne connected, trouble was in store for Cork.

"Haunted" was the general consensus in the small but committed crowd. Having discovered where the Cork goal was Kilkenny then decided to concentrate their attentions on it. A foolish decision as it turned out. If the Noreiders had

stuck to the job of popping over points when given the chance then they could have been the ones heading to headquarters in September.

Instead their opponents made a mockery of their attempts as Vivienne Harris dropped a perfect pass to Lynn Dunlea who put it past the experienced Michelle Fennelly. This score, on the 29th minute secured a Cork victory but the game could have swayed in either side's favour until then. The winners now face either Galway or Wexford.

Scorers: Cork: Lynn Dunlea (1-6, 0-6 free), Fiona O'Driscoll (0-3, all free), Denise Cronin (0-3, 0-2 free), Vivienne Harris (0-1).  
Kilkenny: Sinead Millea (0-9, 0-7 free), Ann Downey (0-1, free), Marina Downey (0-1, free).  
CORK: K. Costine, E. Duggan, P. Groggin, S. Fitzpatrick, M. Finn, D. Cronin, V. Harris, T. O'Callaghan, L. O'Keefe, L. Mellerick, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll. Subs: M. O'Connell for Mellerick (17 mins).  
KILKENNY: M. Fennelly, T. Millea, S. Costelloe, G. Dillon, E. Kennedy, U. Murphy, M. Downey, C. Carey, A. Downey, S. Millea, B. Mulally, M. Maher. Subs: Catherine Dunne for Maher (28 mins), Sandra Gleeson for Mulally (20 mins).  
Ref: Marie Pollard (Waterford).

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## through to the final



Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon clears out of defence past Kilkenny's Sinead Miller in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Pairc Uí Rinn in Cork. Picture: Des Barry



Delight for the Cork subs' bench during their All-Ireland camogie semi-final match against Kilkenny at Pairc Uí Rinn, Cork. Picture: Des Barry

## Cork survive Cats scare

CORK.....1-13; KILKENNY.....0-11  
HOLDERS Cork had to fight all the way to gain victory over Kilkenny in this Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Pairc Uí Rinn yesterday.

The champions led 0-7 to 0-4 at the break, but Sinead Millea picked off some fine points to raise Kilkenny hopes until Cork's scoring ace Lynn Dunlea struck the vital goal.

SCORERS — Cork: L. Dunlea 1-6, D. Cronin 0-3, F. O'Driscoll 0-2, V. Harris, L. Mellerick 0-1 each. Kilkenny: S. Millea 0-9, A. Downey 0-3.

DOWN.....4-14; CLARE.....1-9  
HIGH-SCORING Down proved far superior than holders Clare in this All-Ireland intermediate semi-final at Castlewellan yesterday.

SCORERS — Down: M. McAleenan 1-11, V. Hynds 2-2, J. Branniff 1-1. Clare: S. O'Brien 0-4, T. Moloney 1-0, S. O'Brien 0-2, A. Keane, M. Collins, N. Connolly 0-1 each.

All-Ireland Junior semi-final — at Loughgall: Roscommon 2-7 (C. Jones 0-5, G. Carr, M. Healy 1-0 each; C. Connaughton, H. Hulse 0-1 each); Antrim 1-10 (E. Dowd 1-3, D. O'Shaughnessy 0-4, G. McGarry, G. McMillan, M. Barry 0-1 each).



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"We knew it was never going to be easy" - O'Callaghan

# Cork win a tough, and close encounter

"After this, I hope it is going to be third time lucky for me," said a relieved and delighted Therese O'Callaghan yesterday.

Cork advanced to the All-Ireland senior camogie final at the expense of arch rivals Kilkenny.

The final score at the ending of a pulsating game at Christy Ring Park yesterday was 1-13 to 0-11, and gave a somewhat distorted picture of an encounter that at times led to torrid exchanges.

Cork captain Therese, relaxing with the other players after the game, admitted it was very tough and very close.

"We knew it was never going to be easy

## As Therese hopes to make it third time lucky

By T. P. O'MAHONY

against Kilkenny. And they made us fight all the way. But even though we struggled at times, I always felt we had the edge."

### Outcome

Cork must now await the outcome of the second semi-final next Sunday between Galway and Wexford see who their opponents

will be next month in Croke Park.

But this time Therese is determined to lead the Leesiders to victory. "Having put Kilkenny behind us, I don't want any slip ups at the final hurdle - and we have shown that we are good enough to do it."

Twice before the girl who works in the Central Statistics Office in Mahon has captained Cork in an All-Ireland final, and on both occasions they failed to lift the O'Duffy Cup.

"This time I want my dream to come through."

Neither Wexford nor Galway will be easy, but there is a steely determination about this Cork side, and it was their salvation yesterday.

### Quality

Linda Mellerick, who had a disappointing game, agreed. "I think it was the never-say-die quality of this team which saw us through."

The goal from Glen star Lynn Dunlea which put matters beyond Kilkenny's reach only came in the dying moments of a thrilling game.

But Linda was convinced Cork were not going to be caught - unlike two years ago when they allowed Kilkenny to overhaul a sizeable lead in the 1994 semi-final, played in Ballinlough.



Cork captain Therese O'Callaghan tries to block a clearance by Kilkenny's Una Murphy in the All Ireland senior camogie semi-final.

Picture: Des Barry

"I think even if Lynn hadn't scored that goal, we would still have won," said Linda.

Matters were so close, though (Cork led by 0-7 to 0-4 at the break), that Cork never really had a sufficient margin to allow them to relax.

"On paper we had a great forward line-up, but on the day we didn't deliver. It was our backs who kept us in it," said Linda.

"The trouble with Kilkenny is that they make us nervous, and we make them nervous, and that tends to be reflected in the pattern of play. Marking was very tight, and every ball was contested, and on the day the two sets of backs dominated."

The difference was Lynn Dunlea, though the young teacher admitted that she would have been a lot happier if her decisive goal

came earlier in the game.

"If I had been able to find the net earlier, it would have taken a lot of the pressure off us."

"The problem was that we could never stretch our lead beyond four points, and Kilkenny kept coming back at us."

### Danger

"They scored first, but once we got back on terms and then took the lead, we never lost it. The danger was that we never had a big enough margin to see them off."

Not until that vital goal, which came from a move initiated by Vivienne Harris of Bishopstown, one of the Cork stars on the day, did the game pass out of Kilkenny's reach.

Goalkeeper Kathleen Costine made two great saves for Cork in the

second-half, and Denise Cronin, last year's captain, knocked over two long-range points at crucial stages.

Ann Downey and Sinead Millea did sterling work for Kilkenny, but the outstanding player on the day was Sandie Fitzgibbon.

In her role as sweeper at the heart of the Cork defence, she thwarted Kilkenny again and again, and but for her the result might have been very different.

The great Kilkenny star, Angela Downey, travelled with the squad, but was not included in the panel - an indication that her long and distinguished inter-county career is finally over.

Afterwards, she admitted it had been close. "We got our chances, and it is a game we could have won. Now it's up to Cork."

## Dunlea delight as Cork advance

By AOIFE KAVANAGH

GOALSCORER and ace attacker Lynn Dunlea celebrated victory with her team mates in a jubilant Cork dressing room at Paire Uí Rinn yesterday.

"We were very keyed up for this, it was tight the whole way through but we came through it," Lynn said.

Asked if she was relieved arch rivals Kilkenny were now out of the picture as the side geared up for an All Ireland final, the corner forward said, "We had to meet them at some stage, to be honest it didn't matter to us when that was, we were going to give it everything whenever that was."

This was a game can could so easily have swung either way right down until the last minute when Cork forward Lynn Dunlea sealed victory with a goal.

### Close

The closeness of the battle made victory all the sweeter and the Cork girls revelled in defeating their old rivals as they continued the defence of their title.

"That really is a monkey off my back now," Therese O'Callaghan beamed, referring to her last two outings against Kilkenny as captain.

The Leesiders are no longer her bogey team.

"Right girls, that's half a job you've done out there today," said team manager Tom Nott, bringing his side swiftly down to earth minutes after the final whistle.

"Now we have to get it right so that we go all the way."

The team "did everything that was asked of them today, it was great," the jubilant coach declared.

Tom Nott's advice to his squad was "enjoy yourselves tonight, you deserve it, but then we will knuckle down and get ready to finish the job."

This was a game less marked by individual performances than an overall steely team display.

## Clare lose their camogie crown

CLARE lost their All-Ireland Intermediate camogie crown - 4-14 to 1-9 - in yesterday's semi-final in Castlewellan.

Down dominated the game throughout and a superb individual goal from Down Captain, Mairin McAleenan, secured victory.



# Galway girls edge out rivals Tipperary in minor final thriller

**GALWAY....3-16 :: TIPPERARY....4-11**

FOLLOWING the drama of the last three weeks, the Galway minor camogie team recorded their sixth All-Ireland victory when they defeated Tipperary in Semple Stadium on Sunday. Galway, having overcome Wexford in the replay, travelled to Thurles to take on a strong and fancied home team, but it was the grit, determination and overall will to win of the Galway girls which saw them through.

This was a highly entertaining game watched by one of the largest crowds yet to attain a minor camogie final and the large Galway following was not disappointed as both teams served up an extremely exciting and committed encounter.

Galway, playing with wind advantage in the first-half, were quick off the mark and within 19 minutes they led by 2-6 to Tipperary's 1-2. Galway's goals coming from Sandra Tannian, who doubled on a fine cross from midfielder Therese Maher, and the second a free from Colette Nevin which went all the way to the back of the Tipperary net.

The points came from a Michelle Glynn long range free, Sandra Tannian from play and Colette Nevin, two from play and two from frees. Tipperary's goal and two points (frees) were scored by Catriona Hennessy.

Before half-time Tipperary added another three points, two from Hennessy and one from Emer McDonnell. Galway replied with two excellent scores, a pointed long range free from the in-form Glynn and a delightful effort from the extremely skilful Sandra Tannian, leaving the half-time score Galway 2-8, Tipperary 1-5.

Galway, facing a stiff breeze in the second half, got down to business right away and three pointed frees from the ever-accurate Colette Nevin gave her team a nine point lead but as expected the Tipperary revival started. First a long ball from Sheena Howard dipped into the top corner of the net, with two further pointed frees from Hennessy seeing the Galway lead diminish.

However Galway's never say die attitude continued with points from Michelle Glynn and two fine effort from Paula Carrick. Tipperary replied again with 1-1, the goal coming from Siobhan Ryan and the point from Catriona Hennessy.

However with only minutes remaining and Tipperary starting a strong comeback enter Galway's captain and top scorer Colette Nevin, who got on the end of an excellent pass from substitute Ailbhe Kelly, rounded her marker and crashed the ball to the back of the Tipperary net leaving five points between the teams.

But the excitement was not over yet—Catriona

Hennessy pointed a free to leave four points between the teams. Colette Nevin replied with a point before a last minute goal from Tipperary's Joanne Ryan which wasn't enough to deny Galway.

This was a fitting final following Galway's exciting championship games to-date and having overcome two of the strongest teams in the competition, this was a well and truly deserved victory. A complete panel effort from day one, this victory was fashioned over months of hard and committed training.

On the day Galway had excellent displays from Cathy O'Rourke, Colette Deely, Therese Maher, Michelle Glynn, Sandra Tannian and Paula Carrick while captain Colette Nevin also turned in a fine display and ended up with a personal tally of 2-7.

Galway: A Connolly, C. O'Rourke, C. Deely, L. Murphy, S. Cullinane, V. Sweeney, M. Glynn 0-4, R. Maher, P. Carrick 0-2, L. Kavanagh 0-1, S. Tannian 1-2, C. Nevin 2-7.

Subs: A. Kelly for L. Kavanagh, S. Ward, V. Tracey, A. Lane, M. Meehan, S. Regan, M. Mahoney, S. Cummins, S. Hardiman, A. Brennan, M. Flannery, E. Kerins, M. Corcoran.

Trainer-Manager: Colette Kennedy; Selectors: Dermot Connolly and Jackie O'Brien.



**CHAMPIONS . . .** The Galway minor camogie team which won the All-Ireland title at Thurles on Sunday. Back row, left to right: Jackie Brien (selector), Colette Kennedy (manager), Aoife Connolly, Mary Flannery, Susan Regan, Mairead Mahoney, Colette Deely, Therese Maher, Valerie Treacy, Michelle Glynn, Shauna Ward, Veronica Sweeney, Maria Corcoran, Ailbhe Kelly, Lourda Kavanagh. Front row: Sandra Tannian, Cathy O'Rourke, Lorraine Murphy, Siobhan Hardiman, Aisling Brennan, Aoife Lane, Paula Carrick, Colette Nevin (captain), Siobhan Cummins, Mairead Meehan, Elaine Kearns, Sarah Cullinane, Dermot Connolly (selector).



**GALWAY** captain Colette Nevin with the All-Ireland minor camogie trophy, after her team's defeat of Tipperary last Sunday.



Maeve Ryan (Ballygarvan), Amy Collins (Carrigaline) overall winner, and Catherine Holland, (Ballinhassig), winners of the South East U11 camogie skill competition in Ballygarvan recently.



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# Well versed Cork drown young cats

Cork ..... 1-13  
Kilkenny ..... 0-11

KILKENNY travelled to Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday in confident mood to take on the All-Ireland and National League champions, Cork in the all-Ireland senior camogie semi-final. Unfortunately, a lack of strength around the field and a disastrous slip in concentration in the closing pulsating minutes cost the Cats a great chance of returning to the final in September.

Despite having chased the game for most of the hour, Kilkenny found themselves a point adrift with two minutes remaining in an absorbing contest.

It seemed Kilkenny might just force a draw when the Cork girls took full advantage of poor defending. A 30 was conceded when the ball might have been cleared. Lynn Dunlea made no mistake with the conversion.

Immediately, Michelle Fennelly's puckout should have been gathered in mid-field. Instead, young Viv Harris won possession and raced straight at the Kilkenny defence. Defenders stood off for a moment, and by the time the challenge came, Harris passed to Linda Dunlea, who made no mistake from close range. The game had dramatically gone beyond Kilkenny's reach.

The first half had been a relatively lacklustre affair, with neither side willing to charge full bloodedly into the fray. Kilkenny opened well with a Sinéad Millea point, but for all the possession driven towards the forwards, they were well contained by an excellent Cork defence in which full-back Eithne Enright was outstanding.

The sides were level by the 23rd minute. Kilkenny's points coming from their best forward by far, Sinéad Millea and the third a fine effort by Marina Downey.

## Taking control

However, the Leesiders were beginning to take control at midfield where captain Therese O'Callaghan was putting in tremendous work with first time striking. Sandy Fitzgibbon was clearing brilliantly. The continuing supply of good ball to the forwards found its reward with four fine points in the run up to half-time, two from Fiona O'Driscoll and two excellent long range frees scored by Denise Cronin.

Yet, at the interval, this game was there to be won if Kilkenny could shore up midfield. The problems were becoming more alarming as the game progressed. Catherine Dunne's introduction after 25 minutes improved the attack, in which Sinéad Millea had received little support during that first half.

Both sides seemed to find fresh ideas and energy for the second half which proved to be a cracking good spell of camogie, despite the efforts of referee Marie Pollard to interrupt play constantly. Kilkenny fell four points behind in the second minute to a Lynn Dunlea score.

Brigid Mullaly was foiled at the other end by a brilliant save from Kathleen Costine in the Cork goal. Five minutes later the Cork goalie again saved superbly, when she pushed away Catherine Dunne's goal bound shot. Kilkenny missed two glorious chances to gain parity. As the half wore on, it was clear that a goal by either side would effectively decide the issue.

Sinéad Millea continued to probe and test the Cork defence, well assisted by a magnificent Gillian Dillon at centre-back. But Cork's lead remained at three points until the 20th minute. Finally, the scores began to flow for the Kilkenny forwards, two

points from frees by Sinéad Millea and one from a placed ball by Ann Downey.

## A win possible

Kilkenny were in a position where winning the game had become a distinct possibility, through they had not really controlled the match at any stage. Cork's better balanced side were able, throughout the hour, to make those vital switches around the field to improve the team's effectiveness, while too often, Kilkenny, despite much shuffling of the forces, seemed unable to gain control.

There was no doubting the heart, but the flair was on the Cork side and players like Eithne Duggan, Paula Goggins, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan and Lynn Dunlea tormented a young Kilkenny.

Best for the Cats were Michelle Fennelly in goal, Sinéad Costello, who got in much work at corner-back, Gillian Dillon, superb at centre-back, young Cairiona Carey who might have benefited more by a switch to a central position and a gallant Sinéad Millea, who finished with nine points.

Perhaps that statistic tells most about a day when Kilkenny fought hard and bravely, but failure to score a goal at the crucial time cost them dearly.

**Kilkenny:** Michelle Fennelly, Sinéad Costello, Una Murphy, Tracey Millea, Marina Downey (0-1), Gillian Dillon, Cairiona Carey, Esther Kennedy, Ann Downey (0-1), Sinéad Millea (0-9.6f), Brigid Mullaly, Martina Maher, Sub: Catherine Dunne, Sandra Gleeson.

**Cork:** Kathleen Costine, Eithne Duggan, Paula Goggins, Mags Dinn, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin (0-3f), Viv Harris, Therese O'Callaghan, Irene O'Keefe, Linda Meilerick, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll, Sub: M. O'Connor.

Referee: Marie Pollard (Waterford).

## Superb victory for Cork



■ Cork's Camogie team who defeated Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi final at Páirc Uí Rinn. (Pic: M. English)

Cork 1-13  
Kilkenny 0-11

## Going For Double

Cork kept on course to retain their All-Ireland title when they had a superb victory over arch rivals Kilkenny on Sunday last. Leading at half time 0-7 to 0-4 Cork continued to press in the second half. However, with play constantly pulled up for frees to both sides the game never developed into a free flowing one.

Cork travel to Kildare on Sunday to contest the Junior All-Ireland Semi-Final and will be hoping to make it to Croke Park on September 22nd and ensure a double.

The Cork Juniors are coached by Denis Dineen from the Ballinora Club and having won an excellent Munster Championship after a

side, they will be a strong tough side who are determined to go all the way this year. It will take a mighty effort from Cork to pull off a win, however with the determination they displayed in the Munster Final Kildare would write them off at their peril.

In the Senior County Final on Wednesday night County Champions Glen Rovers take on Imokilly. Imokilly last won the title in 1975 whilst Glen Rovers are going for their seventh title in a row. They have excellent players in Cork Captain Therese O'Callaghan, Lynn Dunlea and Trisha Murphy, whilst youngsters Karen Riordan, Emma Harte and Orla Murphy have blended in well in their first year at Senior level.

Imokilly can call on experienced players from the East Cork Club and have top class players in Breda Kenny, Liz Dunphy, Kathleen Costine, Mary O'Connor all inter county players, they will give the Glen a tough hour if they are to retain their title. It promises to be an exciting final.

## Fixtures

**Friday 23rd August**  
JBC At Glen, Glen Rovers V Grenagh, 7.15p.m.

**Saturday 24th August**  
JBC At Mayfield, Mayfield V Bishopstown, 7 p.m.; at Ballygarvan, Ballygarvan V Cloyne, 7p.m.; at St. Finbarrs, St. Finbarrs V Newcestown, 7 p.m.; at Cobh, Cobh V Sarsfields, 7 p.m.; at St. Vincents, St. Vincents V Youghal, 7 p.m.

**U14 L Quarter Finals**  
At Killeagh, Killeagh V Na Piarasigh; at Carrigtwohill, Carrigtwohill V St. Fanahans; at Douglas, Douglas V Watergrasshill, 4.45p.m.

**Sunday 25th August**  
All Ireland Junior Semi-Final  
At Kildare, Cork V Kildare, 1 p.m.  
JBC At Delaneys, Delaneys V Valley Rovers, 11.30 a.m.; at St. Fanahans, St. Fanahans V Erins Own 12 noon.

**Fixture**  
**Wednesday 28th August**  
At Páirc Uí Rinn, Senior County Final Imokilly V Glen Rovers at 7 p.m.



■ Cork's Lynn Dunlea in a race for possession with a Kilkenny defender during the All Ireland semi final at Páirc Uí Rinn. (Pic: M. English)

Kilkenny had brought a four point Cork lead down to one with three members remaining however in stepped Lynn Dunlea who was fouled going through and popped the resulting free over to put two points between the sides again. Viv Harris won a ball at centre field which she carried into the heart of the Kilkenny defence under pressure she lost the ball but managed to flick to Dunlea who blasted to the net to finish the game.

hectic struggle with All-Ireland Champions Limerick which went to extra time the girls are fired up and ready for Sunday's encounter.

Leonie Nolan will once again be expected to guard the goal with Eileen Buckley, Hilda Kenneally, Sinéad O'Callaghan and team captain Antoinette O'Connell all experienced campaigners lining out.

Kildare are fielding their first team as they do not have a senior



# Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Wexford and Galway clash on Sunday in the "Bord na Gaeilge" All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final at Loughrea, 3pm. This should be a good tussle between two sides hungry for an All-Ireland which Wexford last won in 1975; Galway have yet to achieve that honour. In recent years both counties have been to the fore. Wexford reached the All-Ireland final in '92 and '94, going under to Cork and Kilkenny respectively. Galway contested the '93 decider against Cork. The last time the sides met in the championship was the '94 semi-final which Wexford won 3-14 to 2-5.

In this year's quarter-finals, Wexford had two points to spare over Clare, 3-9 to 2-10. They had not a very impressive run in the league. However, Christy Jacobs' charges have sharpened up since. Stella Synott, Paula Rankin, Geraldine Codd, Liz Murphy and Esme Murphy are playing very well and can cause lots of problems for their opponents.

Galway go into this encounter favourites. They accounted for Dublin in the quarter-final, 1-24 to 3-10. Sharon Glynn can be a match winner if she strikes form on the day. A player with great speed who covers a lot of ground, she is sure to get good assistance from Denise Gilligan, Imelda Hobbins, Gretta Maher, Martina Harkin and the Broderick sisters, Ann and Olivia. It should be a good contest. Galway look set to make it to the final.

In the Intermediate Championship semi-final, Limerick make the journey north to take on Armagh. This is Limerick's first year in this grade. They are sure to meet with stiff opposition from the Orchard County. However Limerick are in top form and had a convincing win over last year's finalists Tipperary in the quarter-final. Eamon Cregan's charges look set to shake the Orchard County. With players such as Helen Clifford McCarthy, Pauline McCarthy, Ann Lennihan, Vera Sheehan and Kay Burke they are a formidable force. Nevertheless, Armagh will be no pushover. They are always hard to overcome on home ground. They will be hoping for a good performance from

Ursula McGivern, Mary Black, Bernie McBride, Colette Byrne and Donna McCusker to see them through. This one should go down to the wire.

Meanwhile Kildare host Cork in a junior semi-final encounter. This points to an exciting affair between what looks to be two evenly matched sides. Kildare bowed out at the corresponding hurdle last year. Cork have not figured in the Junior Championship since 1987. It should be a ding dong battle with little separating the sides at the finish.

Galway are the All-Ireland Minor champions having got the better of Tipperary in a cracking final played at Semple Stadium. Galway took their chances better in the opening half and after 17 minutes led 2-5 to 0-2. Tipperary showed great character and fought their way into the game with 1-3 to leave the half time score, Galway 2-8 Tipperary 1-5.

In the first five minutes of the final half, Galway had taken a nine point lead. However, a goal by Shenna Howard and two points by Caitriona Hennessy reduced the deficit to four points, with eight minutes remaining. Galway's scoring ace Colette Nevin was wreaking havoc as Galway once again stretched their lead. A great goal by Tipperary's Joanne Ryan in time added on left two points separating the sides at the final whistle.

Final Score - Galway 3-16 Tipperary 4-11

Scorers - Galway - Colette Nevin 2-7, Sandra Tannian 1-2, Michelle Glynn 0-4, Lourda Kavanagh, Paula Carrick and Veronica Sweeney 0-1 each.

Tipperary - Caitriona Hennessy 1-10, Shenna Howard, Siobhan Ryan and Joanne Ryan 1-0 each, Veronica Sweeney 0-1.



The whole camogie world was greatly saddened by the death recently of the legendary Kathleen Mills, one of the game's greatest exponents.

The death occurred suddenly on Monday, August 12th at her residence, Inchicore, Dublin of camogie legend Kathleen Mills. Kathleen made history by winning a record 15 All-Ireland Senior Championship medals with Dublin. Kay, as she was affectionately known, won her first All-Ireland medal in 1942 after defeating Cork in the replay of the first drawn All-Ireland final and recorded her historic 15th in 1961. She then retired from inter-county fare.

During that era, Kay won three in a row ('42 to '44), seven in a row ('50 to '56), four in a row ('58 to '61). In 1948 CIE Club of which she was a prominent member, represented the capital in the All-Ireland championship and won the O'Duffy Cup. Kay was captain on one occasion, 1958. Kay won Gael Linn medals with Leinster, as a member of the first inter-provincial in 1956 and again in '58. She also won numerous Dublin Championship and League honours.

One of the most accomplished centre-field players of all time, Kay was also a great athlete and won many events on the track.

Married to George Hill, she was always known as the great Kathleen Mills. In her early seventies, she was a lady of quiet disposition, who loved to talk about the game but never boasted about her achievements.

The Camogie Association mourns the passing of this great lady whose achievements may never be equalled.

Ar Dheis Dhe go raibh an Anam.

## Wexford and Galway meeting in Senior semi-final

# Barryroe beat Ballinora by a nose in camogie semi-final

## Bernie McGrath was the central figure in defence for losers

Barryroe 1-5  
Ballinora 1-4

BALLINORA goalkeeper Bernie McGrath was the central figure in this recent county intermediate camogie championship semi final clash at a well-appointed Newcestown venue.

Along with full back Enda Dineen, she had helped the losers to defy Barryroe's best and a different result looked on until Ms McGrath got injured just before the final whistle. Ironically the time added on for attention to their star player allowed Barryroe's Geraldine Collins to produce not one but two points to send the seariders into the decider - after it appeared all was lost when Ballinora went a point clear late on in a titanic struggle.

Despite having most of the play a single point was all Barryroe had to show for their

second half efforts in normal time - and this was negated when Enda Dineen pointed a 30 to level for the losers four minutes from full time.

Then the losers' outstanding full back, who had just switched outfield, placed Grace Cantillon for another point to put Ballinora in front and Barryroe's hopes looked to have disappeared with the sinking sun.

Then, in making one of a number of courageous saves, Bernie McGrath was injured - and in stoppage time, Geraldine Collins flicked over a lovely point to leave matters all square again.

Following her recovery Bernie McGrath denied Barryroe, and particularly Michelle Fleming, twice more - but just when it appeared they would hold out for a draw, the losers were struck down by Geraldine Collins

point from a 30. It was a dramatic finish to a game that throbbed with excitement all through after Ballinora's "Mags" Collins had propelled her side into a second minute lead with an opportunist goal.

Despite their best efforts, the losers' attack was thereafter kept well in check by a Barryroe defence in which full back Ann Sheehy played steadily. Behind her, Colette Cahalane took a while to settle and made one vital second-half save, from Grace Cantillon, to help Barryroe stay in the game.

They managed to contain the losers to just two points for the duration of an opening half in which Geraldine Collins' ninth-minute goal put the winners back on track. It was level at the break, at 1-2 apiece, and after this the powerful play of Michelle Fleming helped Barryroe sustain the pressure.

However the losers' defence refused to yield. With Kay Fitton, Val O'Driscoll and Grace Cantillon all trying hard, Ballinora kept plugging away and when they eased in front it looked as if they might just hold on.

However, the move of Josephine Cahalane outfield in a direct swap with Michelle Fleming put the Ballinora side under renewed pressure - and, fittingly, it was ace sharp-shooter Geraldine Collins who advanced the winners' cause in the hectic closing exchanges.

Scorers - Barryroe: Geraldine Collins 1-4, M Fleming 0-1  
Ballinora: M O'Brien 1-0, G Cantillon 0-2, S McCarthy, E Dineen 0-1  
BARRYROE: C Cahalane, D Collins, A Sheehy, L McCarthy, D Walsh, P O'Leary, E O'Regan, E McCarthy, M Fleming, G Collins, M O'Regan, J Cahalane Sub - J Keohane  
BALLINORA: B McGrath, J Murphy, E Dineen, B Murphy, C Sheehy, K Fitton, S O'Connor, V O'Driscoll, C Connolly, G Cantillon, S McCarthy, M O'Brien  
Referee: Eleanor Kennelly, Newcestown



# CAMOGIE COMMENT

By  
Mary Moran

**W**e are halfway through the championship season and so far results have been according to form. With the possible exception of Tyrone taking the Ulster Junior Championship title, there has been no real surprises.

Munster are enjoying a great season. To date they have captured the Ashbourne Cup, the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship, National Senior League, National Junior League, Gael-Linn Interprovincial Senior and Junior and Feile na nGael Division I and II titles. For good measure, they still have an interest in All-Ireland senior, intermediate, junior and minor championships.

Cork retained their National Senior League title without undue pressure. Former minors Mary O'Connor and Miriam Deasy were given an opportunity to stake permanent places on the team. They performed satisfactorily which creates competition for places.

Cork ran up a huge score in the quarter-final of the Open Draw against Armagh. Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll combined delightfully to work and execute scores. The champions realise only too well that the opposition from here on will be much more formidable.

Old rivals Kilkenny are next on the list for Cork. It will be interesting to see how the Noreiders perform without their star player of the past decade, Angela Downey. Will she be sorely missed or will the other Kilkenny forwards come into their own now that they have to accept responsibility?

Galway will face Wexford in the second semi-final of the Open Draw. Galway scored 1-24 against Dublin

*Angela Downey (right), the outstanding camogie player of her generation. It will be interesting to see how Kilkenny cope with the loss of their recently retired star*



but their selectors must be concerned that their defence conceded 3-10. On the other hand, Dublin put up a good show and should do well in the Intermediate Championship.

Wexford were hard pressed by Clare and only had two points to spare despite home advantage. I fancy Galway to reach the final. Galway contested the final of the National Senior League where they matched Cork for much of the game. However, their fitness on that occasion was not up to standard and they ran out of steam in the final quarter. A well prepared Galway team would be a match for any other side around.

The Intermediate Championship which was set up to bridge the gap between the junior and senior grades has provided some great matches. Antrim, Down, Dublin, Tipperary and Clare will vie for honours in this grade and, at this stage, it is difficult to pick a winner.

Tyrone who last held the Ulster Junior Championship title in 1980, were deserving winners of the current campaign. Kildare retained the Leinster Junior Championship title, their eight success since 1981.

The Cork Juniors regained the Munster Junior Championships title which they last held in 1993. It was indicative of the strength of Limerick camogie that the Shannonsiders were able to field a second string which

almost lifted the title for the second year in succession. Limerick fielded six of the St. Mary's, Charleville side which won the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship earlier in the year. Cork have high hopes of overcoming London in the quarter-final and reaching the semi-final of the Junior Championship.

Ulster pushed Munster very hard in the Gael-Linn interprovincial championship. The Northern players produced some excellent camogie and were unlucky not to have at least one title for their efforts. The dismal showing of the Leinster teams in the competition was a talking point. The usual motivation and will to win seemed to be lacking.

Tipperary continue their great run in the All-Ireland Minor Championship. They have qualified for their sixth All-Ireland final since 1989 and have their name on the cup three times. The current side captained by Catriona Hennessy and including Emily Hayden, Eimear McDonnell, Joanne Ryan, Sinead O'Sullivan and Sheena Howard will take some beating. Galway held champions Wexford to a draw and will have the benefit of home advantage for the replay.

In the next month or so the main prizes of the season will be up for grabs. With the teams that are in the running for honours, there will be plenty of great camogie to look forward to.

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ON Sunday, Cork juniors travel to Kildare for All-Ireland semi-final. They will be hoping to make it a Cork double on September 22 at Croke Park as the seniors are already through to the final.

Kildare last won the title in 1988 while Cork's last won in 1984. Since then they have been at the receiving end of defeats by Galway and Limerick over the years.

Cork have lost the services of Mary O'Connor who came on to the senior team last weekend as a substitute.

In the junior B championship there are plenty of games to be decided.

## Cork juniors bid for double date

Champions Glen Rovers defend their County title when they take on Imokilly at Paire Uí Rinne.

The Glen have been County Champions for last six years and are going for a record seven in a row.

Captained by inter county player Linda Mellerick, they have excellent players in Sandie Fitzgibbon, Lynn Dunlea and Cork senior captain Therese O'Callaghan.

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This year they introduced three new players to their team, and the youngsters have performed admirably. Emma Harte daughter of Glen stalwart Patsy Harte, goalkeeper Orla Murphy, who has Ashbourne Cup experience with UCC, and Cork minor Karen Riordan.

The Glen also introduced Yvonne McCarthy against Fr

O'Neills and youngster Hilda Dunlea against Bishopstown and both will be pushing for inclusion on the side.

Imokilly will draw players from the East Cork division and have Inter County stars in Breda Kenny, Kathleen Costine, Mary O'Connor, Sinead Cahalane.

They are a strong side, defeating Muskerry and Seandun on the way to the final. They have a host of experience on their side and it

would be no surprise to see them take the title.

### FIXTURES

#### TOMORROW

Junior "B" Championship - Mayfield v Bishopstown at Mayfield 7 p.m.; Ballygarvan v Cloyne at Ballygarvan 7 p.m. (Ref: Carrigrohilly); Cobh v Sarsfields at Cobh 7 p.m. (Ref: Carrigrohilly); St. Vincent's v Youghal at St. Vincent's 7 p.m.

U14 League quarter-finals - Killeagh v Na Flar-saigh, at Killeagh 3 p.m. (Ref: Fr. O'Neill); Carrigrohilly v St. Fanahans at Carrigrohilly (Ref: Erins Own) 3 p.m.; Douglas v Watergrasshill at Douglas 6.45 p.m. (Ref: Brian Dillon).

#### SUNDAY

U14 League quarter-finals - Delany's v Valley At Delany's 11.30 a.m. (Ref: Glen Rovers); St. Fanahans v Erins Own at St. Fanahans 12 noon (Ref: Kildor-erry); Fr. O'Neill v St. Catherine's at Fr. O'Neill's 12 noon (Ref: Killeagh).

All-Ireland Junior Semi-Final Cork v Kildare, Kildare 1 p.m.



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# Wedding Bells



■ St. Finbarrs Camogie Star Fiona O'Sullivan, Earlwood Estate was married to Niall O'Donnell, Portarlinton at Lough Church. Her club mates formed a Guard of Honour for them after the ceremony. (Pic: Michael English)

## Galway out to settle the score

**GALWAY** will have a chance to avenge their defeat two years ago when they take on Wexford in Sunday's Bord Na Gaelge All-Ireland semi-final in Loughrea writes PJ Fulham.

It should be an engaging tussle between two sides hungry for a crack at Cork in the final on September 22. Galway have built a strong squad since their '94 defeat and have a real leader in Sharon Glenn whose strength and mobility should cause Wexford problems.

Galway had a 1-24 to 3-10 victory over Dublin in the quarter-final while Wexford had just two points to spare over Clare. However, with the upbeat mood in the county at present, Wexford can be expected to be well fired up and they will be looking to Stella Synnott, Paula Rankin, Fiona Dunne and Geraldine Codd to see them through.

In the All-Ireland Intermediate semi-final Limerick travel to take on Armagh. This is Limerick's first year in this grade and they are sure to meet with stiff opposition from the Orchard county.

**SUNDAY** — Bord na Gaelge All-Ireland SC semi-final: Galway v Wexford 3.0, Loughrea. All-Ireland IC semi-final: Armagh v Limerick 1.0, Ballymacnab. All-Ireland JC semi-final: Kildare v Cork 1.30, Sarsfields, Newbridge.



Imokilly camogie team who play Glen Rovers in the County Final on Wednesday next.

Picture: Eddie O'Riordan

## EAST CORK

the battle of the Carrigs by defeating Carrignavar by 3-12 to 1-8 in the second round of the JBHC.

St. Catherine's upset the form book by winning the MBHC title, proving too strong for Aghada at Lisgoold.

The same venue hosts an attractive U-21 hurling championship this evening, when

Midleton and Erin's Own attempt to rescue their seasons.

All eyes will be on Imokilly hurlers tomorrow night when they take on Na Piarsaigh in the Cork County Senior Hurling semi-final at Paire Uí Chaoimh.

**FIXTURES THIS EVENING**  
JBFC. Cobh v Lisgoold, Midleton, 7 p.m. Co. JBFC Gortroe v Russell Rovers, Castlemartyr, 7 p.m. U-21 HC. Midleton v

Erin's Own, Lisgoold, 7 p.m. **TOMORROW**

JBFC. Glenbrower Rovers v Glenville, Ballynoe, 12 noon. MFC. Castlelyons v Fr. O'Neill's, Caherlag, 2.30. Co. JBHC Carrignavar v Ballinacurra, Riverstown, 2.30.

**MONDAY**  
JBHC. Castlemartyr v Fr. O'Neill's, Pilmore, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
MFC. Aghada v Castlemartyr, Cloyne, 7 p.m.



## camogie final

Cork  
Kildare

2-9  
1-8

AN outstanding second-half display against the home side by Mary Kennefick sent Cork into the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Sarsfields, near Newbridge, yesterday.

Wind-assisted Kildare quickly took control early in the first half with three unanswered points followed by a goal. Linda O'Sullivan kicked the ball to the net for Cork's first goal in the 28th minute but Kildare led by 1-6 to 1-3 at

half time. Cork took a three-point lead when Kennefick converted five free and pointed from play early in the second half.

Kildare's first score of the second half arrived in the 48th minute — but O'Sullivan had already added a second goal and Cork went through to a final meeting with either Roscommon or Antrim.

Scorers — Cork: M Kennefick 0-8, L O'Sullivan 2-0, S O'Callaghan 0-1. Kildare: A Treacy 0-4, E Murray 1-0, M Malone 0-3, M Aspell 0-1.

### CAMOGIE

INTERMEDIATE C'SHIP SEMI-FINAL  
LIMERICK.....4-10 ARMAGH.....2-4

IMPRESSIVE Limerick proved too strong for Armagh in this All-Ireland intermediate semi-final at Ballymacnab yesterday. A goal by Pauline McCarthy two minutes before half time gave Limerick a 1-8 to 0-2 lead at the break. Early in the second half Armagh had cut the gap to four points, but a goal from Eileen O'Brien secured victory.

Limerick: E O'Brien 2-3, P McCarthy 1-4, V Sheehan 1-0, K Burke 0-2, B O'Brien 0-1. Armagh: B McBride 1-1, A Kearney 1-0, M Black 0-2, C Byrne 0-1.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL  
CORK.....2-9 KILDARE.....1-8

AN outstanding second half display by Mary Kennefick helped Cork into the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Newbridge yesterday. Kildare led by 1-6 to 1-3 at half-time, but Kennefick converted five free and pointed from play early in the second half to put Cork ahead. Lucinda O'Sullivan wrapped matters up with her second goal in the 48th minute. Cork meet either Roscommon or Antrim in the final.

Cork: M Kennefick 0-8, L O'Sullivan 2-0, S O'Callaghan 0-1. Kildare: A Treacy 0-4, E Murray 1-0, M Malone 0-3, M Aspell 0-1.

## Galway senior camogie side chase final place

THE Galway senior camogie team take on Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final in

Loughrea next Sunday (3.00 p.m.). The Galway girls will have it all to do as they

endeavour to reach their second ever All-Ireland final, their previous appearance being in 1993.

On that occasion Galway were defeated by Cork and they have failed at the semi-final hurdle in the past two years, losing to Wexford in 1994 and Kilkenny last year, so the home side are eager for revenge on their Leinster rivals.

With home advantage the Galway girls are all set, and team manager, Tony Ward is looking forward to Sunday's outing with optimism. Galway, who field a number of young skilful players like Denise Gilligan and Veronica Curtin, will be looking for big performances from the experienced Sharon Glynn, Ann Broderick and goalkeeper Louise Curry.

The Wexford side field a more mature and stronger team. They will be backed by the likes of Esme Murphy, Stalla Sinnott, Ger Codd and Fiona Dunne, all of whom will be looking to join their brothers in All-Ireland glory in September.

Galway: L. Curry, O. Costello, A. Broderick, O. Broderick, P. Nevin, D. Maher, S. Glynn, C. Hannon, M. Harkin, I. Hobbins, D. Gilligan and V. Curtin.

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## Galway girls go marching on

GALWAY.....1-13; WEXFORD.....1-5

TWO YEARS of knocking on the door at the semi-final stage, since their first senior final in 1993, ended for Galway at Loughrea yesterday when they overwhelmed Wexford in this All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final.

Galway enjoyed an ideal start when 16-year-old Veronica Curtin first-timed to the net in the opening minute. With Sharon Glynn putting in a powerhouse performance, they enjoyed a six-minute purple patch in the middle of the half which saw them send over five vital points.

Scorers — Galway: V Curtin 1-2, S Glynn, I Hobbins 0-4 each, D Gilligan 0-2, M Harkin 0-1. Wexford: L Murphy 1-0, G Codd 0-3, F Dunne, M O'Leary 0-1 each.

## Powerful Galway book their place

Galway  
Wexford

1-13  
1-5

GALWAY qualified for their second-ever All-Ireland senior camogie final, against Cork, when they overcame Wexford with a powerful display in a keenly fought semi-final at Loughrea yesterday.

The Galway girls laid the foundation for a comprehensive victory in the first half when they built up a lead of 1-7 to 0-1 after being aided by a stiff crosswind — and showed grim determina-

tion after the break to stifle any hopes of a Wexford recovery.

They got off to a great start in the very first minute when a shot from Denise Gilligan looked to be going wide until Martina Harkin brilliantly knocked the ball back into the path of Veronica Curtin and the 16-year-old whipped it to the net.

After Geraldine Codd had pulled a pointed free back for Wexford, Galway, with Sharon Glynn putting in a powerhouse performance, enjoyed a six-minute purple patch which saw them

send over five vital points to secure the game.

After both sides had struggled to find the mark for a while, they subsequently added two more before half time to give them a nine-point lead.

Strong defensive play by the home side, with full back Olive Costello playing a sterner, prevented Wexford from getting any kind of grip on the game in the second half.

Even after a goal by Liz Murphy there was no chance of a comeback for the Leinster girls. The teams swapped

a single point each before the end, giving Galway a well-deserved success and a meeting in the decider with Cork — who were the team that beat them in their last final appearance in 1993.

Galway: L. Curry, O. Costello, A. Broderick, O. Broderick, P. Nevin, D. Maher, S. Glynn (0-4), C. Hannon, M. Harkin (0-1), I. Hobbins (0-4), D. Gilligan (0-2), V. Curtin (1-2). Subbs: G. Maher for Hannon, A. Forde for Harkin, B. Kilkannon for Hobbins. Wexford: B. Murphy, A. Nolen, O. Hannon, S. Sinnott, A. Codd, M. O'Connor, F. Dunne (0-1), G. Codd (0-3), E. Murphy, P. Rankin, M. O'Leary (0-1), L. Murphy (1-0). Subbs: G. O'Grady for O'Connor, AM O'Connor for Murphy. Referee: A. Derham (Dublin).

## GALWAY MUST IMPROVE TO TROUBLE CHAMPIONS

**CAMOGIE:** GALWAY WILL BE Cork's opponents in the Bord na Gaelige All-Ireland senior camogie Championship final in Croke Park on 8th September.

The girls from the 'City of the Tribes' halted Wexford in the semi-final on Sunday last, in a game in which the losers did not play to their usual form. Galway were worthy winners 1-13 to 1-5.

However, they will have to improve to produce stiff opposition for All-Ireland champions Cork who are playing extremely well. They proved this against Kilkenny in the semi-final when their full back Eithne Duggan had one of her best games.

Their captain Therese O'Callaghan, who was nursing an injury during the league is now back at centre field, accompanied by newcomer from junior ranks Mary O'Connor. Coaches Tom Nott, Cork and Tony Ward, Galway will be busy over the next three weeks preparing their charges for the big day.

The pairing for the All-Ireland intermediate championship final which takes place on September 8th will be Limerick and Down. Limerick had a comprehensive win over Armagh on Sunday last.

Cork Juniors are also through to the All-Ireland final. They await the winners of the semi-final replay Roscommon or Antrim which will be on September 8th.

Munster have a chance of bringing off the treble once again. There are no fixtures today because of the All-Ireland hurling final.



Mary Hurley, Treasurer Carrigdhoun Camogie Board, presenting the South East u-11 trophy to Carrigaline Captain Jackie O'Keeffe after her side's win over Courcy Rovers in the final at Minane Bridge.



All-Ireland Camogie semi-final

# Weak Wexford beaten by Galway girls

DAVID MEDCALF

in Loughrea

Galway 1-13, Wexford 1-5: Wexford's camogie team limped home back across the River Shannon on Sunday with their tails between their legs after a bruising All-Ireland semi-final.

An unfortunate start, some feeble shooting and Galway's fierce ambition all added up to no Croke Park appearance - not this year.

A side which scored only three times from play could scarcely hope to put their name on to the O'Duffy Cup. Wexford pointed just once in the first half - a long range Ger Codd free - during which time they hit nine wides.

They were chasing the game from the second minute when an ambitious shot from Denise Gilligan seemed to be floating wide. But as the defence willed it over the end line, an eager Martina Harkin intercepted and fed Veronica Curtin who rifled the ball into Brenda Murphy's net.

With a stiff breeze in their faces and Galway's Sharon Glynn booming in massive frees over the bar or into the square, the Wexford defence did well up to half-time. Avis Nolan, Orla Hernan, Stella Sinnott and Fiona Dunne all performed great work, containing the homesters to a relatively modest 1-7 by the

break.

Unfortunately, their industry at the back was not matched by effectiveness up front as shot after shot wafted off target. Six of the nine wides came from the duo of Ger Codd, who was out of sorts with her free taking, and midfielder Aine Codd.

After the interval the Galwegians defended their lead by closing every Wexford move with ruthless determination. Their rearguard was led by the example of Ann Broderick - sister of hurler Kevin. She and the rest were roared on by supporters who turned out in their hundreds for the occasion.

At one stage, with just four minutes to play, the host side were 11 points up after hitting Wexford with some neat points on the break. Only a freak goal off the foot of Liz Murphy after a bungled Esme Murphy free knocked some of the rough edges off the scoreline.

And then a late point from defender turned full forward Fiona Dunne provided a closing show of defiance. The winners will meet holders Cork in the final next month while defeat for the visitors brought down the curtain on a season which failed to ignite into life.

There is no doubt that the talent is available in the county to match the

likes of Galway. But manager Christy Jacob has faced an uphill task all year in drawing it together. And already serious thought is being given to revising the structure of both club competition and county squad for next season.

The match in Loughrea was a daunting championship baptism for Michelle O'Leary of Rathnure who picked off one sweet point. The game was a useful, if sobering step up the learning curve for her and fellow teenagers Aine Codd, Esme Murphy and Brenda Murphy - who will all have big futures ahead of them.

**Galway:** Louise Curry, Olive Costello, Ann Broderick, Olivia Broderick, Pamela Nevin, Dymona Maher, Sharon Glynn (0-4, 3 frees), Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin (0-1), Imelda Hobbins (capt., 0-4), Denise Gilligan (0-2), Veronica Curtin (1-2). Subs: Gretta Maher for Hannon, 49 mins.; Anne Forde for Harkin, 53 mins.; Bridget Kilgannon for Hobbins, 61 mins.

**Wexford:** Brenda Murphy, Avis Nolan, Orla Hernan, Stella Sinnott, Fiona Dunne (0-1), Máire Codd, Aine Codd, Esme Murphy, Michelle O'Leary (0-1), Paula Rankin, Geraldine Codd (capt., 0-3, 2 frees, 1 '30), Liz Murphy (1-0). Subs: Geraldine O'Grady for O'Connor, 55 mins.; Anne-Marie O'Connor for L. Murphy, 59 mins.

**Referee:** Aine Derham (Dublin).

## SPORTS STARS OF YESTERYEAR



### Angela Downey, camogie star

ANGELA DOWNEY, Kilkenny GAA camogie full forward, a native of Ballyragget, was born in 1957. She plays her club camogie with St Pauls, (winning All-Ireland Club Championship medals with them in 1976, 1977 and 1988).

A prolific scorer, she has fine individual ball skills, and is regarded as the modern game's top player. She shares with her sister Ann, the distinction of being the only two Kilkenny players to feature in all eleven of their O'Duffy Cup wins in the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Having made her senior debut for the country at the age of 15 in 1972, her wins came in 1974, 1976, 1977 as captain in the 3-4 to 1-3 win over Wexford), 1981, 1985, 1986, in 1987 and 1988 both as captain and in 1989, 1990 and 1991 (again as captain).

She also won 8 National League Senior Titles with Kilkenny in 1978, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990, and has shared in many of Leinster's dominating wins in the Gael Linn Championship since 1978. She in 1985 became the first to win the Gradam Tailte, camogie's super star title on more than one occasion.

She is daughter of Shem Downey who won an All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship medal for Kilkenny in 1947, against Cork and two other Leinster Senior hurling championship medals losing All Ireland finals both years 1946 and 1950.

## Limerick girls in final

Limerick.....4-10  
Armagh.....2-4

LIMERICK intermediate county camogie team qualified for the final of the intermediate championship following an impressive win over Armagh at Ballymacnab, Armagh on Sunday last. Limerick dominated from the beginning and at half time were 1-8 to 0-2 ahead following some fine scores by Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien and Pauline McCarthy.

On the restart, Armagh dominated and came within four points, but, Limerick again rallied and a goal by Eileen O'Brien put Limerick back on song for a fine victory.

This was a fine solid display by Limerick, with Breda O'Brien in goal, the back line of Agnes Sheehy, Helen McCarthy, Liz Leonard and Ann Lenihan who played an outstanding game at centre back.

Bernie O'Brien, Ide Quaid and Mary Burke worked hard at centre field, with Pauline McCarthy, Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan and Kay Burke converting possession into some fine scores thus giving Limerick their ticket.

Limerick now go on to play Down in the intermediate final at a Limerick venue on Sunday, September 8.

Scores: Eileen O'Brien, 2-3; Pauline 1-4; Vera Sheehan 1-0; Kay Burke 0-2; Bernie O'Brien 1-1.

Armagh, B McBride 1-1; Mary Black 0-2; A Kearney 1-1, C Byrne 0-1.

Panel: Breda O'Brien, Helen McCarthy, Agnes Sheehy, Liz Leonard, Ann Lenihan, Bernie O'Brien, Ide Quaid, Mary Burke, Pauline McCarthy, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Kay Burke, Jean Cullinane, Marguerite Guiry, Niamh Cregan, Cecilia McNamara, Laura Lesley, Maire O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Sharon O'Kelly.



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# Will it be a magnificent seven for the Glen Rovers girls

DEFENDING champions Glen Rovers set out to equal their record of seven titles in a row when they take on Imokilly in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship tomorrow night at Delany's ground at 7 p.m. The Glen themselves set the record from 1962 to 1968, but will have to pull out all the stops if they are to beat the divisional side who will be boosted by the advancement of their men folk to the senior final on Sunday night last.

By BRENDAN LARKIN

the senior and junior finals on September 22 next, camogie in the county is at an all time high, with the result that a cracking final is in prospect tomorrow night.

Quite a number of Cork senior players will be in direct opposition to one another tomorrow night which should add to the excitement of the occasion.

For Glen's Sandie Fitzgibbon

this final has a particular significance in that she is going for a record 10th county senior medal. She, along with Linda Mellerick and Therese O'Callaghan (who is Cork's captain this season) are the senior members of the Blackpool side who will make every effort to hold on to their title.

Tomorrow night's final is also a very big occasion for the Dunlea family, with Lynn, Stephanie and Hilda on the squad and mother Nuala a selector, along with Marie Mackey and Deirdre Coleman (nee

Sutton) who was a member of the Glen's famous seven in a row side of the 1960s.

## Talent

The depth of talent at the Glen's disposal is awesome.

Despite losing three of last year's winning side, they introduced a number of very promising youngsters in Orla Murphy, Emma Harte, Karen Riordan, Yvonne McCarthy and Hilda Dunlea to this year's campaign and all have slotted into the team with ease.

The team is again coached by Noel Lynam assisted by Gary Geaney, and with victories over Fr. O'Neills and Bishopstown on their way to tomorrow's final, Imokilly will have to produce something special to topple the champions.

The East Cork girls however are not without hope. Their side is also endowed with a number of current county seniors, the best known of whom is Kathleen Costine who is the current Cork goalkeeper.

## Glen make history with seventh win

Glen Rovers  
Imokilly

2-8  
2-5

by Brendan Larkin

GLEN ROVERS created history at Kilbarry last night when they won the Cork county senior camogie championship for a record seventh year in-a-row to emulate the feat of their predecessors of 1962-'68.

In one of the best finals in years, the champions were pushed all the way by an Imokilly side that, over the 50 minutes, deserved a second bite of the cherry.

Despite conceding a goal in the second minute, the East Cork girls rattled the champions with the ferocity of their challenge, and when Ger Martin crashed home a goal 10 minutes into the second-half to give her side the lead, a shock result looked very likely.

Glen got the perfect start when Linda Mellerick's long ball into the square was uncharacteristically dropped by goalkeeper Kathleen Costine and Lyn Dunlea was in like to flash to finish the ball to the net.

But they weren't to score again for the next 23 minutes as Imokilly, with Mary O'Connor playing the proverbial blinder at centre-back, pinned the champions in their own half, and after drawing level with three

points on the trot, rocked the Glen with a marvellous goal by Marion Lynch after 15 minutes play.

Only the brilliance of Mary Burke, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Denise Cronin prevented the Glen from falling further behind as the rampant East Cork girls swarmed all over the champions and they were well worth their interval lead of 1-4 to 1-1, the Glen point coming just on half-time after a great run by Therese O'Callaghan.

Backed by the strong wind, Glen were quickly into their stride on the changeover and after Lynda Mellerick struck over a great long range point, Lyn Dunlea finally broke through before crashing home a marvellous goal to give the Blackpool girls the lead for the first time.

But Imokilly were not going down without a fight, and after Lyn Dunlea stretched the Glen lead with a point, former county star Breda Kenny who was having a marvellous game at midfield, set up Ger Martin up for a goal that went in off the underside of the crossbar to restore the divisional side's lead.

Then brilliant defensive play by Liz Dunphy and Ann Brady combined to deny Lyn Dunlea a clear shot as she bore down on the Imokilly goal, but she wasn't to be denied and she tied the game for a second time with a point from a free in the 40th minute.

With the tension unbearable and Glen battling to hold onto their crown, Cork captain Therese O'Callaghan eased the pressure for the champions with a point and she put two between the sides with five minutes to go when she kicked over another.

However Imokilly were still not prepared to concede, and back they came for the game's star, Mary O'Connor, to graze the Glen crossbar to leave just the minimum between sides again as time began to run out.

In typical fashion the spirit of the Glen was seen at its very best in those hectic closing minutes and they finished with points from Lyn Dunlea and team captain Lynda Mellerick to take the title for the seven successive year.

For Sandie Fitzgibbon and Therese O'Callaghan this latest victory was particularly significant as they were winning their 10th senior county championship medal.

Scorers - Glen Rovers: L. Dunlea 2-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 30); T. O'Callaghan 0-3; L. Mellerick 0-2. Imokilly: M. Lynch 1-1; G. Martin 1-0; M. O'Connor 0-2; B. Kenny, S. Cahalane 0-1 each.

GLEN ROVERS: O. Murphy; S. Dunlea, C. McCarthy, M. Burke, S. Fitzgibbon, T. Murphy, T. O'Callaghan, L. Mellerick, D. Cronin, E. Harte, L. Dunlea, K. Riordan. Subs: H. Dunlea for Murphy, Y. McCarthy for Riordan.

IMOKILLY: K. Costine (Killeagh); L. Dunphy (Sarsfield), A. Brady (Ido.), C. Murphy (Killeagh), M. O'Connor (Ido.), H. Barry (Sars), B. Kenny (Ido.), S. Cahalane (Killeagh), V. O'Sullivan (Ido.), G. Martin (Cobh), P. Long (Sars), M. Lynch (Watergrasshill).



Glen's Linda Mellerick attempts to pass Imokilly's Helina Barrett in the Cork Senior Camogie Championship.



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Imokilly's Mary O'Connor in a tussle with Glen Rovers Emma Harle.

## The Glen girls and the goat cut loose again

THE girls of sweet Blackpool were dancing on the table tops last night - and well they might having chalked up their seventh senior title in a row.

By TP O'MAHONY

Those lucky enough to be in the Glen Club were even treated to a few rousing verses of "The Night the Goat Broke Loose Upon the Parade".

Given the Glen's dominance of the Cork camogie scene, that song is now a bit threadbare - but there is nothing threadbare about the girls who go on breaking records, that said. It was never easy and Imokilly made the Glen fight all the way at Killybegs.

In the end, only three points separated the sides (2-8 to 2-5), and the Glen never had the game under their control.

It was a measure of Imokilly's determination that their outstanding centre-back Mary O'Connor was voted player-of-the-match.

"We knew it was never going to be easy," said Glen captain Linda Mellorick afterwards.

"Any team in a county final is going to give it a lash, and Imokilly

are no bad side.

"We expected a very close game, and that's what we got.

"The other thing is that it is very hard to keep the motivation going when you have been on top for so long.

"What saw us through in the end was our never-say-die attitude."

The game turned out to be a battle royal, and the outcome was in the balance right down to the final whistle.

"It could have gone either way, but we were determined to hold on," said Glen midfielder Therese O'Callaghan, who scored two vital points in the second half.

"Imokilly were very good on the night, but I think we showed real character in the end.

"All we need now is a win in the All-Ireland final against Galway to round off a very special year," said Therese, who is also the captain of the Cork senior team through to the All-Ireland final.

For her and Sandra Fitzgibbon, last night's victory had a special significance - it was their 10th senior county medal.

# Kildare girls fail to Cork

Kildare.....1-8  
Cork.....2-9

FOR the second year in a row, Kildare have been defeated in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie semi-final by a Munster side. Limerick were the victors last year but last Sunday it was Cork's turn to take their position in a final. Cork beat Kildare 2-9 to 1-8 in a day which the wind was a major factor in the outcome.

Cork won the toss and gave Kildare the wind advantage for the first half. The first attack of the game came Cork's way and following great work by the

Kildares defence Melanie Treacy cleared the ball down the wings.

Kildare pressed hard and were awarded a free for their efforts. Miriam Malone took the shot but it was blocked and cleared by Eileen Buckley.

The first score of the game came from a free for a foul on Elaine Miley, after a move involving Liz Doran, Ruth Treacy and Michelle Aspell. The free was pointed by Miriam Malone. Kildare continued to dictate the play in the Cork half but failed to increase the lead.

Cork's Sinead O'Callaghan deserved a point after a solo run, which she narrowly pucked

wide.

Michelle Aspell was next to score. She took the ball in mid-field carried it past two Cork players and put it over the bar. This was followed up by a score from Miriam Malone.

Kildare kept the pressure on Cork but seemed unable to avail of their scoring opportunities. Eileen Murray's handpass to the back of the Cork net provided them with a slight cushion.

Cork retaliated, Sinead O'Callaghan added her second point of the day to ascertain that Kildare didn't get too comfortable. Linda O'Sullivan's shot was just narrowly wide of

Niamh Leahys posts.

Miriam Malone scored another point from a free which increased Kildare's lead to six points. At this stage in the game the score was 1-6 to 0-2.

A huge blow was dealt to Kildare, Miriam Malone received a facial injury and was forced to watch the remainder of the game from the sideline. Deirdre Feeney came on in mid-field to replace her.

Aisling Treacy - who became freetaker - added two points, before an unfair shock fell upon Kildare. Cork full forward Antionette O'Connell broke through for a goal. The margin

between the teams had decreased to a measly four points. This gap was closed further with a point from Mary Kennifick on the stroke of half time.

Cork ruled the second half. From the whistle they scored six points before Kildare put together an attack.

Mary Kennifick took four points, all from frees and added them to her tally of 0-7 for the game.

Linda O'Sullivan scored Cork's next point, running around Kildare's defence to convert her score. Mary Kennifick increased Cork's lead by a three point margin after taking another

point.

Without doubt, Kildare would have had a bigger deficit at this stage without a fantastic performance from Niamh Leahy, their goalkeeper.

Kildare's hope was shattered by a goal from Linda O'Sullivan just as they were beginning to reform as a team. This was a major setback.

Kildare's only two points in the second half came from frees taken by Aisling Treacy. A resurgence in the last few minutes from Kildare failed to provide the urgency needed to salvage something from the game.

The game ended at 2-9 to 1-8

in favour of Cork who will play Roscommon or Antrim in the final in Croke Park.

Scorers: Kildare - 1-0 Eileen Murray; 0-3 Miriam Malone; 0-1 Michelle Aspell; 0-4 Aisling Treacy. Cork - 1-0 Antionette O'Connell; 0-7 Mary Kennifick; 1-1 Linda O'Sullivan; 0-1 Sinead O'Callaghan.

Kildare: Niamh Leahy, Naomi Treacy, Nuala Kerrigan, Melanie Treacy, Roisin Walsh, Ruth Treacy, Miriam Malone, Aisling Treacy, Elaine Miley, Michelle Aspell, Liz Doran, Eileen Murray.

Cork: Leona Nolan, Enda Dineen, Collette Cronin, Alison Dilworth, Eileen Buckley, Hilda Kinsella, Tracy Doyle, Sinead Cahalane, Sinead O'Callaghan, Mary Kennifick, Linda O'Sullivan, Antionette O'Connell.



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## Camogie



# Bord na Gaeilge Championship Build-up

By P. J. Fulham

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Cumann Camógaíochta na hÉireann



Cork... First Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Champions

Wexford got their ticket to the "Bord na Gaeilge" All-Ireland senior Camogie Championship semi-final when they got the better of Clare in this eagerly contested quarter-final tie played at Wexford Park. The first half was score for score until Geraldine Codd goalied to give Wexford a 1-6 to 0-6 lead at the break. Inside the opening ten minutes of the final half Liz Murphy and Paula Rankin shot a goal each to give Wexford a nine point lead. Then Clare set about cutting the leeway with goals by Noelle Cummins and Sylvia O'Brien and well taken points by Sinead O'Brien put the game into a close finish with Wexford holding on to a two point victory.

Final score: Wexford 3-9 Clare 2-10.

Scorers: Wexford: Geraldine Codd 1-8, Liz Murphy 1-1, Paula Rankin 1-0. Clare: Sinead O'Brien 0-5, Sylvia O'Brien and Noelle Cummins 1-2 each, Ann Keane 0-1. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth. Armagh are through to the semi-final of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship when they accounted for Dublin in this quarter-final tie played at Russell Park. A new look Dublin side played with great determination but could not match the experience of their opponents in the closing stages. The winners led 0-8 to 0-4 at the break. Final score: Armagh 0-16 Dublin 0-10. Scorers: Armagh: Colette Byrne 0-5, Mary Black 0-4, Bernie McBride 0-3, Donna McCusker and Mary Donnelly 0-2 each. Dublin: Geraldine Dunne 0-6, Mary Duane 0-2, Louise O'Hara and Paula Malcolmson 0-1 each. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

Down went on a scoring spree in another Intermediate quarter-final tie against Galway at Loughrea. They proved the more experienced against a young Galway side and led 2-8 to 0-1 at the break. Final score: Down 6-10 Galway 0-2. Scorers: Down: Jennifer Braniff 2-4, Valerie Hynds 2-2, Mairin McAleenan 1-2, Bonnie McGreevey 1-0, Deirdre Savage and Coleen Hynds 0-1 each. Galway: Aoife Lynskey and Ann Hardiman 0-1 each. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Cork drifted over London in this All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter-final played at Mayfield. Cork led 3-9 to 0-5 at the break. The Londoners had no answer for their opponents scoring ability. Final score: Cork 5-15 London 0-7. Scorers: Cork: Mary Kenniffe 2-6, Antoinette O'Connor 2-0. Sinead O'Callaghan 1-3, Mary O'Conner, Linda O'Sullivan and Hilda Kennelly 0-2 each. London: Maggie Greally 0-3, Niamh Mulhearn 0-2, Mary Gilbey and Eilan Walsh 0-1 each. Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

In a very entertaining All-Ireland Minor Championship semi-final replay Galway got the upper hand of the holders Wexford at Loughrea. It was once again an edge of the seat affair. Colette Nevin was Galways' scoring ace with a tally of 1-11. In the first half

it was an end to end battle and just before half time a Sandra Tannian goal gave Galway a 1-6 to 0-6 lead at the break. Early in the second half a goal by Wexford's Kate Kelly put the sides level. Galway went ahead with some well taken points by Colette Nevin before Kate Kelly had her second goal. This was cancelled out by a similar score by Colette Nevin. Elaine Holohan shot two points for the "Slaneysiders". Both sides gave a tremendous exhibition in the final ten minutes. Galway emerged with three points to spare 2-13 to 2-10. Scorers: Galway: Colette Nevin 1-11, Sandra Tannian 1-0, Lourda Kavanagh and Therese Kavanagh 0-1 each. Wexford: Kate Kelly 2-1, Elaine Holohan 0-5, Rosemary Breen 0-4. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

In the other semi-final Tipperary had a 5-14 to 0-5 win over Antrim at Loughgiel. Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 1-6, Emer McDonnell 2-0, Joanne Ryan 1-1, Jacinta Fahy 1-0, Sinead O'Sullivan 0-3, Denise Mortan 0-2, Siobhan Ryan and Sinead Collins 0-1 each.

Antrim: Kerri O'Neill 0-3, Marbine McCorry and Grainne O'Reilly 0-1 each.

In the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior Championship, Wexford's win over Clare now leaves them facing Galway in the semi-final. The Connacht county will have the venue. Wexford will go all out to prove that they are as good as their male counter-parts by disposing of Galway to reach their ninth All-Ireland final. However, I will stay with a Cork-Galway final.

In the Intermediate semi-finals the holders Clare will face Down in what should be an excellent tussle. The "Mourne" girls are playing very well and will cause lots of problems for their opponents. However Clare's experience in senior may see them through to the final.

The other semi-final pairings, newly crowned National Junior League Champions Limerick will cross swords with Armagh. While Armagh are full of grit and determination they will find it hard to match the fire-power of Limerick. It looks like an all Munster final again: Clare versus Limerick on September 8th. If Clare win they will become the first county to retain the title and win the competition three times.

The pairings for the All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals are: Antrim v Roscommon in a repeat of last year's semi-final, and Cork v Kildare. Cork are the only county in the reckoning for a double on All-Ireland day.

SPECIAL DATES: Sept. 8th All-Ireland Intermediate final. Sept. 22nd Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior Final at Croke Park.



## CORK'S HARD EARNED WIN OVER KILKENNY

All-Ireland senior champions Cork had to fight all the way to gain victory over Kilkenny in this Bord na Gaeilge senior championship semi-final played at Pairc Uí Rinn. After a closely contested opening half the champions led 0-7 to 0-4 at the break. In the early stages of the final half Cork got it hard to keep their noses in front when Sinead Millea picked off some well taken points. Kilkenny looked to be in with a chance until Cork's scoring ace Lynn Dunlea had a goal which proved to be a vital score. It continued to be an end to end battle as the champions finished the better.

Final score - Cork 1-13 Kilkenny 0-11

Scorers: Cork - Lynn Dunlea 1-6, Denise Cronin 0-3, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-2, Vivienne Harris and Linda Mellerick 0-1 each.

Kilkenny - Sinead Millea 0-8, Ann Downey 0-3.  
Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford.

In the Intermediate Championship semi-final, Down proved more superior than the holders Clare in this tie played at St John's Park, Castlewellan. The Mourne girls were in top form and led 2-6 to 0-7 at the break.  
Final score - Down 4-14 Clare 1-9



Ann Colgan, Celtic goalkeeper, who captained the last Dublin side to win the All-Ireland Senior Championship in 1994 by defeating Tipperary 5-9 to 2-4, pictured here with the 'O'Duffy Cup'.

Scorers: Down - Mairin McAleenan 1-11, Valerie Hynds 2-2, Jennifer Branniff 1-1.  
Clare - Sinead O'Brien 0-4, Patricia Moloney 1-0, Sylvia O'Brien 0-2, Ann Keane, Marie Collins and Noelle Cummins 0-1 each.

Antrim and Roscommon must meet again having finished all square in this All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-final played at Loughgiel. The sides also drew at

this stage of the competition last year. Roscommon led 1-4 to 0-6 at the break. With eight minutes remaining, Roscommon led 2-7 to 0-9. Antrim rallied with a goal by Elaine Dowds and Claire McGarry put the sides level when she pointed from a free just on the whistle.

Final score - Roscommon 2-7 Antrim 1-10

Scorers: Roscommon - Karina Jones 0-5, Geraldine Carr and Maeve Healy 1-0 each, Caroline Connaughton and Hillary Hussey 0-1 each.

Antrim - Elaine Dowds 1-3, Denise O'Boyle 0-4, Claire McGarry, Grace McMullan and Maureen Barry 0-1 each.  
The replay will be on September 8th at a Roscommon venue.

In the Dublin Senior Championship final Marino secured their 5th title in a row by defeating Celtic 2-11 to 2-7. Celtic led 2-4 to 0-6 at the break. It was a thrilling second half with Marino getting the upper hand in the closing stages.

Scorers: Marino - Carmel O'Byrne 1-8, Louise Lynch 1-1, Denise O'Leary and Emer Brannigan 0-1 each.

Celtic - Ann Cooper 1-3, Mary Brennan 1-1, Rhona Donegan, Val Twomey and Paula Carey 0-1 each.  
Referee - Conor Dodd, Clann na nGael.

All-Ireland club champions of 1994 Lisdowney, Kilkenny had a convincing win over Marino, Dublin in the Leinster senior club championship semi-final played at St Vincent's Park, Dublin. The first half was very closely contested with score for score until Ann Downey goaled to give the winners a 1-5 to 0-5 lead at the break. Angela Downey entered the fray in the final half and showed her sharpness by notching six points. Marino fought on gallantly with a goal by Carmel O'Byrne and points by Emer Brannigan and Germaine Noonan. A goal by Marina Downey in the final quarter confirmed victory for her side.

Final score - Lisdowney 2-14 Marino 1-8

Scorers: Lisdowney - Marina Downey 1-5, Angela Downey 0-6, Ann Downey 1-2, Aine Wall 0-1.

Marino - Carmel O'Byrne 1-5, Germaine Noonan, Louise Lynch and Emer Brannigan 0-1 each.  
Referee - John Pender, Kildare.

In the other semi-final, reigning All-Ireland club champions Rathnure, Wexford had a convincing 9-7 to 2-2 win over St Laurence's, Kildare at Rathnure.

The final between Rathnure and Lisdowney will take place on September 8th at the latter venue.

*It is with sad regret we record the death of Derry County Secretary Elizabeth Crampsie who died suddenly on Sunday, August 11th.*

*For years Elizabeth had been Derry's delegate to Congress along with her husband Charlie and was a delightful person to chat with.*

*Ar Dheis Dé go raibh an hAnam.*



**DOUBLE CHAMPIONS:** The late Kathleen Mills is in the middle of the back row of the CIE team that won the Dublin championship and league in 1954. Also pictured are: Back (l to r) - Fionnuala Lane, Joan Cosgrave, Brenda Neville, Kathleen Bowler, Carmel Walsh, Mona Murphy. Front (l to r) - Jean Hannon, Bridin Dobbryn (the writer of the article on page 39), Sophia Brack, Mary Fitzpatrick, May Neville, Gerry Hughes.



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# Family ties in Hurling and Camogie

**L**istening to the radio broadcast of the recent All-Ireland hurling semi-final between Wexford and Galway by Micheal O Muircheartaigh I was agreeably surprised at the number of players who had relations playing camogie. The references usually went "So and so is a brother of such a one who plays camogie with one club or another" etc. etc.! This made a most pleasant change as usually, if at all, the reference is the other way round. It paid a nice tribute to the regular "dul chun cinn" of the ladies while their brothers in sport endured leaner times. Thank you, Micheal!

This set me thinking about some of our well known teams and the family ties that exist between hurlers and camogie players. The current "Bórd na Gaeilge" senior championship series includes some famous families. Wexford's bonfires lit the skies from Vinegar Hill to Boolavogue to celebrate the return of their hurling heroes to the All-Ireland final for the first time in many years. However the camogie heroines had blazed that same trail in 1990, '92 and '94.

Fiona Dunne's (Oulart the Ballagh club) brother, Liam, played a blinder but did he score two goals and ten points against Galway as Fiona did in 1994? Ciara Scallan, fast winger and clubmate of Fiona's is sister to Eamon of "Liam Mellows" club. What? No camogie section in Liam Mellows club? Any handball? The Codd family of Rathnure - reigning club champions - has provided players to defend the honour of Wexford. Geraldine is cousin to Paul Codd, who played county at senior and under-21 level and niece of All-Ireland hurling medal winner, Martin Codd! Another Codd - Maura is married to Arthur O'Connor of St. Martin's club and she is sister-in-law to Tom Dempsey of Buffer's Alley club and John and George O'Connor, the long-serving hurlers.

Rory Kinsella, teacher, selector and trainer of the hurling team, set the seeds of camogie in Buncloody Convent and made the job of camogie trainer Christy Jacob

considerably easier. Christy won All-Ireland glory with Loch Gorman in 1968 the last time when both the McCarthy Cup (hurling) and Corn Ua Dubhthaigh (camogie) went to the county in the same year.

However Wexford will have to meet the challenge of Galway if they wish to bring Corn Ua Dubhthaigh back to the Slaneyside for the fourth time. They last won it in 1975 having won two-in-a-row in 1968 and '69. Twenty years develops a great hunger and Wexford have just that. Galway however will not stand idly by - they have never achieved senior glory, but with the great talent that has slowly but surely made its way from such as St. Raphael's College in the early Nineties, their day may soon dawn.

Gaillimh too have their share of family

**'One of the most famous hurlers - Kilkenny's D.J. Carey can boast of having a young sister Catherine on the equally famous camogie team. Catherine also plays hockey for Ireland'**

fame! Ann Ryan, sister of Eanna Ryan is married to Pat Forde brother of Francis of "Na Píarsaigh" club. The successful Davitt's club player Ann Brodrick, is sister to forward Kevin who played a prominent part for Galway this year. The young versatile and very talented Denise Gilligan from Craughwell club is a member of the famous Gilligan clann who hurled and brought glory to Galway in the All-Irelands.

Goalie, Louise Currie of Dublin and Waterford R.T.C. fame is sister to Dublin hurler Michael.

One of the most famous hurlers - Kilkenny's D.J. Carey can boast of having a young sister, Catherine on the equally famous camogie team. Catherine plays hockey for Ireland. Recently I extracted a promise from D.J. who very willingly agreed to introduce sister Catherine and other ladies to our other national sport - handball! Many may not realise that D.J. is a world champion handballer in singles and doubles.



By BRIDÍN UÍ MHAOLAGÁIN

Thank you D.J. for that!

It would be remiss of me not to mention some former players with family connections. Orla Ryan, All-Ireland medal holder with Dublin - is daughter of Sean Ó Siocháin - and daughter-in-law of Seamus Ó Riain former GAA president and wife of former Tipp hurler Jack.

Mary Fennelly, Kilkenny, and All-Ireland medallist, a former president of Cuimann Camógaiocta, is related to the great players of the same name from Ballyhale Shamrocks and, of course, Mary Ring of Cork is a daughter of the legendary Christy!

Mention of Christy brings to mind our own legend of the camogie field Kathleen Mills/Hill who passed away peacefully this month. A player who possessed all the skills, she had an illustrious career with the Dublin senior team from 1942 to 1961. She won 15 All-Ireland medals a feat unlikely to be surpassed. Her club C.I.E. represented Dublin in the 1948 All-Ireland and took the championship.

A tall quiet multi-talented unassuming athlete, Kathleen had the honour of winning many Dublin championship and league medals together with Gael Linn medals with Leinster in 1956 and 1958. Married to George Hill in the early 1950s. She ended her camogie career in 1961.

Camogie suffered another great blow in the same week when Elizabeth Crampsie, the graceful, dignified secretary of the Derry Camogie Board for 25 years died suddenly in her house at Limavaddy. Elizabeth and her husband Charlie were prominent members of the Camogie Association and Elizabeth played with Bellaghy and Derry in the 1950s. We shall all be much the poorer for their passing.

Ar dheis De go raibh siad.



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# Tim Sheehan looks at the development of camogie

## From its introduction, camogie has gripped the imagination of Irish women



Coachford Senior panel, Munster Intermediate champions 1995.

### Glen Rovers win decisive victory

Glen Rovers 1-13  
Bodyke 0-4

GLEN Rovers advanced to the semi-final of the Munster club Championship with a comfortable win over Clare champions Bodyke at the Glen Field on Saturday. Linda Mellerick's goal proved decisive and the Glen led 1-8 to 0-2 at half time. They were in control throughout the second-half and the result was never in doubt. They now play Munster champions, Toomevara in the semi-final.

Scorers: Glen Rovers - L. Dunlea 0-6; L. Mellerick 1-2; E. Harra 0-2; T. O'Callaghan 0-2; S. Dunlea 0-2. Bodyke - S. O'Brien 0-2; M. Collins 0-1; S. O'Meara 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS - O. Murphy, C. McCarthy, Y. McCarthy, M. Burke, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick (capt), T. O'Callaghan, D. Cronin, S. Dunlea, E. Harra, L. Dunlea, T. Murphy  
BODYKE - A. O'Dwyer, R. Foley, M. McNamara, T. O'Connell, O. Statterey, M. McNamara, S. O'Brien, M. Collins, P. Rochford, S. O'Meara, M. O'Brien, A. O'Connell. Subs: A. McNamara for M. O'Brien, C. Clohesy for A. O'Connell.

Barryroe 3-3  
Castlemagner 1-7

BARRYROE, who were only promoted to the Intermediate grade this year were crowned Intermediate County Champions at Ballincollig on Sunday.

The sides were level at half time 1-1 to 0-4. Castlemagner went into a two point lead after six minutes which they held

until the 17th minute, when Barryroe sub, June Keohane, goaled. Margaret Fitzgerald's goal answered for Castlemagner. Barryroe reduced the gap to just a point with a free from Elaine McCarthy. Michelle Fleming's second goal restored the lead, which they held.

Scorers - Barryroe - M. Fleming 2-0; J. Cahalane 0-1; E. McCarthy 0-2; J. Keohane 1-0. Castlemagner - C. Sheehan 0-1 (free); N. McCarthy 0-2; M. Lucey 0-2; M. Fitzgerald 1-2. BARRYROE - C. Cahalane, A. Sheehy, D. Collins, L. McCarthy, D. Walsh, P. O'Leary, E. McCarthy, E. O'Regan, M. Ryan, M. Fleming, G. Collins, J. Cahalane. CASTLEMAGNER - A. Murphy, N. McCarthy, L. Twomey, Mary Lucey, M. Sheehan, C. Sheehan, C. Healy, M. Howard, S. McSweeney, Margaret Lucey, M. Fitzgerald, Mairead Lucey. Ref: C. O'Mahony, St. Finbarrs.



# — from its first days to its present success

YOUNG women began to play a game — which they called camogie — as the Gaelic League's nationalistic ideals began to spread towards the end of the last century.

This game was based on entirely on hurling, but the rules governing camogie did not permit body charging or dangerous bodily contact.

Those rules produced a fine game which concentrated on ball-play and stickwork.

Camogie has gripped the imagination and interest of Irish women to the extent that it flourishes even in counties where hurling is not the traditional male game.

The first camogie match was played at the Navan Showgrounds between teams of girls who had been attending the Gaelic League branches in Dublin.

Those early camogie teams were made up of a cross-section of women — teachers, civil servants, shop assistants and domestic servants — and set a precedent for succeeding generations.

Soon after the initial game at Navan, camogie clubs ap-

and re-formed ten years later in 1944.

In those ten years significant developments had taken place in Cork. The game had spread widely, and almost every secondary school in the county — along with University College Cork — had camogie teams.

Another important factor was the appointment of Miss Sheila Horgan of Ballinora (a member of the mid-Cork club, The Muskerry Maids, that comprised an area south of the River Lee — mainly Cloughduv, Ballinora and Eire Og) to the position of Secretary of the reformed Munster Council.

And Kitty Delay, also of Muskerry Maids, captained the Cork team that beat Louth 4-3 to 1-4 in the all-Ireland final.

Cork won the all-Irelands in the years 1939 to 1941 during a lush period for Cork that began in 1932 and continued until 1943.

Sheila O'Leary of Lee Valley, one of five clubs in mid-Cork was on the winning Cork teams of those years. Her sons, the Hourihan

lished in the 1950s. Donoghmore formed a club in 1958 that won, with the aid of two girls from Canovee, the county junior championship in 1960.

The most glorious page in Cork's camogie history was written by Eire Og from the late 1960s onwards. The historic Kilcrea castle would scarcely hold the colossal number of medals won by this mid-Cork club during the 1970's and 1980's, a lustrous period, unequalled by any other club in the county. Eire Og won under-16; under-18 A; Junior A; Intermediate and four senior county championships during that era. In addition to those listed county victories, Eire Og won a Munster senior championship and several league titles at underage level, plus junior intermediate and senior grades.

During that period Rose Malone, the present secretary of Munster Camogie Council, was a leading administrator and chairman for 15 years, as well as having been an outstanding goalkeeper — who, during her period in junior ranks, was the keeper in Eire Og's three-in-a-row county senior county championships. Her ability as a secretary of Cork County Board was recognised by higher echelons of the association who appointed her Chairman of Munster Council in 1981, a position she held for three years. Noelle O'Driscoll, Eileen Dineen, Marian Reck, Miriam Higgins, Teresa and Claire Kelleher, Mary Geaney from Castleisland and Nancy O'Driscoll are all holders of senior all-Ireland medals with Cork. Nancy O'Driscoll had the unique honour of captaining both Cork junior and senior all-Ireland winning teams in 1973 and 1978 respectively. And Marian McCarthy holds the record of eight all-Ireland senior medals.

Mary Geaney, the only outsider to play with Eire Og, captained Cork to win the senior all-Ireland in 1980.

In addition to the seniors mentioned, a large number of other Eire Og players won, along with junior all-Irelands, county minor, junior and intermediate medals.

Inniscarra formed the par-

ish's first camogie club in 1967 on the prompting of Rev Fr Michael Twohig, then curate in Berrings and now Parish Priest of Donoughmore.

The first chairperson was the late Mary O'Callaghan — who later became President of the Association, in which capacity she organised with the assistance of Rose O'Leary of Eire Og in 1990, a tour to America involving teams from Cork and Kilkenny playing camogie teams in New York.

Inniscarra won their first county junior championship in 1976 when they beat St Finbarr's by 1-6 to 1-2. The club again won the junior county championship in 1992 and the intermediate county championship in 1994.

With a crop of young players, the club won under-14 county and under-16 titles in the early 1990s and has a number of players that seem set for glory.

However, in the present decade, Aghabullogue is the leading underage club in the county — assisted immeasurably by the interest shown to camogie in Coachford Community College. There science teacher Bob Lott, the school and county coach, has turned out some great teams.

Aghabullogue won the Cork County Féile na nGael under-14 title for three successive

## Camogie developed from the work of the Gaelic League and from hurling

years — 1993, 1994 and 1995.

The winning team of 1995 was made up from the following panel — Mary Enneguess, Geraldine McSweeney, Maeve O'Connell, Catherine O'Leary, Sheila Crowley, Linda Ronan, Fiona McSweeney, Siobhan Buckley, Lisa Murphy, Patricia Lehan, Brid O'Connell, Anne Enneguess, Sinead Buckley, Evelyn Harrington, Marie Noonan.

160 girls participate in eight camogie teams in Coachford Community College — Senior, Intermediate A and B. These camogie players are also players with mid-Cork clubs — Aghabullogue, Inniscarra, Eire Og, Cloughduv and Donoghmore.

Mid-Cork girls selected by county trainer and coach Bob Lott for the 1995 minor team were Tina Roche and Louise Murphy from Aghabullogue and Siobhan O'Leary, Catriona Hogan and Criona Harte from Inniscarra. They were selected from fifteen clubs in contention for places. Mid-Cork players selected for the 1996 County and Munster minor championships included: Aghabullogue — Sinead A Buckley, Sheila Crowley, Louise Murphy, Mary Enneguess; Inniscarra — Geraldine Casey, Siobhan O'Leary, Criona Harte — and Sinead Buckley, Cloughduv.

## The most glorious page in Cork's camogie history was written by Eire Og in the sixties

peared in a number of counties. The first Cork club was established in the Blarney Street area of the city. By the year 1911 camogie was firmly established in Cork, where matches were organised by Cork County GAA Board.

In fact affinity with the GAA Board was very close — and in 1933 the bulk of Cork camogie clubs, closely in harmony with the GAA, wished to impose a ban on foreign games. The matter caused a split in Cork (the first of three splits, in fact), the Camogie Association was formed in Limerick,

brothers, played hurling with Ballinora during the 1980s and a relative of hers, Irene O'Keeffe of Inniscarra, is a member of the current Cork senior camogie team.

Another split in Cork saw five clubs in the Muskerry division breaking away from the Cork County Camogie Board to run their own competitions. They affiliated directly to the Munster Council, and represented Cork in two consecutive years in the Munster championships — but were beaten on both occasions by Clare and Waterford respectively. Unity among Cork clubs was firmly estab-



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## SPORTS STARS OF YESTERYEAR



## Anna Crotty of Glen Rovers

ANNA Crotty played her first game of camogie for Cork as long ago as 1952, and 16 years after in 1968, she was still the county's outstanding forward having been chosen for the camogie award in the Munster Sports Stars for 1967, named by the Examiner sports staff, a just award for a long career of dedication to the sport of her choice.

Anna was the complete camogie player. She had a style which was the envy, not alone of camogie players, but of many a hurler. She had a sweet crisp swing and a powerful shot, and her ability to lift and strike the ball was a pleasure to watch. Her greatest asset was her ability to turn even half a chance to advantage.

Anna began her career with junior club, Cobh — her home team, and even as a junior she was selected for County trial games.

In 1952 Cobh disbanded and Anna joined Glen Rovers, and that same year she was selected for Cork, and except for a three year break when she was in England and for the first season of her return, she has never been off the county side. She won six Munster Championship medals with Cork and played in two All-Ireland finals in 1955 and 1956, but unfortunately for her, Cork were beaten on both occasions.

When the Gael Linn Cup for Interprovincial competitions was initiated in 1956, Anna won her place on the first Munster team and was an interpro until her departure to England in 1960. She played a major role in Munster's victory in 1966.

Her name is, of course, synonymous with Glen Rovers. Down through the years she was their most consistent forward, and with them she won 112 league titles, four Oireachtas tournament medals, and was one of the reasons why Glen won five in a row counties in the sixties.



# Great new skills learnt at Ballygarvan grounds

**Ballygarvan GAA Grounds were the venue over two days last weekend when the Carrigdhoun Camogie Board held a Camogie skills competition involving all ages in the Board.**

The standard was very high, with a number of play offs being played to determine winners in each age section.

There were four sections - Under 11, 13, 15 and 17,

with the younger age groups having their tournament on the first day and the older group concluding the event on the second day, August 18th.

All the competitors were

tested on a number of skills associated with camogie - solo runs, scoring capabilities, free taking and accurate striking of the ball and were given points upon reaching certain levels of

achievement.

Each team consisted of four players and attracted a large number of players from the Carrigdhoun division from Ballygarvan, Carrigaline,

Rovers and Valley Rovers and Ballinhassig camogie clubs.

Winners of their sections were Under 11 - Amy Collins from Ballinhassig, with Maeve Ryan

(Ballygarvan) and Catherine Holland also from Ballinhassig coming in second and third respectively. In the Under 13 competition Emer Dillon of Ballygarvan took the honours with second and third places going to Mariead Holland and Elaine Jeffers both of the Ballinhassig club. It was Rachel Moloney of the Courcey Rovers club based in Ballinspittle who won the Under 15 with Rachel McCarthy (Ballygarvan) and Sarah

Hayes (Courcey Rovers) coming in second and third, while Maggie Collins of the Ballinhassig club came out on top in the more senior competition ousting Maria Holland (Valley Rovers) and Mary O'Riordan (Ballygarvan) into the minor placings. All in all, the standard of the competition was very high, and due to the larger than expected turnout, it is expected that a similar event will be held again next year.



Pictured at the South East Camogie Skills Competition in Ballygarvan recently were Noelle Collins, Samantha Quinn, Eileen O'Leary and Claire Murphy from Courcey Rovers with Aishling O'Connor and Grace Harrington from Carrigaline (Howard Crowdy)



Maeve Ryan (Ballygarvan), Amy Collins (winner, Carrigaline) and Catherine Holland from Ballinhassig who came in the top three in the u-11 South East Camogie Skills Competition (Howard Crowdy)



Ballinhassig, 1996 South East Junior A Hurling Champions after their 2-13 to 2-10 victory over Courcey Rovers at Carrigaline. (Howard Crowdy)



Enthusiastic youngsters from Ballinhassig seen celebrating their teams win over Courcey Rovers in the South East Junior A Hurling Final at Carrigaline recently. (Howard Crowdy)



Mary Hurley, Treasurer South East Camogie Board seen presenting the under 11 trophy to Jackie O'Keeffe, captain of the Carrigaline team who defeated Courcey Rovers at a recent final played in Minane Bridge (Howard Crowdy)

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# Championship dominates the weekend

**T**HE Senior B Championship dominates the camogie fixture list at the weekend with two interesting replays to be decided.

Opening the programme tonight at Ballincollig will be Sarsfields and Aghabullogue at 6.30 and at the same time tomorrow St. Finbarrs and Newcestown clash in the Senior B Championship.

When Sars and Aghabullogue met four weeks ago in a first round senior championship game many would have thought that the more experienced Sars side would advance but this was not the case.

A very young and eager Aghabullogue side were not to be denied and on the night were fully deserving of a second chance.

## Close

Tonight's replay is expected to be no different and we should have a close game in store.

As in the first game Sars will once again start as favourites to advance.

They are, on paper, the more experienced outfit with fine performers in Breda Kenny, Ann Brady, Liz Dunphy, Helena Barry and Lilian Zinkant.

But they are certainly under no illusions about the task confronting them and are aware that it will take a first class performance from all the team to win.

From an Aghabullogue's point of view, they will have gained a lot of confidence from this game.

They are basically a very young side and their younger members will undoubtedly have learned a lot from the drawn game.

They will be spearheaded by Cork Junior player, Eileen Buckley, Patsy

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Walsh, Sinead Buckley, and Tina Roche and if these girls can reproduce their form of their last outing then we could be in for another cliff hanger.

We should again have another close encounter when Newcestown and the Barrs replay their first round championship game.

In the drawn game, it looked as if the city, after going into a five point lead midway through the second half, were going to take the spoils.

But typical of Newcestown they were going to fight right to the end and were justifiably rewarded with the equalising point near the end.

Both teams appear to be evenly matched with Newcestown pinning their hopes on players like Cork Junior members, Hilda Kenneally and Antoinette O'Connell as well as other fine performers in Cliona Long, Yvonne O'Callaghan, and Eleanor Kenneally.

The Barrs will be looking to players like Colette O'Mahony, Colette Cronin, Deirdre Clarke, Claire Barry, and Claire Kirby to carry them through.

**C**ONGRATULATIONS go to Barryroe who on Sunday last won the Intermediate Championship for the first time.

Despite their short number of years in existence, they have enjoyed tremendous success. Last season they won the Junior "A" and Under 18 Championships and their success at Intermediate level will now mean the Senior ranks next season.

This is certainly a remarkable success for such a small club.

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# All set for the replays

IT'S replay time in the Senior B Championship camogie as St. Finbarrs take on Newcestown, while Sarsfields clash with Aghabullogue.

The latter made tremendous strides at under-age level. They have excellent players in Patsy Walsh and Sinead Buckley, and will make it very difficult for the Sars girls.

The Riverstown side will be looking to the experienced Liz Dunphy, Breda Kenneally and Patricia Finnerine, who had excellent games for divisional side Imokilly in the recent Senior County Championship Final. It will be close.

The Barrs/Newcestown replay goes ahead at Ballincollig tomorrow night and the Togher side must be favourites. They have a strong side which includes Collette O'Mahony, Clare Kirby, Colette Hurley and Ellen Clifford.

However, in the first game, Newcestown — in their first year in the Senior B grade — surprised many. Cork Junior Hilda Kenneally was inspirational in the first game and if Newcestown can produce a repeat performance, a surprise could be on the cards.

In the Junior A championship, St. Vincents with Sandra Ricken and Donna O'Leary should have the upper hand on Ballinhassig who will look to Cork Juniors, Linda O'Sullivan and Anne Dorney to get them through.

Glen Rovers, with Barbara Kenneally and Laura Donovan will find the going tough against Tracton at the Glen Field.

There are a host of U-12, U-14, and U-16 games next week.

# Three points win qualifies Sars

Sarsfields 2-5  
Aghabullogue 0-8

SARSFIELDS qualified for the Cork Senior B championship semi-final, when they had three points to spare over Aghabullogue in an entertaining replay at Ballincollig, last night.

Aghabullogue were leading four points to one after 20 minutes, but a Patricia Finneran goal for Sars brought the sides level. However, Helena Moynihan pointed a free to put the mid-Cork side ahead at the break.

The crucial score of the game was an Eileen Twomey score for Sars four minutes into the second half and despite points from Tina Roche (2) and Sheila Crowley for Aghabullogue, Sars were not to be denied with Trisha Finneran adding two late points to give the Riverstown girls victory.

Scores - Sarsfields - E. Farrell (1-1), P. Finneran (1-4) (one from free); E. Twomey (1-0); Aghabullogue - H. Moynihan (0-3, from free); E. Buckley (0-2); T. Roche (0-2); S. Crowley (0-1).

# St Finbarrs beat the champions

St Finbarrs 1-10  
Newcestown 2-2

LAST year's intermediate champions, Newcestown, fell at the quarter final hurdle of this season's county senior B camogie championship when, at Ballincollig last Saturday, the Barrs emerged victorious.

This was their second meeting — and their classic drawn encounter which was matched by this replay.

A tenth-minute Antoinette O'Connell goal sustained the West Cork team after they had fallen three points in arrears early on. With chances being squandered by both sides it was a steadier city team, inspired by the excel-

lent Collette O'Mahony, who managed to take some of theirs.

Coming up to half time they received a tremendous boost in the form of a goal from a long-range free by keeper Marie O'Sullivan.

The losers hit back with another Antoinette O'Connell goal in the closing half — but they never managed to recover the ground that they had lost.

ST FINBARRS: M O'Sullivan, C Cronin, C Barry, D Clarke, M O'Dea, B Cashman, R O'Donovan, M McCarthy, C O'Mahony, C Kirby, E Clifford, N Nash  
NEWCESTOWN: E Twomey, J Murphy, D Holland, J Wilson, Y O'Callaghan, E Holland, H Kenneally, L Crowley, R Desmond, C Long, E Kenneally, A O'Connell  
Referee: Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield

# Togher girl to make All Ireland Camogie debut

**A 22 year old local girl is shortly to make her debut at Croke Park in an All Ireland Junior Hurling final.**

Enda Dineen, a native of Waterfall and who works in Super Valu, Togher will line out for Cork against either Roscommon or Antrim on Sunday, September 22nd.

This is her second year playing with the County's junior team and she has been a member of the Ballinora Club since she was ten years of age.

A previous winner of a Junior A County medal, Enda normally occupies the full back berth.

She told The Southside News: "I feel that it's a great honour to play in an All Ireland and I hope to be bringing back the cup to Cork."

Two of her brothers, Gerard and Ian both play club football with Ballinora.





# Limerick camogie stars aim to do better than male counterparts

by Martin Kieley

AS Limerick come to terms with last Sunday's All-Ireland hurling final, the county's camogie players must focus on their All-Ireland final tomorrow against Down at the Gaelic grounds.

Over the past few years, the standard of camogie in Limerick has risen considerably, largely due to work at club level. One of the Limerick stars, in

recent years, has been Helen Clifford McCarthy, who will captain Limerick in Sunday's Intermediate final. Helen, who will play at full-back, is marking her fifteenth year of involvement with county teams.

"It's great to be back in another All-Ireland final so quickly. Last year we beat Roscommon in the Junior Final and that was marvellous, given that we had worked so hard to achieve suc-

cess. The girls are looking forward to the match. That we have the final at home, is a marvellous boost."

At 31, the business and accounts teacher at the Presentation de la Salle in County Limerick believes Eamon Cregan and Noreen Lynch have done a huge amount of work and, as a result, they are now reaping success.

"Proper preparation and coaching are vital and we are fortunate to have

Eamon Cregan and Noreen Lynch. We are blessed to have the use of Mary Immaculate College, the facilities are magnificent; it is an ideal base for us.

Like their male counterparts, the girls in the camogie team train three nights weekly with the county and Helen points out the clubs have to get at least two nights per week. Bruff has been prominent in camogie and Fr. John Ryan was instrumental in intro-

ducing Helen and others to the game in the South Limerick village.

Facing Down in the All-Ireland Final will be difficult but, given their success over them, in the National League Final, it should be an advantage.

Helen's sister-in-law, Pauline McCarthy, is another star player and a link with the 1977 team. No doubt, the talk is very much camogie this week in the McCarthy household.

This current Limerick team have a great mixture of youth and experience and St. Mary's Secondary School in Charleville have proven to be a great nursery for the county as many of the girls attend school there.

Limerick can win, but Down, to their credit, are strong in central positions, particularly at centre-back and centre-forward. However, Limerick's craft should see them through

## Eileen hopes for another medal

By AIDAN CORR

NOW on the threshold of achieving senior status, Limerick's camogie girls enter next Sunday's All-Ireland Intermediate final at Páirc na nGael (2.30) as slight favourites to carry off their third national success in twelve months.

Facing the Limerick girls will be a determined Down side that cannot be taken lightly and although the Shannonsiders recorded an impressive victory over their northern rivals in an earlier league encounter this season, they will have to be at their sharpest to carry off the trophy.

For fourteen-year-old Eileen O'Brien of Coolrus, Bruree, Sunday's game will be of special significance. The St Mary's Secondary School, Charleville players has already won three All-Ireland titles this season and will be hoping to add a record fourth to her tally at the end of Sunday's game at the Ennis Road grounds. Two of Eileen's sisters, Breda and Bernie, are also members of the Limerick's panel for Sunday's game.

Eileen, who plays with the Granagh/Ballingarry club, has proven to be one of the 'finds' of the season for the Eamonn Cregan managed side, is noted for her excellent wrist-work and has already made an important contribution to Limerick's junior league success, a Féile na nGael win, a junior colleges All-Ireland win and victory with her school in the All-Ireland Sevens already this year.

Limerick's path to the 1996 intermediate final has been impressive. They had a surprise victory over fancied Tip-

perary in the opening round and followed that up with a good away win against Armagh a few weeks ago.

Their record against Down is also impressive and although they struggled for some time during their 1996 junior league final, they eventually ran out deserving winners.

Limerick will field a very young side for next Sunday's final with eight of the panel being current and former pupils of St Mary's Secondary School in Charleville. The majority of the side are in their teens and in Vera Shee-

han, of Granagh/Ballingarry, they have a potential match-winner.

Pauline McCarthy of Bruff has also been in top form this season and she can be relied upon to notch a few points during the game. According to sources close to the game, Down will be strong in centre-field and in the forward line. They play a fast, crisp style of camogie and having reached the intermediate decider will be fully determined to take the trophy on Limerick soil.

Noreen Lynch and Eamonn Cregan are sure to have their panel in top class condition

for this decider and it will be a surprise if they do not carry off another major success at Páirc na nGael on Sunday next.

The Limerick panel is: Breda O'Brien, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, Liz Leonard, Ann Lenihan, Agnes Sheehy, May Burke, Ide Quaid, Bernie O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy, Eileen O'Brien, Kay Bourke, Vera Sheehan, Marguerite Guiry, Sharon O'Kelly, Niamh Cregan, Marie O'Brien, Laura Lesley, Maureen Harrington and Caoimhe Harrington.

## Limerick have final edge

CAMOGIE

By PJ FULHAM

LIMERICK'S camogie players look set to go one step better than their male counterparts when they play Down in the All-Ireland Intermediate final at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday.

Limerick, reigning All-Ireland junior champions, have already beaten Down in the league this season and with home advantage for the final, they are warm favourites.

The Shannonsiders won the league clash by 5-10 to 3-7, but Down have improved since then and recorded an impressive win over holders Clare in the semi-final.

Down are captained by Maureen McAleenan and they have experienced

campaigners in Donna Greeran and Pauline Green.

Limerick are not lacking in experience either and field eight of the team that beat Roscommon by a point in last year's Junior final including Pauline McCarthy and Agnes Sheehy.

The winners will become the first graded intermediate team to win An Corn Puirseil.

Meanwhile, Roscommon will be hoping for a case of déjà vu when they play Antrim in Sunday's replay of the Junior championship semi-final at Athleague.

The sides met at the semi-final stage last year, and the match also went to a replay with Roscommon eventually winning by a point.



Limerick camogie team who play Down in the Intermediate All-Ireland final at Páirc na nGael on Sunday next. Back row, from left, Laura Lesley, Marie O'Brien, Niamh Cregan, Breda O'Brien, Agnes Sheehy, Ann Lenihan, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, captain; Deirdre Sheehan, Bernie O'Brien, Cecilia McNamara and Jean Culhane. Front row, from left, Sharon O'Kelly, Eileen O'Brien, Mary Guiry. Missing from this picture are Muireann Harrington and Caoimhe Harrington.

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# All-Ireland glory again 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 on Sunday.

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 replied and after they missed an easy free, Bonnie MacGreevy placed Máirín McAleenan for a nice point.

Almost immediately, Limerick scored their first point of the game when Vera Sheehan, Pauline McCarthy and Kay Bourke were always capable of scores.

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Vera Sheehan scores Limerick's first goal in the All Ireland Intermediate championship final against Down which Limerick won.

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 MacCreevy 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.

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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 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

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

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Pauline McCarthy, Limerick, gets in her shot despite the close attention of two Down players in the Intermediate All Ireland final at the Ennis Road.

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.

Edel Mason, Pauline Green, Nuala Magee, Donna Greeran, Monica McCartan, Colleen Hynds, Deirdre Savage, Jennifer Braniff, Máirín McAleenan, Valerie Hynds, Bonnie MacCreevy.

**Down** - Carol Gilmore;



Ann Lenihan bursts out of the Limerick defence to clear a Down





Champions . . . the Limerick team who won the All-Ireland Intermediate camogie championship by beating Down at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday. (LL)

# Will the champs take senior chance?

By AIDAN CORR

WHILE many in the GAA may look on camogie as one of the least important segments of the organisation, last Sunday's All-Ireland intermediate final at Páirc na nGael emphasised how seriously those involved take this sport.

The Down contingent flew to Shannon on Saturday in preparation for the big game, stayed in the Royal George Hotel until Monday and surprised many with not alone their enthusiasm but their intense will to leave Limerick on Monday as champions.

The majority of the small group of Down fans who made the trip south for the match were gathered together in the front rows of the main stand long before the start of Sunday's final and right on 2 p.m. they caused a little bit of a stir by reciting the Rosary aloud, trimmings and all, the intentions of which must surely have been for victory for the red and blacks.

Their prayers were not apparently heard, however, and it was Limerick who went on to win fairly comfortably at the end. There was no hiding Down's disappointment and according to a Limerick official who was in their dressingroom soon after the final whistle, "they bawled their eyes out after the match."

Limerick's players and officials were equally as anxious before the game and one seasoned county official told how she had not "slept a wink the night before" she was so nervous about the outcome of the game. There was a distinct fear in the Limerick camp about playing the final at Páirc na nGael and the relief at the end of Sunday's game was obvious.

This victory now gives Limerick an option of playing in the highest echelon of national camogie competitions and could pair them with the likes of mighty Kilkenny, Cork, Clare, Dublin, Galway and

this will be made by the Limerick mentors at a later date but there is still a possibility that Limerick will decide to compete again next season in the junior league competitions.

Limerick last went senior in 1986 and prior to their junior All-Ireland victory last year over Roscommon, had not won a title since 1977. They were beaten in the senior league finals of 1978 and 1979 and lost the 1980 final to Cork after a replay. In 1988 they lost the junior All-Ireland final to Galway.

According to Bríd Naughton, PRO of the local camogie board, the future of the game in Limerick is now promising: "Our strength is in the average age of the present squad who have proved over the past two seasons that they have what it takes to compete with the best in the country. Winning the junior and intermediate All-Ireland titles in successive years is no mean feat and there is a tremendous will to succeed amongst the entire panel."

The county's camogie stronghold continues to centre on the Limerick/Cork border with a number of the players being drawn from the St Mary's,

Charleville secondary school. Granagh/Ballingarry and Croagh/Kilfinny have also supplied a number of talented performers and while city teams have yet to make an impact on county camogie affairs, the game has been building in the city in recent months.

"Fr Doran's in Castletroy, Abbey Sarsfields in the Corbally area and Na Píarsaigh in the Caherdavin area are all making steady progress," said Bríd Naughton, "and if the young players can be encouraged then Limerick could develop into one of the strongest camogie counties in the country."

Limerick's panel has been consistently training two nights a week for the past two years and will begin their league campaign for the 1996/97 season next month. The side attributes much of their success to the efforts of team manager Eamonn Cregan and his assistant Noreen Lynch who with fellow selectors, Bernie O'Dea and Vera Mulcahy have succeeded in blending the green and whites into a side to be taken very seriously in national camogie competitions.

All four are totally committed to the success of

Limerick camogie and are vastly experienced in GAA affairs, both on and off the field. The former Vera Mackey was once rated as the best defender in the game in the country and regarded as the only player who could outplay the legendary Angela Downey of Kilkenny.

It is of interest to note the extent of the preparations made by the Limerick camogie backroom team for last Sunday's final against Down. All options for the game were pre-discussed, agreed and put into writing. All eventualities were looked at: changes that would be made in the event of a sending off or injury to particular players; switches that would be immediately made should the game turn in favour of Down and everybody in the Limerick camp appeared to have a particular job to do during the 50 minute game.

Eamonn Cregan, as usual, hovered all over the Páirc na nGael pitch during the action, racing in occasionally to convey messages to individual players and giving non-stop encouragement and advice: "Go left," "hit it first time," "take your point." Here was a man who was enjoying every minute of what he was doing and one wondered how long it will be before he is back at the helm with a county senior hurling team.

Whatever the future holds, Limerick's camogie board can look back on two tremendous seasons of success and it is encouraging that their achievements have not been totally overlooked.

On Sunday last local sponsors responded to their efforts with practical support. The Kilmurray Lodge Hotel presented them with a set of post-match polo shirts; Limerick Sports Store sponsored the team jerseys while the First National Building Society gave each member of the panel a gear bag to mark the occasion.

"Things are looking up," said Bríd Naughton, "and with so many young promising players in the side I can see great potential for Limerick camogie. After all, Cork were the only team to beat us this season and that was by a late goal in extra time in the

## Limerick look too strong

LIMERICK'S CAMOGIE manager Eamonn Cregan will be hoping to restore some pride to his home county when his side take on Down in the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie championship final at the Gaelic grounds today.

The team will be looking to build on their success in the All-Ireland Junior Championship last year when they defeated Roscommon by a single point on a scoreline of 3-7 to 4-3.

Eight of last year's victorious juniors survive for today's crunch tie, including captain Helan Clifford/McCarthy, Agnes Sheehy, Ann Lenihan, Liz Leonard, Niamh Cregan and Pauleen McCarthy. McCarthy is one of the more experienced members of the side and is the only player on the panel to

hold two All-Ireland medals.

Limerick have been impressive throughout the championship breezing their way into the final with a convincing 4-10 to 2-4 win over Armagh. Down meanwhile strolled to a comfortable 14 point victory over Clare in their semi-final.

The northern side are sure to battle hard but Cregan's charges look favourites to make the breakthrough to senior ranks.

Roscommon are fancied to reach the final of the All-Ireland Junior championships when they take on Antrim at Athleague today. A repeat of last year's semi-final when Roscommon emerged triumphant by a single point, home advantage should just be enough to swing things their way once more.

## Craobhchomórtas Idirmheánach

Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann

**LUIMNEACH**

v.

**AN DÚN**

Gaelic Grounds, Luimneach

8 Meán Fómhair, 1996

ag 2.30 i.n.



Ann Lenihan in action for Limerick in the All-Ireland Intermediate camogie final in which Limerick beat Down. (LL)

## CORN PUIRSÉIL

Bronnadh Corn Puirseil ag an Ardeomhairle i 1992 don chéad Cluiche Ceannais den Chraobhchomórtas Idirmheánach. I ndilchuinne ar Una Uí Phuirseil a bronnadh an corn. Una, from Ballingarry, Luimneach, represented both Luimneach and Áth Cliath. She played with Luimneach against Coraigh in the All-Ireland Semi-Final of 1936, a match which was played in Ballingarry.

Una subsequently graduated from U.C.D. and went on to win an All-Ireland medal with Áth Cliath in 1938. Bhí sí ina hUachtarán ar an gCumann ó 1976 go dtí 1979.



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County camogie captain Helen Clifford-McCarthy, her husband Liam and their daughter Laura celebrate Limerick's All-Ireland victory in the intermediate championship at Pairc na nGael. (LL)

## Another All-Ireland



Fans rush to congratulate Limerick's camogie heroines. (LL)

## Sheehan and Burke put Limerick on right track

LIMERICK.....2-10  
DOWN.....1-6

THE CAMOGIE players of Limerick delighted a large home crowd at the Gaelic Grounds yesterday by winning the All-Ireland Intermediate title.

Eamon Cregan's team always looked likely winners once Vera Sheehan netted their first goal after just five minutes following a long clearance by Breda O'Brien.

Down kept plugging away and points from Mairin McAleenan and Jennifer Braniff kept them in touch until Limerick struck again in 23 minutes with an almost carbon-copy of their first goal.

Another long clearance from O'Brien was taken up by Kay Burke and she finished to the net. Valerie Hynds pulled a goal back for Down on the stroke of half-time, to leave the score at 2-6 to 1-3.

The second half was a low-key affair and was mainly a point swapping exercise. The experienced Agnes Sheehy, Ann Lenihan and Liz Leonard gave the winners the whip hand in defence and staved off the best efforts of Monica

McCartan, Colleen Hynds and Deirdre Savage.

There were great scenes of excitement at the final whistle with Limerick supporters feeling they had obtained some satisfaction for the defeat of their hurlers one week earlier.

SCORERS — Limerick: K Burke 1-3, V Sheehan 1-2, P McCarthy 0-3, M Burke and E O'Brien 0-1 each. Down: V Hynds 1-1, M McAleenan 0-3, J Braniff 0-2, C Hynds 0-1.

LIMERICK — Breda O'Brien, H Clifford-McCarthy, A Sheehy, A Lenihan, L Leonard, Bernice O'Brien, I Quaid, M Burke, V Sheehan, P McCarthy, E O'Brien, K Burke. Sub: J Cullinane for Quaid.

DOWN — C Gilmore, E Mason, P Green, N Magee, D Greeran, M McCartan, C Hynds, D Savage, J Braniff, M McAleenan, V Hynds, B MacGreevy.

ROSCOMMON.....5-6

ANTRIM.....3-11

A HAT-TRICK of goals from Maeve Healy proved decisive as Roscommon qualified for the All Ireland Junior camogie final thanks to a narrow win over Antrim in this semi-final replay at Athleague.

Roscommon were trailing by three points as the game entered the final minute when Healy scored the equalising goal. An injury time Healy sent over the winning point.

ROSCOMMON: M Healy 3-3, M Gannon and H Hussey 1-0 each, C Jones 0-2, M Grehan 0-1. ANTRIM: G McMullen 2-0, D Brogan 0-7, D O'Shaughnessy 0-4, M Barry 1-0.



Limerick's Ide Quaid, left, and Helen Clifford McCarthy, right, have this situation in control in the All-Ireland Intermediate final against Down at the Gaelic Grounds. (LL)



Barryroe, winners over Castlemagner in the County Intermediate camogie final.

Picture: Martin Walsh





### Ionadaithe:

- (13) **Mairéad Ní Ghadhra**  
Marguerite Guiry  
Croagh Kilfinny
- (14) **Sinead Ní Chuilleanáin**  
Jane Cullinane  
Croagh Ballingarry
- (15) **Deirdre Ní Shiocháin**  
Deirdre Sheehan  
Croagh Ballingarry
- (16) **Niamh Ní Chroideagáin**  
Niamh Cragan  
Croagh Kilfinny
- (17) **Sisile Ní Conmhara**  
Cecilia McNamara  
Ballygran
- (18) **Sharon Ní Cheallaigh**  
Sharon Kelly  
Croagh Kilfinny
- (19) **Lára Leeslaoi**  
Laura Leslie  
Croagh Ballingarry
- (20) **Máire Ní Bhriain**  
Marie O'Brien  
Croagh Ballingarry

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Dathanna: Glas agus Bán

(1)  
**BRÍD NÍ BHRIAIN**  
Breda O'Brien  
Croagh Ballingarry

(2)  
**EIGHLÍN NÍ CHLÚMHAÍN MHC CÁRTHAIGH**  
Helen Clifford McCarthy  
Bruff Captcen

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Agnes Sheehy  
Croagh Kilfinny

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**ÁINE NÍ LOINGEACHÁIN**  
Ann Lenihan  
Croagh Kilfinny

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**ÉILÍS NÍ LOINÍN**  
Liz Leonard  
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**PÓILÍN NÍ UAINÉ**  
Pauline Green  
Drumaness

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**NUALA NÍC AOIDH**  
Nuala Magee  
Leitrim

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**DONNA NÍC GRÍOGÁIN**  
Donna Greeran  
Leitrim

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**BRIAINÍN NÍ BHRIAIN**  
Bernie O'Brien  
Croagh Ballingarry

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**ÍDE NÍC UAD**  
Ide Quaide  
Croagh Ballingarry

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**MÁIRE de BURCA**  
Mary Bourke  
Glen Rovers, Corcaigh

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**MONICA NÍC ARTAIN**  
Monica McCartan  
Leitrim

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**COLLEEN NÍ EIDHÍN**  
Colleen Hynds  
Ben Derg

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**DEIRDRE SHABHAOIS**  
Deirdre Savage  
Portaferry

(9)  
**VERA NÍ SHÍOCHÁIN**  
Vera Sheehan  
Croagh Ballingarry

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**PÓILÍN NÍC CÁRTHAIGH**  
Pauline McCarthy  
Bruff

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**EIBHLÍN NÍ BHRIAIN**  
Eileen O'Brien  
Croagh Ballingarry

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**SINÉAD NÍ BHRANNUÍBH**  
Jennifer Braniff  
Ballycran

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**MÁIRÍN NÍC GIOLLA FHINNÉIN**  
Máirín McAleenan  
Leitrim Captcen

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Valerie Hynds  
Ben Derg

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Croagh Ballingarry

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Drumaness
- (14) **Majella Ní Mhuiri**  
Majella Murray  
Leitrim
- (15) **Sinead Ní Shamhráin**  
Sinead McGovern  
Aghaderg
- (16) **Nicky Níc Aoidh**  
Nicky Magee  
Ben Derg
- (17) **Cáit Ní Mhaolchalláin**  
Cathy Mulholland  
Ballyholland
- (18) **Cearúil Níc Póilín**  
Caroline Poland  
Ballyholland
- (19) **Clár Níc Craith**  
Claire McGrath  
Aghaderg
- (20) **Clár Níc Shamhráin**  
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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF AUSTIN STACKS

**T**he Austin Stacks club in Dublin was founded in 1930 by Molly Tubbert, Alice Kelly, Molly O'Toole and Violet Forde. They had many barriers to overcome. They approached Pembroke Urban District Council requesting a pitch in Herbert Park, Ballsbridge. The Council agreed they could have a pitch on the Dodder side, but it was a soccer pitch. This was unacceptable as the ban on foreign games was in existence: they were then given a pitch near the tennis court.

The next step was to get a name. Being ardent admirers of the late Austin Stack, they decided to approach his wife who was living in the Sandymount area. She was delighted to have the club called after him.

Austin Stacks won the junior league in 1934, this was the start of a wonderful era.

Perhaps one of the best known members of this club was the late Molly Murphy. Molly played in the 1927 exhibition games held in conjunction with the Tailteann games. Still a schoolgirl, she played with Clann. She went on to win a Tailteann medal with Leinster in 1932 and was a member of the first Dublin panel to win an All-Ireland the same year. Molly left Clann and

played with Crokes until they disbanded. She then joined Austin Stacks. She gave many years of service to the club, Leinster and Dublin where she was Treasurer for 21 years and spent an amazing 25 years as Selector/Trainer of Dublin teams.

Molly was also very much involved in Schools Camogie and coached 'Holy Faith', Clontarf to Leinster and All-Ireland Colleges championships in the sixties. Indeed this school acted as a nursery for Austin Stacks.

This great club reached the pinnacle when it won the All-Ireland club championship in 1971 and '72.

The '72 team: - Shiela Murray, Mary Ryan (Captain both years) Brid Keenan, Vera Sullivan, Dymphna Caldwell, Liz Neary who later won All-Ireland medals with Kilkenny and St.Pauls, Lucy McEvoy, Orla Ni Siochain (Daughter of former Ard-Stiurthoir Cumann Luthchleas Gael) Sean O Siochain, Pauleen Brennan, Anne Sheehy, former Ardrunai, Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, Rita Halpen and Mary Sherlock.

Many members represented Dublin with distinction winning numerous All-Ireland medals.

Sadly the club disbanded in 1983. A re-union took place earlier this year in the C.Y.M.C hall, Fairview where many friendships were renewed.



Officers of Dublin County Board who attended the Austin Stacks re-union held in CYMC Hall, Fairview earlier this year. L-R Maire Uí Scolai P.R.O, Pat Rafferty, Runai, Chris Green Cisteoir, Maire Brady Cathaoirleach and Kathleen Timmin Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Sadly, the death occurred suddenly on Monday September 2nd of Connie Lyons, Dublin aged 59.

Connie was well known in camogie circles. She played for Dublin and won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1971. She was a member of the Marino club which herself and her sister Kay founded in the early seventies after Eoghan Ruadh disbanded. Connie won an All-Ireland club championship medal with Eoghan Ruadh in 1967.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hAnam.



Granagh-Ballingarry, who won the county senior camogie title.

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# Tough test in Toomevara for Glen girls

THE Munster Senior club Championship semi-final between Glen Rovers of Cork and Toomevara of Tipperary as well as the Cork Under 14 "A" and Under 14 "B" League Finals will dominate the camogie fixture list this coming weekend.

On Saturday, Glen Rovers will travel to Toomevara to take on the local side and reigning Munster Champions in the semi-final of this season's Munster Club campaign and this game should be a cracking contest.

Toomevara defeated Glen last season at the Glen Field and since then the Cork girls are eager for revenge but, like last season, Glen will no doubt face formidable opponents in the Tipperary side.

Spearheaded by such fine players as Deirdre Hughes and Cora Kennedy, Toomevara, who will also be favoured with a home venue, will no doubt be very anxious to prove that last year's victory was no flash in the pan.

However, the Glen are a very experienced outfit and while victory did not come as easy this year in the Cork championship they still have a side capable of bringing Munster and All-Ireland honours to Cork.

They will be spearheaded by intercounty players, Linda Mellerick, who captains the side, Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, and the Dunlea sisters, Lyn and Stephanie, and if these girls play to potential, they should be in there with every chance of advancing.

At local level there are two interesting games down for decision, when both the under 14 "A" and "B" League Finals will be decided.

On Saturday, at Newcestown, at 1 o'clock Cloughduv and Courcy Rovers will be in opposition in the "A" final and this should be a close one.

Courcy Rovers are the Feile Na nGael champions and because of this will start as slight favourites but Cloughduv have shown remarkable improvement of late and it certainly would be no surprise if they were victorious on this occasion.

The Mid Cork team are a strong all round side and have some excellent players in Joanne O'Callaghan, and Aoife Murray, but

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apart from these girls, they are basically a very committed bunch of girls and their victories to date in the league have been based on a great team performance.

Courcy Rovers have two of this season's Cork Minor team in their side in Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes and their performance could have a big bearing on the eventual outcome.

They are very experienced performers and played a major part in Courcy's victory in the Feile na nGael.

However, on this occasion it will take a great performance from all involved if they are to complete what would be a great double for the Ballinaspittle based side.

On Sunday at 12 noon at Caherlag, Carrigtwohill and Watergrasshill will be in opposition in the Under 14 "B" League Final.

Both teams will be hoping for victory in this competition for the first time ever.

Carrigtwohill, despite their short number of years in existence, have certainly made great strides and great credit must go to their club mentors for bringing them to their first final ever.

They will look mainly to players like Rosanne Beamish, Caroline Divine and Kay Furlong to carry them through.

Watergrasshill have a strong tradition of camogie behind them but victory in all grades have eluded them for quite a number of years and victory on Sunday would no doubt be a welcome boost for the club.

### FIXTURES

Tomorrow: Munster Senior Club Championship - Glen Rovers (Cork) v Toomevara (Tipperary) at Toomevara 3 p.m.  
Under 16 "B" Championship - Cloughduv v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's, 3 p.m.; Douglas v Grenagh at Douglas, 2.30; Sarafelds v Kilsnash at Sarafelds, 2.30; Na Piarraigh v Blackrock at Na Piarraigh, 2.30.

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SUNDAY SEPT 15  
Under 16 "A" Championship - Bishopscourt v Newcestown at Bishopscourt, 12 noon; Iniscarra v Kilsnash at Iniscarra, 12 noon; St. Finbarr's v Aghabullogue at St. Finbarr's, 6.15.  
Under 16 "B" Championship - Valley Rovers v Dolineys at Valley Rovers, 2.30.  
Junior "B" Championship - Mayfield v Glen Rovers at Mayfield, 12 noon; St. Catherine's v Cobh at St. Catherine's, 3 p.m.; Eire Og v Enniskeen at Eire Og, 3 p.m.  
Under 14 "B" League Final - Watergrasshill v Carrigtwohill at Caherlag, 12 noon.  
Junior "A" Championship Replay - Tracton v Glen Rovers at Tracton, 6.30.

# Prospect of injuries to Glen players on

by Tom Higgins.

CORK'S chances of retaining their All-Ireland senior camogie crown against Galway at Croke Park on Sunday week, could receive a setback if any of the Glen players on the panel are injured in Saturday's Munster Inter-Club semi-final against Toomevara, at Toomevara, Co. Tipperary (3.00 p.m.).

The Cork club sought a postponement of the fixture at

the Munster Council meeting on Tuesday night, and were backed by the Cork County Board in their application, but their application failed.

Toomevara Club, who relieved the Glen of their Munster title at the Glen Field in the opening round last year, would not facilitate them by postponing the game and the Munster Council would not agree to putting it off unless both sides were agreeable.

The Toomevara delegate at the meeting said that the girls had arranged their holidays around the time the fixtures were made. They had offered to play the Glen last Sunday, but with the Glen senior hurlers playing Avondhu and Mary Burke turning out for Limerick in the All-Ireland Intermediate final, the Glen turned down this offer.

Only one other suitable date could be found in the event of a postponement but, with the

Munster winners having known early next morning contest the All-Ireland final, Toomevara had to this suggestion down, and of their key players were on holidays and they were prepared to play without.

The Glen team contains players who are on the senior panel namely, Therese O'Callaghan, the Danies, Lyn and Stephanie, Linda Mellerick (Club captain), Sandy Fitzgibbon

## Cork panel is a worry

Denise Cronin, as well as Orla Murphy who is on the Junior side who play Down in the Junior All-Ireland decider.

Yesterday, All-Ireland senior captain, Therese O'Callaghan, said "We were focusing on the All-Ireland final but now we will have to focus on this game, which is of great importance to the club. It is a game we could have done without at this stage with the All-Ireland final only eight days away."

It is also a setback to the girls and their coach Noel Lynam, as they were anxious to see the senior hurling side play Avondhu in the replay of the Cork Senior hurling championship, which is fixed for Páirc Uí Caoimh at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

The winners of Saturday's game will take on the winner of the Limerick v Waterford Club champions in the Munster final.



Galway's Veronica Curtin, scorer of 1-2 against Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior camogie semi-final



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# Galway seek their first title

**C**ork will probably start as favourites in the senior final. This comes as no surprise with Munster teams to date having collected a number of major titles which include the Ashbourne Cup, the All-Ireland Colleges senior championships, the National League and the National Junior League. Cork retained their senior league title without any serious difficulties. No doubt they will now look to the double. In the semi-final Cork defeated old rivals Kilkenny who were without the legendary Angela Downey/Brown who has now got a little hurler called "Conor."

Kilkenny as ever put on an excellent display of skills and the scores were level until Cork centre forward Vivienne Harris, of Bishopstown club, made a break through the Kilkenny back line - cleverly hand-passed to Glenrover teacher, Lynn Dunlea, who crashed the sliotar into the net, scoring the only goal of the exciting match in Páirc Uí Rinn leaving 1-13 to 0-12 on the scoreboard.

Physiotherapist and former U.C.D. player Eithne Duggan was like a stonewall in defence and constantly frustrated the barrage of attacks of the talented Kilkenny forwards Sinéad Millea and Marina Downey.

Blonde Thérèse O'Callaghan, civil servant from the "Glen" club, is captain for the third time. Thérèse played a blinder at centre field in the semi-final as she was determined not to perish at the hands of old rivals Kilkenny. Thérèse and blonde clubmate Linda Mellerick combine expertly at midfield and thus present a formidable duo that will be difficult to contain.

Denise Cronin wears the No. 6 jersey and has graced the team for some years while electrician Mags Finn of Fr. O'Neill club is new to the scene. Another member of this club is Athlone teacher, superstar Fiona O'Driscoll who will spearhead the forward line and with her famous reputation will present a formidable force against Galway. Goalkeeper Kathleen Costine of Killeagh club hopes to be the first of the Cork team to wed as she will tie the knot in October. She will do her level best to avoid a replay!

By Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin

Not alone is the west awake but it is fired with ambition and enthusiasm under the management of Tony Ward who is the proud possessor of a club All-Ireland medal with Sarsfields and two senior medals in Galway championships. Tony has trained the team for the last three years. In 1994 Galway won the Senior League under Tom's guidance and he is hoping to bring the first senior championship to Galway before his only daughter, mascot Ciara, comes to the senior ranks!

Cailín na Gaillimhe had a very comfortable margin of eight points over Wexford in the semi-finals in Loughrea having disposed with Dublin in the quarter-final of the "Bórd na Gaeilge" championship with a 1-24 to 3-10 victory. Galway are very aware of the importance of coaching at juvenile level and the fruits of their labour is evident in recent successes of St. Raphael's College winning five Colleges' championships. Half of the present team are past pupils of this great nursery of camogie in the West! Half of them are students. Some second, some third level. A very young team indeed but one with a ravenous hunger to avenge the humiliating defeat of 3-16 to 1-7 in this year's league against Cork. Their joy would know no bounds if they were to carry Corn Ua Dubhthaigh across the Shannon for the first time ever!

Galway goalie Louise Currie, a graduate engineer from Waterford R.T.C. now working in Shannon comes to the side with considerable experience. A superb shot stopper she has graced the goals of her native Dublin's team and that of Waterford R.T.C. for several years winning Purcell and Ashbourne medals. Teacher Olive Costello of Sarsfield's club is a solid defender having played in Croke Park twice before. She possesses 5 All-Ireland col-

leges and one All-Ireland minor championship medal.

Although the Brodericks, Olivia and Ann, are not related to each other they both came up the ranks through St. Raphael's College and the Davitt's club and both are still students - Olivia in U.C.G. and Ann in Athlone R.T.C. Both are stalwart backs and Ann is sister to hurler Kevin. Together with D.I.T. student Pamela Nevin from St. Raphael's stable will form a defence which Cork many find difficult to penetrate.

Superstar Sharon Glynn of Na Píarsaigh club is probably one of the most skilful players of this decade. Her strength and mobility will cause head-aches to the Cork midfield. Young talented, dedicated, opportunist blond student Denise Gilligan of the Croaghwell club drove in a blinding pass to team-mate Martina Harkin who passed to 16-year-old full forward Veronica Curtin of Sarsfields for Galway's only goal in the semi-final. Veronica plays hockey for Ireland.

Captain Imelda Hobbins, the Mullagh corner forward, an executive member of the Western healthboard, and Ann Ryan are fearless sharp shooters and will not be intimidated by the reputation of the Cork backs. Two more teachers, Martina Harkin



**MASCOTS:** Galway captain Imelda Hobbins with Ciara Ward (left) and Karen Kennedy

- graduate of Maynooth - and Bridget Kilgannon may teach the Leesiders a lesson in determination in Croke Park and could deprive them of the Double in 1996.

The Kilmacud All-Ireland 7-a-sides on the 21st will make history when they include, for the first time, a team from New York. U.S.A. camogie president Kathleen McDonagh brings "New York Young" to participate. Go n-éirí an t-ádh leis na foirme uilig. Níl aon dabht ach go léireoidh siad gaisce na gcamóg os comhair an tsaoil!



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**CAMOGIE COMMENT**

**BY MARY MORAN**

## *Improving Galway are now up there with the best*

**W**ill Galway fulfil the promise shown over the past two decades and lift the O'Duffy Cup for the first time or will champions Cork notch title number eighteen? That question will be answered when the teams meet in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior final at Croke Park on September 22nd.

The All-Ireland Senior Championships has been a closed shop for many years. The most recent county to join the club has been Kilkenny who now lie in third place with twelve titles. Of the sides waiting for their luck to change, Galway must be the most deserving of a break. The Connacht county contested five finals in the early years of the championship, two in the sixties and were back again in 1993.

A young skilful Galway team played Cork in the 1993 All-Ireland final and gave a very good account of themselves. They were expected to build on that performance. In the meantime, they have put their name on the National Senior League trophy and now are back in the final again.

Over half the players who lined out for Galway in the 1993 All-Ireland final are no longer on the county panel. This reflects a huge change in personnel in three short years. Galway appear to be losing players with decided potential before they mature.

Cork, on the other hand, field a settled team. Irene O'Leary, Breda Kenny and Liz Towler are the only missing names since the 1993 final. They have been replaced by Eithne Duggan, Margaret Finn and Vivienne Harris. Both sides have seen a change of coach. Tony Ward and Tom Nott have replaced Cyril Farrell and Joe McGrath.

Galway and Cork qualified for the final of the National Senior League earlier in the year. Cork ran out comfortable winners against a Galway team whose fitness was not up to

standard. In the semi-final and the final of the League, the Galway defence conceded 8-28. It is not surprising, therefore, that a completely new half-back line represented the county in the All-Ireland semi-final against Wexford.

Anne and Olive Broderick together with Pamela Nevin shored up the leaks. Wexford could only manage 1-5 over the hour. As usual, Sharon Glynn was the inspirational leader of the side. She was well supported by Dymphna Maher and Carmel Hannon. Up front, Galway have four scoring forwards in Imelda Hobbins, Denise Gilligan, Martina Harkin and Veronica Curtin. This is a much better side than that which failed to Cork in the League final.

Cork were pushed to the limit to defeat Kilkenny in the second semi-final. It took a wonderful run by Vivienne Harris to unhinge the Kilkenny defence and set up a later goal for Lyn Dunlea to decide the issue. Cork were satisfied with their defence who held Kilkenny to two points from play. Eithne Duggan had an excellent game shutting off the direct route to goal and mopping up anything which came in from the sides. Behind her, Kathleen Costine made two brilliant saves at a vital stage of the match.

Kilkenny attacked up the sides to avoid Cork star, Sandie Fitzgibbon. As the match wore on, Sandie came more and more into the game and drove the ball forward continuously. Therese O'Callaghan played a captains part in midfield. The forwards had a frustrating hour. Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe and Linda Mellerick tried hard but the ball did not run for them. Lyn Dunlea waited for opportunities and smartly finished the one presented by Vivienne Harris. The low score of 1-2 from play speaks for itself. The Cork management will look for a much greater return from this sector.

Cork will have two teams in Croke

Park on All-Ireland day. The juniors enjoyed a good run in Munster. They scored an easy win over London in the semi-final. They were disappointed to lose their star midfielder, Mary O'Connor to the seniors in the Kilkenny game. But they made light of their loss against Kildare to secure a place in the final. Cork have fine performers in Eileen Buckley, Hilda Kenneally, Antoinette O'Connell, Mary Kennefick and Linda O'Sullivan and should give a good account of themselves against the winners of the Roscommon v Antrim replay.

The Intermediate Championship final will be a repeat of the National Junior League final between Down and Limerick. The Limerick girls came out on top on that occasion by 5-10 to 3-7 and will make a great effort to add the Intermediate title to the Junior crown which they won last season. Down scored decisive wins over Galway and Clare and will put it up to Limerick in what should be a great final.

Limerick, who despatched Tipperary and Armagh have a fine side built around Ann Linehan, Pauline McCarthy, Margeurite Guiry, Vera Sheehan and Jean Cullinane. Down have a real star in their captain Maureen McAleenan. She is well supported by Edel Mason, Monica McCartan, Donna Greeran and Cathy Mulholland.

In the only championship to be decided already this season, Galway and Tipperary minors served up excellent fare at Semple Stadium. Galway raced into an early lead and appeared to be heading for victory. Tipperary rallied but Galway drew clear again. Galway had both hands on the cup when Tipperary threw everything forward in a desperate effort to salvage the game. Galway held out to take Corn Tailteann once again. Both sides must be pleased with the talent that is on the way up.



# Glen girls give a power-packed display and relieve Toomevara of Munster title

Toomevara  
Glen Rovers

1-12  
5-14

by Tom Higgins

A power packed display by Cork champions, Glen Rovers, in the second-half relieved Toomevara of their title in the Munster semi-final at sundrenched Toomevara, Co Tipperary on Saturday.

In a rather lack-lustre first-half both sides had their chances to build up a big score but wasted them by trying to pick the ball, when ground camogie would have been most advantageous.

In this respect the home side were more at fault as their star forward, Deirdre Hughes, tried to take too much out of the ball and could have scored a number of points instead of soloing

at the defence in search goals when she was well policed by Claire McCarthy.

However, the Glen, who played with the wind in the opening half, matched the holders score for score but were lucky on two occasions when Orla Murphy brought of a point blank save from Hughes and another effort, from a melee in front of the goal, hit the upright and went wide.

A point by Toomevara's best player Noelle Kennedy gave the home side an early lead but the Glen forged ahead in the 11th minute 0-3 to 0-2. Then came an excellent goal for the Tipperary side, when Hughes got free of her marker, to collect a lobbing ball from Noelle Kennedy to palm to the net past Orla Murphy in the Glen goal.

But the Glen fought back, and

## Cork side report no injuries as All Ireland looms

with Stephanie Dunlea, Karen O'Riordan and Linda Mellerick beginning to get a grip in the centre of the field and Sandy Fitzgibbon superb at centre-back, they gradually reduced arrears before Karen O'Riordan put them ahead with a goal in the 28th minute. When Lynn Dunlea pointed a free on the stroke of half-time the visitors were 1-8 to 1-5 in front.

After Ann Gleeson scored a point in the opening minute of the second-half for Toomevara the Glen really took over and

playing some majestic ground camogie the blasted home three goals in the space of ten minutes to lead 4-8 to 1-6, and hard as they tried Toomevara could never get back into the game.

The Glen tightened up their defence and gave the Toomevara forwards little scope and although they got quite good supply ball from puck outs they were shut down quickly.

On the other hand Glen began to find their loose players who slotted over some excellent point and the game was in safe keeping before the end.

All the inter-county players lined out for the Cork side with the exception of Therese O'Callaghan, who was injured in the Cork final. She decided to stay on the sideline thus giving

her leg injury more time to improve. However, she won't miss the All-Ireland final against Galway next Sunday.

The Glen were glad to report that none of their players received injuries which is good news to the Cork selectors.

Scores for Glen Rovers: L Dunlea 2-11 (0-5 frees, 0-1 "30"), K O'Riordan 2-6, L Mellerick 1-3.  
Toomevara: N Kennedy 0-9 (0-5 frees, 0-1 "30"), D Hughes 1-1, A Gleeson 0-1 R O'Meara 0-1.  
TOOMEVARA: N Dwan, A Delaney, C Kennedy, S Maxwell, R O'Meara, S Kelly, M Maxwell, A Gleeson, N Kennedy (capt), J Browne, D Hughes, Subs: G Shanahan for J Browne (25th minute), D Troy for G Shanahan (58th minute).  
GLEN ROVERS: O Murphy, C McCarthy, E McCarthy, S Fitzgibbon, M Burke, S Dunlea, K O'Riordan, L Mellerick, T Murphy, D Cronin (capt), E Harte, L Dunlea.  
Referee: C Doody (Limerick).

# The Glen girls find the right formula



Glen Rovers Karen O'Riordan runs past Toomevara's Ailin Delaney.

A fantastic second half by Glen Rovers senior camogie side helped them to dethrone reigning Munster champions, Toomevara.

## Second half performance puts away Toomevara

BY TOM HIGGINS

The Glen, with six of the Cork panel who are to due duty for the Rebel County at Croke Park next Sunday, on their side, were reluctant to play this game for fear of injury to their star players.

But things worked out fine for the Glen, who lost their Munster title to the Tipperary girls at the Glen Field twelve months ago, as they received no injuries which augurs well for Cork's chance of retaining their title against Galway on Sunday.

Only one of the panelists failed to turn out.

All-Ireland captain Therese O'Callaghan, who received an injury in the County final against Imokilly, toggled out, but did not play. "I was ready to go on if needed but I wanted to give the leg a little more time to get it right and there is no danger of me missing next Sunday's final" she said.

It was anybody's game in the opening half with Toomevara, who played against a slight wind, having slightly the better of it.

Their captain Noelle Kennedy was having an outstanding game and was dominant around the middle of the field where she was given too much space.

Full forward Deirdre Hughes, when the champions

were hoping would get most of their scores, was well policed by Claire McCarthy but when she did get free she looked very dangerous. But she had a tendency to solo at the Glen defence and on quite a few occasions was robbed of the ball when points were there for the taking.

She did however get her sides only goal when she escaped the attention of McCarthy to catch a lobbing ball from the right wing by Noelle Kennedy in the 13th minute to palm the ball to the net past Orla Murphy.

However the Glen matched the Tipperary girls score for score but were lucky on two occasions when Orla Murphy brought off a brilliant save from Hughes, and the ball hit the upright and went wide from a snap shot from a melee in front of goal a few minutes later.

Both side relied on frees for the majority of their scores in the first half with a goal from Karen O'Riordan two minutes before the break giving the visitors a 1-8 to 1-5 advantage at the break.

"I told them to spread the play in the dressingroom at half time and it worked a

treat" said trainer Noel Lynam.

Lyn Dunlea was in scoring form for the Blackpool girls and contributed 2-11 of her sides total.

On this form the Glen girls will take a lot of stopping on their march to what they hope will be provincial and All Ireland glory.



EYE ON THE BALL: Linda Mellerick, Glen Rovers, ready to shoot against Toomevara in the Munster club camogie semi-final on Saturday. Picture: Kieran Clancy.



## GALWAY ADVANCE TO ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Galway secured a place in the Bord na Gaioige All-Ireland Senior Championship Final when they got the better of Wexford in the semi-final played at Loughrea. Galway were never really troubled after Veronica Curtin opened the scoring with a goal in the first minute. Wexford were completely off target and trailed 1-7 to 0-1 at the break. Wexford tried hard in the second half but could not match the scoring power of their opponents. Geraldine Codd scored the Slaneysiders goal in the closing stages. Final Score: Galway 1-13 Wexford 1-5.  
 Scorers - Galway: Sharon Glynn 0-5, Veronica Curtin 1-1, Imelda Hobbins 0-4, Denise Gilligan 0-2, Martina Harkin 0-1.  
 Wexford: Geraldine Codd 1-4, Fiona Dunne 0-1.  
 Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Limerick proved too strong for Armagh in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi-final played at Ballymacnab. A goal by Pauleen McCarthy two minutes from half time gave Limerick a 1-8 to 0-2 lead at the break. Early in the second half Armagh cut the leadway to four points. But a brace of goals by Eileen O'Brien fastened her teams grip on victory.

Final Score - Limerick 4-10 Armagh 2-4.  
 Scorers - Limerick: Eileen O'Brien 2-3, Pauleen McCarthy 1-4, Vera Sheehan 1-0, Kay Burke 0-2, Bernie O'Brien 0-1.  
 Armagh: Bernie McBride 1-1, Avoorneen Kearney 1-0, Mary Black 0-2, Collette Byrne 0-1.

Cork secured a place in the All-Ireland junior final when they defeated Kildare in a close semi-final at Newbridge. This was a game the Lilywhites should have won. They were all over their opponents for the first twenty minutes and they led 1-6 to 0-3. Then disaster struck when their stalwart and scoring power Miriam Malone had to retire through injury. From then on the team seemed to lose their grip on the game. Antoinette O'Connell scored Cork's goal on the 29th minute to leave the half time score, Kildare 1-6, Cork 1-3. An early second half goal by Liz O'Sullivan put Cork on the path to victory as they dominated the final quarter.

Final Score - Cork 2-9 Kildare 1-8.  
 Scorers - Cork: Mary Kenniffe 0-7, Liz O'Sullivan 1-1, Antoinette O'Connell 1-0, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-1.  
 Kildare: Aisling Treacey 0-4, Miriam Malone 0-3, Eileen Murray 1-0, Michelle Aspel 0-1.  
 Referee - Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Ulster 1994 club champions Dunloy, Antrim coasted into the final when they accounted for An Port Mor, in a disappointing semi-final played at the latter venue. The Armagh champions could not control the strong challenge posed by Dunloy who were in great scoring form and ended up with a 4-9 to 0-4 victory.  
 Scorers - Dunloy: Oonagh Elliot 3-1, Claire Maguire 1-0, Ann McKee, Elaine Dowds 0-3 each, Christine McCampbell, Deirdre Healy 0-1 each.  
 An Port Mor: Ann Donnelly 0-3, Madeline Doherty 0-1.

In the other semi-final Leitrim/Fontenoy's Down, had a 3-10 to 0-9 victory over the Fermanagh champions Teemore. The winners led 2-2 to 0-4 at the break.  
 Scorers - Leitrim: Mairin McAleenan 2-5, Bernie Kelly 1-0, Grainne McCrickard 0-2, Cairiona McCrickard, Majella Murray, Nuala McGee 0-1 each.  
 Teemore - Ursula Maguire 0-4, Glenda Fitzpatrick 0-3, Michelle Curry and Gemma McCarthy 0-1 each.

The meeting of Dunloy and Leitrim/Fontenoy's at a later date will be one of great interest. It will be a repeat of the 1994 final which Dunloy won. Leitrim will be contesting the final for the third successive year.

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final takes place when Limerick take on Down in a repeat of the National Junior League Final which the Limerick ladies won 5-10 to 3-7. However, league and championship are two different ball games. Down have been trying for a number of years to reach senior ranks and will be going all out to prove that this is their year. Nevertheless they will meet with stiff opposition taking on Limerick on home ground. The Munster county will be adamant to keep its successful run intact. In the semi-final they had a 4-10 to 2-4 win over Armagh while Down had a 4-14 to 1-9 victory over Clare. This should be a cracking final. Limerick have to be favourites, but Down are ready to do battle.

Also on Sunday the replay of the All-Ireland Junior semi-final is down for decision when Roscommon and Antrim battle it out once again. The sides drew in last year's semi-final and Roscommon got through by the minimum score in the replay.

Roscommon have home venue on Sunday which will be an advantage and they should make the final once again.

Meanwhile Lisdowney, Kilkenny host the All-Ireland Club champions Rathnure, Wexford in the Leinster Senior Club Championship final. This should be an entertaining tussle with little separating the sides at the finish.

Fixtures  
 Sunday September 8th  
 All-Ireland I.C. Final  
 At Gaelic Grounds, Limerick  
 Limerick v Down 2.30pm

All-Ireland J.C. Semi-Final Replay  
 At Athleague  
 Roscommon v Antrim 2pm

Leinster Senior Club C.  
 At Lisdowney, Kilkenny  
 Lisdowney, Kilkenny v Rathnure, Wexford 3pm



Experienced whistle-blower Marie Pollard from Waterford will take charge of this weekend's All-Ireland Intermediate Final clash between Limerick and Down.

## Camogie clubs get £100,000 for helmets

by T.P. O'Mahony

CAMOGIE clubs all over the country are to benefit from a special grant of £100,000 from the Minister for Sport, Mr Bernard Allen.

Speaking in Cork yesterday, the Minister said the grant was towards the provision of a set of 12 helmets per club.

The grant will be made available to Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, and will assist the almost 500 camogie clubs throughout the country in purchasing and providing helmets for their players.

"I am confident this injection of funds will give a great boost to camogie and to the hundreds of clubs in the country," he said.

"It will be of considerable benefit to young players in particular, and will relieve some of the financial pressure on the clubs in providing this important item of safety equipment for the players."

Mr Allen went on to explain that this special contribution to one of our own national games should also be seen in the context of the wider issue of the place of women in sport. "The role of women at all levels and in all facets of sport is being given particular attention in the preparation of a new strategy for sport."

The Minister said he had asked the new Irish Sports Council - under the chairmanship of John Treacy - to draw up a strategy for Irish sport, so as to plan for the future. "I have also requested the Council to give priority to give priority attention to the role of women in sport."

"To facilitate this, a special committee of the Council is being given the task of identifying and tackling the various complex factors which impact for good or bad on women's involvement in sport, in all its facets and at all levels."

At yesterday's press reception, the Minister also formally launched *The Examiner's* special 20-page supplement on camogie, produced with the support of the Irish Sports Council.



Announcing the women's sports initiative at Cork's Jury's Hotel last night, Sport Minister Bernard Allen joined Cork camogie players (from left) Mary and Kay Burke, Therese O'Callaghan, Vera Sheehan, Siobhan Ryan, Catriona Hennessy and Emily Hayden.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony



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# Exciting victory for Cloughduv

Cloughduv 3 - 1  
Coursey Rovers 0 - 4



An all action sequence from the Cloughduv V Coursey Rovers U14 Camogie League Final. (Pic: Michael English)



Coursey's defence well as Cloughduv mount another attack in their U14 Camogie League Final. (Pic: Michael English)

CONDITIONS were excellent at Newcestown on Saturday last for the Under 14 County Camogie League Final which got underway at 1.00 pm.

The clubs involved were Cloughduv and Coursey Rovers and the spectators who attended got good value for their money as the young ladies on both sides gave their all in their quest for victory.

Cloughduv won in the end by two goals and an advantage in the performance of their forwards in the second half and a superb display by their goalkeeper Orla O'Callaghan

over the 50 minutes, were the major factors in their victory. Coursey Rovers had slightly the better of the first half exchanges with two of their players, namely Sarah Hayes in defence and Rachel Moloney in attack posing some problems for Cloughduv. The latter's defence performed heroics however and Aoife Murray, Sally Anne Shannon and Joanne O'Callaghan were

particularly prominent as they soaked up the constant pressure of their opponents. Coursey were consequently only a point ahead at the break and the Mid Cork side could face the second half with a good degree of confidence.

The exchanges continued on a very competitive vein after the break with both forward lines finding it hard to make progress and eight minutes had elapsed without either side improving their position. Cloughduv then

got a huge boost however when a first time ground effort by Orla McCarthy found the net and things really looked good for them two minutes later when Sheila McCarthy slotted home their second major.

Coursey realising that the game was moving out of their reach, then made a determined effort to improve their position. Their leading forward Rachel Moloney soloed goalwards in search of a major and her powerful shot seemed destined for the

net. The Cloughduv goalie Orla O'Callaghan came to her side's rescue when the need was greatest and she brought off a brilliant save, so the Mid Cork side were shaping very much like winners following same.

Subsequent efforts by their opponents at securing goals

were competently dealt with by Orla so Coursey only added two points by Rachel Moloney and Mary Nash clinched the issue for Cloughduv when she crashed home their third goal two minutes from full time.



Cloughduv U14 Camogie Team who defeated Coursey Rovers in the League Final at Newcestown. (Pic: Michael English)



Coursey Rovers who lost to Cloughduv in the Cork County U14 Camogie League Final. (Pic: Michael English)

## CLOUGHDUV GIRLS TRIUMPH



Sheila Goulding, chairperson, Camogie Board, presenting the league cup to Joanne O'Callaghan, captain, Cloughduv camogie team.

## BALLYGARVAN GIRLS WIN



Mary Bugler, Chairperson, South East Camogie Board, seen presenting the under 13 trophy to the captain of Ballygarvan after her team defeated Ballinhassig in the final played at Ballinhassig.



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## S.E. CAMOGIE PRESENTATION



Mary Bugler, chairperson, South East Camogie Board, seen presenting the Fe 13 trophy to Aoife Murphy, captain, Ballygarvan after her team defeated holders Ballinhassig in the final at Ballinhassig.



Ballygarvan, South East under 13 camogie champions after defeating holders Ballinhassig in the final at Ballinhassig.

## Ballygarvan on top in league final

Ballygarvan ... 5-8.  
Ballinhassig ... 2-1.

THIS all-parish Carrigdhoun under 13 camogie league final played at Ballinhassig on Sunday last proved to be a most entertaining contest, but the end result was undoubtedly a deserved victory for the Ballygarvan girls.

And for that victory the Ballygarvan club can feel a great sense of pride on the display of their outstanding midfielder and scorer-in-chief, Emer Dillon, whose stickwork, speed and skill will no doubt be seen at a higher level in the years ahead. Her partner Catriona Kelly also caught the eye as a player whose talents were also superb.

And while the winners had a well-balanced side, Ballinhassig too contributed a good game of camogie, especially in the first half when little separated the sides. They possessed good defenders in Claire Crowley and Olive Quinlan, while goalkeeper Cathy Coleman was outstanding throughout, saving her side on many occasions.

### SQUANDERED

Ballygarvan got off to the best of starts, as Emer Dillon put her side 1-1 in front after four minutes. But over the next fifteen minutes they were

to squander many chances before Ballinhassig's outstanding forward notched a 19th minute goal following a well-worked move and by the 21st minute the home side had levelled when Mairead Holland pointed a 20m free.

One minute later Catriona Kelly put Ballygarvan ahead and just on the half-time break Emer Dillon struck again when her long range free dipped under the crossbar, despite the best attempts of keeper Cathy Coleman, to give the winners an interval lead of 2-2 to 1-1.

Ballygarvan kept up the pressure after the re-start, but some great saves by the Blues' keeper were to keep them at bay until the 33rd minute, when Catriona Kelly pointed a ground shot. By the 40th minute the winners had quadrupled their score difference, 4-4 to 1-1, as Fiona Wynne and Catriona Kelly notched goals — with the latter's goal a real peach of a solo effort.

### TO CREDIT

But Ballinhassig to their credit never gave up thanks to the efforts of Rita O'Sullivan, Jackie Hurley, Elaine Jeffers and Caroline Finn and by the 42nd minute Elaine Finn notched her second goal of the game to lift her side's spirits.

However, Ballygarvan's all-round balance was evident in the closing stages, as Emer Dillon rounded off a superb personal performance with another great goal and a brace of points.

Following the game, Mary Bugler, chairperson of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Association, presented the league plaque to Ballygarvan's captain, Aoife Murphy.

Scorers: Ballygarvan — E. Dillon (3-4), C. Kelly (1-3), F. Wynne (1-0), A. O'Neill (0-1). Ballinhassig — E. Finn (2-0), M. Holland (0-1).

Ballygarvan: Sally-Ann O'Halloran, Katie Brown, Aoife Murphy, Katherine Madden, Jennifer Browne, Aileen O'Neill, Deirdre Daly, Emer Dillon, Catriona Kelly, Fiona Wynne, Zelda Forrest, Julie O'Sullivan. Sub. used — Sinead Collins.

Ballinhassig: Cathy Coleman, Claire Crowley, Olive Quinlan, Denise Cullinane, Jackie Hurley, Siobhan O'Regan, Brita O'Sullivan, Caroline Finn, Mairead Holland, Trish Holland, Elaine Finn, Elaine Jeffers. Sub. used — Aine Aherne.

Referee: Leonard O'Sullivan (Shamrocks).

—'Carrigdhoun'



Milford/Tullylease, winners of the under 14 camogie girls final at the CMP Dairy Cork Community Games.



# Low scoring as Cloughduv goals prove decisive

**Cloughduv .....3-1  
Courcey Rovers ...0-4**

Conditions were excellent at Newcestown on Saturday last at 1 p.m. when the young ladies from the Cloughduv and Courcey Rovers camogie clubs faced each other in the county final.

The game in question was an under 14 county final and the enthusiastic supporters of both teams were treated to an excellent fifty minutes entertainment. Cloughduv won in the end because they had the ability to score goals and also because they had in their ranks a goalkeeper capable of foiling the goal scoring efforts of their opponents. The young lady in question, Orla O'Callaghan, made some superb saves, particularly when the need was greatest and her performance was a major source of inspiration to the other members of the team.

## WERE PROMINENT

The opening half of the game was particularly low scoring, but Courceys were performing better and two of their players, Sarah Hayes, in defence, and Rachel Moloney, in attack, were prominent for them during that opening half. There was no score, however, for twenty minutes of the game as the Cloughduv defence, where Aoife Murray, Sally Anne Shannon and Joanne O'Callaghan performed heroics, defied the best efforts of the Courceys attack.

Rachel Moloney eventually scored a point to open the Courceys account and the same player quickly followed with a second score. The Cloughduv defence held firm for the remainder of the half, however, they forced a '30' from one of their own attacks. Catherine Corkery scored a point from this to reduce the arrears to the minimum and close the first half scoring.

## NO HEADWAY

Both sets of forwards made some attacking efforts early in the second half but they made

very little headway and it was still two points to one in favour of Courcey rovers with eight minutes of the second half gone. Cloughduv then scored the first of their goals when Orla McCarthy's first-time effort found the net and they were well on the road to victory two minutes later thanks to a second goal which was scored by Sheila McCarthy.

Courcey Rovers now had it all to do and Rachel Moloney made a brave effort to lift their spirits as she headed for the Cloughduv goal on a determined solo run. She unleashed a powerful drive for the Cloughduv net, but Orla O'Callaghan in the winners goal was equal to the challenge and she made a superb save.

Things were now heading very much in Cloughduv's direction as Courceys additional goal-scoring efforts proved fruitless and the minutes ticked away. The losers did reduce the arrears through points from play and from a free by Rachel Moloney but Mary Nash clinched the issue for Cloughduv when she scored their third goal three minutes from time.

Scorers: Cloughduv, Orla McCarthy, Sheila McCarthy and Mary Nash 1-0 each, Catherine Corkery 0-1 (30). Courcey Rovers, Rachel Moloney 0-4 (0-1 free).

**Cloughduv:** Orla O'Callaghan, Aoife Murray, Sally Anne Shannon, Rita O'Sullivan, Joanne O'Callaghan, Mary Nash, Catherine Corkery, Sadie McDonnell, Orla McCarthy, Sheila McCarthy, Linda O'Leary, Niamh Dunne.

**Courcey Rovers:** Clare Murphy, Maria Murphy, Jennifer Murphy, Cathy Collins, Sarah Hayes, Aine O'Regan, Samantha Quinn, Maura O'Regan, Eileen O'Leary, Ann Marie Duggan, Rachel Moloney, Yvonne Hayes, and sub, Siobhan Duggan for Yvonne Hayes. The other members of the Courcey panel were Clarissa Hegarty, Cora Nyhan and Lydia Fitzgerald.

— T.A.S.