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Ballygarvan team who took part in the Carrigdhoun camogie blitz recently.



Belgooly NS team who took part in the Carrigdhoun camogie blitz recently.

Juniors in action

THERE is a busy programme of games ahead starting on Sunday next when the Cork Junior side take on Limerick in the Munster Championship.

This should be an exciting game with both teams going hell for leather in a bid to advance in the championship.

It's not too long now till the Cork Minor side face another big day in the sun.

This splendid bunch of girls, who brought the Munster Title to the County following a marvellous victory over arch rivals Tipperary, are in confident mood at the moment.

The girls are training away under the watchful eyes of Rob Lotty, Ted Roche and Cork Seniors Mary O'Connor and Fiona O'Driscoll.

One has to pay tribute to the Senior players for their in-

Limerick will be a tough nut to crack

Camogie round-up

volvement with this side as they are both heavily involved with their own training at both club and county level.

The Minors will take on Dublin in what everybody hopes is a stepping stone to Cork's first minor title in the 90's.

Following last year's victory in the Junior All-Ireland Final this team are now graded Intermediate for the 1997 season.

We take on Tipperary at a Cork venue on August 3rd in the opening round of the championship and we will be

hoping to reach the semi-final which is down for decision for August 27th.

It's a busy July and August for all our Inter County players, mentors and officials but hopefully, by the end of September, four All-Ireland titles will be resting in Cork.

23 Clubs entered the Feile na nGael Camogie competitions which commenced in early May with venues at Ovens, Bishopstown, The Glen, Ballyanley, Ballygarvan and Mayfield.

After many hours of enjoyable camogie the

quarter final stages were reached.

Qualifying from these quarter finals were St. Finbarrs, Aghabullogue, Glen Rovers and Barryroe.

Exciting

Two exciting semi-finals ensued with Barryroe and Aghabullogue qualifying for the final.

Down through the years Aghabullogue have taken several Feile titles and on this occasion were hoping to add another.

The girls from the Carbery Division, Barryroe, had other ideas and gave it everything, playing some fine camogie, to win their first Feile Title.



Minane Bridge who took part in the Carrigdhoun camogie blitz recently.

Bishopstown, Imokilly clash

THE Senior camogie championship continues this weekend when Bishopstown and Imokilly clash in the curtain-raiser to the Munster Junior Championship. Cork v Limerick this evening at Mayfield whilst on Wednesday Cloughduv take on Fr. O'Neills at Carrigrohilly.

Imokilly, last year's defeated finalists, take on 1995 county finalists Bishopstown to decide who meets Carbery in the semi-final. Imokilly can call on players from senior clubs Sarsfield and Killeagh whilst junior sides Cobb, Erins Own, and Watergrasshill will all be hoping to have representatives in the side. They have top class players in former Cork senior goalkeeper Kathleen O'Leary, Cobl's Ger Martin, Mary O'Connor, Breda Kenny and Sinead Cahalane. The divisional side have put in an enormous effort in their preparations and their sights are firmly set on victory.

Bishopstown however make no secret of their desire to take a County title and they've worked hard to achieve this goal. They have excellent players in Cork senior Eithne Duggan and Vivienne Harris whilst Ciara Healy, Liz Towler and Tricia Doyle are all very strong players. They are also strengthened by the inclusion in their side of Tipperary's Angela McDermott. It will take a mighty effort by Imokilly to contain them.

Preceding this clash at 7.30 is the Munster Junior Championship clash of Cork and Limerick.

Cork's third county side will find the going tough against Limerick's second string. However, with such talent available as Cork senior goalie Cora Keohane, Sabrina Buckley and Karen Riordan, the Cork girls will push the visitors.

With exams over the coming week sees the beginning of the U-16 A and B Leagues.

Cork juniors in total command

Cork 4-15
Limerick 0-6

IN the second game played at the excellent Mayfield venue on Saturday night, Cork juniors qualified to meet the winners of the Clare-Tipperary clash in the Munster junior final to be played on July 19, when they had 21 points to spare over Limerick.

Cork, fielding their third-choice team, led at half-time 0-10 to 0-3.

This was mainly down to the super efforts of Caoimhe Harrington, who contributed five points, Niamh O'Regan and Eleanor Kenneally.

Goals from Niamh

O'Regan and Ursula Troy in the first and ninth minute of the second half put Cork in total command and in effect finished the Limerick challenge, and there was no way back for them.

Scorers, Cork C. Harrington 0-6 (0-4 free), N. O'Regan 1-3, E. Kenneally and U. Troy 1-1 each, T. Roche 1-0, S. Buckley, H. Kelleher, E. Harle, E. O'Sullivan all 0-1 each, Limerick P. Cronin 0-3, A. O'Callaghan 0-2, A. Sheehy 0-1.
CORK: C. Keohane, C. Meaney, S. Buckley, M. Harrington, L. Kelleher, U. Troy, C. Harrington, E. O'Sullivan, C. Harle, N. O'Regan, T. Roche, E. Kenneally, Subs: E. Harle for C. Harle, K. Riordan for E. Kenneally and H. Kelleher for E. O'Sullivan.
LIMERICK: E. Reel, R. Collins, P. McKenna, C. Hayes, H. Collins, A. O'Callaghan, K. O'Shea, P. Cronin, E. Cregan, S. O'Shaughnessy, A. Sheehy, M. Casey.
Referee: M. Pollard (Waterford).

Kennefick goal makes difference

Fr. O'Neill's 3-6
Cloughduv 0-4

WITH the sides level at two points apiece 24 minutes into the Cork Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at Caherlag last evening, an unfortunate error by the otherwise impressive Cloughduv goalie gave Fr. O'Neill's the edge they needed when Mary Kennefick pounced on a missed puck-out and finished to the net for the game's opening goal.

Prior to this Liz Dunlea and Mary Kennefick had each pointed twice, Catherine Corkery had pointed for Cloughduv four minutes into injury-time to leave it 1-2 to 0-3 in favour of Fr. O'Neill's who were turning to play with the breeze.

Nora Aherne eased Fr. O'Neill's ahead from the throw in when she finished from close range and with inter-county stars, Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn and Mary Kennefick dominating, Fr. O'Neill's continued to press forward.

Clare Flavin goalied in the fifth minute and effectively killed the Cloughduv challenge.

Mary Kennefick and Liz Dunlea exchanged points in the 9th and 13th minutes and Fiona O'Driscoll and Mary Kennefick both pointed to emphasise the East Cork side's dominance.

FR. O'NEILL'S: A. M. Brennan, F. Hennessy, L. Sweetman, M. Finn, A. Corcoran, F. O'Driscoll, S. Meade, C. Shannon, C. Flavin, M. Kennefick, M. Ryan, N. Aherne.
CLOUGHUV: M. Barry Murphy, C. Cronin, S. Corkery, M. Bradley, N. Corkery, H. Dunlea, C. Corkery, S. Dunlea, U. O'Donoghue, C. O'Donoghue, J. O'Callaghan, L. Dunlea, Subs: E. Lenihan for S. Corkery; S. Buckley for H. Dunlea; A. M. Healy for C. O'Donoghue.



The jubilant Ballygarvan team who captured the Cork County U14 camogie title by defeating Cloughduv in the final at Innishannon.

BALLYGARVAN won their first U-14 'A' Camogie County title, beating Cloughduv in the final at Innishannon.

Ballygarvan received an early boost when Caitriona Kelly scored a fine goal after two minutes but Cloughduv responded with a brace of fine points from Jo Anne O'Callaghan.

Ballygarvan were quickly back on the offensive, however, and Gene Alexander finished a fine movement to the net in the 8th minute.

But back came Cloughduv with 1-1 from the impressive O'Callaghan to leave the sides level at the end of the first quarter.

Goals were exchanged with Emer Dillon finding the net for Ballygarvan and Brig Corkery replying for Cloughduv.

The South East side finished the half the stronger with three points from Emer Dillon and a goal from Caitriona Kelly to lead 3-4 to 2-4 at the half-time break.

Goal

Ballygarvan added another goal early in the second half from Caitriona Kelly.

Cloughduv never recovered after this score and Bally-

garvan, with points from Kelly and Dillon and a goal from Fiona Wynne, secured their first title.

Cloughduv were the reigning champions but they had no answer to a very competent Ballygarvan side who deserved their win.

Scorers

Ballygarvan - Caitriona Kelly 3-1; Emer Dillon 0-5; Gene Alexander 1-0; Fiona Wynne 1-0.

Cloughduv - Jo Anne O'Callaghan 1-4; Breege Corkery 1-0; Aoife Murray 0-1.

Ballygarvan - Sally Anne O'Halloran, Aoife Murphy, Zella Forrest, Catherine Madden, Jennifer Brown, Emer Dillon, Aileen O'Neill, Deirdre Daly, Fiona Wynne, Gene Alexander, Julie O'Sullivan, Caitriona Kelly.

Subs used - Fiona O'Riordan, Cathy Brown, Aoife O'Sullivan.

Cloughduv - Orla O'Callaghan, Edel Condon, Sinead Slyne, Caitriona Crowley, Aoife Murray, Sinead Corkery.

Orla McCarthy, Mary Lehan, Jane Lucey, Jo Anne O'Callaghan, Breege Corkery, Anna Moynihan.

OVER the last fortnight the Senior Championship first round games were played and to night we take a look back at some of the opening games.

Carbery had an exciting win over Carrighoun at Innishannon, with inter county players Hilda Kenneally, Miriam Deasy and the Cork junior captain of last year Antoinette O'Connell all having a little more experience than the Carrighoun girls, who to their credit fought gallantly in this their first year in the championship.

Linda O'Sullivan was the star of the South East side scoring 9 points.

Seandun put up an excellent performance in their clash with champions Glen Rovers.

Glen Rovers introduced a number of younger players who all did their bit to secure victory. Karen O'Riordan, Laura Donovan and Yvonne McCarthy were helped by the superb play of team captain Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick and Sandie Fitzgibbon.

Friday night's Mid Cork clash at Coachford saw Cloughduv take on Inniscarra and here both sides were making their debut in the senior grade.

Inniscarra by virtue of their win in the Senior B Championship last year and Cloughduv, having been graded senior with the return to them of the Dunlea sisters, Lynn, Stephanie and



The Carbery team who beat Carrighoun in the camogie SHC game over the weekend.

Hilda, from Glen Rovers.

In an exciting opening half the sides were evenly matched with Cloughduv leading by 2 points at the break as Inniscarra failed to capitalise on the strong wind and were to rue missed chances.

Inniscarra had to field without the services of their injured Inter County star Irene O'Keeffe but she did come into the game early in the second half. Stephanie Dunne, Marie Corkery and goalkeeper Mary Barry Murphy

were in outstanding form for Cloughduv in this win.

Bishopstown took on defeated finalists of last year, Imokilly, and here too the Town looked set at half time for an easy win but they had Imokilly's Breda Kenny to reckon with in the second half.

Five points without replay saw the deficit cut to two points but the Town held their heads and a Trisha Doyle goal seven minutes from time saw them run out con-

vincing winners by 4-5 to 1-9. All of the Imokilly scores came from Breda Kenny.

Bishopstown looked a very good side and were strong in all departments with newcomer Angela McDermott from Tipperary, playing her first game with the club, Ruth Callanan and team captain Eithne Duggan in top form.

On this display the Town will be hard to stop in their quest for ultimate honours.



The Carrighoun senior camogie team who lost to Carbery recently.

Milford set for camogie double

WITH the Cork senior camogie championships having had a busy fortnight, the attention turns this weekend to the under-14 B League final when Tracton and Milford meet at Grenagh at 3 pm today.

Milford already having won the under-12 league and will be anxious to make it a double in their first year as a camogie club.

Having only been founded in the beginning of this season it's an incredible achievement to have already won the under-12 league and to be contesting the under-14 B. However, as most of their girls have been members of the Milford/Tullylease team who have had great success at Community Games level, it comes as no surprise to see them having reached another final. In today's game they will be giving it their all to make sure that the second trophy will come to the Milford parish. However, Tracton will have other ideas about this. They came through a tough campaign defeating Kileagh in the semi-final and they have put in marvellous work in their own South East Divisional leagues.

July 1997

'Town through with top class display

Bishopstown 4-7
Imokilly 1-9

BISHOPSTOWN booked their place in the Cork County Camogie Championship Semi-Final to meet Carbery next Thursday night when they turned in a top class display to overcome last year's beaten County Finalists, Imokilly, at Mayfield on Saturday night.

Thirteen minutes into the game Bishopstown led 0-4 to 0-2. Then came the cushion they needed when Liz O'Neill and Viv Harris goaled within 30 seconds of each other to upset the Imokilly challenge. Breda Kenny added two Imokilly points and Vivian Harris had one for Bishopstown to leave them ahead by seven points at the interval.

Five points without reply from Breda Kenny saw Imokilly narrow the gap early in the second half. Vivian Harris had a Bishopstown point from a 30 to edge them a goal ahead with eight minutes remaining. Then came the turning point when Bishopstown centreback, Eithne Duggan, cleared a long ball upfield, it was grabbed by Trish Doyle and crashed to the net.

Vivian Harris converted a free to ease them further ahead.

In the third and fifth minute of injury time Breda Kenny and Viv Harris exchanged goals both from 15 yard frees.

However, it mattered little as Bishopstown were safely through.

Scorers: Bishopstown - V. Harris 2-6 (0-2 frees, 0-2 threes and 1-0 free), Liz O'Neill 1-1 and T. Doyle 1-0. Imokilly - B. Kenny 1-9 (0-5 frees, 0-1 thirty, 1-0 free).
BISHOPSTOWN - R. Desmond, L. Towler, R. Callanan, E. Duggan (Capt.), S. White, S. Morley, T. Doyle, V. Harris, C. Healy, A. McDermott, E. Kearney, L. O'Neill.
IMOKILLY - K. Costello (Capt.), V. O'Sullivan, A. Brady, M. O'Connor, A. O'Connor, S. Cahalane, G. Martin, K. O'Sullivan, E. O'Farrell, B. Kenny, M. Lynch, L. Power, Sub. P. Dwyer for K. O'Sullivan.
Referee: D. Daly (Mayfield).

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

BORD NA GAEILGE ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS JULY 5TH

The Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship gets underway on Saturday July 5th. Loch Garman will play host to Luimneach. Both sides had a very disappointing run in the National League. Loch Garman's best performance was in their final game when they played a draw with league title holders Cork. There is plenty of room for improvement in this Wexford side which may show in the championship. They have prominent players in Orla Hernan, Fiona Dunne, Michelle O'Leary, Geraldine Codd and Kate Kelly.

Limerick were making their debut in senior ranks when they took part in the senior league. This was a team that was expecting to do well but just gained two points from a win over Wexford 1-15 to 1-12. Retired from the squad this season are Agnes Sheehy and Marguirite Guiry. Last year's captain Helen Clifford/McCarthy is not playing this year. Nevertheless, they have a good panel with some useful young players such as Vera Sheehan, who captained St Mary's, Charleville to the All-Ireland Colleges senior title, Eileen O'Brien, Katie O'Shea, Marie O'Brien, Jean Cullinane and Angela Sheehy were also members of that team. Eamon Cregan is sure to have his charge well groomed for this tussle which will be close.

Sunday July 6th Cill Chainnigh

have the venue for their clash with Ath Cliath. The Metropolitan side are finding it difficult to get their act together. With forty four clubs to choose from, they should be a strong force. Manager Frank Malcolmson says "that players are more interested in playing for their clubs than the county." Cill Chainnigh dropped two points in the National League to Galway and made their way to the final by defeating Tipperary 4-17 to 3-10. Sinead Millea is their star forward. She left for the States recently and may not be available for the championship. If this is so, her absence will be a big loss to Cill Chainnigh. However, they have prominent young players such as Marie Maher, Margaret Comerford, Caitriona Carey, Margaret Hickey, Ann Downey, Brigid Mullaly and Marina Downey. They should get over Dublin easily and could be the dark horses in the championship. All-Ireland senior champions An Ghaillimh travel to Ard Mhacha. An Ghaillimh should commence the campaign on a winning note. They were knocked out in the semi-final of the league by Cork 0-17 to 1-10. It was their first defeat since the All-Ireland final last September when they had two points to spare over the Rebel County.

Also on Sunday the Leinster Junior Championship final takes place with Kildare, the holders having the venue against Carlow. Kildare will be chasing three titles on the trot and this is Carlow's third year as their opponents. It should turn out to

be a ding dong battle. Both sides had stiff opposition in the semi-finals. Carlow accounted for Wexford 5-11 to 4-10 and Kildare had a 1-14 to 0-10 win over Westmeath.

Kildare carry the tag of favourites while Carlow will be hoping for a third time lucky. Kildare - Anna Dorgan, Roisin Walsh, Therese Farrelly, Nuala Kerrigan, Kate Treacy, Naoimi Treacy, Melanie Treacy, Realtin Treacy, Ruth Treacy, Aisling Treacy, Elaine Miley, Michelle Aspel, Claire Kerrigan, Liz Beirne, Louise Conlon, Niamh Leahy, Margaret Butterfield, Sinead Dunne, Eileen Murray, Breda O'Brien, Bernie Farrelly, Carlow - Mary Nolan, Shiela Ryan, Lisa Grennan, Joanne Lawlor, Chairmaine Gibson, Mary Coady, Olivia O'Neill, Kathleen Brennan, Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Ann Marie Ryan, Aine Murphy, Helen Lawlor, Olivia Maye, Marie Sheehan, Marie Coady, Patricia Stacey, Mairead Hogan.

National Feile na nGael took place in Waterford recently. The following are the winners from the Camogie Section:

Division 1 - Athenry, Galway 2-5, Rathnure, Wexford 0-4.
Division 2 - Freshford, Kilkenny, 5-1 Naomh Mearnog, Ath Cliath 2-1.
Division 3 - Kinnitty, Offaly 5-2, Teemore Fermanagh 2-4.
Division 4 - Wolfe Tones, Clare 3-6, Kildalvin, Carlow 0-0.
The individual skills winner was Nicky Keddy, Kilcoole, Wicklow.

Wexford girls' ambitions taken a puck further

Wexford 1-11
Limerick 0-7

THE Wexford camogie players' ambition of emulating the county senior hurlers by winning an All-Ireland Championship progressed at Enniscorthy on Saturday with a meritorious victory over Limerick in the opening round.

It was point for point for 45 minutes. The pace was fast and furious with defenders definitely on top. In this respect the visiting keeper and full back, Breda and Bernie O'Brien, were

particularly impressive. At the interval Wexford led by 0-7 to 0-5, but Pauline McCarthy brought Limerick to within a point on resumption. But the loss of their midfielder Barbara Sludds with a head injury seemed to spur the home team to greater effort.

Centre forward Paula Rankins produced a series of defence splitting runs and Geraldine Codd was always there in support.

Fiona Dunne and Rankins stretched the lead for the winners to three points and as the game entered the final quarter Rankins raced

through for a brilliant individual goal. That score to be the decisive score as Limerick began to tire.

Wexford Scorers: G. Codd (0-5), P. Rankins (1-2), E. Murphy (0-2), A. Codd (0-1), F. Dunne (0-1).
Limerick: P. McCarthy (0-2), B. O'Brien (0-2), K. Burke (0-2), V. Sheridan (0-1).
WEXFORD: T. Butler, A. Nolan, S. Sinnott, A. Gordon, F. Dunne, B. Sludds, L. Murphy, M. O'Leary, P. Rankins, G. Codd, E. Murphy, A. Codd, Sub: K. Kelly for B. Sludds.
LIMERICK: Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, L. Riordan, L. Leonard, L. Lesley, D. Sheehan, S. O'Kelly, V. Sheehan, P. McCarthy, E. O'Brien, K. Burke, J. Cullinane, Subs: A. Sheehan for J. Cullinane.
Referee: Maria Pollard, Waterford.



Pictured at the re-launch of the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. O Chlé: Jo Nic Uaidrich; Síle de Bhailis; Michéal O Muircheartaigh, Cathaoirleach, Bord na Gaeilge; Filcas Ni Bhreasláin, Uachtarán, Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael.

On Sunday next there is one fixture in the 'Bord na Gaeilge' All-Ireland senior camogie championship. Last year's beaten finalists and current National senior league holders Corcaigh host An Clár. The sides met in this year's senior league when Corcaigh had an overwhelming victory 6-15 to 2-5.

Corcaigh won the league in style with a win over the All-Ireland champions An Ghaillimh in the semi-final 0-17 to 1-10 and accounted for Cill Chainnigh in the final 4-12 to 0-9. They are planning like a side that mean business in the championship. Goalie Kathleen Costine who had retired is replaced by Cora Keohane, who has been playing in goals since the age of 12. Newcomer to the team Ursula Troy is performing exceptionally well in the forward line.

An Clár have been knocking at the door for quite a while. They have prominent players in Catherine O'Loughlin, Moira McMahon, Niamh McMahon, Anne Keane and Anne Marie Collins. They face a torrid test on Sunday as the 'Rebel' County look set to advance to the semi-final.

Antrim are the Ulster junior

champions for the third year in succession when they gained victory over Down at Portaferry recently. Antrim have Grace McMullan to thank for this victory. She banged home three goals and sent over a point for good measure in the final ten minutes of the opening half leaving the half time score Antrim 4-6 Down 0-6. Down fought their way back into the game in the second half with a Cathy Mulholland goal and some well taken points by Jennifer Branniff. However they were unable to pull back the first half deficit.

Final Score: Antrim 5-8 Down 1-12.

Scorers: Antrim: Grace McMullan 3-1, Carla Doherty and Anne McKee 1-1 each, Brona O'Neill 0-3, Denise O'Boyle and Sinead McMullan 0-1 each.

Down: Jennifer Branniff 0-6, Cathy Mulholland 1-0, Edel Mason 0-3, Valerie Hynds, Coleen Hynds and Sinead McGovern 0-1 each.

Cork qualified to meet Tipperary in the Munster junior championship final with a convincing win over Limerick. The winners led 0-10 to 0-3 at the break and produced a flurry

of goals in the final half. Final score: Cork 4-17 Limerick 0-6. Scorers: Cork: Niamh O'Regan 1-3, Elenora Kennedy and Ursula Troy 1-2 each, Caoimhe Harrington 0-5, Tina Roche 1-0, Sabrina Buckley, Emer O'Sullivan and Criona Harte 0-1 each. Limerick: Anne O'Callaghan 0-3, Paula Cronin 0-2, Angela Sheehy 0-1. The other semi-final Tipperary 1-11 Clare 2-5.

It was a case of third time lucky for 14 year old Nicky Keddy from the Kilcoole club in North Wicklow when she collected the All-Ireland skills title at the National Feile na nGael in Waterford. Nicky also represented Wicklow in 1995 and '96.

Nicky is an outstanding player for her club which was formed by her late mother Tina in 1995. In the first year Nicky captained the under 12's to win the Wicklow Championship. The club now field under 12, under 14, junior and senior. She is captain of the under 14 team and a valuable member of the county under 14 squad.

A student at Colaiste Raithin in Bray, this young girl has a great future in the game of camogie and perhaps some day she will lead Wicklow into Croke Park. Kilcoole and all of county Wicklow are overjoyed with her success.

"Well done Nicky"



Nicky Keddy, Kilcoole, Wicklow, winner of the All-Ireland Skills Award at the Feile na nGael in Waterford.



Catherine McCarthy, St. Finbarrs pictured with referee Tracy Sheehan prior to their Seandún League Final clash with Glen Rovers.

Cork open defence of their crown

CAMOGIE

THE Cork Senior team will open their All Ireland championship campaign on tomorrow when the take on Clare in a first round game which is scheduled for Ballinlough at 3 p.m.

At local level the U-16 league has now commenced and there are a number of interesting clashes listed for the coming week.

While Cork will start as strong favourites to overcome Clare in this first round All Ireland championship game, the panel and selectors will certainly be treating the game with every respect.

With the exception of Vivienne Harris who is on holidays, the selectors have a full panel to choose from and the lineout will be as follows:

Cora Keohane from Barryroe will be between the posts with the ever reliable Eithne Duggan at full back. Mags Finn and Denise Cronin will fill the wing back positions with the centre back spot going to Killeagh's Mary O'Connor.

In a surprise move Fiona O'Driscoll who normally lines out in the full forward line moves to wing centre field and she will be partnered by Sandy Fitzgibbon and Hilda Kenneally. Captain of the side Linda Mellerick will be at centre forward with Irene O'Keeffe, Lyn Dunlea and Sinead O'Callaghan completing the full forward line.

The last few weeks saw the completion of all underage competitions and this is certainly a great achievement to have these competitions completed at such an early stage in the season. For Millford '97 will certainly be a year to remember.

The Millford club was formed for the first time this season and they certainly started in great style by winning the under 12 and U-14B County Leagues titles. Well done to all involved. The runners up in these competitions were Inniscarra in the U-12 and Tracton in the U-14B. In the Under 14A League Ballygarvan came out victorious with a fine victory over Cloughduv.

The Cork Minors are presently in training for their All Ireland semi final clash with Dublin which is scheduled for Cork on Sunday July 20th.

Cork girls earn win over Clare

Cork 3-13
Clare 1-9

NATIONAL League camogie champions, Cork, took their first step towards All-Ireland honours at Ballinlough yesterday when they overcame Clare, who at times looked capable of causing an upset.

Cork, fielding three players making their senior championship debut played with the wind in the opening half.

However, the Clare girls were first to settle and had two points within four minutes before Cork had their opening score.

That came 16 minutes into the game when Lyn Mellerick pointed. Lyn Dunlea added two points but a hard working Clare defence made Cork fight hard for every score.

Both sides then had two points apiece to leave it five points to four in Cork's favour and that was 19 minutes into the game.

Then came the cushion Cork needed. A long ball from Mary O'Connor found Fiona O'Driscoll, and

her well placed pass to Sinead O'Callaghan was finished expertly to the net.

Clare replied with a point to leave Cork just that goal ahead at half time, 1-5 to 0-5. However, Cork were turning to play with the strong wind.

Many in the sizeable crowd felt that Cork, having enjoyed an ample amount of possession against the breeze, would now romp home.

But how this excellently prepared Clare side made them earn their victory.

The second half opened brightly and by the 15th minute Cork's advantage was stretched to five points, thanks to Lyn Dunlea who hit two points, and Mary O'Connor and Fiona O'Driscoll with one apiece.

Clare kept in touch with points from Noelle Cummins and Catherine O'Loughlin and just when Cork looked to be heading for a comfortable victory, back came Clare with a superb goal from the excellent Catherine O'Loughlin.

Now the pressure was on Cork, leading by just two points. However, they responded well with Fiona O'Driscoll tapping over a point. Then came the turning point as goals from Linda Mellerick

and Sinead O'Callaghan in the 20th and 25th minute put them in the driving seat.

To their credit, Clare fought to the end but could not break down a strong Cork side for whom Sandy Fitzgibbon, team captain Linda Mellerick, Mary O'Connor and Sinead O'Callaghan were excellent.

For Clare, Debbie McDonagh, Catherine O'Loughlin and Maura McMahon turned in top class displays, but on the day Cork's ability to take their scores proved to be the decisive factor.

Cork now face Wexford in the All-Ireland Championship semi-final on August 10.

Scorers: Cork: L. Dunlea 0-5 (one from free, one from 30); L. Mellerick 1-2; M. O'Connor 0-2 (from free); F. O'Driscoll 0-2 (one from free); S. O'Callaghan 1-1; I. O'Keeffe 0-1.

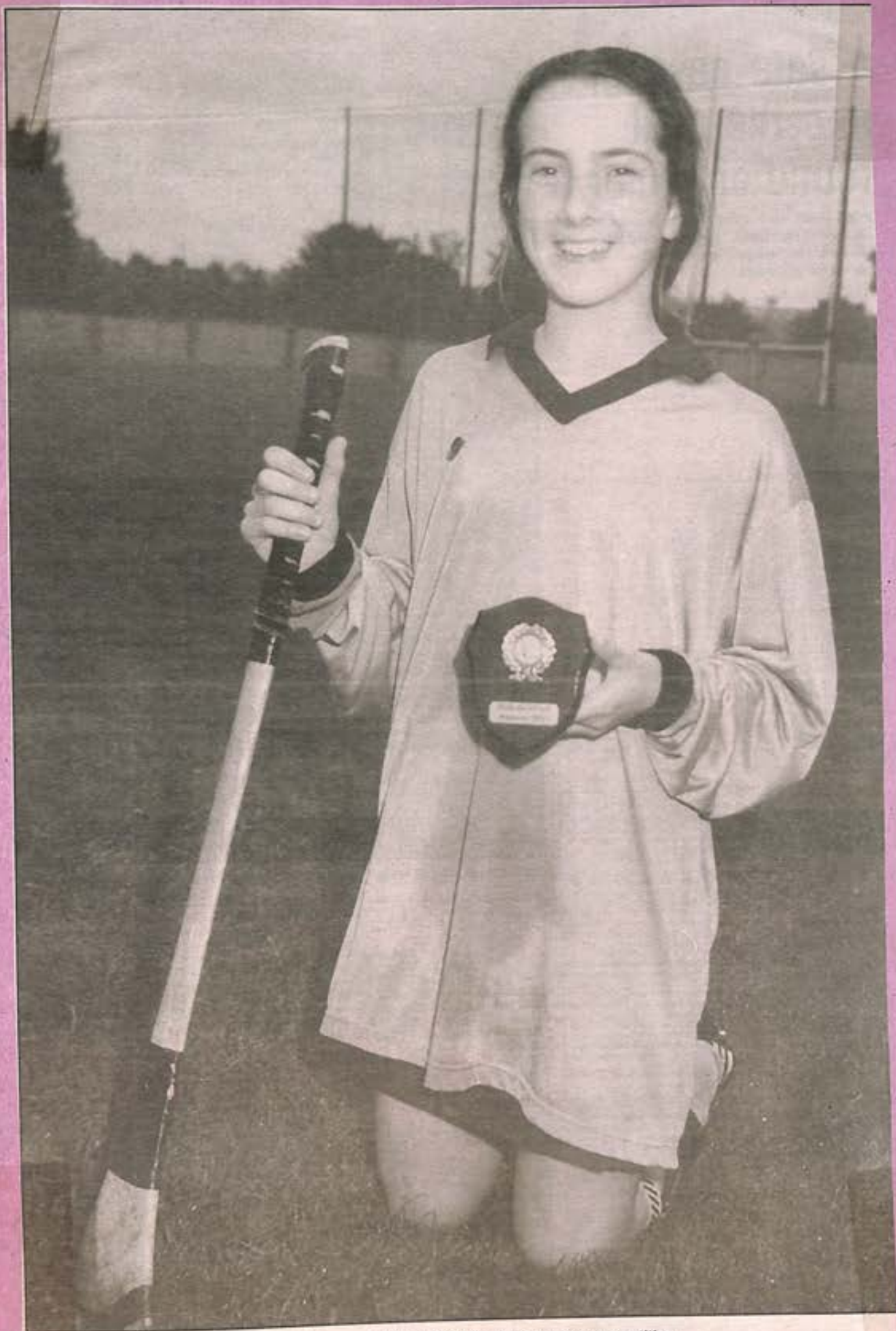
Clare: C. O'Loughlin 1-3 (2 from free); C. Collins 0-1 (free); D. Murphy, M. McMahon, S. O'Brien, N. Cummins, E. Arthur 0-1 each.

CORK: C. Keohane, E. Duggan, D. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Finn, F. O'Driscoll, S. O'Callaghan, L. Mellerick (capt.), H. Kenneally, I. O'Keeffe, L. Dunlea, M. O'Connor. Sub. M. Deasy for I. O'Keeffe.

CLARE: A. McCormack, A. Keane, E. Arthur, S. O'Brien, O. Slattery, C. O'Loughlin, S. McMahon, M. Collins, D. Murphy, N. Cummins, D. McDonagh, M. McMahon. Sub. E. Minogue for S. O'Brien.

Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary).

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Jennifer O'Leary was a prolific scorer with Barryroe in their successful Feile na Gael competition.

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CORK 3-13; CLARE 1-9
 CORK booked their place in the Bord na nEaglaigh All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final against Wexford, when they got the upper hand of Clare at Ballinacorney yesterday.
 Clare took an early two-point lead before a goal by Sinead O'Callaghan gave Cork a 1-5 to 0-5 lead at the break.
 The opening quarter of the second half was a ding-dong battle with Catherine O'Loughlin having Clare's goal on the 14th minute. Then disaster struck the Banner county when Linda Molerick and Sinead O'Callaghan goaled to put the Rebels on the path to victory.
SCORERS: Cork — S O'Callaghan 2-0, L Molerick 1-3, E Durlin 0-5, M O'Connor, F O'Driscoll 0-2 each, I O'Keefe 0-1. Clare — C O'Loughlin 1-4, D Murphy, M McMahon, S O'Brien, N Cummins, C Collins 0-1 each.

LEINSTER JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL
CARLOW 5-11 KILDARE 1-12
 KILDARE lost their Leinster Junior Camogie Championship crown when they were overrun by Carlow in yesterday's final at Newbridge. It was third time lucky for Carlow who were beaten by Kildare in the final for the past two years. The sides were level — Carlow 3-2, Kildare 0-11 — at half-time. In the second half Carlow took control and goals from Olivia May and Valerie Creen.
Carlow: V Creen 1-6, M Sheehan, O May 1-1 each, AM Ryan and N Quirk 1-0 each, M Coady 0-2, S Gibson 0-1. **Kildare:** E Miley 1-6, N Treacy 0-4, M Malone 0-2.
 ● A special appeal has been made to thieves who broke into a house in County Tipperary on Friday and got away with jewellery and other valuables. Also taken was the All Ireland senior hurling medal won by Shem Downey of Kilkenny in the 1947 final. Mr Downey's daughters are amongst the best known camogie stars in the country.

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Douglas Camogie Club an integral part of the community for over twenty years



THE Douglas Camogie Club is thriving. Over a hundred young girls attend the club's weekly training sessions on Monday's and Thursday's. These sessions are divided into Under 12's and Over 12's. The club has reached the final of the City Under 11 League, lost out at the Quarter Final stage of the Under 12 League and the Under 14's did very well in their League and Féile na nGael competition. The Under 14 team were runners-up in the Community Games. The local Primary School reached the Sciath na Scol Final. Christ the King school won the Junior title while club member and under age coach Amanda O'Regan was on the Cork Minor team which defeated Tipperary to win the Munster Championship.

■ ABOVE: The U10s get their first taste of camogie at Douglas Camogie Club.

■ LEFT: The O'Regan family Michael, Christine, Amanda and Louise who devote much time and energy to promote camogie in Douglas. (Pics: Mike English)

More Photos Next Week



■ Some of the coaches at Douglas underage camogie club. Included are Sarah Linehan, Amanda O'Regan, Clare Barry, Jean Barry, Aoife McCurtin and Nuala McCarthy.



Cloughduv who defeated Inniscarra in the Senior A County Camogie Championship played at Coachford recently.

Cork camogie minors prepare for all-Ireland

THE Cork minor camogie squad are busy preparing for the forthcoming All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin, scheduled for Sunday, July 20 at 3pm in Páirc Uí Rinn.

The rebels have been training since December for this campaign and recent challenge games against Imokilly, Fr O'Neill's, Glen Rovers, Aghabullogue, Newtownshandrum, Seandun and the Cork Intermediate selection have given coaches Mary O'Connor and Fiona O'Driscoll ample opportunity to experiment with a variety of formations. According to selector Ted Roche, the most assuring aspect of this year's championship has been the overall strength of the panel which enabled the selectors to choose the best possible twelve to start against the girls from the capital. Captain Mary Enneguess, Sabrina Buckley, Elaine Burke and Julie-Anne Kingston have injuries but with physio Eithne Duggan monitoring the situation are expected to be available for selection. Cork defeated Limerick convincingly in the Munster Semi-final 4-11 to 0-6 and then surprised many by dethroning champions Tipperary in a magnificent final 2-8 to 1-6. Selector Rob Lott

from Sars believes this Cork squad have the three crucial ingredients necessary to set them apart as an

exceptional collection of individuals, stating that "each player has speed, skill and determination and hopefully, under the influence of Cork stars Mary and Fiona, will produce the goods on the day. The team selection may

prove problematic for the selectors with such avid competition for places amongst the players. Ger Casey and Sheila Crowley are experienced goalkeepers and those in full back line may be Jackie O'Sullivan, Amanda O'Regan,

Sinead C. Buckley, Sinead A. Buckley or Julie-Anne Kingston with Sarah Hayes probably starting at centreback. There is a plethora of talented players competing for the remaining places, with Elaine Burke from Valley Rovers most

likely to hold down the centre field spot and the elusive Una O'Donoghue at full forward. Dublin beat Kilkenny in the Leinster final by three goals after a replay. The drawn game, played at Nolan park, had Kilkenny leading at one stage by six points but, with some astute substitutions from the Dublin selectors, actually had Kilkenny requiring a last minute equaliser. Dublin are strong down the centre with an impressive goalkeeper and, irrespective of the outcome, the final

against champions Galway should provide plenty of incentive for both counties.

Cork Panels
Mary Enneguess, Sinead A. Buckley, S. Crowley, K. Corkery, U. O'Donoghue, Sinead C. Buckley, Marie O'Connell, Ger Casey, Amanda O'Regan, Clara Healy, Bernadine Maher, Sinead Kelly, Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan, Siobhan Sexton, Liz Power, Elaine Burke, Rachel Moloney, Julie Anne Kingston, Sarah Hayes.

Cork Senior Camogie Team take first steps to regaining All-Ireland Championship

**Cork 3-13
Clare 1-9**

On Sunday last Cork senior camogie took what is hoped to be their first steps to regaining the All-Ireland championship when they had a hard fought for victory over a very determined Clare side. Clare competing in the Senior grade for only three years put it up to the National League champions from the throw in, two points inside four minutes settled the visitors and indeed it was into the sixteenth minute before Cork registered their opening score when captain, Linda Mellerick, pointed. Lynn Dunlea had two further points when Clare responded with a Marie Collins point. The crucial score of the first half came for Cork when Sinead O'Callaghan who was making her championship debut calmly finished to the

Clare net having received an excellent pass from Fiona O'Driscoll. Cork led at the break 1-5 to 0-5 and were turning to play with the strong wind, this however did not deter Clare who pushed Cork to the limits, with both sides having pointed on three occasions. Cork were beginning to settle and a Fiona O'Driscoll point in the 13th minute edged them further ahead then struck Catherine O'Loughlin for a Clare goal which rattled Cork to their credit they regained their momentum and a Fiona O'Driscoll point stretched it to three with ten minutes on the clock, a Lynn Dunlea attempt for goal from a close in free was stopped but Linda Mellerick reacted quickly to give the champions the edge once again. Cork were now on a high and a Sinead O'Callaghan goal in the 25th minute put them firmly in control. To their credit Clare

fought hard but on the day Cork's determination to advance was the difference. For Cork, Sandie Fitzgibbon again turned in a marvellous performance as did Fiona O'Driscoll, Eithne Duggan and Denise Cronin. Cork now advance to meet Wexford on August 10.

Cork Scorers were Lynn Dunlea 0-5; Linda Mellerick 1-2; Sinead O'Callaghan 2-1; M O'Connor 0-2; F O'Driscoll 0-2 and I O'Keeffe 0-1. For Clare: E Arthur 0-1; C O'Loughlin 1-3; D Murphy 0-1; C Collins 0-1; M McMahon 0-1; S O'Brien 0-1 and N Cummins 0-1.

The week ahead will be another busy one in the Senior county championship when Glen Rovers take on Fr O'Deills in the semi-final. With Bishopstown already safely in the final after their big wins over Carbery and Imokilly many now fancy them to go all the way this year. They are a good strong

side and the addition to them this season of Tipperary player Angely McDermott, and Caroline Kenny transferring from mid Cork side Eire Og and the acquisition of Ruth Callanan have all added to the Bishopstown side. They are comfortably through and it's up to Fr O'Neills and Glen Rovers to battle it out on Wednesday next to see who will provide the opposition. In their opening round against Seandun, the Glen girls showed great spirit to get through, this year they have had to replace 6 of their panel and in any sport this is a huge task, however, they have excellent performers in Cork captain Linda Mellerick, Glen captain Denise Cronin and that great club person Sandie Fitzgibbon who has given tremendous service, added to this youngsters Laura Donovan, Karen Riordan and Trisha Murphy all who will

give their all to help the Glen to reach this final. However Fr O'Neills are a tough side who had an excellent win over Cloughduv. With Cork Seniors Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn and Mary Kenefick they also have their stars, add to this Nora Ahern, Claire Flavin and Sharon Meade and it all adds up to a thrilling game. Last year they ran the Glen close and when one considers the amount of talent the champions have lost it looks to be a tough one for them to overcome this year, however, its all on the day and the predictions are for a close contest.

Fixtures

Tues July 22
Munster Junior Final
at Watergrasshill - Cork v Tipperary 7.30pm
Wed. July 23
Senior Championship
at Carrigtwohill (prov) - Glen Rovers v Fr O'Neills - 8pm

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Cork girls are all set for clash with Dublin

THE Cork Minor Camogie squad are busy preparing for the forthcoming All-Ireland semi final clash with Dublin scheduled for Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday next July 20th. at 3 p.m.

The Rebels have been training since December for this campaign and recent challenge games against Imokilly, Fr. O'Neill's, Glen Rovers, Aghabullogue, Newtownshandrum, Seandun and the Cork Intermediate Selection have given Coaches Mary O'Connor and Fiona O'Driscoll ample opportunity to experiment with a variety of formations.

According to selector Ted Roche, the most assuring aspect of this years championship has been the overall strength of the panel which enabled the selectors to select the best possible twelve to start against the Dublin side.

Captain Mary Enneguess, Sabrina Buckley, Elanor Burke and Julie Anne Kingston are troubled with injuries but with physio Eithne Duggan monitoring the situation are expected to be available for selection.

On their way to this clash with Dublin the Cork side defeated Limerick by 4-11 to 0-6 and then surprised many by dethroning champions Tipperary, in a magnificent final, by 2-8 to 1-6.

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There is a plethora of talented players competing for the remaining places, with Elaine Burke from Valley Rovers most likely to hold down the centre field spot and the elusive Una O'Donoghue at full forward.

Dublin, who defeated Kilkenny in the Leinster Final after a replay, are strong down the middle with an impressive goalkeeper, and irrespective of the outcome, the final against champions Galway should provide plenty of incentive for both counties.

The Cork Panel is - Mary Enneguess, Sinead A. Buckley, S. Crowley, K. Corkery, U. O'Donoghue, Sinead C. Buckley, Marie O'Connell, Ger Casey, Amanda O'Regan, Clara Healy, Bernadine Maher, Sinead Kelly, Sabrina Buckley, Kackie O'Sullivan, Siobhan Sexton, Liz Power, Elaine Burke, Rachel Moloney, Julie Anne Kingston, Sarah Hayes.



The St Finbarrs camogie team which defeated Piarasigh in the Toghher Festival final.

CUMANN CAMÓGAIOCHTA NA NGAEIL

All Minor
Semi Final

Sunday 20th July 1997

Baile At Claith

v

Corcaigh

at Páirc Uí Ríonn Time: 2.00pm

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Cork kids are good enough to pass the Capital test

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NEXT Sunday will be a big day for our young players when they take on Dublin in the All-Ireland minor semi-final at Páirc Uí Ríonn at 2 p.m.

Cork have not won an All-Ireland minor title since 1985 and this is certainly too long a time for Cork to be without an underage title.

However hopes are very high this season and the selectors are very hopeful that they have put together a side capable of bringing the honours.

This particular panel of players have been training together since last December and no stone has been left unturned in preparation for next Sunday's clash with Dublin.

Under selectors Rob Lott, Ted Roche, Mary O'Connor and assisted by Cork Senior player Fiona O'Driscoll the girls have been training twice a week as well as playing a number of challenge games and the spirits are very high in the camp.

In their Munster final victory over Tipperary the team played tremendously well and it was undoubtedly one of the best displays at this level by a Cork team for a number of years.

This present side are strong in all sectors and while the team will not be named until later in the week, it is expected to be similar to the side which fielded in the Munster final.

This should see players like captain Mary Enguss, Sinead A Buckley, Ger Casey, Una O'Donoghue, Rachel Moloney, Sarah Hayes, Amanda O'Regan, Sabrina Buckley and Elaine Burke all included in the side.

In the Leinster final Dublin defeated Kilkenny after a replay. Like Cork success has eluded Dublin at this level for a number of years and they will likewise be anxious for success.

However on recent form Cork must be in there with every chance of success and will hopefully be on their way to an All-Ireland final where the winners of Sunday's game will meet Galway on August 17th.

Whatever the outcome Sunday's game promises to be a cracking contest and all Camogie enthusiasts are urged to make their way to Páirc Uí Ríonn at 2 o'clock to encourage this very dedicated panel of players.

Seandun fixtures

Saturday, July 19

Junior 'A': At Ballinlough, Na Piarraigh v Blackrock, 7.30 p.m. [J. Linehan].

MAFC: At Kilcully, Mayfield v Whitescross Gaels, 7.30 p.m. [P. Nolan].

Croagh Rua Cup: At Passage, Shandon Rovers v Passage, 7.30 p.m. [A. J. Cronin].

JHL [1]: At Páirc Uí Ríonn, Redmonds v Delany's, 7.30 p.m. [D. Fleming].

Tuesday, July 22

MBFC: At Ballinlough, St. Nicholas v Na Piarraigh, 7.30 p.m. [D. Linehan].

Croagh Rua Cup: At Whites Cross, Whites Cross v St. Vincent's, 7.30 p.m. [P. O'Regan].

At the Green, Ballyphehane v Ballinacorney, 7.30 p.m. [B. Burke].

JHL [1]: At Kilcully, Passage v Lough Rovers, 7.30 p.m. [J. Kelly].

Wednesday, July 23

JHL [1]: At Douglas, Glen Rovers v Brian Dillon's, 11.30 a.m. [J. Kelly].

JHL [2]: At Glen Field, Glen Rovers v Whites Cross, 11.30 a.m. [W. Horgan].

MFL [2]: At Passage, Passage v St. Finbarr's, 11.30 a.m. [P. O'Regan].

MBFC: At Ballinlough, Nemo Rangers v St. Finbarr's, 7.30 p.m. [J. Linehan].

MAFC: At Kilcully, Na Piarraigh v Ballyphehane, 7.30 p.m. [P. O'Regan].

MacCurtain Cup: At Passage, Passage v St. Vincent's, 7.30 p.m. [P. Nolan].

JHL [2]: At Douglas, Douglas v Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. throw-in.

Monday, July 21

MBFC (replay): At Ballinlough, Bishopstown v St. Vincent's, 7.30 p.m. [M. O'Shea].

MAFC: At Trabeg, Douglas v Brian Dillon's, 7.30 p.m. [D. Cullinane].

MacCurtain Cup: At Church Road, Blackrock v Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. [J. Linehan]. At Páirc An Loch, Lough Rovers v Delany's, 7.30 p.m. [M. O'Flaherty].

Croagh Rua Cup: At Piarraigh Pitch, Na Piarraigh v Redmonds, 7.30 p.m. [J. Mackey].

JHL [1]: At Togher, St. Finbarr's v Blackrock 'B', 7.30 p.m. [P. Nolan].

Thursday, July 24

JHL [1]: At Glen Field, Glen Rovers v Lough Rovers, 7.30 p.m. [D. Fleming].

JHL [2]: At Piarraigh Pitch, Na Piarraigh v St. Vincent's, 7.30 p.m. [W. Horgan].

Friday, July 25

MAFC: At Glen Field, St. Nicholas v St. Finbarr's, 7.30 p.m. [D. Fleming].

JHL [1]: At Piarraigh Pitch, Na Piarraigh v Redmonds, 7.30 p.m. [W. Horgan].

MFL [2]: At Passage, Passage v Delany's, 7.30 p.m. [D. Linehan].



Amanda O'Regan of Douglas who will be lining out for Cork in their All-Ireland camogie semi-final against Dublin tomorrow.

BAILE AT CLAITH

- 1) Síle Nic Coitir Baile Bhuadán
- 2) Siobhan Madden Naomh Mearnóg
- 3) Louise Rooney Naomh Mearnóg
- 4) Jackie Carroll Naomh Mearnóg
- 5) Emma Flynn Croimghlinn
- 6) Sarah Crosby Baile Bhuadán Naomh Éanna
- 7) Sinead Elliott Croimghlinn
- 8) Ann McCluskey Oileán na hÉireann
- 9) Sarah Masey Naomh Jude
- 10) Joyce Donnelly Naomh Peregrina
- 11) Idel Murphy Toman Dáibhéis
- 12) Shauna Keogh Dea - Comhairle
- 13) Sandra Martin Dea - Comhairle
- 14) Eilish Walsh Tomás Dáibhéis
- 15) Deirdre Magill Naomh Mearnóg
- 16) Lorraine O'Connell O'Tuatháil
- 17) Alison McGrath Tomás Dáibhéis
- 18) Ciara Coyle O'Tuathail

CORCAIGH

- 1) Ger Casey Inniscarra
- 2) Amanda O'Regan Douglas
- 3) Sinead Buckley Ayhab
- 4) Julie - Ann Kingston Tracton
- 5) Sarah Hayes Courceys
- 6) Mary Enneggess Ayhabullogue
- 7) Elaine Burke Valley Rovers
- 8) Sabrina Buckley Dillons
- 9) Rachel Moloney Courceys
- 10) Sinead Kelly Dillons
- 11) Una O'Donoghue Cloughduv
- 12) Ciara Healy Bishopstown
- 13) Sheila Crowley Aghabullogue
- 14) Marie O'Connell Inniscarra
- 15) Sinead C. Buckley Cloughduv
- 16) Liz Power St. Catherines
- 17) Siobhan Sexton Kilbrittain
- 18) Jackie O'Sullivan Dillons
- 19) Katherine Corkery Cloughduv
- 20) Ber Maher Bars
- 21) Bríd O'Neill Watergrasshill
- 22) Linda Ronan Aghabullogue
- 23) Niamh Bowles Newtown
- 24) Caroline Giltinan Newtown
- 25) Maria Hurley Valley Rovers
- 26) Ellen O'Herlihy Eire Óg
- 27) Veronica Nash Barrs

Coach: Fiona O'Driscoll

Selectors: Mary O'Connor, Ted Roche, Rob Lotty

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Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

Wexford have booked their place in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final, when they ousted Limerick in this quarter-final tie played at Belfield, Enniscorthy. The first half was a close, exciting affair with little separating the sides at any time. Two points by Geraldine Codd in the closing stages of this half gave Wexford a 0-7 to 0-5 lead at the break.

Limerick launched several strong attacks early in the second half, but great defensive work by the Wexford backline made scoring almost impossible for their opponents. A goal by Paula Rankin at the end of the third quarter put the Model County on the path to victory.

Final score: Wexford 1-11 Limerick 0-7

Scorers: Wexford - Paula Rankin 1-2, Geraldine Codd 0-5, Esme Murphy 0-2, Fiona Dunne and Aine Codd 0-1 each. Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford.



The Dublin Minor team, hoping to book a place in the All-Ireland Final. Front row, left to right: Alison McGrath, Joyce Donnelly, Shanna Keogh, Louise Rooney, Sarah Crosby, Adel Murphy, Jackie Carroll. Back row, left to right: Eilish Walsh, Sharon Massey, Sandra Martin, Aoife Kelly, Lorraine O'Connell, Deirdre Magill, Gillian McCluskey, Ann McCloskey.

Carlow swept to victory over Kildare, the holders, in this Leinster Junior championship final played at Newbridge. It was third time lucky for Carlow. For the past two years they were defeated in the final by Kildare. This encounter produced lots of flair and determination. Carlow went into an early lead. It was a ding dong battle with the sides level at the interval. Carlow 3-2 Kildare 0-11. An early second half goal by Valerie Crean put Carlow in front. However, this was cancelled out by a similar score from Elaine Miley. From then on Carlow stepped up the pace to run out comfortable winners.

Final score: Carlow 5-11 Kildare 1-12

Scorers: Carlow - Valerie Crean 1-6, Marie Sheehan and Olivia Maye 1-1 each, Anne Marie Ryan and Nuala Quirke 1-0 each, Mary Coady 0-2, Charmaine Gibson 0-1.

Kildare - Elaine Miley 1-6, Naoimi Treacy 0-4, Miriam Malone 0-2.

Referee - Mary Connor, Louth.



Dublin Minor mentors with the Leinster Minor Cup, left to right: Eamon Kelly, Marie O'Brien and Seamus Massey.

On Sunday next the postponed Bord na Gaeilge tie between An Gaillimh and Ardmhacha will now go ahead at an Armagh venue. Also on Sunday the All-Ireland minor championship semi-final between Dublin and Cork is down for decision at Páirc Uí Rinn at 2pm. Dublin's last appearance in an All-Ireland minor semi-final was ten years ago, in 1987 when they were defeated by Galway 2-7 to 0-5. Cork's last appearance was in 1985 when they were defeated by Kilkenny 5-4 to 1-2. They are the only county to win three minor titles in a row on two occasions 1978-80 and 1983-85. They hold a total of eight titles altogether. Dublin have won one title when they defeated Galway 5-2 to 2-3 in 1982. Cork have a good squad this year and came through a stern test when they got the better of Tipperary in the Munster final 2-8 to 1-6.

Dublin accounted for Wexford in the Leinster final after a replay 3-7 to 1-4. Sunday's encounter should be a sparkling affair and should produce lots of future stars on both sides. Dublin are quietly confident. However, it should be close at the finish.

Results -

Leinster U14 C:

Kilkenny	3-7	Dublin	2-1
Kildare	3-5	Westmeath	1-3
Keady	4-11	An Port Mor	0-1
Leitrim/Fontenoy's	4-16	Portaferry	2-5
St Munnas	3-8	Raharney	1-7
Aughrim	2-12	Glennally	2-4
Camross	5-8	Mountmellick	0-2
Rossa	2-4	Portlennane	0-6
Loughgiel	4-11	Cushendall	1-2
Swatragh	1-10	Glen	1-7

Derry S.C. semi-finals

Bishopstown girls cruise into the final

Bishopstown 6-8
Carbery 0-3

A SUPERB display by Bishopstown saw them cruise into the senior camogie championship final when they had a comprehensive victory over Carbery at Ballygarvan last night.

Playing with the aid of the strong wind Bishopstown took the lead after two minutes when superb full-forward Liz O'Neill shot passed Cora Keohane to get the game's opening goal.

An eighth-minute Ciara Healy goal was quickly followed up by five Bishopstown points to which Carbery replied, courtesy of Hilda Kenneally with two. Bishopstown looked stronger in all sections and led 2-7 to 0-2 at half-time.

Ciara Healy, Caroline Kenny and Vivian Harris added goals for Bishopstown in the second half to crush the Carbery challenge. An excellent Bishopstown defence in which Liz Towler and Sinéad White excelled afforded Carbery little opportunities.

Bishopstown: R. Desmond, T. Doyle (0-1), E. Duggan, L. Towler, S. White, V. Harris (1-3, 2 30s, 1 free), S. Morley, A. McDermott (0-1), C. Healy (2-2), L. O'Neill (2-1), R. Calnan, C. Kenny (1-0), Sub: N. Falvey for S. White, M. Kearney for S. Morley.
Carbery: C. Keohane, M. Brennan, A. O'Leary, Y. O'Callaghan, V. O'Keefe, E. McCarthy, H. Kenneally (0-2), E. Kenneally, E. O'Sullivan, M. Deasy (0-1), G. Collins, A. O'Connell, Sub: C. Hurley for H. Kenneally (in).

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DUBLIN SENIOR "A" CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL:
Celtic 1-14 (U Crowley 0-9, S Doyle 0-2, P Carr 0-2, L Lyons 0-1, T Allen 1-0), St Vincent's 0-11 (D O'Leary 0-7, C O'Byrne 0-3, T Clinton 0-1).

Dynamic display puts Cork in the All-Ireland final

Cork 3-12
Dublin 0-4

CORK, with a superb performance, qualified for the All-Ireland minor camogie final on August 17, when they had a comprehensive victory over Dublin at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.

The home side were quick to settle and set the pace from as early as the fourth minute with a Sinéad Kelly goal. Dublin's response, however, was immediate, with Sarah Crosby grabbing the puck out and driving it over the bar for a magnificent point from 50 yards.

However, the score failed to settle her side and it was Cork who continued to press forward and put the Dublin defence under enormous pressure.

Rachel Moloney pointed a Cork free and, two minutes later, Una O'Donoghue goaled to stretch the Cork lead even further.

Cork had further points from O'Donoghue, Moloney, Sinéad Buckley and captain Mary Ennequess to put themselves firmly in the driving seat.

In the 22nd minute, a marvellous opportunist goal from Sabrina Buckley left Dublin to fight an uphill

battle. They had a point from Sarah Crosby at the half time whistle, but this seemed academic, as Cork left the field with a 3-6 to 0-2 lead.

The second half started where it left off, with Cork in total command in all sectors.

Their defence, with Amanda O'Regan and Sinéad Buckley impressive, continued to thwart Dublin, while up front, Ciara Healy, Rachel Moloney and Sinéad Kelly had things very much their own way and only for some superb goalkeeping from Dublin captain Sheila Cotter, Cork would have completely swamped the Leinster champions.

They added six points in the second half to Dublin's two, to run out comprehensive winners and, on yesterday's display, will be favourites to take the title last won by the county in 1985.

Scorers: Cork: R. Moloney 0-6 (4 from free), S. Kelly 1-1, U. O'Donoghue 1-3 (2 from free), S. Buckley 1-0, C. Healy and M. Ennequess 0-1 each.
Dublin: S. Crosby 0-2, S. Elliott and S. Keogh 0-1 each.
CORK: G. Casey, A. O'Regan, S. Buckley, J.A. Kingston, S. Hayes, M. Ennequess (captain), E. Burke, S. Buckley, R. Moloney, S. Kelly, U. O'Donoghue, C. Healy, Sub: M. O'Connell for A. O'Regan, L. Foran for M. Ennequess, S.C. Buckley for E. Burke.
DUBLIN: S. Cotter (captain), S. Madden, L. Rooney, J. Carroll, E. Flynn, S. Crosby, S. Elliott, A. McQuibkey, S. Massey, J. Donnelly, E. Murphy, S. Keogh.
Referee: J. Morrissey, Tipperary.

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Ciara Healy jets off to Rio de Janeiro to represent Ireland in the World under 19 squash championships.

Cork's own samba girl

CIARA HEALY of Highfield Squash Club is off to Rio de Janeiro next week to compete in the World Under-19 squash championships.

The 15-year-old, a student at Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork jets out to South America on Tuesday for three-weeks in the company of Aisling Blake (Sligo), Caitriona Trion (Belfast) and Sarah Fairley from Banbridge in County Down as part of the Irish team. Clara has been playing squash with Highfield since she was eight years old and she also plays camogie and tennis with Bishopstown and hopes to be in County final action with the

Ciara off to Rio de Janeiro

BY NOEL SPILLANE

Bishopstown girls later in the year.

Last year she was goalkeeper on the Cork U-18 team that won the Munster inter-provincial title and she is currently playing with the Cork minor team. They easily defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final at Pairc Uí Rinn over the weekend to qualify for the All Ireland final.

Clara scored one point in an emphatic 3-12 to 0-4 victory.

She has already represented Ireland at U-14, U-16 and U-19 levels and she is this year's U-19 Irish national champion, and was runner-up in the Munster Senior Ladies Close event.

She spent ten days in Helsinki at Easter with the Irish U-19 team that competed in the European Team Championships there and, earlier in the year, she was one of a select group of sportswomen who received an Individual High Performance grant of £1,000 from the Irish Sports Council.

She certainly is a busy young lady at the moment.

Cork retain junior title with victory over Tipp

Cork 1-12
Tipperary 1-7

CORK retained their Munster Junior Camogie Championship title at Watergrasshill last evening when they had a well deserved five points victory over the Tipperary girls.

Cork, having won last season's Junior All-Ireland Championship, were fielding a completely new side this season but were by far stronger than their opponents.

They were in control from the first minute when Niamh O'Regan pointed and they then went on to add three further points from team captain, Eleanor Kenneally, Caoimhe Harrington and Criona Harte.

Tipperary opened their scoring with a Fionnagh Loughnane free in the 13th minute and at the break Cork led 0-7 to 0-4 and indeed could count themselves very lucky after squandering several scoring chances.

Tipperary really meant business in the second-half and were quick to draw level when in the very first minute a long free from Claire Horan was finished to the Cork net by Emma Carroll.

Emer O'Sullivan and

Fiona Loughnane for Tipperary had exchanged points when Cork got the break they so desperately needed when the impressive Criona Harte shot to the net from close range to put the champions right back in the driving seat.

Both sides exchanged points twice but it was Cork who finished the stronger and ran out very impressive winners on the night.

For Cork, who were most efficient, Criona Harte, Caoimhe Harrington and Cliona Meaney were in excellent form while for Tipperary, captain Claire Horan, and Fiona Loughnane tried hardest to lift their side.

On the night though Tipperary just could not match the Cork girls.

Scorers: Cork: C. Harrington 0-5 (2 frees, one 30); C. Harte 1-1; U. Troy 0-2; N. O'Regan, E. Kenneally, E. O'Sullivan, S. Buckley 0-1 each. Tipperary: F. Loughnane 0-4 (1 free, one 30); C. Horan 0-2; E. Carroll 1-0.

CORK: S. Ricken, C. Meaney, S. Buckley, M. Harrington, L. Kelleher, E. O'Sullivan, C. Harrington, U. Troy, T. Roche, N. O'Regan, C. Harte, E. Kenneally (capt), Subs: S. A. Buckley for E. Kenneally. TIPPERARY: E. O'Connor, N. O'Dwyer, S. Howard, M. Corcoran, C. Meagher, F. Loughnane, S. Ryan, M. O'Brien, R. Fogarty, C. Horan, G. Ormonde, E. Carroll. Sub: P. Carroll for G. Ormonde. Referee: C. Doody (Limerick).

Lynn Dunlea wins Sportstar award

CORK'S spectacular win over Kilkenny in the final of the National Camogie League was recalled yesterday when Lynn Dunlea was presented with a Jurys Hotel Cork Sportstar award for June.

Lynn scored 2-5 for Cork as they beat Kilkenny 4-12 to 0-9 and her consistently good form at club and inter-county level made her a very worthy recipient of the award, the second of her career.

She was previously honoured in September 1995.

She played a number of years with Glen Rovers with whom she won an All-Ireland club championship and this season she is again assisting her local Cloughduv club.

She is a member of a very distinguished GAA family for her mother Nuala was also a camogie player of note and her father Johnny is a selector for Muskerry this year

and had a distinguished career himself.

Tributes were paid to the Cork star by Joe Quinn, manager, Jurys Hotel, and by Cork trainer/coach Tommy Nott who said that Lynn has amazing talent.

"It is the sign of a great player that you can be sure of a score whenever she gets the ball."

Lynn has won 14 County championship medals at all levels from U14 to senior, won one senior All-Ireland Club title, four Gael Linn titles with Munster, four National League titles and two All-Ireland senior championships with Cork.

In accepting the award she said she was "honoured and delighted" and added: "In accepting this award, I am doing so not for myself but on behalf of all the players on the Cork team and all of those who contributed to our successes."



Lynn Dunlea is presented with the Cork Sportstar award for June yesterday by Cork Jurys Hotel manager Joe Quinn. Picture: Dan Linehan

Classy Cork Conquer Clare

Cork 3-13 Clare 1-9
By Joe O'Muircheartaigh

This was the clash of the All-Ireland champions from 1995. Cork were the senior champions of that year while Clare were the intermediate standard bearers. Eventually, the gap in class between the respective grades proved to be the difference that separated the sides in a highly entertaining game played in Ballinlough.

Cork's greater experience at the rigours of senior championship camogie finally came to the fore against a Clare side that was still smarting from a heavy defeat at the hands of the same opposition in a league game earlier this season. Atoning for past indifference proved to be a great motivating force for Clare while the glorious success of the hurlers in Pairc Ui Chaoimh also acted as an inspiration.

These twin factors allied to the fact that the team was well prepared by Bernie Ryan ensured that Clare were in this game with a very live chance with fifteen minutes remaining. At that stage only two points separated the sides with Cork enjoying a 1-9 to 1-7 advantage. It was all to play for and a shock looked on the cards.

Cork were worried. It was all down to the grim determination of a Clare side that showed scant regard for some of the lofty reputations of the home side. This was illustrated in the opening minutes of the game when Clare played with a controlled abandon which knocked Cork back on their heels.

This commitment yielded a tonic start of points from Catherine O'Loughlin and Deirdre Murphy. Clare were totally dominant but crucially they failed to register scores

when they were there for the taking. On too many occasions in the opening exchanges the Clare forwards had goal on their minds. They should have settled for the next best thing, points.

As a result Cork gradually found their composure having weathered the early Clare storm. Linda Mellerick opened the rebel account with a 15th minute point while this was followed quickly by two Lynn Dunlea points. Suddenly, Cork were ahead despite the fact that they had been outplayed for the first twenty minutes.

A long range pointed free from Marie Collins restored parity a minute later but thereafter Cork upped their performance considerably. Linda Mellerick and Irene O'Keeffe scored fine points from play in the 22nd and 23rd minutes respectively before Sinead O'Callaghan rifled an unstoppable shot beyond Aine McCormack for Cork's opening goal.

Cork now looked like taking control as their big name players like Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick became more prominent. However, Clare's never say die attitude produced a Sinead O'Brien pointed free from 30 yards. It left a goal separating the sides at the interval with Cork 1-5 to 0-5 ahead.

It was still all to play for as the standard of play being produced by both sides was very high. It was real championship stuff, the challenges were very tough at times but it was always fair. In the process both sides contributed to an exciting spectacle. Clare were more than holding their own with Debbie McDonagh, Deirdre Murphy and Catherine O'Loughlin most prominent.

Lynn Dunlea was one of Cork's most impressive players and she gave her side a perfect start to the second half with two fine points inside the first seven minutes. Noelle Cummins responded for Clare with a great point from play before Mary O'Connor was on the mark for the rebels.

Then came Clare's best passage of play. Catherine O'Loughlin who proved a real handful for the Cork rearguard throughout the hour made a determined run before stroking over a fine point. The Cork defence looked rattled in the face of Clare's grim determination.

This received its just rewards in the 14th minute when O'Loughlin scored the goal of the game. Deirdre Murphy transferred the ball to O'Loughlin whose low and hard shot from fifteen yards totally deceived Cora Keohane in the Cork goal. Clare were only two points adrift and hopes of a surprise win soared.

However, these hopes were subsequently crushed by Cork in clinical fashion. As if stunned by the closeness of proceedings they responded in stunning fashion and put the game beyond the reach of Clare courtesy of a scoring burst in a seven minute spell

from the 15th minute.

Fiona O'Driscoll started the trend with a point from play. Two minutes later Lynne Dunlea elected to go for goal from a close in free. Her effort was saved but Linda Mellerick was on hand to force the ball over the line for her side's second goal. It was a crucial score.

It was now all Cork. Sinead O'Callaghan then got in on the scoring act. First of all she pointed from play in the 21st minute before putting the issue beyond any doubt when she breached Aine McCormack's goal for the second time in the 22nd minute. The game was over as a contest. Clare's challenge had collapsed as they could only muster two points from Edel Arthur in the last quarter.

It was a sad ending and one that Clare scarcely deserved. At least they will have a chance to atone for this defeat when they have a return clash with Cork in the Munster Final. All is not yet lost.

Cork - Sinead O'Callaghan (2-1), Linda Mellerick (1-3), Lynne Dunlea (0-5), Fiona O'Driscoll (0-2), Irene O'Keeffe (0-1), Mary O'Connor (0-1).

Clare - Catherine O'Loughlin (1-2), Edel Arthur (0-2), Deirdre Murphy (0-1), Marie Collins (0-1), Sinead O'Brien (0-1), Noelle Cummins (0-1), Moira McMahon.

CORK: Cora Keohane (7), Sandra Fitzgibbon (7), Linda Mellerick (8), Denise Cronin (7), Sinead O'Callaghan (8), Eithne Duggan (7), Mags Finn (6), Fiona O'Driscoll (8), Hilda Kennedy (7), Irene O'Keeffe (7), Lynne Dunlea (8), Mary O'Connor (6).

CLARE: Aine McCormack (7), Edel Arthur (8), Debbie

McDonagh (8), Orla Slattery (7), Marie Collins (7), Sinead O'Brien (7), Sinead McMahon (7), Catherine O'Loughlin (8), Deirdre Murphy (7), Noelle Cummins (7), Moira McMahon (7), Anne Keane (7).

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■ Giara Healy, Cork Minor Camogie, strikes towards goal during their All-Ireland Semi-Final game against Dublin.
(Pic: Mike English) See Page 21



The Cork minor camogie team who qualified for the All-Ireland final when they defeated Dublin last Sunday at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Cork Minor Camogie Team heading for the All Ireland



■ Sinead Kelly, Cork scores the first goal in their All Ireland Semi Final of the Minor camogie Championship at Páirc Uí Rinn.



■ Mary Ennaguess (who captains Aghabullogue) from the Cork Minor Camogie Team.
(Pics: Mike English)

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Barryroe took the U16 B League title over Valley Rovers at Ballinaspittle on Saturday evening when they had 8 point to spare over their rivals: Barryroe 5-9 Valley Rovers 3-7.
U16 Leagues: Carrigrohilly 2-10 Erins Own 1-0, Ballinaspittle 2-3 Glen Rovers 1-5, Carrigrohilly 4-4 Sarsfields 3-4, Carrigrohilly 3-4 Cobh 2-0, Grenagh 3-4 St Fanshane 1-2, St Catherine's 6-7 Ballyhea 0-0, Delaney's 2-3 Carrigrohilly 2-2, Kildorrey 1-2 Grenagh 1-1, Delaney's 3-4 Na Piersaigh 1-0, Enniskerry 5-0 Ballinascarty 1-2, Seandun U15 League: Glen Rovers 5-5 Na Piersaigh 1-1.



■ Cork Minor Camogie Team which easily defeated Dublin in the All Ireland semi Final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

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Joe McGoldrick, Síle de Bhailís (Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael), Micheál O' Muircheartaigh (Chairman of Bord na Gaeilge) and Phyllis Breslin President of Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael.

Kilkenny gave a rather disappointing display when they were swamped by Cork in this National senior league final played at Páirc Uí Rinn. Cork the holders were in top form and Kilkenny never got much of a chance to settle into the game. First half goals by Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea and Vivienne Harris gave Cork a 3-5 to 0-7 lead at the break, with Kilkenny's Marina Downey accounting for their tally. The Rebel County continued to dominate in the second half to run out easy winners on a score of 4-12 to 0-9. Scorers: Cork Lynn Dunlea 2-5, Linda Mellerick 1-1, Vivienne Harris 1-0, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2, Mary O'Connor, Hilda Kenneally, Sadie Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Keefe 0-1 each. Kilkenny: Marina Downey 0-7, Catherine Dunne and Brigid Mullaly 0-1 each. Referee: Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary.

Munster retained the Gael Linn Camogie Inter-Provincial titles in senior and junior bringing their total titles since the competition was inaugurated in 1956 to twenty four, twelve senior and twelve junior. Weather conditions were favourable and playing facilities at St. Brigid's GAA Club, Russell Park were excellent. Presentations were made by An t-uachtarán Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael Fíleas Ní Bhreaslain to Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork), captain of the senior team and Hilda Kenneally (Cork) captain of the junior side.

Munster got off to a good start in the senior semi-final with a

good win over Connaught who fielded an all Galway side. It was a match that produced plenty of excitement. Munster got the upper hand in the final quarter to run out winners on a score of 3-14 to 2-10. Scorers: Munster: Lynn Dunlea 2-5, Pauleen McCarthy 1-0, Fiona O'Driscoll and Deirdre Hughes 0-3 each, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2, Hilda Kenneally 0-1. Connaught: Denise Gilligan 0-8, Olive Costelloe and Anne Forde 1-0 each, Imelda Hobbins and Dymphna Maher 0-1 each. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

In the other semi-final Leinster v Ulster was a cracker. The first half was a see-saw battle. Leinster went into a five point lead in the third quarter, however, Ulster fought back but time ran out. Final Score: Leinster 3-14 Ulster 3-13.

The final between Munster and Leinster produced lots of flair and determinate with little separating the sides at any time. In the final quarter Leinster held a 0-4 lead and looked as if they were going to clinch the title. However a good final ten minutes by Munster earned them a draw. Munster 1-11 Leinster 2-8.

In the extra time of ten minutes each half Leinster had no answer for Munster's scoring ability as they scored 3-7 to 0-3. Final score: Munster 4-18 Leinster 2-11.



ATHENRY, 1997 All-Ireland Camogie Féile Champions. Back row, left to right: Moira Coen (Secretary), Sarah Mulkerrins, Frank Shea, Sandra Laffey, Des Coen (Chairman), Cara Glynn, Regina Glynn, Emma Costello, Sarah Donohue, Sharon Quirke, Martina Molloy, Aoife Caulfield, Claire Healy, Mícheál Donohue (Manager), Orla Ryan, Noreen Treacy (Selector), Midge Glynn (Selector), Dan Whelan (President). Front row: Karen Morrissey, Fílián Murphy, Darrelle Coen, Fiona Coffey, Alice Poniard, Emer Morrissey, Tracey Feeney, Rosemary Naughton, Eileen Caulfield, Mary Keogh (Captain), Rachel Barrett. Mascots: Noreen Coen, Desmond Coen, Sean Glynn.

Scorers: Munster: Moira McMahon 2-6, Jovita Delaney 0-4, Lynn Dunlea and Catherine O'Loughlin 0-3 each, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-2, Leinster: Marina Downey 0-5, Geraldine Codd and Esme Murphy 1-0 each, Valerie Crean, Margaret Hickey and Catherine Dunne 0-2 each. Munster Team: Cora Keohane, Marie Collins, Eithne Duggan, Jovita Delaney, Mary O'Connor, Catherine O'Loughlin, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lisa Kellagher, Deirdre Hughes, Lynn Dunlea, Sinead O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy. Subs: Miriam Deasy, Hilda Kennelly, Sinead O'Callaghan, Deirdre Sheehan, Mary Kennefie, Paula Bulfin, Moira McMahon, Claire Madden.

Leinster: Michelle Fennelly, Avis Nolan, Esther Kennedy, Sinead Costello, Kelly Long, Michelle O'Leary, Marina Downey, Margaret Hickey, Kate Kelly, Catherine Dunne, Geraldine Codd, Esme Murphy.

Subs: Aileen Ni Thuathail, Siobhan Young, Paula Malcolmson, Yvette Cully, Valerie Crean, Nuala Quirke, Bernie Houlahan. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

In the junior semi-final Munster led Connaught all the way and half way through the second half they led by 0-11. A good finish by Connaught came too late.

Final score: Munster 3-14 Connaught 4-6. Scorers: Munster: Triona Hennessy 2-2, Sinead O'Callaghan 1-4, Mary Kennefie 0-4, Deirdre Hughes 0-2, Hilda Kennelly and Allison Dilworth 0-1 each. Connaught: Colette Nevin 2-1, Therese Maher 1-1, Mary Gannon 1-0, Michelle Glynn 0-3, Shauna Ward 0-1. Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Leinster and Ulster was quite a good tussle. A goal separated the sides at half time Leinster 1-4 Ulster 0-4. Final score: Leinster 1-8 Ulster 0-7.

Scorers: Leinster: Valerie Crean 0-7, Miriam Malone 1-0, Michelle Davis 0-1.

Ulster: Valerie Hynds 0-3 Glenda Fitzpatrick, Carla Doherty and

Catherine Finnegan 0-1 each. Referee: Noeleen Corniean, Galway.

The Munster v Leinster final produced good fare. It was a close contest all though. With less than five minutes remaining Munster led by a goal. Leinster missed many scoring chances and Munster edged into a 3-11 to 2-10 victory.

Scorers: Munster Deirdre Hughes 3-1, Triona Hennessy 0-4, Hilda Kennelly, Mary Kennifie and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2 each. Leinster: Nuala Quirke 2-1, Valerie Crean 0-6, Mary Henry 0-2, Miriam Malone 0-1.

Munster Team: Leona Nolan, Emily Hayden, Suzanne Kelly, Enda Dineen, Noelle Kennedy, Sinead Collins, Allison Dilworth, Hilda Kennelly, Linda O'Sullivan, Sinead O'Callaghan, Mary Kennifie, Triona Hennessy Subs: Deirdre Hughes, Claire Madden, Ursula Troy, Therese Brophy.

Leinster: Mary Henry, Aoife Davitt, Melanie Treacy, Derville O'Carroll, Claire O'Connor, Michelle Davis, Alish Atkinson, Christine O'Brien, Nuala Quirke, Annette Heffernan, Miriam Malone, Valerie Crean.

Subs: Anna Dargan, Nuala Kerrigan, Yvette Cully, Kelly Long, Marie Sheehan, Bernie Houlahan, Mary Ellen Butler.

Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship

July 5th: Loch Garman v Luimneach

July 6th: Cill Chainnigh v Ath Cliath, Ardmhacha v An Ghaillimh

July 13th: Corenigh v An Clár

July 20th: All-Ire M.C. S/F Munster v Leinster

July 27th: All-Ire M.C. S/F Connacht v Ulster

All-Ire Inter. C. & All-Ire. J.C. Q/F London v Ulster

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Micheál O Muircheartaigh with the girls from Scoil Náithí, Ballinteer and Loreto G.N.S., Crumlin at the Church and General, Cumann na mBunscoil finals in Croke Park.



THE GALWAY Junior Camogie team which defeated Roscommon in the Connacht final. Back row, left to right: Aoife Connolly, Orla Watson, Teresa Maher, Michelle Glynn, Ann Hardiman, Miriam Monaghan, Alisha McNamara, Tom Ryan (Selector), Nollag Glennan, Mary Cawley, Emer Kearney, Alma Walsh, Maureen Fahy (Selector), Patricia Stephens, Caroline Murray, Miriam Lynch, Ruth Cullinan, Deirdre Mitchell (Selector). Back row: Michael Broderick (Manager), Rita Broderick, Valerie Treacy, Fiona Pierce, Collette Nevin, Ann Dolan (Captain), Ester Martyn, Eileen Earls, Aoife Lyskey, Shauna Ward, Sandra Tannian.

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Cork booked their place in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship semi-final against Wexford when they got the better of Clare at Ballinlough. The first half was evenly contested. Clare took an early two point lead and on the 19th minute the sides were level at 0-3 all. A goal by Sinead O'Callaghan gave Cork a 1-5 to 0-5 lead at the break. The opening quarter of the second half was a ding dong battle with Catherine O'Loughlin having Clare's goal on the 14th minute. Then disaster struck the Banner County when Linda Mellerick and Sinead O'Callaghan goaled to put the Rebels on the path to victory. Final score: Cork 3-13 Clare 1-9

Scorers: Cork: Sinead O'Callaghan 2-0, Linda Mellerick 1-3, Lynn Dunlea 0-5, Mary O'Connor and Fiona O'Driscoll 0-2 each. Irene O'Keeffe 0-1. Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 1-4, Denise Murphy, Moira McMahon, Sinead O'Brien, Noelle Cummins and Catherine Collins 0-1 each.

Galway are the Connacht Junior Champions when they overcame Roscommon by the minimum score after extra time at Four Roads. It was disappointment for Roscommon who reached the All-Ireland junior final for the past 2 years. However it was a score for score contest. Roscommon led 0-7 to 1-3 at the break with Galways goal coming from Therese Maher. It continued to be an edge of the seat affair and at the end of normal time it was Galway 1-8 Roscommon 0-11. Extra time had to be played and at the break in that time the sides were still locked 1-9 to 0-12. Full time

score: Galway 1-11 Roscommon 0-13.

Geraldine Carr secured all Roscommon scores twelve points from frees.

Galway scorers: Therese Maher 1-4, Michelle Glynn 1-3, Shauna Ward 0-2, Sandra Tannian and Aoife Lynskey 0-1 each.

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath

Leinster Club Championship Myshall, Carlow 5-9 Aughrim, Wicklow 0-4.

Scorers: Nuala Quirke 3-3, Margaret Hogan 2-0, Olivia O'Neill 0-3, Shauna Keohane 0-2, Olivia Maye 0-1. Aughrim: Cathy Core 0-4. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Kilkenny, Louth 2-11 St Mannas, Westmeath 1-7.

St Laurences, Kildare 0-11 Drumcullen, Offaly 0-9.

Camross, Laois w.o Trim, Meath Leinster Under 14 championship play-off: Dublin 6-4 Wexford 2-5.

Scorers: Dublin: Ciara Duffy 3-2, Karen Blood 2-2, Christine Norton 1-0.

Wexford: Diane Ryan 2-3, Gretta Heffernan and Grace Ahearne 0-1 each.

Referee: John Pender, Kildare

On Sunday next Ulster junior champions Antrim travel to London to do battle with the Londoners in the All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter-final. Antrim were beaten in the All-Ireland junior semi-final by Roscommon for the past two years after re-plays. They are doing well this year having collected the National Junior League title by defeating Down and had a convincing win also over Down in the Ulster Junior Championship. Little is known of the London squad. The nearest they have got in this competition was when they beat Kilkenny in 1994 2-8 to 0-5, but

they were defeated by Galway in the semi-final 6-8 to 2-5. In 1995 they lost in the quarter final by the minimum score to Roscommon 2-7 to 1-11. Antrim are a squad blended with youth and experience and should advance to the semi-final.

The All-Ireland Intermediate Championship gets underway on Sunday when Limerick host Clare. This should be a cracker. Limerick are the holders while Clare won the competition two years ago. Limerick will be looking to Ida Guaid, Pauleen McCarthy, Eileen O'Brien, Breda O'Brien, Vera Sheehan and Kay Burke to see them through.

Clare have star performers in Moira McMahon, Niamh McMahon, Catherine O'Loughlin, Sinead O'Brien and Noelle Cummins.

The last time the sides met was in the National senior league when Clare had two points to spare 3-14 to 3-11. Sundays game should once again be a close affair with the Banner County to shade it.

On Friday August 1st Galway will host Antrim in the All-Ireland minor championship semi-final. This contest should produce great fare. Both sides will parade a host of stars. Galway are the current champions and have a great record in this competition. They had an easy win over Roscommon in the Connacht final while Antrim accounted for Derry.

Galway are sure to get a good performance from Siobhan Cummins, Lourda Kavanagh, Alana Kearns, Maread Meehan who captained Holy Rosary, Mountbellew to win the All-Ireland junior colleges final earlier this year and Orla Curtin sister to senior player Veronica and may advance to the final.

O'Neill's emphatically end Glen record bid

Fr O'Neill's
Glen Rovers

3-3
0-5

Glen Rovers' Emma Harte equalised.

The Glen began to dominate, and points from Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin put them in front. However, in that period they also hit nine wides which subsequently proved costly.

Mary Kennefick pointed for O'Neill's and when Fiona O'Driscoll placed her a beautiful pass, Kennefick goaled to give her side the lead which they never lost. It

put them 1-2 to 0-3 points ahead at half time.

The second half was a tense affair. By the tenth minute, just one point separated the sides after Emma Harte and Karen Riordan pointed for Glen Rovers and Mary Kennefick pointed for Fr O'Neill's.

In the next ten minutes, both sides missed numerous chances.

The game was effectively decided in the space of a minute, when first Sharon Meade and

Mary Kennefick goaled for Fr O'Neill's to put them seven points ahead.

In the closing minutes, the Glen laid siege to the O'Neill's goal but there was no way through and their long reign as county champions was at an end.

It was a marvellous effort on Fr O'Neill's part and they can look forward with confidence to their first appearance in a county final and while the Glen will be disap-

pointed, they to can be proud of their achievements.

Scorers — Fr O'Neill's: M. Kennefick 2-3, Sharon Meade 1-0, C. Flavin 0-1; Glen Rovers: E. Harte 0-2, L. Mellerick, D. Cronin, K. Riordan 0-1 each. **FR O'NEILL'S:** A. Brennan, F. Hennessey, L. Sweetman, A. Corcoran, M. Finn, F. O'Driscoll, S. Meade, N. Ahern, M. Kennefick, C. Flavin, C. Phelan, C. Shanahan. Subs: M. O'Brien for C. Shanahan, E. Hennessey for C. Phelan. **GLEN ROVERS:** L. Donovan, D. Dean, C. McCarthy, M. Burke, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Cronin, Y. McCarthy, P. Murphy, L. Mellerick, F. Twomey, E. Harte, K. Riordan. Subs: O. Murphy for K. Riordan, M. Kennefick for Y. McCarthy. **Referee:** C. O'Mahony, St. Finbar's.

GLEN ROVERS' bid for a record eight-in-a row County titles was ended at Carrigtwohill last evening by a determined Fr O'Neill's outfit, whose hunger for victory was starkly evident.

Claire Flavin got the opening score in the first minute for Fr O'Neill's, but we had to wait 12 minutes for the next score, when

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GALWAY CONTINUE WHERE THEY LEFT OFF

All-Ireland senior Camogie Champions
Galway went on a scoring spree in the opening defence of their Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship title against Armagh at Portmore.

It was little more than an exercise in shooting practice particularly for midfielder and free taker Sharon Glynn who shot 1-7 in each half. At half time Galway held a commanding lead of 1-13 to 0-4.

A flurry of goals came near the end of the third quarter to give the champions a comfortable victory. Final score: Galway 5-23 Armagh 1-6.

Scorers: Galway: Sharon Glynn 2-14, Olive Costello 1-7, Denise Gilligan 2-2. Armagh: Collette Byrnes 1-0, Mary Black 0-3, Patricia McEvoy, Ursula McGivern and Olive McGeown 0-1 each. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.



The Delvin side that won the Group A final of the U14 midlands feile in Westmeath. Front, left to right: Michelle Farrington, Lorna Smith, Niamh Sherwin, Karen Clune, Nicola Geogan, Patricia Maguire, Triona O'Shaughnessy. Back, left to right: Tanya Kelly, Anne Maguire, Claire Dugdale, Eileen O'Driscoll, Jenna Murphy, Mary Murtagh, Niamh Barry, Sinead Feeny.

Cork coasted to victory over Dublin in this All-Ireland Minor Championship semi-final played at Pairc Ui Rinn. Cork never allowed their opponents to settle with six of the team picking off scores. They led 3-6 to 0-2 at the break and ended on a score of 3-10 to 0-4.

Scorers: Cork: Sinead Kelly 1-2, Rachel Molloney 0-5, Una O'Donoghoe 1-1, Sabrina Buckley 1-0, Ciara Healy and Mary Ennequeff 0-1 each.

Dublin: Sarah Crosbie 0-2, Sinead Elliott and Shauna Keagh 0-1 each.

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary.

In the Ulster Under-18 Championship Fermanagh went down badly to Down in the opening defence of their title at Drumaness. Down took early control of proceedings leading 3-7 to 1-5 at the break and finished convincing winners 8-11 to Fermanagh's 3-6.

Scorers: Down: Caroline Poland 5-2, Naoimi Morgan 2-1, Angela Fearon 1-2, Deirdre Quinn 0-6. Fermanagh: Emma Martin 2-1, Roisin Owens 1-5.



St Anne's from Louth, Group B winners at the U14 feile in Westmeath. Front, left to right: Grace McDonnell, Collette McDonald, Caoimhe Hughes, Carrie Murray, Catherine English, Noeleen Woods, Catherine Bannon. Back, left to right: Grace Lynch, Cliona Sheelin, Holly Butterly, Sinead Carragher, Siobhan Dandry, Sara Jane Cahill, Fiona Price, Kim Lynch.

Kildare won their first ever Leinster under 14 championship title at their third successive attempt when they overcame a strong challenge from Laois in the final at Mountmellick. Kildare had a good first half leading 2-5 to 0-3 at the interval. In the second half it was score for score with Kildare holding on to their first half margin. Final score: Kildare 3-7, Laois 2-5.

Scorers: Kildare: Noelle Early 2-1, Pauleen O'Callaghan 0-3, Regina Gorman 0-2, Claire Doran 0-1. Laois: Martina Cuddy and Sinead Cuddy 1-0 each, Lorraine Mahon and Ciara Lyons 0-3 each.



Lough Lene Gaels, Group B runners-up at the U14s midlands feile. Front, left to right: Samantha Molloy, Louise McCarra, Linda McHale, Breege Dobson, Catherine Eggerton, Orla O'Donnell. Back, left to right: Alice Murtagh, Elizabeth Hannon, Clodagh O'Neill, Orla Eggerton, Aisling Conaty, Joanne Walsh, Sinead Kilmurray, Lisa Coleman, Orla Connell, Sinead Sullivan.

Dublin senior championship final: Celtic 1-14, St Vincents 0-11.

Celtic Scorers: Una Crowley 0-9, Tanya Allen 1-0, Suzanne Doyle and Paula Carey 0-2 each, Lenora Lyons 0-1.

St Vincents: Denise O'Leary 0-7, Carmel O'Byrne 0-3, Patricia Clinton 0-1.

Referee: Mary Connor, Louth

The midlands feile for under 14s hosted by Westmeath was a huge success. Teams from Donegal, Monaghan, Roscommon, Laois, Louth, Wicklow and Longford took part in the weekend event. Many tributes have been received from the visitors and many requests to be considered for next years Feile which will be hosted by Westmeath.

Group A final was won by Delvin, Westmeath when they defeated Camross, Laois 3-1 to 2-2 after extra time.

Group B final also went to extra time. St Annes, Louth took the honours over Lough Lene Gaels, Westmeath 1-0 to 0-0.

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The Final fling

THE stage is set for what promises to be an intriguing County Senior Final on tomorrow Thursday night at Caherlag.

Bishopstown, who will be appearing in their second senior final, take on Fr. O'Neill's, who are making their first appearance.

In their path to the Final Bishopstown defeated a strong Imokilly side who had been fancied by many to take honours this year, while in their semi final showdown with Carbery they won with some ease. Having contested to the 1994 Final when they lost out to Glen Rovers the Bishopstown side will be anxious to succeed on this occasion.

Bishopstown have a

Camogie

vastly experienced panel of players many of whom have inter county experience.

They are captained by Cork senior Eithne Duggan, whose father Phil gave many years of service to the Bishopstown GAA Club, while also on the side is Sheenagh Olden, a daughter of former Old Aloysius and Cork player Joan Clancy. This year they have secured the services of UCC players Angela McDermott for Tipperary, Ruth Callanan, Galway, both of whom have considerable experience in Inter Varsity competitions, and Caroline Kenny, who joined the Club from Eire Og.

These three players have considerably strengthened the 'Town side.

Fr. O'Neill's, who hail from Ballymacoda in East Cork, will be going all out to emulate the feats of their neighbours Killeagh and bring the County Senior Title back to East Cork.

They had a great victory over Cloughduv in the opening round and on Wednesday last knocked out the champions Glen Rovers in a nail biting contest.

The Glen were trying to reach their 12th County Final on the trot having contested every final since 1986 and winning the last 7 in a row.

However, on the night a very determined Fr. O'Neill's side gave a top class display to dethrone the champions.

They are a strong, hard working side who give it their all.

They are backed by Cork Seniors Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn and Mary Kennefick.

They won the 'B' Title in 1995. They are captained by Carrie Shanahan, who returned from honeymoon to play in the semi final and on their displays to date in the competition will be hard to stop. Bishopstown will be hoping to have Edel Kearney, who received a serious injury in their opening game against Imokilly, back in action.

Stage set for senior final

THE stage is now set for the final of this season's senior A championship and next Thursday night's final which is scheduled for Caherlag at 7.30 brings together two teams who have yet to put their name on the Science Cup.

Bishopstown's path to the final included victories over Imokilly and Carbery. During these games they looked strong in all sectors and on form will be strong contenders for the title. They have had a lot of underage success down through the years and in 1994 took their first senior title when they won the Senior 'B' Championship.

No doubt since then their sights are on one thing and that is to take the elusive Senior 'A' title and now that they are within 50 minutes of creating history they will no doubt be giving it all.

Experienced

They will be spearheaded by their experienced goalkeeper Rose Desmond and have other fine performers in full-back Eithne Duggan who on form has no equal, Vivienne Harris, Liz O'Neill, Liz Towler, Edel Kearney and Sheenagh Morley.

Fr. O'Neill's like Bishopstown will be seeking their first senior 'A' title and this is certainly a great boost for a club this size who draw their players mainly from the Ballymacoda area.

They won the senior 'B' championship in 1995 and no doubt success at 'A' level would be the icing on the cake.

In route to the final they defeated Cloughduv in the quarter-final and they went on to record what was probably a surprise victory over reigning champions Glen Rovers.

However on the night the Glen had no answer to a very determined Fr. O'Neill's side and a repeat performance would certainly put them very much in contention for honours.

They have an excellent goalkeeper in former Kilkenny player Ann Marie Brennan. Mags Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll and Mary Kennefick are all very experienced players and younger members of the side Nora Aherne and Claire Flavin are certainly proving that they are well and truly ready for the big time.

The result of this one is difficult to call as there appears to be very little between the sides.



Sheenagh Morley, who will be hoping to win the Science Cup with her club Bishopstown on Thursday night next.

Fr O'Neill's and the 'Town bid for glory

by Tom Higgins

BISHOPSTOWN and Fr. O'Neill's have never won the Cork Senior 'A' camogie championship so history will be made at Caherlag this evening (7.30) when they contest the final.

Fr O'Neill's will be favourites, following their morale boosting win over the holders Glen Rovers, who had won the title for the past seven years.

This win will have given Fr. O'Neill's tremendous satisfaction and will put them on a real high for the final. They won the Senior 'B' title two years ago but this is the first time in the 'A' final.

Bishopstown have a long tradition in camogie, winning all the underage titles before they took the Intermediate championship in 1989. They then suffered a lean period being beaten in the first round in the senior championship in the next five attempts.

But two years ago they bounced back to reached the 'A' final, and gave the holder a tremendous game before the Glen's experience told.

Last year they again faced the Glen in the semi-final but after another thrilling game they again had to give best to the Blackpool girls.

When the Senior 'B' championship was introduced in 1994 Bishopstown were the first winners and have a very strong panel. They are fielding a strong team and the acquisition of three new players has been a major boost.

The transfer of Angela McDermott from Tipperary, Ruth Callanan, Galway

and Caroline Kenny, Eire Og, has considerably strengthened their team. However, they will be missing one of their star forwards Edel Kearney, who was injured in the first round against Imokilly, and Ciara Healy who is a squash international and is in Brazil with the Irish squad.

Fr. O'Neill's will be relying on the likes of Cork star Fiona O'Driscoll, whose brother Eric trains the side, to get their vital scores and with the likes of Sharon Meade and Mary Kennefick to support her they could prove quite a handful for the Bishopstown defence.

In their back division they have Cork senior player Mags Finn, who rarely plays a bad game for her club.

Bishopstown are strong in defence with Eithne Duggan, a member of the Cork senior panel, a pivotal figure at centre-back. She will get great support from Liz Towler, who has opted out of county duty as she is a senior ladies soccer international.

Sheenagh Morley in midfield will create quite a lot of chances for her forwards but Bishopstown's key player is young Vivienne Harris, who could be a match winner if she hits form. She is one of the outstanding players on the county side and is a very difficult player to mark. She is deadly from frees and is sure to get tremendous support from the bustling Liz O'Neill.

Others of note are Ruth Callanan, formerly of Mullagh, Galway who won an All-Ireland Junior All-Ireland, and Angela McDermott from Tipperary.

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Bishopstown's Margaret Kearney keeps her eye on the ball as she breaks from Fr O'Neill's Nora Ahern at Caherlag last night.

'Town win County

By TOM HIGGINS

A superb display by Player of the Match, Eithne Duggan, helped Bishopstown capture their first Cork County Senior Camogie title at Caherlag yesterday.

They eventually won by 3-6 to 0-6 as they stormed back from a 0-5 to 1-1 half-time deficit and mid-fielder Vivienne Harris played a large part in their second-half display.

Bishopstown started the better, despite playing against a strong wind, and were 1-1 in front after only six minutes.

Harris scored a point from a 30 and Trish Doyle grabbed a superb goal from a Liz O'Neill pass.

Quick

Two second-half goals from Caroline Kenny and Liz O'Neill in a six minute spell put them on their way.

Fr. O'Neill's tried hard to stem the tide and with Bishopstown missing a number of chances they came back into the game.

But Bishopstown were rock solid at the back and gave little away.

It was a great night for Sheenagh Morley, whose mother, Joan, won a number of county medals with the now defunct Old Aloysius team.

Scorers: Bishopstown: V Harris 0-5 (0-2 30's, 0-1 free), L O'Neill, 1-0, T Doyle 1-0, C Kenny 1-0, A McDermott 0-1.

Fr. O'Neill's: M Kennefick 0-3 (frees), F O'Driscoll 0-2.

Bishopstown vanquish Fr O'Neill's

Bishopstown 3-6
Fr O'Neill's 0-6

by Tom Higgins

BISHOPSTOWN are the new Cork Senior A camogie champions. In an unique County final, before a sizeable crowd, at Caherlag last night the much more talented City side defeated their East Cork rivals, in a game in which they were in complete control particularly in the second half.

Despite playing against a strong wind in the opening half Bishopstown were the quicker to settle and in the space of five minutes were 1-1 ahead, thanks to a point from top scorer Vivienne

Harris from a 30 and a brilliant goal from Trish Doyle, from a pass by Liz O'Neill.

But once Fr O'Neill's settled they began to come more into the game and slowly began to claw back the lead with a Mary Kennefick free in the 11th minute, followed by an excellent point from Fiona O'Driscoll a minute later.

Two further frees from Kennefick in the 17th and 20th minutes had the sides level and with the last puck of the half Fiona O'Driscoll gave Fr O'Neill's the lead for the only time in the game.

With centre back and captain Eithne Duggan having a tremendous game and

Vivienne Harris and Patricia Doyle beginning to take control at centre field Bishopstown got off to a fine start on the resumption, with goals from Caroline Kenny in the 27th minute and Liz O'Neill four minutes later. With the aid of the breeze the Bishopstown forwards were getting an ample supply of the ball — Vivienne Harris and Angela McDermott picked off two nice points to leave it 3-3 to 0-5 after only seven minutes of the second period.

Fr O'Neill's did their best to stem the tide despite the fact that their backs were under severe pressure, and with Bishopstown wasting

chances, including Caroline Kenny hitting the post with a rasper, Mags Finn, Sharon Meade and Fiona O'Driscoll began to come back into the game. However the Bishopstown defence was very solid and gave them little scope.

Midway through the half Fr O'Neill's had their best chance but Eithne Duggan took the ball off the goal line, after it had hit goal keeper Rose Desmond on the head, and soon afterwards Anna Corcoran had her side's only point of the half, a point from play.

Bishopstown substituted Leslie Walsh, who had sustained a shoulder injury with Margaret Kearney in

the 41st minute, but the game was in safe keeping by then. So Sheenagh Morley joined her mother Joan, who won quite a few with the now defunct Old Aloysius team as the holder of a County medal.

Scorers — Bishopstown: V Harris 0-5 (0-2 30's, 0-2 frees), T Doyle 1-0, L O'Neill 1-0, C Kenny 1-0, A McDermott 0-1.
Fr O'Neill's: M Kennefick 0-3 (frees), F O'Driscoll 0-2.
BISHOPSTOWN: R Desmond; L Towler; R Cahalan, E Duggan (capt), S White; S Morley, V Harris, P Doyle; C Kenny, A McDermott, L Walsh; L O'Neill. Subs: M Kearney for L Walsh (41st minute), N Falvey for C Kenny (49th minute).
FR O'NEILL'S: A M Brennan; F Hennessy; L Sweetnam, M Finn, A Corcoran; F O'Driscoll, S Meade, N Ahern; M O'Brien, C Flavin, C Shanahan; M Kennefick. Sub: E Hennessy for C Shanahan (30th minute). Referee: C O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's).



Bishopstown's Margaret Kearney beats Fr O'Neill's Liz Sweetnam to the ball.
Picture: Mark Kelleher

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The Bishopstown team that won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship when they defeated Fr. O'Neills on Thursday.



Bishopstown's Leslie Walsh delivers the ball during the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final against Fr. O'Neills on Thursday.

Picture: Mark Kelleher.

Cork set off on trail

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ON Sunday next at Ballinlough the Cork Intermediate team will open their championship campaign with a first round game against Tipperary (3 pm).

Having won the All Ireland Junior Championship last season, Cork were promoted to Intermediate ranks this season and will play their first game at this level on Sunday afternoon next.

Since last season they have lost the services of Hilda Kennelly and Sinead O'Callaghan both of whom played on the Cork Senior team that defeated Clare in the first round of the All Ireland Senior Championship three weeks ago.

Both these players are a huge loss as they were instrumental in Cork's success last season.

Services

However, they can still call on the services of regular goalkeeper Leona Nolan, Eileen Buckley, Linda O'Sullivan, Mary Kennefick, Alison Dilworth, Sinead Cahalane, Antoinette O'Callaghan and newcomers to the panel Jean Paula Kent from Na Piarasigh who would have worn the Cork jersey with distinction in the past and Sharon Meade, Fr. O'Neill's who was so impressive with her club in their semi-final win over the Glen in the Senior Championship.

However, Cork will be facing this game with great caution as they face a daunting task this present Tipperary panel.

Tipperary have been Munster Minor Champions for the past five seasons and their line out on Sunday will be mainly dominated by players from these successful teams.

Strong Cork panel are capable of advancing

AFTER the excitement of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship it's back to the Inter-County scene tomorrow when Cork take on Tipperary in the Intermediate Championship at Ballinlough at 3 p.m.

Following a marvellous victory in last season's All-Ireland Junior Championship, the Cork side are promoted to the Intermediate grade this season.

It looks a strong Cork panel, all very experienced players, more than capable of advancing to the

semi-final stages. While the team has not been announced at the time of going to press, Leonie Nolan, who had such an excellent season last year will again be expected to be between the posts, while Tricia Doyle, Sinéad Cahalane, Allison Dilworth and Linda O'Sullivan are established members of the panel, and the experienced gained in last year's All-Ireland win will have been an advantage to them.

Newcomers to the panel this season are Sharon Meade, Jean Paula Kent, Nora Ahern, Muireann

Harrington and the former Mullagh and Co. Galway player Ruth Callinan, who recently transferred to Cork club Bishopstown.

It's a very strong Cork panel, and with several options open to the selectors, it looks a tough team to pick.

However, Tipperary will be fielding their first choice team.

Already this season, Tipperary have been defeated by Wexford in the opening round of the championship, but as they were defeated in the opening round their team now

qualify to participate in the Intermediate Championship. They are a strong all-round side powered by Toomevara star Deirdre Hughes who, on form is a potential match-winner. Having won four Munster Minor title from 1993-1996 Tipperary will be hoping that many of these successful side will have now come of age. Emily Hayden, Ca-triona Hennessy, Ciara Gaynor and Clare Madden have all come up through the minor ranks and are now ready for the higher grade. They will be invaluable to a Tipper-

ary side, who will also field the experienced Noelle Kennedy, Jovita Delany and Kaffie Moloney in their line-up as they strive to take their first step to All-Ireland honours. However, Cork on home territory must be in with a great chance of reaching their first-ever Intermediate All-Ireland Championship semi-final. We look ahead to an exciting contest.

Fixture: Tomorrow — All-Ireland Intermediate Championship, Cork v Tipperary, Ballinlough, 3 p.m. Down v Galway, Co. Down, 2 p.m.

Tipperary too tough for Cork's second string

Tipperary
Cork

4-9
1-4

CORK'S second string found the going tough against Tipperary's first-choice side in this all-Ireland intermediate championship game played at St Finbarrs GAA grounds yesterday.

The game had originally been fixed for Ballinlough, but was transferred because of the appalling weather conditions.

Tipperary took the lead in the second minute with a Noelle Kennedy pointed free, and it was to be a lead they held to the end. Ca-triona Hennessy's goals in the second and 25th minute gave

them the decisive edge, and it took Cork 26 minutes to register their opening score through a Mary Kenefick point.

Tipperary consolidated their lead with a third goal from Ciara Gaynor on the stroke of half time, leaving it 3-4 to 0-1.

Turning to face the elements, Tipperary again made the early running with a Noelle Kennedy point in the opening minute.

Cork, to their credit, fought hard — and were rewarded with points from Eileen Twomey and Mary Kenefick (two). However, Tipperary also added points from Claire Madden and Ciara Gaynor. In the closing minutes, Cork's

Mary Kenefick and Tipperary's Mary Gaynor finished the game in an exchange of goals but it was too little too late for a gallant Cork side.

They, on the day, could not handle the physically stronger Tipperary side who now go on to meet Armagh in the all-Ireland semi final.

Scorers — Tipperary: C Gaynor 2-4 (0-2 from free), N Kennedy 0-4 (0-2 from free, 0-1 from 20), C Hennessy 2-0, C Madden 0-1
Cork: M Kenefick 1-3, E Twomey 0-1
CORK: L Nolan; E Dineen, A Dilworth, R Calnan, S Meade; T Doyle, E Buckley, A Brady, JP Kent; L O'Sullivan, E Twomey, M Kenefick (Capt)
TIPPERARY: N Dwyer; E Hayden, C Madden, S Kelly, J Delaney; H Kelly, T Brophy, M Stokes; C Hennessy, M Kennedy, D Hughes
Referee: M Pollard (Waterford)

Free in opening minutes gave the Tipperary side the lead they held right to whistle

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Lily was an outstanding sportswoman

Wexford lost one of its best known female sporting heroes last week with the death of Lily Furlong, 117 The Faythe.

Lily (nee Parle) died in her home on Wednesday, July 30, after a brief illness. She was aged 63. During her lifetime Lily was probably best known for her incredible enthusiasm for the game of camogie.

Originally from Drinagh, Lily came into town daily to hurl with St. John's Camogie Club in Wexford town and she played competitively with the Wexford county team for a period of 12 years. She was a very dedicated player and this dedication showed when she was selected to play inter-provincial games with Leinster.

In fact she went on to win the Gael Linn Cup with Leinster in 1966, and was the only Wexford player on the field at the time. She went on to captain this

same team to victory again in 1962.

Lily was also honoured during her lifetime by receiving Powers Sports Star awards on two occasions. When she retired from the sport she continued to have an active interest and was the chairperson of the camogie board for a period and was the president of it at the time of her death.

She also loved to follow the Wexford senior hurling team and went to the recent Leinster final on the Faythe Harriers bus, despite being in ill health at the time. She loved the outdoor life and would travel the length and breadth of the county for a good sporting game.

A dedicated wife and mother, Lily also took a keen interest in her husband's fishing hobby and travelled all over Ireland with him. She did not fish



■ The late Lily Furlong.

herself, preferring to strike up interesting conversation with local people in various fishing villages.

A popular and well liked woman, Lily was a kind neighbour

and a good friend. Prior to her marriage she worked for a period in Fine Wool Fabrics, but dedicated the rest of her life to caring for her husband, two sons and daughter.

She is survived by her husband Sean; sons, John and Michael; daughter, Anne; grandchild, Aisling; brothers, Jimmy and Toddy; sister, Mary; relatives and many friends.

Her remains were interred in Piercestown Cemetery on Friday following 11 a.m. Requiem Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Bride Street. Fr. Jim Fegan officiated at the ceremony.

A gaurd of honour was formed by both sea anglers and camogie players and the Wexford anthem, Purple and Gold, was fittingly played in the Church as Lily's remains were brought to their final resting place.

■ Lily Furlong (nee Parle) died last week at her home in The Faythe in Wexford after a brave battle against the dreaded cancer. She was a terrific camogie player and was one of those who kept the game alive in Wexford.

In the 1950's and early 1960's when camogie was caught in a Dublin stranglehold.

She had finished her playing career before the big breakthrough came in 1968 and '69 when Wexford won back-to-back senior All-Ireland titles, but without Lily and others like her, that breakthrough could not have been achieved.

She maintained her interest in camogie right to the very end, and she was an avid supporter of hurling and was thrilled with the success of the last couple of years.

The esteem in which she was held was reflected in the very impressive funeral tributes. Last Friday morning on her last journey from, Bride Street church in Wexford to Piercestown cemetery, she was flanked by camogie players from her own era, from the breakthrough teams of the 1960's and 70's, and representatives from the current crop at county and club level.

Sincere sympathy to husband Sean, so well known in sea-angling circles and the driver for many years of the mobile library around the county, and to her family.

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ALL IRELAND MINOR SEMI-FINAL, Loughrea —
Galway 7-19 (T Maher and S Cummins 2-2 each; E Kerris 2-1; L Kavanagh 1-8; M Meehan 0-3; Ailbha Kelly, V Sweeney and M Mahony 0-1 each; Ailbha 4-2 (N McCorry 2-0; J Adams 2-1; G O'Reilly 0-1). Half-time: 3-10 to 1-2.

CAMOGIE — All-Ireland Intermediate
Championship: Tipperary 4-9 Cork 1-4. Down 6-17 Galway 2-3.

Bishopstown

in senior camogie final

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IN the Cork County Senior Camogie Final played at Caherlag last Thursday evening between Bishopstown and Fr. O'Neills, Bishopstown created history by winning the title for the first time. This was a unique pairing as neither side had previously met in a final. Both sides were most impressive in all

their games up to the final so a great game of camogie was expected. As it happened we got more than that, it was the best camogie final in years.

The skill level was top class and with the pace and commitment of both teams it was a joy to watch and was thoroughly enjoyed by the massive crowd present.

The scene was set

for the throw in and the town were first to settle when Vivienne Harris from a free put them a point up. Then two minutes later Trish Doyle from a great hand pass by Liz O'Neill scored a classic goal. Some great camogie by the town was spoiled by poor finishing.

Fr. O'Neills were finding it hard to get into the game even though playing with a strong wind and it did not look good for them, but back they came and some delightful points by Mary Kennefick (2 points) and Fiona O'Driscoll (2 points) brought them level.

During this half Mar Kennefick, Maggie Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll for Fr O'Neills and the town's backline of Rose Desmond, Liz Towler, Sinéad White, Ruth Callanan and inspirational Capt. Eithne Duggan were delighting the crowd with their skills.

Just on the stroke of half time Mary Kennefick with a

point put Fr O'Neills ahead on the scoreline Fr O'Neills 5 points, Town 1 goal 1 point at half time it was noticeable the town were less than happy. What was said or happened at half time really changed this team as they played inspired camogie in the second half.

Two minutes into the second half a fast low ball from Lesley Walsh found 16 year old Caroline Kenny who first timed the ball to the back of the net and put the town two points ahead. Trish Doyle, Angela McDermott, Caroline Kenny and the great Liz O'Neill were causing all sorts of problems for the Fr O'Neills backline at this stage.

The midfield trio of Sheenagh Morley, Lesley Walsh and the genius of Vivienne Harris were totally dominant and sending in the ideal ball to their forwards. Some great goalkeeping and defending by the town kept Fr O'Neills at bay. Rose

Desmond's puck outs were constantly finding the great hand of Liz O'Neill and Fr O'Neills had no answer to it. Liz Towler whose fleet of foot and anticipation kept Mary Kennefick out of the game in this half, Sinéad White and Ruth Callanan were rock solid beside her.

The town were certainly up a few gears in the second half.

Angela McDermott went on a solo run passing several defenders before scoring a splendid point. At this stage several scores were missed by the town, Liz O'Neill being very unlucky and Caroline Kenny seeing a rasper of a shot hitting the upright.

As they were beginning to despair Liz O'Neill caught a ball side stepped two defenders and palmed to the net. Two goals now up there was no stopping them.

Also playing very well for the town were their two subs



Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board making a presentation to Colette O'Mahony, St Finbarrs who refereed the County Camogie Final. Also included is Cllr Dave McCarthy, Lord Mayor of Cork.



Lord Mayor Cllr Dave McCarthy presents the Player of the Game Award to Eithne Duggan, Bishopstown following their win over Fr O'Neills. also included is Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork County Camogie Board.



Bishopstown Senior Camogie Team who won their first 'A' Championship Title beating Fr O'Neills in the final.



Eithne Duggan, Captain Bishopstown Senior Camogie team photographed with the County Senior Championship Cup in the company of her parents. Her father Phil played Senior Hurling with Cork. Eithne also won Player of the Match Award.

crowned champions

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Margaret Kearney and Nicola Falvey. Ciara Healy was unable to play for the town as she was representing Ireland at Squash in Brazil.

Two more points from the girl again Vivienne Harris extended their lead to 8 points and on the stroke of full time she scored another beauty to leave the final score Bishopstown 3 goals 6 points and Fr O'Neills 6 points.

This was surely the town's finest hour, after so many underage success people were waiting for this day to come. They were unlucky the last two years but with their skill level and great heart and determination this was their crowning moment - champions at last.

The town have had

some fabulous games down the years and it was great to see some of these still delighting us with their skills.

It was a dream come true for the older members of the team that great servant in goal Rose Desmond, Liz Towler whose fleet of foot and skills never ceases to amaze us, Sheenagh Morley-Arden unable to play for a year whose infectious attitude spreads through the team, Eithne Duggan an inspirational Captain and player of the final, Liz O'Neill who seems to get better and better with every game and of course Edel Kearney whose serious leg injury prevented her from playing. Her display against Imokilly was the reason. The town won that game. These girls'

attitude is an inspiration to the younger members on the side. Let no one forget the man who made all this possible, Neil White.

Unfortunately Neil was in Boston and was unable to be where the greatest night for his girls occurred. It was a pleasure to ring him in the middle of the pitch at the final whistle, tears were flowing, emotional moment, but what a moment.

Fr O'Neills were gallant in defeat and their day will surely come. Camogie games like this are a great advertisement for the game. Special thanks to both teams for serving up a brilliant 50 minutes of camogie and congratulations to Bishopstown on being crowned worthy champions of Senior Camogie in Cork.



Fr O'Neills who lost to Bishopstown in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship.



The Grenagh Connection - Phil Duggan former Grenagh, Cork and Bishopstown hurler and Conor Kenny photographed with their daughters Eithne and Caroline who won Senior County Camogie Championship medals with Bishopstown.



Jackie Lyons seen presenting the South East U11 Camogie Shield to Catherine Holland of Ballinhassig whose team defeated Ballygarvan in the final at Ballinhassig. Also pictured is Barbara Browne, Ballygarvan captain.



Ballygarvan who were defeated by Ballinhassig in the South East U11 Camogie Final replay at Ballinhassig.

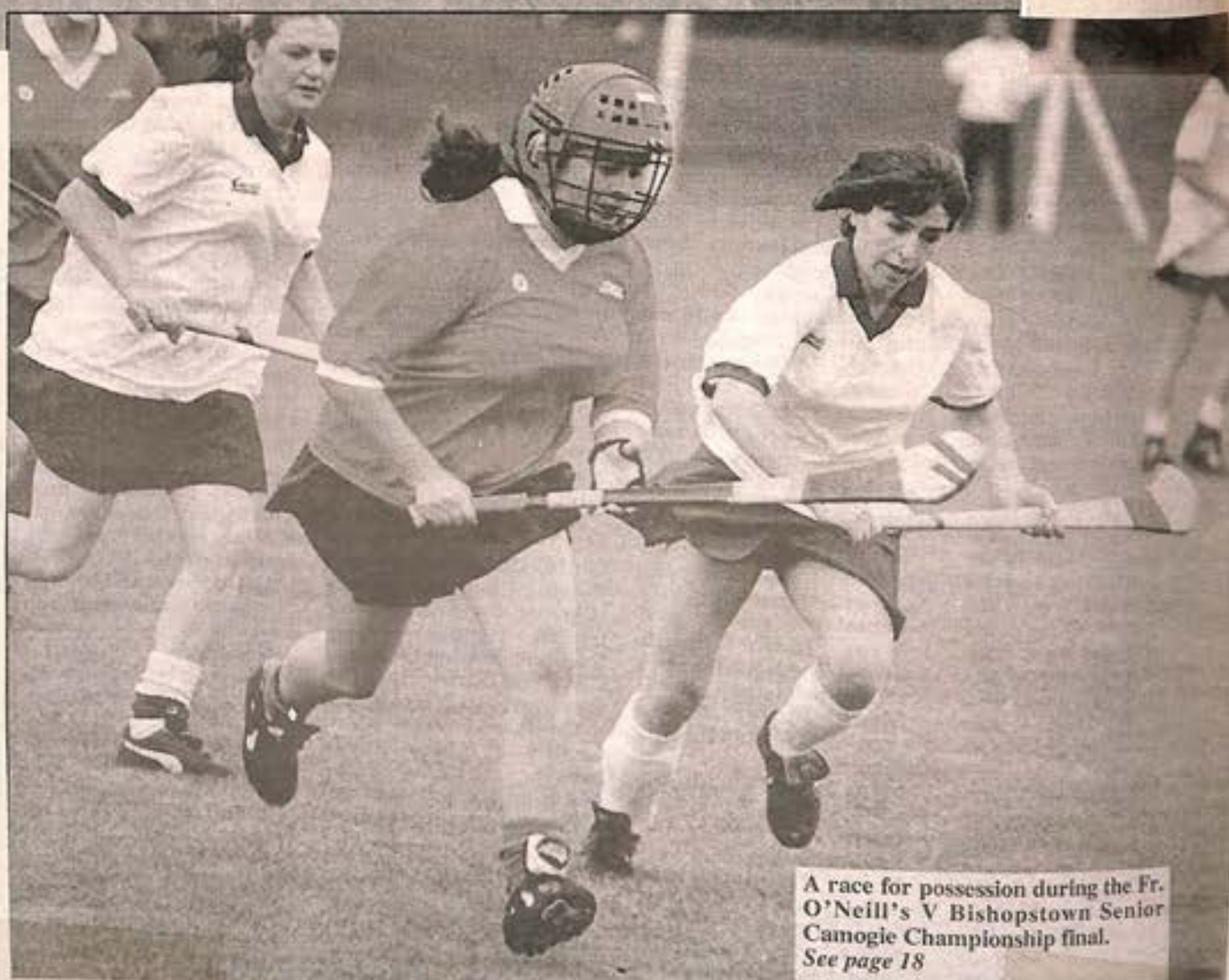


Rival Captains Eithne Duggan, Bishopstown and Carrie Shanahan, Fr O'Neills photographed with Referee Colette O'Mahony and Lines Umpires Eileen O'Connell and Eileen O'Connell.



Ballinhassig, U11 South East Camogie Champions after defeating Ballygarvan in the Final repli match at Ballinhassig. (Pics: Howard Crowdy)

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A race for possession during the Fr. O'Neill's V Bishopstown Senior Camogie Championship final.
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It won't be easy for Cork



Rose Beamish, Bishopstown's longest serving player, shows off the Science Cup after their win over Fr. O'Neills in the senior county final.

ON Sunday afternoon next, at Pairc Ui Rinn, the Cork girls take on Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship semi-final.

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A place in the final against either Galway or Kilkenny is the prize for the winners.

When the sides met in the National League in Wexford last May it finished level and indeed Cork were considered lucky to have survived and for Sunday's game are under no illusions.

In the opening round of the competition against Clare, the Cork side were pushed all the way and they know that a repeat performance will not suffice on Sunday next if they are to qualify for the Final. Cork are the current National League champions and following last year's defeat in the final against Galway are anxious this year to make amends.

Coached by Tom Nott, who is also a selector, the team is captained by Glen Rovers star Linda Mellerick, who led Cork to All-Ireland glory in 1994.

Panel

Newcomers to the panel this year include Sinead O'Callaghan, Hilda Kenneally, Ursula Troy, Lisa Kelleher, Eimear O'Sullivan and Linda O'Sullivan whilst the experienced Sandy Fitzgibbon showed against Clare why she is such a valuable member of the Cork side.

For their part Wexford are a strong side, coached by former Hurling great Teddy O'Connor, who also coached Rathnure to All-Ireland Club honours, and they make

no secret of their ambitions this year.

They used the National League as preparation for the championship and were not unduly worried at not having qualified for the knockout stages.

Young

They have excellent young players in Esme Walshe, Terry Butler, Fiona Dunne and Aine Codd and following the success of their hurlers they hope to follow suit.

The sides met at the same stage of the competition in 1995 when Cork had a 5-13 to 1-6 victory.

But on Sunday the Leesiders can be sure that they will not get the same easy passage, Cork supporters are asked to come out in strength to cheer the side to victory and a place in the All-Ireland Final.

The Cork Panel is: Cora Keohane, Sandra Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick (Captain), Denise Cronin, Sinead O'Callaghan, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll, Hilda Kenneally, Irene O'Keeffe, Lynn Dunlea, Mary O'Connor, Mary Kennefick, Eileen Buckley, Ursula Troy, Stephanie Dunlea, Lisa Kelleher, Emer O'Sullivan, Linda O'Sullivan, Miriam Deasy.

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Cork will be taking nothing for granted

PAIRC UÍ RINN is the venue tomorrow when Cork and Wexford clash in the semi-final of the All Ireland Senior Championship at 3 p.m.

At local level the Under 16 and Junior Leagues continue with a number of interesting clashes listed.

Cork will certainly be under no illusions as to the task confronting them in what is expected to be a tough encounter.

In an earlier league game this season Cork were lucky to come away with a draw but of course championship camogie is always different and the game promises to be a great contest.

Champions

Cork were crowned National League champions earlier this year with a great win over arch rivals Kilkenny and, on that performance, looked poised for a rewarding season.

However in their first round championship game against Clare they struggled at times and the eventual scoreline did not do justice to a very eager Clare side.

If Cork are to advance they certainly will have to show a big improvement.

However with the Cork Senior 'A' Championship now completed the players should be in a position to concentrate more on inter-

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county training.

The team is expected to be similar to the side which defeated Clare in the first round and should see goalkeeper Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick, Sínead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe, Mags Finn, Vivienne Harris and Lyn Dunlea all included in the line out.

The last time Cork and Wexford met in the championship was also in the semi-final two years ago.

That game was played at Ballinlough and Cork were successful.

No doubt Wexford will be anxious to make amends this time round.

They defeated Limerick in their first round game and if players like Esme Murphy, Michelle O'Leary, Geraldine Codd, Mary Haydon, Siobhan Dunne and goalkeeper Terry Butler produced the goods it could be a ding-dong tussle.

On Wednesday night next newly crowned county champions Bishopstown will set out in pursuit of Munster honours when they will play the winners of the Tipperary County final Toomevara or Cashel.



Referee Colette O'Mahony with fellow St. Finbarrs members who officiated at the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final between Bishopstown and Fr. O'Neills. Included are Antoinette Santry, Marian McCarthy, Janice Duffy and Marie Santry.

Semi-finals will prove big attraction for camogie fans

by Tom Higgins

THE big draw for camogie followers this weekend are the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Senior Championship, with Cork taking on Wexford at Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork (2.30) and the holders, Galway, lining out against Kilkenny at Loughrea (1.00).

Cork and Wexford drew in the National League earlier in the season before Cork went on to take the League title, when beating Kilkenny in early June.

Since last year's All-Ireland final defeat Cork have lost three players, goalie Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins and Therese O'Callaghan, all of whom have decided to

call it a day, but they have a very strong panel and are likely to field the side that had a comprehensive 4-12 to 0-9 win over Kilkenny in the League decider.

Cork, who beat Clare on their way to the semi-final, will have Cora Keohane between the posts, replacing Costine while Sínead O'Callaghan and Hilda Kenneally, both of whom won Junior All-Ireland medals last year, have slotted in for Paula Goggins and Therese O'Callaghan.

Neither Cork, who will be seeking their 18th title, or Wexford looking for their fourth, have announced their sides, but both have strong panels. Etna Duggan, who was the star of Bishopstown's first

ever Senior 'A' County title win will be at full-back, while the half-back line should consist of Denise Cronin, Mary Connor and Mags Finn.

Hilda Kenneally, the evergreen Sandie Fitzgibbon, and Vivienne Harris could occupy midfield while Fiona O'Driscoll, Linda Mellerick, who captains the side, and Sínead O'Callaghan could be in the half-forward line, with Lynn Dunlea at full-forward.

It is interesting to note that Wexford beat Cork to win two of their titles, in 1968 when they won their first they came out on top by 4-2 to 2-5 and 1975 when they were successful by 4-3 to 1-2. However when the sides met in the

1992 decider the Rebels gained revenge with a 1-20 to 2-6 win.

Terri Butler will be between the posts while they will be relying on the experienced Stella Sinnott and Fiona Dunne in defence.

Elizabeth Murphy and Michelle O'Leary will be expected to play well in the middle, but they will be well hoping the likes of the very experienced Paula Rankin, Geraldine and Aine Codd will get the scores that could give them victory.

With home advantage, and the National League title under their belt, Cork will start hot favourites, but they would not want to underestimate Wexford who at their best are capable of creating a surprise. The second semi-final is a most in-

teresting affair with Galway defending the crown which they won for the first time last September, with a surprise win over Cork. They easily accounted for Armagh to reach this stage but they will be missing three key players, Ann Broderick, Carmel Hannon and Carmel Allen, all of whom are in America. They will be hoping that they can come out on top and have the trio back for the final on September 7, but when it comes to the championship Kilkenny seem to reserve their best performances for this competition. They are not the force they were as they are team building after a number of their prominent players retired, but with the likes of Geraldine Dillon,

fans

Mags Hickey, Marina Downey, Ann Downey, Clare Dunne and Bridget Mullally, to call upon they are sure to fancy their chances after beating Dublin in the opening round.

This is a game that could go just about either way, but Galway with home advantage may just about shade it.

Panel:
Cork: C. Keohane, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, I. O'Keeffe, D. Cronin, S. O'Callaghan, E. Duggan, M. Finn, F. O'Driscoll, H. Kenneally, V. Harris, I. O'Keeffe, L. Dunlea, M. O'Connor, M. Kenneally, E. Buckley, U. Troy, S. Dunlea, L. Kelleher, E. O'Sullivan, L. O'Sullivan, M. Delany.
Wexford: T. Butler, A. Nolan, S. Sinnott, F. Dunne, A. Gordon, B. Shudds, E. Murphy, M. O'Leary, E. Murphy, P. Rankin, G. Codd, A. Codd, M. Heen, M. Stafford, K. Kelly, E. Kavanagh, Emma Carroll, S. Carr, B. Murphy, M. O'Connor.

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DOWN FOR DECISION

On Sunday next the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-finals are down for decision. All-Ireland champions An Ghaillimh face a torrid test of character when they take on Cill Chainnigh. An Ghaillimh had an overwhelming victory over Ard Mhacha, 5-23 to 1-6 in the quarter-final while Cill Chainnigh got a bye to the semi-final when Ath Cliath withdrew from the competition. The pressure will be on An Ghaillimh as champions. They have lost three of last years team, Ann Broderick, Carmel Hannon and Carmel Allen, who are in the States. However, they should be able to overcome this, as they have quite a large panel to chose from.

Trainer Tony Ward says they are not looking to the final yet as Cill Chainnigh will prove stiff opposition. Cill Chainnigh have brought on quite a number of young players to the panel and trainer Tom Ryan emphasised, "that it is like starting all over again, and that it could take two years before thinking of an All-Ireland." Nevertheless many think that Cill Chainnigh are the dark horses, but Tom would not agree with this. It is sure to be a tough tussle with both sides leaving their National League defeats behind them. The Bord na Gaeilge championship is a different ball game. An Ghaillimh seem to have the more balanced side and carry the tag of favourites to advance to the final.

In the other semi-final Corcaigh have the venue against Loch Garman. Corcaigh collected the National Senior League title for the third year on the trot. They had to overcome the loss of the following who have retired: goalie Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins and last year's captain, Therese O'Callaghan, but the Rebel County have an abundance of talent to fill the vacancies. There is no doubt that Corcaigh would like to have another crack at An Ghaillimh who defeated them by just two points last year, 4-8 to 1-15.

Loch Garman had a bad run in the

National League, but they can boast of drawing with Corcaigh 1-18 to 4-9. In the Bord na Gaeilge quarter-final, they had a 1-11 to 0-7 win over Luimneach while Corcaigh accounted for An Clar 3-13 to 1-9. It should be an entertaining contest with Corcaigh to book their ticket to the final.

Also on Sunday the Leinster junior club championship final takes place when Myshall, Carlow show their hospitality to Camross, Laois. This game should produce lots of flair and determination and should be a ding dong battle between two apparently evenly matched sides. They met in the final of 1995 when Myshall emerged winners by the minimum score 1-11 to 2-7. Camross were also in the final last year, and were defeated by St Laurences, Kildare 1-10 to 1-8. The Laois champions will be hoping it will be third time lucky.

In the semi-finals Myshall snatched victory from St Laurences with a goal just on the final whistle. Myshall 2-6 St Laurences 1-7, while Camross coasted over Kilkenny, Louth 4-11 to 0-10. Both sides parade a host of stars. It should be close going down to the wire.

Myshall panel: Mary Nolan, Sheila Ryan, Joanne Lawlor, Irene Byrne, Therese O'Neill, Olivia Maye, Olivia O'Neill, Margaret Hogan, Agnes Smithers, Sharon Keohane, Nuala Quirke, Margaret Hogan, Patricia Stacey, Rosemary Nolan, Clodagh Ryan, Audrey Roberts.

Camross panel: Sarah Dunphy, Margaret Dowling, Sharon Palmer, Mary Moore, Therese Keenan, Thrish Cuddy, Karen Cuddy, Nicky Ryan, Yvonne Keenan, Sandra Culleton, Marie Dowling, Paula Mortimer, Gillian Doran, Lorraine Hill, Niamh Dowling, Laura Cuddy.

Kilkenny had a convincing win over Dublin in the Leinster Roinn A Championship final played at Dunesfort. A goal by Aoife Neary put Kilkenny into a 1-5 to 1-0 lead at the break with Dublin's goal coming from Ciara Duffy. In the second half, Kilkenny continued their dominance to

run out winners on a score of 2-7 to 1-2.

Scorers: Kilkenny - Aoife Neary 1-5, Lizzie Lyng 1-2.

Dublin - Ciara Duffy 1-0, Karen Blood and Sarah Jordan 0-1 each.

Kilkenny - Bronagh Neary, Jane Gibbons, Fiona Dowling, Sarah O'Gorman, Ann Marie Shore, Caitriona McCormack, Sinead Connery, Emma Henebery, Marie O'Connor, Elizabeth Lyng capt., Edel Maher, Aoife Neary. Subs - Tara Keogh for M O'Connor, Ann Walsh for C McCormack, Aoife Treacy for E Maher.

Dublin - Elizabeth McGuinness, Caroline Kavanagh, Grainne Madden, Joanne King, Aisling Kennedy, Leanne Nobel, Sarah Jordan capt., Siobhan Bernard, Christine Norton, Karen Blood, Anne Hogan, Ciara Duffy. Subs - Edel McAuliffe for S Bernard, Eleanor Nolan for A Hogan.

Referee - Oliver Ryan, Laois.

County Final Results:

Derry final replay: Swatragh 4-5 Ballinasreen 3-5

Swatragh - Pauleen McAtamney 2-3, Deirdre Doherty 2-0, Claire McNicoll 0-2.

Ballinasreen - Pauleen McGuigan 1-2, Ellis O'Neill, Maureen O'Hagan 1-1 each, Joanne O'Neill 0-1.

Cavan - Castletara 1-9 Baillieboro 0-9
Scorers - Castletara - Majella Prior 1-6, Catherine Smith 0-2, Elaine Prior 0-1

Baillieboro - Orla Sullivan 0-5, Cindy Ledwith 0-2, Ita Kiernan 0-1

Cavan I.C. Final - Lacken 4-6 Killeshandra 2-3

Cluichi Le Teacht:

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Bord na Gaeilge Craobhcomortais na hEireann

ag Páirc Uí Rinn: Corcaigh v Loch Garman 2-30

ag Baile Locha Riach; An Ghaillimh v Cill Chainnigh 1-00

Craobhchmorortas idirclub Laighean:

ag Misceal: Misceal, Ceatharlach v Camross, Laoise 3-00

Glynn hands
Galway final
appearance

All-Ireland Camogie semi-final
from Pat Diskin at Loughrea

Galway 4-14 Kilkenny 2-11

HOLDERS Galway moved a step further to retention of the O'Duffy Cup when they beat Kilkenny in a pulsating senior All-Ireland camogie championship semi-final at St Brendan's Park, Loughrea, Co Galway yesterday.

The winners now meet Cork who beat Wexford 3-22 to 1-7, scored their first point on two minutes through Sharon Glynn and her colleague Imelda Hobbins increased their lead on seven minutes.

Midway through the half the score was Galway 0-3 Kilkenny 0-3, Galway's other point had come from Glynn once more, while the Noreiders had points from captain Marina Downey (2) and Sinead Millea.

The first crucial turning point arrived a minute into injury time of the first half when Anne Forde found the net, putting Galway ahead 1-6 to 0-5 at the break.

Two goals, one for each county, were scored in the first 80 seconds of the second half.

Ann Downey, the holder of 12 All-Ireland senior medals, struck first but then Galway's

star performer Sharon Glynn goaled within 20 seconds.

Galway had a purple patch of control between the 38th and 40th minute with two pointed frees by Glynn and a point from play for Dymphna Maher which put them seven points ahead (2-10 to 1-6).

Kilkenny came back to score their second goal in the 49th minute when Ann Downey lobbed a free into the net past Louise Curry.

Sharon Glynn notched her second goal after 56 minutes, and the victors' fourth and vital goal was from supersub Denise Gilligan a minute from the end of normal time which ensured victory for the Connacht ladies.

Galway: L. Curry, O. Costello, O. Broderick, T. Lahaen, P. Nevin, G. Maher, S. Glynn (2-12), D. Maher (0-1), M. Harkin (capt), I. Hobbins (0-1), V. Curtin, A. Forde (1-0). Subs: T. Maher for Harkin (36 mins), D. Gilligan (1-0) for Curtin (54 mins).

Kilkenny: M. Holland, T. Millea, M. Hickey, S. Costello, M. Costello, M. Downey (0-3) (capt), E. Kennedy, C. Dunne, M. Comerford (0-1), A. Downey (2-1), C. Carey, S. Millea (0-0). Subs: K. Long for Dunne (22 mins).

Referee: A. Darham (Dublin)

Champions Galway will face Cork in decider

GALWAY.....4-14
KILKENNY.....2-11

ALL-IRELAND Senior Camogie champions Galway are through to the All-Ireland final after they overcame Kilkenny in this Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland championship semi-final at Loughrea yesterday.

Galway midfielder Sharon Glynn played a major role in her team's victory scoring 2-12.

Little separated the teams during the first half until a goal from Anne Forde gave Galway a 1-6 to 0-5 lead at the break.

However, second half goals by Anne

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Downey, along with well-taken points by Sinead Millea, kept Kilkenny in touch.

Two goals and points from every angle by Galway's Glenn set up the champions for a place in the All-Ireland final.

SCORERS - Galway: S. Glenn 2-12, (1-10), O. Gilligan, A. Forde 1-0 each, D. Maher, I. Hobbins 0-1 each. Kilkenny: A. Downey 2-1, (2-10), S. Millea 0-6 (3), M. Downey 0-3, M. Comerford 0-1.

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KILKENNY - M. Holland, T. Millea, S. Costello, G. Dillon, M. Comerford, M. Hickey, M. Costello, M. Downey (capt).

A. Downey, C. Dunne, C. Carey, S. Millea. Subs: K. Long for C. Dunne. REF - Aine Darham (Dublin).

CORK.....3-22
WEXFORD.....1-7

CLASSY Cork are through to meet Galway in a repeat of last year's Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final when they coasted to victory over Wexford at Páirc Uí Rinn.

However, Wexford certainly put up a good show in the first half.

A goal by Aine Codd on the 20th minute left them trailing by just one point.

However, Cork's scoring ace Lynn Dunlea notched off 1-3 with the goal

coming on the 29th minute to leave the half-time score Cork 1-10, Wexford 1-3.

In the second half, Cork stepped up the pace and Wexford's rearguard could not close down their opponents' skilful forwards.

SCORERS - Cork: L. Dunlea 2-9, I. O'Keefe 0-3, L. Mollerick 1-1, F. O'Driscoll 0-4, V. Harris 0-3, S. O'Callaghan, D. Cronin 0-1 each. Wexford: F. Dunne 0-4, A. Codd 1-1, M. O'Leary 0-2.

CORK - C. Keohane, D. Cronin, E. Duggan, M. O'Connor, V. Harris, M. Finn, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mollerick, F. O'Driscoll, I. O'Keefe, L. Dunlea, S. O'Callaghan. Subs: H. Kennedy for M. O'Connor.

WEXFORD - T. Butler, A. Nolan, S. Synnott, F. Dunne, A. Gordon, B. Sluads, E. Murphy, M. O'Leary, E. Murphy, P. Rankin, G. Codd, A. Codd. Subs: M. Stafford for G. Codd, K. Kelly for E. Murphy.

REF - B. Phillips (Tipperary).

Dunlea weighs in with 2-7 as Leesiders set up showdown with Galway

Cork crush Wexford to clinch final place

Cork
Wexford

2-22
1-7

by Tom Higgins

CORK clinched their place in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on the first Sunday of September following a comprehensive win over Wexford in the semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.

Galway defeated Kilkenny at Loughrea to set up a repeat of last year's decider.

Although Cork won by a wide margin in the end, they were far from impressive, particularly in the opening half when they played against the wind.

They were undoubtedly the better side in this period but over-elaboration cost them scores.

After 15 minutes they looked to be coasting when they led by 0-7 to 0-3 but in the 20th minute, Wexford were awarded a close-in free which Aine Codd appeared to mishit but it bounced off one of the defenders and into the net.

However Cork again got back into their stride to tack on three point before a goal from Lynn Dunlea three minutes from the break put the home side in the driving seat leading 1-10 to 1-3 at the break. Cork were a totally

different side in the second half, as they began to leave the ball do the work, and proceeded to find their players with some excellent passes and pick off points.

Wexford tried hard to get back into the game by running at the Cork defence, but their only reward was a few points from frees.

Cora Keohane in goal dealt well with the few shots she had to save and got great support from Denise Cronin and Mary O'Connor in defence. Sandie Fitzgibbon had her usual solid game when she reverted to centre back, but it was Vivienne Harris and Fiona O'Driscoll who really stood out, picking off some excellent points.

Linda Mellerick played well in patches, while Lynn Dunlea had an excellent game at full forward.

For Wexford Stella Sinnott was very solid in defence as was Fiona Dunne, who was undoubtedly their outstanding player. Paula Rankin, who played at full forward in the first half, was much better when moved to centre field in the second period.

Scorers for Cork: L Dunlea 2-7 (0-4 frees, 0-2 "30"), L Mellerick 1-1, F O'Driscoll 0-4 (0-1 free); V Harris 0-4 (0-2 frees); I O'Keefe 0-4, D Cronin 0-1, S O'Callaghan 0-1. Wexford: A Codd 1-1 (1-0 free), F Dunne 0-4 (0-3 frees, 0-2 "30"), M O'Leary 0-2.



Cork's Linda Mellerick strikes the ball as Avis Nolan, Wexford, challenges in the All-Ireland semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn. Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

CORK: C Keohane; E Duggan; D Cronin, M O'Connor, M Finn; V Harris, S Fitzgibbon, L Mellerick; F O'Driscoll, S O'Callaghan, I O'Keefe; L Dunlea. Sub: H Kenneally for M O'Connor (40th minute).

WEXFORD: T Butler; S Sinnott; A Nolan, A Gordan, F Dunne; B Studds, Elizabeth Murphy, M O'Leary; Esme Murphy, P Rankin, K Kelly; A Codd. Subs: G Codd for Esme Murphy (43rd minute), M Stafford for K Kelly (55th minute).

REFEREE: B McPhillips (Tipperary).

Galway	4-14
Kilkenny	2-11

HOLDERS Galway advanced to the final of the O'Duffy Cup when they defeated Kilkenny in an exciting semi-final at St.

Brendan's Park, Loughrea in Co. Galway yesterday.

The victors had a point on two minutes through Sharon Glynn from a 40-metre free and her team mate Imelda Hobbins after seven minutes made it 0-2 to 0-0. Midway through the half the scores were level 0-3 each, after the Cats had points from their captain Marina Downey (2) and Sinead Millea.

A minute into injury time of the first half Anne Forde found the Kilkenny net to leave Galway 1-6 to 0-5 ahead at the break. Two goals, one for each

side were scored in the first 80 seconds of the second half. Ann Downey struck first for Kilkenny but then Galway's star performer Sharon Glynn goaled within 20 seconds.

Galway had a purple patch of ascendancy within the 38th and 40th minutes with two pointed frees by Glynn, and a point from play from Dymphna Maher which put them seven points ahead (2-10 to 1-6). Kilkenny came back to score a second goal on 49 minutes when Ann Downey lobbed a 20-metre free into the net past Louise Curry. Sharon

Glynn on 56 minutes scored her second goal and the victor's fourth goal came through superb Denise Gilligan, unable to start through injury, a minute from the end of normal time which insured Galway's win.

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REFEREE: A. Derham (Dublin).

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NEWLY-CROWNED CHAMPIONS



■ The St. Ibar's team who came in from the cold to capture the Co. Senior camogie championship title on Friday last and herald in a new era for the sport in the county.

BIG MATCH STATISTICS

	GOALS	PTS	WIDES	FREES	65s
ST. IBAR'S					
FIRST HALF	1	7	3	2	1
SECOND HALF	1	0	1	2	0
TOTAL	2	7	4	4	1
RATHNURE					
FIRST HALF	0	1	5	3	0
SECOND HALF	1	4	9	9	0
TOTAL	1	5	14	12	0

Focus on the County Senior camogie championship final

St. Ibar's sweep Rathnure away with majestic display

DAVID MEDCALF

at St. Patrick's Park

St. Ibar's 2-7, Rathnure 1-5: The rising stars from the club put their names on the Packie Kelly Cup last Friday as they swept away the champions with a sizzling performance.

The senior camogie championship has not been in Castlebridge since the famous four in a row sequence ended in 1987 when the late Mary Walsh was captain. On the evidence of this final, her successors under Aileen Gordon have the potential to emulate their feat.

Dual stars

They showed that they are genuine dual stars: remember that the All-Ireland club ladies football trophy already resides at Hollymount. Now they have the opportunity to seek the camogie equivalent, starting the campaign outside the county with a tie against the representatives of either Laois or Carlow later this month.

On Friday, they had to show their worth against the club which has completely dominated the scene in the 1990s. Five times during the decade Rathnure have won the title but it was clear from an early stage in the big game at St. Patrick's Park that they



■ The Rathnure side who surrendered their Senior camogie championship crown on Friday last.

would be hard pressed to add a sixth crown.

As in their semi final against Buncloody, the Ibars came quickly out of the traps, exerting total dominance throughout the first half. This was despite the loss of full forward Margaret Doyle who shipped a head injury in the opening seconds of the game.

Still, the mentors were able to replace her up front with a player of proven class and experience in the form of Marion O'Leary. It was Kate Kelly who set the event-

victory when she tapped over from the 30 metre line.

However, it was her sister Margaret Kelly who assumed the role of destroyer in chief with eager imagination. She hit one point from the left side and followed up with a fine individual goal, booted past Mary Barron after she had linked up with O'Leary.

Dominance

The dominance stemmed from midfield where Emma Carroll, Aileen Gordon and San-

dy Carr were in mesmerisingly good form. Carroll found time away from her marking of Aoife O'Connor to steal one point from under the nose of Mary Hayden and another as she appeared, as if by magic, on the left.

Rathnure were struggling in all departments, their supporters groaning as handpasses went repeatedly astray and players too often received the ball standing still. They conjured up shots, granted, but were being harassed with

such close attention that there were more wides than scores.

Sixteen minutes had elapsed before the champions summoned up their first point (a close range free by Ger Codd). The game was three-quarters over before the black and ambers manufactured a score from open play (a brilliant effort from wide left by Michelle O'Leary).

The scoreline at the interval was 1-7 to 0-1 in favour of the challengers who had first use of a lively breeze. Just as

against Buffers Alley in the previous round, they succeeded well in defending a lead with guts and poise.

They added one solitary strike to their tally after the break, a long range effort by Kate Kelly under fierce pressure from Shelly O'Leary which took a bewitching bounce to the net past Mary Barron. But all the while the Ibars' defence made life incredibly awkward for an opposition desperate to revive their fortunes.

Rathnure had ample possession, only for the play to become congested and the number of wides continued to grow in a tide of frustration. Any loose ball around the square was dealt with by goalie Michelle Hearne whose every move off her line was timed with supreme confidence.

She was beaten the once, and that via a deflection, when Evelyn Quigley's effort was redirected past her for the final score of the game. The result, and the manner of it, reflected enormous credit on the mentors - Tommy Gordon, Teresa Kehoe, Peggy Kelly, Pat Sheil and Fr. Donal Bernery.

For Rathnure, there were plus points in the hard running of Evelyn Quigley and the clearan-

ces of Bernie Holohan. But, even with Ann Reddy sprung from retirement and Mary Barron moved upfield, their attack was toothless against a speedy and positive rearguard.

Last Friday quite likely marks the beginning of a new era in Wexford camogie.

The line-outs

St. Ibar's: Michelle Hearne, Teresa Roche, Deirdre Hearne, Emma Carroll (0-2), Aileen Gordon (captain), Mag Doherty, Michelle Stafford, Sandy Carr, Kate Kelly (1-1, 0-1 a '30'), Margaret Kelly (1-2), Laura Corrigan (0-1), Margaret Doyle.

Subs: Marion O'Leary (0-1) for Doyle, 1 min.; Angie Kinsella for O'Leary 35 mins.; Michelle Murphy for Doherty, 48 mins.

Rathnure: Mary Barron, Claire O'Connor, Anna-Mai White, Mary Hayden, Bernie Holohan (0-1 free), Elaine Holohan, Aoife O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary (0-1), Bridget Murphy, Geraldine Codd (0-3 frees), Marguerite Somers (captain), Bernie Higgins.

Subs: Evelyn Quigley (1-0) for Murphy 25 mins.; Ann Reddy for E. Holohan 34 mins.; Karina Somers for Higgins 40 mins.

Referee: Ray Quigley.

Cork books place in All Ireland Final



Action in the Cork goalmouth during the 'Bórd na Gaeilge' Senior Camogie Championship Semi Final Cork V Wexford.

CORK booked their place in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final with a superb victory over Wexford at Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday last.

Playing with the aid of the strong wind Wexford found the going tough against a strong Cork defence in which Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin and Mags Finn excelled. Cork led at the break 1 - 10 to 1 - 3 and turning to play with the wind continued to dominate.

Goals from Linda Mellerick and Lynn Dunlea in the minute of the second half killed off any chance of a Wexford rally. Cork now face All Ireland champions Galway who easily accounted for Kilkenny 4 - 14 to 2 - 12 in the second semi final. Having lost to Galway in last year's final Cork will now see a chance

to avenge the result an exciting contest awaits.

Cork Scorers:- D Cronin 0 - 1, Lynn Dunlea 2 - 7, Linda Mellerick 1 - 2, Irene O'Keeffe 0 - 4, Viv Harris 0 - 3, Fiona O'Driscoll 0 - 4.

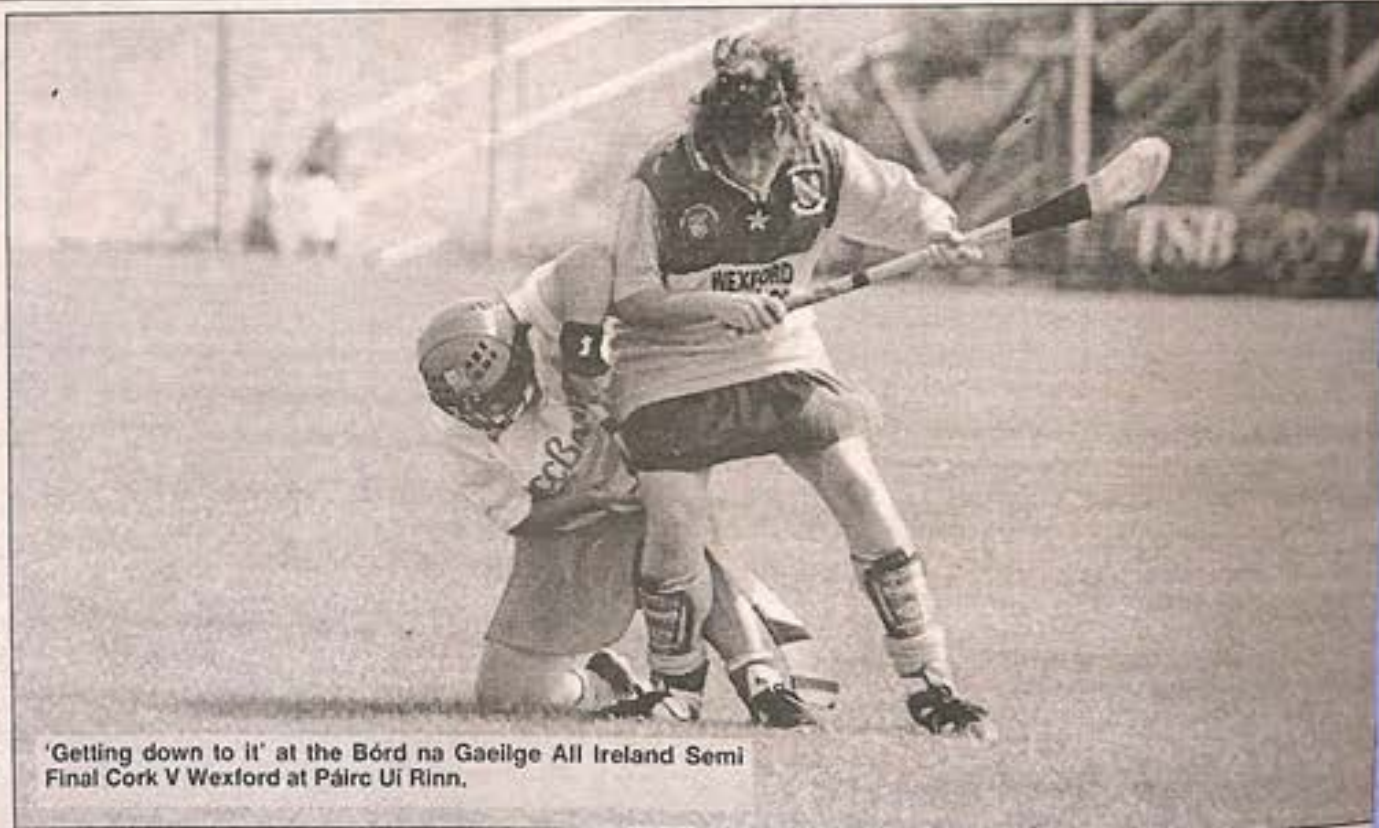
Wexford Scorers:- Fiona Dunne 0 - 4, Aine Codd 1 - 1, M O'Leary 0 - 2.

Fixture

All Ireland Minor Final
Cork v Galway, Páirc Uí Rinn, 2.30pm.

Cork Team

Cora Keohane, Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Mary O'Connor, Vivien Harris, Sandra Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe, Lynn Dunlea, Sinéad O'Callaghan, Mags Finn, Mary Kennefick, Miriam Deasy, Eileen Buckley, Ursula Troy, Stephanie Dunlea, Lisa Kelleher, Linda O'Sullivan, Emer O'Sullivan.



'Getting down to it' at the Bórd na Gaeilge All Ireland Semi Final Cork V Wexford at Páirc Uí Rinn.



Wexford Senior Camogie Team who lost to Cork in the All-Ireland Bórd na Gaeilge Semi Final. (Pics Mike English)



Cork Senior Camogie Team who qualified for the All Ireland Final by beating Wexford.

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CAMOGIE Bord Na Gaeilge senior championship semi-final

Camogie cloud has no silver lining

DAVID MEDCALE

at Pairc Uí Rinn

Cork 3-22, Wexford 1-7: A rout, a scutching, a massacre. There was no silver lining to the cloud which hung over the Wexford camogie team as they left Pairc Uí Rinn in Cork on Sunday.

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As defeats go, this 21 point scalping was even worse than the 1-13 to 1-5 lesson handed out by Galway at the same stage of the championship last year.

Afterwards, manager Jack O'Brien and his mentors could not fault the commitment of players who slogged their way through 45 training sessions in preparation for this defeat.

But the conclusion at the end of a trying afternoon was that Wexford are now a giant step behind the leading camogie counties.

Beaten All-Ireland finalists in 1990, 1992 and 1994, the perennial bridesmaids never looked like even making through the church door on this occasion.

Leaving out of consideration the massive score which Cork posted, a return of just two points from play - one in either half from Michelle O'Leary - was surely well short of requirements.

Wexford were out-smarted in every corner of the field with only Fiona Dunne from Oulart looking consistently up to the standard set by the opposition.

Cork had neat backs, tireless midfielders and inventive forwards who were a step ahead of the visitors wherever and whenever it mattered.

The Model selectors dropped a bombshell before the start, omitting Geraldine Codd from the team to make way for E. Murphy.



■ Aine Codd.



■ Michelle O'Leary.

county champions.

The St. Ibar's youngster found herself thrown into a troubled midfield where she was handed the job of marking the renowned Linda Millerick.

In fairness, it should be pointed out that the famous Glen Rover did not score until Kelly was moved off her in the second half. But there was no shortage of alternative firepower in the Cork ranks with the home team 0-5 to 0-1 up inside eight minutes of the start.

Their lead was cut to them minimum on 20 minutes when Esme Murphy earned a close range free. Aine Codd was delegated to strike the ball and her shot, while not hit with full ferocity, somehow spun its way off a deflection and into the net.

Cork responded with a hat-trick of points from free-taker Lynn Dunlea and then the same player ran on to a long ball out

of defence for a goal. The scoreline was 1-10 to 1-5 at half time and worse was to follow as Wexford threw themselves forward and the leaders counter-attacked brilliantly.

In amongst the string of points were a couple of goals, the first struck low and hard past Terri Butler by Linda Mellerick, the second from the irrepressible Dunlea.

In both cases, the player in question was given the freedom of the park to pick of their score.

Bright spots on a black day for the losers were provided by Aine Codd and Michelle O'Leary who showed some attacking menace in the second half. O'Leary was rewarded with her second point at the end of a fine solo and Codd earned the frees from which Fiona Dunne extracted some reward.

'We were out-hurled and out-classed, it's as simple as that,' commented manager Jack O'Brien as he trudged off the pitch. 'I still do not believe that Cork are 20 points a better side than us. We have a young team and they will come good in the future.'

Sunday's game was not assisted as a spectacle by referee Biddy McPhillips who repeatedly whistled for frees after players in possession had beaten the tackle. But that was no excuse for Wexford's worrying result.

WEXFORD: Terri Butler (Butter's Alley), Avis Nolan (Monageer), Stella Sinnott (Butter's Alley), Fiona Dunne (Oulart, 0-4, 3 frees, a 30), Aileen Gordon (St. Ibar's), Barbara Sludds (Oylegate), Liz Murphy (Butter's Alley), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure, 0-2), Esme Murphy (Buncloody), Paula Rankin (Buncloody), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Aine Codd (St. Martin's). Subs: Geraldine Codd (Rathnure) for E. Murphy, 43 mins.; Michelle Stafford (St. Ibar's) for Kelly, 54 mins.

LINDA AND THE GIRLS GIVE WEXFORD A LICKIN'



Cork's Linda Mellerick solo's towards the Wexford goal during the All-Ireland senior camogie semi final at Pairc Uí Rinn. Cork won in convincing fashion by 2-22 to 1-7.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony.

Bord ná Gaeilge All-Ireland Camogie Championship Semi-Finals

At Pairc Uí Rinn

Cork3-22
Wexford1-7

Cork - C Keohane, D Cronin 0-1, E Duggan, M O'Connor, V Harris 0-3, M Finn, S Fitzgibbons, L Mellerick 1-1, F O'Driscoll 0-4, I O'Keeffe 0-3, L Dunlea 2-9, S O'Callaghan 0-1. Subs - H Kenneally for M O'Connor.

Wexford - T Butler, A Nolan, S Synnott, F Dunne 0-4, A Gordon, B Sludds, E Murphy, M O'Leary 0-2, E Murphy, P Rankin, G Codd, A Codd 1-1. Subs - M Stafford for G Codd, K Kelly for E Murphy.

Referee - B Phillips (Tipperary).

At Loughrea

Galway4-14
Kilkenny2-11

Galway - L Curry, O Costello, O Broderick, T Laheen, P Nevin, G Maher, S Glenn 2-12, D Maher 0-1, M Harkin, I Hobins 0-1, V Curtin, A Forde 1-0. Subs - D Gilligan 1-0 for V Curtin, T Maher for M Harkin.

Kilkenny - M Holland, T Millea, S Costello, G Dillon, M Comerford 0-1, M Hickey, M Costello, M Downey 0-3, A Downey 2-1, C Dunne, C Carey, S Milea 0-6.

Sub - K Long for C Dunne.

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).

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Colette O'Mahony (St Finbarrs) who refereed the Cork county camogie final receives an award from Sheila Golden (chairperson Cork county camogie board) watched by Cllr Dave McCarthy, Lord Mayor.

Fontenoy's hold English

Ulster Club Championship Camogie

Liatroim Fontenoy's.....6-13 English.....4-11

HOLDERS Liatroim Fontenoy's survived a titanic struggle with former champions English in Clonoe yesterday to reach the last four of the Ulster club championship yet again.

The champions knew there would be a tough battle from the start, when Brenda Burke slammed home a goal and a point in the opening minutes.

They survived that initial burst and went ahead with a Grainne McCrickard goal.

However, but for Joan Brown bringing off two magnificent saves before the break, English could well have gone in ahead.

As it was Liatroim led by 1-8 to 1-6.

A flurry of scores followed in the hot sunshine and,

although English always trailed, no more than a point or two separated the sides until eight minutes from time when goals from Mairin McAleenan and the brilliant Bernie Kelly sealed Liatroim's passage to next Sunday's semis.

Joan Brown, Donna Greeran and Maureen O'Higgins again did the business for the holders in defence while Bernie Kelly, Mairin McAleenan and Grainne McCrickard worked hard for scores.

Liatroim Fontenoy's Mairin McAleenan 2-10, Magella Murray 2-1, Grainne McCrickard 1-2, Bernie Kelly 1-0

English Brenda Burke 2-8, Ann Jordan 1-0, Una Donnelly 1-0, Ann Burke 0-2, Catherine Finnegan 0-1

First time semi for Inniskeen

Ulster Club Championship Camogie

Inniskeen..... 9-11 Newtowncunningham..... 2-01

IT was all too easy for Inniskeen in yesterday's Ulster club championship as they brushed past Newtowncunningham to reach the semi-finals for the first time in their history.

Pauline Woods did most damage, finding the net on five occasions over the hour and adding four points for good measure.

She was well supported by Mairead and Beanie McGahan but really the Monaghan champions would have preferred tougher opposition

before next Sunday's semi-final.

Newtowncunningham were missing several regulars who were on holiday and only the Callaghan sisters looked up to the challenge.

Inniskeen led by 5-6 to 0-1 at the break but conceded deserved goals in the second half to Karen Callaghan and Dolea McDermott.

Inniskeen: Pauline Woods (5-4); Michelle Deery (2-2); Mairead McGahan (1-4); Beanie McGahan (1-1).

Newtowncunningham: Karen Callaghan (1-1); Dolea McDermott (1-0).

Loughgiel put champions out

Ulster Club Camogie Championship

Castletara 0-5 Loughgiel 4-8

LOUGHGIEL put an end to the giant-killing act of Castletara in Ballyhayes yesterday afternoon.

The Cavan champions had knocked out Swatragh last Sunday but could not match the Antrim champions.

In the first-half Loughgiel set out their stall with goals from Catriona Higgins and Grace McMullan, leaving them comfortable half-time leaders on a scoreline of 2-7 to 0-2.

Second-half goals from Grace and from Ursula Cuthbertson confirmed Loughgiel's superiority, and

they easily progressed to a semi-final meeting with Keady.

Imelda Gillen and Carmel McGarry had good games in defence while further afield Grace McMullan and Rosie Boyle provided the opportunities for scores.

For Castletara the Prior sisters were more subdued than usual but still were the best on their team.

Loughgiel scorers: G McMullan 2-2, C Higgins 1-2, U Cuthbertson 1-1, R Watson 0-2, R Boyle 0-1.

Castletara: M Prior 0-3, M Prior 0-1, D Minagh 0-1.

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Catherine and Damien take the honours



SPORTS PERSONALITIES OF THE YEAR Pictured left to right: Tom Mulcahy, Group Chief Executive, Damien Earley, Catherine O'Loughlin, Paul Markey, President Dublin Area Sports & Social.

CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN

The winner of this year's female award was camogie player, Catherine O'Loughlin, of Branch Support and Clearing Services Centre, Adelaide Road, Dublin. Catherine has won numerous honours for both club and county in Camogie and Gaelic Football. She hails from the 'Banner County' of Clare and is an ardent GAA fan.

In Gaelic Football Catherine won eight County titles for her club Fergus

Rovers in Clare. In 1990 she played on the Clare Team which won the Junior All Ireland Final. She also won two Senior B Football All Ireland Titles with her home county side.

In Camogie Catherine played on the Clare team which won the Junior All Ireland final in 1986. In 1989 she won a Munster Minor medal. Representing Clare, she won Intermediate medals in 1993 and 1995.

In Soccer she has played on the AIB Dublin Ladies Soccer team which won the Inter Bank Competition in

1990, 1991, 1994 and 1996. She was also on the team which won the Civil Service First Division League in 1994. Catherine was one of the key players on the AIB Soccer Club Touring side which recently visited the States where the Ladies Team gave a good account of themselves, winning two of their four games against strong opposition.

Catherine has also played Gaelic Football and Camogie for AIB and was instrumental in AIB defeating a Fermanagh County side in the AIB GAA Festival of Sport in Enniskillen last October.

She is modest about her achievements, but 100% committed to her sport, she travels home to train with the Clare team at least once a week and at weekends for fixtures.

A superb all-rounder Catherine was a well deserving winner of the award.

CORN UI DHUFAIGH

Camogie's premier Cup - Corn Ui Dhufaigh - is named after a Mayoman, Sean O'Dufaigh, who spent his lifetime working to promote camogie. He was born in Killawalla, eight miles outside Westport, in 1886 and lived to the ripe old age of 91 years. He went to Dublin in 1900 and was a founding member of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael in 1904. Sean was a prominent trade unionist and fought in the 1916 Rising, for which he served a term in Stafford Gaol in England. He was a man of many parts and was involved as a coach, referee, camogie correspondent of The Irish Times and National Director of Camogaiocht. On Tuesday June 24th, a plaque in memory of this unique man was unveiled in Scoil Naomh Phadraig, Coill an Bhaile. The captain of the Galway All-Ireland winning team brought Corn Ui Dhufaigh to the school for the occasion. Also present were several members of the Mayo 1959 team - the only Mayo team to contest an All-Ireland final for the Sean O'Dufaigh Cup. Well done to Scoil Naomh Padraig for their initiative to perpetuate the memory of this great gaelic games activist.

Camogie queens chase club crown

KILKENNY champions Lisdowney take on Dublin champions Celtic in the opening round of the Leinster Senior Club Championship on Sunday in Lisdowney at 3 p.m.

The Lisdowney girls will have to be at their best to overcome their staunch opponents without two of their prominent players, Catherine Dunne and Fran Shore who are both away on holidays.

The Dublin side yielding a

number of vastly experienced players, notably Una Crowley and Carmel Cooper will provide a stiff challenge in what should be a very exciting encounter.

This is the first meeting of these teams in the Leinster championship and while Lisdowney will be hoping to go one better than last year in the Leinster club final, so too will Celtic be hoping to capitalize on their dethroning of St Vincents, Marino who have been title winners in Dublin for five years.

While Adrian Finan's training schedule may not have

gone according to plan since the county final due mainly to county commitments by six of the Lisdowney team, on Monday they resumed training as a full panel.

Although time may not be on his side, he is hoping for a good performance by the team as a unit. Anna Whelan makes a timely return after a recurring injury and she will add strength to a forward line spear headed by Angela Downey and Aine Dunne.

Marina Downey at midfield, who is still nursing a knee injury, should play a key

role in Lisdowney's bid to go one step further.

Ann Downey, Olivia Donnell, Bridget Barnaville, Miriam Holland in goal, all turned in good performances in the recent county final and should figure prominently in Sunday's game.

Squad - Miriam Holland, Bridget Barnaville, Anna Whelan, Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Angela Downey, Olivia Donnelly, Kelly Long, Aine Dunne, Fran Shore, Catherine Dunne, Sandra Gleeson, Lizzy Fogarty, Ann Holland, Claire Tallis, Ann-Marie Hughes (capt.), Deirdre Delaney, Deirdre Morrissey, Noelle O'Driscoll.

Toomevara up tempo to win

Toomevara	1-17
Bishopstown	1-7

TOOMEVARA put in a rousing second-half performance to oust Bishopstown in an exciting first round of the Munster Senior Camogie Club Championship last evening.

The Tipperary champions thrilled their home supporters as they turned half-time parity into a ten-point victory with the Cork girls crumbling.

The twin-pronged scoring threat of Toomevara's Deirdre Hughes and Nicole Kennedy proved too much for the newly crowned Cork champions in the second half, as the duo hit 1-9, with Hughes weighing in with a goal and four points from play.

It was Bishopstown who made most of the early running and a well taken Liz O'Neill goal after good work by Vivien Harris in the 10th minute put them three points clear. Toome were on level terms at 1-5 to 0-8 at the break.

But the Toome girls dominated proceedings in the third quarter.

Toomevara: N. Dwan, S. Cusack, R. O'Meara, S. Kelly, S. Maxwell, M. Maxwell, N. Kennedy (0-9, 0-7 free), L. Woods (0-1), D. Hughes (1-6), C. Kennedy (0-1), G. Shanahan, A. Gleeson.
Bishopstown: R. Desmond, L. Towler, S. White, R. Cahalane, E. Duggan, S. Morley, V. Harris (0-4 free), L. Walsh (0-1), C. Kenny, A. McDermott (0-1), P. Doyle, L. O'Neill (1-0). Sub: S. Healy for Kenny.



Forward Ellen O'Herlihy from Eire Og and Coláiste Chóilm.

Cork Camogie Minors prepare for Final

THE Cork minor camogie squad are anticipating their most difficult challenge to date in their quest for All-Ireland glory this season.

The Rebels are scheduled to play reigning champions Galway on Sunday, August 17 at 2.30pm in Páirc Uí Rinn in what all camogie pundits are

expecting will be a closely fought contest. Cork defeated Limerick 4-12 to 0-6 in the Munster semi-final where Sinead Kelly, Amanda O'Regan and Sinead Buckley were impressive performers. Una O'Donoghue, Julie Ann Kingston, Sabrina Buckley and the agile goalkeeper Ger Casey made a vast contribution in dethroning five in a row champions Tipperary on a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-6 in a marvellous showpiece in the Munster Final. Leinster champions Dublin were heavily defeated 4-12 to 0-4 in the semi-final with Elaine Burke, Mary Ennaguess and Sarah Hayes being ably assisted by the accuracy of freetaker Rachel Moloney.

Cork have been training since last November for this championship, having played club senior teams including Imokilly, Seandun, Glen Rovers, Fr. O'Neills and Aghabullogue along with the minors from Kilkenny, Wexford, Clare and Galway in challenge games to assist selectors Ted Roche, Mary O'Connor and Rob Lotty to choose the best twelve. The secondary schools that have had a major contribution to the final composition of the panel include Charleville, Coachford, St. Patrick's, Macroom and Bandon. Galway defeated Cork 1-11 to 1-9 in a challenge game played in Limerick in May and easily accounted for Roscommon and Antrim 7-19 to 4-2 en route to the final. Cork senior Fiona O'Driscoll who coaches the Cork side along with Mary O'Connor and Rob Lotty believes the panel has strength in depth but expects a difficult game against the physically stronger and highly skillful reigning champions. Sinead Buckley, Sabrina Buckley, Julie Ann Kingston, Una O'Donoghue, Ger Casey and Elaine Burke are also involved in the Junior panel who are similarly pitted against the Connaught side in the penultimate stage

of the All-Ireland series. Selector Ted Roche is concerned with recent injuries to Captain Mary Ennaguess, Niamh Bowles and Sarah Hayes along with the absence of Ciara Healy who is on International squash duty in Brazil, but is under no illusion as to the enormity of the task facing the home side. According to Rob Lotty from Coachford College, the players have an abundance of skill, speed and determination and are expecting a difficult assignment on Sunday the 17th at 2.30pm.

The team selection may prove problematic for the selectors with such avid competition for places amongst the players. Ger Casey and Sheila Crowley are experienced goalkeepers and those

in the full back line may be Caroline Giltinan, Amanda O'Regan, Sinead C Buckley, Sinead A Buckley or Julie-Anne Kingston with Sarah Hayes or Maria Hurley probably starting at centre-back. There is a plethora of talented players competing for the remaining places, with Elaine Burke from Valley Rovers most likely to hold down the centre-field spot and the elusive Una O'Donoghue at full-forward. Bernadine Maher, Mary Ennaguess, Sabrina Buckley will be competing with Marie O'Connell and Brid O'Neill for the midfield positions. Niamh Bowles or Rachel Moloney will be on the forty with Kelly, Healy, Power or Sexton filling the two remaining places in the



Forward Sheila Crowley, Aghabullogue and Coachford College and Forward Ciara Healy, Bishopstown.

full forward line.

Cork Panel

Mary Ennaguess, Sinead A Buckley, Sheila Crowley, Katherine Corkery, Una O'Donoghue, Linda Ronan, Sinead C Buckley, Marie O'Connell, Maria Hurley, Ger Casey, Amanda O'Regan, Ellen O'Herlihy, Ciara

Healy, Bernadine Maher, Brid O'Neill, Sinead Kelly, Niamh Bowles, Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan, Siobhan Sexton, Liz Power, Caroline Giltinan, Elaine Burke, Rachel Moloney, Julie Anne Kingston, Sarah Hayes, Veronica Nash.



Defender Sinéad C Buckley from Cloughdun and Coachford College.



Captain Mary Ennaguess from Aghabullogue and Coachford College.



Full Forward Una O'Donoghue from Cloughdun and St Mary's Macroom.

Rebels aim to bridge 12-year gap

by Tom Higgins

CORK, who have not won a minor All-Ireland camogie title since 1985, face at difficult task at Páirc Uí Rinn, tomorrow (2.30) where they attempt to dethrone title holders, Galway, in this year's decider.

Cork defeated Limerick in impressive style, 4-12 to 0-6, in the opening round of the Munster Championship.

In the final they beat a determined Tipperary side, who were seeking their sixth Munster crown in a row, by 2-8 to 1-6 in a marvellous game.

In the All-Ireland semi-final they came up against Dublin, who proved very weak opposition, coming out on top by 4-12 to 0-4.

The Rebels have been training since late November for this championship and have played a number of senior sides, including Imokilly, Seandun, Glen Rovers and Fr. O'Neill in challenge games.

They also played against Kilkenny, Wexford, Clare and tomorrow's opponents, to assist the selectors to pick the best side available.

In their game against Galway they were beaten 1-11 to 1-9 in Limerick.

On the basis of these results tomorrow's encounter should be an interesting contest.

The holders easily accounted for Roscommon in Connacht.

They then had a massive 7-19 to 4-2 success over Antrim in the semi-final.

Cork senior star, Fiona O'Driscoll coaches the Cork side, along with Mary O'Connor and Bob Lotty, and they believe the panel has strength in depth.

Sinead Buckley, Sabrina Buckley, Julie Ann Kingston, Una O'Donoghue, Ger Casey and Elaine Burke form the nucleus of the side and all are included in the Junior panel that will also face Galway in the penultimate stage of the All-Ireland championship.

A big concern for selector Ted Roche, however, is the recent injuries to captain, Mary Ennaguess, Niamh Bowles and Sarah Hayes and he is hoping they will be fit for such an important contest.

However, the return of Ciara Healy, who missed Bishopstown's county senior success because she was on international duty with the Irish squash team in Brazil, could be big boost to the side.

They go into the game as underdogs, but if they can play to their true potential, they could create a surprise.

CORK panel: M Ennaguess, S A Buckley, S Crowley, K Corkery, U O'Donoghue, L Ronan, S C Buckley, M O'Connell, M Hurley, G Casey, A O'Regan, E O'Herlihy, C Healy, B Maher, B O'Neill, S Kelly, N Bowles, S Buckley, J O'Sullivan, S Sexton, L Power, C Giltinan, E Burke, R Moloney, J A Kingston, S Hayes, V Nash.

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Brian Dillons players Jackie O'Sullivan, Sabrina Buckley and Sinead Kelly, who are on the Cork team to face Galway on Sunday.

Minor girls set for the action

ON Sunday next Pairc Ui Rinn is the venue for the All-Ireland Minor Final which will see Cork and Galway in action at 2.30, while on Tuesday night next at Newtownshandrum the Cork Senior team defend their Munster title when they take on Clare at 7 p.m.

Cork have not won an All-Ireland Minor title since 1985. On that occasion St. Finbarr's Paula Carey captained Cork to victory in a tremendous game played at St. Finbarr's GAA grounds. For the past twelve years Cork have been unsuccessful at this level, and, hopefully, on Sunday next the present side will put the records right and bring what will be a much needed underage title to the Lee and this is certainly not beyond the capabilities of this present panel. They have been playing tremendously well all season and on form must be in there with every chance. However, they are certainly under no illusions as to the task confronting them and will be treating Galway with the utmost respect.

In the lead up to the final Cork defeated Limerick in the first round of the Munster Championship and in one of the finest games of camogie ever seen went on to defeat a strong and fancied Tipperary side in the Munster Final. Their semi-final opponents were

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Dublin and again on the day the Leinster Champions had no answer to a more superior Cork side.

However, on this occasion Galway will pose much stronger opposition and Cork will have to pull out all the stops if they are to be successful.

The team for Sunday will see Inniscarra's Geraldine Casey between the posts. The ever reliable Sinead A. Buckley from Aghabullogue will be at full back with the half back positions going to Amanda O'Regan (Douglas), Sarah Hayes (Courcy Rovers) and Julie Ann Kingston (Tracton). Sabrina Buckley from Brian Dillons, Mary Ene-guss from Aghabullogue, who also captains the side, and Elaine Burke, of Valley Rovers, complete the midfield line. Rachel Moloney (Courcy Rovers) will be at centre forward with the full forward positions going to Sinead Kelly (Brian Dillons), Una O'Donoghue (Cloughduv) and Liz Power (St. Catherine's). The remainder of the panel are Sheila Crowley (Aghabullogue), Niamh Bowles (Newtownshandrum), Brid O'Neill (Watergrass-hill), Katherine Corkery (Cloughduv), Linda Ronan (Aghabullogue), Caroline Giltinan.



Aghabullogue's Mary Ene-guss who captains the Cork team on Sunday.

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

On Sunday next Galway and Cork meet for the fifth time in an All-Ireland minor camogie championship final. Both counties are top of the honours list. Since the competition started in 1974, Cork have won eight in the first decade and Galway have six to their credit. Cork share with Down the distinction of contesting the first final which Down won 3-0 to 0-1. Cork's last success was in 1985 and their last final appearance in 1987 when they were defeated by today's opponents, Galway 1-11 to 3-3. Out of their four All-Ireland final meetings that was the only time that Galway came out tops.

Cork hold the record of winning three All-Ireland minor titles in a row on two occasions, 1978 to '80 and '83 to '85. Sandie Fitzgibbon, current senior county defender, won three All-Ireland minor medals in a row in 1978, '79 and '80 and was captain in '80.

Galway, the holders, have appeared in 13 All-Ireland minor finals. They won in 1977, '81, '86, '87, '94 and '96. Out of last year's successful panel of 24, fifteen were eligible again this year. They will have benefited greatly from last year, where they were involved in a semi-final replay against Wexford, and tasted All-Ireland success in the final. In the semi-final, Cork had an easy passage over Dublin, 3-10 to 0-4 while Galway had a massive 7-19 to 4-2 win over Antrim. Eight of Galway's side and six of Cork contributed to the scoring in those two ties. Cork emerged winners in Munster for the first time since 1991, defeating Tipperary 2-8 to 1-6. In Connacht, Galway had an easy passage over Roscommon 6-15 to 2-1.

Both sides parade a host of stars. Galway's include Mairead Meehan, who captained Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew to win the All-Ireland colleges junior title, Lourda Kavanagh, who notched off 1-8 in the semi-final, Therese Maher, Siobhan Cummins and Elaine Kearns. Cork will be looking

for good performances from Niamh Bowles, Sabrina Buckley, Rachel Moloney, Sinead Kelly and captain Mary Ennequess.

This final promises to be a keen contest. Galway are slight favourites to retain the title while Cork will be trying hard to bridge a ten year gap by taking An Corn Tailteann to the 'Banks of the Lee'.

Cork panel: Mary Ennequess, Sinead A Buckley, Eileen O'Herlihy, Brid O'Neill, Liz Power, Sinead C Buckley, Shiela Crowley, Linda Ronan, Katherine Corkery, Jackie O'Sullivan, Sinead Kelly, Sabrina Buckley, Amanda O'Regan, Ciara Healy, Bernadine Maher, Veronica Nash, Caroline Giltinan, Niamh Bowles, Ger Casey, Marie O'Connell, Siobhan Sexton, Marie Hurley, Elaine Burke, Sarah Hayes, Rachael Moloney, Julie Ann Kingston, Una O'Donoghue.

Also on Sunday the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final is down for decision when Leinster champions Carlow, make the long journey north to Casement Park to cross swords with Ulster champions Antrim. This game should produce lots of fire power. When the sides met in the National League at an Antrim venue, the home side coasted to a 5-16 to 2-8 victory and went on to take the league title. Carlow dethroned Leinster champions Kildare in their third successive attempt and have shown good progress with their club champions Myshall reaching the Leinster junior club final. The Glensiders defeated Down in the Ulster Final. For the past two years they had been defeated in the All-Ireland semi-final by Roscommon, losing out by one point after extra time in each encounter. Home venue will be an advantage to Antrim. However, they may find Carlow no push over. Antrim team is managed by Jim Nelson. Jim was manager of Antrim hurlers when they contested the All-Ireland hurling final in 1989. Carlow's manager is Kilkenny many Denis (Rackard) Cody.

Carlow panel: Mary Nolan, Shiela Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Ann Marie Ryan, Charmaine Gibson, Lisa Grennan, Mary Coady, Marie Coady, Olivia O'Neill, Kathleen Brennan, Marie Sheehan, Nuala Quirke, Valere Crean, Helen Lawlor, Patricia Stacey, Olivia Maye, Mairead Hogan, Aine Murphy. Antrim panel: Karen Coyles, Grainne Connolly, Maureen Barry, Sinead McMullan, Grace McMullen, Majella McMullan, Claire McGarry, Tara Lundy, Brenda McCollom, Ciara McGarry, Donna Brogan, Bronagh McCurry, Denise O'Boyle, Caitriona Higgins, Carla Doherty, Donna McLaughlin, Una Elliott, Karen Convery, Deirdre Cuning.

Tipperary got the better of Cork in this All-Ireland intermediate quarter-final played in Ballinlough. The Premier County took the game to their opponents from the start and led 3-5 to 0-5 at the break. They continued to dominate the second half and ran out easy winners on a score of 4-9 to 1-4. Scorers: Tipperary - Ciara Gaynor 2-3, Caitriona Hennessy 2-0, Noelle Kennedy 0-5, Claire Madden 0-1. Cork - Mary Kennefic 1-3, Eileen Twomey 0-1.

In the other quarter final, Down had a comprehensive win over Galway. Down led 2-10 to 1-2 at the break. Final score: Down 6-17 Galway 2-3. Scorers: Down - Mairin McAleenan 2-9, Sinead McGovern 2-1, Jennifer Branniff 1-3, Michelle Goss 1-0, Joan Henderson 0-3, Colleen Hynds 0-1. Galway - Aoife Lynskey, Ann Hardiman 1-0 each, Michelle Glynn 0-2, Fiona Ryan 0-1.

FIXTURES

All-Ireland Minor Championship Final
At Pairc Ui Rinn
Galway v Cork 2.30pm

All-Ireland Junior Championship Semi-Final
At Casement Park
Antrim v Carlow 2.00pm

Galway girls chase All-Ireland minor double

THE Galway minor camogie team travel to Pairc Ui Rinn, Cork on Sunday (2.30) to take on the home team in the All-Ireland final. Galway are the defending champions having beaten Tipperary in last year's decider.

They have had an easier passage to this year's final following a comprehensive win over Antrim in the semi-final in Loughrea two weeks ago. This may prove a disadvantage as the replay against Wexford in the semi-final proved excellent preparation for last year's All-Ireland.

However, Galway has trained hard and will not lack commitment and desire to win on Sunday to do the double. Captain Therese Maher is currently no stranger to success as she was introduced in the senior semi-final last Sunday and contributed to the senior win over Kilkenny.

With only three of last year's side starting on Sunday this will be a big challenge for Galway. However, this team does not lack experience. Wing-forward Mairead Meehan is currently a member of the

Pearse's senior team and also captained Holy Rosary College to win the Junior Colleges All-Ireland this year.

Siobhan Hardiman from Mullagh also plays senior with her club and has won many All-Ireland Colleges medals with St. Bridget's, Loughrea. Centre-back Ailbhe Kelly has had a great campaign so far and is definitely a name for the future.

There are many hurling connections on the team with full-forward Elaine Kerins a sister of Alan Kerins. Wing-forward Siobhan Cummins was a member of last year's panel and will be anxious to win a second All-Ireland medal.

Galway's strength on Sunday is certainly at midfield where Veronica Sweeney, a star in last year's win and a

holder of two All-Ireland Feile na nGael medals, is no stranger to the big day. She will be ably assisted by the tall and skilful Mairead Mahoney from Ardahan. Like all teams a free-taker is vital and Lourda Kavanagh is very accurate as she proved against Antrim, scoring 1-10 from frees.

Susan Regan, a member of last year's panel will anchor the back line with Davitt's 'keeper Fiona Gohery and Donna Burke at wing-back alongside her. Colette Deely, wing-back in last year's final

and player of the game in the All-Ireland Senior Club final for Pearse's, is a big loss as she has not recovered sufficiently from injury to start but her progress could mean her introduction if needed.

Cork will want to avenge last year's defeat by the seniors in the All-Ireland final and with home advantage they will be difficult to beat. They had a tougher passage to this final having to come out of Munster, where they defeated last year's beaten finalists, Tipperary.



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17 Lúnasa, 1997

Páirc Uí Rinn, Corcaigh

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McAleenan points way

Ulster camogie club championship
semi-final

Liatroim Fontenoy's 5-14
Inniskeen 1-06

ONE player totally dominated the Ulster Club championship semi-final as holders Liatroim Fontenoy's breezed their way into a fourth successive Ulster Club final.

That player was Liatroim captain Mairin McAleenan who scored four goals and 13 points, only four points of which came from frees, in an outstanding display of marksmanship.

Remarkably Pauline Woods looked capable of matching the Liatroim star in the first-half as she shot all 1-5 of Inniskeen's half-time total against 3-6 for Leitrim - 2-5 of which came from McAleenan.

In the second-half though Mairead McGahan scored Inniskeen's only point while McAleenan fired home 2-8.

Liatroim may look on this

scoreline to be a one player team but they had good performances from Maureen O'Higgins and Ann Morgan in defence, Bernie Kelly and Majella Murray to compliment their top scorer.

For Inniskeen the threat of Pauline Wood was dealt with at half-time and they struggled for scores, although Patricia and Stella Magee and Mairead McGahan worked hard for them.

Liatroim: L. Cunningham, M. O'Higgins, T. Burns, D. Greenan, A. Morgan, B. Kelly (0-1), M. Rooney, B. Gallagher, G. McCrickard, M. McAleenan (capt, 4-13), M. Doherty (1-0), M. Murray. **Subs:** R. O'Higgins for M. Doherty, R. Cunningham for M. Murray.
Inniskeen: M. Deary, S. Magee (capt), K. Mulholland, P. Magee, G. Fitzpatrick, M. Gartland, M. McGahan (0-1), L. Casey, B. McGahan, O. Kearns, I. Kearns, P. Woods (1-5).

Na Buaiteoirí ó 1974 i leith

Corcaigh (8)
1975, '76, '78, '79, '80, '83, '84, '85

An Ghaillimh (6)
1977, '81, '86, '87, '94

Cill Chainnigh (3)
1988, '89, '91.

Tiobraid Árann (3)
1990, '92, '93.

Áth Cliath (1)
1982

An Dún (1)
1974

Loch Garman (1)
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AN CHÉAD CLUICHE CEANNAIS

Corcaigh agus An Dún contested the inaugural Minor Final in 1974. Bhí an láimh in uachtar ag cailfíní An Dúin ar an ócáid sin.



AG CASADH AR A CHÉILE DON CHÚIGIÚ hUAIR

An Ghaillimh agus Corcaigh have met on four previous occasions in the Minor Final. Corcaigh won on the first three of those occasions. An Ghaillimh won in 1987, the last occasion on which Corcaigh appeared in the Final.



AN DARA CLUICHE CEANNAIS

An Ghaillimh agus Corcaigh contested the second Minor Final in 1975. Muintir Chorcaí a rug an Chraobh leo ar an lá sin. An Ghaillimh won its first Minor title in 1977.

THREE-IN-A-ROW

Corcaigh has twice won the Minor title in three successive years - 1978, '79 and '80, and 1983, '84, '85.

Sandy Fitzgibbon won three medals between '78 and '80 and was captain in 1980. Tá sí ag imirt le foireann na Sinsear i gCorcaigh leis na blianta anuas.

Cluichí Leathcheannais na hÉireann, 1997

Corcaigh	3-10	Áth Cliath	0-4
An Ghaillimh	7-19	Aontroim	4-2



Ionadaithe:

- (13) **Síle Ní Chruaíoch**
Sheila Crowley
Aghabullogue
- (14) **Niamh Ní Bhaoill**
Niamh Bowles
Newtownshandrum
- (15) **Brid Ní Néill**
Brid O'Neill
Watergrasshill
- (16) **Caitríona Ní Chocrá**
Katherine Corkery
Cloughduv
- (17) **Linda Ní Ronáin**
Linda Ronan
Aghabullogue
- (18) **Cearraí Ní Gíolla tSeandáin**
Caroline Giblinan
Newtownshandrum
- (19) **Máire Ní Chonaill**
Máire O'Connell
Inniscarra
- (20) **Gara Ní Éalaithe**
Gara Healy
Bishopstown

CORCAIGH

Dathanna: Dearg agus Bán

(1)
GEARÓIDÍN NÍ CHATHASAIGH
Geraldine Casey
Inniscarra

(2)
AMANDA NÍ RIAGÁIN
Amanda O'Regan
Douglas

(3)
SINÉAD NÍ BHUACHALLA
Sinéad Buckley
Aghabullogue

(6)
SAIDHBHRÍN NÍ BHUACHALLA
Sabrina Buckley
Brian Dillons

(9)
RACHEL NÍ MHAOLOMHNAIGH
Rachel Moloney
Courcy Rovers

(4)
SÍLE ÁINE NÍ CLOCHAIRE
Julie Anne Kingston
Tracton

(7)
LÉAN DE BÚRCA
Elaine Burke
Valley Rovers

(10)
SINÉAD NÍ CHEALLAIGH
Sinéad Kelly
Brian Dillons

(12)
ÉILIS DE PAOR
Liz Power
St. Catherine's

(5)
SORCHA NÍ CLOCHAIRE
Sarah Hayes
Courcy Rovers

(8)
MÁIRE ENNEGUESS
Mary Enneggess
Aghabullogue
Captan

(11)
ÚNA NÍ DHONNCHADHA
Úna O'Donoghue
Cloughduv

AN GHAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán



Ionadaithe:

- (13) **Clár Áine Ní Speoláin**
Claire Anne Spelman
Shamrocks
- (14) **Colette Nig Leannáin**
Colette Glennon
Mullagh
- (15) **Aisfe Ní Liatháin**
Aisfe Lane
Ballinderrin
- (16) **Míriam Ní Reachtóire**
Miriam Raftery
Na Piarasigh
- (17) **Colette Ní Dhuibhghialla**
Colette Deely
Na Piarasigh
- (18) **Aisling Ní Bhraonáin**
Aisling Brennan
Ardahan
- (19) **Sherrie Ní Mhainnín**
Sherrie Mannion
Clarinbridge
- (20) **Orla Ní Gíolla Cháinnigh**
Orla Kilkenny
Na Piarasigh

(1)
FIONA NÍ GHOTHRAIDH
Fiona Gahery
Davitts

(2)
SIOBHÁN NÍ RIAGÁIN
Susan O'Regan
Saltmill

(3)
DONNA DE BÚRCA
Donna Burke
Castlegar

(6)
TREASA NÍ MHEACHAIR
Therese Maher
Shamrocks
Captan

(9)
SIOBHÁN NÍ COIMÍN
Siobhán Cummins
St. Colman's

(4)
AILBHE NÍ CHEALLAIGH
Ailbhe Kelly
Davitts

(7)
MAIRÉAD NÍ MHATHÚNA
Mairéad Mahoney
Ardahan

(10)
LOURDA CHAOMHÁNACH
Lourda Kavanagh
Davitts

(12)
LÉAN NÍ CHÉIRÍN
Elaine Kearns
Clarinbridge

(5)
SIOBHÁN NÍ ARGADÁIN
Siobhán Hardiman
Mullagh

(8)
VERONICA NÍ SUIBHNE
Veronica Sweeney
Na Piarasigh

(11)
MAIRÉAD NÍ MHIACHÁIN
Mairéad Meehan
Na Piarasigh

An Réiteoir: Brid Mhic Philib, Tiobraid Árann

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CORCAIGH



Ar chúl (ó chlé) – C. Nic Giolla tSeanain, L. Ní Róndáin, M. Ní Iarlatha, M. Ní Chonaill, Sinéad C. Ní Bhuachalla, L. Ní Iarlatha, S. Ní Chruaíluoich, R. Ní Mhaolomhnaigh, A. Ní Riagáin, G. Ní Chathasaigh, S. Á. Nic Clochaire, Sinéad A. Ní Bhuachalla.
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – N. Ní Bhaoill, E. de Paor, B. Ní Néill, S. Ní Shuilleabháin, C. Ní Chorcra, S. Ní Sheasáin; M. Ennenguess, **Captain:** S. Nic Aodha, U. Ní Dhonnchadha, S. Ní Bhuachalla, E. de Búrca, B. Ní Mheachair agus C. Ní Éalaithe.

AN GHAILLIMH



Ar chúl (ó chlé) – C. Ní Chinnéide, M. Ní Reachtair, Ó Ní Riáin, S. Ní Choileáin, A. Nic Oireachtaigh, C. Ní Dhuibhgiolla, D. de Búrca, F. Ní Ghothraidh, M. Ní Mhathúna, V. Nic Suibhne, L. Chaomhánach, S. Ní Riagáin, A. Ní Cheallaigh, C. Níg Leannáin, D. Ó Conghaile.
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – A. Ní Liatháin, Ó Nic Giolla Chainnigh, Ó Nic Curtáin, S. Ní Mhainín, M. Ní Mhiacháin, T. Ní Mheachair, S. Nic Coimín, C. Á. Ní Spealdáin, L. Ní Chéirín, A. Ní Bhraonáin, S. Ní Argadáin.

Cork
Galway

1-6
2-14

by Tom Higgins

A VERY talented Galway side retained their All-Ireland minor camogie title with a big win over Cork at Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork yesterday but the scoreline does not do the home side justice, as they would have been much closer had they a reliable free taker.

Galway were quick to settle and were 0-6 to 0-0 up after ten minutes and were playing some excellent camogie on a day in which there was no wind.

Then a "30" from Rachel Moloney in the 12th minute opened Cork's account and they began to get back into it.

However they wasted many scoring opportunities, particularly from placed balls, although they did tack on some points to be within striking distance at the beat 0-9 to 0-5.

Cork came out in the second half in determined mood and began to dominate in the opening five minutes but poor shooting cost them dearly.

Once Galway got back into their stride, the game was over as regards a contest.

Galway dominated at midfield with both Veronica Sweeney and Therese Maher showing brilliant form.

And with Laurda Kavanagh in the half forward line having a tremendous game, both from play and frees, the Cork defence were under severe pressure for most of the game.

Cork tried very hard, particularly in the second half but overuse of the ball by the forwards, and some excellent defending by Donna Burke, and Susan O'Regan who were content to play the ball out of defence to some of their loose players, cost the home side dearly.

One felt that if Cork could get a goal that they would make a game of it, but with Galway leading 0-13 to 0-6 in the 50th minute it was the wearers of the maroon who raised the green flag with a fine goal by Elaine Kearns following which Cork wilted.

A goal by Elaine Burke in the second minute of injury time only

put a better complexion on the scoreboard.

Scorers: Cork, E Burke 1-1, R Moloney 0-2 (free, "30"), S Buckley 0-1, M Ennaguess 0-1, C Healy 0-1, Galway, E Kearns 1-3, O Kilkenny 1-0, L Kavanagh 0-4 (0-2 free), M Meehan 0-3, S Cummins 0-2, T Maher 0-2.

CORK: G Casey; A O'Regan; S Buckley, J A Kingston, S Hayes; S Buckley, E Burke, M Ennaguess (capt); R Moloney, S Kelly, U O'Donoghue, L Power. Subs: M O'Connell for M Ennaguess (half-time); C Healy for S Kelly (37th minute); K Conboy for L Power. (45th minute).

GALWAY: F. Gahery; S. O'Regan; D. Burke, A. Kelly, S. Hardiman; T. Maher, M. Mahoney, V. Sweeney; S. Cummins, L. Kavanagh, M. Meehan, E. Kearns. Subs. C. Glennon for D. Burke (39th minute), O. Kilkenny for S. Cummins (51st minute); S. Mannion for M. Meehan (57th minute).

Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary).



Cork's Una O'Donoghue races away from Ailbhe Kelly and Siobhain Hardiman during the All-Ireland minor camogie final and (left) Galway's Veronica Sweeney is challenged by Cork's Sabrina Buckley. Picture: Richard Mills

CORK 1-
GALWAY 2-1

CORK were left to rue the lack of a free-taker as Galway retained their All-Ireland Minor Camogie title in impressive fashion at Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork yesterday.

Galway got off to a flying start and were 0-6 to 0-0 ahead before Cork got into their stride. A pointed from Rachael Mooney opened the Leesiders' account after 12 minutes and they had cut Galway's lead to four points — 0-9 to 0-5 — by the interval.

Galway laid the foundations for their success at midfield where Veronica Sweeney and Terese Mahoney were in excellent form, and with Laura Kavanagh also having a good game in the half forward line, the Corke defence was under severe pressure for most of the game.

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CORR — G Casey, A U Regan, S E
McGee, J Kingston, S Hayes, S Buckley,
Boyle, M Emmegess, R McInerney, S Kelly,
O'Donoghue, L Power, Seale, M O'Donnell
M Emmegess, C Healy for S Kelly.
REF — B MacFarlane (Tippin).

Antrim in final at last

ANTRIM.....2-
CARLOW.....1-
ANTRIM'S juniors -
managed by former coun-
ty hurling manager Jim Nelso-
— ended two seasons of bitter
frustration to reach the
first All-Ireland camogie
decider with this victory over
Carlow at Casement Park.

Beaten by Rosecommon in the semi-final for the last two years, Antrim got off to a bright start and by the eighth minute led 0-4 to Marie Sheehan point.

A goal by Valerie Cress and a point from Nuah Quirke edged Carlow in front, but a goal from Sinead McMillan helped Antrim go in level at halftime, 1-5 apiece.

A late goal from Duan-
loy's Connagh Elliott bookie
Antrim's place in the final
where they will meet the
winners of next Sunday's
semi-final between Cork and
Galway.

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Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

All-Ireland senior camogie champions An Ghaillimh are through to the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship final when they got the upperhand of Cill Chainnigh in the Bord na Gaeilge semi-final played at Loughrea. An Ghaillimh's midfielder Sharon Glynn played a major role in her team's victory, scoring a personal tally of 2-12. Little separated the sides at any time during the first half until a goal from the stick of Ann Forde gave An Ghaillimh a 1-6 to 0-5 lead at the break. Second half goals by Ann Downey and some well taken points by Sinead Millea kept Cill Chainnigh in touch. Two goals and points from every angle by An Ghaillimh's Sharon Glynn set up the champions for a place in the final, on a score of 4-14 to 2-11.

Scorers: An Ghaillimh - Sharon Glynn 2-12, Ann Forde and Denise Gilligan 1-0 each, Imelda Hobbins and Dymphna Maher 0-1 each.

Cill Chainnigh - Ann Downey 2-1, Sinead Millea 0-6, Marina Downey 0-3, Margaret Commerford 0-1.

Foime An Ghaillimh: Louise Curry, Olive Costello, Olivia Broderick, Tracey Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Gretta Maher, Sharon Glynn, Dymphna Maher, Martina Harkin Capt., Imelda Hobbins, Veronica Curtin, Anne Forde. Subs - Denise Gilligan for V Curtin, Therese Maher for M Harkin. Foime Cill Chainnigh - Miriam Holland, Tracey Millea, Sinead Costello, Gillian Dillon, Margaret Commerford, Margaret Hickey, Mairead Costello, Marina Downey Capt., Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Caitriona Carey, Sinead Millea. Sub - Kelly Long for C Dunne.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Corcaigh are through to meet An Ghaillimh in a repeat of last year's Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland final when they coasted to victory over Loch Garman at Pairc Uí Rinn. Loch Garman put up a good show in the first half. A goal by Aine Codd on the

20th minute left them trailing by just one point. Corcaigh's scoring ace, Lynn Dunlea, notched off 1-3 with the goal coming in the 29th minute, to leave the half time score Corcaigh 1-10 Loch Garman 1-3. In the second half, Corcaigh stepped up the pace and Loch Garman's rearguard could not close down their opponents anxious forwards.

Final score: Corcaigh 3-22 Loch Garman 1-7

Scorers: Corcaigh - Lynn Dunlea 2-9, Linda Mellerick 1-1, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-4, Irene O'Keeffe and Vivienne Harris 0-3 each, Sinead O'Callaghan and Denise Cronin 0-1 each.

Loch Garman - Aine Codd 1-1, Fiona Dunne 0-4, Michelle O'Leary 0-2.

Foime Corcaigh: Cora Keohane, Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Mary O'Connor, Vivienne Harris, Mags Finn, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keeffe, Lynn Dunlea, Sinead O'Callaghan. Sub - Hilda Kenneally for M O'Connor.

Foime Loch Garman: Terri Butler, Avis Nolan, Stella Synott, Fiona Dunne, Aideen Gordan, Barbara Sludds, Elizabeth Murphy, Michelle O'Leary, Esme Murphy, Paula Rankin, Geraldine Codd, Aine Codd. Subs - Michelle Stafford for G Codd, Kate Kelly for Esme Murphy.

Referee - Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary.

Camross, Laois bridged a 16 year gap when they took the Leinster junior club championship title in their third consecutive attempt in the final against Myshall, Carlow. It was a close encounter all through with the sides level on four occasions. Myshall led 1-8 to 2-3 at the break. Camross pulled away in the closing stages to gain a four point victory.

Final score: Camross 5-7 Myshall 1-15

Scorers: Camross - Sinead Cuddy 3-1, Therese Keenan 0-4, Paula Cuddy and Sandra Culleton 1-0 each, Thrish Cuddy and Karen Cuddy 0-1 each.

Myshall - Nuala Quirke 1-7, Olivia

O'Neill 0-6, Margaret Hogan 0-2.

Referee - John Pender, Kildare.

Ulster Club Championship Quarter Finals:

Inniskeen, Monaghan 9-11 - Pauleen Woods 5-4, Michelle Deery 2-2, Mairead McGahan 1-4, Bernie McGahan 1-1.

Newtowncunningham, Donegal 2-1 - Karen Callaghan 1-1, Doley McDermott 1-0.

Leitrim/Fontenoys, Down 6-13 - Mairin McAleenan 2-10, Majella Murray 2-1, Grainne McCrickard 1-2, Bernie Kelly 1-0.

Eglis, Tyrone 4-11 - Brenda Burke 2-8, Ann Jordan and Una Donnelly 1-0 each, Ann Burke and Catherine Finnegan 0-1 each.

Loughgiel, Antrim 4-8 - Grace McMullan 2-2, Caitriona Higgins 1-2, Ursula Cuthbertson 1-1, Rosie Watson 0-2, Rosie Boyle 0-1.

Castletara, Cavan 0-5 - Majella Prior 0-3, Marie Prior 0-1, Dymphna Minnagh 0-1.

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi-finals are down for decision. Tipperary make the long journey to cross swords with Armagh. This should be a close encounter. Armagh are a senior squad eligible to take part in this competition, and will be hard to overcome on home ground.

Tipperary have been for many years trying to make senior ranks and will be hoping to reach the final.

In the other semi-final Down will be up in the air as they jet off from Aldergrove Airport to Shannon on Saturday and will prepare for their tussle with Clare on Sunday. The Mourne girls are the beaten finalists of last year and will be hoping to go one step further this year. However, the Banner County are playing well and could well prove a formidable force to reckon with.

In the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final, Galway host Cork at Loughrea, 2.30. This should be quite a tussle going down to the wire.

Cork beat Clare to retain title

Cork 3-10
Clare 3-7

by Tom Higgins

ALL-IRELAND finalists Cork retained their Munster Senior camogie title in very trying conditions at Newtownshandrum, Co. Cork, last evening with a goal to spare over Clare.

Heavy rain in the opening 20 minutes made it very difficult for the players, who found it hard to pick and catch the ball. Consequently, the standard suffered.

Clare played with the wind and rain in the opening half but a strong Cork defence gave them little scope and they could only go in at the break leading by 1-6 to 1-4.

The game was settled in the opening four minutes of the second half when the home side scored two quick goals and a point, to put them 3-5 to 1-6 ahead.

Scorers: L. Dunlea 1-8 (10-4 free), I. O'Keeffe 1-0, S. O'Callaghan 1-0, V. Harris 0-1 (free), M. O'Connor 0-1, Clare: M. McMahon 2-0, N. Cummins 1-0, C. O'Loughlin 0-3 (10-2 "30's"), A. Keane 0-3, S. O'Brien 0-1. Cork: C. Keohane, E. Duggan, D. Cronin, M. O'Connor, V. Harris, H. Kenneally, M. Finn, L. Mellerick, F. O'Driscoll, I. O'Keeffe, S. O'Callaghan, L. Dunlea. Subs: S. Dunlea for H. Kenneally (40th minute), E. Buckley for M. O'Connor (59th minute). Clare: A. McCormack, D. McDonagh, M. Collins, O. Slattery, E. Arthur, N. Cummins, A. Keane, M. McMahon, S. O'Brien, D. Murphy, J. Frost, M. McMahon. Subs: S. McMahon for J. Frost (50th minute), M. Twomey for D. Murphy (55th minute). Referee: M. Pollard (Waterford).



All-Ireland Champions, Galway, winners of the Minor Camogie Championship, defeated Cork at Pairc Uí Rinn.



Coach Bob Lott looks on as Cork struggle to come to terms with a fine Galway team in the All-Ireland Minor Final at Pairc Uí Rinn. (Pics: Mike English)

Awesome Glynn's scoring exploits leaves Kilkenny women out in the cold!

Galway.....4-14 :: Kilkenny.....2-11

—by Claran Tierney—

SHE MAY still be only 22, but Sharon Glynn is fast becoming a camogie legend. The Galway midfielder played such a huge part in this nine point All-Ireland semi-final victory over Kilkenny at Loughrea on Sunday that it would have been unthinkable how the game would have gone without her.

Her personal tally of 2-12 saw her being carried aloft from the sun-drenched pitch and must surely have impressed the greatest camogie legend of them all, Kilkenny manager **Angela Downey**, as she watched from the sideline.

Glynn sent over points from all sorts of angles, including two brilliant scores from play late in the game, as well as a wonderful 56th minute goal just as the Cats were clawing their way back into the game.

But this was more than a one woman show, as Galway — displaying the confidence of reigning All-Ireland champions — withstood a second half surge from Kilkenny to run out convincing winners in the end.

Camogie is certainly on a high in the county following the senior team's first ever All-Ireland success last year, and they had to draw on their reserves of confidence and conviction to finish off Kilkenny this time around.

Indeed, one could argue that they taught their male counterparts a lesson as they held on for a memorable victory! Galway started brightly, despite playing into the strong crosswind. Glynn quickly opened the scoring from a free and **Dympna Maher** set up a fine point for last year's captain, **Imelda Hobbins**.

Amazingly, Galway never lost their early lead, despite the best efforts of a Kilkenny side who squandered a number of chances in the opening period. Glynn showed deadly accuracy from frees in the first period — and they needed her accuracy when the supply to the forward line was pretty limited in the first half.

Marina Downey, on the right wing, proved to be Kilkenny's most potent player and she raised the spirits of the travelling contingent with two excellent points from play midway through the half.

But **Dympna Maher** worked hard to contain her as the game progressed, while the real revelations of the first half came from the powerful defensive performances of **Tracey Laheen**, **Olive Costello**, and particularly **Pamela Nevin**.

The Kilkenny girls were finding it virtually impossible to thwart them and, despite displaying an over-reliance on Glynn for scores, Galway were looking good as the first half drew to a close.

Then came a goal which could have broken Kilkenny. **Gretta Maher** found **Martina Harkin** in space in front of goal in injury time, and she sent the ball across the face of the goal for **Anne Forde** to blast it home at the far post. That gave Galway a 1-6 to 0-5 interval lead.

But Kilkenny bounced back just 40 seconds after the break, as **Ann Downey** connected with a **Marina Downey** free before planting it in the back of the net.

Galway's response was immediate, however, as Glynn sent a free directly to the net less than a minute later. And she continued to score points at will, while **Nevin** was a rock in defence as Galway began to pull away in the third quarter.

The introduction of teenage substitute **Therese Maher** added extra spice to the home side's attacks. Still only 16, she made a strong claim for a place in the final with some probing play down the left hand side.

But a goal directly from an **Ann Downey** free, sandwiched between two **Sinead Millea** points, reduced the deficit to just three points with eight minutes to go. It was anybody's game at that stage.

The Galway girls had other plans, however, and they took the game by the scruff of the neck to cruise to victory. A short range effort from **Anne Forde** was deflected back to Glynn, who unleashed a brilliant strike on goal.

A minute later, she connected with a **Laheen** clearance to score a point from the half-way line. And substitute forward **Denise Gilligan** put the icing on the cake when she rounded off a fluid passing move with another great goal.

Their over-reliance on Glynn for scores might cause some concern for Galway, but their celebrations were well-earned as they booked their place against Cork in the final. At least one Galway team will be going to Croke Park on the first Sunday in September!

Galway: L. Curry; O. Costello; O. Broderick, T. Laheen, P. Nevin; G. Maher, S. Glynn 2-12 (1-7 frees, 0-1 s.l., 0-1 '30), D. Maher 0-1; M. Harkin (capt), I. Hobbins 0-1, V. Curtin; A. Forde 1-0. Sub: T. Maher for Harkin (35 mins), D. Gilligan 1-0 for Curtin (54 mins).

Kilkenny: M. Holland; T. Millea; M. Hickey, S. Costello, M. Costello; M. Downey 0-3 (0-1 free), E. Kennedy, C. Dunne; M. Comerford 0-1, A. Downey 2-1 (1-1 frees), C. Carey; S. Millea 0-6 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '30).

Referee: A. Derham (Dublin).

CONNACHT TRIBUNE

Sports Star of the Week



Sharon Glynn

A SUPERB scoring performance from Sharon Glynn of Peases ensured Galway's passage to the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final when they saw off Kilkenny by nine points at Loughrea on Sunday. By registering 2-12, including 1-3 from play, the Galway girl was the most potent player on the pitch

and deservedly wins the Connacht Tribune Sports Star of the Week award for another outstanding display in a maroon jersey.

Also in contention were her team-mate and corner back Pamela Nevin, solid as ever; Michael Donnellan of Dunmore footballers, instrumental in their shock championship victory over Salthill; Kevin Walsh of Killanin; Corofin's Michael Donnellan; rugby player Pat Duignan, who boosted Connacht pride against the Scottish Borders; young golfer Mark O'Sullivan, a key member of the Irish team who won the Boys Home International Championship last week and Martina McCarthy, winner of a gold medal at the Celtic International Games.

All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final

Cork v Galway



The Cork team which lost to Galway in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final.

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Loughgiel defy Keady

A point deep into injury time from Claire McGarry denied Keady a spot in next month's Ulster club final after an excellent semi-final in Fr Healy Park yesterday.

It was Claire's sixth point and her first from play in one of her best performances in the championship. But the real reason Loughgiel progressed was the second-half display by their defence.

Mary Connolly was in brilliant form, Clara McGarry cut out the threat posed early in the tie by Deirdre Connolly, while Grace McMullan caused a lot of problems for Keady's defence.

Keady at times looked in complete control, but they lost their way in the second-half when Loughgiel upped the pace. Their support half-forward line ran out of space and ideas and the game edged out of their grasp.

It looked a lot different early in the game - particularly when Helen Mone goaled after 11 minutes. She had already been denied a clear opening by the alertness of Imelda Gillan but finished well to give Keady a 1-2 to 0-3 advantage.

The Conway sisters had increased this to 1-5 to 0-4 when Grace McMullan picked a long puc-out by Imelda Gillan

Ulster Club Championship Camogie semi-final Loughgiel Shamrocks2-12 Keady3-8

and ran through for a goal. Deirdre Connolly fired over an excellent response immediately but Rosie Watson and Catriona Higgins left Loughgiel a single point in arrears 1-7 to 1-6 after an indifferent first-half from the home side.

Grace McMullan started to open the Keady defence on the restart and after three clear cut chances, Rosie Watson eventually finished off Grace's approach work with a goal to which Colleen Conway replied almost immediately with a goal.

By the half-way stage of the second-half the sides were still locked 2-7 each when a Colette Conway goal put Keady ahead again. The superb free-taking of Claire McGarry turned the game again and covered for some glaring misses by the forwards.

As the game slipped into injury time, Colleen Conway sent over an equaliser only for Claire McGarry to deny her with that late point.

Loughgiel 2-12 (Rosie Watson 1-2, Grace McMullan 1-1, Claire McGarry 0-6, Catriona Higgins 0-2, Ursula Culbertson 0-1)

Keady 3-8 (Colette Conway 1-3, Colleen Conway 1-3, Helen Mone 1-0,

Deirdre Connolly 0-2)
Ulster club final Loughgiel v Liscrom Fontenays Sept 21st.
Ulster U14 championship final: Derry 1-13 (Breige McNicholl 1-1, Claire McColgan 0-9, Lorna Mulholland 0-2, Paula McCloy 0-1)
Down 1-5 (Moya Maginn 1-0, Fionnuala Cara 0-2, Orla Maginn, Janice Rogan and Catherine McGourty 0-1)

The excellent skills of Lorna Mulholland and the superb free-taking of Claire McColgan helped Derry retain their Ulster U14 crown in a lack lustre final in Greenlough on Saturday.

Derry were convincing winners with Down goalie Clara McCarthy and midfielder Catherine McGourty trying hard to keep their side in the game.

Derry built up a 0-8 to 0-3 half-time advantage with Claire McColgan scoring six points from frees. It was more of the same in the second-half with Breige McNicholl getting Derry's goal.

Moya Maginn lifted Down with a goal but there was going to be just one winner. A significant feature about the Derry victory was that two of their players are from the Coleraine Club - Grainne McGoldrick and Jane Carey.

All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie semi-final

Armagh3-11 Tipperary4-15

TIPPERARY advanced to an All-Ireland Intermediate final on September 21 as a result of a harder than expected semi-final in Ballymacnab yesterday.

Although Tipperary won quite easily in the end, never more than a couple of points separated the sides until the last 10 minutes when a succession of points and a goal from Catriona Hennessy put the game out of Armagh's reach.

Armagh had excellent performances from Geraldine Haughey and Colette Byrne in defence and Olive McGeown and Mary Black in the middle of the field, and despite losing must be reasonably content with their overall performance.

Tipperary scored three first-half goals through Deirdre Hughes, Jovita Delaney and Ciara Gaynor, daughter of Tipperary hurling manager Len.

However Ursula McGivern hit a goal direct from a free and they only trailed by 3-4 to 1-7 at the short whistle.

During the second-half the accuracy of Mary Black and a good goal from Aine French kept Armagh in touch until the last 10 minutes.

Armagh scorers: Mary Black (1-6), Ursula McGivern (1-1), Aine French (1-0), Patricia McAvoy (0-2), Mary Donnelly & Geraldine Haughey (0-1 each).

Tipperary scorers: Ciara Gaynor (1-5), Jovita Delaney (1-4), C Hennessy (1-2), Deirdre Hughes (1-1), Teresa Brophy (0-2), Noelle Kennedy (0-1).

A SUPERB second-half performance by Clare in Shannon yesterday reversed last year's All-Ireland Intermediate semi-final result and took the Banner county through to a third final in five seasons courtesy of a 5-14 to 4-5 win over Down.

During the first-half however goals from Edel Mason and the lively Joan Henderson negated two goals from Sinead O'Brien and Down trailed by a single point, 2-5 to 2-4, at the break.

During the second-half, however, O'Brien hit two further goals, while her forward colleagues shot points from all angles and distance to convincingly finish the game.

Clare scorers: Sinead O'Brien (4-2), Deirdre Murphy (1-2), Edel Arthurs (0-4), Moina McMahon (0-2), Brid Slattery (0-2), Catherine O'Loughlin (0-2).

Down scorers: Mairin McAleenan (2-2), Edel Mason (1-0), Joan Henderson (1-0), Jennifer Braniff (0-3).

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Saffrons form disappointing despite win

All-Ireland Junior Camogie Semi-final
at Casement Park

Antrim2-11 Carlow1-8

Antrim won the Junior All-Ireland semi-final in Casement Park after a real struggle with the Leinster champions - a struggle which only ended five minutes from time when substitute Oonagh Elliott scored a brilliant solo goal to finally kill off their resistance.

This victory for Jim Nelson, which sees him return to Croke Park for an All-Ireland final after an eight year absence, probably came at a cost for the Ulster champions as Grace McMullan received a foot injury shortly before half-time and failed to appear for the second-half.

It was a physical game with Carlow approaching it as if they had nothing to lose after being convincingly beaten by Antrim in the league quarter-final in May.

Antrim struggled throughout the game and never got any fluency into their play.

Jim Nelson was forced into substituting three of his four forwards and all three substitutes scored. Their total of 1-3 matched the difference between the sides at the end and at least something can be gained from the knowledge that there are confident players waiting to be given a chance.

Ann McKee opened Antrim's account with a point from a free in the first minute and added an excellent point three minutes later, followed almost immediately by a similar score from Grace McMullan.

Marie Sheehan opened Carlow's account from a 30 in the 7th minute and when Valerie Crean goaled midway through the half Carlow took an unexpected lead of 1-3 to four points.

However Ann McKee finished an excellent solo run in the 23rd minute to edge Antrim ahead but Marie Sheehan with two points levelled the scores at 1-5 each at the break.

Sinead McMullan had taken over the free duties and delivered with three points in the first ten minutes of the second-half. Marie Sheehan and Valerie Crane responded with points apiece for Carlow, but the Antrim substitute took over with two points from Carla Doherty, another from Grainne Connolly and eventually that hand passed goal which sealed the game five minutes from time.

Antrim should learn from this game but their attack without Grace McMullan's leadership lacks cohesion.

Their chances in the All-Ireland final could well depend upon the extent of Grace's injury.

Having said that though their defence was quite good, midfield more than adequate, and the substitutes doing the business up front.

For the losers Sheila Ryan stood out in defence while Olivia O'Neill and Charmaine Gibson worked hard around the middle of the field and Marie Sheehan and Valerie Crane posed the scoring threats.

Antrim: K Coyle, B McNeill, M Barry, S McMullan captain (0-4), M Connolly, M McMullan, D O'Boyle, B O'Neill, A McKee (1-3), G McMullan (0-1), C Higgins, D Heatley. **Subs:** C Doherty (0-2) for C Higgins (28 mins), G Connolly (0-1) for G McMullan (half time), O Elliott (1-0) for D Heatley (43 mins).

Carlow: M Nolan, S Ryan captain, M Hogan, C Gibson, L Grennan, M Coady (0-1), O O'Neill, K Brennan (0-1), A M Ryan, M Sheehan (0-4), N Quirke (0-1), V Crane (1-1). **Subs:** O Mayo for A Ryan (25 mins), J Lawlor for L Brennan (40 mins), M Coady for M Hogan (52).

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin)

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Clare in fine form in camogie clash

CLARE turned in a powerful second-half performance to score a convincing 5-14 to 4-5 win over Down in the all-Ireland intermediate camogie championship semi-final in glorious sunshine at Shannon yesterday.

Leading by just a point at half time, Clare took complete control on the changeover — and, in a 20-minute spell, they scored 2-8 without reply to put the game beyond the reach of the visitors.

Down, who won the corresponding tie last year, got off to an excellent start with a goal from Val Hynds after only two minutes, but Clare were level by the tenth minute thanks to the first of four goals from Deirdre Murphy. She scored her second just before the half-time whistle to leave Clare 2-5 to 2-4 ahead at the break.

Clare dominated in most positions in the second half, and they had further goals from Ann Keane and Murphy — who scored two more — to leave them comprehensive winners.

Outstanding for Clare were Marie Collins, Edel Arthur, Sinead O'Brien, Noelle Comyns and Deirdre Murphy. Down had their best players in Pauline Green, Theresa Magowan, Joan Henderson and Jenny Branniff.

Scorers — Clare: D Murphy 4-1, A Keane 1-2, M McMahon 0-4, M Collins, E Arthur, C O'Loughlin 0-2 each, N Comyns 0-1.

Down: M McAleenan 2-0, J Henderson 1-2, V Hynds 1-0, J Branniff 0-3.

CLARE: A Ni Cormaile, D McDonagh, J Frost, O Slattery, M Collins, M McMahon, S O'Brien, E Arthur, D Murphy, C O'Loughlin, A Keane, N Comyns. Subs: P O'Brien for Ni Cormaile, M Twomey for Keane, S McMahon for Slattery.

DOWN: T Magowan, D Greenan, E Mason, P Green, M Murray, V Hynds, D Savage, C Hynds, J Branniff, M McAleenan, J Henderson, S McGovern.

Referee: M Morrissey, Tipperary

Superb Tipp win through to final

A SUPERB final quarter saw Tipperary through to the all-Ireland intermediate camogie final in a month's time following their 4-15 to 3-11 victory over Armagh in Ballymacrab yesterday.

Although Tipperary led for most of the game, never more than a couple of points separated the sides until Cathriona Hennessey sealed the game with a goal three minutes from time.

First-half goals from Jovita Delaney, Deirdre Hughes and the excellent Ciara Gaynor sent Tipperary through to a 3-4 to 1-7 half-time lead, the Armagh goal coming from Ursula McGivern.

Armagh edged closer during the second half through the free taking of Mary Black, but the free-taking of Gaynor and the accuracy from play if Delaney kept Tipperary in control and they finished deserving winners.

The September 21st final will be a repeat of the hurling final and should produce a good game of camogie.

Scorers — Tipperary: C Gaynor 1-5, J Delaney 1-4, C Hennessey 1-2, D Hughes, 1-1, T Brophy 0-2, N Kennedy 0-1.

Armagh: M Black 1-6, U McGivern 1-1, A French 1-0, P McEvoy 0-2, M Donnelly 0-1, G Haughey 0-1.

St. Finbarr's girls reach semi-finals

ST FINBARR'S qualified for the semi final of the Cork Senior B Camogie Championship when they had 8 points to spare over Sarsfield at Mayfield yesterday winning 2-9 to 0-7.

A goal from Collette O'Mahony after 15 minutes gave the winners a comfortable half time lead of 1-5 to 0-4 with Breda Kenny proving to be Sarsfield's top player.

The winners were always in control and the second goal from Natasha Nash 12 minutes from full time clinched their victory.

St Finbarr: C O'Mahony 1-4, N Nash 1-2, J Duffy 0-2, C Kirby 0-1.

Sarsfield: B Kenny 0-4, E Twomey 1-2, Twomey E Farrell 0-1 each.

Referee: B Joyce - Killeagh.

Final date for Clare

CLARE.....5-14; DOWN.....4-5
BATTLING Clare proved to be too strong for Down in yesterday's All Ireland Intermediate camogie championships semi-final played at Shannon.

CAMOGIE

By PJ FULHAM

The first half was an entertaining tussle with little separating the sides at any time. Clare held a one point advantage at the break 2-5 to 2-4.

SCORERS — Clare: D Murphy 3-3, N Cummins 1-3, A Keane 1-1, M McMahon 0-4, E Arthur 0-2, M Collins 0-1. Down: M McAleenan 2-2, E Mason and J Henderson 1-0 each, J Branniff 0-3.

TIPPERARY.....4-15; ARMAGH.....3-11
TIPPERARY booked their Intermediate final place with seven points to spare over Armagh in their semi-final played at Ballymacrab.

SCORERS — Tipperary: C Hennessey 1-8, C Gaynor 1-4, J Delaney and D Hughes 1-1 each, T Brophy 0-1. Armagh: M Black 1-6, U McGivern 1-1, A French 1-0, P McEvoy 0-2, M Donnelly and G Haughey 0-1 each.

CORK.....3-11; GALWAY.....4-7
Cork will be duly engaged in Croke Park on September 7th when they gained victory by the minimum score over Galway in yesterday's Junior Camogie semi-final played at Loughrea.

SCORERS — Cork: C Harrington 2-9, U Troy 1-1, L Kennelly 0-1. Galway: M Glynn 1-6, C Nevin 1-1, C Murray and S Tannian 1-0 each.

Leinster Club Championship S.F. Camross (Laois) 5-7, St Ibars (Wexford) 4-10, ant. Ulster Club Championships S.F. Loughglin (Antrim) 2-12, St Patricks (Keady Armagh) 3-8. Leinster U-18 championship: Wexford 2-19, Kildare 2-2. Ulster U-14 Final. Derry 1-13, Down 1-5.

Tipperary reach All-Ireland

NOT to be outdone by our County Hurlers, the Camogie Intermediate team have booked their place in the All-Ireland final against Clare on Sunday, 21st. September.

They overcame, with flying colours, a very serious and determined Armagh team on Sunday last, when they travelled North to play the home side.

This was a fine game of camogie played under ideal conditions, and in a great spirited and sporting manner.

The final score-line of Tipperary 4-15, Armagh 3-11 is an indication of the excellent scores taken by both sets of forwards.

Playing before a large gathering, but supported by a small band of loyal followers, Tipperary raised the first white flag with a Ciara Gaynor point after a minute's play. Armagh responded with a well hit 30 mtr. free and attacked unsuccessfully, thanks to a marvellous save from Nora Dwan in the Tipperary goal.

After twenty minutes Tipperary led by 2-3 to 0-5 the goals coming from Deirdre Hughes and Jovita Delaney. Cathriona Hennessey found Ciara Gaynor with a cleverly struck free and the green flag went up for Tipperary's third goal. By half-time we led by 3-4 to 1-7.

On the resumption Armagh narrowed the lead to two points. Great defensive work and mid-field play kept Armagh at bay, and by the thirteenth minute of the second half Tipperary were seven points in front. Then two quick Armagh goals to Tipperary's one point narrowed the gap to leave us leading by only two points with ten minutes to play.

Here the superior fitness and will to win shone through, and with the introduction of Una O'Dwyer at mid-field, Tipperary asserted their superiority and skill.

In the final ten minutes Tipperary added on 1-3 to Armagh's two points.

When the final whistle went seven points separated the sides.

This was an emphatic and well deserved win with great performances from all concerned most notably Sinead Nealon, Suzanne Kelly, Emily Hayden and Claire Mad-

den in defence. Maeve Stokes, Terese Brophy and Noelle Kennedy made major contributions throughout the game.

TIPPERARY TEAM

Nora Dwan, Emily Hayden, Sinead Nealon, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Terese Brophy (0-1); Ciara Gaynor 1-4 (0-3 frees); Maeve Stokes, Noelle Kennedy, Jovita Delaney (1-1), Cathriona Hennessey 3-8 (0-6 frees), Deirdre Hughes (1-1).

Subs: Una O'Dwyer for Terese Brophy, Helen Campion, Niamh Bonar, Sinead Collins, Aine Hogan, Helena Frawley.

CLUB GAMES

JUNIOR 'A' CO. FINAL
Templemore.....3-16
Fethard.....0-3

Templemore proved far too strong for Fethard in the Junior 'A' Co. Final played on Tuesday last in the Camogie pitch. The outcome of this match was never in doubt, as Templemore stamped their authority on it early on. This was Templemore's second bite at the cherry as they were runners-up to Holycross in last year's final.

JUNIOR 'B' CO. FINAL
Toomevara.....4-7
St Cronans.....2-5

This was the second Co. Final to take place last week. This game was played on Friday evening last also in the Camogie Pitch.

This was Toomevara's second County title as they are already champions at Senior level. Toomevara led by 2-4 to 0-2 at half-time and were never in any trouble. St. Cronans fought hard, but on the day were beaten by a better team.

FIXTURES: U/16 'B' CO SEMI-FINALS

On Thursday, 28th in Camogie Pitch at 7 p.m. Fethard v. St. Cronan's. On Friday, 29th in Camogie Pitch at 7 p.m. Lorra v. Holycross.

U/16 'A' CO SEMI-FINALS

The first of these semi-finals will be on Monday 1st. September at 7 p.m. The second semi-final will take place on Wednesday 3rd at 7 p.m.

UNDER 14 LEAGUE

The under 14 'B' and 'C' Leagues will take place on Saturday next August 30th. These games will take place at for different venues. Please ensure your team travel to the appointed venue.

UNDER 18 'B' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Holycross v. Fethard in Ballycahill on Sunday, 31st August at 12 noon. Borrisoleigh v. Clonakenny in Borrisoleigh on Sunday 31st at 12 noon. Portroe v. Lorra in Portroe on Sunday, 31st August at 12 noon. Knockmeale Rovers v. Shannon Rovers in Newport on Sunday 31st at 12 noon.

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Cork juniors off to Galway

THE main focus this coming week-end on the Camogie front will be on the Cork Junior team when they travel to Loughrea on Sunday to play Galway in the All Ireland semi final.

At local level the Senior "B" championship gets off to a start and will see St. Finbarrs and Sarsfields in action at Mayfield on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Reverse

The Cork Junior team will be hoping to reverse the result of last Sunday's All Ireland Minor Final when Galway defeated the Leesiders in what was a disappointing performance.

But they certainly face a daunting task on this occasion and it will take a first class performance from all involved if they are to advance.

However this is undoubtedly a remarkable achievement for Cork to be contesting this seasons All Ireland semi final.

As a result of winning last year's All Ireland junior final Cork were forced to field a complete new side this season and this they have done quite successfully.

In their first round they defeated Limerick comprehensively and then went on to defeat a fancied Tipperary side in the Munster final and a repeat of these performances could very well see them on their way to joining their senior counterparts in this year's All Ireland finals at Croke Park on September 7th.

The Selectors have

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not named their side for Sunday's clash but it is expected to be similar to the side which were successful in the Munster final and should see Newtownshandrum players Lisa Kelleher and Ursula Troy in the side as well as Emer O'Sullivan from Kilbrittain, Niamh O'Regan and Sabrina Buckley from Brian Dillons, Criona Harte Inniscarra, Eleanor Kenneally Newcestown, Sinead A. Buckley, Aghabullogue, Sandra Ricken, St. Vincents and Una O'Donoghue, Cloughduv.

On Sunday at Mayfield the Senior "B" Championship gets off to a start and will see St. Finbarrs and Sarsfields in opposition at Mayfield at 3 p.m. and this could be a close one. Both these sides have had many a battle over the past few years and Sundays game promises to be no exception and should be a close encounter.

Experienced

Sars are a very experienced outfit and will look mainly to the experience of goalkeeper Lillian Zinkant, Breda Kenny, Ann Brady and Helena Barry to carry them through. The Bars team this season will be a combination of youth and experience.

They will be looking to Colette O'Mahony and Clare Barry as well as younger players Bernadine Maher and Linda O'Connell.



Sinead Buckley, Aghabullogue, who will be on the Cork Junior team who take on Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Cork juniors are off to Croke Park for final

TURNING in a top class display, the Cork Junior Camogie side joined their senior counterparts in Croke Park on Sunday September 7th, when they scored a one point victory over a highly fancied Galway side at Loughrea on Sunday last.

Galway led at the half time break by 2-5 to 1-7 but the second half turned out to be a ding dong struggle with the Cork side holding out for a merited but fully deserved win on a 3-11 to 4-7 scoreline.

The Cork team was - S. Ricken, S. Buckley, C. Meaney, L. Kelleher, M. Harrington, E. O'Sullivan, C. Harrington, U. Troy, T. Roche, N. O'Regan, C. Harte and E. Kenneally. Subs used K. O'Sullivan and S. Buckley.

In the Senior "B" County Championship St. Finbarrs qualified for the semi final when they had 8 points to

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spare over Sarsfields at Mayfield.

A superb display by Colette O'Mahony ensured the City girls a comfortable lead of 1-5 to 0-4 at the interval.

On the change over Sarsfields tried hard and with Brenda Kenny, their top player, proving to be a threat they succeeded in curtailing the City side.

But Natasha Nash put the issue beyond doubt 12 minutes from time with a well taken goal to see St. Finbarrs safely through to a meeting with either Brian Dillons or Na Piarasigh.

St. Finbarrs scorers - C. O'Mahony 1-4; N. Nash 1-2; J. Duffy 0-2; C. Kirby 0-1; Sarsfields scorers - B. Kenny 0-4; E. Twomey 0-1; E. Farrell 0-1; L. Twomey 0-1.



Group of St Finbarr's girls who took part in the summer camp held last week at the club under the auspices of the City Division and Bord na nOg.

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Harrington on fire as holders Cork score a thrilling victory over Galway

Galway 4-7
Cork 3-11

HOLDERS Cork advanced a step further in their bid to retain their All-Ireland junior camogie championship crown when they defeated Galway 3-11 to 4-7 in a real thriller of a semi-final in Loughrea, in Galway yesterday.

Their best performer was undoubtedly the inspiring Caoimhe Harrington, who contributed 2-9 of her side's total, totally demoralising the Galway defence.

Galway started well and had a goal in the third minute through Sandra Tannan.

Harrington then notched points for Cork before the hosts had their first point in the 13th minute from Michelle Glynn.

She was to score another a minute later.

Cork were quick to reply, however, and a 16th-minute goal from Harrington enabled her side to lead 1-3 to 1-3.

The north Cork dynamo Harrington increased the Cork lead in the 19th minute, but Glynn kept Galway in touch in the 23rd minute and they were back on level terms six minutes before half-time with a point by Colette Nevin.

It looked good for Galway a

minute later when they had their second goal from Nevin.

It established a three-point lead for them, 2-4 to 1-4.

Galway had a point before the interval from the menacing Glynn, but Cork struck for three points through Caoimhe Harrington (two) and Eleanor Kenneally to leave the score at half-time Galway 2-5 Cork 1-7.

In the 38th minute Cork scored a vital goal from Harrington, and she added another point two minutes later.

This good spell sparked Cork into further action, and after 41 minutes the rebel county had their third

goal, this time through Ursula Troy. Galway replied four minutes later with a goal by Caroline Murray, and although Glynn scored a late goal for Galway, Cork just held out.

Scorers — Cork: C Harrington 2-9, U Troy 1-1, E Kenneally 0-1
Galway: M Glynn 1-6, C Nevin 1-1, S Tannan and C Murray 1-0 each
CORK: S Ricken, Sabrina Buckley, C Meaney, L Kelleher, M Harrington, E O'Sullivan, C Harrington, U Troy, T Roche, N O'Regan, C Harte, E Kenneally (captain).
Subs: K O'Sullivan for E Kenneally 33 mins, Sinead Buckley (Aghabullogue) for C Meaney 37 mins.
GALWAY: A Connolly, A Dolan, E Martyn, R Broderick, F Healy, E Earls, M Glynn, M Kennedy, S Ward, C Murray, S Tannan, C Nevin.
Subs: A Lynskey for E Earls 42 mins, A McNamara for R Broderick 49 mins.
Referee: V Mulcahy (Limerick).

Cork Junior Camogie team qualify for All Ireland Final

Cork 3-11
Galway 4-7

TURNING in a top class display, Cork's Junior Camogie side qualified to join the Senior team in Croke Park on the first Sunday in September when they had a one point victory over a highly fancied Galway side in Loughrea on Sunday last. The home side were first to score when in the 3rd minute Sandra Tannan shot to the Cork net when she caught a perfect pass on the 15 metres line, after she had managed to get inside the Cork defence. Cork replied

in the 6th minute when their best player on view

Caoimhe Harrington put over a 30 metres free, the same side narrowed the gap 4 minutes later with a marvellous long range effort. Galway again widened the gap when freetaker Michelle Glynn put over two points to leave just the goal between the sides entering the last quarter of the first half. With the Cork's centre fields well on top it ensured adequate supply of ball to the forwards Galway were under pressure and when Caoimhe Harrington blasted a 15

metres free to the net Cork were back in the hunt. The same player pointed in the 16th and 18th minute to stretch their lead but back came Galway with two points from Michelle Glynn and Colette Nevin. At this stage Cork were struggling and Galway sensing this availed of a mix up in the Cork defence which allowed Marie Kennedy slip in for a Galway goal. Cork rallied and had three points on the trot from team captain Elenore Kenneally and the excellent Caoimhe Harrington who added two, but it was the

home side who finished the half stronger with a Michelle Glynn pointed free to leave them ahead at the break 2-5 to 1-7.

On the turn over Cork looked very determined and were level within 5 minutes when Harrington again pointed. Michelle Glynn replied for Galway but Caoimhe Harrington was again to break the Galway hearts when she won the ball at midfield and soloed past four defenders to crash to the net. She converted a free a minute later and Cork were rampant. Ursula Troy stretched

the lead further when from the puck out she won a great ball rounded her marker and finished from close range. Cork were now dominant and in the next 4 minutes were to squander several chances from close range when they had the Galway defence under constant pressure. Sensing Corks loss of concentration Galway came forward and scrappy play on Corks behalf saw Caroline Murray goal for the home side. Ace freetaker Michelle Glynn converted a free to leave just two points between the sides with 10 minutes remaining. Cork got breathing space when Harrington from a free and Ursula Troy pointed with two minutes on the clock. In a last raid Michelle Glynn ran at the Cork defence and her shot was partially blocked by Sandra Ricken but finished in the net. Galway sensing victory

attacked but were denied by a superb Cork defence in which Sabrina Buckley, Muireann Harrington and Cliona Meaney were superb, but the day belonged to Cork as a whole who gave a performance second to none in what was a sweet victory following the disappointment of the minor teams defeat at the hands of Galway last weekend. Cork now go on to meet National League Champions, Antrim in the final.

Cork Team: S Ricken, S Buckley, C Meaney, L Kelleher, M Harrington, E O'Sullivan, C Harrington, U Troy, T Roche, N O'Regan, C Harte, E Kenneally.
Subs: K O'Sullivan for E Kenneally; S Buckley for C Meaney.

Galway Team: A Connolly, A Dolan, E Martyn, R Broderick, F Healy, E Earls, M Glynn, M Kennedy, S Ward, C Murray, S Tannan, C Nevin.

St Finbarrs 2-9
Sarsfields 0-7

The Barrs qualified for the semi final of the Senior B Championship when they had 8 points to spare over Sarsfields at Mayfield. A superb display by Colette O'Mahony ensured the city girls a comfortable lead at half time of 1-5 to 0-4. On the turn over Sars tried hard and with Breda Kenny their top player proving to be a threat to the Barrs they succeeded in curtailing the city side, however Natasha Nash put the issue beyond doubt 12 minutes from full time with a well taken goal to see the Barrs safely through where they will meet either Na Piarsaigh or Brian Dillons.

Barrs Scorers: C O'Mahony 1-4, N Nash 1-2, J Duffy 0-2, C Kirby 0-1.

Sars Scorers: B Kenny 0-4, E Twomey 0-1, E Farrell 0-1, L Twomey 0-1.

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Glen take on Inniscarra in the Junior A Championship

WITH both the Cork junior and senior teams now qualified for the All Ireland finals tomorrow week it is back to grindstone for a number of clubs this coming week.

Tomorrow at Glen covers at 5.45 the home club play Inniscarra in the first round of the junior A championship and here the home side will be fancied to advance.

They will have the services of Jill Hanlon a former Brian Millons and Cork player and her availability will certainly be a big boost.

They have other fine players in Una Morgan, Mary Barrett and Lisa McSweeney and if these girls produce the goods they should have the edge on an Inniscarra side that will look mainly to players like Cork minor Marie O'Connell, Ann Marie O'Donovan, Patricia Murphy and Breda O'Regan to carry them through.

On Friday night next last years Junior A champions Valley Rovers will be hoping to advance to their first ever intermediate final when they take on last years finalists Castlemagner at Coachford at 7 p.m.

Castlemagner were defeated in last sea-

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sons intermediate final after a thrilling contest with Barryroe.

On that occasion they were certainly very unlucky not to have taken the spoils having lead for most of the game, so no doubt on this occasion they will be anxious to make amends.

However they face a tough task in the South East side. Valley Rovers have prepared very well for this game and appear to be a strong all round side.

They will be spearheaded by Cork minor Elaine Burke, Bernie Shiels and Fionnuala Calnan.

If these girls play to from it is difficult to see them being halted.

However I am sure Castlemagner will have other ideas about this and they will look once again to players like Mary Lucey, Liz Twomey, Catherine Sheehan, Anglea Lawlor and Noelle McCarthy if they are to succeed.

In the only other game of the week Erins Owen travel to Ballinhassig to play the home club in the first round of the junior B championship on Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

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Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

GALWAY RETAIN MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Galway retained the All-Ireland minor camogie championship when they defeated Cork in excellent fashion at Paire Uí Rinn. Cork missed many scoring chances from placed balls. Galway were well balanced. They got off to a good start and were 0-6 to 0-0 ahead before Cork got into their stride.

Rachel Moloney opened the Leesiders' account from a free on the 12th minute. Cork had cut the leeway to four points at the break, Galway 0-9, Cork 0-5.

Veronica Sweeney and Therese Maher laid Galway's foundation for success at midfield. Also in excellent form was Lourda Kavanagh who had a good game at wing forward. Cork's defence was under severe pressure for most of the game.

Final score: Galway 2-14, Cork 1-6

Scorers: Galway - Elaine Kearns 1-3, Lourda Kavanagh 0-4, Orla Kilkenny 1-0, Mairead Meehan 0-3, Siobhan Cummins and Therese Maher 0-2 each.

Cork - Elaine Burke 1-1, Rachel Moloney 0-3, Sabrina Buckley and Ciara Healy 0-1 each.

Galway - Fiona Gahery, Susan O'Regan, Donna Burke, Ailbhe Kelly, Siobhan Hardiman, Therese Maher, Mairead Moloney, Veronica Sweeney, Siobhan Cummins, Lourda Kavanagh, Mairead Meehan, Elaine Kearns. Subs - Colette Glennon for D Burke, Orla Kilkenny for S Cummins, Sherrie Mannion for M Meehan.

Cork - Geraldine Casey, Amanda O'Regan, Sinead Buckley, Julie Anne Kingston, Sarah Hayes, Sabrina Buckley, Elaine Burke, Mary Enneguess, Rachel Moloney, Sinead Kelly, Una O'Donoghue, Liz Power. Subs - Mary O'Connell for M Enneguess, Ciara Healy for S Kelly.

Referee - Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary.

Antrim are through to the All-Ireland junior championship final for the first time in 16 years. They fought off a strong challenge from Carlow, in this All-Ireland junior semi-final played at Casement Park. It was a keenly contested encounter all the way through until the final eight minutes when Antrim went ahead.

The first half was a ding dong battle. A goal on the 14th minute by Carlow's Valerie Crean put the Leinster county in front. However, Antrim's Ann McKee blasted the ball to the net in the 23rd minute. The sides were all square, 1-5 each, at the break.

The home side made better use of their chances in the second half and went into a three point lead with eight minutes remaining. Una Elliott put the icing on the cake with a goal five minutes from time. Final score: Antrim 2-

11, Carlow 1-8

Scorers: Antrim - Ann McKee 1-3, Sinead McMullan 0-4, Una Elliott 1-0, Carla Doherty 0-2, Grace McMullan and Grainne Connolly 0-1 each.

Carlow - Valerie Crean 1-1, Marie Sheehan 0-4, Mary Coady, Kathleen Brennan and Nuala Quirke 0-1 each.

Antrim - Karen Coyle, Brenda McNeill, Mairin Barry, Sinead McMullan, Mary Connolly, Majella McMullan, Denise O'Boyle, Bernice O'Neill, Ann McKee, Grace McMullan, Caitriona Higgins, Deirdre Heatley. Subs - Carla Doherty for C Higgins, Grainne Connolly for G McMullan, Una Elliot for D Heatley.

Carlow - Mary Nolan, Sheila Ryan, Mairead Hogan, Charmaine Gibson, Lisa Grennan, Mary Coady, Olivia O'Neill, Kathleen Brennan, Ann Marie Ryan, Marie Sheehan, Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean. Subs - Olivia Maye for AM Ryan, Joanne Lawlor for Lisa Grennan, Marie Coady for M Hogan.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Lisdowney, Kilkenny are through to the Leinster senior club championship final. They recorded a comprehensive victory over Celtic, Dublin at Lisdowney. By half time the home side had built up a lead of 4-7 to 0-4.

In the second half Celtic came more into the game, notching 2-4 to Lisdowney's 0-8 but the first half deficit was too much to overcome.

Final score: Lisdowney 4-15, Celtic 2-8

Scorers: Lisdowney - Angela Downey 2-4, Aine Dunne 1-2, Anna Whelan 1-1, Marina Downey 0-4, Ann Downey 0-3, Ann Marie Hughes 0-1.

Celtic - Una Crowley 1-4, Tanya Allen 1-0, Paula Carey and Suzanne Doyle 0-2 each.

Referee - Oliver Ryan, Laois.

Ulster Club Championship semi-final: Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down 5-14

Inniskeen, Monaghan 1-6.

Scorers: Leitrim - Mairin McAleenan 4-13, Monica Doherty 1-0, Bernie Kelly 0-1.

Inniskeen - Coleen Woods 1-5, Mairead McGahon 0-1.

Next week we will be taking a look at the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship final and the All-Ireland junior final which take place in Croke Park on September 7th.



The Antrim minor camogie team which lost to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final

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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

by
Mary Moran

There are many similarities between this season and the corresponding point of last season at the time of writing. This is most evident in the senior grade. Munster have claimed the Gael-Linn Cup, Cork have retained the National Senior League and the same four counties, Galway, Wexford, Kilkenny and Cork are through to the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Senior Championship. However, the pairings are reversed this season. Wexford meet Cork and Galway face Kilkenny.

Last season, Galway took a hiding in the final of the National Senior League at the hands of Cork. Believing that things could only get better, they knuckled down to serious training and were a totally different proposition when the championship came around. They took their chances on All-Ireland Day, leaving Cork, who had thrashed them a few months earlier, wondering who had altered the script.

Galway are flying along so far this season. They showed no mercy to Armagh in the opening round of the Senior Championship. Their juniors have reclaimed the Connacht Junior Championship title which Roscommon held for the past two seasons. The minors are so far unbeaten.

Kilkenny lacked power up front in the final of the National Senior League at Cork. Top scorer, Sinead Millea was an absentee. Gillian Dillon took her place in the side but with her wedding only a few days away her focus may have been elsewhere. As usual, Kilkenny had not prepared seriously for the League final. The championship is their main priority.

Wexford have been inspired by the achievements of their hurlers and are anxious for some glory for themselves. Word has it that they are putting in a huge effort and harbour high hopes of bridging the gap back to 1975.

Cork won the National Senior League with a number of new faces,



Cork Captain, Linda Mellerick, receives the AIB National Senior League trophy from Phyllis Breslin, President of the Camogie Association.

Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins and Therese O'Callaghan have retired from inter-county camogie. Sandie Fitzgibbon concentrated on basketball over the winter months. Cork were delighted to welcome her back for the championship.

U.C.C. goalkeeper, Cora Keohane fills the vacancy between the posts for Cork. Denise Cronin has reverted to wing-back and her place in midfield has been taken by Hilda Kenneally who won an All-Ireland Junior Championship medal last season. St. Mary's Charleville forward, Sinead O'Callaghan, another member of Cork's successful junior team, has been picking off vital scores since her introduction to the side.

An Intermediate Championship was inaugurated a few seasons ago to help bridge the gap between the junior and senior grades. It is appropriate, therefore, that the four teams which remain are from counties, Tipperary, Armagh, Clare and Down, who are striving to win promotion to the top flight. Both Galway and Cork fielded their second string in this grade by virtue of recent success in the All-Ireland Junior Championship. These sides have fallen by the wayside.

The four provincial junior champions are Antrim, Galway, Carlow and Cork. Two of these, Antrim and Carlow play their first choice players. Holders of six All-Ireland senior titles, Antrim hope to climb back to the senior grade in the short term. Carlow won their only Leinster title in 1993 and plan to go one further this time.

The Connacht and Munster junior titles are held by counties fielding their third choice players. Galway and Cork

play their best squad in the senior grade. As recent winners of the All-Ireland Junior Championship, the second panel has moved up to the intermediate ranks. It says much for the depth of talent in these counties when they can put a third side in the field and bring home a provincial crown.

Dublin minors made a welcome return to the All-Ireland series. It took a replay to shake off the attentions of Wexford but Dublin were delighted to bridge a ten year gap to their last Leinster Minor title. However, Dublin were unable to match Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. Some of the Dublin players were equal to the occasion, in particular their captain and goalkeeper, Sheila Cotter but others were not up to the required standard.

Four times All-Ireland Club Champions, Glen Rovers lost their Cork title recently. The Blackpool based club were chasing a record eight in-a-row. But the loss of Therese O'Callaghan and the Dunlea sisters, Lynn and Stephanie, proved too great a handicap.

The new Cork Champions are Bishopstown who defeated Fr. O'Neill's in the final. Bishopstown are captained by Eithne Duggan, the Cork full-back. She played an inspiring part in Bishopstown's victory and was fully deserving of the Player of the Match Award. Supporters were full of praise for Vivienne Harris whose silken skills and crisp striking won rounds of applause. Trish Doyle, Liz Towler and Shenagh Morley, whose mother, Joan Clancy, won a number of Cork Senior Championship medals in her day, were instrumental in Bishopstown's historic break-through.



Cork's camogie champ heading off to Poland

CONGRATULATIONS and best of luck to long-serving Bishopstown camogie team goalkeeper, Rose Desmond.

The secondary school teacher in De LaSalle College in Macroom has taken a career break for the year in order to travel as a lay missionary with APSO to Poland.

Rose, who played a starring role in Bishopstown's recent first Cork senior championship success, which was one of her lifetime ambitions, will be sorely missed by the club for whom she also acted as Cork county board representative and as the club's referee.

She also coached UCC for the 1996-97 season.

Her caring attitude to others has resulted in Rose's decision to volunteer her services for a year in Poland.

Prior to her departure, for a year, at a function held in her honour, attended by club officers and her senior playing colleagues, Rose was made a special presentation by Club President Irene Higgins.

While all of Bishopstown camogie club will miss Rose for the year, they, along with councillor Pat Murray, wish her well in her endeavours and they take comfort from the fact that Rose will be back in time for next year's Cork senior championship, where she will be hoping to retain the club's title.

Under 11 City Division champions

PRIDE of place this week goes to our Under 11 team on their victory in the City Division League Final on Thursday last. This team was back-boned by the St Columbas primary school team who lost the Sciath na Scoil final recently. As a result this win was all the sweeter.

The opposition in the final were St Finbarrs who were also fielding a strong team. In the first half Douglas played with a slight hill advantage and applied a lot of pressure. This eventually produced the only score of the half when a Louise O'Regan effort went all the way to the net. Our defence were rarely troubled, while Fiona O'Donovan in mid-field won a lot of ball. Ciara Kennefick at centre forward was also playing very well with Deirdre Murphy on the alert for the breaking ball. Just before half-time the Barrs produced a good attack but Michelle O'Donovan in goal brought off a great reflex save. Doireann Murray was moved to mid field and made a good impression.

The second half saw Douglas on the defensive. The back-line of Andrea Walsh, Natasha Flanagan, Niamh Cowhey and Catherine Fleming proved they were well up to the task. Louise O'Regan was moved to mid field where she played a captains role with some long relieving clearances and was again on hand to score a vital point with time running out. Laura Walsh and Amaya Dunworth at mid field worked hard as did sub's Lisa Ward and Helen O'Mahony on their inclusion. However the Barrs were not going to give in without a fight. Their break came when they won a free on the left wing which dropped short and before the defence had time to react the ball was hit past the outstretched

goalkeeper. The scene was set for an exciting finish but Douglas held on to the slim lead to win the game. The remainder of the panel were Nicole Barriscale, Heather Boyle, Valerie Downey, Elaine Flannery, Elaine O'Shea and Caroline Buckley.

The scenes of joy after the victory were a just reward for this team who have tasted defeat on a number of big occasions. For Christina O'Regan and Eileen Murphy who have coached this team for the past few years this was their proudest moment and they must be congratulated for their effort. A party was held in the club to round off a great evening.

Miscellaneous

There were no other fixtures played due to the involvement of players from many clubs in the panels for the All Ireland Finals. On behalf of the Douglas Club I would like to congratulate the Senior team on their fine victory. For all the players it was a sweet victory as Galway had beaten them last year and in particular for Mary O'Connor and Fiona O'Driscoll who had trained the Cork Minor team that was beaten by the Galway Minors just a few weeks ago. Both players contributed to this great win. Others to impress on the day were the ageless Sandy Fitzgibbon, Lynn Dunlea, Mags Finn and Linda Mellerick. A whole new panel had been brought together for the Junior team having won the All Ireland last year but they were well beaten by a determined Antrim outfit who could do no wrong on the day. We are trying to re-fix the Junior League games as the nights close in. The Minor team have a game against Carrigaline on Friday September 12 with the last game against Mayfield yet to be finalised.



Marie Santry, presents her trophy to Louise O'Regan, Captain Douglas Under 11's following their win over St Finbarrs also included Marian McCarthy, Cork Camogie Board and Gemma O'Connor, St Finbarr's Captain.



St Finbarrs Under 11 Camogie team which lost to Douglas in the League Final.



Douglas winners of the Under 11 Camogie League beating St Finbarrs in the Final.
(Pics: Mike English)