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Carlow's MARY COADY

Name: Mary Coady

Date of Birth: 22nd April, 1977

Height: 5'5"

Weight: 10 1/4 st

Club: St Mullins (Naomh Moling)

County: Carlow

Notable Sporting Achievements: (Gaelic): Leinster junior championship medal, 1993 with Carlow. Borris Vocational School senior player of the year, 1994. Under 16 Carlow Player of the Year 1991. Camogie Player of the Year in Carlow in 1996. Carlow Sports Star for Camogie 1996. Leinster Junior Panelist 1994. Captained UCD Freshers team to Intervarsities championship 1995/96. "Intervarsities Combined" team member 1996/97

Intercounty Debut: v Louth, National League 1991

Toughest Opponent: Edel Mason (Down)

Favourite Grounds: Carlow town hurling club grounds, Dr Cullen Park or Paire Naomh Moling (my own club ground)

Hobbies: All sports (especially GAA), cinema, drama, table quizzes

Favourite Position: Right midfield

Favourite Players: My brother Pat, Angela Downey (Kilkenny), Denise Gilligan (Galway), Tom Dempsey and Larry O'Gorman (Wexford), DJ Carey (Kilkenny)

Influences on your career: Parents - Patsy and Paggy, PJ and Joan McDonald, Josephine Doyle (club trainers), Cathleen Murphy (former club trainer), Pat McNally (county trainer), Mary Smith (school trainer and fellow player)

The high point of your career to date: Winning the All-Ireland Feile na nGael with St Mullins in 1991, and the Leinster championship final victory, with Carlow in 1993.

Biggest Disappointment: Being defeated in the All-Ireland Vocational Schools semi-final, by one point, in 1993 and losing the Ashbourne Shield final, with UCD in 1996/97.

Other players with a promising future: Catriona Murphy (Carlow), Jennifer Nevin (Carlow), Maeve Corcoran (Tipperary)

Ways of improving the game: Better media coverage for younger players and ladies games. More emphasis on the coaching of skills at juvenile level. Promotion of indoor GAA games during the winter months.

Dislikes about the GAA: It does not pay nearly enough attention to camogie and ladies football

Do you have any relatives involved in gaelic games: My brother Pat plays senior hurling for St Mullins and Carlow. My sister, Helen plays camogie for St Mullins

Person you would most like to meet: I would like to meet the director-general of RTE, so that I could remind him that camogie and ladies football actually do exist, and deserve just as much coverage as their male equivalents!

Pet Hates: Breaking hurley's that I have just bought. Narrow playing pitches. Waiting for buses.

Favourite Music: Anything by The Cranberries or Garth Brooks

Favourite Film: Either 'Cry Freedom' or 'Michael Collins'

Ideal date: George Clooney (Doug Ross from ER)

How would you like to be remembered: Fondly



PlayStation PLAYER PROFILE



Mary with her
1996 Carlow
Sports Star award

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Galway have a new senior camogie manager/trainer. Tommy Coen from Mullagh defeated the outgoing Tony Ward at Galway Convention.

The new manager has a hard act to follow. Tony Ward, in his four years, brought the county to three senior Bord na Gaeilge championship finals (winning one) and reached two National League finals, winning one. However, Tommy Coen, a former Galway senior hurling goalkeeper, is no newcomer to the game of camogie. He trained Galway minors +023 to an All-Ireland and was also successful with St. Brigids Vocational School Loughrea when they won the All-Ireland.

Tommy now lives in Loughrea and will be anxious to lead Galway to their second All-Ireland.

The following are the County Board Officers: Chairman: John Joe Donoghue

Vice-Chairman: Michael Kennedy

Runai: Martina Uniack

Treasurer: Donal Burke

Registrar: Martin O'Duill

PRO: Collette Walshe

Cork have a new President, Lily O'Sullivan from the Ballincollig club takes over from Mary Moran who finished her five-year stint. Sheila Moloney replaces Tracey Sheehan as Secretary. Tracy is sister to Rachel who was a star performer on the Cork minor team that won the All-Ireland last year.

Other officers for the coming year: Cathaoirleach: Shiela Golden

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Marian McCarthy

Treasurer: Mary McSweeney

Registrar: Kay Dunne

PRO: Mary Newman/McCarthy.

At Kilkenny Convention, the outgoing Secretary Noelle O'Driscoll, in her report, states that she was very disappointed that the county senior team went out in the first round of the Bord na Gaeilge championship to Tipperary and feels that the problems at Intercounty level must be addressed.

The county collected two Leinster championships at underage, under 14 and minor. In the All-Ireland semi-final, the minors lost to Derry. The situation regarding referees has become very serious. The number of referees in the county is declining and Noelle encourages young players to take up the whistle. Noelle did not seek re-election and convention elected a new Chairman and Secretary.

Officers elected for the coming year:

Chairman: Pat Conway

Vice-Chairman: John Minogue

Secretary: Brendan Williams

Treasurer: Una Murphy

Registrar: Mary Holden

PRO Bob McMunn.

Meath held their convention in the Wellington Court Hotel, Trim.

Secretary Ann Dempsey produced a comprehensive report, covering all events in the Royal County during the year. Meath have a new club, bringing the total to eight. Attendance at the meeting has improved dramatically.

All competitions are complete except the Under 18. Trim

won the senior championship. Navan O'Mahonys secured three titles Under 12, minor and junior. Killyon won the Under 14. Kilmessan were defeated in three finals but won the Leinster Milk Cup.

The Secretary appeals for more support from clubs especially for county teams in 1999. The following are the elected officers:

Cathaoirleach: Brigid Carney (Killyon)

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Valerie Curtis (Kilmessan)

Runai: Ann Dempsey (Killyon)

Treasurer: Terry Tormey (Donaghmore) Registrar: Breda McKenna (Killyon)

PRO: Mary Gilsonan (Kiltale)

Louth's Convention was held in Bellingham Castle. Secretary Bernie Kirk was delighted to have all competitions complete but disappointed at the loss of two clubs during the year. The county is honoured to have two of its members on the Leinster Council Executive: Mary Connor, Cathaoirleach, and Peter Hoey, Registrar. Bernie's hopes for the future... that clubs will give full support at county level and bring a much needed win to the 'Wee County'.

Officers elected:

Cathaoirleach: Patrick Reynolds

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Mary Connor

Runai: Bernie Kirk

Treasurer: Una Farrell, Registrar: Ann Callan.



Tony Ward had a successful four years in charge of Galway's seniors

Trinity early risers!

OUT before their breakfast — that's the Trinity College team, who train two mornings a week at 7.0am.

They also train two evenings a week, and trainer, Cathy Walsh, says: "We have no problem getting full squads in the morning — they have no excuse!"

Trinity host Coleraine next Saturday at the Trinity Ground, Santry (2.30) in the Purcell Cup.

CAMOGIE

By MIALL SCULLY

Cathy is optimistic regarding their overall chances. "If we play to our potential, we could win the Purcell Cup."

Last season, Trinity captured the Shield. Seven of those players remain, and the side contains inter-county personnel, Siobhan Maxwell (Tipp), Trish Doyle (Cork) and Anita Kearns (Galway).

Two Dubs are also present, Ballyboden's Sarah Dowling and the Trinity captain, Crumlin's Louisa O'Noughton.

HANDSOME WIN

Meanwhile UCD qualified for the Ashbourne Cup proper with a handsome win over Queens in their Preliminary round clash at Belfield last Sunday, 5-6 to 0-1.

Aine Codd, scoring 2-1, and Michelle O'Leary were particularly outstanding for UCD, who were ahead at the break, 2-4 to 0-1.

The Ashbourne tournament takes place in Limerick on Valentine's weekend, February 13/14.

● All-Ireland Hurling final referee, Dickie Murphy, will be a guest speaker at next Saturday's Referees Seminar in Croke Park, designed to welcome in Camogie's new 15-a-side structure.

Dickie will discuss his personal training programme, and the art of refereeing 15-a-side. Miriam O'Callaghan will chair the gathering, with the throw-in being timed for 1.30.

Fixtures: Dublin Colleges League finals: Wednesday: Phoenix Park: Jun B (1.30): Holy Faith DLS, Skerries v St. Mark's CS, Jun A (2.30): Portmarnock CS v Loreto, Crumlin.

● The North Dublin All-Stars/Rosmini College fund-raising general knowledge table-quiz takes place tomorrow at St. Vincent's Clubhouse, Pairc Naomh Uinsionn (8.0).

Camogie heroines honoured by club

BISHOPSTOWN

THREE stars of Cork's senior camogie team have been honoured by their club in Bishopstown, for helping their county to All-Ireland victory last year.

Eithne Duggan, the first-ever Bishopstown woman to captain Cork's camogie team, Vivienne Harris and Trish Doyle all received awards at Bishopstown Camogie Club's recent victory celebrations.

The celebrations were for the club's win in the Cork Senior A Camogie Championship, for the second year in a row.

The presentations to the three county team stars were made by club president Irene Higgins.

Local councillor Pat Murray was also honoured, for his role as the first ever Bishopstown selector for the Cork senior camogie team.

Others to receive honours were Ciara Healy, a member of the All-Ireland winning Cork U16 team; Cork Intermediate captain Sheenagh Morley and her team-mates Anne Buckley and Caroline Kenny.

Highlight of the night was the presentation of the 1998 Cork senior camogie championship medals to the Bishopstown senior team.

The team marched into the reception behind a piper and received a standing ovation.

Presentations were also made to team mentors Conor Kenny, Pat Harris and Bernard Olden.

Conor Kenny and Sinead O'Donoghue were awarded senior and junior club persons of the year respectively.

10 camogie clubs return to the fray

CAMOGIE players return to the playing fields this weekend when no fewer than 10 clubs line out in the U-18 championship for 1998.

Defending champions Aghabulloge travelled to the city to take on Delaney's, and with 10 of last year's victorious team still eligible for the grade, they will be fancied to advance to the next round.

Another interesting clash should be that of last year's defeated finalist Cloughdubh against Barryroe. Cloughdubh will be looking to many of the clubs victorious U-16 panel to lead the way to victory, while Barryroe will have the experience of Cork minor Jenny O'Leary and Rosalie Holland, who played so well in the club senior B county championship victory. East Cork side Fr O'Neill's travel to Togher, where they will meet a strong St Finbarr's side while Kilbrittain entertain Eire Óg at Ovens.

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Bord na Gaeilge

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

ROUND UP OF COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Well known inter-county referee Biddy Phyllips is to stay on as Manager of the Tipperary senior team. Biddy, from the Thurles club worked hard with the squad last year taking them to the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship semi-final, where they lost out to Galway 2-11 to 0-14 after a brilliant display.

County Secretary, Marian Grehan has great hopes for both senior and junior teams this year and believes that Biddy will get a good commitment from the players. Their first test will be against Clare, with the winners to meet Down or Dublin for a place in the All-Ireland final.

Tipperary Officers for the year.

Chairman: Noel Hennessy, Vice-Chairman Patsy Carroll, Secretary: Marian Grehan, Treasurer/Registrar: Biddy Phyllips, Susan Kelly replaces Shiela Delaney as PRO.

Limerick are another team to keep an eye on in senior ranks. Last year they nearly caused a surprise going under to Galway by just two points 2-10 to 1-15.

At Convention the outgoing Chairperson Marie O'Sullivan did not seek re-election and the position was filled by Kathleen Coffey.

There was also a change in PRO. Rose Kelleher outgoing, did not go forward. Noel O'Connor filled the position.

Other Officers:

Vice-Chair: Theresa Walshe, Secretary: Claire O'Herlihy, Treasurer: Bernie O'Dea, Registrar: Mags Fleury.

Kildare's annual Convention was held recently. The Secretary Loretto Shinnors in her report reflected on a very busy year. The seventeen clubs fielded 66 teams in competitions from under 12 to senior. Broadford travelled to USA in August to compete in the North America Board Annual 7-a-side. Broadford, combined with Eire Og, Cork took the Maire Ni Cheallachain Memorial Cup across the Atlantic for the first time. The County competed at all levels of Inter-County but no laurels came the way. Five players represented the County on the Gael Linn Inter Provincial team. Liz O'Donoghue/Byrne.

St Laurences was the County 'Player of the year'. The Convention failed to elect a Chairman and will re-convene in February for that purpose. The following Officers were elected: Vice Chairperson: Helena O'Driscoll, St Laurences, Secretary: Loretto Shinnors, Leixlip, Treasurer: Margaret Murray Sarsfields, Registrar: Mary McMullan, Moorefield, PRO: Kate Treacy, St Laurences.

At Offaly's Convention Secretary Molly Guinan in her report states that there has been a major increase in the number of affiliated clubs in the County in the past year. Seven clubs shared the honours, with Drumcullen securing their 6th senior title on the trot. The County junior team reached the quarter finals of the National League and the semi-final of the Leinster championship.

Three girls were selected on the Gael Linn team, and Shinrone did the County proud at the National Feile na nGael in Wexford reaching the final of Division 2. Sophia Moyles from Kinnitty was 5th in the National Feile skills competition. Three girls from Lusmagh played in the Exhibition games in Croke Park.

Molly is delighted that camogie figured among the Offaly Sportstar Awards and congratulates Amanda Kelly, Tullamore who was the recipient.

The following Officers were elected: Chairperson: Eileen Bergin, Kinnitty, Vice-Chair: Mary Nestor, Clara, Secretary: Molly Guinan, Drumcullen, Registrar: Mary Murray, Drumcullen.

The positions of Treasurer and PRO have yet to be filled.



Kay Timmins of Naomh Aoife recently retired as an Officer of the Dublin County Board after 44 years continuous service. Jim Carroll, Chairman and Patricia Rafferty make a presentation to mark her achievements

UCC all out to retain Ashbourne

IT'S a busy weekend on the camogie front both on and off the playing pitches, as the Cork U-18 Championship and Ashbourne Cup qualifiers take centre stage on the playing field whilst indoor activities will see Cork hosting the Munster Convention.

UCC set out in defence of their Ashbourne title. They face a tough opener when they play University of Limerick at the Mardyke this afternoon and, with UL hosting this year's Ashbourne, they are going to push all the way to reach the concluding stages of the competition.

Earlier in the year, they defeated UCC in the league and, with this win behind them, they travel to Cork with confidence. While UCC have lost inter-county players Eithne Duggan and Cora Keohane, they have gained Sinead O'Callaghan, Muireann Harrington, Kim Hickey and Sandra Rickan. Added to this, they also have Kilkenny senior player Mags Hickey who captained UCC in 1995, returning to the team this year.

Munster will elect a chairperson on Sunday, when Marion Graham, Tipperary, takes over the reins from Cork's Marie Kearney at Convention which will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, Cork. Convention has been overshadowed however by the death of Michael Kearney, father of outgoing chairperson, Marie.

On the field, the U-18 Championship continues this week with seven games down for decision.

UCC on track for camogie title

HOLDERS UCC are going all out to retain their Ashbourne Camogie title when they had a comprehensive 2-19 to 0-6 victory over University of Limerick in the competitions qualifying round game at the Mardyke on Saturday.

The first half was a closely contested affair with UCC leading 0-7 to 0-5 at the break. A goal five minutes into the second half from Cork intercounty player Ursula Troy settled UCC.

Points from Sinead O'Callaghan and Mirren Harrington saw them in a confident position midway through the second half when Claire McGrath's goal effectively finished the game as a contest. Scoring at will, UCC dominated proceedings from there on in and with Carina Harte, Ursula Troy and Sinead O'Callaghan in top form they ran out convincing winners.

A goal by Yvonne Crotty ensured NUIG a further step towards the Ashbourne Cup when they defeated UUJ 3-4 to 1-6 in a preliminary round tie.

UUJ led by two points at the interval, 1-4 — 1-2. Their goal after 10 minutes was by Majella Murray while the home students goal six minutes later came through their captain Grace Ormond. By the fifth minute of the second half, the sides were on level terms at 1-4 each as NUIG had points from Veronica Curtin and Anne Hardiman. A vital goal for the victors came on 40 minutes through Corina Callaghan which established a two point lead, 2-4 to 1-5. The third goal arrived after 50 minutes from Crotty.

CAMOGIE

Ashbourne Cup qualifier: UCC 2-19 University of Limerick 0-6, U-18 Championship Barryroe 2-8 Douglas 1-3, Aghabullog 5-5 Delaney's 0, Newtownshandrum 2-7 Courcy Rovers 1-4, Brian Dillons 5-7 Youghal 0-1, Valley Rovers 5-8 Inniscarra 4-4.

The draws for the Munster Championships were made: Senior: Limerick v Clare, Cork v Tipperary, Junior: Limerick v Waterford, Limerick or Waterford v Tipperary, Clare v Cork, Intermediate: Cork v Limerick, Clare v Tipperary, Minor: Tipperary v Limerick, Cork v Tipperary or Limerick, Clare v Waterford, U-18: Cork v Tipperary, Limerick v Clare, Waterford v Cork or Tipperary, Munster Club Championship: Cork v Waterford, Tipperary v Clare, Limerick v Cork or Waterford.

Officers elected for 1999: President: Eithne Neville (Limerick), chairperson Marian Graham (Tipperary), secretary Rose Malone (Cork), treasurer Mary Casey (Cork), registrar Kathleen Coffey (Limerick), PRO Marie Kearney (Cork), delegates to central council Rose Malone (Cork), delegate to central council fixtures committee Marian Graham (Tipperary).

CAMOGIE

Milford 6-11, Kilbrittain 1-2. Milford made it a clean sweep of under age camogie titles when they added the U-16S Co. Championship title to their U-12 and U-14 honours when they proved much too strong for the gallant Kilbrittain side at the superb Redmonds venue on Saturday. The contribution of Regina Curtin who contributed six points to her sides total plus excellent play from Emer O Friel and Imelda Sexton assured victory long before the full time whistle.

Marion chairs Munster camogie Council

By Gerry Slevin

Tipperary County Camogie Board secretary, Marion Graham from Littleton was thrown in at the deep end of provincial council affairs at the week-end, when she was the unanimous choice of delegates to chair Munster Council for the next three years.

Going to the Convention in the Ambassador Hotel in Cork, Marion had it in mind to seek the vice chair and so give herself a three year 'easing in' process. However, the vice chairman, Vera Mackey from Limerick who in the normal course of events, would be the automatic choice for the chair, to succeed Marie Kearney, Cork, had to withdraw because of work and study commitments.

So instead of a preparatory period for the chair, the very popular Littleton lass found herself going all the way to the top.

It is an appropriate time for a Tipperary chairman, in view of the strides the game has made in the county over the past decade or so and indeed Marion herself has played a major role in such a happy state of affairs through both her administrative qualities and her coaching and managerial expertise.

KERRY PROBLEM

While it might a bit early yet for her to have any definite plans for the development of the game at provincial level, because of the rather suddenness with which she was elevated, at the same time, she has no doubt that the promotion of the game in Kerry is something that has to be taken very seriously. Kerry is the only county in the province that is not organised.

"It might seem an impossibility to organise camogie there, but we are going to give it a run", Marion told "The Guardian" on Tuesday.

There are two camogie clubs in Kerry, says Marion, but no Board, and she hopes that despite the difficulties which organising the game on a county-wide basis are sure to present, some solid steps in that direction will have been taken before her term of office is completed.

Another priority of course is to present as many trophies as possible to Tipperary captains over the course of the next three years!. While her new position will demand impartiality, the fact that she retains her position as County Secretary must cast some doubt on that being the case, not indeed that Marion Graham could be anything other than an out-and-out Tipperary promoter and supporter.

FORTUNES RAISED

Over the past decade, Tipp's camogie fortunes have been raised considerably with All Ireland titles in intermediate, junior and minor grades as well as All Ireland senior and junior colleges titles (St Mary's, Nenagh). The 'big one', the senior title still eludes the county, the All Ireland semi final being reached last year with a rather unlucky defeat by Galway.

Is the senior title on the horizon? Marion says she feels it in her bones that the 20th century will not pass without Tipperary being added to the Roll of Honour!.

"I'm not saying we have an easy draw, but we should, at least get to the final and at that stage, well we have to be in with a good chance. We meet Clare in the first round on July 10th and then have a semi final against the winners of Dublin and Down in August. Cork, the All Ireland champions will, of course be still there but either Galway or Kilkenny will be gone. We also have to take into account that it will be fifteen a side this year, a new feature of camogie and it will be interesting to see how counties adapt to the new situation. I think Tipp will adapt very well", said Marion.

On the matter of the extended teams, Marion said the county pitch at the Ragg will not be affected by need to extend the size of camogie pitches. The change to fifteen a side was foreseen when the pitch was being laid out and with plenty of space available, the only change necessary will be to shift the goal posts.

COMING ON WELL

Marion is happy that the dressing rooms at the Ragg are coming on well. They are now roofed and windows and doors are in.

"All we want now is someone to give us a couple of thousand pounds to see it through and if we could get the clubs behind us and into promoting the GAA Board Lotto, we would be doing well", Marion says. She concedes, of course, that the problem in this regard lies in the fact their members are also working for their own GAA clubs.

It could well be an exciting three years for Marion Graham at the head of camogie affairs in Munster. There is no more enthusiastic promoter of the game anywhere and such is the commitment she has always given that it will not come as any great surprise, should she decide to move farther up the ladder and seek the presidency. That's all for another day, another year. Meanwhile it will do very nicely if her long desired wish of seeing Tipperary become All Ireland senior champions is realised during her chairmanship of the provincial council.



Munster Camogie Officers



Officers of the Munster Camogie Board at their annual convention at the Ambassador Hotel Cork. Pictured centre front row Phyllis Breslin, President Camogie Association of Ireland with Munster Board officers. Eithne Neville, President; Mary Casey, Blarney, Hon. Treasurer; back row, Brid Naughton, Registrar; Vera Mulcahy, Vice-Chairman; Marie Kearney, Sarsfields, Chairman and Rose Malone, Eire Og, Hon. Secretary.

HISTORIC FIRST TROPHY FOR COLÁISTE PHOBAL, ROS CRÉ



North Tipperary Senior Camogie Champions. Camogie in Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré is kindly sponsored by Roscrea Credit Union.

Ulster Senior Schools Camogie final St Louis B'mena 2-4 St Louis Kilkeel 2-2

Mary's late show

ST Louis Ballymena left it very late to lift the new Fr Davies Cup for the Ulster Senior Schools competition on Saturday on the excellent playing surface at St Enda's Glengormley.

With literally the last puck of the game, Mary Ellen McErean shot the match-winning goal, where five minutes earlier the cup looked certain to head for Kilkeel.

The excellent Marie McEvoy at full-back and the forceful Angeline Fearon at midfield had helped Kilkeel into a two goal lead with only five minutes left in a fairly low-scoring game.

Then Ballymena seemed to wake up. Substitute Catherine Scullin and

Shauna Graffin pointed. With three minutes left Claire McMahon brought them to within a point of the Kilkeel girls with a goal. Mary Ellen's late strike completed the comeback.

St Louis Ballymena: Brenda Neeson, Sinead O'Kane, Lisa Webb, Christine Doherty, Angela Graham, Anne Marie Molloy, Claire McMahon (1-0), Mairead Graham, Mary Ellen McErean (1-1), Shauna Graffin (0-1), Ciara Breslin, Maria McNaughton (0-1). **Subs:** Catherine Scullin (0-1) for C Breslin (40 mins), Aisling Magill for A M Molloy (45).

St Louis Kilkeel: Emily Curran, Marie McEvoy, R McCartan, Sarah Cunningham, Aine Murphy, Fiona Magee, Marie Fitzpatrick (1-0), Olivia O'Hare, Angeline Fearon (0-2), Lyndsay Byrne, Emma Quinn (1-0), Aine Hardy. **Sub:** Aine Murphy for A Hardy (25).

Lorrha camogie club looks back on great year

by Rose Mannion

At the recent gathering of the club's Annual General Meeting which was very poorly attended, club secretary Rose Mannion in her report said that without a shadow of a doubt, 1998 was the most successful year in the six year playing existence of the club. And she went on to reach one county final and take that title in any year is indeed great, but to win two county finals in the one year is indeed beyond the expectations of any clubs hopes at the beginning of a playing season and what has made it all the more magnificent is the fact that both U/12 league and the U/16 championship has never been won by the club before, so both panels carved their own piece of history for their club, their parish and above all for themselves.

The report was lengthy and covered all the activities carried out by the club throughout the year. The U/16 and Junior tournament with Bernie and Terry Naylor Concrete getting special mention for their continued sponsorship for this tournament over the last three years, also Nenagh Co-op Creamery for their sponsorship of the U/12 and U/14 parish league.

Tribute was paid to all who refereed matches for the club throughout the year namely Paula and Adrian Molloy, Bernie and John Cleary and Ruadhan Mannion. The members of the social committee were also thanked for their major contribution to fundraising events and social occasions, the *Midland Tribune* and *Nenagh Guardian* for their allocation of space to the club and Paddy Cotter for making himself available on several occasions.

Congratulations were extended to Edel Burke and Eimear Kennedy who once again won U/18 Munster medals with the county team.

In conclusion of the report, the secretary said it was a long year and indeed a fruitful one too and she thanked all who worked for the betterment of the club in particular the girls who she said remained with the club throughout the year and gave of



Captain of the U-12 Lorrha camogie team Mairead Hocht and vice captain Elaine Hough, receive the trophy from Co secretary, Marion Graham after their historic victory over Sean Treacy's in the county league final last October.

their time and commitment. With this new season introducing 15 a side, she expressed a wish that this would strengthen camogie at both club and county and encouraged all the be positive about the challenge and to look forward to hopefully another successful playing year.

Supporters also got a mention, particularly the parents who transport their children to matches and who support all fundraising events.

Chairman Liam Mannion thanked those who attended and welcomed all to the meeting. He went on to compliment the secretary and the treasurer on their respective reports and thanked all the officers for their support and help throughout the year. He expressed disappointment at the small turn out of parents to the meeting, particularly after such a successful year and went on to congratulate the U/12 and U/16 panel of girls on their county final wins and said he wished to thank the managers of both teams and indeed of all teams who give freely of their time often leaving aside work to go coaching the girls. In thanking the social committee mem-

bers, he singled out Dorothy and Terry Stanley and Eileen Duffy who he said "despite not having children in the club, came to help and have been of a major contributor to the social side of the club this last year".

He concluded by saying that he was not seeking re-election as Chairman and he wished the incoming committee well for '99.

Secretary of the GAA Louis McCormack expressed his disappointment at the poor support from parents and went on to wish the club well in '99.

The election of officers then took place and the following were elected for the forthcoming season.

Chairperson: Mary Walsh; Vice-Chairpersons: Theresa Barry and Sheila Hocht; Secretary/PRO: Rose Mannion; Treasurer: Pauline Hocht; Assistant PRO: Anne-Marie Mannion; Assistant Treasurer: Sheila Hocht; GAA Liaison Officer: Liam Mannion.

The adjourned convention will take place in the clubhouse at 2.30 pm and will be followed by affiliation on this coming Sunday at 7 pm.

This meeting will also elect a social committee to help with the fundraising/social side of the club.

All parents and anyone interested in becoming involved with the club are invited along to this meeting.

A video tape of the U/12 final is now available and may be ordered from the club secretary Rose Mannion.



Captain of the U-16 Lorrha camogie team Claire Mahon and vice-captain Noelle Killeen hold the shield high after their county final win over Drom-Inch in the championship last September.

AGM: Buttevant Camogie Club and Micheal Mac Carthaigh's Juvenile GAA club held their AGM recently. Although only over a year in existence the Buttevant Camogie Club has gone from strength to strength in this interim period.

Principal officers elected for the coming year include Mary Wallace as President, Phil Healy as Chairperson and Ann Coughlan as Secretary. Phil Johnson is club treasurer with Frances O'Reilly as PRO. Martin Murphy is assistant Chairperson, Dolores O'Sullivan is assistant Secretary and Margaret Lee is assistant treasurer.

The first meeting of the new 1999 committee will take place on Tuesday, February 16, 1999. The Micheal Mac Carthaigh juvenile GAA club held its AGM recently also. The new officers and committee include the following.

Myles Regan is Club President, John Buckley is Chairman with Paul Reihan as Vice Chairman. Maurice O'Connor is Secretary and Michael O'Neill is treasurer. Tim Stack is registrar, George O'Callaghan is PRO.



Enjoying themselves at the Eire Og camogie club social at Lee Valley Golf Club, were, front from left: Con Malone, chairman; Marian McCarthy, treasurer; Alanna McKenna, under 16 captain and Breda O'Leary, under-age trainer. Back from left: Helen Walsh, vice-chairperson; Yvonne O'Leary, secretary; Paddy Corkery, Sheila O'Brien, club referee and Rose Malone, president.



Deirdre Healy and Claire Sheehan, Farran, at the Eire Og camogie club social at Lee Valley Golf Club.

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MUNSTER POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SENIOR A

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

ST. MARY'S V ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE NENAGH

6TH FEBRUARY, 1999 AT NEWTOWN @ 2 P.M.

THE WINNERS WILL MEET THE ULSTER CHAMPIONS

IN THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL ON 13TH MARCH

North Cork girls go for a record five-in-a-row

by Brendan Larkin

ALL-IRELAND schools camogie champions St Mary's (Charleville) are chasing a record fifth Munster title in a row when they play St Mary's (Nenagh) in the provincial final at Newtownshandrum on Saturday afternoon.

The North Cork school has made this championship very much their own in recent years, and given the strength of this year's team, there is every chance they can retain their title. Their team is backboned by a number of current inter-county players from both Limerick and Cork.

Team captain is Caoimhe Harrington from the local Newtown club. She won an All-Ireland senior medal with Cork last year. Eileen O'Brien is another with vast experience. She won the All-Ireland Club title in 1998 with Granagh-Ballingarry and is a current Limerick senior.

The champions can also call on two members of last year's Cork minor All-Ireland winning team, Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher, as well as Jordana Dolan, Caroline Giltinane and Carragh Manton, who were members of last year's winning schools team.

Mary's defeated Coachford and St Patrick's (Shannon) to reach the final while the Tipperary girls had a good win over last year's defeated finalists Templemore in their semi-final encounter.

The Nenagh side is backboned by a number of current Tipperary inter-county players, including Eimear McDonnell, her sister Deirdre, Sheena Howard, Anna Woods and Mary Rose Ryan, but will find it extremely difficult to dislodge the reigning champions.



Members of St. Mary's camogie panel engaging in a puck around at training.



"Eye on the Ball" Sinead Gaynor in action at training for St. Mary's Camogie team.



The St. Mary's senior camogie team with manager Gerry Dullen who will play Charleville in the Munster Schools' camogie final

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ST. MARY'S GO IN SEARCH OF MUNSTER DOUBLE

St. Mary's Charleville will contest their fifth Munster Senior Camogie Final in a row and their sixth in 7 years in Newtownshandrum on Saturday next, February 6th. Hopes are high that the Charleville school can bring about the elusive 5 in a row by beating St. Mary's, Nenagh in the final. On their way to the final St. Mary's defeated Coachford and St. Pat's Shannon.

The St. Mary's team is backboned by a number of current intercounty players with both Limerick and Cork. The team is captained by Caoimhe Harrington of Newtownshandrum who won an All Ireland senior medal with Cork in 1998. Eileen O'Brien of Granagh is also on the current Limerick senior team and played a prominent part in her club's All Ireland success. Charleville can also call on Cork minors Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher as well as three other members of last year's winning 3 in a row school team namely Jordana Dolan of Ballyagran and the Newtownshandrum duo of Cork intermediate Caroline Giltinane and Carragh Manton. They have other accomplished players in Noelle O'Riordan of Milford who captained her club to win the All Ireland Community Games title in 1996. Goalkeeper Aoife Sheehan is the youngest member of the panel and is the current All Ireland Féile na Gael skills champion. Other members of the team who have played starring roles this year are Sarah Reidy, Lisa Moloney, Siobhan Linehan, Gemma Ronayne and last year's junior full-back Kathryn Leslie.

St. Mary's Nenagh last met Charleville in the 1996 final with victory going to the Charleville girls. Nenagh had a very good semi-final win over last year's beaten finalists Templemore. The Nenagh school have a number of Tipperary intercounty players, the most prominent being senior inter county full forward Eimear McDonnell, her sister Deirdre, Sheena Howard, Anna Woods and Mary Rose Ryan.

On the following Saturday, February 13th, St. Mary's junior team will make the long journey to Templemore to take on the home side in the Munster Junior Final. St. Mary's are hoping they can complete a 3 in a row of titles. They are going like their senior counterparts for their sixth title in seven years having been beaten in the 1996 semi-final by Templemore. The St. Mary's team can call on a number of the very successful All Ireland Community Games winners of 1996 and 1997 Milford, namely Christine O'Gorman, Eimear O'Friel, Aoife Dillon, Niamh Bowles, Aine Kelleher, Patricia O'Callaghan, Deirdre Hayes, Maria Watson, Imelda Sexton and the Linehan sisters Elizabeth and Sharon. The team is captained by Alison White of Ballyagran who played on last year's All Ireland 7 a-side team. St. Mary's can also call on five other members of last year's winning team, namely goalkeeper Aoife Sheehan, backs Edwina Boyce, Laura O'Brien and forwards Una Harrington and Amy McCarthy. On their way to the final St. Mary's defeated Bandon and Clonakilty, while Templemore defeated Roscrea, Shannon

and a very good Tulla team in the Munster semi-final. Like St. Mary's, Templemore are backboned by the Templemore club team who won the All Ireland Féile of 1997.

The St. Mary's team for the semi-final v Clonakilty had Aoife Sheehan in goal. The full back line consisted of the Milford pair Aoife Dillon and Christine O'Gorman, with Ballyagran's Laura O'Brien at full back. Aine Kelleher was at centre back. The midfield consisted of Deirdre Hayes, Niamh Bowles and Edwina Boyce. Eimear O'Friel, Milford, led the attack while in the wing forward positions St. Mary's had Newtown's Una Harrington and Patricia O'Callaghan. Alison White who captains the team lined out at full forward, while Milford's Maria Watson came on and played very well.

St. Mary's junior team like the seniors have a very strong substitute panel to choose from namely Elizabeth Lenihan, who has already played this year, Sheila O'Regan, Amy McCarthy, Aisling O'Brien, Una Geary, Sinead Herlihy and Niamh Curtin. Charleville are hoping to complete their second 3 in a row since 1993 in Templemore on Saturday week. Be there to support them in their unique challenge.

Munster Senior Camogie
St. Mary's Charleville v St. Mary's Nenagh in Newtownshandrum on Saturday, February 6th at 2p.m.

Munster Junior Camogie
St. Mary's Charleville v Templemore in Templemore on Saturday, February 13th at 2p.m.

Senior Panel: Aoife Sheehan, Granagh; Noelle O'Riordan, Milford; Kathryn Leslie, Granagh; Caroline Giltinane, Newtown; Carragh Manton, Newtown; Sarah Reidy, Newtown; Caoimhe Harrington, Newtown; Niamh Bowles, Newtown; Jordana Dolan, Ballyagran; Eileen O'Brien, Granagh; Lisa Moloney, Ballyagran; Aine Kelleher, Newtown; Alison White, Ballyagran; Siobhan Linehan, Milford; Gemma Ronayne, Ballyagran; Eimear O'Friel, Milford; Christina O'Gorman, Milford; Keara O'Shea, Granagh; Sandra O'Halloran, Granagh; Claire Browne, Newtown; Denise O'Connor, Ballyagran; Catherine O'Connell, Granagh; Aoife Dillon, Milford.

Junior Panel: Aoife Sheehan, Granagh; Aoife Dillon, Milford; Laura O'Brien, Ballyagran; Christina O'Gorman, Milford; Aine Kelleher, Newtown; Niamh Bowles, Newtown; Deirdre Hayes, Milford; Edwina Boyce, Granagh; Eimear O'Friel, Milford; Alison White, Ballyagran; Una Harrington, Newtown; Patricia O'Callaghan, Newtown; Elizabeth Lenihan, Milford; Maria Watson, Milford; Sharon Linehan, Milford; Sinead Herlihy, Newtown; Sheila O'Regan, Newtown; Niamh Curtin, Milford; Amy McCarthy, Granagh; Una Geary, Ballyagran; Aisling O'Brien, Blackrock; Catriona Noonan, Granagh; Lorraine Myers, Charleville.

St. Mary's are 'quietly confident'

By James Hayden

St Mary's senior camogie team go into battle with their arch-rivals Charleville next Saturday in Charleville in the hope that they can come away victorious with the Munster Schools senior camogie title.

St Mary's have qualified for the final for the first time since 1996. They progressed through the qualifying rounds in style. Having received a bye in the first round, they duly disposed of Our Lady's Templemore in the semi-final by 4.9 to 2.5.

The most convincing of the Nenagh outfit seems to be Eimear McDonnell and Sheena Howard. Eimear has an uncanny knack of being deadly in front of goals while Sheena Howard is a stalwart in defence. The Burgess duo can be assured of a lot of attention from the Charleville girls. The Toomevara pairing of Mary Rose Ryan and Anna Woods will also be a force to be reckoned with.

On the Charleville team the major threats are sure to come from Eileen O'Brien and Caoimhe Harrington. Caoimhe Harrington is a county senior player with Cork and is Charleville's jewel in the crown.

Team manager, Mr. Gerry Duffea is confident that the Nenagh girls can win. "We have a very strong outfit, and have key players in vital positions. We are very strong up the middle and this will have an extreme bearing on the outcome of the match. The girls have been training very hard and have put a lot of effort in, and hopefully we can bring the cup back to Nenagh on Saturday night".

Moneygall girl Eimer Guilfoyle is a partner of Sheena Howard's in defence and will

face the might of the Charleville attack on Saturday next. There will be one missing figure on Saturday, Claire O'Sullivan, who unfortunately broke her leg before Christmas will be unable to line out.

The Charleville girls are going for a five in a row of Munster Finals having last been beaten in 1994. Charleville are also All-Ireland Champions for the last three years running. This obviously means Charleville are hot favourites, but Nenagh have a strong outfit also and will give blood, sweat and tears in attempting to defeat the All Ireland kingpins.

In the corresponding match two years ago, when both teams were in the junior age group there wasn't much in the difference between the sides, and this has given heart to the St. Mary's outfit.

St. Mary's have prepared well for their upcoming encounter with challenge matches against Athlone R.T.C. which they lost narrowly and Mary Immaculate College which they beat convincingly.

The panel for Saturday is E. Guilfoyle (capt), S. Howard, E. McDonnell, D. McDonnell, M. R. Ryan, O. Slattery, S. Gaynor, D. Ryan, A. Woods, D. Kyne, D. Troy, K. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, E. Ryan, S. McCarthy, N. Hogan, O. McDonagh, M. Slattery, A. Forde, M. McCarthy and C. Ryan.

The match is fixed for 2 p.m. in Newtownshandrum, Charleville and all support will be greatly appreciated.

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Five-in-row for St Mary's

St Mary's Charleville 1-11
St Mary's Nenagh 0-6

ST MARY'S retained their Munster Post Primary Senior A Camogie Championship title and in the process made it five in a row when beating St Mary's at Newtownshandrum GAA grounds on Saturday.

Nenagh opened the scoring one minute into the game with a well-struck free from senior intercounty player, Emer McDonnell. Three minutes later Sheena Howard had another point, before Aine Kelleher got Charleville's first score eight minutes into the game.

McDonnell had stretched the Nenagh lead by the 11th minute with another pointed free. The champions had to absorb fierce Nenagh pressure before three points from Limerick senior Eileen O'Brien saw them lead 0-5 to 0-4 at the half time.

Five minutes after the break Charleville had stretched their advantage, seven points to four, and with Caoimhe Harrington and O'Brien now having come more into the game, Nenagh were in trouble.

Emer McDonnell pointed in the sixth minute for Nenagh and then goalie Amy Kissane made a tremendous save from Eileen O'Brien.

Midway through Charleville led 0-8 to 0-6 and their pressure was eventually rewarded when Eileen O'Brien billowed to the roof of the net.

From here on, it was all Charleville, superbly led by Cork intercounty senior star, Caoimhe Harrington, who added three further points to see her side retain their title.

They now meet the Ulster champions - either Magherafelt or Maghera - in Cork on March 13.

Scorers for Charleville: Eileen O'Brien 1-6 (3 from free); Caoimhe Harrington 0-4 (three from free); Aine Kelleher 0-1.

Nenagh: Emer McDonnell 0-4 (two from free, one for 30); Sheena Howard 0-2.

CHARLEVILLE: Aoife Sheehan, Noelle O'Riordan, Kathryn Leslie, Caroline Giltinane, Carragh Manton, Sarah Reidy, Caoimhe Harrington (capt.), Niamh Bowles, Jordana Dolan, Eileen O'Brien, Lisa Moloney, Aine Kelleher, Subs. Alison White, Siobhan Linehan for J. Dolan and L. Moloney.

NENAGH: Amy Kissane, Emer Guilfoyle (capt.), Oive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Niamh Hogan, Deirdre McDonnell, Anna Woods, Denise Ryan, Emer McDonnell, Siobhan McCarthy, Sinead Gaynor.

Referee: Vera Mulcahy (Limerick)



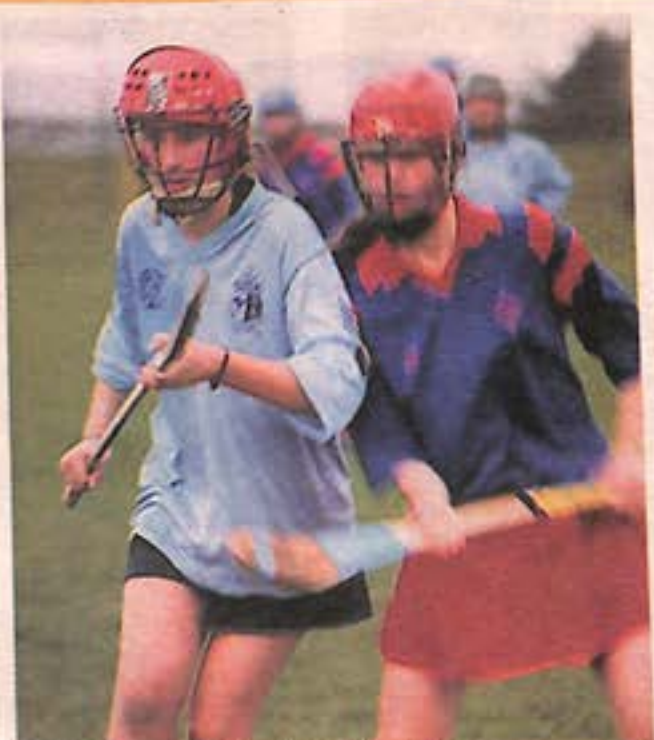
St Mary's Charleville, who defeated St Mary's Nenagh in the Munster senior schools camogie championship final at Newtownshandrum on Saturday. It was their fifth title in succession. Front from left: Niamh Bowles, Caragh Manton, Caoimhe Harrington (captain), Aine Kelleher, Aoife Sheehan and Noelle O'Riordan. Back from left: Jordan Dolan, Eileen O'Brien, Catherine Leslie, Sarah Reidy, Caroline Giltinane and Lisa Moloney.

Pic: Mark O'Leary

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Tussling for the ball



Shoulder to Shoulder.



Mary Moran of the Munster Schools Camogie Association presented the Dripsey Cup to Caoimhe Harrington, captain of the successful St Marys Secondary School team.

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Eileen O'Brien inspires Charleville to fifth successive Munster camogie crown

ST MARY'S C'VILLE..... 1-11
ST MARY'S NENAGH..... 0-6

By Pat Ryan

sent over after a solo run.

Nenagh forced two close in frees in injury time. Both were well saved by the Charleville defence and cleared to safety. There was great excitement at the sounding of the final whistle. The Charleville side will now meet the Ulster champions on Saturday, March 13, in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Charleville junior side are in action on Saturday, February 20, in Templemore against the local school in the Munster junior final. After the game Mary Moran secretary Munster Colleges Camogie Council presented the cup to the winning captain Caoimhe Harrington.

Scorers: St Mary's Charleville — Eileen O'Brien (1-7), Caoimhe Harrington (0-3), Aine Kelleher (0-1).

St Mary's Nenagh — Emer McDonald (0-3), Sheena Howard (0-2), Siobhan McCarthy (0-1).

Teams: St Mary's Charleville — Aoife Sheehan (Granagh), Noelle O'Riordan (Milford), Catherine Leslie (Granagh), Caroline Giltinan (Newtownshandrum), Caragh Manton (Newtownshandrum), Sarah Reidy (Newtownshandrum), Caoimhe Harrington (capt)(Newtownshandrum), Niamh Bowles (Newtownshandrum), Jordan Dolan (Ballygran), Eileen O'Brien (Granagh), Lisa Moloney (Ballygran), Aine Kelleher (Newtownshandrum).

Subs: Alison White for Dolan, Siobhan Lenihan for Moloney.

St Mary's Nenagh — Amy Kissane, Emer Guilfoyle (captain), Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Niamh Hogan, Deirdre McDonnell, Anna Woods, Denise Ryan, Emer McDonald, Siobhan McCarthy, Sinead Gaynor.

Referee: Vera Mulcahy (Limerick).



Aine Kelleher of St Mary's Charleville shoots for a score despite the committed challenges of two Nenagh players in the Munster senior schools camogie championship final at Newtownshandrum on Saturday.

Pic: Mark Condren.

FIFTH IN A ROW MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FOR ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHARLEVILLE



Anxious to join the action of the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship.



Referee Vera Mackey Mulcahy pictured with the captains, Eimear Guilfoyle (left), St. Marys, Nenagh and Caoimhe Harrington (right), St. Marys, Charleville.

FIVE-IN-A-ROW FOR ST. MARY'S

In the Senior Schools Munster Final on Saturday last, played in Newtown, St. Mary's, Charleville retained their Munster crown in a most impressive fashion when they enjoyed a comprehensive eight point victory over great rivals St. Mary's, Nenagh. Although Nenagh got off to a dream start when Eimear McDonnell scored a second minute point and Sheena Howard then added another, the defending champions responded in style with a string of fine points, Aine Kelleher striking the first and three more coming from the stick of Eileen O'Brien. The Nenagh girls played with the wind in the opening half but found it very difficult to break down a right marking Charleville defence and they found themselves a point in arrears at the interval 0-5 to 0-4.

In the second half the Cork girls were a transformed side setting the opening score and they maintained this two point lead until midway through the half. Eileen O'Brien had been the mainstay of the Charleville attack up to now, especially since half time, her darting runs providing problems for the Nenagh defence and she left Amy Kissane in the Nenagh goal standing when she shot Charleville's only goal in the 15th minute.

Nenagh tried everything to get back into the game which led to Sheena Howard scoring a

point but the Charleville defence and midfield were not in a generous mood and with Caoimhe Harrington adding three more points Charleville ran out convincing winners.

Although Nenagh were well beaten on the day, they can be proud of their performance. Nenagh were unfortunate to come up against such a strong outfit.

This was Charleville's fifth Munster title in a row and they retained half of the side which won the All-Ireland of 1998 for the third year in a row. Nenagh contested the Munster Senior Final three years ago but had to give way to the same opposition.

Charleville had many star performers but among those to catch the eye were Caroline Giltinane in defence, the midfield trio of Niamh Bowles, Coimhe Harrington and Sarah Reidy, while the pick of the forwards were Eileen O'Brien and Aine Kelleher. Nenagh's stars were their goalkeeper Amy Kissane and to a lesser extent their full-back and captain Emer Guilfoyle.

Next Saturday it is the turn of St. Mary's Junior team who face Our Lady's Templemore in the Munster Junior Final, the Tipperary girls having home venue on this occasion. Four of those in action for the Seniors last Saturday are also part of this Junior side who will be extremely determined



Caoimhe Harrington who captained St. Mary's Charleville senior camogie team to their fifth consecutive Munster Championship title. (More photos on page 24.)

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LIMERICK COUNTY CAMOGIE BOARD

BLACKROCK'S PAT IS NEW LIMERICK SUPREMO!

Former inter-county senior hurler, Pat Heffernan is the new Limerick Camogie Coach/Manager.

His appointment was ratified at the Co. Board meeting held at the Dunraven Arms Hotel on Tuesday, February 2nd. Pat takes over from Helen Clifford-McCarthy who did excellent work in the challenging senior grade in '98. Prior to Helen's stint at the top, Eamonn Cregan was the boss. Under his management All-Irelands were won in 1995 (Junior) and 1996 (Intermediate). All in camogie circles wish new manager Pat the very best. Selectors will be appointed shortly.

INTER CO. NATIONAL LEAGUES

These resume this month, giving new coach Pat Heffernan little time to prepare his troops.

Opening games are as follows **February 28th - (Junior)** Galway v Limerick, Galway venue.

March 7th - (Senior) Limerick v Clare, Clare venue.

CO. BOARD APPOINTS COMMITTEES

At the County Board Meeting at the Dunraven Arms on Tuesday February 2nd, the following committees were appointed:

Fixtures - Clare O'Herlihy, Carmel Murphy, Jerf McNamara, Ber Chawke, Triona McEniry, Corona Ryan, Mike Nash. This committee meets at the Dunraven on Tuesday February 23rd at 7p.m.

Finance - Kathleen Coffey, Bernie O'Dea, Margo O'Connell, Therese Walsh, Kim O'Connor, Carmel Murphy, Tina Keyes.

Féile na nGael - Kathleen Coffey, Rose Kelleher, Margo O'Connell, Madge Fleury, Mary B. Hayes.

P.R.O. - This committee is to be finalised.

Development - This committee is to be finalised.

FUNDRAISER FASHION SHOW WITH A DIFFERENCE

April 14th is the date, the Dunraven Arms is the venue, and £5 is the cost per person for the Board's Fashion spectacular. Chief organiser Therese Walsh is giving away no secrets yet, but she has promised an event that will have the hunters talking in superlatives. More details later.

RESULTS U/18A Championship Play-Off

Granagh/Ballingarry 2-8
Ballyagran 0-6

FIXTURES 1998 CO. CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

The following finals have been arranged:

February 21st - U/18B, Newcastlewest v Fr. Dorans. (No venue yet).

February 28th - U/16A, Granagh/Ballingarry v Killeedy. (No venue yet).

March 18th - U/18A, Bruff v Granagh/Ballingarry. (No venue yet).

PAN CELTIC TOURNAMENT

It's for U/16s. The venue is Tralee, the weekend April 10th/11th is the date. Killeedy won in 1998.

FÉILE NA NGAEL
The weekend June 26th/27th is the date. It's on in

Wexford. To qualify, however, you must win the Limerick competition. It's for U/14s.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS MUNSTER SENIOR FINAL

St. Mary's Charleville. 1-14
St. Mary's Nenagh 0-6

It was five in a row for the Cork school. There was a number of Limerick girls on the team - Aoife Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Katherine L... (Granagh/Ballingarry). Jordana Dolan and Lisa Moloney (Ballyagran) were on the starting twelve, while Alison White, Gemma Roynane, Denise O'Connor (Ballyagran), Cíara O'Shea, Sandra O'Halloran and Catherine O'Connor (Granagh/Ballingarry) were on the subs bench. Anne Marie O'Keeffe (Castlemahon/Feohanagh) was assistant coach, while Vera Mulcahy (Ahane) refereed. County Chairperson Kathleen Coffey (Ahane) and County Vice-President Michael O'Brien (Granagh/Ballingarry) were also in attendance.

G.A.A. ALL-STARS 1998

Eileen O'Brien (Granagh/Ballingarry) U/16 Camogie, Aoife Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry) U/14 Camogie, Jennifer Neville (Croagh/Kilfinny) were among the All-Stars honoured. Well done to all three. The function took place at the Rathkeale House Hotel on Saturday evening last.

AT the County Board meeting which took place on Tuesday February 2, at the Dunraven Arms Hotel, Adare, the following sub-committees were elected:

Fixtures: Clare O'Herlihy, Carmel Murphy, Jerf McNamara, Ber Chawke, Triona McEniry, Corona Ryan, Mike Nash.

This committee meets at the Dunraven Arms on Tuesday February 23 to draw up fixtures '99. The meeting begins at 7pm.

Féile na nGael: Kathleen Coffey, Mary B. Hayes, Rose Kelleher, Margo O'Connell, Madge Fleury. This committee's main job is to organise the Blitz from which the county representative in Féile '99 will be selected. Wexford is the venue for this year's Féile. It takes place on the weekend June 26/27.

Finance: Kathleen Coffey, Bernie O'Dea, Margo O'Connell, Therese Walsh, Kim O'Connor, Carmel Murphy, Tina Keyes. Ways and means of raising finance is this committee's brief. Gates and a bucket collection on senior hurling championship final day (courtesy of Limerick G.A.A.) are hardy annuals. The Fashion Spectacular is a praiseworthy, challenging, popular initiative. Offers of sponsorship would be a dream come true and no doubt other projects will emerge from the fertile imaginations of these financial wizards!

P.R.O. The members of this committee will be finalised at the next County Board meeting. Liaison with the various media publicity, match programmes, compilation of a History of Limerick camogie are some of the matters this committee will concern itself with!

Development: This is another committee which will be completed at the next meeting. Its brief is to help organise more and better camogie in the county at every level, club, school, firm.

Pan Celtic: Ambitious clubs, who might also like to sample some of the delights of the Kingdom ("The pale moon was rising above the green mountain") will be making a note of this in their diaries. It is on in Tralee on the weekend, April 10/11. It's for under 16's and Killeedy were winners in 1998.

Pat Heffernan (Blackrock), former Limerick senior hurler is the new Limerick camogie manager/trainer. His appointment was ratified at the County Board meeting, held in the Dunraven Arms Hotel on Tuesday February 2. It's a tough job and Pat will have the best wishes of everybody as he attempts to build on the successes of Eamonn Cregan in '95 and '96 and Helen Clifford McCarthy in '98. In Eamonn's term in charge All-Ireland's were won in '95 (Junior) and '96 (Intermediate) while Helen did excellent work in the demanding senior grade in '98 with what was, in many ways a new team. Selectors will be appointed in due course.

While Pat Heffernan is preparing for the resumption of the playing season (first game - junior national league v Galway, away, February 28), for Granagh/Ballingarry's John O'Connor it's all systems go for the minors (U16) at Mary Immaculate each Sunday from 12 - 1. Over 50 players are attend-

their own importance" with assistant treasurer Therese at the helm the finance committee is organising a major fundraiser in April. This is a Fashion Spectacular, entitled A Fashion Show with a Difference and it is scheduled for the Dunraven Arms on April 14. Therese has not yet revealed her plans, but has promised that the punters will get full value for their fivers (£5)! More information later, but each will be expected to set tickets!

Now back to the field activities and the completion of the 1998 programme. Bad weather played havoc with fixtures and a number of competitions were unfinished. Chief among these were under 18A, under 18B, under 16A and under 21. The under 21 blitz still awaits a date but the remainder go ahead as follows:- Under 18A Final St. Patrick's Day; Bruff v Granagh/Ballingarry. Under 18 B Final, Sunday Feb 21 Fr Doran's v Newcastlewest. Under 16A Final Granagh/Ballingarry v Killeedy. Venues have not yet been located for these fixtures.

There was one important club game at the weekend. This was the under 18A play off between Ballyagran and Granagh/Ballingarry for a place in the final v Bruff.

Saturday night last was the West G.A.A. Bord na nOg Sports Stars Awards night at Rathkeale House Hotel. Among the winners were three camogie starlets, Eileen O'Brien (Granagh/Ballingarry) under 16, Aoife Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry) under 14, and Jennifer Neville (Croagh/Kilfinny) under 12. For Aoife and Eileen it was the second big camogie event of the day. Earlier in Newtownshandrum they had helped their school, St Mary's, Charleville, complete a 5-in-a-row sequence of Munster post primary schools senior championship wins. Both excelled against St Mary's, Nenagh in a tough final, Aoife in goal, Eileen at centre forward. We congratulate Eileen, Aoife, and Jennifer on their selection! The County Board was represented at the function by chairperson Kathleen Coffey and secretary Clare O'Herlihy.

The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday March 9 at the Dunraven Arms.

Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Cork and Galway, who have met in the Bord na nGaeilge All-Ireland senior championship final for the past three years, will not be meeting in this decider this year. If they are to meet, it will be in the semi-final.

Nine teams will take part in the 1999 senior championship. Cork, who will be setting out to collect three titles in a row, and four in five years, are away to Wexford in a preliminary round match. The winners will meet Limerick in a quarter-final tie.

Senior newcomers Down host Dublin, while Kilkenny travel to face Galway in a repeat of the 1997 All-Ireland semi-final.

Tipperary, who were pipped for a place in the final this year by Galway, entertain Clare.

The semi-finals will be very entertaining. They will be played on the same day at a neutral venue. Galway or Kilkenny play Wexford, Cork or Limerick. Tipperary or Clare meet the winners of Down and Dublin.

Clare, Wexford, Limerick and Dublin, if defeated in the senior championship, are eligible to take part in the All-Ireland intermediate championship. They will joint intermediate teams from Antrim, Armagh, Cork and Galway.

St Patricks, Maghera reached their 11th Ulster senior colleges final with a comprehensive 5-12 to 0-2 win over St Catherine's Armagh. They meet the winners of St Mary's Magherafelt and Assumption Grammar School, Ballinahinch.

Wexford Annual Convention was held in Murphy Floods Hotel, Enniscorthy. Secretary Anne O'Brien prepared a comprehensive report on a successful year for the county, hosting Annual Congress in March and national Feile na nGael in June. Both events were well organised and Wexford are looking forward to hosting Feile na nGael again this year.

St Ibar's retained the senior championship and went to the semi-final of the Leinster senior club championship. All other honours were well distributed. The only inter county title to come their way was the Leinster U18 when they took the Jim Shiels Memorial Cup for the first time.

Officers elected for the coming year:

President:	Eileen O'Brien
Chairman:	Ray Quigley
Vice-Chairman:	Jack O'Brien
Secretary:	Anne O'Brien
Treasurer:	Mary Canning
Registrar:	Jacinta Roche
PRO:	Jimmy Bolger

At Wicklow Convention, outgoing Secretary William Cullen said he was satisfied with the steady progress the county is making. Competitions were organised for all age groups and grades. Honours were spread over four clubs. No success at inter county level, but hopes are high for the coming season, with the under 14 team that put up a good show in the Leinster championship and are all eligible again this year.

The following officers were elected:

President:	Rose Byrne
Vice President:	Anne Mulgrew
Chairperson:	Breda Byrne
Secretary:	Martina Kelly
Treasurer:	Mary Byrne
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SENIOR B

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

SACRED HEART V ST. MARY'S

CLONAKILTY

MACROOM

5TH FEBRUARY, 1999 AT NEWCESTOWN @ 2 P.M.

THE WINNERS WILL MEET THE ULSTER CHAMPIONS

IN THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL ON 13TH MARCH

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Munster Colleges Senior B Final

Sacred Heart, Clonakilty 3-11 St. Mary's, Macroom 1-5

Clonakilty captain, Ger Collins lead the way in the inaugural Munster Colleges Senior B Final at Newcestown. Ger spelled danger for Macroom each time she got the ball and finished with the impressive total of 1-7. Sacred Heart had the better all round side but took some time to assert themselves.

Catriona Corkery put in a huge performance for Macroom but her side depended too much on her.

Scorers for Clonakilty: Ger Collins 1-7, Marie Maloney 1-2; Jennifer O'Leary 1-0 and Emer O'Donovan 0-2.

Scorers for Macroom: Catriona Corkery 0-4; Rina Murphy 1-0 and Una O'Donoghue 1-0.

ST. MARY'S, MACROOM

1. ORLA ROCHE
2. JULIE DELANEY
3. SALLY ANN SHANAHAN
4. THERESE COLAHAN
5. SINEAD CORKERY
6. YVONNE CORKERY
7. ANN MARIE BUCKLEY
8. CATHERINE CORKERY
9. UNA O'DONOGHUE
10. RINA MURPHY
11. JEAN LUCEY
12. NOREEN BURNS

SUBS

13. NIAMH DUNNE
14. LINDA O'LEARY
15. SALLY ROSE SCANLON
16. HAZEL SHANAHAN

SACRED HEART, CLONAKILTY

1. GERALDINE CASEY
2. MARY SHEEHY
3. ANN MARIE FLEMING
4. ROSARII HOLLAND
5. KAREN McCARTHY
6. ADELLE FOLEY
7. ISLA DINEEN
8. EMER O'DONOVAN
9. JENNIFER O'LEARY
10. FIONA COLLINS
11. MARIE MALONEY
12. GER COLLINS (Capt)

13. EILEEN CARROLL
14. EMER McCARTHY
15. ELLA HARRINGTON
16. VICKI HENNESSY

UCD take on holders

UCD, the competition's first winners in 1915, tackle UCC, the holders, in next Saturday's semi-final of the Ashbourne Cup, camogie's oldest tournament.

Limerick University is hosting the two semi-finals, with UCC meeting Waterford IT in the other semi-final.

In the first round, the Belfield belles beat Queens most convincingly. UCD's inter-county personnel include Wexford duo, Aine Codd and Michelle O'Leary, and the Tipperary player, Maeve Corcoran, plus Dublin Junior performer Julie Bannon.

CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

The UCD captain is Ruth Treacy. Her twin, Naomi, is the vice-captain, and their other sister, Reilly, is also on the team. The Tipperary Tierneys, Jean and Helen, are also twins.

Ballyboden's Grace O'Neil, and Kilkenny's Kevin Connery are the UCD mentors, who are seeking to bring the 35th Ashbourne title back to the Dublin College.

UCD squad: Ruth Treacy, N Treacy, Reilly Treacy, C Tallon, M Corcoran, J Gaynor, C Murphy, M Seanson, A Codd, M O'Leary, E O'Leary, E Walsh, G Walsh, D Corcoran, E Connery, C Graham, A Gordon, M Cady, D O'Donoghue, S Vaughan, J Bannon, J Tierney, H Tierney, D Murray, M Maloney, A Lennon.

On the Dublin Colleges scene, Portmarnock CS won the inaugural Junior A League Shield defeating Loreto, Crumlin.

In the Junior "B" League final, Maynooth Primary School tasted glory, thanks to a winning goal from Sandra Darcy.

GOAL

A first half goal from Emma Higgins saw Maynooth lead at half-time, but St Mark's CS, Tallaght responded well in the second period, helped by an equalising goal from Hazel Gartland, but Maynooth prevailed.

Also last Saturday, St Vincent's hosted a magical night to mark last year's camogie achievements, the highlight of which was becoming Leinster champions and reaching the All-Ireland Club final.

The centre-point of the evening was the video review of their progress, brilliantly crafted by Jim Farrell, with marvellous and witty interludes from Vinny Conroy.



Announcing details of the Ashbourne Cup to be held in Limerick this week-end, left to right, Anne Murray, chairperson of the organising committee, Corena Lucy, UL, Marion Neville, Croagh, and captain of UL team, and Paula Carroll, UL team member.

Top stars for Ashbourne cup

CAMOGIE

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE cream of camogie will be in action in Limerick this week-end, for the staging of the 84th Ashbourne Cup.

The Monaleen and St. Patrick's GAA Grounds are to host the cup and plate semi-finals on Saturday, and the University has been pencilled in for both of Sunday's deciders.

The cup finalists are UCC, UCD, Water Institute of Technology and National University of Galway, while UL, QUB, Athlone I.T. and University of Ulster Jordanstown, compete for the plate.

The Ashbourne Cup has a very proud tradition in the development of camogie in Ireland.

Back in 1915, Edward Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, a TCD graduate who was prominent in

Gaelic circles, presented the trophy to encourage the Irish game in third level colleges and enhance the social life of students.

The tradition has been carried on so that today, it marks the highlight of the year in premier third level camogie.

The current holders of the trophy are UCC, who have again qualified for the finals.

University of Limerick, who are hosts, have put everything in place for what promises to be two days of exciting camogie.

The programme is: Saturday: Plate semi-finals at Monaleen GAA Grounds:

UL v Queens, 1 o'clock; AIT v UUJ, at 3.

Cup semi-finals at St. Patrick's Grounds: UCC v UCD, at 1; WIT v UCG at 3.

Sunday: At University of Limerick: Plate final at 12 and cup final at 2.

The public is invited to attend all fixtures.

Ashbourne Cup final repeat

CAMOGIE: UCC and Waterford IT will meet in a repeat of last season's Ashbourne Cup final at Limerick University this afternoon. In the semi-finals yesterday the holders Cork scored a comprehensive 2-10 to 0-3 win over UCD with Sinead O'Callaghan and Corina Harte giving them the edge with first half goals and they led 2-7 to 0-1 at the interval.

It was also an easy passage for Waterford IT who beat NUIG 4-9 to 3-1 having led 2-5 to 2-0 at the interval with the green flags having being raised by Kate Kelly and Esme Murphy. UCC shaded last year's final 1-7 to 1-6. The Ashbourne Cup being played at 15-a-side for the first time is being retired to the GAA museum after today's final and will be replaced by a new trophy. The original one is 84 years old.

Strong UCC side begin defence of Ashbourne Cup

UCC set out in defence of their Ashbourne Cup title today.

In the first of the two semi-finals UCC take on last season's Shield winners UCD and ten inter-county players make up the backbone of their team. Kilkenny's Mags Hickey returns to the side and having led UCC to success in 1996, will be set on gaining further Ashbourne honours.

Cork Senior All-Ireland medal winners Ursula Troy and newcomer to UCC this season Sinead O'Callaghan are joined by Sandra Ricken, Tina Roche, Criona Harte and Kim Hickey, all members of

the Cork Junior panel, while Tipperary senior player Therese Brophy, Clare's Claire McGrath and Tipperary's Derbhilla Quigley show just how strong a side UCC are. They are captained by Galway-born Ruth Cahalane who won a senior championship medal with Bishopstown in 1997.

Whilst their performance in the league campaign has been poor, UCC are not to be reckoned with lightly. Former UCC player Clare Murphy is now a student at UCD and is a vital addition to their side. They easily disposed of QUB in their qualifying round and are

anxious to reach the concluding stages tomorrow.

The second semi-final will see WIT, who lost out so narrowly in last year's final, take on UCC. The Galway side will include Kilkenny inter-county seniors Michelle Fennelly and Brigid Mullally, hockey international Esme Murphy from Wexford and Tipperary's Sinead Nealon and will be favoured to advance.

It looks set to be a hectic Ashbourne weekend with all sides vying to become the first winners of a 15-a-side Ashbourne Cup Competition.

Two Cork schools contest the Munster Junior A and B finals. St. Mary's, Charleville having overcome Presentation, Bandon and Sacred Heart, Clonakilty, put their title on the line against Our Lady's, Templemore. Losing out last season to eventual All-Ireland winners Kinvara at the semi-final stage, they are determined to go all the way this year. However, they face a strong Our Lady's who defeated Roscrea VS, St. Joseph's, Tulla and St. Patrick's, Shannon en route to today's contest.

St. Aidan's CC, Dublin Hill, contest the 'B' final in the first year of

this new championship. Captained by Alison Burke, the Dublin Hill girls face a strong challenge from Coláiste Mhuire, Ennis.

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CAMOGIE

ASHBOURNE CUP semi-finals at Limerick:
UCC 2-10 (S O'Callaghan 1-4, C Harte 1-1, T Brophy 0-3, U Troy 0-2); UCD 0-3 (A Codd 0-2, C Murphy 0-1). Waterford IT 4-9 (E Murphy 2-0, J O'Connell, K Kelly 1-1 each, B Mullally 0-3, A Sheehy 0-2, B Mulvihill, S Nolan 0-1 each); NUIG 3-1 (A Ryle, E Crotty 1-0 each, V Curtin 1-1).
Plate semi-finals: UL 3-5; Jordanstown 1-2. Athlone IT 2-6; Queens University 1-3.
MUNSTER COLLEGES Jr A Final: St Marys Charleville 3-7 (U Harrington 2-0, N Bowles 1-1, A White 0-4; E O'Neil 0-2). Our Lady's Templemore 1-5 (C Grogan 1-5).
Jr B Final: Coláiste Mhuire Ennis 2-8; St Aidan's Cork 0-6.

St Mary's C.M.S so close and yet so far!

St. Mary's Charleville 1-11, St. Mary's Nenagh 0-6

By James Hayden

St Mary's C.M.S bid to dethrone the reigning Munster and All-Ireland Champions, St Mary's Charleville, ended in defeat at a cold and wintry Newtownshandrum GAA grounds on Saturday.

St Mary's Nenagh settled into the game very quickly and couldn't have hoped for a better start. The girls opened the scoring one minute into the game with a well struck free from Tipperary senior player Emer McDonnell. Three minutes later Sheena Howard had another point before Aine Kelleher got Charleville's first point.

McDonnell, who was in superb shooting form pointed again from a free in the 11th minute.

SUSTAINED PRESSURE

Charleville were on the rack as the Nenagh girls came at them in waves and McDonnell again added another point. The champions had to absorb fierce pressure with the Nenagh girls attempts to score being thwarted by a strong and resilient Charleville defence. St Mary's were caught napping though on counter attacks, and this allowed Charleville to burst forward with the result of needless frees being given away. Eileen O'Brien pointed two frees and added another after a fine solo run.

In the 19th minute McDonnell tied the match at four points each only for the referee to award a rather dubious free to the Charleville which saw them lead 5-4 at the interval. There also was controversy at half-time over whether Nenagh's first point was awarded having been signalled as a point by the umpire but disallowed by the referee. The referee made the point that the score was invalid as she had a better view of the scoring angle.

DETERMINED

St. Mary's came out in the second half determined to achieve victory after a stern half time talking to, but after five minutes of the second half the Charleville girls had stretched their advantage with good scores from Eileen O'Brien and Caoimhe Harrington. These two intercounty stars playing with Limerick and Cork, respectively, were a constant thorn in Nenagh's side and as they came more and more into the game Nenagh began to look in trouble.

Emer McDonnell pointed again in the sixth minute for Nenagh but as the pressure increased the St. Mary's defence held tough. The best save of the



St. Mary's, Nenagh, defeated in Saturday's Munster Colleges senior camogie final. Front, from left: Deirdre Troy, Eimear Guilfoyle (capt), Denise Ryan, Oliver Slattery, Elmer McDonnell, Deirdre McDonnell, Anna Woods, Deirdre Coyne, Orla McDonagh, Aileen Forde, Marie McCarthy. Back: Michelle Slattery, Sinead Gaynor, Mary Rose Ryan, Amy Kissane, Sheena Howard, Siobhán McCarthy, Niamh Hogan, Eileen Ryan, Karen O'Brien, Carmel Ryan, Siobhán O'Brien, and Ger Dullea (coach). B.D.

match was pulled off by goalie Amy Kissane who made a tremendous point blank save from Eileen O'Brien.

Midway through the second half, the cracks began to appear in St. Mary's defence and matters became immaterial when Eileen O'Brien buried the sliotar in the back of the Nenagh net.

Nenagh attempted to come back with some very gutsy play, but it was to no avail as

Charleville pulled away, led by Caoimhe Harrington who added three further points to see the match finish 1-11 to 0-6 in favour of Charleville.

The Nenagh girls have no reason to be disappointed though, as they gave as good as they got on a day when St. Mary's most influential players were well marshalled by the Cork side. The side as a whole were outstanding with Amy Kissane, Emer McDonnell,

Sheena Howard, Denise Ryan and Emer Guilfoyle the most notable.

Charleville now go forward to contest the All-Ireland semi-final against the Ulster champions on March 13th in Cork.

SCORERS

Nenagh: Emer McDonnell 0-4 (two from frees, one from a 30); Sheena Howard 0-2.

Charleville: Eileen O'Brien 1-6 (3 from frees); Caoimhe

Harrington 0-4 (three from frees); Aine Kelleher 0-1.

St. Mary's C.M.S Nenagh:

Amy Kissane (Burgess), Emer Guilfoyle (Moneygall, capt), Olive Slattery (Burgess), Sheena Howard (Burgess), Mary Rose Ryan (Toomevara), Niamh Hogan (Burgess), Deirdre McDonnell (Burgess), Anna Woods (Toomevara), Denise Ryan (Silvermines), Emer McDonnell (Burgess), Siobhán McCarthy (Silvermines), Sinead Gaynor (Kilruane). Subs: Aileen Forde (Silvermines) for Sinead Gaynor (Kilruane).

St. Mary's Charleville:

Aoife Sheehan, Noelle Riordan, Kathryn Lealey, Caroline Giltinan, Caragh Manton, Sarah Reidy, Caoimhe Harrington (capt), Niamh Bowles, Jordana Dolan, Eileen O'Brien, Lisa Moloney, Aine Kelleher. Subs: Alyson White for J Dolan and Siobhán Lenihan for L Moloney for Charleville.



St. Mary's Sheena Howard attempts to clear her lines despite the attention of Charleville's forward line.

Classy Waterford teach College a lesson

Waterford IT
UCC

1-6
0-4

THE 84 year-old Ashbourne Cup has a new name on it today - that of Waterford ITC - who created a mild sensation with a victory over 26 times champions UCC in a tension-packed final at the University of Limerick yesterday.

It was sweet revenge for the Waterford girls who lost by a single point by the same opponents in last season's decider. They also made another piece of history in that they are the first non-university team to claim the Ashbourne Cup which this season was played at 15-a-side.

When Waterford look back on this game

they will thank Wexford born Mary Walsh for what was the most vital contribution with a smash-and-grab goal after 39 minutes at a stage when UCC were threatening to overtake them.

Aided by the strong breeze in the first half, Waterford ended with five points to their credit, all from frees.

UCC, finding it difficult to cope with the elements, had just one score in that half, from Corina Harte after 11 minutes.

When Sinead O'Callaghan ended an exciting run with a well taken point to leave UCC just three in arrears early into the second half, the omens were not good for Waterford. However, Bridget Mullaly steadied their nerves almost immediately

with a fine run down the middle which ended with the ball going between the up-rights to leave it 0-6 to 0-2.

UCC, realising they were in trouble, drew on all their experience with Ruth Cahalane and Megs Hickey delivering some great balls into the Waterford area but they were short in striking power and as the game progressed it was obvious that they had not done their homework.

When Waterford needed breathing space it was provided by Walsh, now operating on the left flank. It was Bridget Mullaly who initiated the move, carried on by Kate Kelly and when goalkeeper Sandra Richen could only parry Kelly's shot, Walsh got her hurley in to poke the ball over the line.

Corina Harte lifted UCC's spirits briefly with points in the 44th and 46th minute, the latter from a free but the gap was too great for those scores to be of any real significance.

Scorers: Waterford ITC: B. Mullaly 0-5, (0-4 frees) S. Nealon 0-1, (free). M. Walsh 1-0.

U.C.C. C. Harte 0-3, (0-2 frees) S. O'Callaghan 0-1. WIT: M. Fennelly, K. Long, A. Byrne, M. Butler, C. Scallan, B. Nealon, U. Walton, T. Bergin, U. O'Rourke, A. Sheehy, B. Mullaly, J. O'Connor, K. Kelly, M. Walsh, E. Murphy. Subs: M. Butler for Sheehy, A. Cleary for Kelly. UCC: S. Richen, D. O'Quigley, M. Harrington, S. Loughane, R. Cahalane, M. Hickey, L. Kelleher, T. Brophy, D. Coughlan, U. Troy, S. O'Callaghan, T. Roche, F. Connery, C. Harte, C. McGrath. Subs: M. Twomey for Coughlan. Referee: P. McCarthy, Limerick.

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Carrigaline's Emer Dillon, hoping to star with Ireland's Under 16 hockey team in Belgium and Scotland later this year

Camogie star named on Irish hockey team

CARRIGALINE

THIS talented Carrigaline girl's sporting talents will bring her to Belgium and Scotland this Spring.

Emer Dillon has been selected to play on the under 16 Irish hockey team.

Emer is a third year student at Christ King Girls Secondary School on the South Douglas Road.

She also plays hockey for Harlequins and camogie with Ballygarvan. Emer was part of the Cork under 16

camogie team which won the 1998 All-Ireland, defeating Derry in the final.

She trains three times a week and travels to Dublin every second weekend for rigorous training sessions.

As well as playing sports she is studying for her Junior Cert. exams in June.



Chairman of the North Cork GAA Board Mick Lyons presents a set of hurleys to Loreto Convent School Principal Sister Angela Powell at the Fermoy Pitch and Putt Club.

All change no change

CAMOGIE is set for big changes this year — but don't expect many when it comes to the destinations of the big prizes.

Teams will increase in size to 15 players each, while matches will be played on full-sized GAA pitches.

Yet it seems unlikely any sides other than Cork and Galway will scoop the top competitions.

And already Cork are clear favourites to scoop a third All-Ireland and National League Double in as many years.

Selector Angela Sheehan said: "That would be special because such a feat hasn't been achieved for quite some time."

"We'll give it a go, but it is not going to be easy. You can bet our big rivals Galway will be in the hunt again, while I fancy Tipperary could be the surprise package. They impressed me last year and will be boosted by reaching the All-Ireland junior final."

She added: "I am not sure the changes which are coming in will do much to improve camogie."

"The bigger teams will not make much difference to counties with large squads, but it could work against those who have been just about able to field a side of 12."

"The bigger pitches shouldn't prove much of a problem with those extra players to take up the space."



Jordana Dolan, Denise O'Connor, Susan Dolan and Jack McNamara who received presentations in appreciation for their dedication to Ballyagran Camogie Club during the year, pictured with club officers at back.

MUNSTER POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

JUNIOR A

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

ST. MARY'S V OUR LADY'S CHARLEVILLE TEMPLEMORE

13TH FEBRUARY, 1999 AT COOLMORE @ 1.30

THE WINNERS WILL MEET THE ULSTER CHAMPIONS

IN THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL ON 6TH MARCH

OUR LADY'S, TEMPLEMORE

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Maroon and White

Navy and Blue

1. Catherine Scanlon
2. Mairead Byrne
3. Helena Costigan
4. Bridin Jones
5. Patricia Ryan
6. Ann Murray
7. Caroline Greed
8. Siobhan Brennan
9. Jean Timmons
10. Claire Grogan (Capt)
11. Catherine Greed
12. Noelle Bergin

Subs:

13. Sarah Higgins
14. Catherine Greed
15. Ann Marie Higgins
16. Barbara Larkin
17. Maria Costigan
18. Sinead Scully
19. Orla McDonnell
20. Geraldine Byrne

1. Aoife Sheehan
2. Laura O'Brien
3. Aoife Dillon
4. Aine Kelleher
5. Christina O'Gorman
6. Deirdre Hayes
7. Niamh Bowles
8. Edwina Boyce
9. Alison White
10. Eimear O'Friel
11. Patricia O'Callaghan
12. Una Harrington

13. Elizabeth Lenihan
14. Maria Watson
15. Amy McCarthy
16. Sheila O'Regan
17. Sinead Herlihy
18. Niamh Curtin
19. Una Geary
20. Aisling O'Brien
21. Catriona Noonan
22. Lorraine Myers

Mentors

Ms Teresa Brennan
Ms Siobhan O'Sullivan

Ms Anna-Marie O'Keeffe
Mr Vincent Harrington

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Our Lady's Bid for Munster Camogie Honours

In Clonmore on Saturday next at 1.30 p.m. Our Lady's junior team will bid to make history by winning the Munster Junior A Colleges camogie title for the first time.

Since camogie was introduced into the school eight years ago tremendous progress has been made but a Munster Colleges A title at junior or senior level has eluded them. No doubt the team that will take the field on Saturday will do their utmost to redress this situation. Standing in their way will be a strong St. Mary's, Charleville team whose success at Munster and All-Ireland level at junior and senior for the past five years has been phenomenal.

Over the past seven years Our Lady's have won the Munster Junior B titles and have unsuccessfully competed in a Munster Junior A final as well as two sen-

ior finals.

The 1998/99 Munster junior championship saw twelve schools graded A and divided into two groups of six, with the top team in each group contesting the final. Templemore were grouped with Tipperary, Limerick and Clare teams. Templemore's first game resulted in an easy victory over Roscrea and in their next encounter they easily disposed of Tulla. In the semi-finals they had some anxious moments early on but finished much stronger for a comfortable victory over St. Patrick's, Shannon. And so the stage was set for Saturday's clash with Charleville.

In preparation for this big showdown the team has prepared well and no stone has been left unturned in an attempt to bring that elusive title to the school for the first time.

We appeal for a huge school support as well as from the surrounding parishes.

The team for Saturday's game will be selected from the following-

Noelle Bergin (Clonmore), Caroline Greed, Catherine Greed, Mairead Byrne, Sara Higgins, Ann Murray, Helena Costigan, Eimear Fitzgerald, Marie Costigan, Geraldine Byrne (Clonakenny), Jean Timmons, Sinead Scully, Orlaith McDonnell, Bridin Jones, Claire Grogan (Templemore), Barbara Larkin, Siobhan Brennan, Sara Ryan, Patricia Ryan (Loughmore-Castleiney), Catherine Scanlan, Josephine Ryan, Patricia McGrath (Drom-Inch), Catherine Shanahan, Ann Marie Lawlor, Amanda O'Meara, Lorraine Higgins (Roscrea).

CAMOGIE

ASHBOURNE Cup Final: Waterford Institute of Technology 1-6, University College Cork 0-4.
Ashbourne Plate Final: University of Limerick 3-7, Ashlons Institute of Technology 1-2.
Munster Colleges Junior A Final: St. Mary's, Charleville 3-7, Our Lady's, Templemore 1-5.
Munster Colleges B Final: Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis 2-8, St. Aidan's Community College 0-0.
Cork Colleges Junior B Final: Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane 1-6, Loretto, Youghal 0-3.

Munster Junior Camogie Final: St. Mary's, Charleville 3-7, Our Lady's, Templemore 1-5.
THE Charleville girls fully deserved a success which was marked by many fine individual performances. Two goal Una Harrington, Alison White, Laura O'Brien, Aine Kelleher and Niamh Bowles were the stars of the win.
The Templemore girls contributed much to a fine game with Kathleen Scanlon, Helen Costigan, Bridin Jones and Claire Grogan their leading players.
St. Mary's scorers: U. Harrington

(2-0), N. Bowles (1-1), A. White (0-4), E. O'Friel (0-20).
Our Lady's scorers: C. Grogan (1-5), St. Mary's: A. Sheehan, L. O'Brien, A. Dillon, A. Kelleher, C. O'Gorman, B. Hayes, N. Bowles, E. Boyce, A. White, E. O'Friel, P. O'Callaghan, U. Harrington, Sub: M. Watson for O'Callaghan.
Our Lady's: K. Scanlon, H. Costigan, M. Byrne, A. Murray, O. McDonnell, S. Brennan, B. Jones, J. Ryan, C. Greed, C. Grogan, J. Timmons, N. Bergin, Sub: P. Ryan for Byrne, S. Scully for Brennan, S. Ryan for Greed.
CORK: Under 18 Championship: Valley Rovers 2-6, Ballyhassig 2-5; Barryroe 2-6, Brian Dillon's 2-2; Kilbrittain 2-5, Glen Rovers 0-7 (a.e.t.).

Double camogie joy for Charleville school

ST MARY'S 3-7
OUR LADY'S 1-5
HAVING won the Munster senior camogie schools title the previous week, St Mary's Charleville made it a double on Saturday when their junior side also took the title. The game against Our Lady's Templemore was played in cold conditions at Clonmore, North Tipperary.

The Charleville girls took their chances better over the hour and had a deserved win. Templemore tried very hard but they lacked power up front with Claire Grogan their best forward getting all her sides 1-5. Two goals by Una Harrington in the opening half gave the Charleville side a 2-1 to 0-1 interval lead.

Templemore again looked impressive on the restart but their inability to penetrate the St Mary's defence cost them dearly. St Mary's survived many attacks up front and had a goal by Niamh Bowles eight minutes into the second half. Two points by Emer O'Friel had the North Cork side three goals clear mid way through this half 3-3 to 0-3.

Claire Grogan soloed through from midfield to score a marvellous goal eight minutes from time. St Mary's captain Alison White struck three points from play from very difficult angles within a five minute period to help her side to a deserved win by an eight point margin. St Mary's will now meet Ulster champions Maghera (Derry) in the All-Ireland semi-final on Saturday, March 6.

After the game Gerard Dullea presented the cup to Alison White. Charleville are now Munster champions in this grade for the third time in a row.

Scorers: St Mary's — Una Harrington (2-0), Alison White (0-4), Niamh Bowles (1-1), Emer O'Friel (0-2).

Our Lady's — Claire Grogan (1-5).

Teams: St Mary's — Aoife Sheehan, Laura O'Brien, Aoife Dillon, Aine Kelleher, Christina O'Gorman, Deirdre Hayes, Niamh Bowles, Elaine Boyce, Alison White, Emer O'Friel, Patricia O'Callaghan, Una Harrington.

Sub: Marie Watson for Patricia O'Callaghan.

Our Lady's — Catherine Scanlon, Helena Costigan, Mairead Byrne, Ann Murray, Orla McDonnell, Siobhan Brennan, Bridie Jones, Josie Ryan, Catherine Greed, Claire Grogan, Jean Timmons, Noelle Bergin.

Referee: Betty Joyce (Killeagh).

Our Lady's Munster title bid fails

St Mary's, Charleville 3-7

Our Lady's, Templemore 1-5

OUR Lady's, Templemore's bid to annex the elusive Munster junior 'A' title failed at Clonmore on Saturday, but it was not before the Tipperary girls turned in a very gutsy display in a bid to foil the very fancied St. Mary's, Charleville side.

The odds were stacked against Our Lady's going into the game. Charleville have dominated colleges camogie for the past number of years and had several players who have tasted success at the highest level. In addition, a change in the age-limit this year worked to the Cork girl's advantage.

Home venue was a plus for Our Lady's and they settled in the better with two Claire Grogan points giving them an early lead. However, St. Mary's soon found their feet and they had two goals from Una Harrington in the space of a few minutes at the end of the first quarter to put them into control.

Our Lady's were not flinching, but the Cork girls confidence was now high and they went in at the interval leading 2-2 to 0-3, Claire Grogan getting the other Templemore point.

Our Lady's had a hill to climb but they came out in determined fashion in the second half. Two Claire Grogan points indicated their resolve but then they were hit by a third goal for St. Mary's as Niamh Bowles pounced in the eighth minute.

This was decisive, but it did not stop the Templemore girls who fought to the finish. They had a Claire Grogan goal ten minutes from time, but again a very fine Cork side, there was no way back for them, and they had to settle for second best.

The Templemore girls deserve rich praise for their efforts. Though eight points adrift at the finish, they deserved better, but the Charleville girls carried the greater strength in attack and always had the Templemore defence at full stretch.

Kathleen Scanlon, Bridin Jones, Helen Costigan and Claire Grogan did most to turn the tide in Templemore's favour, but all round the girls played their hearts out and fault could not be found with anyone's commitment.

Charleville deserved their win and in Una Harrington, Alison White, Laura O'Brien, Aine Kelleher and Niamh Bowles, they had match-winners.

St. Mary's scorers: U. Harrington 2-0; N. Bowles 1-1; A. White 0-4; E. O'Friel 0-2.

Our Lady's scorers: C. Grogan 1-5.

Our Lady's: K. Scanlon; L. H. Costigan; M. Byrne, A. Murray, O. McDonnell; S. Brennan, B. Jones, J. Ryan; C. Greed, C. Grogan, J. Timmons; N. Bergin.

Subs: P. Ryan for Byrne; S. Scully for Brennan; S. Ryan for Greed.

Camogie: St Patrick's Maghera 1-7 St Mary's Magherafelt 1-3

Drama as Maghera win

ST PATRICK'S Maghera retained the Ulster Schools senior camogie title in a dramatic decider in Draperstown yesterday.

A large crowd enjoyed a tense affair with the dismissal of St Mary's Magherafelt's goalkeeper Aine O'Kane at the three-quarter mark finally closing the door on her side's challenge.

Substitute Catherine McAuley scrambled a goal

seven minutes later but Maghera was in control and grabbed the insurance points to claim the cup for the sixth time.

Paula McAtamney was the star for the winners. The Swatragh teenager scored all of her side's 1-7 and was the player hauled down, leading to the sending off.

She opened the scoring in the fourth minute — the only point from play in the first half, Eimear Totten shooting

all Magherafelt's three points from frees.

Paula pointed a free early in the second half for Maghera's lead and added a goal in the 40th minute.

With St Mary's losing shape after the sending off she pointed three times to clinch the tie.

Magherafelt fought from start to finish and perhaps had the more fluent forward unit although both defences were in uncompromising

mood.
St Patrick's: C McCorry, B O'Loughlin, C Ward, A Grogan, A McGuckin, C McCullough, P McKenna (captain), F Hasson, K Kidd, M O'Kane, P McAtamney (1-7), O McNicholl.
Subs: A McVeigh for O McNicholl (45).

St Mary's: A O'Kane, E Conway, M Kearney, M McAuley (captain), B Madden, M Gormley, E Totten (0-3), U Walls, C Gormley, R Cassidy.

Subs: G Downey for B Madden (12), M McGuckin for R Cassidy (22), C McAuley (1-0) for P Bateson (50).
Referee: C McAlistair (Antrim).

MUNSTER POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

JUNIOR B

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Red and White

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2. RUTH O'GORMAN
3. JANE SCANLON
4. MAIREAD KEANE
5. AOIFE RYAN
6. MARIE LYNCH
7. MARTHA COURTNEY
8. DENISE LYNCH
9. MARIE O'HALLORAN
10. MARIE WHELAN
11. SHARON O'LOUGHLIN
12. AISLINN KELLEHER

Subs

13. DERVLA RICE
14. JEAN McCABE
15. DEIRDRE HEGARTY
16. LAURA CONHEADY
17. NIAMH KEOGH
18. KAREN MOORE
19. DAWN CAHILL
20. ANTOINETTE CAREY
21. LINDA MOLONEY
22. EIMEAR MOLONEY
23. JOAN McCARTHY
24. EMMA MAHER
25. SINEAD GAVIN
26. EAMMA COLLERAN
27. CAROLINE LEE

MENTORS

**MR LEO QUINLAN
MR AIDAN LAWTON**

ST. AIDAN'S

Green and Gold

1. JENNIFER McCARTHY
2. JENNIFER FORDE
3. SARAH O'KEEFFE
4. ALISON BURKE (CAPT)
5. GILLIAN O'LEARY
6. LYNN COONEY
7. AMY CUTHBERT
8. CORNELIA SHORTT
9. SUSAN COLLINS
10. CLAIRE FITZGERALD
11. DONNA DUANE
12. LAURA DAVIS

13. GILLIAN PEELO
14. LYNDSEY FINNEGAN
15. MARGARET DALY
16. TRACY CUMMINS
17. SHIRLEY GOULDING
18. ROSE MILTON

MENTORS

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To mark their twenty-fifth anniversary, the Parents Council at Colaiste Mhuire presented a set of jerseys to the school's junior camogie team. Our picture shows Council Chairman, Liam McKee, getting a lesson on camogie skills from team captain, Sharon O'Loughlin, who will lead the team in Saturday's Munster Junior Final at Sixmilebridge.

CAMOGIE

Colaiste Mhuire chasing Munster camogie glory

UNDEFEATED in competitive action this season, the junior camogie side representing Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis will start this Saturday's Munster final as favourites.

Their opponents will be St. Aidan's Community College from Cork and the match will take place in Sixmilebridge at 2.30 p.m.

The Clare school's progress in this year's competition has been nothing short of spectacular.

Twenty teams from all over Munster entered this prestigious competition and on their way to the final the Colaiste girls have amassed a total of twenty two goals and thirty three points (22-33)

while conceding just 2-8.

The panel is made up of second and third year students and the team is backboned by players from the Clarecastle club, ten of whom were successful with the Magpies in the Minor B competition last year.

The team is managed by Leo Quinlan, the former sixmilebridge and Clare player, and Aidan Lawton, a native of Cork.

The side's top scorers to date have been Sharon

O'Loughlin, Marie O'Halloran, Denise Lynch and Aislinn Kelleher.

Little is known about their Cork opponents but if the Clare girls continue with the form they have shown to date, it will be a big surprise if they do not bring home the title.

The members of the Colaiste Mhuire panel are: Paula McCarthy, Ruth O'Gorman, Jane Scanlan, Marie Lynch, Sharon O'Loughlin, Jean McCabe, Niamh Keogh, Dawn Cahill, Antoinette Carey, Sinead Gavin (Clarecastle), Mairead Keane, Marie O'Halloran, Deirdre Hegarty, Linda Moloney, Emer Moloney (Kilnamona), Aoife Ryan (Newmarket), Martha Courtney, Dervla Rice (Ruan), Denise Lynch, Joan McCarthy (Kilmaley), Marie Whelan, Karen Moore (Eire Og), Aislinn Kelleher (Corofin), Laura Conheady, Emma Maher, Emma Collieran, Caroline Lee (Clooney).

Fifteen year wait ends for Colaiste Mhuire

Colaiste Mhuire 2-9 St. Aidans, Cork 0-0

Colaiste Mhuire bridged a fifteen year gap at O'Garney Park in Sixmilebridge on Saturday last when they captured the Munster colleges junior camogie championship. In beating Cork city side, St. Aidans, they brought home a title they last held in 1984.

As the scoreline suggests, the Ennis school fully merited their win but it wasn't until the second half that they asserted their superiority.

Having played with the aid of the breeze in the first half, they held a five point lead at half time. They had dominated the first half but failed to translate that superiority into scores. Indeed there were some anxious faces amongst their supporters at this time as they could well have been much further ahead.

Kilmaley's Denise Lynch, the outstanding player on the

day, accounted for three points in that opening half when Marie Whelan (Eire Og) and team captain Sharon O'Loughlin (Clarecastle) also scored.

Early in the second half Marie Whelan got the first of two goals and after this the St. Aidans' challenge crumbled. From here on it was all one way traffic as the well prepared Colaiste outfit played some fine camogie.

The result was never in doubt and supporters of the Ennis school were able to celebrate long before the final whistle sounded. As mentioned Denise Lynch was outstanding at midfield while Aoife Ryan, Marie O'Halloran and Marie Whelan were others to stand out in what was essentially a great team effort.

As a result of this win, the Clare side will now contest the All-Ireland final against the Ulster champions. This game is set for Saturday March 6 and Colaiste Mhuire

must travel North for the fixture.

After last Saturday's final, Mary Moran from the Munster colleges council presented the trophy to the winning captain, Sharon O'Loughlin.

The team was trained by Leo Quinlan and Aidan Lawton and earlier this week they paid a special tribute to Sixmilebridge club officials Mickey Quinn, Mary Ann McInerney and Mairead Twomey for having O'Garney Park in fine condition for the game.

Scorers: Marie Whelan (2-1) Sharon O'Loughlin (0-3) Denise Lynch (0-3) Marie O'Halloran (0-2).

COLAISTE MUIRE:

Paula O'Grady (Clarecastle); Ruth O'Connor (do); Aoife Ryan (Newmarket) Mairead Keane (Kilnamona) Jane Scanlan (Clarecastle); Marie Lynch (Clarecastle) Denise Lynch (Kilmaley) Marie O'Halloran (Kilnamona); Aisling Kelleher (Corofin) Sharon O'Loughlin (Clarecastle) Capt. Marie Whelan (Eire Og); Dervla Rice (Ruan); Subs: Niamh Keogh (Clarecastle) for Rice (injured); Jean McCabe (Clarecastle) for Ryan (inj) Martha Courtney (Ruan) for M. Lynch (inj).

Portumna girls capture Connacht camogie title in first final appearance

Portumna Community School.....1-5
H.R.C. Mountbellew.....0-6
Portumna Community School won their first ever Connacht "A" Senior Camogie Final in their first final appearance on Friday last in Duggan Park, Ballinasloe.

Playing with a strong breeze in the first half, Portumna opened their account with a Lourda Kavanagh point. H.R.C. replied with a great point from Orla Kilkenny and went ahead midway through the half with a pointed free from Mairéad Meehan.

Both teams had good chances which were scraped clear by the defences before Dorrine Moran scored an excellent point for Portumna. Another goal bound shot from Mairéad Meehan was well saved by Portumna keeper, Karen Power and the resultant scramble resulted in a free

which was pointed by H.R.C. sharpshooter, Mairéad Meehan. The Mountbellew girls had the majority of play at this stage with Shauna Ward particularly prominent. Portumna were fortunate to end the half on level terms when Lourda Kavanagh pointed a free.

The second half was an equally close affair with Kavanagh again putting Portumna ahead from a placed ball. Following a period of sustained pressure from H.R.C., Mairéad Meehan put her side ahead with two well pointed frees just after ten minutes.

The introduction of Mary Burke midway through the second half was to have an immediate impact on the game when she pulled on a dropping ball to net the decisive goal and put her side into a two point lead.

A further Meehan point for

H.R.C. reduced the deficit to the absolute minimum.

The remaining minutes were played in as tense and exciting an atmosphere that one is ever like to witness with the Mountbellew girls scraping the post with a blistering shot in injury time that could have changed the result of the game.

It was at this stage that county player, Ailbhe Kelly really came to prominence for Portumna, turning up as often in attack as defence. The final score of the game came four minutes into injury time with a free from Claire Conroy.

The final whistle came shortly afterwards to the delight of the vociferous Portumna followers who celebrated their school's first title with great excitement.

Portumna now face the challenge of the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland semi final due to be played on March 13.

Portumna: Karen Power, Colette Duffy, Philippa Coleman, Ailbhe Kelly, Niamh Hanney, Edel Pierce, Claire Conroy (0-1), Dorrine Moran (0-1), Lorraine Donnelly, Lourda Kavanagh (0-3), Wendy Donnellan, Maria Burke.

Subs: Mary Burke (1-0), for Dorrine Moran, Patricia Burke for Wendy Donnellan, Sarah Moran, Teresa Roche, Eleanor Roche, Helena Hayes, Nicola Donnelly, Margaret Headd, Melanie Hogan.

H.R.C. Mountbellew: Mary Murray, Inagh Barrett, Brenda Dempsey, Eleanor Gavin, Colette Deeley, Naomi Donoghue, Shauna Ward, Patricia Burke, Catherine Gardiner, Mairéad Meehan, Alma Geraghty, Orla Kilkenny.

Subs: Sile Barrett, Marie Keeley, Lorraine Naughton, Jane Murphy, Anne-Marie Murray, Carol Glynn, Catherine Nee.

Seamount girls tops in camogie decider

SEAMOUNT College, Kinvara retained the Junior A Connacht Colleges camogie title by defeating a Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew on a score of 2-9 to 1-2.

This was a great game of camogie, played in ideal conditions at Turloughmore pitch on Thursday last. Seamount, playing with the wind in the first half, opened their account with a well-taken goal by wing forward Linda Gill. This was followed by a point by Holy Rosary's Sile Barrett.

Kinvara's backs were under great pressure from the Holy Rosary's attack but they kept them at bay. Kinvara then attacked and full forward Orla Curtin scored a great point on the run. This was followed by another point from Pamela Huban and Orla Curtin added another from a free.

With five minutes left in the first half Orla Curtin broke through the Holy Rosary's defence and she blasted the ball just over the crossbar for a great point. The half-time score was Seamount College, Kinvara 1-4 Holy Rosary 0-1.

The second half saw Holy Rosary coming well into the game with the assistance of the wind. Orla Kilkenny pointed a 30 metre free and

they tried to break down Seamount's defence.

Roisin O'Connor at centreback had an outstanding game and she was well assisted by Sharon Kavanagh in goal, Linda Flaherty and Colette O'Connor. Michelle Quinn on the other wing had a great game and she drove the ball time and again into the Holy Rosary's half.

Kinvara replied with four great points from Pamela Huban and a fantastic goal from Orla Curtin. In injury time Orla Kilkenny replied with a good goal for Holy Rosary.

Player of the match for Kinvara Clodagh MacMahon has an outstanding game and she kept great tabs on county minor star Orla Kilkenny. She was well assisted by Claire Linnane. Up front Pamela Huban and Orla Curtin were always a threat to Holy Rosary's defence and Linda Gill and Lisa Bourke gave of their best.

Schools' Camogie Finals

Celebrations get underway for the Saints

WHEN Lisa McCrickard stroked over a last minute 40 yard free for St Malachy's first provincial camogie title at the expense of St Joseph's Crossmaglen (2-6 to 2-5), it added extra significance to the occasion for herself and five of her team-mates.

Half the Castlewellan team belong to the Liatroim Fontenoy's club, which donated the Cup for this new Junior B championship and all six contributed handsomely to the victory, although the contribution from captain Anne Marie Keating was also of major significance.

However, when Crossmaglen review the video of the game, they will wonder how they lost it. Kerrie Irwin shot them into an early lead against the wind and they dominated most of the opening half, only for St Malachy's to snatch 2-2 in the last five minutes to lead by 2-4 to 1-1 at half-time.

A goal from Marie Larkin and a point from captain Clodagh Coy put St Joseph's back into the game within five minutes of the restart, but they were pinned back for the next 10 minutes and looked dead and gone when Coy was sent off with 10 minutes left.

However, St Malachy's failed to tag on the Insurance points and two pressure frees from Bernadette Murray sent the game into extra time. It proved low-scoring despite Murray's point in the first minute and Lisa McCrickard turned the game with two late points.

St Malachy's: Caroline Armstrong, Lauren McAtamney, Maria Cunningham, Anne Marie Keating (capt), Emma McKinney, Eimear O'Higgins (0-2), Lisa McCrickard (0-4), Oonagh Malone, Siobhan McGeehan, Paula Sutherland (1-0), Celine McClean, Catrina Cunningham (1-0). **Subs:** Kyra Anne McClelland for C McClean, Anne Marie McCormack for E McKinney.

St Joseph's: Clare McKinley, Colleen Carragher (capt), Fionnuala McEntee, Majella Murray, Elizabeth McNulty, Clodagh Coy (0-1)(capt), Marie Larkin (1-0), Siobhan McKeehan, Lorraine Dolan, Bernadette Murray (0-4), Kerrie Irwin (1-0), Sinead Burns. **Subs:** T Woods for E McNulty, Anne Marie McCoy for S Burns.

THE girls from St Patrick's Maghera should be in seventh heaven at the moment after their 3-3 to 0-3 triumph over St Patrick's Keady.

Seven days after their seniors won their seventh Ulster title, the juniors collected Corn Eimhear for the seventh time. But they were far from impressive in Saturday's physically tough final with their Keady namesakes. The Armagh girls battled hard throughout, although they never looked likely to gain enough scores to win.

Goalie Josie McKernan had an excellent game, with good support from Janice Sheridan, Laura Lavery and Brona Toal. But Mghera were strong throughout the team, Adele Scullion, Claire McManus, Oonagh Mullan and the speedy Paula McCloy their most impressive.

In a low-scoring first half Jane Kelly's goal for Maghera divided pointed frees by Laura Lavery and Claire Kinsella for the Armagh girls but, with wind advantage aiding Maghera in the second half, everything looked a formality.

It didn't turn out that way although Paula McCloy did stroke over three lovely points before full-forward Brid McNicholl showed striker's instinct to finish with two goals.

St Patrick's Maghera: Ciara Boyle, Denise McGuigan, Adele Scullion, Claire McManus, Therese Dillon, Ceara Cushnahan, Oonagh Mullan, Dervla McMaster, Nuala O'Hagan (capt), Paula McCloy (0-3), Jane Kelly (1-0), Brid McNicholl (2-0).

St Patrick's Keady: Josie McKernan, Janice Sheridan, Brenda McQuade, Sara Murray, Colette Brogan, Patricia McCabe (capt), Sarah Makem, Brona Toal, Claire Kinsella (0-1), Laura Lavery (0-2), Claire McArdle, Brid O'Farrell.

Referee: Grace Darcy (Tyrone).

Trinity's 'Purcell' hopes

THIS weekend sees DCU host the Purcell Cup, first played for in 1977, and named after Agnes Purcell, wife of the legendary Padraig Purcell of the Irish Press.

All the action will take place at the Na Fianna ground, and the holders, Trinity, under the management of Dublin's Cathy Walsh, hold high expectations.

CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

Trinity, who possess a high degree of fitness, helped by 7am training sessions, include several players from last year's squad, and they also contain inter-county personnel, Anita Kearns (Galway), Trish Doyle (Cork) and Siobhan Maxwell (Tipperary).

They will meet Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, in the semi-final, with Limerick IT facing Carlow IT in the other semi-final.

Trinity: M. Peelo, AM. Poye, L. Ni Neachtain, A. Kearns, T. Ryan, S. Maxwell, C. Leahy, T. Doyle, C. Ni Shliagh, M. Stapleton, H. Jones, A. O'Keefe, E. Eys, P. Byrne, S. McCarthy, AM. McCarthy, S. Dowling, I. O'Keefe, C. Forbes.

The hosts, DCU, and St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, take part in the Purcell Shield, which is played on a round-robin basis.

SATURDAY

Purcell Cup semi-finals: (12.30): MICL v TCD. (2.0): Limerick IT v Carlow IT.

Purcell Shield: Group A: St. Mary's, Belfast, NUI, Maynooth, UU Coleraine. Group B: Tralee IT, St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, DCU.

SUNDAY

(12.0): Purcell Shield Final. (2.0): Purcell Cup Final.

● In last weekend's Ashbourne Cup in Limerick, UCD fell to UCC, the holders, in the semi-final, with the Cork girls unable to stop Waterford IT from winning their first-ever Ashbourne title.

● In the Shield final, University of Limerick beat Athlone IT, with help from two Dubs, Naomh Mearnog's, Paula Carroll and Ballyboden St. Enda's Fiona Ni Chiorcain.

● After leading all the way, Loreto, Crumlin tasted heartbreak as Ballyhale Vocational School, Kilkenny, pipped them in the semi-final of the Leinster Senior Colleges semi-final in Crumlin.

Two goals in the last three minutes saw the Kilkenny side advance, with the Crumlin scores coming from Louise Cahill (1-2) and Edel Reid (0-2), while Loreto goalkeeper, Theresa McCarthy, excelled.

Bord na Gaeilge

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

THIS WEEK WE GLANCE BACK AT CAMOGIE IN 1979

Antrim bridged a twelve year gap when they secured their 4th and last All-Ireland senior Camogie Championship title. They defeated Tipperary 2-3 to 1-3.

Antrim team: Carol Blayney, Mairead Donnelly, Mary McMullan, Jo McClements, Jackie McAtamney, Maread Magill (Capt), Rita Moran, Philomena Gillespie, Maread Quinn, Anne McAllister, Kathleen McCaughey.

Subs: Sue Dillon, Kathleen Kelly, Eithne McLroy and Maeve O'Hagan.

Captain Maread Magill received the B & I Award, Carol Blayney the Gaelic All Star Award and Maeve O'Hagan captained the North of Ireland Basketball team.

Referee: Shiela McNamee, Dublin

The All-Ireland Junior Championship was won by Galway. This was their second title and they defeated Cork 4-3 to 3-2.

Galway team: Valerie O'Neill, Ann Poniard, Brenda King, Chris Silke, Brid Holland, Olive Coady, Bridie Cuniffe, Mary Kelly, Una Jordan, Bernie Linnane, Mary Mullins, Marion Freeney (capt).

Subs: Mary Blighe, Paula Carr, Brenda Morgan and Ann Grealish.

Chris Silke, Sister of Sean, All-Ireland senior hurling medallist with Galway.

Referee: Carrie Clancey, Limerick

Cork won their fourth All-Ireland minor championship title and the second of three in a row. They defeated Cavan 5-3 to 3-0.

Cork team: Claire McCarthy, Frances Deasy, Patsy Keniry, Joan O'Riordan, Mary Owens, Joan Hyde, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Paula Goggins, Lilian Zinkant, Anne Currid, Geraldine McCarthy (Capt), Claire Higgins.

Subs: Ann Marie Landers, Mary Delea, Sinead O'Donovan and Claire McCarthy.

Sandie Fitzgibbon won the second of her three All-Ireland minor medals in a row.

Mary Owens later married Cork All Star Hurler Tony O'Sullivan.

Referee: Jane Beatty, Galway

Buffers Alley, Wexford won their first All-Ireland Club Championship title. They overcame Athenry, Galway and Connacht champions 2-6 to 1-2.

Buffers Alley Team: Kathleen Tonks (Capt), Margaret Lacey, Geraldine Duggan, Deirdre Cousins, Martina Cousins, Fiona Cousins, Maggie Hearne, Elsie Coady, Caroline O'Leary, Dorothy Walsh, Teresa Hobbs, Bridie Doran.

Margaret Lacey (nee O'Leary) had already won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin in 1967.

In Gael Linn Inter-Provincial series Leinster won the senior cup for the 14th time. Munster were their opponents. The score: Leinster 1-5 Munster 0-4.

Leinster Team: Teresa O'Neill (Kilkenny), Anne O'Brien (Dublin), Ann Downey (Kilkenny), Bridie Martin (Kilkenny), Deirdre Cousins (Wexford), Anna McManus (Dublin), Margaret Farrell (Kilkenny), Barbara Redmond (Dublin), Orla Ni Siochain (Dublin), Angela Downey (Kilkenny), Dorothy Walsh (Wexford), Helena McCormack (Kilkenny).

Junior Gael Linn was in its 5th year and Ulster won its first, scoring a one point victory over the holders Munster 0-4 to 1-0.

Ulster team: Teresa McDonnell (Monaghan), Margaret O'Prey (Down), Margaret Moriarity (Armagh), Bernie O'Callaghan (Cavan), J. O'Loughlin (Tyrone), Ursula Jordan (Tyrone), Noeleen Kiernan (Cavan), Bernie Hassin (Antrim), Mary Ogle (Tyrone), Ann Jordan (Tyrone), Noreen O'Prey (Down), Eileen Clarke (Cavan).

Dublin won its first National senior league defeating Limerick 0-6 to 0-0. This was only the second time that a team failed to score in a final, the other was Antrim in the All-Ireland senior championship final of 1944.

Dublin team: Phyllis Breslin, Anne O'Brien (Capt), Annette McGrath, Shiela Wallace, Catherine Docherty, Anna McManus, Mary Murphy, Barbara Redmond, Orla Ryan, Marion Conroy, Margaret McManus, Edel Murphy.

Phyllis Breslin is currently Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, Shiela Wallace is Ardrunai, Orla Ryan is Daughter of the late Sean O'Siochain and Daughter in law of former Uachtaran Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Seamus O'Riain.



23 Galway junior captain Ann Dolan makes her victory speech while Fileas Ni Bhreastain, Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, admires the cup

CAMOGIE

PURCELL CUP & SHIELD

DCU Group A Shield Results: DCU 1-0 St Mary's 8-11; NUI 2-2 St Mary's 2-5; DCU 5-0 NUI 5-4.

Group B: St. Pats 10-12 UUC 0-0; Tralee IT 3-9 UUC 0-1; St. Pats 0-8 Tralee IT 1-5.

Purcell Cup Semi-finals: Mary Immaculate College Limerick 5-5 Trinity 0-4; Limerick IT 5-8 Carlow IT 1-1.

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Colaiste Bríde's victorious panel along with coach Elva Moriarty (third from left, back row) celebrate after retaining their Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship title when defeating Ballyhale Vocational School, at Carlow, on Saturday afternoon last. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

Leinster Schools Camogie Senior 'A' Final

Coláiste Bríde firmly on track for All-Ireland

Colaiste Bríde.....0-6 Ballyhale V.S.....0-1

LAST YEAR'S beaten All-Ireland finalists Colaiste Bríde are firmly on track to make amends for that loss after accounting for dark horses Ballyhale Vocational School in a low scoring Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final, at Carlow, on Saturday afternoon last.

Despite what the final scoreline might suggest, Colaiste Bríde were far too good for their opponents and really should have registered a further 4-6 over the hour.

Defending champions Colaiste Bríde had accounted for FCJ Buncloody, but Ballyhale claimed a more notable scalp en route to the final when overcoming Loreto Kilkenny, while also beating Loreto Crumlin.

Enniscorthy coach Elva Moriarty has immense talent at her disposal, with the majority of the squad destined to carry the Wexford flag in inter-county fare in the future. In fact, some have already done so.

With a host of survivors from the 1998 campaign, Colaiste Bríde will now be determined to make home advantage count in their forthcoming All-Ireland semi-final with Connacht champions Portumna (Galway) and complete the job in '99.

Last Saturday, the Claire O'Connor captained winners took a while to find their rhythm, and they had flashed five goal opportunities wide

before Jennifer Codd pointed a free into a strong breeze.

From the puck-out Ballyhale manufactured what proved to be their only score of the day through Grace Fennelly.

The county Kilkenny outfit were kept at bay by a magnificent Colaiste Bríde defence, where Helena Jacob and Bernie Holohan inspired.

Bernie's twin sister Elaine completed a superb passing movement involving Claire O'Connor and Patricia Breen with a point to put

the winners 0-2 to 0-1 up.

Breen and Greta Heffernan fought relentlessly around midfield to ensure a plentiful supply of possession, and the impressive Angeline Westnott got among the scores to help Enniscorthy into a 0-3 to 0-1 interval lead.

Monageer-Boolavogue's Grace Kelly was introduced in place of club mate Patricia Breen at the interval and the former settled down quickly to give her marker Catriona Fennelly a torrid

time.

From a placed ball Elaine Holohan put Colaiste Bríde three points to the good minutes before Jennifer Codd displayed some skill to stretch Enniscorthy's advantage to 0-5 to 0-1.

Ballyhale applied some pressure over the closing quarter in particular, but the Jacob sisters, Ursula and Helena helped guarantee there was no way through for the Noresiders.

Elaine Holohan put the icing on the cake when pointing a free after the

Rathnure player was brought down as she closed in on goal.

Claire O'Connor received the Dr. Stuart Cup afterwards as Colaiste Bríde collected the 'A' title for the fifth time to close in on Mercy, Callan's record of six wins.

Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy - Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sandra Murphy (Monageer-Boolavogue), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Patricia Breen (Monageer-Boolavogue), Claire O'Connor (Rathnure, capt.), Greta Heffernan (Oylegate-Glenbrien), Jennifer Codd (Duffry Rovers, 0-2), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure, 0-3), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown), Angeline Westnott (Rathnure, 0-1).

Subs: Grace Kelly, Fiona Murphy, Sharon Farrington and Catherine O'Loughlin (all Monageer-Boolavogue); Patricia Quigley (Oylegate); Brigid Carley, Carol Redmond, Sarah Carley and Sarah Russell (all Rapparees); Laura Murphy (Rathnure); Breda Bolger and Aisling Moran (both Oulart-The Ballagh); Jennifer Lee (Davidstown-Courtmacuddy); Elaine Morris (Marshallstown).

Ballyhale Vocational School - Maria Connolly, Paula Kennelly-Valerie Sutton (capt.), Nicola Hughes, Carol Hughes, Ciara Fennelly, Caitriona Fennelly, Keira Kinahan, Geraldine Fennelly, Grace Fennelly (0-1), Assumpta O'Farrell, Alma Fitzpatrick.



Colaiste Bríde's top-scorer Elaine Holohan races beyond Nicola Hughes (Ballyhale Vocational School) during last Saturday afternoon's Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final at Carlow. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

Awards night to honour sports champs

THE superstars at Bishopstown Camogie Club recently held a victory celebration in the form of a night out at Bishopstown GAA Club.

It was held to honour their senior team success. They won the Cork senior A title for the second year in a row in 1998.

Special guest was Johnny Crowley, who won five All-Ireland senior medals and a host of other medals with Cork.

Mr Crowley presented the team members with their 1998 Senior County Championship medals during the evening's proceedings.

Other special guests were Sheila Golden, chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board, and Padraig Donoghue, chairman of Bishopstown H&F Club.

Club president Irene Higgins made a special presentation to other club members who were on victorious teams during the 1998 season.

They included Cllr Pat Murray, Cork senior selector and Cork intermediate coach/selector; Eithne Duggan, Cork senior captain; Vivienne Harris and Trish Doyle, who won senior All-Ireland, National League and Munster Senior Championship medals with Cork.

Also receiving presentations were Sheenagh Morley, Cork Intermediate captain and Bishopstown senior captain; Anne Buckley and Caroline Kenny, who won Munster Intermediate Championship medals with Cork; Ciara Healy, who won Munster and All-Ireland minor medals with Cork and Neil White, who is retiring as chairperson. Club Person Of The Year titles went to Conor Kenny and Sinead O'Donoghue.

COLOURS:- NAVY and WHITE

SEAMOUNT COLLEGE KINVARA



Connacht

1.
SHARON
KAVANAGH

2.
LINDA
FLAHERTY

3.
COLETTE
O CONNOR

4.
ROISIN
O CONNOR

5.
MICHELLE
QUINN

6.
SIOBHAN
HUBAN

7.
CLAIRE
LINNANE

8.
CLODAGH
McMAHON

9.
PAMELA
HUBAN

10.
LISA
BOURKE

11.
LINDA
GILL

12.
ORLA
CURTIN

CAILINI IONAD

13. M. KERINS

17. S. KEANE

21. E. FAHY

14. E. KILKELLY

18. A. DUFFY

22. A. M. KILLORAN

15. P. HUBAN

19. E. BEMINGHAM

16. O. McCORMACK 20. C. CONNOLLY

COLOURS:- BLACK and AMBER

LORETO KILKENNY



Leinster

1.
LAURA
COMERFORD

2.
JANE
GIBBONS

3.
MARGARET
BYRNE

4.
SARAH
O GORMAN

5.
SINEAD
CORRIGAN

6.
NICOLA
MINOGUE

7.
CAITRIONA
CORMACK

8.
AOIFE
FITZPATRICK

9.
CATHERINE
KAVANAGH

10.
BREDA
KAVANAGH

11.
MAIREAD
LAWLER

12.
FIONA
DOWLING

CAILINI IONAD

13. S. COTTERELL

19. H. KEANE

25. E. POLLARD

14. M. CURRAN

20. E. KELLAGHAN

26. A. PURCELL

15. D. DELANEY

21. C. LANIGAN

27. A. QUIGLEY

16. G. DERMODY

22. G. McCORMACK

28. E. TRAIT

17. S. DUNNE

23. J. MALONE

29. S. COMERFORD

18. K. GAFFNEY 24. A. POLLARD

Mary's march through to final

ST Mary's Charleville were 1-9 to 1-2 winners over St Patrick's Maghera in Saturday's Schools' All-Ireland Junior Camogie semi-final.

A goal from Patricia O'Callaghan in the 12th minute sent them on their way, giving them early control of the tie.

With midfielder Niamh Bolles' accurate in point-taking from play and placed balls, the Munster champions led by 1-5 to 0-2 at the break, both Maghera's points coming from Paula McCloy.

Paula gave the Ulster side some hope with a second half goal but in truth Bolles, centre-back Aine O'Callaghan and wing-forward Allison White were dominating exchanges and St Mary's were comfortable winners.

Kiera Cushman, Oonagh Mullan, Denise McGuigan and, of course, Paula McCloy all worked hard but it will be down to the school's senior side, who travel to Charleville next week, to deny the

Munster champions.

Despite improving their Ulster final performance and matching their opponents in many areas of the pitch, first time Ulster champions St Malachy's Castletewellan bowed out of the All-Ireland Junior B race against Colaiste Mhuire Ennis, losing 0-2 to 1-7.

Score-taking was the Ulster champions' problem, while they failed to close down the excellent Denise Lynch at midfield and the accurate Sharon O'Loughlin in attack. St Malachy's: C Armstrong, L McAtamney, M Cunningham, A Keating (capt), A Marie McCormick, E O'Higgins (0-1), L McCrickard (0-1), K McClelland, P Sutherland, C Cunningham, S McGeown, E McKinney. Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis: P McCarthy, R O'Gorman, J Scanlon, M Keane, A Ryan, M O'Halloran, D Lynch (capt) (0-3), M Lynch, M Whelan (1-0), S O'Loughlin (0-3), A Keleher (0-1), D Rice.

St Patrick's scorers: P McCloy (1-2)

St Mary's scorers: P O'Callaghan (1-0), N Bolles (0-5), U Harrington (0-2), E O'Friel & M Watson (0-1 each).

CAMOGIE

ALL IRELAND POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Junior A semi-finals: St Mary's Charleville 1-9 (N Bolles 0-5, P O'Callaghan 1-0, U Harrington 0-2, M Watson, E O'Friel 0-1 each), St Patrick's Maghera 1-2 (P McCloy 1-2). Seamount Kinvara 3-6 (O Curtin 2-4, L Gill 1-0, P Hobbs 0-1). Loreto Kilkenny 0-2 (S O'Gorman 0-2). Junior "B" semi-finals: St

Cuan's, Castleblakeney 1-6 (N Gavin 1-1, V Gavin 0-4, G Kelly 0-2, L Lyons 0-1), Loreto Mullingar 2-5 (S O'Sullivan, A Martin 1-0 each, P Smith 0-3, D Loughlin 0-2). Colaiste Mhuire Ennis 1-7 (M Whelan 1-0, S O'Loughlin, D Lynch 0-3 each, A Keleher 0-1), St Malachy's Castletewellan 0-2 (L McCrickard, E O'Higgins 0-1 each).

CAMOGIE

NATIONAL SNR LEAGUE, at Bennettsbridge: Kilkenny 2-6 (B Mullaly 1-3, L Ling 1-0, A Downey 0-2, S Miles 0-1), Wexford 1-3 (M Murphy 1-0, K Kelly 0-3). NATIONAL JNR LEAGUE: Wexford 4-12, Kilkenny 0-3.

St. Cuan's girls bid for glory

ST. Cuan's College, Castleblakeney contest the All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Junior B level in Ballymacward on this Sunday.

They meet Loreto College, Mullingar. It is the first time that this competition has been organised at this level and while not a lot is known about Mullingar, they must start as favourites, being the Leinster champions.

However, St. Cuan's are quietly confident of making it to the All-Ireland final as they have a number of promising players from Peares and Ahascragh. They defeated St. Endas, Galway City, in the Connacht final and became the first Connacht school to win the Western Print & Packaging Cup.

St. Cuan's panel: Cliona Morgan, Sandra Flannery, Edel Gordon, Clara Gately, Elaine Kenny, Nicola Gavin, Eimear Griffin, Cathy Egan, Donna Coffey, Emma McCormack, Nicola Dempsey, Sarah Gordon, Ann Divilly, Nicola Finn, Valeria Gavin, Sarah McLoughlin, Lenora Lyons, Gemma Kelly, Elaine Gordon, Regina Bannerton, Serena Curley, Sinead Higgins, Lisa Finn, Edel Murray.

Junior camogie semis

THIS weekend the All-Ireland Colleges' Junior semi-finals take place at two Galway venues. In the Junior A semi-final, holders Seamount, Kinvara take on Loreto College, Kilkenny. Kinvara, last year's winners, field a strong team with many of last year's players still eligible.

They will be looking to county minor players Roisin O'Connor, Pamela Huban and Orla Curtin. The game is fixed for Kinvara at 2.00 p.m.

In the B semi-final St. Cuan's do battle with Mercy Convent, Mullingar at Ballymacward at 2.00 p.m.

Bord na Gaeilge

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

St Mary's, Charleville won their fifth consecutive Munster senior colleges title when they produced a good second half performance, to overcome St Mary's, Nenagh in this final played at Newtownshandrum.

The first half was evenly contested with Charleville holding a one point lead at the break, 0-5 to 0-4.

Eileen O'Brien produced her usual top form in the second half with a goal and some well taken points that destroyed any chance that the Nenagh College had of getting into the game.

Final score: St Mary's, Charleville 1-11 St Mary's, Nenagh 0-6

Charleville are now chasing their fourth All-Ireland senior colleges title on the trot.

Scorers: St Mary's, Charleville - Eileen O'Brien 1-7, Caoimhe Harrington 0-3, Aine Kelleher 0-1.

St Mary's, Nenagh - Emer McDonnell 0-3 Sheena Howard 0-2, Siobhan McCarthy 0-1.

Referee - Vera Mackey, Limerick.

Munster Senior B Colleges Final

Sacred Heart, Clonakilty 3-11 St Mary's, Macroom 1-5

At Leinster Convention held in Aras Laighean, Portlaoise Kay Timmins, a member of Naomh Aoife club, Dublin became the first President of Leinster Council. This came as a complete surprise to Kay and was bestowed on her in recognition of her involvement with the Council down the years. Kay was Cathaoirleach for nine consecutive years from 1971 to 1980 and then held the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach

before going on to spend a further three year stint in the chair. She was for many years Leinster's delegate to Central Council and a Gael Linn selector. Kay cannot remember a time when she was not involved with the Council. Accepting the honour in the form of a framed Certificate from Cathaoirleach Mary Connor, Mrs T as she is affectionately known, thanked the Council for their thoughtfulness. She received a standing ovation from a packed Convention. Many personal tributes were paid to this great lady, including one from Phyllis Breslin, Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael who also attended the gathering.

The following Officers were returned unopposed:

Cathaoirleach: Mary Connor, Louth.

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Pat Rafferty, Dublin.

Runai: Mairin Fulham, Westmeath.

Cisteoir: Marie Woods, Kildare.

Claraheir: Peter Hoey, Louth.

PRO: PJ Fulham, Westmeath.



Cork's Linda Mellerick sets up an attack during last year's All-Ireland final

AND THEY'RE OFF...

The national senior league commences this weekend Kilkenny play host to neighbours Wexford. Kilkenny are Leinster champions and reached the national league semi-final last year where they were defeated by Galway 3-10 to 1-13. Wexford failed to secure any points. The sides should be evenly matched but on home ground the Noreiders may get the edge.

Cork, who have only been beaten once since 1994 take on Tipperary. This will be a tough assignment for the Premier County who lost out to Kilkenny in a play off for a place in the senior finals last year. When they last met in the league Cork had a 3-4 to 1-7 victory. Cork will be favourites to advance.

Galway, last year's beaten finalists, show their hospitality to Antrim. When they met last season Galway got the verdict by two points, 2-6 to 2-4. With home advantage, Galway should secure their first points.

Down and Armagh meet at the latter venue. Down will be determined to put up a good performance as they are the All-Ireland intermediate champions and the National Junior League holders and should collect the points.

The national junior league resumes after the winter recess. Limerick travel to Galway. The western county have two points, Limerick are chasing their first points and must win to say in contention.

Cork, last year's beaten finalists, host the Leinster champions Carlow. Cork have already disposed of Wexford while Carlow will be vying for their first points. Armagh and old rivals Kildare clash at the former venue. This will be Kildare's first outing. Armagh have already lost to Dublin. It should be close, going down to the wire. Kilkenny entertain Wexford. Kilkenny have two points from their encounter with Carlow. Wexford are seeking their first points.

Clare versus Offaly should be a close tie. Clare have already two points from their outing with Limerick and Offaly have two from Tipperary. Home venue could give Clare the edge.

Dublin travel to Cavan. Dublin are heading the table in this division with four points. Cavan are also unbeaten with two points. This should be an entertaining tussle with very little separating the sides at the final whistle.

The Ashbourne Cup, the oldest competition camogie can boast, dates back to 1915 when Edwin Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, a TCD graduate presented the Ashbourne Cup to encourage the Irish game in Third Level Colleges.

It always has been a very competitive tournament and a hilarious social event. This year, the cup was played for, for the the last time as from the year 2000 a new Millennium Cup will be presented and the old Ashbourne will retire to the museum.

The event was hosted by University of Limerick and played on the 15-a-side basis.

Semi-final results: UCC 2-10 UCD 0-3, Waterford IT 4-9 NUIG 3-1

Waterford IT made history when they won this prestigious cup for the first time by defeating holders UCC. It was sweet revenge for Waterford as they were beaten by Cork by the minimum score in last year's decider.

Waterford led 0-5 to 0-1 at the break. Kilkenny county player Brigid Mullaly was in good target form, notching off six points from frees.

With minutes to go, Cork trailed by just two points but a goal by Waterford's Mary Walsh put the issue beyond doubt.

Final score:

Waterford IT 1-6 UCC Cork 0-4.

Scorers: Waterford: Brigid Mullaly 0-6, Mary Walsh 1-0

Cork: Criona Harte and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2 each.

Referee: Pauleen Kelleher, Limerick

Ashbourne Shield Semi-Finals

Athlone IT 2-6 Queens 1-3 UL 3-5 UUJ 1-2

Final score:

U Limerick 3-7 Athlone IT 1-2

Scorers: Limerick: Erica Minogue 2-0, Aoife Lane 1-2, Caroline Murray and Fiona Corcoran 0-2 each, Aoife O'Connor 0-1.

Athlone: Frances Sheeran 1-0, Noeleen McMahon and Eibhlín Smith 0-1 each.

St Patrick's, Maghera retained the Ulster senior colleges title in a dramatic game against St Mary's Magherafelt at Draperstown. Paula McAtamney was a star for the winners, scoring all her sides total. Magherafelt fought hard all the way but were unable to overcome Maghera's strong defence.

Final score:

St Patrick's 1-7, St Mary's 1-3

St Patrick's, Maghera: Clare McCorry, Bernie O'Loughlin, Ciara Word, Aisling Grogan, Aileen McGuckin, Catherine McCullough, Paula McKenna (capt), Fiona Hesson, Kiera Kidd, Monica O'Kane, Paula McAtamney (1-7), Orla McNicholl.

Sub: Aileen McVeigh for O McNicholl

St Mary's: Aine O'Kane, Eadeoin Conway, Michelle Kearney, Maura McAuley (Capt), Bronagh Madden, Maeve Gormley, Eimear Totten (0-3), Ursula Walls, Claire Gormley, Rowena Cassidy, Bernie Madden, Paula Bateman.

Subs: Gemma Downey for B Madden, Martina McGuckin for R Cassidy, Catherine McAuley (1-0) for P Bateman

Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim

Munster Junior B Colleges Final:

Sacred Heart, Clonakilty 2-8 St Aiden's Cork 0-0

Clonakilty scorers: M Whelan 2-1, S O'Loughlin and M O'Halloran 0-2 each, D Lynch 0-1

SISTER ACTS SPELL DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR TEAM-MATES ON CAMPUS!



SISTER SISTER!: (From l-r) Twins Ruth and Naomi Treacy of UCD's Ashbourne team (pictured left) are team-mates of another set of twins, the Tierneys - Jean and Helen. Understandably, they are causing some amount of confusion on the field of play!

WHEN the Belfield belles run out to play, family fortunes are very much at work.

The UCD camogie team boast their own special version of double trouble in the shape of their twins, the Treacys and the Tierneys.

Ruth and Naomi Treacy (21) and the Tierney twins, Jean and Helen (20), ensure the Dublin 4 side keep it in the family. And confirming that UCD's

blood is thicker than water is another Treacy sister, Reilín, who is also on the side.

The Treacys, though, know all about sisterly love on the camogie field.

Back home in Kildare, SEVEN Treacy sisters, have all played together on the St Laurence team.

Off the field at UCD, the Treacy twins still can't get away from each other. They are both taking a degree in agriculture.

By NIAL SCULLY

"People mix us up all the time," smiles Ruth. And on the field, she thinks it's a bonus having sisters as team-mates.

"In games, you know their styles so well, and you can predict what they are going to do next."

"We talk about the matches all the time, and with twelve children in our family, we were never short of anyone to practice with,"

says Ruth.

Unfortunately, the Treacy sisters weren't able to add to UCD's record 34 Ashbourne Cup titles.

The holders, UCC, beat them, and therein lies another family connection. UCD's Emer Connerly played against her sister, Fiona, with their brother, Eamonn, being joint manager of the Dubliners.

Following that defeat to UCC, Jean Tierney travelled from

Limerick to Nenagh where she finished runner-up in the BLE National Indoor Pole Vault Championship.

Her Tipperary twin, Helen, is also a top-class athlete.

The Dublin College will be hoping that their magical blend can guide UCD to victory in the Intervarsity League.

The Dublin 4 squad have a crucial game against the University of Ulster very much in their sights.



The Donoughmore team that finished runners-up behind Millstreet in the question time final of Scor Sinsear at Mallow Youth Centre on Sunday night. From left: Eugene O'Sullivan, Martin O'Connell and Sheila Golden.



The MICE camogie team

As far as camogie is concerned, Mary Immaculate are currently enjoying prosperous times. Winners of the Purcell Cup on three occasions during the 1980s, the college regained the prestigious prize after a lengthy wait last season. At the time of writing, MICE were on course for retaining the Purcell Cup, having qualified for the semi-final stages.

Sciath na Scol camogie finals

AT the Neptune Stadium this evening young girls from Belgooly, St. Columba's, Douglas, Coachford, Dungourney, Milford and Whitechurch will battle it out for the Burger King/Sciath na Scol Indoor camogie championship.

After a very successful League campaign, which took place in various venues around the city and county, these sides have advanced to the concluding stages.

Proceedings will commence at 4.00 with the final fixed for 5.45.

The format is two leagues, the draw for which will be made at 3.45, with the winners of each contesting the final.

Sarah takes gold medal in course

COURCEY Rovers and Cork Camogie player, Sarah Hayes, was the recipient of a Gold Medal Award at the Kinsale Community School's Transition Year GAA prize-giving ceremony recently.

The award was given to Sarah for her achievement in documenting both her own coaching course and also a

project on the GAA today.

Sarah and nine of her classmates, Thans De Bont, Alan Downing, Michael Murphy, Caroline Kennedy, Niall Lane, Rachel Moloney, Carmel Doran, Gearoid Coholan and Caroline McCarthy were the recipients of National Foundation Coaching Certificates.

At the ceremony, the

Teachers involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the School, Sinead O'Donovan, George Hayes, Peter Hyde and Gary McGrath, were sincerely thanked by John Twomey, chairman of the South East Board and Joe McGrath, Carrighoun Schools Coaching Officer and by the principal of the school.

The successful pupils were judged on five aspects in the programme.

They had to attend class room lectures as well as practical sessions, complete a log book, complete an hour's coaching session in local Primary Schools and, finally, sit a two-hour written examination.

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The Purcell Cup dates back to 1977. Limerick Colleges have a great record in this competition, winning thirteen out of the twenty-three.

This year's event was held in Na Fianna Grounds, Mobhi Road over the weekend. Cup Semi-Final results: Mary Immaculate, Limerick 5-5 TCD 0-4

Limerick Institute of Technology 5-8 Carlow Institute of Technology 1-1

The final, a local derby between two Limerick sides Mary I, the holders, and Limerick IT. It was a nail biting affair.

The Sheehan sisters Vera and Deirdre played a major role in Limerick IT's victory. Both hold All-Ireland senior and junior medals with St Mary's, Charleville

and also All-Ireland junior and intermediate championship medals with Limerick and All-Ireland club championship medals with Granagh/Ballingarry.

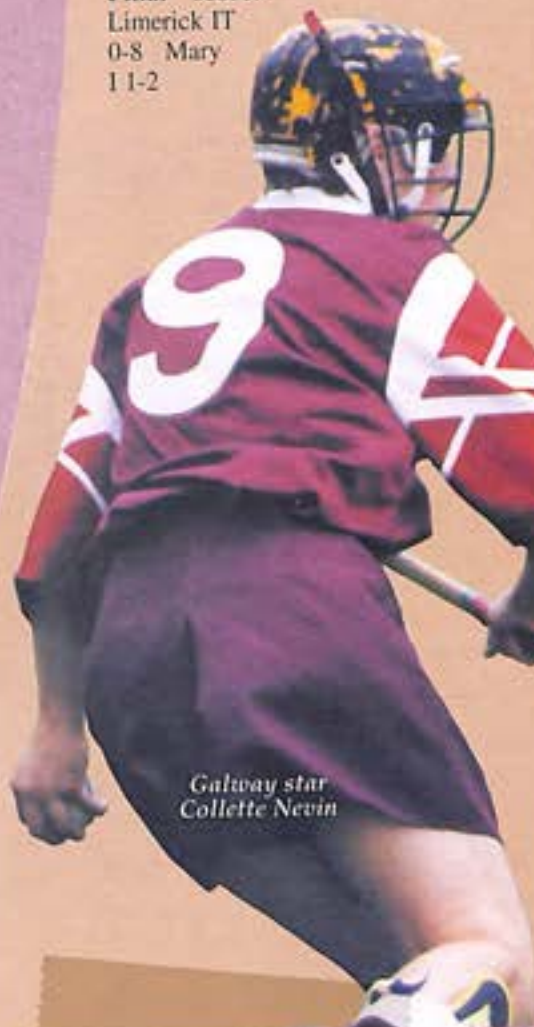
Vera notched off five points of her side's total in difficult windy conditions. Deirdre accounted for two points.

Final score:

Limerick IT

0-8 Mary

11-2



Galway star Collette Nevin

Scorers: Limerick IT - Vera Sheehan 0-5, Deirdre Sheehan 0-2, V. Dillon 0-1.

Mary I - S. Gleeson 1-0, C. Hogan and C. Ryan 0-1 each.

Limerick IT - R. O'Connor, O. Noonan, J. Flynn, M. Maher, N. O'Dwyer, E. Maher, D. Sheehan, V. Sheehan, M. Casey, V. Dillon, M. O'Looney, K. Carroll.

Mary I - A. Tannian, H. Grogan, S. Kelly, A. Glennon, E. Murphy, C. Hogan, P. Lynch, S. Gleeson, E. Ni Mhurchu, C. Ryan.

Referee - Bernie Nugent, Offaly.

The Purcell Shield was run off in two groups on a league basis.

Results: Group A

DCU 1-0 St Mary's, Belfast 8-11

NUI 2-2 St Mary's 2-5

DCU 3-0 NUI 5-4

Group B

St Patricks, Drumcondra 10-12 UUC 0-0

Tralee II 3-9 UUC 0-1

St Patrick's 0-8 Tralee 1-5

Final: St Mary's, Belfast 0-6 St Patricks, Drumcondra 0-4

Referee: Bernie Nugent, Offaly.

Gael Linn Inter Provincials has got a major boost. Schwarzkopf hair care products will sponsor a Player of the Match Award in both senior and junior and the players club will receive a substantial cash donation. The competition will be hosted in Dublin on June 19th. Two semi-finals in senior and junior will be played on the same day.

Gael Linn was inaugurated in 1956 and created a big interest, until recently the interest seemed to wane.

This sponsorship could be the shot in the arm the competition needs and could be an incentive to have players vying for selection.

The National Leagues continue on Sunday. In senior there are three matches down for decision.

Kilkenny travel to cross swords with Tipperary. This tie should prove to be a fire powered affair. When the sides last

met it was in a play off for a place in the league semi-final last year, when Kilkenny came out tops 4-11 to 2-9.

However, Tipperary went on to do well in the championship, going under to Galway in the Bord na Gaeilge semi-final, 2-11 to 0-14. They have good performers in Caitriona Hennessy, Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Helen Kiely, Ciara Gaynor and Jovita Delaney.

Kilkenny are sure to be well served by Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Brigid Mullaly, Sinead Millea, Gillian Dillon and Martina Maher. It should be close going down to the wire.

Clare have home advantage against Limerick. This should be a very entertaining encounter. The Banner County gave a good account of themselves last season and face a torrid test against the Limerick ladies, who have stars in Eileen O'Brien, holder of All-Ireland senior colleges medals with St Mary's, Charleville. As well as the Sheehan sisters, Vera and Deirdre, who were instrumental in Limerick IT's victory in the Purcell Cup recently. They can also draw many players from All-Ireland club champions 1998 Granagh/Ballingarry.

Nevertheless Clare also have a good squad which includes Catherine O'Loughlin, Moira McMahon, Noelle Conyn, Amy Colleran. This will be another edge of the seat affair.

Armagh travel to take on Dublin. The home side will be drawing many players from St Vincents who reached the All-Ireland club championship last year. Louise Lynch, Patsy Murphy, Germaine Noonan, Carmel O'Byrne, Eve Talbot, Denise O'Leary and Irene Kirwan.

Armagh will be hoping for a good performance from Mary Black, Joan Rice, Helena Murray and Julie O'Neill. Neither sides impressed in the league last season, but the home side are favoured to collect the points here.

National Junior League fixtures:

Dublin v Kildare

Tipperary v Galway

Carlow v Waterford

Tyrone v Derry

Juniors' eyes on League 'quarters'

DUBLIN will be seeking their third win in the National Junior League when they travel to Ballinagh, Cavan on Sunday (12.0), having beaten Monaghan and Armagh.

If they beat Cavan — and they are favourites to do so — Dublin's prospects of reaching the quarter-finals are very good indeed. On Sunday week, the Dubs entertain Kildare.

CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

Manager, Billy Maloney, has assembled quite an experienced side, which contains forwards of the calibre of Irene Kirwan, Sinead Elliott, Orla Connolly and Eimear Brannigan.

Cavan, managed by Pat Ryan, have recorded one victory over Monaghan, and Pat is looking for a repeat showing to test the Dubs.

Dublin: L. Ryan, C. Murphy, R. Keane, E. Dignan, S. Young, G. Flynn, E. Mulcahy, A. McCluskey, F. Ni Chiorra, L. O'Hara, E. Talbot, G. McCluskey, E. Brannigan, S. Elliott, I. Kirwan, O. Connolly, R. Kelly, P. Malcolson, A. Murphy, M. Byrne, S. Byrne, S. Nic Coltr, T. Duane, R. Kelly.

Meanwhile, St. Mark's were celebrating following their U-16 Division 2 League final victory over Oliver Plunkett's in the Phoenix Park, 5-3 to 2-1.

Erika Hore was the four-goal heroine for Mark's, who trailed at half time, 2-1 to 0-1.

The score of the game came from Denise Brady of Mark's, who cracked a free from the backline all the way to the net.

SCORERS: St. Mark's: E. Hore 4-0, D. Brady 1-0, A. McCormack 0-3, St. Oliver Plunkett's: S. Jordan 1-1, E. Maher 1-0.

Elsewhere, Trinity College were tumbled out of the Purcell Shield by Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, coached by Eamon Cregan on Saturday.

Cregan's team were beaten in the final by Limerick IT, run by Cork player, Mary O'Connor. The Shield title went to St. Mary's Belfast, who overcame St. Patrick's, Drumcondra in the final.

On Saturday next, the second Naomh Brid Indoor Camogie final takes place in Russell Park, Blanchardstown. The semi-final pairings are the holders, Ballyboden St. Enda's v the hosts, Naomh Brid, and Erin's Isle v St. Vincent's. The final is scheduled for noon.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY: Inter League: (2.30): Russell Park: Naomh Brid v Kilmaud Crokes. Sheekill: Cuala v Portobello. St. Anne's: Glenties v Craobh Chiarain. Jun A: (1.0): Tymon North: St. Jude's v Naomh Meamag. Harbourn Road: St. Peregrine's v St. Margaret's/N. Aisle. Kilipper Road: Thomas Davis v Liffey Gaels. **Pease Park:** Cymrin v Ballyboden St. Enda's. Jun B League: (11.0): Mobhi Road: Na Fianna v Naomh Floribarra. St. Anne's Park: Raheny v Erin's Isle. **Moogoe Park:** St. Mark's v St. Vincent's.

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Cork prepared for tough opening battle against

THE Senior National League begins tomorrow and holders Cork face a tough opener when Tipperary travel to Ballincollig in a game which will feature 15-a-side teams, commencing a test series for a period of two years.

When the sides last met at the same stage of the league last year Tipperary ran the champions to one goal and it was likewise in the Munster Championship final when Cork emerged victors after a tremendous contest.

Whilst the players may take time to adjust to the 15-a-side, with the pitch bigger and the extra space to cover, teams will have to be a lot fitter and it will be interesting to see how the

inter county players adjust to the new set up tomorrow afternoon.

Cork would be expected to field all but one from their All-Ireland winning side, the exception being Irene O'Keefe, who has retired from the inter county camogie scene after giving tremendous service to Cork. With the move in numbers, it gives all panel members a chance to impress throughout the forthcoming league campaign. The team will be captained by Vivienne Harris, who takes over from last year's captain Eithne Duggan.

Tipperary are fancied by many to be the team to watch in this year's senior championship.

Over the last few seasons they have won titles at minor, U18, intermediate and junior level and many of these players have now reached the senior grade and their performances during 1999 should be interesting to monitor.

Tomorrow's game promises to be a tough encounter in keeping with the traditions of the two counties involved.

It's the second National League game for the juniors when they play hosts to Carlow at Ballynally at 1.00pm tomorrow. Their opening game before Christmas, Cork impressed when they travelled to Wexford and easily defeated the home side. The Cork girls adjusted well to the

15-a-side, making maximum use of the spaces and they certainly impressed with display. A continuation of the same and tomorrow would put them on full points only two more games remaining in their season and this will put them a step closer to qualification in the closing stages.

Kilbrittan and Newtownshandrum in the U18 Championship quarter final at townshandrum with a close game predicted. brittan were taken to extra time in the game with Glen Rovers and here their strength was a factor in their eventual and, in particular, Eimear O'Sullivan and

Cork's league title defence off to a flier

Cork 2-5
Tipperary 0-5

CORK opened their National Camogie League defence with a two-goal win at Nemo Rangers, Trarigg.

Cork began strongly and early points from Lynn Dunlea (free) and Mary O'Connor settled the holders. Enjoying maximum possession, the home side took complete command when Linda Mellerick scored a goal.

Mary O'Connor and Lynn Dunlea added two further points to give Cork a comfortable 1-4 to 0-0 interval lead.

Tipperary had two points on the board 10

minutes into the second half through Siobhan Ryan and Noelle Kennedy. But this was quickly answered with a goal from Fiona O'Driscoll.

In the final quarter Tipp moved Deirdre Hughes to centre-forward and unanswered points in the 18th, 19th and 21st minutes, two from Kennedy and one from Hughes, sparked a brief revival. But then Caoimhe Harrington pointed for Cork.

Scorers: Cork: Mellerick, O'Driscoll 1-0 each, O'Connor 0-2, Dunlea 0-2 (free), Harrington 0-1. Tipperary: N Kennedy 0-3 (0-1 free), D Hughes, S Ryan 0-1.

● In the Junior National League, Cork beat Carlow 6-13 to 1-7.



Pictured with their coach, teacher and broadcaster, Mr. Liam Nash, and Sr. Lilis, school principal, is the Clonakilty Sacred Heart Secondary School camogie team which won the Munster senior B championship against Macroom recently. They will play the All-Ireland semi-final against St. Louis Secondary School, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, in Clonakilty this Saturday, March 13, at 3 p.m.

Galway junior women outclass poor Limerick

Galway.....4-13 :: Limerick.....0-1

ALL-IRELAND junior camogie champions Galway collected another two points in the National League on Sunday last in Adrahan with a convincing win over Limerick.

Playing with the breeze in the first half and fielding nine of the All-Ireland winning side, this was Galway's second win and their second 15-a-side game. Within 15 minutes, they had opened up a 1-6 to no score lead, the scores coming from the impressive Michelle Glynn with 0-4, the in form Caroline Murray with 0-2 and the goal coming from Sandra Tannian.

Galway continued to pile on the pressure and were totally in control they added a further 1-4 before the half-time whistle, a point each from Caroline Murray, Michelle Glynn, Sandra Tannian and Ruth Cullanan and the second goal from danger forward Brenda Daniels. Limerick's only attack in that half resulted in a pointed free from, Michelle Casey.

Limerick's fight back with the breeze in the second half never materialised and Galway continued in control. Colleen Crowe replaced the injured Yvonne Larkin at half-time. With Veronica Sweeney and Eileen Earls in control, they set up Brenda Daniels for the first Galway point of the second half which was followed shortly afterwards by their third goal from Caroline Murray. Colleen Crowe now got her name on the score-sheet with a point which was followed by a fine goal from Brenda Daniels, her second, to close the scoring.

Galway will not need too much into this victory and will be pleased with the display as this was their first game of the year. However they will get a much stronger test on Sunday next when they travel to Tipperary for a repeat of last year's All-Ireland junior final.

Managerless Dubs off mark

MANAGERLESS Dublin opened their National Senior League campaign with a handsome win over Armagh at O'Toole Park on Sunday, 1-10 to 0-7.

It was an encouraging display from a makeshift Dublin side that included six players who had played earlier in Dublin's victorious National Junior League tie against Kildare, 1-9 to 0-3.

Efforts are currently being made to install a new Dublin supremo. Dublin's next assignment in the Senior League is a mouth-watering home tie against All-Ireland finalists, Galway, on March 21.

A player whose stature is rising all the while, Louise O'Hara, from Erin's Isle, scored the game's only goal midway through the second half with a high, lobbed delivery from the 45m line.

Armagh, with the breeze, had been ahead at the break, 0-6 to 0-4, but the Dubs showed much heart following the

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By NIAL SCULLY

break, and they had fine performances from goalkeeper, Sile Nic Coltr, and midfielder, Fiona Nic Chorcorain.

Dublin scorers: L Kirwan 0-5 (5), L O'Hara 1-0, L Lynch 0-2, E Talbot, F Nic Chorcorain, C Walsh 0-1 each.

Also at O'Toole Park, Billy Maloney and Gerry Quinn were chuffed as the Dubs maintained their unbeaten record in the National Junior League.

Dublin established a half-time lead of 1-6 to 0-1, with Dublin's goal arriving just before the break from the stick of captain, Orla Connolly of Good Counsel.

Dublin's share of possession in the second half should have seen them build a bigger total, but they had worthy offerings from goalkeeper, Lisa Ryan (Raheny) and Crumlin's energetic Sinead Elliott.

Dublin scorers: O Connolly 1-0, S Elliott 0-3, L Kirwan (2), F Nic Chorcorain (2 45) 0-2 each, E Brennan, G McCuskey 0-1 each.

● The Dublin Minor squad has been trimmed to 26. Training begins on Sunday in the Phoenix Park (4.30).

● Linda Byrne scored 3-5 in Loreto Crumlin's convincing Dublin Junior Colleges win over Holy Faith De la Salle Skerries at Loreto Park.

RESULTS

Inter: Kilmacud Crokes 2-0, Cuala 2-0. Jun A: Plunkett's/Buach 4-2, Thomas Davis 0-0. St. Peregrine's 3-9, Crumlin 1-2. U15: St. Peregrine's 7-1, Erin's Isle 0-0.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY: Senior A: (12.0): Mohli Road: No Fionna v Erin's Isle, St. Anne's Park: Raheny v Crumlin, Fairview Park: St. Vincent's v Celtic. Killippen: Thomas Davis v Ballyboden St. Enda's. Sen B: (2.30): Pearse Park: Good Counsel v St. Mark's, Silver Park: Kilmacud Crokes v St. Anne's, Portmarnock: Naomh Meánóg v St. Vincent's, Palmerstown: Naomh Padraig v St. Jude's, Cameron Park: O'Toole's v Skerries Harps.

Dublin take full points

DESPITE a good opening half, Armagh's challenge in this National Senior camogie league game fell away after the break and Dublin improved to collect the points on a 1-10 to 0-7 scoreline.

Armagh led by 0-6 to 0-4 at half-time with Patricia McAvooy particularly prominent at full-forward.

However with the wind increasing in the second half Irene Kirwan, Louise O'Hara and Fiona Ni Chorcorain took a grip of the game as Dublin ran out convincing winners.

Elsewhere in the senior league Tipperary shocked Kilkenny with a 4-5 to 0-9 victory while Tyrone failed to field against Derry in the junior league.

Dublin scorers: L O'Hara (1-0), L Kirwan (0-5), L Lynch (0-2), C Walsh, F Ni Chorcorain and E Talbot (0-1 each). Armagh scorers: M Black and P McAvooy (0-3 each), K Kelly (0-1).

St. Cuan's girls stage second-half comeback

St. Cuan's College
Castleblakeney..1-8
Mercy College,
Mullingar.....2-5

DESPITE trailing for most of this game St. Cuan's College fashioned a great second half revival to earn a draw in the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie semi-final played at Ballymacward on Saturday last.

In fact with two minutes remaining Cuan's looked like they had pulled off the ultimate revival but a point from Diane Loughrey ensured a replay for a Mullingar team that led for most of this game.

Mullingar opened the scoring when a low ball from out the field deceived the Cuan's 'keeper Fiona Morgan, who had a great game and saved Cuan's on many occasions.

Shortly afterwards Mullingar's Patricia Ryan pointed a good

free to give them a 1-1 lead before Cuan's Valerie Gavin registered their first score a pointed free. She was to add two more before half time to leave the Cuan's interval tally at 0-3 to Mullingar's 1-4.

With four points separating the teams at half time St. Cuan's had it all to do, but they rose to the challenge. Nicola Gavin pointed from play followed closely by a good Lenora Lyons score to leave two points between the sides. However Mullingar struck for their second goal to open the gap to five points again.

Cuan's were not gone yet, they fought back and captain Sarah McLoughlin found Lenora Lyons and she hand passed to the net to leave Cuan's two points down. Wing forward Gemma Kelly now added two excellent points before Valerie Gavin pointed a free to leave them one point ahead.

Mullingar fought back and despite the efforts of Ann Divilly, Edel Gordon and Sandra Flannery the equaliser came with only seconds remaining from midfielder Diane Loughrey.

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erie O'Keeffe giving them the edge at centre field. But on Sunday they face an even sterner test from a Newtownshandrum team that includes Caoimhe Harrington, Kim Hickey and Niamh Bowles.

In the U16 Championship quarter final, Cloughduv, following on their fine victory last weekend over Bishopstown, take on Ballinhasig at Cloughduv whilst Junior B league is in its concluding stages and there are two games down for decision with St. Finbarr's and Bishopstown meeting to decide who qualifies from their section. Barryroe make the long journey to Youghal for their quarter final clash.

The Examiner National Junior Sports Awards

THE annual sports extravaganza promoted by The Examiner, and sponsored by Aer Lingus, to mark outstanding achievements in sport will draw a distinguished gathering to Dublin's Berkeley Court Hotel tonight for the 15th celebration of this unique awards scheme.

The Examiner has been promoting this scheme since 1984 and in the intervening years it has grown in importance and in impact to the point where it is acknowledged as the most prestigious of its kind in the country.

The young people whose excellence in their chosen sport has attracted this recognition have helped elevate the status of this annual event to an unprecedented level and tonight's celebration will undoubtedly help to maintain this trend.

A grand total of 17 outstanding young sports persons will be honoured for their achievements in 1998; achievements that, unreservedly, have earned for them the congratulations and admiration of their peers.

The mix of sporting disciplines practised by these privileged young people is quite comprehensive, ranging from athletics to rugby, from camogie to road bowling.

Without exception these youngsters have achieved a level of expertise that is remarkable and while they all have made an impact at a national level, a chosen few have brought further



honour and distinction to this country by their performances on an international stage.

It is fitting that the person chosen to mark these achievements by being the guest speaker should himself have created headlines throughout a long career of unusual success.

Kenny Dalglish MBE was an exceptional footballer with Celtic and with Liverpool with whom he won every honour in the game open to club teams.

His competitive spirit and subtle skills identified him as a player of unusual talent, a fact further confirmed by a record total of 102 appearances between 1972 and 1987 at international level with Scotland.

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Eileen O'Brien

EILEEN O'BRIEN (left) is the deserving winner of The Examiner's National Junior Sports Star Award for Camogie.

Aged 16 years, she is the holder of an astonishing 14 All-Ireland camogie medals won at schools and county level.

Last year she played a starring role when her school, St. Marys of Charleville who won the All-Ireland senior schools' title, to bring to three the number of medals who has won at this level.

Later in the year she capped a great season scoring eleven points for Granagh-Ballingarry when they won the All-Ireland senior club championship title for the first time.

Eileen's camogie career began in 1996 when at the age of 14 years, she won an All-Ireland intermediate championship medal with Limerick, and she had enjoyed phenomenal success every year since.

She is the most outstanding and exceptional player for her age. Her skill level is unrivalled and she excels as a team player.

A true sportsperson in attitude and example Eileen is considered to be one of the finest exponents of camogie in the country.



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Camogie Award winner Eileen O'Brien, from Granagh-Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, with Catherine Leslie, Anna Marie O'Keeffe and Vincent Harrington, St Mary's Charleville;



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Prizewinners and guests at The National Junior Sports Awards with guest of honour Kenny Dalglish. Included are Ted Crosbie, chairman, Examiner Publications, Alan Crosbie, chief executive, Examiner Publications, Gary Cullen, chief executive Aer Lingus, Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin Ita Greene and George Crosbie, chairman Thomas Crosbie Holdings.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

LINDA MELLERICK CLAIMS THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Cork star Linda Mellerick received the Eircell Camogie Player of the year Award for 1998 at a function in Croke Park recently. Linda has been a member of Cork senior team for many years. She has represented Cork at Minor, Junior and Senior level. She captained Glen Rovers when the club won its historic 7th Cork Senior championship in-a-row in 1996 and also captained the Cork senior team in both 1993 and 1997 when they defeated Galway. Linda is the holder of All-Ireland Senior, Junior, Minor, Club, National Senior League and Gael Linn medals. Linda was the recipient of the National Irish Bank Award in 1993 and she received the Jury's Sports Award for September in the same year. She has played a major role in Cork's successes, particularly in last year's 'Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior Championship final. She is deeply committed to playing the game and is an inspiration to her team mates.

NATIONAL LEAGUES

National senior league holders Cork got off to a good start when they overcame a strong challenge from Tipperary at Nemo Rangers Park. Played on the large pitch with fifteen players aside the underfoot conditions made it difficult for the teams to produce top form.

A goal by Linda Mellerick at the end of the first quarter and a second goal by Fiona O'Driscoll was the difference between the sides. Cork led 1-4 to 0-0 at the break. The Tipperary switch of Deirdre Hughes from full forward to centre field made a difference but they unable to overcome the first half deficit.

Final score: Cork 2-5 Tipperary 0-5

Scorers: Cork: Linda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll 1-0 each, Lynn Dunlea and Mary O'Connor 0-2 each, Caoimhe Harrington 0-1.

Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 0-3, Deirdre Hughes and Siobhan Ryan 0-1 each.

Cork: Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin, Mags Finn, Miriam Deasy, Stephaine Dunlea, Paula O'Connor, Vivienne Harris, Ursula Troy, Linda Mellerick, Mary O'Connor, Fiona O'Driscoll, Sinead O'Callaghan, Lynn Dunlea, Linda O'Sullivan. Sub: Caoimhe Harrington

Tipperary: Louise Ryan, Philomena Fogarty, Una Dwyer, Claire Mullen, Sheena Morley, Ciara Egan, Emily Hayden, Maeve Stokes, Angela McDermott, Teresa Brophy, Noelle Kennedy, Siobhan Ryan, Caitriona Hennessy, Deirdre Hughes, Helan Kiely. Sub: Marie Harkin

Referee: John Furlong, Wexford

Kilkenny collected the points in their opening game of the National Senior League when they got the upperhand of near neighbours Wexford at Bennettsbridge. Both sides adjusted well to the 15 players aside on the full pitch. It was a good contest and tight marking made scores hard to come by.

A goal from a free by Brigid Mullaly gave Kilkenny a 1-3 to 0-2 lead at the break. Wexford tightened up when Michelle Murphy, sent a sizzling ball to the Kilkenny net, but this was soon cancelled out when Lizzie Ling had Kilkenny's second goal from a free.

Final Score: Kilkenny 2-6 Wexford 1-3

Scorers: Kilkenny: Brigid Mullaly 1-4, Lizzie Ling 1-0, Sinead Millea and Anne Downey 0-1 each.

Wexford: Michelle Murphy 1-0, Kate Kelly 0-3.

Referee: John Pender, Kildare

National Junior League: Galway 4-13 Limerick 0-1.

Scorers: Galway: Brenda Daniels 2-1, Caroline Murray 1-4, Michelle Glynn 0-5, Sandra Tannian 1-0, Coleen Crowe 0-2, Ruth Cullinane 0-1.

Limerick: Michelle Casey 0-1

Referee: John Pender, Kildare

Cork 6-13 Carlow 1-7

Scorers: Cork: Criona Harte 3-3, Rachel Moloney 1-4, Una O'Donoghoe 2-0, Sinead Cahalane 0-4, Sarah Hayes and Valerie O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Carlow: Nuala Quirke 0-4, Maura Griffith 1-0, Mary Coady 0-2, Valerie Crean 0-1.

Referee: Vera Mackey, Limerick

Wexford 4-12 Kilkenny 0-3

Referee: Breda Byrne, Wicklow



Pictured at the Eircell Awards. (L-R): Linda Mellerick, Jo Nic Uaidich, Bertie Aherne, Fileas Ni Bhraslain and Sile De Bhailis



Millford NS celebrate their win in the Indoor Camogie Sciath na Scol competition after beating Douglas in the final.

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Charleville's stunning success story looks

COLLEGES camogie dominates what is a busy weekend on the playing fields with two Cork schools contesting the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Post Primary A and B championships. St. Patrick's, Maghera, make the long journey south where the onerous task of trying to dispose the All-Ireland champions St. Mary's, Charleville, awaits them.

Charleville's success story continues with each season and one has only to cast an eye over some of the names that have come from this camogie stronghold to see why they have four All-Ireland Senior colleges championship titles in a row and are on course for their fifth.

Coached by Vincent Harrington and Ann-Marie O'Keefe, they defeated St. Mary's, Nenagh in the Munster Final and such was their performance on that occasion that they will be odds-on to reach another decider.

They are captained by Cork All-Ireland senior medalist Caoimhe Harrington whilst their strength up front is Grenagh-Ballingarry and Limerick star Eileen O'Brien who was honoured yesterday with an Examiner National Junior Sports Star award for Camogie.

Maghera defeated Magherafelt in the Ulster Final to reach today's semi-final. They are coached by Antrim inter-county player Catriona

Higgins and their side includes six players from senior club Swathragh.

They will travel to Cork determined to break the Cork monopoly on the competition but it will take a huge effort to de-throne the champions who look on course to reach their sixth All-Ireland Final in a row.

The post-primary Senior 'B' Championship is in its inaugural year and has proved to be a huge success. Sacred Heart, Clonakilty, will be hoping to go a step closer to becoming the first winners of the title when they take on St. Louis, Ballymenagh, at Clonakilty today at 3.00pm.

Sacred Heart are a young side who will be

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set to continue

back-boned by five players who have lined out at minor and junior level with the County. Junior goalkeeper Geraldine Casey is joined by Rosari Holland, Jennifer O'Leary and Edel Foley, all of whom won All-Ireland Minor medals last year whilst Geraldine Collins is a member of the Cork Junior Panel. The Ballymenagh side, whilst not having won any major honours to date, defeated Kilkeel from Co. Down to reach today's semi-final.

They draw their players from five clubs in their schools area and travelled to Cork yesterday and will stay until Sunday and were last evening afforded a Civic Reception by the Clonakilty UDC.

This promises to be an intriguing contest with both sides anxious to reach the first final in the inaugural year of the competition.

On the club scene holders Cloughduv put their county Under-16 title on the line when they face Aghabullogue in an all Mid-Cork semi-final clash at Carrigrohoid at 3.00pm today. Tomorrow in the Junior A League semi-final, County champions Watergrasshill play hosts to last year's County B champions Ballygarvan whilst the second semi-final which was due to be decided, Glen Rovers v Douglas, has been postponed due to a bereavement in the Glen Rovers club.

CAMOGIE ST. MARY'S JUNIORS REACH ALL IRELAND FINAL

St. Mary's Charleville...1-10
St. Patrick's Maghera...1-2

St. Mary's Charleville reached the All Ireland Colleges Junior Camogie Final by beating a very game St. Patrick's Maghera team in the All Ireland semi-final played in Maghera on Saturday, March 6th. They qualify to meet last year's All Ireland winners Kinvara in the final to be played on Saturday, 20th March at a venue to be decided. Even though the winning margin of eight points might suggest otherwise, this was a keenly contested game right to the final whistle. The difference between the two teams was that the Cork girls had the edge on the Derry girls in the finer points of the game and these skills enabled them to pick off scores at vital stages of the game. Charleville elected to play with a very strong wind and while they dominated the opening exchanges they found it difficult to register scores. The Maghera mentors played an extra player in the full back line to counter the effect of the wind and try as they might the full forward line of Alison White, Una Harrington and Tricia O'Callaghan could not overcome the crowded goal-mouth conditions. Niamh Bowles confirmed her Cork minor status by opening the Charleville account with two well struck points from frees and a great point from play.

St. Patrick's countered with a well pointed free against the wind by their best player Paula McCloy. Good defensive play by Aine Kelleher and determined work by midfielders Deirdre Hayes and Edwina Boyce provided the platform for a goal effort by Una Harrington that was deflected over the bar. The goal that was badly needed by Charleville was scored in the 14th minute by the alert Tricia O'Callaghan when she doubled on a poorly cleared ball and first-timed the ball to the net. The Charleville relief was shortlived as Ciara Cushnahan and Paula McCloy combined to score another point for the Maghera girls. Emer O'Friel countered with a well taken point from play for Charleville and despite the fact that the St. Mary's girls were leading at half-time by six points, this lead did not seem to be sufficient as they had to face a very strong wind in the second half.

St. Patrick's began the second half with a spirit and tenacity that had the St. Mary's girls defending desperately for long periods. It was in this opening ten minutes that the game was possible won for Charleville as the full back line of Christina O'Gorman, Laura O'Brien and Aoife Dillon performed heroically and cleared ball after ball. Goalkeeper Aoife Sheehan

made some great saves, cleared her lines cleanly and hit some great puckouts against the wind. Aoife Dillon, who had policed Maghera star Paula McCloy very effectively to this point picked up a hand injury and had to be replaced by fellow Milford player Marie Watson. Just as in the Munster Final, the introduction of this young player seemed to turn the game in the Charleville girls favour. Playing at wing forward she collected ball after ball, showing delightful touches of skill. She scored a great point with ten minutes to go having rounded two players at ease. At this point the Cork girls seemed to get a second wind. Una Harrington had another point from play and three points from Niamh Bowles seemed to put the issue beyond doubt. With ten minutes remaining the Maghera girls had the ball in the Charleville net for what looked like the score of the match by Claire Cushnahan but the goal was disallowed for an earlier infringement, much to the dismay of the Derry supporters. From this point on Charleville controlled the game with Emer O'Friel, Niamh Bowles and Edwina Boyce well on top around the middle of the field. This win was achieved by an all round gritty performance from the Charleville girls. It remains to be seen if they can raise their all round game the few points required and avenge the two point defeat inflicted on them in last year's semi-final by the current champions Kinvara. Charleville scorers: N. Bowles 0-6, Tricia O'Callaghan 1-0, Una Harrington 0-2, Emer O'Friel 0-1 and Marie Watson 0-1.

Camogie awards

AT THE County Camogie Board social held in the Meadow Court on Friday night last the following awards were presented for the 1998 season—

Senior Player of the Year: Olivia Broderick
Junior Player of the Year: Aoife Connolly
Minor Player of the Year: Fiona Gohery
U-14 Player of the Year: Roisin O'Connor

The Galway Camogie Person of the Year was Frank O'Grady who received the John Keane Memorial Trophy.

Galway juniors confirm mastery over Tipperary

Galway 5-6 :: Tipperary 4-5

THE Galway junior camogie team collected another points in the National league when they out old rivals Tipperary at Dolla Last Sunday. The game was a repeat of last year's All-Ireland junior final with four points again separating the teams.

Thanks to goals from Sandra Tannion, Aoife Lynskey and Brenda Daniels, Galway led by 3-4 to 2-2 at the interval of a closely contested game. Though Tipp drew level early in the second-half, Galway kept their composure and further goals from Daniels and Colleen Crowe ensured victory.

Galway: A. Connolly, O. Watson, A. Dolan, A. Cooney, T. Kelly, F. Healy, R. Broderick, V. Sweeney, E. Earls; A. Lynskey, C. Murray, C. Crowe, B. Daniels, S. Tannion. Subs, T. Burke for Cooney.

Galway Sports awards

Camogie - Ann Hardiman: From Mullagh, Ann has won numerous underage titles with both her club, Mullagh, as well as All-Ireland Senior Schools titles with St. Raphael's, Loughrea. She was a successful member of the all-conquering Galway senior camogie side of 1996. Outstanding centre-back on the current NUI, Galway Ashbourne Cup team, she has been selected for the Combined Universities Ashbourne team.

O'Brien gives superb display as Charleville cruise into final

St Mary's, Charleville 2-14
St Patrick's Maghera 0-1

ST MARY'S Charleville qualified for their fifth All Ireland Post Primary final in a row when they possessed too much skill for the spirited St. Patrick's Maghera at Newtownshandrum on Saturday morning.

The North Cork side were powered by a superb display from recently selected Examiner Junior Camogie Player of the Year Eileen O'Brien and Cork Senior Caoimhe Harrington. St. Patrick's began the game in determined fashion and indeed it took a superb save from St. Mary's goalkeeper Aoife Sheehan three minutes into the contest to deny them the games opening score.

However, St Mary's settled quickly and a deadly accurate free from Caoimhe Harrington fell to O'Brien who rounded her marker with ease and finished superbly to the net six minutes into the game.

St Mary's defence was seldom troubled in the opening half after which they led 1-7 0-0. The second-half was a one sided affair and St. Patrick's could only manage one point from a Paula McAthamney free.

O'Brien's superb individual display saw her contribute 2-9 to her side's total.

Scorers: St Mary's: E O'Brien 2-9 (0-6 frees), C Harrington 0-3, N Bowles, J Dolan 0-1. St. Patrick's: P McAthamney 0-1 (free).
ST MARY'S CHARLEVILLE: A Sheehan; N O'Riordan, C Lesley, C Gilman, C Mantion; N Bowles, C Harrington (Capt.), S Reidy, L Moloney; A Kelleher, E O'Brien, G Dolan. Sub: E O'Friel for A Moloney (inj).

ST PATRICK'S MAGHERA: C McCorry; B O'Loughlin, C Ward, A Greogan, A McGuckin; C McCullagh, P McKenna (Capt.); P McLoy, M O'Kane, C Kidd, S McGuigan; P McAthamney. Ref: C Dody (Limerick).

Sacred Heart Clonakilty 4-8
St Louis Ballymena 2-1

Sacred Heart Clonakilty insured it will be a Cork double when they qualified for the Inaugural Post Primary Senior B Championship final when they had a comfortable victory over St. Louis B at Clonakilty Saturday afternoon.

Playing against a strong wind in the opening half Sacred Heart led 3-3 to 1-1 at the break the vital goals coming from Ger Collins, Edelle Foley and Marie Moloney. Starting the second-half determined to hold their advantage, the Clonakilty side had stretched their lead fur-

ther into the second half with three points from their captain Ger Collins and Marie Moloney goal and two further points from Collins had the game wrapped up for Sacred Heart before Mary-Ellen McAleen had a consolation goal from St. Louis one minute from time. For Sacred Heart captain Ger Collins who contributed 1-7, Jennifer O'Leary and Marie Moloney were superb.

Scorers: Sacred Heart: G Collins 1-7, M Moloney 2-0, E Foley 1-0 and G O'Leary 0-1.
St. Louis: M McAleen 2-0, C O'Doherty 1-1.
SACRED HEART: G Casey; M Sheehan, AM Fleming, R Holland, K McCarthy; E Foley, J Dineen, J O'Leary, E O'Donovan; H Keohane, M Moloney, G Collins (Capt.). Sub: F Collins for H Keohane.
ST LOUIS: B Neeson; S O'Kane, L Webb, C Doherty, A McGill; M Graham, AM Molloy, S Griffin, C Mallon; C Scullion, M Naughton, M McAleen.
Referee: B Joyce (Kilteagh).

Colaiste Mhuire on top in the second half

Colaiste Mhuire 1-7 St. Malachys 0-2

The seaside venue of Ballykinler was in excellent condition for the All-Ireland Colleges junior camogie semi-final on Saturday last. Colaiste Mhuire from Ennis travelled North as Munster champions to play St. Malachys Highschool from Castlewellan and, despite most of County Down being under a blanket of snow, weather conditions for this tie were ideal.

The Ennis side, who travelled North on the eve of the game, were first to score when team captain Sharon O'Loughlin pointed after just two minutes. Five minutes later, the Clarecastle girl was involved in a move with Marie Lynch which ended with Aislinn Kelleher pointing.

The winners were finding it difficult to get the upperhand on their Northern opponents who opened their account with a point from a free. At the mid point of the half, the winners restored their two point advantage when midfielder Denis

Lynch pointed. Incidentally, the Kilmaley girl turned in another outstanding performance in this game.

The Northern champions hit back again for their second point with the ball just inches over the bar. Colaiste had the final score of the half when Sharon O'Loughlin burst through for her second point and this left the half time score at 0-4 to 0-2 in favour of the winners.

On the resumption, the colaiste outfit stepped up a gear and, throughout the remainder of the game, they

were the dominant side.

Sharon O'Loughlin again led by example when pointing after two minutes and this was followed by a good score from Denise Lynch from a free.

Attacks by the Ulster champions were rare in the second half but when they did manage to put on pressure the winners defence of Jane Scanlan, Ruth O'Gorman, Aoife Ryan and Mairead Keane were equal to the challenge.

Ten minutes into this half, Colaiste were on their way to the All-Ireland final after they struck for the best score of the

game. A long delivery from Marie O'Halloran was won on the edge of the square by Dervla Rice. She passed to Marie Whelan who shot to the net to stretch her team's lead to seven points.

The Ulster champions had one goal chance in the second half but Colaiste goalie Paula McCarthy made a fine save.

Denise Lynch completed the scoring with a well taken point ten minutes from the end.

In the All-Ireland final, Colaiste will play St. Cuan's of Castleblayney or Loretto, Mullingar who played a draw last week.

Colaiste Mhuire: Paula McCarthy (Clarecastle); Ruth O'Gorman (do); Jane Scanlan (do) Mairead Keane (Kilnamona) Aoife Ryan (Newmarket); Marie O'Halloran (Kilnamona), Denise Lynch (Kilmaley) Marie Lynch (Clarecastle) Marie Whelan (Eire Og), Sharon O'Loughlin (Clarecastle) capt., Aislinn Kelleher (Corofin) Dervla Rice (Ruan);

Sub: Deirdre Hegarty (Kilnamona) for Rice.

Commenting on the victory, team mentor Leo Quinlan expressed delight at the team's qualification for the all-Ireland final and went on to pay tribute to "all the sponsors who helped with our trip up North this week".

Ten teams chase Clare Senior title

The draws for the Clare senior camogie championship were made at the week-end. Ten teams will play in the competition which will get underway on July 3 with the final set for August 14.

Sixmilebridge and Wolfe Tones, two clubs that have been prominent in the competition in modern times, will clash in the preliminary round when Newmarket will take on Kilmaley.

In the quarter finals, Clooney await the winners of the Sixmilebridge and Wolfe Tones tie (A) while Truagh will play Newmarket or Kilmaley (B). Two amalgamations will clash in the quarter finals. St. Caimins, a combination of Whitegate and Scariff, will take on the Ruan-Doora-Barefield amalgamation (C). In the remaining quarter final title holders Bodyke will play Kilnamona (D).

The semi-final pairings will be A v C and B v D.

Last week's County board meeting elected Nancy Dooley from Scariff as treasurer for 1999.

CLARE OUTCLASSED

Offaly 5-7
Clare 2-0

Clare were outclassed by Offaly in the National junior league on Sunday last. Offaly were 3-4 to 1-0 in front at half time. Kay Walsh accounted for the Clare score in the opening half.

Emer Murphy was Clare's scorer in the second period when Offaly continued to hold the upperhand.

Clare will need to improve quickly as they take on All-Ireland junior champions Galway on this Sunday at 2.30pm. The venue has yet to be finalised.

Clare's starting fifteen last week comprised Niamh Mc Inerney, Orla Fitzgerald, Jean Flynn, Emer Murphy (all Sixmilebridge) Pauline Molohan, Majella Monaghan, Kay Walsh (Killaloe) Carmel Duggan (St. Josephs) Edel and Ann O'Regan (Ruan) Bernie Liddy (Newmarket) Anne and Louise O'Brien (Scariff)

Marie Mc Namara (Corofin) Pauline Rochford (Feakle);

Substitutes introduced were Emer Wherley and Siobhan Flannery who replaced Carmel Duggan and Pauline Rochford respectively.

CLOONEY FUNCTION

Cork captain Eithne Duggan will be the guest of honour at the Clooney club's

medal presentation function on this Friday night at the Roslevan Arms.

Eithne captained Bishopstown to the Cork title in 1997 and from here she was appointed captain of Cork and they won the All-Ireland crown in 1998 when she also captained Munster.

Eithne will present minor and intermediate championship medals to the Clare club together with senior league medals.

Galway next up for Dubs



DUBLIN, searching earnestly for a manager, entertain last year's All-Ireland finalists, and the champions of '96, Galway this Sunday (Venue to be announced).

Under new boss, Tommy Coen, Galway are sure to represent formidable opposition for the Dubs, who, nevertheless, have named quite an experienced selection that includes five players from St. Vincent's, the All-Ireland Club finalists.

They are captain, Germaine Noonan, Denise O'Leary, Denise Smith, Eimear Brannigan and Louise Lynch. Playing in goal for the Dubs will be Sile Nic Coltr, who scored two points for the Dublin Lady footballers in their defeat against Tyrone on Sunday.

Midfielders, Louise O'Hara and Fiona Ni Chiorraín, are a very talented duo, but Dublin will have to work hard to create any openings to test Galway keeper, Louise Curry, the former St. Monica's, Edenmore player.

CAMOGIE By NIAL SCULLY

Dublin's Louise Lynch has the craft to open up any defence, while also named in attack is Carmel Gray of Na Fianna, whose sister and club colleague, Ann Marie, who will play in a defence that will have to curb a very slick Galway attack.

Dublin have left a vacancy in the full-forward position, but they will look to the likes of Irene Kirwan and Eimear Brannigan to notch vital scores.

Galway, in this, their first fixture, have included several players that played in Croke Park, including their inspirational skipper, Olivia Broderick.

Dublin: Sile Nic Coltr; Ann McCluskey, Veronica Trehy, Germaine Noonan; Ann Marie Gray, Denise O'Leary, Eve Talbot; Louise O'Hara, Fiona Ni Chiorraín; Irene Kirwan, Denise Smith, Eimear Brannigan; Louise Lynch, A.N. O'Neil, Carmel Gray.

St. Jude's made their Senior B debut with a convincing victory over

Naomh Padraig in Palmerstown. Jude's, the intermediate champions, are a young side that promise much this season.

RESULTS

Sen. A: Ballyboden St. Enda's 4-7, Thomas Davis 0-2. Na Fianna 1-3; Erin's Isle 1-1. Sen. B: St. Jude's 2-5; Naomh Padraig 0-2, Kilmac Crokes 3-1; St. Anne's 1-1. Jun. A: Plunkett's/Roads 2-0; Liffey Gaels 1-0. U16: St. Jude's 6-3; St. Peregrine's 0-0. U14: Naomh Meánag 5-5; Naomh Fionnbarra 1-0. Craobh Chiarain 4-0; Cuala 2-0. Ballyboden St. Enda's 5-4; St. Vincent's 0-0. U12: St. Vincent's 1-0; Thomas Davis 0-0.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY: Inter League: (2.30): St. Anne's Craobh Chiarain v Naomh Brí. Shankill: Cuala v Clarna Gael. St. Anne's: Clontarf v Portlaoigh Junior A League: (1.0): St. Margaret's St. Margaret's v Ballyboden St. Enda's. Portlaoigh: Naomh Meánag v Cruinn. Hurlstown Road: St. Peregrine's v St. Jude's. Junior B League: (1.10): Liffey Park: Liffey Gaels v St. Anne's. Magee Park: St. Mark's v Raheny. Mobhi Road: Na Fianna v St. Vincent's. Rathcoole: Commercial v Lucan Sarsfield. Farnham Road: Erin's Isle v O'Dwyer's.

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Colaiste Bride girls hungry for success

DAVID MEDCALF

Enniscorthy

COLAISTE Bride will be aiming for a return to the All-Ireland senior camogie final when they entertain Portumna Community College at Bellefield on Saturday.

SCHOOLS CAMOGIE

The Enniscorthy outfit are hungry for another crack at Charleville of Cork who beat them in last year's decider.

They have been given the crucial home draw for their semi final assignment against the Connaught champions, much to the delight of coach Elva Moriarty. Her side worked out on Saturday with practice games against the county junior and senior panels.

'We are thrilled to have home advantage,' admitted the coach who knows that any team coming out of Galway will be hard to beat. She has lost star names such as Rose Mary Breen and Michelle O'Leary from last year's line-up.

However, players such as Caoimhe Fitzpatrick and Patricia Breen have proved more than capable replacements while the likes of defender Helena Jacob have improved with maturity.

The side is captained by the vastly experienced Claire O'Connor who won a senior club All-Ireland medal a few years ago with Rathnure.

She and the mentors will be looking for a good start from the Mercy girls in front of the Bellefield crowd.

Scoring has been their big problem during the season to date, so much will hinge on the predatory instincts of Jenny Codd, Angeline Westnott and free-taker Elaine Holohan as they attempt to compile a winning total.

Elva Moriarty's opposite number in Portumna is Pat Kelly who only took over the management of the team last September.

He has guided them to their first ever Connaught title, in a championship traditionally dominated by St. Raphael's of Loughrea.

His squad is drawn largely from the local town club, as well as from the Davitts, Killimer and Lorra which is across the border in Tipperary.

They hope to bring at least 100 supporters to Enniscorthy but Pat Kelly is very concerned that his girls may not react well to the long journey from Portumna.

Colaiste Bride panel:

Ursula Jacob, Helen Jacob, Breda Bolger (all Oulart), Sandra Murphy, Patricia Breen, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Grace Kelly, Sharon Farrington, Catherine O'Loughlin (all Monageer), Bernie Holohan, Elaine Holohan, Niamh O'Connor, captain Claire O'Connor, Angeline Westnott, Laura Murphy, Fiona Murphy (all Rathnure), Jennifer Codd, Aishling Moran (both Duffry Rovers), Gretta Heffernan, Patricia Quigley (both Oylegate), Bridget Carley, Carol Redmond, Sarah Carley, Sarah Russell (Rapparees) Elaine Morris (Marshallstown).

• The Colaiste Bride camogie team has been presented with a set of jerseys by the Riverside Park Hotel. However, they will not take to the pitch on Saturday in their new gear as there is a clash of colours with Portumna C.C.

• Instead, the Enniscorthy girls will don the purple and gold while the visitors will be in Galway maroon.

• The parents of the Colaiste Bride senior camogie team have organised a fund-raising table quiz in support of their girls. The venue is Murphy-Flood's Hotel, Thursday, March 11, at 8 p.m.

Colaiste Bride
Portumna CS

2-9
1-6

A SPIRITED first-half show by Leinster champions Colaiste Bride laid the foundations of a win over Portumna Community School in the All-Ireland Secondary Schools Camogie championship semi-final at Enniscorthy last Saturday.

Thanks mainly to the marksmanship of Elaine Holohan the home team built up a lead of 1-7 to 0-1 at the interval.

There was a brave fight back by Portumna in the third quarter but it was scorer in chief Holohan who sealed victory with a brilliant individual goal seven minutes from the end.

Scorers: Colaiste Bride: E. Holohan 1-7, G. Heffernan 1-1, C. O'Connor 0-1.
Portumna: L. Kavagh 0-3, D. Moran 1-0, N. Henney 0-2, C. Conroy 0-1.
Referee: Ms. M. Pollard (Waterford).

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Sacred Heart girls are just one step away

MANY thrilled to the exploits of Sacred Heart College, Clonakilty, who defeated St. Louis Grammar School, Ballymena, in last Saturday's post primary schools senior B. All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Clonakilty.

With all but two, of their starting line-up from the nearby Barryroe Club, Clonakilty showed greater understanding from the start and against the wind notched up three goals and three points in reply to a goal and a point from their Northern opponents.

Team captain Ger Collins scored their first goal and Adelle Foley followed with another before Marie Moloney netted with a spectacular effort to leave the home team nicely placed at the interval.

The winners' ground hurling was a delight to watch as they continued to set the pace after the break against a physically stronger Ballymena outfit who battled competitively.

However, Marie Moloney's second goal ensured Clonakilty place in the final which is upcoming shortly.



Mary Burke (Portumna) is closed down by Colaiste Bride full-back Helena Jacob in last Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools' senior 'A' camogie championship semi-final at Bellefield. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

Holohan on song Bríde return to

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Colaiste Bríde's attacking ace Elaine Holohan leaves a couple of Portumna defenders trailing in her wake as the centre-forward advances to bag the killer-goal in last Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship semi-final at Bellefield. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

PORTUMNA BOSS SHARES MORIARTY'S OPTIMISM FOR ALL-IRELAND CHANCES

The general consensus at Bellefield on Saturday afternoon last was that Colaiste Bríde have the potential to land the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie title this year.

When mind-games are put to one side the manager of any team in contention for silverware will obviously rate their side's chances.

But Colaiste Bríde coach Elva Moriarty believes she has sufficient reason to state that her charges have what it takes to avenge

last year's final loss to Cork big guns, St. Mary's of Charleville.

"I am really looking forward to meeting St. Mary's," Moriarty enthused as Wexford camogie star Bernie Holohan informed her that Charleville had cruised past their Ulster counterparts.

"I think we have a much stronger team going down this year than we had last year, and certainly the experience of that match against St. Mary's should help our players. I would certainly be more confident this time

round."

And Portumna manager Pat Kelly shares Moriarty's optimism. "I would certainly fancy Enniscorthy's chances. I haven't seen Charleville," he admitted, "but if they are better than Colaiste Bríde then they must be a good team!"

"St. Mary's have great tradition. But tradition is tradition and when you put two teams up against each other it's 12 against 12, and if Colaiste Bríde show the same determination in the

final as they showed today they will stand a tremendous chance. But they must show that same determination."

Kelly wasn't prepared to single out match-winner Elaine Holohan for special mention. "Clinical free-taking is a big advantage with any team - but we scored most of the frees that we won as well.

"The balance of the Colaiste Bríde team is very good. They have strong players in every position. They have a good full-back who caught two great balls out of the air and

cleared them.

"Colaiste Bríde were first to the breaks and that sort of reaction was important," Kelly added.

"I felt one of the big differences was that when Enniscorthy got the ball in the forward line they took our players on while we didn't.

"If Colaiste Bríde do that in the final I guarantee you that St. Mary's will find it hard to defend against it. It makes life difficult for a team when the opposition are running at you."

as classy Coláiste All-Ireland final

Ronan Fagan

**Colaiste Bride.....2-9
Portumna.....1-6**

ELAINE HOLOHAN went on a scoring spree at windy Bellefield on Saturday afternoon last to catapult last year's runners-up Colaiste Bride into a second successive All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final, breaking Portumna hearts in the process.

Consistently brilliant for club, county and school, Elaine actually did enough to singlehandedly hand the Galway girls their walking papers. The centre-forward shot a late goal to bolster her highly impressive personal tally to 1-7.

Sporting the alternative Wexford-colours, Colaiste Bride utilised the assistance of a strong first-half wind to create the platform for victory, with five Holohan points together with a splendid salvo of 1-1 from Gretta Heffernan helping the back-to-back Leinster champions into a solid 1-7 to 0-1 interval lead.

Portumna in their first-ever appearance at this stage of the competition took a while to get their fightback underway, but they managed to reduce the leeway to five points (1-9 to 1-4) nine minutes from the end.

But match-winner Holohan netted an exquisite goal with time ebbing away to put the result beyond doubt and Colaiste Bride on their way to probably becoming the best in the land.

It would be unfair to single out the aforementioned Holohan and Heffernan for special mention, with every member of the team playing a constructive role in guiding the Shannon Hill based outfit past a gutsy second-half challenge from Portumna.

In terms of finishing alone there was a marked improvement from their 0-6 to 0-1 Leinster final success, but Colaiste Bride will look to improve even on this showing when they meet their conquerors of '98 - St. Mary's of Charleville, county Cork - in the forthcoming decider.

The undisputed queens of Schools' camogie, Charleville showed supreme excellence in

what in all truth was an expected facile win (2-14 to 0-1) over Ulster champions St. Patrick's of Maghera, also on Saturday.

But they certainly won't have it so easy against a Colaiste Bride unit determined to get their hands on one of the most cherished prizes in camogie.

Colaiste Bride are blessed with a defence that so often attracts five-star ratings, with the Jacob sisters, goalie Ursula and full-back Helena providing a solid foundation, while Sandra Murphy, the second of the Holohan twins Bernie, and Niamh O'Connor complete an efficient back-five.

Captain Claire O'Connor anchors a productive midfield where the All-Ireland Club senior camogie championship winner with Rathnure in 1995 was flanked in this latest win by Patricia Breen and Caoimhe Fitzpatrick.

While Elaine Holohan and Gretta Heffernan provided the necessary punch up-front against Portumna, Jennifer Codd and full-forward Angeline Westnott are just as capable of running up big tallies next day out. The unselfish play of this team is to be admired.

That first-choice 12 actually fell a point into arrears following an even enough start, with wing-forward Wendy Donnellan picking-off a second minute opener for Portumna.

The Westerners were threatening to make a real game of it during those opening minutes, but burning with desire to go one better than last year, Colaiste Bride shook themselves, opening up to manufacture a significant lead.

Gretta Heffernan gave Colaiste Bride the incentive when firing a splendid shot beyond Portumna's six-foot-plus 'keeper Karen Power and to the net in the third minute.

Elaine Holohan began to work her magic between the sixth and 13th minutes as she shot four unanswered points (three from frees) to hand Colaiste Bride a healthy 1-4 to 0-1 lead midway through the half.

Claire O'Connor extended her side's advantage when completing a fine 20th minute solo burst with a



Colaiste Bride full-back Helena Jacob doesn't give Mary Burke (Portumna) an inch during the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship semi-final at Bellefield on Saturday afternoon last. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

point, and Holohan from a close range free along with Heffernan widened the gap to 1-7 to 0-1 at the changeover with respective points.

Despite how bleak the scoreline made their mission appear, Portumna returned firing on all cylinders, with corner-back Niamh Hanney and attacker Wendy Donnellan ensuring that Colaiste Bride were kept on their toes for much of the second-half.

Hanney ran onto the breaking ball from the throw-in to send over a quick point, before some of her colleagues wasted a couple of gilt-edged opportunities to the obvious relief of Colaiste Bride.

Holohan pointed a 31st minute free to restore the winners' nine point lead before Portumna changed the complexion of the scoreline. Substitute Dóirínne Moran won the ball on the left wing and goaled from an almost impossible angle out wide to close the distance

to 1-8 to 1-2 eight minutes after the restart.

The hearts of the on-looking Enniscorthy support were in their mouths three minutes later when Lorraine Donnelly flashed a good goaling opportunity wide.

Wendy Donnellan, however, found the target with a 37th minute point via a free she herself won to keep Portumna firmly in touch.

But, after Holohan traded a point with Portumna midfielder Edel Pierce the Colaiste Bride ace set off on a 48th minute solo that yielded a killer goal (2-9 to 1-4).

Really it was a case of completing the formalities over the last two minutes, and Donnellan and defender Hanney each pointed late on to console the bravehearted Galway girls.

Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy - Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sandra Murphy

(Monageer-Boovalavogue), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Patricia Breen (Monageer-Boovalavogue), Claire O'Connor (Rathnure, capt., 0-1), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Monageer-Boovalavogue), Jennifer Codd (Duffry Rovers), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure, 1-7), Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate, 1-1), Angeline Westnott (Rathnure).

Subs: Aishling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh) for Heffernan; Patricia Quigley (Oylegate) for N. O'Connor.

Portumna Community School, Galway - Karen Power, Colette Duffy, Philippa Coleman, Niamh Hanney (0-2), Ailbhe Kelly, Edel Pierce (0-1), Claire Conroy, Patricia Burke, Wendy Donnellan (0-2), Loura Kavanagh (capt.), Lorraine Donnelly, Mark Burke.

Sub: Dóirínne Moran (1-1) for Pierce.

Referee - Maria Pollard (Waterford).

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Clon secure final place with stunning display

All Ireland camogie title beckons for super skilful Sacred Heart girls

Sacred Heart College, Clonakilty 4-8
St Louis Grammar, Ballymena 2-1

TOP of every sports followers' list should be a camogie game every now and then. At last Saturday's post primary schools all Ireland senior B semi-final at Clonakilty many thrilled to the exploits of almost 30 girls giving an exhibition of catching, striking and scoring that would put many a hurler to shame.

After the game I spoke to numerous people in the large attendance who enthused about the fare served up with Jim O'Reilly, once the doyen of Clonakilty hurling, declaring the third goal as being one of the best he had ever seen.

It arrived just before half time when Clon 'keeper Ger Casey saved from Shauna Graffin and set up a movement in which Ger Collins gained possession. A deft flick by the winners' captain over the advancing defence released Marie Moloney who bilowed the net to really put Clonakilty in a position of authority.

At the break they led by 3-3 to 1-1 and with the strong wind in their favour after the interval the task for St Louis was a formidable one.

To their credit the more physical Ballymena girls continued to compete to the end but by the time their second goal arrived Clonakilty had an all Ireland date in Tullamore well and truly booked.

The winners' ground strokes were a joy to watch as they strove to combat the opposition early on when Ballymena captain Christine Doherty was an imposing presence. With Máiréad Graham, Shauna Graffin, later moved to full forward, and Ann Marie Molloy also impressing, the losers had cancelled out a Jennifer O'Leary point before

a free from Ms Doherty was cleared only Mary Ellen McErlean who squeezed home a goal to put the losers in front after six minutes of whirlwind action.

Earlier in the weekend the Clonakilty side had been perfect off the field hosts to their northern opponents but when the honour of the school was at issue on the field the winners had no intention of being overly generous in the white heat of battle.

Fittingly, their skipper, Ger Collins, should be the one to resurrect their hopes with her ninth minute goal, set up by Helen Keohane, proving to be an inspirational score. Soon after she added a point to give Clonakilty a lead they never subsequently relinquished.

For a while afterwards, however, it took dogged defending, including a good save by Ger Casey and a goal line clearance by Mary Sheehy, to help the winners preserve their advantage. Moving the ball swiftly along a well prepared surface the winners really took control in the second quarter when Jennifer O'Leary was at her majestic best around a midfield area where she had brilliant back-up service.

Adelle Foley, Isla Dineen and Eimear O'Donovan all rose to the occasion to propel Clonakilty in a forward mode that had the losers back peddling and, but for a brilliant interception by Lisa Webb, Clonakilty would have broken through for another goal before their second arrived four minutes before half time.

At that stage Cork minor Rosalie Holland was clearing left and right in the face of St Louis raids and from one of her deliveries Ger Collins placed Adelle Foley for a peach of a goal. It was a feat the losers looked unlikely to repeat as the Clonakilty de-



Sacred Heart College, Clonakilty, who have qualified for the All Ireland post primary camogie final.

fence had now settled well with Mary Sheehy, Ann Marie Fleming and Karen McCarthy all responding to the inspirational deeds of Ms Holland and giving goalkeeper Ger Casey maximum cover.

The winners' custodian, who plays camogie with Cork juniors and has also won hockey honours at U-18 level with Ireland, was the one to set up Clonakilty's third goal, expertly taken by Marie

Moloney who along with Ger Collins caused the losers' defence most problems.

Struggling against injury, Helen Keohane had set up many opportunities for her attacking colleagues before retiring injured to be replaced by Fiona Collins who did her bit for the cause, too.

After the resumption a magnificently struck Ger Collins point, excellent goalkeeping by Brenda Neeson for St

Louis and a well taken Marie Moloney goal, set up by substitute Fiona Collins, were the highlights before Mary Ellen McErlean secured the losers' second goal on the call of time.

A well tutored Clonakilty team, thanks to the undeniable hurling input of teacher and coach Liam Nash, and helped by the fact that 11 of the 13 players on view figure with the one club unit in Barryroe, were worthy

winners of a semi-final well refereed by former Cork player, Betty Joyce.

Scorers - Clonakilty: G Collins 1-6 (3-1 3-0) M Moloney 2-1, A Foley 1-3, J O'Leary 0-1
St Louis: M E McErlean 2-0, C Doherty 0-1
SACRED HEART COLLEGE: G Casey, M Sheehy, K McCarthy, R Holland, A M Fleming, A Foley, I Dineen, E O'Donovan, J O'Leary, H Keohane, M Moloney, G Collins; sub: F Collins
ST LOUIS: B Neeson, L Webb, S O'Kane, A Magill, C Doherty, A M Molloy, C McMahon, M Graham, S Graffin, M E McErlean, M McNaughton, C Scullin; sub: C Breslin



The Loreto College Junior 'B' camogie team which has reached the All-Ireland Colleges Final. At back, from left, Elizabeth Hannon, Aileen Martin, Sinead Kilmurray, Patricia Smyth, Roberta Harris, Sinead Sullivan, Therese Russell, Grainne Noone and Maeve Orme. In front, from left, Fiona Reynolds, Dinah Loughlin, Aisling Conaty, Clodagh O'Neill, Eileen O'Driscoll (Captain), Gemma Hynes, Niamh Barry and Doreen O'Driscoll.

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MAGNIFICENT LORETO COLLEGE CAMOGIE FINAL

LORETO COLLEGE, MULLINGAR 1-4.
ST. CUAN'S, CASTLEBLAKNEY 0-1.

On Saturday last, March 13th, at St. Loman's Grounds, Mullingar, Loreto College fought their way to a historic victory and qualified for the All-Ireland Final of the Colleges 'B' Junior Camogie Championship. Behind the scoreline of 1-4 to 0-1 in this semi-final replay lies a game of tremendous commitment, excellent skill and, especially in Loreto's case, absolute will to win. There has rarely been a more determined team to play colleges games than this Loreto side.

Facing the strong breeze, Loreto settled quickly and got a dream start with a goal after four minutes. Dinah Loughlin and Sinead Sullivan both claiming a hand in this vital score.

The goal gave Loreto a cushion and playing with great confidence, they contained the best efforts of the Galway side. Indeed Loreto had the better chances throughout the first-half, but poor striking and a tendency to run into trouble cost them scores.

Elizabeth Hannon had a goal bound shot turned over the bar in the 18th minute, a score which turned out to be the last of the first-half. The half-time score was Loreto College 1-1, St. Cuan's 0-0.

THREE WIDES IN SUCCESSION

Now with the wind, Loreto went in search of scores which would clinch the game, but over anxiety caused three wides in quick succession before Dinah Loughlin chipped over a good point following a solo run, after thirty five minutes.

This was followed quickly by another point from Clodagh O'Neill to put Loreto ahead by six points with twelve minutes remaining. Patricia Smyth looked to have settled affairs with a fine pointed free from halfway.

However, Loreto lost a five point lead in the first match and St. Cuan's manufactured a magnificent late rally. In the final eight minutes they threw everything at Loreto, but the Loreto defence held firm.

Time after time, the Loreto defenders, with Aisling Conaty superb, put themselves in the way of passes. They blocked, covered, harassed and outfought their opponents, who simply could not find the scores. In fact, St. Cuan's only score came from a '30' with four minutes remaining.

The final few minutes were heart stopping. St. Cuan's went in search of the goals they needed, and at times looked like over-running the Loreto defence. However, this Loreto side simply will not give in and they held out heroically.

MARVELLOUS SCENES OF JOY

The final whistle was greeted by marvellous scenes of joy



Loreto sharpshooter, Dinah Loughlin puts her side on the offensive in the All-Ireland semi-final against St. Cuan's in St. Loman's, Mullingar on Saturday.

among the Loreto squad, mentors and supporters. The All-Ireland now beckons, next Saturday against Colaiste Mhuire, from Ennis.

Loreto had many stars and no weak link. Every girl played her part and stuck to her task admirably. Doreen O'Driscoll was very safe in goal, well supported by Aisling Conaty, Eileen O'Driscoll and Sinead Kilmurray in defence.

Patricia Smyth was excellent, with her long frees and clearances a great boost. The midfield of Dinah Loughlin, Clodagh O'Neill and Niamh Barry (who has rarely played better) all had the measure of their skilful opponents.

In the forwards, Roberta Harris, Elizabeth Hannon, Aileen Martin and Sinead Sullivan all foraged hard and were unlucky not to be rewarded with more scores.

The question now on everyone's mind is, can Loreto go on to All-Ireland glory? Certainly if unquenchable team spirit, will to win and dogged determination are yardsticks of a successful team, then Loreto are well on the way to making history.

As one supporter said on Saturday — "Just when you think that's it, they won't get past this stage, this team turns around and surprises us all".

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis will provide a huge challenge, but such is the spirit and skill which coach Emer Brennan has harnessed in this side that next weekend Westmeath camogie may be celebrating its greatest ever day.

Loreto College, Mullingar:
Doreen O'Driscoll, Aisling Conaty, Sinead Kilmurray, Eileen O'Driscoll (Captain), Patricia Smyth, Dinah Loughlin, Clodagh O'Neill, Niamh Barry, Aileen Martin, Roberta Harris, Elizabeth Hannon and Sinead Sullivan.
Subs.: Therese Russell, Grainne Noone, Fiona Reynolds, Maeve Orme and Gemma Hynes.



Closely watched by St. Cuan's defenders, Sinead Sullivan battles for possession during Saturday's All-Ireland semi-final replay. Other Loreto College players included are Roberta Harris, Clodagh O'Neill and Aileen Martin.



With teammates, Sinead Sullivan and Clodagh O'Neill in close support, Loreto College's Aileen Martin shoots for goal against St. Cuan's in the All-Ireland semi-final replay on Saturday last.



Eileen O'Driscoll, the Loreto College captain, clears the ball to safety in St. Loman's on Saturday last.

ST. MARYS, CHARLEVILLE THROUGH TO THEIR SECOND ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL

ST. MARYS, CHARLEVILLE.....2-14

ST. PATRICKS, MAGHERA.....0-1

In cold wintry conditions at Newtownshandrum on Saturday last, St. Marys Senior Camogie side, Charleville had a very easy win over Ulster Champions, St. Patricks, Maghera.

From the start the winners dominated and but for a solid Maghera defence the local side would have had a far bigger winning margin. Some excellent sideline cutting skills and expert free taking, along with some good passages of play and some fine saves by the Ulster goalkeeper were the main talking points of what must be described as a one sided semi final. Eileen O'Brien was the winners' top player with a personal tally of 2-9.

After 11 minutes the winners led 1-3 to no score, all coming from Eileen O'Brien. Caoimhe Harrington had two points in quick succession with Eileen O'Brien scoring two late points in this half, one from a free. The North

Cork side led 1-7 to 0-0 at the break.

The second half saw the Ulster side have the aid of the slight breeze. The trend was very much the same in this half with the Rathluirge girls adding a further 1-7. Eileen O'Brien had 1-4 in the second half with points by Niamh Bowles, Jordana Dolan and Caoimhe Harrington completing the scoring. St. Patricks, Maghera had their single score, a point 8 minutes from the end through a Paula McAtamney free.

The St. Marys, Charleville side will now contest the All Ireland Junior Final this Saturday against Kinvara in Mary Immaculate Grounds, Limerick while the senior side will play their All

Ireland Final on Saturday April 17th at a venue to be decided.

St. Marys, Charleville scorers: Eileen O'Brien 2-9, Caoimhe Harrington 0-3, Jordana Dolan 0-1, Niamh Bowles 0-1.

St. Patricks, Maghera scorer: Paula McAtamney 0-1.

TEAMS:-

St. Marys, Charleville: Aoife Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry), Cara Manlon (Newtownshandrum), Catherine Leslie (Granagh/Ballingarry), Noelle O'Riordan (Milford), Caroline Giltinan (Newtown), Sarah Reidy (Newtown), Caoimhe Harrington (Newtown), Niamh Bowles (Newtown), Aine Kelleher (Newtown),

Lisa Moloney (Ballygran), Jordana Dolan (Ballygran), Eileen O'Brien (Granagh/Ballingarry), Subs: Emer O'Friel (Milford) for Lisa Moloney (injured), Gemma Ronan (Ballygran) for Aine Kelleher.

St. Patricks, Maghera: Claire McCorry, Bernie O'Loughlin, Ciara Ward, Aisling Grogan, Aileen McGuckian, Catherine McCulloch, Paula McKenna, Paula McCoy, Monica O'Kane, Ciara Kidd, Shauna McGuigan, Paula McAtamney, Subs: Aileen McEvoy for Ciara Kidd, Claire Bradley for Shauna McGuigan.

Referee: Celine Doody (Co. Limerick).



St. Marys coach, Vincent Harrington, pictured giving the orders during the All Ireland Semi Final in Newtownshandrum.



Aine Kelleher, St Marys, Charleville in action during the All Ireland Camogie Semi Final in Newtownshandrum.



WHERE IS THE BALL?

These ladies were waiting to get into the action during the All Ireland Camogie Semi Final in Newtownshandrum.



BACKS BACK

From which direction is the ball coming? There was a little confusion for these players during the All Ireland Schools Senior Camogie Semi Final in Newtownshandrum.



St. Marys, Charleville Senior Camogie panel which has qualified for yet another All Ireland Schools Final.

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Action from the St. Mary's Charleville, versus St. Patricks of Derry All Ireland Camogie Semi Final which was played in Newtownshandrum.



Eileen O'Brien from Granagh who scored 9 goals and 58 points in last year's Senior Club Championship campaign which culminated with an All Ireland victory was this week named as a National Award Winner. Eileen is the holder of 14 All Ireland medals and this week she is just one step away from her 15th after her school, St Marys Charleville, qualified for yet another All Ireland Final.



Close encounters during the All Ireland Senior Schools Camogie Semi Final, St Marys Charleville versus St. Patricks of Derry in Newtownshandrum.

A FIRST AND LAST FOR WATERFORD LADIES

Waterford I.T. introduced a new era and also rang down the curtain on an old one when they beat defending champions U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Cup senior camogie final at Limerick last month.

Waterford became the first non-University to win the trophy and their name will now rank as the last inscribed on the long-established trophy. The Ashbourne Cup has been competed for since as far back as 1915 when Lord Ashbourne, a Trinity College graduate, presented the Cup to the Camogie Association for the promotion of the game in the Universities.

The Cup is to be "retired" to the G.A.A. Museum at Croke Park and from next year the Colleges' and Universities will compete for the Millennium Cup.

Waterford I.T.'s win then will command an extra special place in the annals of the championship in more ways than one. The break-through was also achieved in convincing style, with a convincing 1-6 to 0-4 win.

The only goal of the game came after 39 minutes. Centre half forward Brigid Mullany (Kilkenny) and right full forward Kate Kelly (Waterford) combined to put Mary Walshe (Waterford) in possession and the full forward expertly sent the ball to the Cork net. That score sent Waterford firmly on the road to their doubly historic win.

Mullany made a big contribution over-all to the success. Apart from her good work in general play she also proved very target conscious from frees by scoring five points.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Another star of the success was Sinead Nealon, daughter of Munster Council Secretary and former Tipperary All-Ireland hurler, Donie.

A commanding figure with Waterford I.T. in recent years, the success came in Sinead's final year and set the seal on a proud record at Waterford I.T. In 1993 she won a Purcell Cup medal and the Player of the Year award and she also has two Division I League souvenirs.

Others who stamped their personalities on the final win in a big way included goalkeeper Michelle Fennelly (Kilkenny), right half back Clare Scallan, sister of Wexford All-Ireland hurler, Eamonn, and Jackie O'Connor (Limerick).

The history-making team received a tremendous welcome when they returned to Waterford with the coveted trophy. The side had a Garda escort in Waterford and a big crowd was present at the I.T. to show their delight at the historic break-through.

No doubt the interest created by the success will help to advance the cause of camogie in Waterford in general.

The title break-through was a just

reward for the tremendous dedication and hard-work by the players and trainer, Colm Bonnar, the former Tipperary All-Ireland hurler, and manager Shelia O'Donohoe, winner of two Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.D.

Bonnar brought a new dimension to the training. And, it is an indication of the determination and the commitment of the players that they responded wholeheartedly even though training sessions were held regularly at 7.30 a.m. after Christmas until the start of the championship.

The hard-work paid off as Waterford I.T. made it third final lucky. They lost their debut in a decider in 1995 to Limerick University and were beaten in 1998 by U.C.C.

Camogie is very strong in Waterford I.T. Indeed, the club is the largest there and fields four separate teams in the various competitions from Freshers to the Ashbourne.

Having come back so well from the disappointments of 1995 and 1998, what now are Waterford's prospects of following on by becoming the first winners of the new Millennium Cup?

Only time will tell, but an encouraging pointer for the Ashbourne Cup holders is that seven of the team won medals in their first year at Waterford and their experience will prove invaluable when it comes around to starting out on the trail of the new trophy.

So, the outlook for Waterford must be rated very bright.



Kate Kelly ... sets up an attack.

Back (l to r) - Jackie O'Connor, Colm Bonnar, Sinead Nealon. Front (l to r) - Catriona Fitzgerald, Una O'Rourke with the Ashbourne Cup.



Waterford I.T. ... Ashbourne Cup winners 1999.

Memories of camogie years

● EVERY year I receive a Christmas card from my dear sister-in-law Mary Baldwin. What a thrill it was to me when I found the camogie picture of 1952 enclosed.

Three years earlier when I had been visiting with her and my brother Norman, she mentioned the *Evening Echo* was running a series of camogie championship team pictures and when mine appeared she would mail it onto me.

You ask about memories of my camogie years. The year 1952 was a special one because we won the

championship. In 1951 we had lost to St Aloysius. Mother Peter decided to change coaches. Our new coach had coached the boys' hurling team in previous years. It was a good move as we went on to win against our arch rivals St Als.

In those days we had to find our own way to the games and practices. My fellow teammate Lily McKay and I would cycle down to Church Road on our bicycles.

They were halcyon days. I often think of them. I remember sitting eating dinner with my dad, two

brothers and my twin sister - mam had passed away in 1943 - telling my dad I had to have a pair of navy blue knickers. Our dad was a painter and money was tight in those days and he teased me about painting my bottom black. At the time I thought he was serious but later I realised he had been teasing me.

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Camogie enthusiasts from all over Ulster assembled in An Port Mor, Co. Armagh recently for the Annual Presentation Dinner where the Ulster Council's Special Award went to Sighle Nic An Ulaigh from Co. Down to honour her contribution to the game over a long number of years. Sighle, from Warrenpoint played her first game more than 75 years ago and has been deeply involved ever since. She is the authoress of one of the best GAA county histories, O Shiol go Blath, and she is currently writing a history of the Camogie Association.

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After dropping two points in their first outing to league champions Cork, Tipperary hit back with a bang with a convincing win over Kilkenny in a National senior league tie played at Boherlahan. First half goals by Niamh Harkin (two) and Noelle Kennedy (one) set the Premier County on the way to victory after leading 3-3 to 0-3 at the break.

The second half was evenly contested with Kilkenny's Brigid Mullaly picking off six points while Tipperary's Niamh Harkin scored her third goal, and points from Angela McDermott and Deirdre Hughes gave their side a comfortable victory.

Final score: Tipperary 4-5 Kilkenny 0-9

Scorers: Tipperary: Niamh Harkin 3-0, Noelle Kennedy 1-3, Angela McDermott and Deirdre Hughes 0-1 each.

Kilkenny: Brigid Mullaly 0-7, Sinead Millea and Margaret Comerford 0-1 each.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork

Dublin got off to a good start in the National senior league when they had six points to spare over Armagh in a keenly contested encounter played at O'Toole Park. The 'Orchard County' were much the sharper side in the opening half and led 0-6 to 0-4 at the break. Dublin became more dominant in the second half and a Louise O'Hara goal set them on the path to victory.

Final score: Dublin 1-10 Armagh 0-7.

Scorers: Dublin: Irene Kirwan 0-5, Louise O'Hara 1-0, Louise Lynch 0-2, Eve Tolbot, Fiona Ni Chorcair and Cathy Walsh 0-1 each.

Armagh: Mary Black and Patricia McEvoy 0-3 each, Karen Kelly 0-1.

Referee: John Pender, Kildare

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Tipperary put it up to the All-Ireland Junior champions Galway in their National Junior league encounter at Dolla. This tie was a repeat of the All-Ireland Junior Championship final. The winners led 3-4 to 2-2 at the break.

Final score:

Galway 5-6,

Tipperary 4-5.

Scorers: Galway:

Aoife Lynskey 2-3,

Brenda Daniels 1-1,

Coleen Crowe 1-0,

Caroline Murray 0-1.

Tipperary:

Norma Coffey 1-2,

Alice Deane, Niamh

Dwyer and Joanne

Ryan 1-1 each.

Referee: Brendan Williams Kilkenny

Offaly went on a scoring spree in their National junior league tie against Clare at Rath.

Final score: Offaly 9-10 Clare 2-0

Scorers: Offaly: Maggie Lynch 3-6, Michelle Davis 3-3, Orla Carey 1-1, Audrey Hennessy and Elaine Dermody 1-0 each.

Clare: Kathleen Walsh and Emer Murphy 1-0 each.

POST PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Championships:

Final score: St Mary's Charleville 1-9, St Patrick's Maghera 1-2.

Scorers: St Mary's: Niamh Bowles 0-5, Patricia O'Callaghan 1-0, Una Harrington 0-2, Marie Watson and Eimear O'Friel 0-1 each.

St Patrick's: Paula McCoy 1-2

Final score: Seamount Kinvara 3-5 Loreto, Kilkenny 0-2

Scorers: Seamount: Orla Curtin 2-4, Linda Gill 1-0, Pamela Hobbins 0-1.

Loreto: Sarah O'Gorman 0-2

Junior B Semi-Finals:

Final score:

St Cuan's Castleblayney 1-8 Loreto, Mullingar 2-5

Scorers: St Cuan's: Nicola Gavin 1-1, Valerie Gavin 0-4, Gemma Kelly 0-2, Lenora Lyons 0-1.

Loreto: Sinead O'Sullivan and Aileen Martin 1-0 each, Patricia Smith 0-3, Dinah Loughlin 0-2.

Final score: Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis 1-7, St Malachy's Castlewelling 0-2.

Scorers: Colaiste Mhuire: Marie Whelan 1-0, Sharon O'Loughlin and Denise Lynch 0-3 each, Aisling Kelleher 0-1.

St Malachy's: Lisa McCrickard and Eimear O'Higgins 0-1 each.



The Limerick University squad that clinched the Ashbourne Shield competition

Cork continue unbeaten run with victory over Cats

HOLDERS Cork's unbeaten run in the Senior National league continued at Bennettsbridge Kilkenny yesterday but they were made fight hard for victory by a determined Kilkenny outfit before finally running out 3-5 to 0-7 victors.

The opening half was a lacklustre affair and Kilkenny despite having the aid of a very strong wind could only manage to lead 0-2 to 0-1 at the interval.

Turning to play with the elements in their favour Cork got the dream restart just two minutes into the half when Ursula Troy's sideline cut was grabbed on the edge of the square by Miriam Deasy who turned and finished superbly to the net for a well taken goal. After that Cork's victory was never in doubt.

Scorers: Cork: L Dunlea 1-2 (0-2 frees), S Dunlea 0-2 (0-1 free), L Mellerick 1-1, M Deasy 1-0, Kilkenny: B Mullaly 0-5 (0-4 frees), A Downey, S Mullia 0-1.

CORK: C Keohane, E Duggan, V Harris, M Finn, U Troy, M O'Connor, L Mellerick, S O'Callaghan, F O'Driscoll, L Dunlea, P O'Connor, S Dunlea, M Deasy, M Burke, T Doyle. Subs: L O'Sullivan for M Deasy, L Nolan for C Keohane.

KILKENNY: M Holland, S Gleeson, U Murphy, L Ling, ME Butler, S Costello, M Costello, S Mullia, G Dillon, B Mullane, M Downey, F Shore, A Downey, M Comerford, C Dunne.

The Junior game opened proceedings and Cork were also victorious on a 2-9 to 2-3 scoreline.

ANNE MARIE DELANEY (CARLOW)

The tragic death of 24 year-old Anne Marie Delaney came as a great shock to the Ballinabranna community. She was a talented camogie player at club level with Naomh Brid and also at county level. Anne Marie had played hurling with the St. Fintans under-age boys teams, starring for them as they won under-14 and under-16 county championships.

All-Ireland Colleges Senior Semi-Final

At the last County Board meeting congratulations were extended to the Kilcormac Vocational School on their success in attaining the Leinster Colleges Senior B title over Callan, of Kilkenny. They are wished every success in their All-Ireland semi-final match against Mercy School of Roscommon on Saturday next. The game is fixed for 2 p.m. in the Drumcullen GAA grounds at Rath. With a number of the Kilcormac players members of the Offaly county team much support is expected for them. The panel of 20 players have been training diligently for the last number of months under the experienced management of their teachers Joe Tully and Honor Kinsella.

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JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

COLAISTE MUIRE V LORETO

ENNIS

MULLINGAR

**20TH MARCH, 1999 AT PEARSES G.A.A.
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REFEREE: NOELEEN CORMICAN

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1. Paula McCarthy
2. Ruth O'Gorman
3. Jane Scanlon
4. Mairead Keane
5. Aoife Ryan
6. Marie Lynch
7. Martha Courtney
8. Denise Lynch
9. Marie O'Halloran
10. Marie Whelan
11. Sharon O'Loughlin (Capt)
12. Aislinn Kelleher

1. Doreen O'Driscoll
2. Aisling Conaty
3. Sinead Kilmurry
4. Eileen O'Driscoll (Capt)
5. Patricia Smith
6. Dina Loughlin
7. Clodagh O'Neill
8. Niamh Barry
9. Sinead Sullivan
10. Roberta Harris
11. Aileen Martin
12. Elizabeth Hannon

Subs:

13. Dervla Rice
14. Jean McCabe
15. Deirdre Hegarty
16. Laura Conheady
17. Niamh Keogh
18. Karen Moore
19. Dawn Cahill
20. Antoinette Carey

13. Grainne Noone
14. Gemma Hayes
15. Therese Russell
16. Fiona Reynolds
17. Maeve Orme

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COLAISTE MHUIRE ARE CROWNED ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Colaiste Mhuire 2-10

Loretto, Mullingar 1-2

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis made history on Saturday when they became the first winners of the All-Ireland Colleges junior B camogie championship title. At the Padraig Pearse' club grounds in Roscommon (just outside Ballinasloe) they had a convincing victory over a highly fancied Loretto Mullingar side.

Pictures by
JOHN KELLY

sealed the issue in Colaiste Mhuire's favour and it was fitting that it should come from their top scorer, Denise Lynch who found the net with a fine effort.

The Leinster school's challenge faded after this and Colaiste added a further point from captain Sharon O'Loughlin to seal a tremendous victory.

As mentioned, the defence did superbly when the pressure was on in the third quarter with Marie Lynch and Aoife Ryan leading the way. Kilmaley's Denise Lynch contributed a goal and four points while the team captain Sharon O'Loughlin from Clarecastle scored three points. Marie Whelan (I-O)

was paid to all and to their mentors Leo Quinlan and Aidan Lawton.

COLAISTE MHUIRE:
Paula Mc Carthy (Clarecastle) Ruth O'Gorman (do) Jane Scanlan (do) Mairead Keane (Kilnamona) Aoife Ryan (Newmarket) Marie Lynch (Clarecastle) Denise Lynch (Kilmaley) Marie O'Halloran (Kilnamona) Deirdre Hegarty (do) Sharon O'Loughlin (Clarecastle) Capt. Aisling Kelleher (Corofin) Marie Whelan (Eire Og); Subs.: Niamh Keogh (Clarecastle), Marie Courtney (Ruan) and Karen Moore (Eire Og). The other members of the panel were Dervla Rice (Ruan) Jean Mc Cabe (Clarecastle)



Mairead Keane (left) and Denise Lynch have this situation under control for Colaiste Mhuire.



Colaiste Mhuire captain Sharon O'Loughlin leads and sets up another attack



A smiling Sharon O'Loughlin proudly displays the All-Ireland cup after Saturday's success over Loretto, Mullingar,

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Marie O'Halloran prepares to set up a Colaiste Mhuire attack during Saturday's final.



All-Ireland champions, Colaiste Mhuire; Back (l to r) Jane Scanlan, Deirdre Hegarty, Ruth O'Gorman, Paula Mc Carthy, Aoife Ryan, Marie Whelan, Denis Lynch; Front (l to r) Mairead Keane, Marie O'Halloran, Marie Lynch, Sharon O'Loughlin (capt) Aisling Kelleher.

The decisive period of this game was the third quarter when the newly crowned champions had to withstand strong pressure from their opponents.

The Clare side had played with the aid of a strong breeze in the opening half after they had won the toss. They turned over with a six point advantage, 0-6 to 0-1, and there was a great fear amongst their supporters that this would not be enough.

As expected, Loretto piled on the pressure in the second half but the Colaiste defence really sparked in this third quarter. Eventually they regained the upperhand and went on to record a merited win to the delight of their big following.

Team captain Sharon O'Loughlin opened the scoring for the winners when she pointed in the opening minutes and this was quickly followed by a like score from a long range Denise Lynch free. The Leinster champions then pulled one back before Colaiste regained the upperhand to add points from Aisling Kelleher and Marie O'Halloran (free).

Three further points followed from Denise Lynch to leave the winners 0-7 to 0-1 in front at half time. They had a couple of goal opportunities just before the interval but they failed to convert these. While they had been the better side in most departments in the opening period, there was concern in the Clare side's camp at this stage because of the fact that they would have to face the strong wind on the changeover.

The newly crowned champions got off to a dream start in the second period when Marie Whelan got through for a goal. However this was cancelled out inside a minute as Loretto hit back for a like score straight from the puck out.

The Leinster side now laid siege to the Colaiste goal but the Clare defence responded superbly with Marie Lynch and Aoife Ryan doing particularly well while Denise Lynch dropped back from midfield to help out.

Sharon O'Loughlin and Marie O'Halloran had points for the winners to stretch their lead to eight points entering the final ten minutes. Then came the score which

Marie O'Halloran (0-2) and Aisling Kelleher (0-1) were the other scorers for the winners. After the game the cup was presented to team captain Sharon O'Loughlin as team supporters celebrated. On Monday the members of the winning team were introduced to the students at Colaiste Mhuire and tribute

Laura Conheady (Clooney) Dawn Cahill (Clarecastle) Antoinette Carey (do) Linda Moloney (Kilnamona) Eimear Moloney (do) Joan Mc Carthy (Kilmaley) Emma Maher (Clooney) Sinead Gavin (Clarecastle) Emma Collieran (Clooney) Caroline Lee (do).

St Mary's claim Junior title

St Marys, Charleville..... 2-8; Seamount, Kivara Galway 0-6.
CAMOGIE: Second half goals from Una Harrington and Emer O'Friel both created by Maria Watson gave St Marys Charleville the All Ireland Schools Junior A Championship at Limerick yesterday.
Scores: St Marys - N Bowles 0-5, E O'Friel 1-1, U Harrington 1-0, A White, M Watson 0-1 each.
Seamount - P Huban 0-4, C Linane, O Curtin 0-1 each.
Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis..... 2-10 Loreto, Mullingar..... 1-2
CAMOGIE: Colaiste Mhuire Ennis secured the first ever All Ireland Colleges Junior B Camogie title when they defeated a gallant Loreto College Mullingar side at Ballinasloe yesterday.
The winners were much the stronger side and dictated matters throughout.
Scores: Colaiste Mhuire - D Lynch and M O'Halloran 0-4 each, D Whelan and A Kelleher 1-0 each, S O'Loughlin 0-2. Loreto College Mullingar - A Martin 1-0, P Smith 0-2.

Meanwhile, it's congratulations to Paula O'Connor from Newtownshandrum who was voted Player of the Tournament in the All Ireland Higher Education League. And to make it a great weekend for the O'Connor family, brother Ben came on for Cork as a sub against Laois last Sunday.



Paula O'Connor from Newtownshandrum receives her award in the All Ireland Higher Education League from Bertie Og Murphy.

St Mary's can lift the junior silver pot

ST. Mary's College, Charleville, contest the All-Ireland junior camogie final this Saturday at Mary Immaculate College Grounds in Limerick.

On Saturday last the Rathliric side had a 2-14 to 0-1 win over St. Patrick's, Maghera in the All-Ireland semi-final in Newtownshandrum.

The St. Mary's Charleville senior side are also in the All-Ireland final. They meet Ennis-corthy in the final on Saturday, April 17.

Camogie started in St. Mary's Charleville in 1984 and they have had an impressive record since.

Numerous

In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles at various age levels, the St. Mary's side have won 32 Munster College titles and have 15 All-Ireland titles to their credit.

In 1986 they won their first All-Ireland title in junior camogie and retained the title the following year.

The St. Mary's College side won the All-Ireland Junior titles of 1994 and 1995. They won their first All-Ireland senior title in 1996 beating St. Raphael's Loughrea.

They followed this up with All-Ireland senior titles in 1997 and 1998 to record the 3-in-a-row.

The college enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition winning the titles of 1987-88, and 1993-98.

The St. Mary's side won six of the last seven Munster Junior titles taking 3-in-a-row in 1993 1994, and 1995, they lost out in 1996 and came back for 3-in-a-row to 1997, 1998 and 1999.

The senior side won six out of the last seven Munster titles also. They were successful in 1993, lost in 1994 and took the Provincial titles of 1995-99.

This is phenomenal success for the Charleville College who draw their players from the surrounding areas.

St Mary's embark on double trail

THESE are exciting times for camogie at St. Mary's Convent, Charleville in North Cork.

With their seniors fancied to retain their All-Ireland title in a couple of weeks time, their juniors will be hoping to bring up the first leg of a possible double when they play Kinvara in the All-Ireland final today at the MICE Grounds in Limerick.

Kinvara are the defending champions having defeated St. Mary's in last year's semi-final by two points, and the Cork girls are thirsting for this rematch.

The champions will again look to Orla Curtin to help them retain their title.

Mary's who will include seniors Niamh Bowles and Aoife Sheehan along with Aine Kelleher, and the incentive to win the double will drive them.

Throw-in is at 2 p.m.

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

SEAMOUNT, KINVARA

1. Aoife Sheehan
2. Laura O'Brien
3. Christine O'Gorman
4. Aine Kelleher
5. Aoife Dillon
6. Deirdre Hayes
7. Niamh Bowles
8. Edwina Boyce
9. Eimear O'Friel
10. Alison White (Capt)
11. Maria Watson
12. Una Harrington

Subs:

13. Patricia O'Callaghan
14. Elizabeth Lenihan
15. Sharon Lenihan
16. Sheila O'Regan
17. Amy McCarthy
18. Imelda Sexton
19. Una Geary
20. Sinead Herlihy
21. Aisling O'Brien
22. Niamh Curtin
23. Lorraine Myers

Colours

Navy and Blue

Mentors

Vincent Harrington
Ann Marie O'Keeffe

1. Sharon Kavanagh
2. Linda Flaherty
3. Collette O'Connor
4. Roisin O'Connor
5. Michelle Quinn
6. Siobhan Huban
7. Claire Linnane
8. Clodagh McMahon
9. Pamela Huban
10. Lisa Bourke
11. Linda Gill
12. Orla Curtin (Capt)

13. Miriam Kerins
14. Emma Kilkelly
15. Paula Huban
16. Orla McCormack
17. Sinead Keane
18. Anne Duffy
19. Emer Birmingham
20. Cora Connolly
21. Emer Fahy
22. Anne Marie Killoran

Navy with White Trim

Mary Callanan
Teresa Kavanagh

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St Mary's put their heart and soul into All-Ireland triumph

St Mary's Charleville
Seamount, Kinvara

2-8
0-6.

A FINELY tuned St Mary's of Charleville were much too powerful for Seamount of Kinvara in the All-Ireland Schools Junior Camogie final at the MICE grounds, Limerick, on Saturday.

The North Cork college are in line for the double with their seniors defending their national title against Ennis-corthy later this month.

When the sides met in last season's semi-finals, it was Seamount who emerged victorious by a two points margin and St Mary's will see this result as more than ample

revenge for that setback.

With two senior players in their line-out, Aoife Sheehan and Aine Kelleher, Mary's made the best possible start with a point from the alert Niamh Bowles after two minutes and the same player tacked on another from a free.

Seamount, aided by the elements, had plenty of possession with Pamela Huban and Clodagh McMahon firing in shots at keeper Aoife Sheehan.

After ten minutes, Clare Linnane pointed a free for the losers but Mary's once again upped the tempo with Niamh Bowles their guiding light with a brace of points.

After 17 minutes, Aoife Sheehan showed her value with a terrific save from Lisa Bourke and when Orla Curtin had Galway's second point after 23 minutes they seemed ready to launch a serious comeback. However, Niamh Bowles put them back in their place and just on half time, Pamela Huban replied for Seamount to leave it 0-5 to 0-3.

Within three minutes of the restart, the same player left just one score between them but Charleville, realising the seriousness of the situation, got their act together and the outstanding Maria Watson brought relief with a great point.

It was Watson who carved the

opening for Una Harrington to raise the green flag in 34 minutes and while Pamela Huban raised Seamount's spirits with a point at the other end, their challenge was over at that stage.

Niamh Bowles, a real thorn to the Seamount defence, made it 1-7 to 0-5 and once again it was left to the talented Pamela Huban to respond for Seamount.

In the final six minutes Alison White got on the scoresheet before Maria Watson's well-directed shot from the wing came back into play off the woodwork and Eimear O'Friel was well positioned and poked it over the line.

There were tremendous celebrations when Alison White was presented with the trophy which will now rest at the North Cork school for the first time in three years.

Scores: St. Mary's: N Bowles 0-5; E O'Friel 1-1; U Harrington 1-0; M Watson, A White 0-1 each. Seamount: P Huban 0-4; C Linnane, O Curtin 0-1 each.

ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE: Aoife Sheehan, Laura O'Brien, Christine O'Gorman, Aine Kelleher, Aoife Dillon, Deirdre Hayes, Niamh Bowles, Edwina Boyce, Eimear O'Friel, Alison White, Maria Watson, Una Harrington, Sub: Sharon Lenihan for Dillon.

SEAMOUNT: Sharon Kavanagh, Linda Flaherty, Collette O'Connor, Roisin O'Connor, Michelle Quinn, Siobhan Huban, Clare Linnane, Clodagh McMahon, Pamela Huban, Aoife Bourke, Linda Gill, Orla Curtin.

Referee: Vera Mulcahy (Limerick)

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Aoife Sheehan (Granagh) Aoife also plays in goal for the senior team. Is the All-Ireland Feile Skills Champion.

Laura O'Brien (Ballyagran) Holds 2 Munster Junior medals with school. Is a very reliable defender.

Aoife Dillon (Milford) is a very good defender. To date she hold 2 Munster Junior medals and 2 Community Games Gold medals with her club.

Christine O'Gorman (Milford) played fullback on the All-Ireland Community Games winning sides of 1996 and 1997.

Aine Kelleher (Newtown) plays centre-forward on the senior team. Won All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork. Won Community Games in 1996.

Deirdre Hayes (Milford) plays wing midfield. Won All-Ireland Community Games medal.

Niamh Bowles (Newtown) captained last season's junior team. She won All-Ireland Community Games medal in 1996. In 1998, she collected an All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork as well as 7 aside and senior All-Ireland medals with her school.

Edwina Boyce (Granagh) plays wing midfield. Won a Munster junior medal in 1998.

Eimear O'Friel (Milford) plays wing forward. Has won 2 All-Ireland Community Games medals with her club and holds 2 Munster junior medals with her school.

Alison White (Ballyagran) captains this year's junior team. She is a very versatile player who has played in numerous positions for both club and school.

Maria Watson (Milford) is a very skilful player. She has won 2 All-Ireland Community Games medals with her club. She has also played in I.N.T.O. Mini Sevens.

Una Harrington (Newtown) is a sister of senior captain, Caoimhe. She has 2 Munster junior medals with her school.

Patricia O'Callaghan (Newtown) holds All-Ireland Comm. Games and 2 Munster junior.

Elizabeth Lenihan (Milford) plays in goal or outfield. Has All-Ireland Comm. Games.

Sharon Lenihan (Milford) is a sister of Elizabeth. Played Mini Sevens and has All-Ireland Community Games medal.

Sheila O'Regan (Newtown) is a very reliable defender. She has 2 Munster junior medals.

Amy McCarthy (Ballyagran) plays wing midfield. Has 2 Munster Junior medals.

Imelda Sexton (Milford) is a forward who has an All-Ireland Community Games medal.

Una Geary (Ballyagran) is a versatile player who featured with last year's First Years.

Sinead Herlihy (Newtown) is a fullback who has an All-Ireland Community Games medal.

Aisling O'Brien (Blackrock) is a very good forward who has county medals with club.

Niamh Curtin (Milford) is a competent defender who has All-Ireland Comm. Games medal.

Lorraine Myers (Charleville) is a reliable defender who played with last year's First Years.

All-Ireland Camogie crown for St Mary's

St Mary's Charleville 2-8
Seamount, Kinvara 0-5
ST MARY'S, Charleville, collected their 16th All-Ireland Camogie title on Saturday last when their Junior side had a nine point win over defending champions Seamount Kinvara.

The game was played in Limerick in ideal weather conditions. The winners produced a marvellous display of skill, groundwork and some top class scores. The Charleville side led all through with Niamh Bowles providing the opening three points, two from frees.

Pamela Huban was the Kinvara danger forward and she contributed 0-4 of her sides five points tally. At half time the winners led 0-5 to 0-3.

A point by Pamela Huban on the changeover had just a point between the sides. However, it was the Rathluiric side who took over and added 2-3 to just a point for the Galway girls. The goals came from Una Harrington and Eimear O'Friel. Sheila Morgan presented the cup to the winning captain after the game. St Mary's will also contest the All-Ireland senior final in three weeks time when they meet Enniscorthy on April 17.

In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles at various age levels the St Mary's side have now won 32 Munster College titles and have now 16 All-Ireland titles to their credit.

In 1986 they won their first All-Ireland title in Junior Camogie and retained the title the following year. The St Marys College side won the All-Ireland Junior titles of 1994 and 1995. They won their first All-Ireland senior title in 1996 and going on to win the three in a row by taking the All-Ireland titles of 1997 and 1998. The College enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition winning the titles of 1987-88 and 1993 to 1998. The St Marys side won six of the last seven Munster Junior titles taking three in a row in 1993, 1994 and 1995 they lost out in 1996 and came back in 1997 for another three in a row, '97, '98 and '99. The senior side won six of the last seven Munster titles also. They were successful in 1993, lost in 1994 and won the Provincial titles of 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

Scorers: St Marys, Charleville: Niamh Bowles 0-5 (0-4 frees), Eimear O'Friel 1-1, Una Harrington 1-0, Alison White 0-1, Marie Watson 0-1.

Seamount Kinvara: Pamela Huban 0-4 (0-1 free), Orla Curtin 0-1.

TEAMS: St Marys, Charleville: Aoife Sheehan (Granagh-Ballingarry), Laura O'Brien (Ballyagran), Christina O'Gorman (Milford), Aine Kelleher (Newtownshandrum), Aoife Dillon (Milford), Deirdre Hayes (Milford), Niamh Bowles (Newtownshandrum), Edwina Boyce (Granagh-Ballingarry), Eimear O'Friel (Milford), Alison White (Ballyagran), Marie Watson (Milford), Una Harrington (Newtownshandrum). Subs.: Sharon Linehan (Milford) for Aoife Dillon, Patricia O'Callaghan (Newtownshandrum) for Una Harrington.

Seamount Kinvara: Sharon Kavanagh, Linda Flaherty, Colette O'Connor, Roisin O'Connor, Michelle Quinn, Siobhan Huban, Claire Linnane, Clodagh McMahon, Pamela Huban, Lisa Bourke, Linda Gill, Orla Curtin (capt). Subs: Emma Kilkelly for Lisa Bourke, Miriam Kerins for Linda Gill.

Referee: Vera Mackey, Limerick.



Allison White from St Mary's Charleville receives the All Ireland Junior Colleges trophy from Sheila Morgan of the Camogie Board.

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SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA

Sharon Kavanagh (Kinvara) has represented Galway at U14 level. She has 6 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges medals, 1 All-Ireland Colleges medal, Silver Community Games and All-Ireland Puck Fada.

Linda Flaherty (Kinvara) has represent Galway at U14 level. She has 4 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges, 1 All-Ireland Colleges and Silver Community Games medals.

Collette O'Connor (Kinvara) has 3 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges and 1 All-Ireland Colleges medal.

Roisin O'Connor (Kinvara) has represented Galway at U14 and U16 level. She has 6 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges medals, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 1 Silver Community Games medals. Voted Galway Juvenile Player of the Year 1998.

Michelle Quinn (Ballindereen) has 2 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges medals and 1 All-Ireland Colleges medal.

Siobhan Huban (Kinvara) has 4 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges medals, 1 All-Ireland Colleges medal and 1 Silver Community Games medal.

Claire Linnane (St. Coleman's) 1 county medal, 1 Connacht Colleges and 1 Puck Fada.

Clodagh McMahon (Kinvara) has 6 county medals, 1 Connacht Colleges medal.

Pamela Huban (Kinvara) has represented Galway at U14 and U16 level. Holds 6 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges medals, 1 All-Ireland Colleges and Silver Community Games.

Lisa Bourke (Ballindereen) has 2 Connacht Colleges, 1 All-Ireland Colleges medal and 2 county medals.

Linda Gill (Kinvara) has 5 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges medals, 1 All-Ireland Colleges medal and 1 Silver Community Games medal.

Orla Curtin (Kinvara) has represented Galway at U14 level. Holds 1 All-Ireland Minor medal with Galway. She has 2 Connacht Colleges medals, 1 All-Ireland Colleges Medal and is captain of the team.

Miriam Kerins (Clarinbridge) Medals: 2 county & 1 Connacht Colleges. Galway U14 player
Emma Kilkelly (Kinvara) Medals: 5 county, 1 Connacht Colleges and 1 Community Games.
Paula Huban (Kinvara) Medals: 5 county, 1 Connacht Colleges and 1 Community Games.
Orla McCormack (Kinvara) Medals: 4 county, 2 Connacht Colleges & All-Ireland Colleges
Sinead Keane (Kinvara) Medals: 5 county medals, 1 Connacht Colleges and Comm. Games
Anne Duffy (Kinvara) 4 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges medals & All-Ireland Colleges
Emer Birmingham (Kinvara) 4 county medals, 2 Connacht Colleges & All-Ireland Colleges
Cora Connolly (Kinvara) Medals: 4 county, 1 Connacht Colleges and 1 Comm. Games.
Emer Fahy (Ballindereen) has 1 Connacht Colleges medal.
Anne Marie Killoran (Ballindereen) has 1 Connacht Colleges medal.

SCHOOLS ALL IRELAND JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

St. Mary's Charleville2-8
 Seamount, Kinvara.....0-6
 St. Mary's, alma mater to many of Limerick's best players took the first step towards the double at Mary Immaculate on Saturday last when they accounted for the Galway champions. There was a strong Limerick involvement. Anne Marie O'Keeffe (Feohanagh) is assistant coach to Cork's Vincent Harrington, while Amy McCarthy, Aoife Sheehan, Edwina Boyce, Alison White, Catherine Noonan and Laura O'Brien were on the team. Furthermore Milford's outstanding Maria Watson, the Charleville team's brilliant play-maker is a daughter of one of the famous Sheehy sisters of Limerick and Croagh-Kilfinny camogie fame. Charleville hope to complete the second leg of the double when they take on Enniscomorthy in the senior final. This is scheduled for mid April at a venue not yet decided on.

Saints take junior title

ST MARY'S, Charleville collected their 16th All-Ireland camogie title on Saturday last in Limerick when they beat Seamount Kinvara in the Junior final.

The Kinvara girls had beaten St Mary's in last year's semi-final and had gone on to win the '98 title.

On Saturday last the Rathluirc side proved far too good winning by 2-8 to 0-5.

The winners scores coming from Niamh Bowles 0-5, Eimear O'Friel 1-1, Una Harrington 1-0, Marie Watson 0-1 and Alison White 0-1.

The St Mary's senior side will now contest the All-Ireland final against Enniscomorthy on April 17.

Hopes are high within the College that they will be able to make it an All-Ireland double in 1999.

LIMERICK COUNTY CAMOGIE BOARD UNDER 16 MINOR 1998 COUNTY A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

EILEEN LEADS GRANAGH BALLINGARRY TO DECISIVE VICTORY

Granagh-Ballingarry5-10
 Killeedy.....0-6
 Killeedy never found their 1998 form at Dromcollogher on St. Patrick's Day and Granagh-Ballingarry retained their title convincingly. Eileen O'Brien was once again Granagh-Ballingarry's star, excelling in general play and scoring 2-6 from frees and play. Killeedy had nobody to mark her though they too had their stars with Aine O'Connell and Deirdre Fitzpatrick their outstanding players. Granagh-Ballingarry got right into the game from the throw-in and led 3-6 to 0-5 at half-time. It must be said that Killeedy missed a number of chances. In the second half Granagh-Ballingarry continued to be on top, adding 2-4 to their interval total while restricting Killeedy to 0-1. Drom G.A.A. had arrangements in apple pie order. Newcastle West Camogie Club fielded a full team of officials and Margo O'Connell presented the trophy.

FASHION SHOW LAUNCH
 The County Board Fashion Show scheduled for the Dunraven Arms on Wednesday, April 14th will be launched at a press night at the Dunraven Arms on Wednesday, March 31st. 8p.m. - 8.30p.m. is the time of the launch.

INTER COUNTY NATIONAL LEAGUE
 Limerick v Wexford
 Limerick are away to Wexford on Sunday next. Details of

time and venue are not to hand as we go to press.

INTER COUNTY UNDER 16 MINOR CHALLENGE
 Limerick.....1-6
 Clare.....1-4
 John O'Connor and his selectors took their full panel to Shannon on Sunday last and came away with a good win after a very worthwhile game. On Sunday next the teams meet again at Mary Immaculate College of Education, known to many golden oldies as Mary I.

ST. MARY'S WIN ALL IRELAND JUNIOR CAMOGIE TITLE

St. Mary's, Charleville.....2-8
Seamount Kinvara.....0-5
St. Mary's Charleville proved far too good for Seamount Kinvara in the All Ireland Junior Camogie Final played at an excellently prepared Mary Immaculate College Grounds, Limerick on Saturday last.

The winners led all through but did not have everything their own way as the Kinvara side who were the defending champions battled right to the end. Early points by Niamh Bowles (free and play) gave the North Cork side the lead.

Pamela Huban the Kinvara danger forward had a point on the 9th minute to open the scoring. Great defensive play by Aine Kelleher and some good goalkeeping by Aoife Sheehan were very important in the outcome of this final.

Niamh Bowles pointed at the end of the first quarter from a

free. Kinvara keeper Sharon Kavanagh was also very busy and made a marvellous save in the 21st minute. At half-time the winners led 0-5 to 0-3. Pamela Huban cut the lead to the minimum on the change-over. Charleville recovered quickly with Marie Watson striking a great point 0-6 to 0-4. After 10 minutes, Marie Watson set up Una Harrington for a vital goal. Kinvara struck back with a point by captain Orla Curtin. By the three quarter stage, St. Marys led by double scores 1-7 to 0-5. Eimear O'Friel goalied late in

the game after the ball came back off the crossbar and this sealed the issue. The winners ran out comfortable winners in the end by 2-8 to 0-5. After the game Sheila Morgan presented the cup to a delighted Alison White, the winner's captain. Scorers: St. Marys - Niamh Bowles 0-5, Eimear O'Friel 1-1, Una Harrington 1-0, Marie Watson 0-1 and Alison White 0-1. Seamount Kinvara - Pamela Huban 0-4, Orla Curtin 0-1. Teams: St. Marys Charleville - Aoife Sheehan, Laura O'Brien, Christina O'Gorman, Aine Kelleher, Aoife Dillon, Deirdre Hayes, Niamh Bowles, Edwina Boyce, Eimear O'Friel, Alison White, Marie Watson and Una Harrington. Subs: Patricia O'Callaghan for Una Harrington and Sharon Linehan for Aoife Dillon. Seamount Kinvara - Sharon Kavanagh, Linda Flaherty, Colette O'Connor, Roisin O'Connor, Michelle Quinn, Siobhan Huban, Claire Linnane, Clodagh McMahon, Pamela Huban, Lisa Burke, Linda Gill and Orla Curtin. Subs: Emma Kilkelly for Lisa Burke, Miriam Kerins for Linda Gill. Referee: Vera Mackey (Limerick).

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Another All Ireland For St. Mary's



Referee Vera Mackey Mulcahy pictured with the respective captains, Alison White (Charleville) and Orla Curtin (Kinvara) prior to the All Ireland Post Primary School Junior Camogie Championship Final, which was played at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.



It was nail biting stuff for Caoimhe Harrington and members of the St. Marys Senior Camogie team as they gave their support to the Junior team during their All Ireland Camogie success at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.



Edwina Boyce from Granagh played a major part in St Mary's victory over Kinvara in the All Ireland Junior Camogie Championship Final.



ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Happiness is.....being a member of the St. Mary's Charleville team, which won the All Ireland Primary Schools Junior Camogie Championship Final. Included in photograph are the squad members Aoife Sheehan, Laura O'Brien, Christina O'Gorman, Aine Kelleher, Aoife Dillon, Deirdre Hayes, Niamh Bowles, Edwina Boyce, Eimear O'Friel, Alison White (captain), Marie Watson, Una Harrington, Patricia O'Callaghan, Elizabeth Lenihan, Sharon Lenihan, Sheila O'Regan, Amy McCarthy, Imelda Sexton, Una Geary, Sinéad Herlihy, Aisling O'Brien, Niamh Curtin and Lorraine Myers.