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UCC have high hopes of victory

UCC camogie team travel to Waterford RTC grounds on Saturday to play in the finals of the Purcell Cup and have high hopes of victory. In the semi-final they meet Maynooth while the second semi-final involves UCD and St. Marys, Belfast).

The Cork students have been busily preparing for the finals under the watchful eye of Joe McGrath, who has steered the county senior camogie team to All-Ireland honours for the last two years. The other mentors involved with UCC are Pat Murray and Tom Geally, who is the Gaelic Officer attached to the university.

UCC will include Stephanie Dunlea (Glen Rovers), who was a member of the all-conquering Cork side in 1993, Margaret Hickley, Paula Dowling, Deirdre Delaney (Kilkenny) and Geraldine O'Grady (Clare), all of whom will form the nucleus of a very skilled and dedicated team that will make a bold bid for ultimate honours.

UCC (panel): S. Dunlea, O. Murphy, S. Eustace, D. Delaney, P. Dowling, A. O'Leary, G. O'Grady, M. Hickley, E. Murphy, C. O'Callaghan, S. Keohane, E. Kearney, D. Walsh, O. Higgins, E. McCarthy, S. Barry, M. O'Connor, L. Crowley, C. Kirby, O. Lehan.



Bishop Buckley pictured with Cork camogie star, Collette O'Mahony, Orla Murphy, and Collette Healy, at UCC Training Camp.

Tough test for camogie side

UCC's Purcell Cup team underwent a thorough weekend workout in advance of their Purcell Cup game against TCD next Saturday in Dublin. This intensive training

programme on a weekend of heavy rain underlines the commitment of the Cork girls. Team coach

Joe McGrath has instilled

in his team a tremendous self-belief. Since his arrival at UCC, the genial Joe, has introduced a level of expectation, while upping the tempo in regard to training. UCC camogie team have responded magnificently with no player missing any of the training sessions.

In a three week period before Christmas the UCC team lost two important games, games that could have been won with sufficient preparation. The Ashbourne Cup game against UL was an exceptional game and the Cork side were unlucky not to have forced a draw in the Mardyke on the day.

DEFLATED

The league game against Waterford just three days later saw the UCC girls deflated after their Ashbourne exploits.

The team did not play to its full potential, yet for a time they attempted to rid themselves of the disappointment by taking the game to Waterford. Once again despite defeat the courage and effort of this camogie team shone through.

The dawning of 1994 has seen UCC sound the note of preparation. A refurbished camogie club travel to Dublin next Friday evening with the intention of doing well. The training has been superb with challenge games against a Cork and Bishopstown team over consecutive weekends, helping to improve their match skills. Joe McGrath has precipitated a conversion in this ever improving club. On Saturday next the rebirth of a new UCC camogie team will usher in a period of anticipation and expectation.

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The U.C.C. camogie team who play in the Purcell Cup Final.

(Picture: Dan Linehan)

CAMOGIE GLORY?

THE improvement shown in recent times by U.C.C.'s Camogie team will be put to the test next weekend when they contest the Purcell Cup. Maynooth College will provide the opposition in the first of the semi finals, the other pairing brings together U.C.D. and St. Mary's Belfast. It promises to be an intriguing weekend on Suirside. Waterford R.T.C. are hosting the Purcell cup for the first time.

Joe McGrath has as usual been very exact in preparing this team, ably assisted by Tom Queally and Pat Murray. Since the arrival of Joe McGrath to U.C.C. the Camogie club has improved greatly, the hallmark of his success has been his ability in getting the girls to believe in themselves, previously this was the difficulty they had on the field of play.

Major Threat

The Purcell cup semi-final against Trinity was a proverbial cakewalk for U.C.C., once they settled down they completely dominated the game. In essence this game wasn't a tour-de-force for U.C.C., often they were outplayed by a Trinity team that just could not score. It is fair to point out that in the second half U.C.C. held their Dublin opponents scoreless, due to great defending by Sinead Eustace and Carl O'Callaghan. On their day Stephanie Dunlea, Orla Murphy and Deirdre Walsh will prove a major threat to the Maynooth rearguard.



Stephanie Dunlea, captain U.C.C. camogie side.

CAMOGIE

PURCELL CUP SEMI-FINALS — UCC 4-6; Maynooth 1-5; St Mary's Belfast 2-6; UCD 1-4. **Munster Senior Cols Final** St Mary's Nenagh 5-9 (W. Kennedy 2-3, S. Madden 3-0, A. Lawlor 0-4, C. Burns and A. Hogan 0-1 each); Scoil Mhuire Cashel 1-0 (M. Burtin).

FIXTURES — Today: Purcell Cup and Shield — At Waterford RTC: Shield: TCD v Mary I. Limerick, 12.0. Purcell Cup Final: UCC v St Mary's Belfast 1.15.

CAMOGIE

Asbourne Cup semi-finals — UCC 3-5; Limerick University 1-8; UUJ Belfast 5-3; Queens University 3-5. UUJ and Galway meet in the final today, at Coleraine. **Shield** — Waterford RTC 1-12; DCU 0-5; Athlone RTC 3-6; UUC 2-6. **Munster Colleges Junior Final** — St Mary's Charleville 5-8 (V. Sheehan 3-1, J. Cullinane 1-5, K. Sheehan 1-0, L. Maloney and S. O'Callaghan 0-1 each); St Mary's Nenagh 0-0.

CAMOGIE

UUJ 1-9 UCC 3-5
A SUPERB team performance earned UCC to their first Ashbourne Camogie title after three years of Ulster domination on a windy Coleraine campus yesterday.

The holders seldom looked like retaining their title as UCC made use of a strong wind to run up a 3-3 to 1-4 halftime lead.

Olivia Broderick slammed home the first goal after two minutes and although Deirdre Connolly soon had UUJ level again, Olivia punished hesitancy in the defence with two further goals to complete a first half hat-trick.

SCORERS — UCC: O. Broderick 3-2, A. Keane 0-3. UUJ: C. Higgins 0-4, G. McMullen 0-3, C. Byrne 0-2, D. Connolly 1-0.

UCC — M. Ni Chonchubhair, J. Frost, R. Nash, M. Kelly, B. O'Reilly, B. Kilgannon, M. McMahon, F. Keane, S. McMahon, O. Broderick, S. Keane, A. Keane.

UUJ — H. Mone, S. McEneaney, G. Haughey, S. Convery, C. McCarthy, P. Breen, C. Higgins, C. Byrne, C. McGarry, G. McMullen, D. Connolly, B. Birt.

REF — P. Breslin (Dublin).
Shield Final Waterford RTC 2-13; Athlone RTC 2-6. **Leinster League** Laois 2-10; Westmeath 2-4.



Sharon Keohane and Liz Crowley, at U.C.C. Training Camp.

UCC 3-8 TCD 0-2

UCC proved much too strong for TCD in the quarter-final of the Purcell Cup at Santry, Dublin on Saturday.

The home side put up a gallant display in the opening half and were still in the hunt at the break when UCC led by only four points, 1-3 to 0-2.

In fact Trinity got the opening score, a point from Sinead Dillon, but Stephanie Dunlea equalised and two further points from Dunlea and a goal from Orla Murphy put the visitors in front at the break.

But in the second half it was all one-way traffic as U.C.C. totally dominated with goals from Deirdre Walsh and Eileen McCarthy and points from Orla Murphy, Carol O'Callaghan and Stephanie Dunlea (3) giving the visitors a comprehensive win.

UCC will now meet Maynooth in the semi-final on February 5, in Waterford while U.C.D. take on St. Mary's Belfast in the other semi-final.

UCC: S. Eastace, P. Dowling, D. Delaney, G. O'Grady, O. Higgins, E. Murphy, C. O'Callaghan, S. Keohane, O. Murphy, S. Dunlea (Capt), E. McCarthy, D. Walsh. Subs. S. Barry for S. Keohane, L. Crowley for O. Murphy, M. O'Connor for E. Murphy.

T.C.D.: S. Hynes, B. McGahon, C. Doherty, N. Reagan, R. Naughton, J. Dalton, E. Stewart, S. Dillon, A. Brosnan, A. Mulcahy, L. C. Callanan, R. Massey. Subs. J. Collins for E. Stewart, J. Mulvey for L. Callanan.

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MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR FINAL

5th FEBRUARY, 1994

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

V

SCOIL MHUIRE, CASHEL

AT KILCOLEMAN, NENAGH

@ 2 p.m.

Referee: BERNIE O'DEA
Limerick

Luach: 10p





Words of wisdom for members of St. Mary's camogie panel from mentors Ger Dullea and Geraldine Bourke.

COLLEGES CAMOGIE:

An all-Tipp Munster Final

Camogie's equivalent to the famed Harty Cup final takes place in Kilcoleman on Saturday when for the first time ever two Tipperary schools compete in the provincial colleges senior final. St.

Mary's, Nenagh line out against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and this happy state of affairs for Tipp camogie reflects magnificently on the state of the game in the Premier county.

Nenagh's emergence to the big time was inevitable, following the great runs of their junior squads in recent years. Indeed on Saturday week, the juniors line out against Charleville in the Munster final ... at the same venue ... and this will be the fourth successive provincial final for the juniors victories in '91 and '92 having led them on to All-Ireland success on each occasion.

The fruits of these successes are now showing themselves in senior grade as St. Mary's have made it to the senior final for the very first time.

Semi-final exits have been their lot in '92 and '93 and interestingly the champions of those years, St. Patrick's Cork and Charleville came to be victims of the Nenagh side in this year's all-conquering

rising to the challenge magnificently and recording a 4-7 to 0-6 victory.

Most of the Nenagh side have vast experience in the Tipperary jersey and the Nenagh nursery has played a major role in providing players that have earned Tipp two recent All-Ireland minor titles. One of the team, Suzanne Kelly was chosen as Tipperary camogie player of the year, a great achievement for one so young.

More good news for Nenagh is the fact that Ciara Burns, who has been out of the game for two years with a serious knee injury, is back in training. An extremely talented player, Ciara would grace any camogie pitch with distinction, as indeed she has done both with St. Mary's and with the Tipp minors, winning All-Ireland medals with each and having the distinction of captaining the Tipp minor side to national success.

It is likely that Ciara will start Saturday's final but should her

services be required, she will, no doubt answer the call with accomplishment, as she did two years ago in Tullamore when returning again to action after an injury in the drawn All-Ireland final against Maghera, Derry. It was her introduction that enabled St. Mary's earn a second chance, a chance that was gratefully availed of in the replay.

Saturday's final was to have been played in MacDonagh Park, but moves to the Burgess pitch because of the Tipp v Galway NHL game on Sunday week.

The St. Mary's panel is as follows: Susan Kenneally, Sile Kyne, Marie Slattery, Niamh Bonar, Alison Lawlor, Ciara Gaynor, Sara Madden, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy (Capt), Aine Hogan, Ciara Burns, Grainne Shanahan, Sorcha McDonnell, Deirdre Kirby, Deirdre Keogh, Patricia Hogan, Majella Egan, Siobhan Malone, Madeleine Hayes, Natalie Ryan, Nessa O'Driscoll, Celine Connors.



Suzanne Kenneally, Aine Hogan, Ciara Gaynor, Niamh Bonar, Marie Slattery, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy (captain) all members of the St. Mary's, Nenagh camogie team preparing for Saturday's Munster Final in Kilcolman (2 p.m.)

campaign.

In their three games to date St. Mary's have notched a grand total of 13-26 while conceding only 1-14. They began their campaign with a 3-14 to 0-3 win over Scariff Comprehensive. Next, reigning champions and All Ireland finalists, St. Mary's, Charleville travelled to Nenagh's MacDonagh Park, only to return home on the receiving end of a 6-5 to 1-5 defeat.

Nenagh travelled to Cork to take on St. Pat's in the semi-final,

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Nenagh have the talent

By Tom Higgins

IT'S an all-Tipperary final to the Munster College Senior camogie championship at the GAA Field, Nenagh this afternoon (2.30) when the local St. Mary's take on Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

St Mary's have enjoyed a deal of success in recent years at Junior level, winning a number of Munster and All-Ireland titles, but the Senior crown has eluded them.

Cashel are back in the Senior final after a lapse of four years. They have been involved in camogie since the early 70's and in that time have won four Munster and two All-Ireland titles. To reach the final Cashel had to overcome Fethard and Templemore and have a good blend of skill and strength. They will be relying on the likes of team captain Madeline Bulfin, Ann Barry, Patricia Fitzgerald and Carol Moloney to see them through against St. Mary's who will be the favourites.

It has been a memorable year for St. Mary's as they will also be involved in the Munster Junior final, against Charleville, next Saturday (Feb. 12).

The Senior side will be contesting their first final at this grade but they have a wealth of talent, mainly composed of the back to back winning All-Ireland junior sides of 1991 and 1992.

At the beginning of the competition Nenagh found themselves in the toughest half of the draw as they had to face last year's Munster champions, Charleville, and the previous year's title holders St. Patrick's, Cork. Having beaten Scarriff in the opening round, they then faced Charleville and beat the holder's 6-5 to 1-5. In the Munster semi-final they had a 4-7 to 0-6 win over St. Patrick's.

Nenagh are a very talented team with most of the side having inter-county experience at Minor, Junior and Intermediate. Susan Kenneally and Ciara Gaynor were on last year's Tipperary's All-Ireland winning minor side while Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy and Aine Hogan have intermediate experience with the county.

Nenagh have the talent to take their first senior title but Cashel will make them fight all the way.

College claim title

UCC 2-11 St. Mary's (Belfast) 2-1

UNIVERSITY College, Cork captured the Purcell Cup (for teams beaten in the first round of the Ashbourne Cup) in Waterford yesterday when they had comprehensive victory St. Mary's from Belfast.

The Cork girls played with the strong wind in the opening half and thanks to superb displays from Geraldine O'Grady, Sharon Keohane and team captain Stephanie Dunlea, who recieved the player of the tournament award, they turned over leading by 2-7 to 0-0 at the break.

With the wind at their backs St. Mary's came more into it in the second half but found it hard to break down a very solid UCC defence, who gave them little scope, and the Cork side ran out worthy winners in the finish.

Scorers — UCC: S. Dunlea 1-7, E. Kearney 1-2, S. Keohane 0-1, C. O'Callaghan 0-1. St. Mary's: F. McGuirk 1-0, V. Donnelly 1-0, C. Hynes 0-1.

Six UCC players were later selected on the Combined Purcell Cup side. They are Geraldine O'Grady, Margaret Hickey, Sharon Keohane, Carl O'Callaghan, Edel Kearney and Stephanie Dunlea.

In the Plate final Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, proved much too strong for Trinity College, Dublin, winning on a score of 5-5 to 0-4.

Mary's take no prisoners

St. Mary's, Nenagh 5-9
Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 1-0

ST. MARY'S, Nenagh made their debut appearance in the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie final a winning one when they easily defeated Scoil Mhuire Cashel in Saturday's all-Tipperary provincial final at Kilcolman, Nenagh.

It was all too easy for the Nenagh girls who led 3-3 to 1-0 at half-time. Clearly stronger and more resourceful, Nenagh were never seriously threatened and the brilliance in attack of Aine Hogan, Noelle Kennedy and Sarah Madden saw them lay siege constantly on the Cashel rearguard.

Cashel's lone goal came 18 minutes into the first half but it did nothing for their confidence as Nenagh continued to show their superiority and had the title well-won long before the final whistle.

Scorers — Nenagh: A. Hogan 3-1; N. Kennedy 1-4; S. Madden 1-0; A. Lawlor 0-3; C. Burns 0-1. Cashel — M. Bulfin 1-0.

ST. MARY'S: S. Kenneally, S. Kyne, S. Kennedy, S. Kelly, M. Slattery, N. Bonar, C. Gaynor, A. Lawlor, N. Kennedy (Capt), M. Ryan, S. Madden, A. Hogan. Subs: G. Shanahan for Madden; C. Burns for Kennedy; S. McDonnell for Bonar.

CASHEL: E. Hayden, P. Fitzgerald, M. Ryan, D. Culliton, Madeline Bulfin (Capt), O. Hayden, C. Moloney, S. Nash, M. Tobin, A. Barry, E. Tobin, Michelle Bulfin. Sub: V. O'Byrne for Moloney.

Ref: B. O'Dea.

SCOIL MHUIRE, CASHEL

1. Emily Hayden
2. Patricia Fitzgerald
3. Michelle Ryan
4. Dursey Culleton
5. Madeline Bulfin (Captain)
6. Olivia Hayden
7. Carol Moloney
8. Sile Nash
9. Marie Tobin
10. Anne Barry
11. Edel Tobin
12. Michelle Bulfin
13. Eilish O'Donnell
14. Laura O'Sullivan
15. Kelly Bargary
16. Vivienne O'Byrne

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

1. Susan Kenneally
2. Sheila Kyne
3. Sinead Kennedy
4. Suzanne Kelly
5. Marie Slattery
6. Niamh Bonar
7. Ciara Gaynor
8. Alison Lawlor
9. Noelle Kennedy (Captain)
10. Marie Ryan
11. Sarah Madden
12. Aine Hogan
13. Ciara Burns
14. Grainne Shanahan
15. SORCHA McDonnell
16. Deirdre Kirby
17. Patricia Hogan
18. Deirdre Keogh

COLOURS: Red and Blue

COACH: Ger Dullea

St. Mary's emphatic grip on Munster title

St. Mary's, Nenagh 5-9; Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 1-0

by GERRY SLEVIN

The status of St. Mary's, Nenagh in the annals of Munster colleges camogie was well and truly signified at Kilcoleman on Saturday afternoon, when in the first ever all-Tipperary provincial final, they came out clear-cut winners over Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

It was all too easy for the Nenagh girls, once they settled down and while it took them ten minutes to notch a score, such was the dominance they exerted in the opening minutes, that it was only a matter of time before the flood-gates opened.

Always playing with confidence, St. Mary's displayed a greater sense of urgency throughout and their skill and scoring know-

SIXTEEN WIDES

It may be a cause for worry in the St. Mary's camp as they prepare for the All-Ireland semi final against the Leinster champions on March 12th., that they shot no less than sixteen wides in the fifty minutes. It is also a clear indication of how superior Nenagh were, and while the winning of their first ever title in the grade is



Mary Moran (Sec. Munster Camogie Council) presents the cup to Noelle Kennedy, St. Mary's Captain.

sounded, both from players and supporters, showed how coveted the provincial senior title is.

OUT OF DEPTH

While Cashel tried hard, they were out of their depth and seldom did they launch an attack. Their only score came seven minutes before the break and it was something of a scrambled goal from Michelle Bulfin, when St. Mary's keeper Susan Kenneally failed to clear away the ball from around the muddy goal-mouth.

It was a tribute to both sides that the game should have been played with such determination in conditions that were hardly suitable for classic camogie. The Kilcoleman authorities came to the rescue of the St. Mary's team....who had home venue....in the unavailability of McDonagh Park, because of next Sunday's N.H.L. game between Tipp and Galway, and everything was as smooth as to be expected from the park committee.

It is also to the credit of both teams and indeed to referee Bernie O'Dea that there should have been only three frees in the entire

to St. Mary's, Noelle Kennedy pointing. Cashel were awarded another just before the end.

Though it was a cake-walk for Nenagh, nevertheless the marvellous potential in this side could not be mistaken. Playing plenty of free-flowing hurling, their striking was invariably relieving and showed the result of those hours of practice under the guidance of Ger Dullea and Geraldine Bourke.

The backs were never seriously threatened but showed their style when called upon. Similarly at mid field, there was strength and quality in abundance and of course the attack lead their opponents a merry dance with some excellent scores.

THREE SUBS

Realising the game was well over long before the final whistle sounded the St. Mary's mentors introduced three substitutes in the final quarter. A very satisfied Sarah Madden left the field having notched three goals to be replaced by Grainne Shanahan. There was a great cheer when Ciara Burns trotted on some minutes later, to get her first feel of



Alison Lawlor (8) tries to offset a Cashel attacker.

how left the luckless Cashel girls floundering. It was 3-3 to 1-0 at half time and there had been nothing to suggest in that first half, that Cashel would raise their game sufficiently to cause a rampant Nenagh side any serious problems.

More than adequate in all sectors, St. Mary's were especially lethal in attack with Sarah Madden, Aine Hogan and team captain Noelle Kennedy continually causing headaches to a beleaguered Cashel defence. The supply of ball forthcoming from the mid field area was always plentiful, from none more so than Alison Lawlor who gave a brilliant display of striking and with Niamh Bonar and Ciara Gaynor provided an impregnable area that in turn left the defence with little to worry about.

something they will always cherish, they would probably have wished for tougher opposition.

Whereas St. Mary's were seeking their first title, Cashel had been there four times already and therefore hardly begrudged their fellow Tipp travellers their day of glory.

For Nenagh it was the perfect progression after their two provincial and All-Ireland junior successes in '91 and '92. The experience gained in those years is certainly standing to them and of course the big wish in the school now is that, like the juniors, the seniors will advance and win the All-Ireland title. There's a long road ahead yet but in the meantime there's plenty to enthuse over in Saturday's win, and the response when the final whistle



Ciara Burns quickly on the move following on her second half introduction.

game.

The first, awarded to Cashel, came in the 19th minute and the second half was twelve minutes old before the second was awarded.

the game in almost two years because of injury. She made it a worthwhile one too, scoring a point. Finally Siorcha McDonnell made her presence felt when she came in for Niamh Bonar.

Scorers for St. Mary's were, N. Kennedy 2-4 (0-1 free); S. Madden 3-0; A. Lawlor 0-3; A. Hogan and C. Burns 0-1 each. Michelle Bulfin 1-0 replied for Cashel.

St. Mary's: Susan Kenneally, Sheila Kyne, Sinead Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Slattery, Niamh Bonar, Ciara Gaynor, Alison Lawlor, Noelle Kennedy (capt.), Marie Ryan, Sarah Madden, Aine Hogan. Subs: Grainne Shanahan for Sarah Madden, Ciara Burns for Sinead Kennedy, Siorcha McDonnell for Niamh Bonar.

Scoil Mhuire: Emily Hayden, Patricia Fitzgerald, Michelle Ryan, Dursey Culleton, Madeline Bulfin (capt.), Olivia Hayden, Carol Moloney, Silé Nash, Marie Tobin, Anne Barry, Edel Tobin, Michelle Bulfin. Sub: Vivienne O'Byrne for Carol Moloney.

Referee: Bernie O'Dea, Limerick.

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The Guardian PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Noelle Kennedy
(ST. MARY'S)

Great and all though the junior successes of '91 and '92 were, for St. Mary's, Nenagh, reaching maturity with the annexing of the provincial senior title must have been especially pleasing on Saturday.

With a team built around those successful junior squads, St. Mary's left no doubt whatever as to their supremacy in Munster colleges' camogie with an emphatic victory over their Cashel rivals, Scoil Mhuire, in Kilcoleman.

It was a first for Nenagh in the grade and consequently is one that will be treasured.

One could point to several players as being influential in this victory but it is true to say that team work was a vital factor in the achievement. Nevertheless, the contribution of team captain Noelle Kennedy has to be considered something special. She led her colleagues by example, always in the thick of things and of course ended the hour as top scorer with 2-4 to her credit.

Colleges Camogie



St. Mary's - Munster Senior Colleges champions front from left: Siorcha McDonnell, Sinead Kennedy, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy (Capt), Alison Lalor, Ciara Gaynor, Aine Hogan, Siobhan Malone. Back from left: Geraldine Burke, Majella Egan, Grainne Shanahan, Catherine Slattery, Susan Kenneally, Sara Bergin, Sile Kyne, Deirdre Kirby, Sara madden, Patricia Hogan, Niamh Bonar, Marie slattery, Ciara Burns, Deirdre Keogh, Natalie Ryan, Suzanne Kelly, Nessa O'Driscoll, Ger Dullea.

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Ciara Gaynor (St. Mary's) right gets in a clearance as Cashel's Anne Barry tries to block her shot.

ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE

- 1) Mairead Keane
- 2) Muireann Harrington
- 3) Marie O'Brien
- 4) Karina Carroll
- 5) Gillian Reidy
- 6) Katie O'Shea
- 7) Jean Cullinane (CAPT)
- 8) Laura Leslie
- 9) Lisa Moloney
- 10) Sinead O'Callaghan
- 11) Roni Howe
- 12) Vera Sheehan
- 13) Kim Hickey
- 14) Mary Scully
- 15) Elaine Geary
- 16) Angela Sheehy
- 17) Sharon Kelly
- 18) Gillian Coleman
- 19) Nicola Kinnane
- 20) Pauline Lynch
- 21) Caoimhe Harrington
- 22) Sarah Reidy
- 23) Audrey Hickey
- 24) Marie Mortell
- 25) Sylvia Hassett
- 26) Triona Moran

ST. MARY'S NENAGH

- 1) Nessa O'Driscoll
- 2) Hazel Keogh
- 3) Sandra Guilfoyle
- 4) Ciara Gaynor (CAPT)
- 5) Caroline Mounsey
- 6) Caroline Seymour
- 7) Stephenie Lawlor
- 8) Sharon Sheppard
- 9) Lena Woods
- 10) Natalie Ryan
- 11) Lisa Young
- 12) Siobhan Malone
- 13) Noell Maher
- 14) Regina Clifford
- 15) Mairead Hogan
- 16) Roisin Hackett
- 17) Katrina Fogarty
- 18) Edel Hogan
- 19) Sile Keogh
- 20) Sarah Conway
- 21) Olivia Ryan

St. Mary's seek double

Having already proved their undoubted superiority in senior ranks, St. Mary's, Nenagh bid for the colleges camogie double when they return to the scene of Saturday's convincing senior title win, to take on old rivals, Charleville in (this) Saturday's Junior final.

It will be the fourth successive junior final appearance for St. Mary's. 1991 and '92 saw them victorious and from there, they went on to add All-Ireland titles to their provincial crowns. Last year they failed to Saturday's opponents in the final so there's a bet to settle there.

Nenagh will field practically a new team, team captain Ciara Gaynor being the only survivor of

last year's side. Ciara, of course is also a member of the senior side and her inspirational play at centre back has been a great boost to her younger and slightly inexperienced team mates.

At the same time it is by no means a one girl team and players like Nessa O'Driscoll, Hazel Keogh, Natalie Ryan, Lena Woods, Sandra Guilfoyle and Siobhan Malone have all played very well this year.

En route to the final, St. Mary's beat Presentation, Fethard, Templemore, St. Mary's Macroom (after a replay), and Scoil Pol, Kilfinane in the semi-final.

The Charleville test is sure to be a stern one. As with St. Mary's anxiety to atone for their final defeat a year ago, there is on the Charleville side a determination to make up in some way for the defeat inflicted by St. Mary's on them in the senior championship.

The St. Mary's panel is: Nessa O'Driscoll, Hazel Keogh, Sandra

Guilfoyle, Ciara Gaynor (Capt).

Caroline Mounsey, Caroline Seymour, Sharon Sheppard, Stephanie Lawlor, Lena Woods, Natalie Ryan, Lisa Young, Siobhan Malone, Regina Clif-

ford, Noelle Maher, Roisin Hackett, Sheila Keogh, Mairead Hogan, Edel Hogan, Caitriona Fogarty, Olivia Ryan, Claire Foley.



Hazel Keogh, Siobhan Malone, Nessa O'Driscoll, Ciara Gaynor (Capt), Natalie Ryan, relax during training for Saturday's Munster Junior Final.



Members of the St. Mary's Junior Camogie panel with mentors Geraldine Bourke and Ger Dullea.

Charleville and Nenagh again

FOR the second successive year, St Mary's, Charleville and Mercy Convent, Nenagh, meet in the Munster Junior Schools camogie final at Nenagh today (2.00).

The Cork side, the holders, will be hoping to retain their crown but Mercy have the incentive of trying to make it a double as their seniors captured the Munster title for the first time last Saturday.

To reach the final Charleville had to overcome Kilfinane, Cashel, St. Aidan's (Cork) and a very talented Scariff side in the semi-final. The side consists of senior panalists Muireann Harrington and Jean Cullinane, who captains the side, together with Mairead Keane, Karina Carroll, Gillian Reidy and Reni Hawe who are survivors from last year's side.

On the way to the final Nenagh got the better of Presentation, Fethard, Templemore, St. Mary's Macroom (after a replay) and Scoil Pol, Kilfinane in the semi-final. They will be relying on the likes of Nessa O'Driscoll, Hazel Keogh, Natalie Ryan, Len Woods and Sandra Guilfoyle to rally around Gaynor and make it a memorable year for the Tipperary side.

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St Mary's girls are back again on All-Ireland camogie trail

THE JUNIOR camogie players of St Mary's School, Charleville, retained their Munster Colleges crown when they defeated St Mary's, Nenagh at the Burgess club grounds, Nenagh, on Saturday.

The local side comprehensively defeated their old rivals on a scoreline of 5-8 to 0-0.

From the outset, the Charleville girls attacked and Vera Sheehan had the ball in the Nenagh net within two minutes of the start. This was followed by a point from a 30 yard free by team captain Jean Collionane who had an outstanding game throughout.

Vera Sheehan was also in fine form, scoring three goals and one point. She also had a hand in a fourth goal, her team's second, along with Ronnie Hawe and Lisa Moloney.

The half-time score was 3-5 to 0-0 and the same pattern was repeated on the resumption as the Cork girls saw off the challenge of their Tipperary counterparts who had the much vaunted Clara Gaynor in their team.

A further two goals — one from Vera Sheehan and one from a goalmouth me-

By Michael McGrath

lee — and points from Jean Cullionane, Katie O'Shea and Kim Hickey who came on for Lisa Moloney, completed the scoring for St Mary's, Charleville.

This was a great team victory with all players giving of their best in the game from goal-keeper Mairead Keane to the forwards. They now go on to meet Ennis-corthy, the Leinster champions, in three weeks time.

Meanwhile, Charleville CBS had a great win over Sexton Street CBS (Limerick) — the holders of the Harty Cup — in the Limerick colleges under 18 A hurling championship final.

The Charleville boys emerged 1-10 to 0-9 winners after a close, exciting game in Ballingarry. Throughout the match, the Charleville half-backline of Eddie O'Brien, Tadhg O'Callaghan and Donal Mulcahy were outstanding but the whole team played well as they avenged last year's Harty Cup defeat.

For Match report, see sports pages.

St. Mary's win

St. Mary's, Charleville 5-8 Nenagh CMS 0-0

ST. MARY'S, Charleville, retained their Munster Junior camogie title with this emphatic 23-point victory over their Nenagh rivals on Saturday at Kilcolman, Nenagh.

The Charleville girls opened with the advantage of a strong breeze and by the interval were well on their way to victory having notched up a 3-5 to 0-0 lead.

Nenagh failed to make any headway even with the wind at their backs in the second half and further goals from Sinead O'Callaghan and Roni Hawe in that second half wrapped up the title for the impressive Charleville girls.

Scorers: Charleville — K. O'Shea 1-5, R. Hawe 2-1, L. Leslie and L. Moloney 1-0 each, V. Sheehan and G. Reidy 0-1 each.

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Cousins wear the genes well

A BUNCH of camogie-playing Charleville schoolgirls certainly give new meaning to the phrase 'keeping it in the family,' writes Cliona Foley.

Four first cousins were on the St Mary's Charleville team who won the Munster schools' junior camogie title, beating St Mary's Nenagh by a sensational 5-8 to 0-0.

And another first cousin won a Munster minor cross country gold on the same day!

Proof that talent is carried on in the genes is evidenced by these Cork camogie-players.

Three of them are direct descendents of former Limerick star Jim O'Brien, left corner-back on the last Limerick team to win the All-Ireland in 1973.

Corner-back Marie O'Brien is Jim's daughter and at centre-field are her cousins Jean Cullinane and Laura Lesley, both daughters of Jim's sisters.

A third cousin, Emer O'Shea is a daughter of another of Jim's sisters and while her cousins were beating Nenagh she was winning Munster cross-country gold at Dungarvan.

To complete this amazing family circle Emer's first cousin Katie O'Shea, (their fathers are brothers) was also playing at centre-field for the camogie stars who hope to go one further than their All-Ireland final defeats at senior and junior level last season.

Now that's what you call a family affair!



KISSING COUSINS . . . Runner Emer O'Shea jumps the hurleys of camogie playing first cousins Jean Cullinane, Marie O'Brien, Katie O'Shea and Laura Lesley.

Nenagh girls no match for rampant Charleville

St. Mary's, Nenagh 0-0; St. Mary's, Charleville (holders) 5-8.

Unable to match the feats of their senior counterparts a week earlier, St. Mary's, Nenagh, suffered a most disappointing defeat when they went down badly to a powerful St. Mary's, Charleville side by 5-8 to no score in this Munster Junior Colleges Camogie final at Kilcoleman on Saturday last.

Having lost to the same opposition in last year's final, the local girls were very much intent on turning the tables on their great rivals in this year's decider but, unfortunately for them, they came up against a very balanced and powerful Charleville side which contained a number of last year's team and, in the end, they had no answer to the Cork girls.

While a 5-8 to 0-0 scoreline may give the impression of a decidedly one sided contest, this, indeed, was not the case and only a lack of scoring power up front prevented the Nenagh side from registering a few scores. They had their fair share of possession over the fifty minutes and were they to have had a bit of luck on their side, they could well have added a lot more respectability to the scoreline.

BAD START

Playing into quite a strong wind in the opening half, the young Nenagh team, with only one player, Ciara Gaynor, surviving from last year's side, got off to the worst possible start when they conceded a goal in the opening minute as Charleville's most impressive player, Jean Cullinane, scored from over forty yards. A further goal two minutes later by Lisa Moloney helped the Cork side to a 2-2 to no score lead after just six minutes and when Vera Sheahan raised Charleville's third green flag at the 20 minutes stage with a brilliant ground stroke, things were looking ominous for the home side. The teams went in at the interval with Charleville 3-5 to no score in front and despite facing into the wind for the second period, they still continued to dominate the exchanges to a large

extent.

They had further goals in this half by Sinead O'Callaghan and Vera Sheahan to add salt to Nenagh's already gaping wounds and in the end, despite a few spirited late Nenagh attacks which always faltered with the final pass, Charleville ran out the most comfortable victors by 5-8 to no score.

TRIED HARD

Although Nenagh were fighting a losing battle almost from the start, they still tried very hard and many of their players gave most spirited displays. Among these were Ciara Gaynor, Stephanie

Lawlor, Caroline Seymour and Hazel Keogh while Sharon Sheppard, Natalie Ryan and Lena Woods also caught the eye.

Charleville have a very skilful and most balanced side indeed and should go a long way towards claiming national honours. In Jean Cullinane and Vera Sheahan they had two excellent camogie players who would be worth their place on any county team. Apart from these two, Karina Carroll, Katie O'Shea, Muireann Harrington, Lisa Moloney and Sinead O'Callaghan also had excellent games.

SCORERS

Charleville: J. Cullinane 1-5

(frees), V. Sheahan 2-1, L. Moloney, S. O'Callaghan 1-0 each, K. Hickey, K. O'Shea 0-1 each.

TEAMS

Nenagh: Nessa O'Driscoll, Hazel Keogh, Sandra Guilfoyle, Ciara Gaynor, Caroline Mounsey, Caroline Seymour, Stephanie Lawlor, Sharon Sheppard, Lena Woods, Natalie Ryan, Lisa Young, Siobhan Malone.

Subs: Edel Hogan for S. Malone.

Charleville: Mairead Keane, Muireann Harrington, Marie O'Brien, Karina Carroll, Gillian Reidy, Katie O'Shea, Jean Cullinane, Laura Leslie, Lisa Moloney, Sinead O'Callaghan, Roni Hawe, Vera Sheahan.

Subs: Kim Hickey for L. Moloney, Gillian Coleman for R. Hawe.

Referee: Mary Moran (Cork).



Sticks in the mud! action from Kilcolman Last Saturday.

CAMOGIE

Ulster Senior Colleges Cup final St Patrick's Maghera 1-2 (C O'Kane 1-0; E O'Loughlin 0-2) St Mary's Magherafelt 0-3 (L. McIvor, A O'Neill, R. Pickering 0-1 each) Junior final — postponed (pitch unplayable)
Leinster Colleges Senior semi—Galea - Loreto Kilkenny 3-2; Callan (holders) 1-3. Mercy Enniscorthy 2-9; Borris VS 2-2.

CAMOGIE

Loreto land Leinster laurels

Loreto convent, 5-5
Mercy convent, 1-6

IT WAS third time lucky for the Loreto convent, Kilkenny, in the Leinster senior camogie championship final when they put two defeats behind them to claim the title at the expense of the Mercy convent, Enniscorthy in Carlow on Tuesday.

The winners sharp forwards, particularly Imelda Kennedy, Margaret Kavanagh and Catriona Carey made all the difference as the Loreto won through to the All-Ireland semi-final, which will be away to Nenagh on Saturday (2 p.m.)

The Noreiders were easy winners in the end. In fact, they had three goals disallowed during the match, two during the opening half.

Enniscorthy were in trouble early on when Imelda Kennedy drove a fierce ground shot to the net in the 7th minute.

The Slaneysiders always looked stressed after that. A second Loreto goal to Catriona Carey in the 24th minute pushed her team into a 2-4 to 0-4 half-time lead.

No holding Kennedy

Imelda Kennedy had the ball in the net again early in the second half, but that score was scrubbed. However, there was no holding the lively Kennedy, and in the 5th

minute she rifled home another goal from a free.

In the 12th minute team captain, Margaret Kavanagh rose another green flag to put the Kilkenny side 4-4 to 0-4 in front.

By this stage the Loreto were playing with supreme confidence and Sinead Costello mopped up everything at centre-back. Fiona Connery and Nicola Tynan, who only had her appendix removed two weeks ago, were also in blistering form.

The midfield sector struggled a bit from time to time, although the arrival of Eimear Connery improved matters. Up front the trio mentioned earlier simply blasted holes in the opposing defence.

Scorers: Loreto convent: J. Kennedy (2-5, 1-4 frees); M. Kavanagh (2-0); C. Carey (1-0). Mercy convent: J. Breen (1-0); B. Murphy (0-3, frees); B. Sludden (0-3, two frees, one 30).

Loreto convent: Catherine Ryan, Nicola Tynan, Jennifer Dillon, Sinead Costello, Fiona Connery, Pauline Hogan, Ruth Comerford, Brenda O'Reilly, Ann Wall, Margaret Kavanagh (captain), Catriona Carey, Imelda Kennedy. Subs: Eimear Connery, Mairead Costello, Niamh Phelan.

Mercy convent: A. Symons, J. Breen, R. Hogan, G. Quigley, A. Nolan, O. Heron, E. Murphy, B. Sludden, N. Bolger, L. O'Leary, B. Murphy, M. O'Leary.

Referee: J. Pender (Kildare).

Camogie Cabaret
St. Anne's Camogie club, Johnstown, hold a cabaret Delaney's bar, on March

MUNSTER YOUTHS SPORTSTAR WINNERS

ATHLETICS: Amanda Clifford (Leevale AC)
 BADMINTON: Trish Doyle (Banteer-Castlemagner).
 BASKETBALL: Sinéad Leahy (Blarney)
 BOXING: John Morrissey (Sunnyside)
 CAMOGIE: Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane-McDonaghs)
 CYCLING: Michael Woods (Carrick Wheelers)
 EQUESTRIAN: Shane Carey (Pony Club, Limerick)
 GAELIC FOOTBALL: John Buckley (Knocknagree)

HANDBALL: Tony Healy (Ballydesmond)
 HURLING: Michael Ryan (St. Finbarr's)
 KARATE: Rachel Walters (Ballyhooly)
 PITCH AND PUTT: Darren Collins (St. Anne's).
 ROWING: Gráinne O'Donovan (Skibbereen)
 RUGBY: Tim O'Connell (PBC)
 SQUASH: Ann-Marie Sheedy (Limerick LTC)
 SOCCER: Dominic Foley (Charleville AFC)
 TENNIS: Yvonne Flynn (Lower Aghada)

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AWARDS



Ciara Gaynor.

around St. Stephen's Green.

Michael finished eighth overall in the Junior Tour and held the green points jersey right up to the closing stages when he eventually lost it by one point.

CAMOGIE: CIARA GAYNOR

CIARA was a member of the Tipperary team which retained the All-Ireland minor title last year after a replay with Galway.

A member of the Kilruane McDonagh club, she learned her camogie with the local St. Mary's Convent, Nenagh, whom she helped to win two All-Ireland titles in 1992.

The sole surviving member of last year's St. Mary's Junior team, she will captain the side when they take on St. Mary's Charleville in this year's Munster final. She is also a member of the Senior Convent team who also have reached this year's Munster decider, against Cashel.

With Tipperary hoping to make it three in-a-row this year, she will be seeking to join Sandie Fitzgibbon of Cork as the only players to win three All-Ireland minor medals.

A daughter of Len Gaynor, she seems assured of a bright future.

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Ciara gets Munster Youth Award



Ciara Gaynor

Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane McDonaghs) one of the stars of the Minor All-Ireland team last year was notified by the Cork Examiner that she is being honoured with the Munster Youth Sports Star award. This presentation will take place in the Imperial Hotel, Cork on Monday night next.

This is a very prestigious award and the last Tipperary recipient was Jovita Delaney in 1990. At the tender age of fifteen Ciara is an excellent player and produced a star performance throughout the All-Ireland minor campaign last year. Still eligible for this year's championship, Ciara has a bright future ahead of her in camogie. We congratulate Ciara and hope that this is the first of many awards she will receive.

COLLEGES FINAL

In Kiccolm Park, on Saturday last, St. Mary's, Nenagh had a convincing victory over Scoil Mhuire Cashel in the Munster Senior Colleges Final.

Scoil Mhuire Cashel fielding a

very young team found it impossible to penetrate the Nenagh defence and failed to yield a score in the second half. However they never gave up and contested every ball with grit and determination. St. Mary's on the other hand had almost an all Tipperary team at various levels. They will most definitely be a team to content with in the semi-final. They showed skill and fitness and looked like a real winner all the way. They now play the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final.

St. Mary's Junior team will contest the Munster Junior final against old rivals Charleville on Saturday next in Kiccolm Park at 2 p.m.

Intermediate Training: Training for the Intermediate team will resume in Durlas Og grounds on Sunday morning next at 11 o'clock. This team are competing in the Senior League this year and their first outing will be March 13th against Wexford at a Wexford venue.

Their aim for '94 is to win the Intermediate title and be returned as a Senior County for the '95 championship. To achieve this 100% will have to be given from each and every member of the panel.

Minor Trials: Trials will commence for the minor panel for the 1994 championship on Saturday Feb. 26th.

The selectors are asking all clubs to submit immediately the names of players in their club who are eligible and capable to take part in the trials.



Trish Doyle.

BADMINTON TRISH DOYLE

TRISH DOYLE, at 16 years of age, became the first Cork girl to be selected on an Irish schools badminton team in 1993.

A member of the Banteer juvenile and Castlemagner adult clubs, Trish has had an outstanding year.

Among the many titles she has won are, Cork county under 16 singles and mixed, and the under 18 doubles.

At Munster level she won the under 16 singles, doubles and mixed titles, as well as the Leinster open under 16 doubles, titles.

She was also a member of the all-conquering Munster under-16 team that won inter-provincial honours for the first time, and she was also a member of her club's adult team that won the championship cup for the first time.

Trish, a junior cert student at Scoil Mhuire in Kanturk, is also highly talented camogie player and is a member of the Bishopstown club. Last year she played on the Cork minor



FRONT, from left, the Gaynor family from Nenagh Co. Tipperary, Eileen, Len, Ciara, winner of the Camogie award, and Fionnuala. BACK: Tony Healy from Ballydesmond, Co. Cork, winner of the Handball award, with, from left: Mattie Angland, Mr. Ted Crosbie, Chairman, Cork Examiner Publications; Kitty Healy and Ger Healy.

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A team apart

By T.P.O'Mahony

A team apart, and a team which has brought honour and glory to Blackpool - that's how Bishop John Buckley described the victorious Glen Rovers camogie team at their annual dinner dance.

"They are worthy champions, not just of Cork but of Munster and Ireland," said the Auxiliary Bishop of Cork and Ross at the Country Club Hotel.

Dr Buckley, together with Glen officials, selectors, mentors, players and their families gathered to celebrate one of the most successful years in the history of the club, which was founded in the 1930s and won its first county title in 1934.

The club chairperson, Nora Newman, summed up the predominant mood of the evening when she declared: "What you have achieved in 1993 has made us all very, very proud.

"And in doing it, you displayed all that is best in camogie, in terms of skill, in terms of fitness, and in terms of dedication.

"And we are all now looking forward to the 1994 campaign," she added.

The Glen were celebrating the reten-

tion of their County Senior title, the Munster Championship, and the All-Ireland Club Championship.

In addition, five members of the team also received medals for their part in Cork's win over Galway in the All-Ireland Senior Final at Croke Park in September.

These were Linda Mellerick (who captained the side), Sandie Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan and Lynn Dunlea.

The Glen club captain, Diane Deane, praised the commitment shown by her colleagues throughout the year.

She also lauded the part played in the team's success by coach Noel Lynam, and the three selectors, Mary Newman McCarthy, Helena Mullins and Anne O'Donovan.

Ms Deane also thanked the local media for their coverage of camogie in 1993.

CAMOGIE
Lainster Colleges
 Junior Final: Loreto Kilkenny 3-4
 (O. Hennessy 1-3, M. Ryan 2-0, M. Costello 0-1) Marcy, Enniscorthy 1-7
 (R. O'Grady 0-6, M. O'Leary 1-1).
Ulster Colleges
 Junior Final: St Mary's, Magherafelt 3-10 (C. Pickering 2-4, B. Molloy 1-3, A. O'Neill 0-2, B. Mulholland 0-1. Loreto Cavan 1-2 (H. Dowd 1-0, M. O'Reilly 0-2).



Deirdre Coleman, treasurer; Fr. Crowley, P.P., Blackpool; Mary Newman, secretary; Helena Mullins, selector; Diane Deane, Glen Rovers' captain; Chrissie Buckley, vice-president; Linda Mellerick, cork captain; Anne O'Donovan, vice-chairman; Noel Lynam, coach.

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Camogie by P.J.Fulham

On the Camogie scene we look to 1994 with great interest. Among all the competitions down for decision the one that attracts the most interest is the senior Championship for the coveted O'Duffy Cup. Even at this early stage the question is being asked... can Cork, the holders, make it three back-to-back?

Their toughest game is always against old rivals Kilkenny, who they have met for the last two years at a semi-final stage. Camogie followers will remember last year in Nowlan Park when Kilkenny held a two-point lead with twenty seconds to go and Cork's super sub Lynn Dunlea shot a golden goal to give a one-point victory and a place in the final once again. A Kilkenny/Cork final in '94 was the hope of many, but the open draw has determined once again, that if they are to meet, it will be in a semi-final. Cork would have the venue which would be a great advantage to them. Of course they will still have Dublin, Galway and Wexford to reckon with. Counties were seeded and drawn as follows:

SENIOR OPEN DRAW

July 10	A. Cork a bye
July 17	B. Wexford v Dublin. Venue Dublin
Aug 21	C. Galway v Kildare. Venue Kildare
Aug 28	D. Kilkenny v Clare. Venue Kilkenny
Sep 25	Semi-final D v A
	Semi-final B v C
	All Ireland Final

ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Dublin, Kildare and Clare will be eligible to take part in the Intermediate Championship if defeated in the first round of the senior Championship. Draw as follows:

Aug 14	Preliminary round:
July 31	A. Dublin v Armagh. Venue Dublin
Aug 28	B. Kildare v Down. Venue Kildare
Sep 11	Semi-finals: Clare v A. B v Tipperary
	All-Ireland Final

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 31	Quarter final: A London v Leinster
Aug 21	Semi-finals: A v Connacht, Ulster v Munster
Sep 25	All-Ireland final

NATIONAL LEAGUES

These will again be run off on a 15-a-side format. In senior 9 teams take part in two divisions with the top two teams from each division going through to the semi-finals.

Div 1	Clare, Cork, Wexford, Tipperary, Kildare.
Div 2	Dublin, Kilkenny, Down, Galway.

In junior there are twenty teams participating in four zones with the top two teams from each one going through to the quarter-finals.

Zone A	Kilkenny, Clare, Galway, Limerick, Offaly.
Zone B	Carlow, Cork, Wexford, Waterford, Tipperary.
Zone C	Armagh, Dublin, Cavan, Kildare, Monaghan.
Zone D	Antrim, Derry, Down, Donegal, Tyrone.

Two rounds of the junior have already been played before Christmas. The following are the fixtures: First mentioned has venue

Date	Senior	Junior
Mar 13	Wexford v Tipperary Kilkenny v Dublin Down v Galway Carlow v Waterford	Wexford v Tipperary Kilkenny v Limerick Down v Tyrone
Mar 20	Cork v Clare Kildare v Wexford Offaly v Kilkenny	Cork v Carlow Kildare v Armagh Dublin v Cavan Derry v Antrim

Apr 4	Dublin v Kildare Cork v Wexford Clare v Galway Cavan v Monaghan Antrim v Donegal
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Date	Senior	Junior
Apr 17	Tipperary v Kildare	Kilkenny v Galway Tipperary v Carlow Waterford v Cork



Angela Downey with the O'Duffy Cup after Kilkenny's 1991 All-Ireland win.

Apr 24	Kildare v Cork Clare v Wexford	Tyrone v Derry Galway v Limerick Monaghan v Dublin Armagh v Cavan Donegal v Down
May 1	Down v Kilkenny Galway v Dublin Tipperary v Cork	Limerick v Clare Galway v Offaly
May 15	Senior Semi-final. Junior Quarter-finals	
May 22	Senior Semi-final	
May 29	Senior Semi-final. Junior Semi-final	
June 12	Senior Final	
July 3	Junior Final	

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS

Mar 6	All Ireland final of CCD (Ceol Caint agus Damsha)
Mar 26/27	Annual Congress, Dublin
June 26/27	Féile na nGael, Limerick
July 24	All-Ireland Minor Championship semi-final: Leinster v Munster
July 31	All-Ireland Minor Championship semi-final: Ulster v Connacht
Aug 14	All-Ireland Minor Championship Final
Oct 16	All-Ireland Club Championship quarter-final: A London v Ulster
Nov 6	All-Ireland Club Championship semi-finals: Leinster v A Munster v Connacht
Nov 13	Gael Linn semi-finals: Ulster v Leinster, Connacht v Munster
Nov 20	All-Ireland Club Championship final
Nov 27	Gael Linn Finals

ASHBOURNE CUP

The oldest National competition of which Camogie can boast is the Ashbourne Cup for Inter-Varsity competition. It was inaugurated in 1915. University of Ulster Coleraine will host the semi-finals and final this year. Eight teams take part in the preliminary round as follows:

1. UL v Waterford RTC	2. UU Jordanstown v DCU
3. QUB v UUC	4. Athlone RTC v UCG

Saturday Feb 12

Cup semi-finals: Winners 1 v Winners 4... Winners 2 v Winners 3
Shield semi-finals: Losers 1 v Losers 4... Losers 2 v Losers 3

Sunday Feb 13

Cup and Shield Finals

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

On the Camogie scene this week we focus on Clare. Camogie was founded in Clare by Michael Hennessy of Clooney, the then Secretary of the G.A.A. Board to mark the Golden jubilee of the G.A.A. in 1934. There were eight clubs affiliated. Sean O'Grady, Creesheen, then T.D. for Clare presented a Cup for the League competition.

Clooney became the first county champions in 1934 and continued to dominate the Championship throughout the '30s and '40s. They also held the O'Grady Cup until 1945.

Clare played their first inter-county match against Kerry in the Munster Championship at Ennis in 1934, with victory going to the Kingdom. Defeat was their lot the following year when they played Cork after which they withdrew from inter-county competition until the '40s.

Clare won their only Munster Senior Championship title in 1944 when they defeated Tipperary on a score of 3-1 to 3-0. Chris Markham of Clooney was the outstanding player on that memorable occasion and was responsible for all her county's scores, with the winning point coming from a thirty yard free with virtually the last puck of the game. Dublin proved too strong in the All-Ireland semi-final.

After 1945 there was a constant stream of immigration among Camogie girls which stripped clubs of many of their finest players with the result that camogie barely existed.

1958 saw the revival of the game in the Banner County when an enthusiastic group of delegates from eight clubs gathered at Ennistymon in a bid to organise and re-establish camogie.

Killfenora dominated the competitions for the next decade, until Eire Og of Ennis came on the scene and won the first of their twelve Championships in 1968. In the meantime the county team were giving a good account of themselves, with many promising displays in both League and Championship. In 1974 they secured their first Munster Junior title when they defeated Limerick by one point. They ousted Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final and went on to win their first All-Ireland Junior title at the expense of Dublin on a score of 3-2 to 3-0.

Seven years later in 1981 Clare won their second All-Ireland Junior title by defeating Antrim 3-2 to 0-7 in the final.

After their initial success in 1974 they were graded Senior and took part in the Senior League and Championship. After drawing with Wexford in the opening round of the Championship they went under in the re-play. Wexford went on to win the All-Ireland.

In 1986 Clare won their third All-Ireland Junior title when they recorded a 1-13 to 3-4 victory over Kildare. They won the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship last year by defeating Dublin on a score of 1-8 to 1-5.

Sixmilecross were the dominant club of the '80s when they won their first Senior title in 1983, after which they went on to win eight county Championships in a row and one Munster title.

Wolfe Tones, Shannon won their first Championship in 1978. In all they have five titles to their credit and are the current champions.

The County Board runs sixteen competitions from Under 12 to Senior to cater for the needs of its twenty two affiliated

clubs. At inter-county level they field in Minor, Junior and Intermediate as well as Feile na nGael and other competitions.

On the Colleges scene Shannon Comprehensive won the All-Ireland Senior title by defeating St. Raphael's, Loughrea in the final in 1982. Ennis Vocational College won four All-Ireland titles in a row in the '80s. Much work is being done at primary and post primary schools level where coaching and competitions are organised. Kitty McNicholas was the leading light behind the success of schools camogie which she started in 1974 and which now boasts twenty eight primary and eight secondary schools.

Kitty is County Board Chairperson, also delegate to Munster and Congress. She is a prominent referee having had charge of the 1987 All-Ireland Junior final between Armagh and Kildare and All-Ireland Colleges finals in Senior and Junior. She is Chairperson of the National referees committee. Kitty played at centre field on Clare's winning team in 1974 and her daughter Maire captained the victorious 1986 team.

Behind Clare's success in recent years is a band of hard working officials, who have giving their time willingly to the organisation and promotion of camogie. They include County Secretary Bridie Hehir, Vera Hennessy, Maura Sheedy and Liz O'Sullivan.

Fr. Michael McNamara of Shannon has given an enormous contribution at club and county level over the past two decades. Kevin Twomey has also been instrumental in training county teams and together with Fr. Michael tasted success with the 1986 All-Ireland Junior team and last year's All-Ireland Intermediate victory. This success will boost the Banner County's moral and should be a force to reckon with in future.

In the Munster Senior Colleges final played at Kilcolman, Nenagh recently, St. Mary's, Nenagh had a convincing win over Scoil Mhuire,

Cashel. After quite an entertaining first half St. Mary's led 3-3 to 1-0 at the break. In the second half Cashel continued to try hard, but could not find an answer for their dominant opponents who ran out winners on a score of 5-9 to 1-0. Scorers: St. Mary's, Nenagh: Noelle Kennedy 2-3, Sarah Madden 3-0, Allison Lawlor 0-4, Ciara Burns and Aine Hogan 0-1 each. Scoil Mhuire: Michelle Bulfin 1-0. Referee: Bernie O'Dea, Limerick.

The Ulster Colleges Junior and Senior finals will be played on Saturday February 19th. Junior: St. Mary's, Magherafelt v Loreto, Cavan. Senior: St. Mary's, Magherafelt v St. Patrick's, Maghera.

Magherafelt are the holders of both titles. They have been very close to an All-Ireland title in recent years. Rita Moran, former All-Ireland medal winner with Antrim has brought them on significantly in the last few years. They drew with St. Mary's, Nenagh in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final two years ago and narrowly lost out in the replay. It is possible that those two schools with practically the same teams could meet in the Senior final this year.

In Leinster the Senior is at a semi-final stage. The pairings are Loreto, Kilkenny v St. Brigid's, Callan, the holders, and Mercy, Enniscorthy v Borris V.S. In Junior Mercy, Enniscorthy, are through to the final, while Loreto, Kilkenny and Beaufort, Dublin meet in the semi-final.

Report on Purcell and Ashbourne Cups next week.

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

This years Ashbourne and Purcell Cups were organised on a new format with all fifteen Colleges taking part in a preliminary round. The winners then entered the Ashbourne and the losers competed in the Purcell Cup.

The Purcell Cup weekend was hosted by Waterford R.T.C. Semi-final results: University College Cork 4-6, Maynooth 1-5. St. Mary's, Belfast 2-6 University College Dublin 1-4.

In the final University College, Cork defeated a fancied St. Mary's, Belfast. The Cork side showed great flair and determination that the Northern side could not match and ran out easy winners taking the Purcell Cup for the first time. The score 2-11 to 1-1.

In the Shield final Mary I, Limerick had a convincing win over Trinity College, Dublin 3-5 to 0-4.

The Ashbourne weekend was hosted by University of Ulster, Coleraine. Semi-final results: University College Galway 3-5, University of Limerick 1-9, University of Ulster, Jordanstown 5-3 Queens, Belfast 3-5.

University College Galway had a historic victory when they collected their first Ashbourne title by defeating hot favourites U.U. Jordanstown who were going for their third title in a row, in this 80th final.

Three goals by Olivia Broderick gave her side a 3-3 to 1-4 margin at the interval. Jordanstown turned over with a strong breeze behind them and still looked as if they could hold on to their title. However the determination and ability of the Western side was proving too much even when Grace McMullen landed two points. Olivia Broderick who was in great form picked off two points from frees. Although it was an edge of the seat finish, the Galway girls held on gallantly to run out winners on a score of 3-5 to 1-9.

Scorers: University College Galway, Olivia Broderick 3-2, Anne Keane 0-3.

U.U.J.: Caitriona Higgins 0-4, Deirdre Connolly 1-0, Grace McMullen 0-3, Catherine Byrne 0-2.

The Shield final was another exciting affair between Waterford R.T.C. and Athlone R.T.C. Both sides were making their own bit of history as it was the first time that a non University was allowed to take part in the Ashbourne competition. The game was closely contested with Waterford leading 0-4 to 0-2 at the break and at full time the sides were level at 2-6 each. In extra time Waterford led 0-4 to 0-2 at the break and at full time the side were level at 2-6 each. In extra time Waterford excelled and emerged winners on a score of 3-13 to 2-6.

Munster Junior Colleges final St. Mary's, Charleville 5-8 St. Mary's, Nenagh 0-0.

Scorers: Vera Sheehan 3-1, Jean Cullinane 1-5, Katie Sheehan 1-0, Lisa Maloney and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-1 each.

All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals: Connacht v Ulster, Leinster v Munster. Junior March 5th, Senior March 12th. Laois are through to the final of the Leinster League when they had a convincing win over Westmeath at Turin. Laois were hungry for victory and played with great

determination.

Bernadette Fitzpatrick had Laois two points up inside five minutes. Westmeath's defence were under severe pressure, and after eleven minutes Annette Heffernan opened the home sides account when she pointed from a free. Minutes later Jennifer Nooney placed Catherine Glynn in possession and she made her way through the Laois defence for the first goal of the game. Just before the half time whistle the sides exchanged points to leave the half time score: Westmeath 1-3, Laois 0-3.

On the resumption Bernadette Fitzpatrick cut the leeway by a point. This was followed by a well taken goal by Trish Cuddy to put her side in front. Laois were now stepping up the pace and producing some great team work despite great efforts by Westmeaths Allison McCormack, Olive Weir, Helena Finglas and Helen Kearney.

A good clearance by Sinead Cuddy was picked up and sent over the bar by Bernadette Fitzpatrick. Laois centre field trio Emer Cuddy, Laetitia Lyons and Catherine Coss were creating lots of problems. On the 15th minute Catherine Coss put her team three points in front, and almost immediately Westmeaths first score of this half came when Annette Heffernan pointed. The game had now developed into a hard tough tussle with the winners well capable of picking off scores from well out the field. They planned a further raid on the Westmeaths goal and were rewarded with a goal by Yvonne Keenan who put her team on the path to victory, followed by further points from Ber Fitzpatrick (2) and Trish Cuddy (1) to build up an 0-8 lead with three minutes to go. Westmeath's Eileen Gill finished Annette Heffernans shot to the net for a consolation goal. From the puck out Ber Fitzpatrick gained possession and sent a long range point over the bar to leave the final score Laois 2-10, Westmeath 2-4.

Scorers: Laois: Ber Fitzpatrick 0-7, Yvonne Keenan, Trish Cuddy 1-1 each, Catherine Coss 0-1. Westmeath: Catherine Glynn, Eileen Gill 1-0 each, Annette Heffernan 0-4. Referee: Breda McKenna, Meath.

Laois now take on Offaly, the holders on Sunday next at Portlaoise at 2.p.m. Offaly are a formidable force and are four points up in the National League. When the sides met in the preliminary round of this competition Offaly came out tops on a score of 1-8 to 1-4. However, this young Laois side have improved with every game and are sure to produce stiff opposition for the champions who are favourites to retain the title.

Offaly Panel: Brigid Rosney, Majella Bergin, Amanda Kelly, Bernie Nugent, Eileen Kinnsella, Honor Kinnsella, Dympna Whyte, Audrey Hennessy, Geraldine Mahon, Maureen Dooley, Michelle Davis, Caroline McCarthy, Maggie Lynch, Caroline Guinan, Coleen Myles, Jennifer Mulroaney, Ita Larkin, Eilis Dooley, Maura Searson.

A meeting with the officers of all Leinster Counties with the Provincial Officers will be held on Saturday next at Na Fianna Club, Mobhi Road, Dublin at 11 a.m. followed by a Leinster Council meeting.

ASHBOURNE AND PURCELL CUP WINNERS

FEB. 1994

Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

This week we take a look at our national game in Louth. In the very early years of the Association Camogie was played at various venues throughout 'The Wee County'. The first County team was affiliated in 1928 and has been active ever since. When Leinster defeated Connacht in the 1928 Tailteann game final there were two girls from Darver club on the Leinster team: Nan Boyle and Rose Quigley.

In the 1932 Tailteann games the Louth team were selected en bloc to represent Ireland against Great Britain in a camogie match played along with a football match Ireland v America. The Louth girls had a very easy victory on a score of 4-5 to 0-0. In the Inter-provincial final that year Leinster defeated Connacht 7-1 to 1-9. Nan Boyle was again on the team and a very promising young player from Darver Kathleen Hanratty was also selected and scored 4-1 of Leinster's total.

They won the Leinster Senior Championship in 1934 by defeating Dublin, Kilkenny and Meath in the final 7-3 to 5-1. They went on to beat Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final 2-3 to 2-1 and lost to Cork in the final 4-3 to 1-4. Leinster Senior champions again in 1936 after defeating Dublin, 5-4 to 4-1 and in the All-Ireland final in Croke Park on a score of 6-4 to 3-3. 1939 again brought success at Leinster level accounting for Meath 8-2 to 4-1 but were knocked out by old rivals Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. The next year they retained the Leinster Championship title with 7-6 to 2-2 win over Kildare in the final. The All-Ireland semi-final played at Darver again saw the girls from the 'Wee County' play second fiddle to 'The Leesiders', the score 4-3 to 1-5.

They were re-graded Junior in 1962 and won the Leinster Junior Championship, qualified for the Intermediate final and lost out to Wexford 3-4 to 2-2. In 1964 they met the same fate against the same opponents. Kilkenny won the Leinster Junior club Championship in 1977 defeating Dunboyne, Meath 3-2 to 1-2. The following year St. Anne's kept the Leinster Club Championship title in Louth when they overcame the Kildare champions Cappagh in the final 6-4 to 2-0.

Leinster Junior champions again in 1980 and defeated by Tyrone in the All-Ireland semi-final. In 1981 they reached the National Junior league final, and were defeated by Cavan in a re-play by 0-2.

1982 was their year of glory after accounting for Laois, Wicklow and Carlow they secured Leinster honours by defeating Kildare in the final 1-10 to 2-4. They overcame Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final by two points, and faced Cork in the final in Croke Park. It was a thrilling match with Louth winning its very first All-Ireland title by the minimum score 1-7 to 1-6.

The Panel: Vivienne Kelly, Captain, Anne Harrington, Marion McCabe, Mary Connor, Geraldine Crehan, Collette Tumulty, Ann Currid, Eileen Crehan, Irene McNamee, Teresa Bates, Kitty Sharkey, Noeleen Maguire, Annette King, Imelda Matthews, Connie Crehan, Frances Crehan.

After that victory they were graded Senior, but after three years at the top without success they were re-graded Junior in 1986.

There are six clubs registered at present and competitions are organised for all grades from Under 12 to Senior in League and Championship. Recently the county Under 14 team won the Leinster Championship. At Junior level they are team building and should be a force to reckon with in the not too distant future.

Famous players down the years were:

Kathleen Hanratty, Kathleen Lynch, Shiela Connor, Kitty Sharkey, Mary Connor, Noeleen Brady, Susie McGuinness, Vivienne Kelly, Eileen Crehan, Noeleen Maguire, the Murphy sisters and the Murtagh sisters.

The man with his shoulder to the wheel over the years is Peter Hoey, who has given a lifetime of service to camogie, as an Administrator and trainer. Three years ago he stood down after spending twenty years in the Chair. For ten of those years he was joined by his daughter, Bernadette as Secretary. His hard work and dedication was rewarded when he was elected Chairman of Leinster Council. Peter is currently on the Management Committee of Central Council and County P.R.O.

On the Colleges scene St. Patrick's, Maghera took their sixth Ulster Senior Colleges title when they defeated the favourites St. Mary's, Magherafelt 1-2 to 0-3 at Newbridge, Derry.

Scorers: St. Patrick's: Ciara O'Kane 1-0, Emma O'Loughlin 0-2. St. Mary's: Laithin Melvor, Ailish O'Neill, Roisin Pickering 0-1 each. Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Loreto, Kilkenny toppled the All-Ireland champions St. Brigid's, Callan in the Leinster Senior semi-final 3-2 to 1-3. Scorers: Loreto: Imelda Kennedy 1-2, Margaret Kavanagh, Ruth Commerford 1-0 each. St. Brigid's: Marie Maher 1-2, Margaret Commerford 0-1.

In the other semi-final Mercy, Enniscorthy had a 2-9 to 2-2 victory over Borris V.S.

In the finals Loreto and Mercy will meet in both Junior and Senior. On Saturday next the All-Ireland Colleges Junior semi-finals are down for decision: Ulster v Connacht and Leinster v St. Mary's, Charleville. The All-Ireland final of Ceol, Caint agus Damsha, the Association's talent contest takes place on Sunday March 6th at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra. All four Provinces will be strongly represented, commencing at 1 o'clock it should, as always be a great afternoons entertainment.

**THE GAME
IS THRIVING
IN THE WEE
COUNTY**



Louth County Junior team 1979 with Peter Hoey on the left, back row

MARCH 1994

Tipperary double in Wexford

ON a very blustery day on Sunday last in St. Patrick's Park, Enniscorthy, Tipperary's juniors and seniors came home with points from both games.

JUNIOR GAME

Tipperary 3-6
Wexford 2-3

In the Junior game Tipperary had a number of wides before Orla Hogan pointed from a free after a foul on Aine Hogan in the sixth minute. Wexford got their only score of the first half with a point from a free in the tenth minute. From then on Tipperary took command. Tipperary's Michelle Kennedy rattled the Wexford net when she connected on a brilliant cross from Aine Hogan. Points from Orla Hogan, Ciara Burns and Mandy Quigley came before Ciara Burns beautifully connected from a save by the Wexford goalie which ended in the back of the net. A further point from Ciara Burns left the score at the interval: Tipperary 2-5, Wexford 1 point.

The second-half was contested keenly as Wexford tried to breach the Tipperary defence. With the wind in their favour they piled on the pressure and had 2-1 to their credit before Tipperary replied with a point from play by Catherine Bourke. The last quarter was played with fire and determination by both sides.

Nora Dwan in goal for Tipperary made some great saves and was well backed up by Lizzie Maher, Brid Morris and Marie Hogan. The half-back line of Maura Cahalan, Emma Carroll and Nicola Kennedy never gave up and made some excellent clearances. Tipperary had sterling performances from the mid-field duo of Theresa Brophy and Catherine Bourke. In the half-forward line Ciara Burns, Paula Bulfin and Mandy Quigley proved to be a real thorn in the Wexford defence and were instrumental in all the instruments for Tipperary. The full forward line of Orla Hogan, Aine Hogan and Michelle Kennedy all contributed handsomely to Tipperary's win.

Tipperary team and subs: Nora Dwan, Lizzie Maher, Brid Morris, Marie Hogan, Maura Cahalan, Emma Carroll, Nicola Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Catherine Bourke, Paula Bulfin, Mandy Quigley, Ciara Burns, Michelle Kennedy, Aine Hogan, Orla Hogan.

Subs: Michelle Bulfin for Michelle Kennedy; Orla Compton, Majella O'Neill.

Scorers: Orla Hogan (3 pts.), Catherine Bourke (1 goal), Michelle Kennedy (1 goal), Nicola Kennedy (1

point), Mandy Quigley (1 point), Ciara Burns (1-1).

SENIOR GAME

Tipperary 5-16
Wexford 2-1

Appearing in their first senior game in seven years, Tipperary took command from the throw-in and served notice that they will make a bold bid to retain the senior league title they last won in 1976. All fifteen girls played superb camogie and had 2-6 to their credit inside the opening fifteen minutes. It was all one-way traffic in the first half and looked like a clear cut victory at the interval with Tipperary leading by 4-10 with Wexford failing to raise a flag.

On the resumption, Wexford piled on some pressure and the Tipperary girls fell asleep for a few minutes, and allowed Wexford through for two goals. This lapse of concentration didn't last long and Wexford were only allowed one more score before full time.

In goal for Tipperary Ailish Delaney had very little to do. The full-back line of Regina O'Meara, Ann Marie Fitzgerald and Siobhan Cusack gave little away. The half-backs Marie Ryan, Teresa Bourke and Claire Madden made some intelligent clearances, while Kaiffee Moloney and Maeva Stokes at midfield ensured plenty supply of ball to the forward line. Up front Anne Gleeson, Helen Kiely and Triona Bonnar broke the hearts of the Wexford defence time and time again. The full forward line of Deirdre Hughes, Gillian O'Neill and Noelle Kennedy penetrated the Wexford defence and punished them for every mistake they made.

Next outing is against Clare on April 10th.

Tipperary team and subs: Ailish Delaney, Regina O'Meara, Siobhan Cusack, Ann-Marie Fitzgerald, Theresa Bourke, Triona Bonnar, Anne Gleeson, Helen Kiely, Meadh Stokes, Kaiffee Moloney, Noelle Kennedy, Gillian O'Neill, Marie Ryan, Claire Madden, Deirdre Hughes.

Subs: Cora Kennedy for Marie Ryan, Anne Gleeson for Anne Gleeson, Ann Gleeson for Triona Bonnar.

Scorers: Noelle Kennedy (2-5), Helen Kiely (1-2), Anne Gleeson (3 points), Deirdre Hughes (1-4), Gillian O'Neill (1 goal), Triona Bonnar (2 points).

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to St. Mary's Convent, Nenagh, on their fine victory over Loretto Convent, Kilkenny, on Satur-

day last in the senior All-Ireland Colleges semi-final. They now play Maghera, County Armagh, in the All-Ireland final on April 12th.

FIXTURES

The following games will be played this weekend:

Senior League: Knockavilla v. Clonmel at Dundrum on Sunday, March 20th, at 12.30. Burgess v. Toomevara at Kilcolman on Sunday, March 20th, at 12.30.

Intermediate League: Moycarkey v. Portroe at Littleton on Sunday, March 20th, at 12.30. Shannon Rovers v. Drom-Inch at Ballinderry on Sunday at 12.30.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

St. Cronan's (Roscrea) v. Kilruane on Sunday at Roscrea at 12.30.

Lorrha v. Borrisokane in Lorrha on Sunday at 12.30.

Borrisoleigh v. Templemore in Borrisoleigh on Sunday at 12.30.

Thurles v. Cappawhite in Thurles on Sunday at 12.30.

Clonmel v. Fethard in Clonmel on Sunday at 12.30.

MINOR TRIALS

The following girls are asked to attend the minor trials in Durlas Og grounds on Saturday next at 2 o'clock: Deirdre O'Connor, Michelle Ryan, Riona Lynch, Eileen Ryan, Alice Darcy, Cathriona Hennessy, Paul Stapleton, Julia Delaney, Cathriona Cahill, Noelle O'Dwyer, Helen Campion, Grace Ormond, Catherine Grogan, Claire Horan, Elaine Fitzgerald, Caroline Seymore, Cathriona Tiernan, Catherine McGrath, Neasa O'Driscoll, Siobhan Malone, Sinead Collins, Denise Manton, Ciara Ormond, Grainne Shanahan, Carol Philips, Pamela Aiken.

Coachford Community School 5-6 Charleville 2-0

Coachford Community School beat Charleville in a thrilling Munster Colleges Camogie Intermediate semi-final at Carrigrohoid yesterday.

Best for Coachford were goalie Karen Murphy, Margaret Buckley, Tina Roche, Louise Murphy and Catriona Hogan, while Charleville were well served by Mary Murphy and Vicky O'Sullivan.

CAMOGIE

NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE — Kilkenny 2-7 (S. Millar 0-5, C. Dunne and G. Dillon 1-0 each, A. Downey and B. Mullally 0-1 each) **Dublin 2-5** (I. Kirwin 2-0, C. Walsh 0-4, P. Carroll 0-1) **Clare 0-11** (C. O'Loughlin 0-4, S. O'Brien 0-3, A. Keane 0-2, M. Cullins and M. Neillan 0-1 each) **Kildare 1-2** (M. Treacy 1-0, M. Malone 0-2)

National Senior League: Tipperary 5-16; Wexford 2-1. **National Junior League:** Tipperary 3-6; Wexford 2-3. **Limerick 4-5; Kilkenny 1-4; Carlow 6-7; Waterford 1-1.**

CAMOGIE

Higher Education Coll & Univ League Final — UUJ, Belfast 1-7 (B. Orr 0-4, D. Connolly 1-0, G. McMahon 0-3) **Athlone RTC 1-4** (O. Hogan 0-4, T. Moloney 1-0).

CAMOGIE

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS — St Mary's Nenagh 5-6 (N. Kennedy 1-5, C. Burns 2-1, S. Kennedy, S. Madden 1-0 each) **Loretto Kilkenny 4-3** (A. Wall 3-0, M. Costello 1-0, I. Kennedy 0-3). **St Patrick's Maghera 4-3** (A. O'Loughlin 2-2, M. McAtaney, J. McNichol 1-0 each, C. Graham 0-1). **Marey Roscommon 4-0** (G. McCormack 2-0, E. Farrell, C. Cooney 1-0 each).

St. Mary's in final

ST. Mary's secondary school, Charleville, clinched their place in the All-Ireland junior colleges' camogie final with a convincing victory over Loretto Convent, Kilkenny, in Dicksboro on Saturday.

Playing with a strong wind, Charleville led 2-5 to 0-0 at half-time.

In the second half, Loretto came more into the game with two goals from Geraldine Hogan and Mary Carmel Ryan.

St. Mary's held on to win by 3-7 to 2-0. Vera Sheehan contributed 1-4 for St. Mary's, Jean Culhinane 1-1, Roni Hawe 1-0 and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2.

UCC play in Dublin

PURCELL CUP champions UCC will be hoping to add the Purcell Cup to their list of victories in Dublin on Saturday when they compete in the seven-a-side competition.

Fourteen teams are taking part in the tournament and with confidence high following their great win in the Purcell Cup the UCC girls are quietly confident that they can add another trophy to their list of successes.

UCC panel: Valerie Nagle (Eire Og), Orla Murphy (Glen Rovers), Eileen Murphy (Gaulther), Siobhan Barry (Bishopscourt), Annette O'Leary (Kilbride), Mary O'Connor (Banteary), Colette Kirby (St. Francis), Liz Crowley (Newcestown), Olive Lohane (Bandon), Nicola Tobin (Bandon) and Marion Bishop.

CAMOGIE — All-Ireland colleges junior semi-finals: St Mary's Maghera 0-3, St Raphael's Loughrea 0-2, St Mary's Charleville 3-7, Loretto Kilkenny 2-0.

CAMOGIE WORLD BY P.J. FULHAM

MARCH 1994

On Sunday next the National Leagues continue. In Senior there are two games down for Decision. Cork, the All-Ireland Champions and defeated League finalists commence their campaign, playing host to Clare. Last year they just failed to bring off the double when they were defeated by Kilkenny in the League final by three point margin 4-7 to 1-3. While Clare have quite a good squad they are only finding their way in Senior ranks should pose no threat to the Leesiders who will be fielding the following stars: Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Irene O'Keeffe, Collette O'Mahoney, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Fiona O'Driscoll and Liz Towler.

Wexford travel to take on Kildare in what should be a good tussle. Wexford field strong players in Catherine Murphy, Angie Heame and Geraldine O'Grady. While they are fancied to take the points, it should be close.

In Junior Cork play Carlow in the curtain raiser to the Senior game. Those teams are no strangers to each other. They met twice in the League last year including a play-off. Cork won on both occasions and secured a place in the quarter final on a score of 5-8 to 3-4. Cork should be well served by Hilda Kenneally, Anne Golden, Patricia Murphy, Niamh O'Regan and Fiona Twomey. While Carlow are sure to fight all the way it will be close at the finish.

In another curtain raiser Kildare play Armagh. The Northern side are the All-Ireland Junior champions and are sure to be a strong force with noted stars Margaret Moriarity, Sally McCone, Mary Black, Patricia McEvoy and Donna McCusker. Both sides have four points to their credit. When the sides met last year Armagh got through to the quarter-final of the League on a score of 2-5 to 1-7 and went on to take the title. Kildare will be depending on Nora Egan, Nuala Kerrigan, Miriam Malone, Rose Merriman and the Treacey sisters Ruth and Aisling to secure the points, however Armagh will be determined to keep their unbeaten record.

Kilkenny travel to cross swords with Offaly. The latter have four points from two outings. Kilkenny will provide stiff opposition with players of the calibre of Michelle Fennelly, Niamh Phelan, Hilda Butler, Sinead Costello, Imelda Kennedy, Mary McGrath and Marie Maher. Offaly too have a host of stars which included Brigid Rosney, Eileen Kinsella, Dymna White,

Geraldine Mahon and Michelle Davis. It is sure to be quite a tussle going all the way to the wire. Dublin will show their hospitality to Cavan. Both are seeking their first brace of points. Dublin have lost to Armagh and Cavan to Kildare. The Metropolitan side may prove too strong for the Breffni girls.

Antrim and Down meet at the latter venue. Antrim were re-graded from Senior and have four points up from their outings against Tyrone and Down. Derry secured two points from Donegal and lost to Down. Antrim are fancied to keep on the winning trail.

Offaly retained the Leinster Junior League when they resisted a strong challenge from a gallant Laois side at Mountrath. It was a low scoring and keenly contested affair. While Michelle Davis was on form, it was the defence of goalie Brigid Rosney and full back Eileen Kinsella that secured victory. Time and time again they denied the anxious Laois forwards, and at the end of the first half Offaly led 0-3 to 0-1.

In the second half the pattern of play was much the same with both sides giving little away. A further three points by Michelle Davis gave Offaly victory on a score of 0-6 to 0-2.

Scorers: Offaly: Michelle Davis 0-4, Geraldine Mahon 0-2.

Laois: Ber Fitzpatrick and Yvonne Keenan 0-leach. Referee: Liam Davin, Westmeath.

In the Maguire Cup Derry had one point to spare over Antrim. This was a sparkling encounter with little separating the sides at any time. At half time the scoreboard read 2-1 each. The second half continued to be a ding dong battle with Derry getting the verdict 3-3 to 2-5.

Scorers:Derry: Annemarie Murray 2-0, Brona Birt 1-3, Antrim: Elaine Dowds 1-1, Majella McMullen 1-0, Brona McCerry 0-3, Tara Lundy 0-1.

On the Colleges scene St. Mary's, Chadleville, Cork coasted to victory over Loreto, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-final played at St. James Park, Kilkenny. St. Mary's led 2-5 to 0-0 at the break and continued to dominate the second half even though Loreto pulled back two goals. Final score St. Mary's 3-

7, Loreto 2-0.

Scorers: St. Mary's: Vera Sheehan 1-3, Jessa Cullinane and Ronnie Howe 1-1 each, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2. Loreto: Geraldine Hogan and Mary Ryan 1-0 each. Referee: Biddy Phyllis, Tipperary. In the other semi-final played at Loughrea St. Mary's, Magherafelt had a 0-3 to 0-2 victory over St. Raphael's, Loughrea.

Scorers: St. Mary's: Blainin McIvor 0-2, Breege Mulholland 0-1.

In the Leinster Senior final Loreto, Kilkenny recorded victory over Mercy, Enniscorthy at Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow. Loreto set the pace from the start and led 2-4 to 0-4 at the break.

In the second half Rosemary Breen put Mercy back in contention with a well taken goal, but Loreto stepped up the pace with a hat trick of goals coming from Imelda Kennedy, Caitriona Carey and Margaret Kavanagh to run out easy winners on a score of 5-5 to 1-6.

Scores: Loreto: Imelda Kennedy 2-5, Margaret Kavanagh 2-0, Caitriona Carey 1-0. Mercy: Rosemary Breen 1-0, Barbara Slodds and Brenda Murphy 0-3 each. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

The following are the results of the All-Ireland final of Ceol, Cairn agus Damsha which was held in St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra.

Ceili Dancing: Saul, Down.

Set Dancing: Patrickswell, Limerick.

Ballad Group: Saul, Down.

Solo Singing: Serina Tansy, Oran, Roscommon.

recitation: Pauline Rooney, An Bhocht, Monaghan.

Instrumental Music: Niamh Ni Bheolain, St. Mark's, Dublin.

Table Quiz: Cluain Dubh, Down.

Congress takes place on the weekend of March 26/27. Next week we take a look at same and the two nominations for Uachtaran as well as results.

League Continues On Sunday

ALL-IRELAND POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAMOGIE

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

12th MARCH, 1994

MCDONAGH PARK, NENAGH

@ 2 p.m.

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

V

LORETO, KILKENNY

Referee: Betty Joyce
Cork

LUACH: 10p



Mellerick honoured

FOR a year of great achievement, climaxed by captaining Cork to All-Ireland victory, Glen Rovers' Linda Mellerick was presented with the National Irish Bank camogie award at a function in the company's HQ in Dublin yesterday.

Linda said she regarded the presentation as a "fantastic honour".

"Last year," she said "Cork also won the All-Ireland and I travelled up with my buddie, Sandy Fitzgibbon who received the award for 1992.

"From that time onwards I had the ambition to achieve the honour myself and here I am," she smilingly declared.

Linda paid tribute to her team mates, selectors and coach, Joe McGrath and said that she accepted the trophy on their behalf.

Mr. McGrath said that Linda had brought honour to Cork, her family and her club and that they "all basked in the glow of her success."

Linda holds All-Ireland medals at minor, junior and senior levels as well as National League, Gael Linn and All-Ireland club — she helped Glen Rovers to retain their national title.

Lending support at yesterday's function were chairperson Cork County Board Sheila Golden, treasurer Mary McSweeney and selectors Miriam Murphy and Marian Sweeney.

The handball award was won by Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, who was not able to attend as he was in New York to receive the Kilkenny men's association 'Player of the Year' award. He was similarly awarded by the Dublin branch of the association last October.

Duxie's most notable achievement last year was the winning of a record ninth successive Senior softball title which broke the long standing record of the legendary Paddy Perry of Roscommon who won eight-in-a-row between 1930-1937.

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★Cork camogie captain Linda Mellerick pictured receiving her GAA Personality of the Month award from Patricia O'Sullivan Lacy, National Irish Bank in Dublin yesterday.



IF THE SHOE FITS . . . Linda Mellerick, captain of the Cork All-Ireland camogie winning team, who received her National Irish Bank GAA Personality of the Month Award yesterday. Handball star Michael 'Duxie' Walsh was the other award recipient

Soccer club to the rescue!

WHAT is believed to be a bit of history was made in Midleton yesterday when the Munster Colleges Intermediate Camogie Championship semi-final was played on a soccer pitch.

Failing to find a pitch, all being closed in the area, the mentors of St. Mary's HS in Midleton, as a last resort, contacted Mr. Michael Kirby, chairman of Midleton AFC, who was only too happy to oblige the schools involved.

Goalposts were transferred from the Midleton GAA pitch and the groundsmen and staff of Midleton AFC had the pitch in excellent condition and ready for the fray.

St. Mary's beat Hospital of Limerick 3-5 to 2-4 and now meet Coachford in the final.



Officers of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Association elected at the recent annual general meeting: Seated (left to right): Mrs. Teresa Murphy (chairperson), Mr. William Flynn (secretary). Standing (left to right): Mrs. M. Bugler (treasurer), Michael Barrett (PRO) and Mrs. Marion Fleming (vice-chairperson).



■ St. Mary's High School, Midleton, winners of the Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship.

St. Mary's make history

St. Mary's High School, Midleton 2-7

Coachford Community College 1-2

ST. MARY'S High School, Midleton created history yesterday when they captured the Munster Colleges Intermediate Camogie Championship at Midleton soccer pitch and must surely be the first school to win the

title in such circumstances.

It was a gripping contest with some fantastic hurling, a switch by the locals in the second-half which saw Frances Flavin going to centre-back and Mary O'Connor leading the attack proving crucial.

Opening with a stiff breeze Coachford could only score a goal in the first-half, that coming

from a deflection following a great shot by Nicola O'Leary. That left them leading at the interval by 1-0 to 0-2.

Frances Flavin got Midleton's first goal in the 32nd minute to give them the lead for the first time, but Coachford hit back with a point from Nicola O'Leary. Once Midleton through Flavin and O'Connor began to

take control, Coachford were fighting an uphill battle. O'Leary did manage another point from a free but a late goal from Clare Flavin put Midleton through comfortably.

Scores for St. Mary's: F. Flavin 1-2, M. O'Connor 0-4, C. Flavin 1-0, N. Aherne 0-1.

Coachford: N. O'Leary 1-2.

MIDLETON: G. O'Callaghan, E. O'Keefe,

C. Kirby, G. Walsh, M. O'Connor, V. Aherne, V. O'Sullivan, N. Aherne, F. Flavin, C. Cusack, H. O'Connell, C. Flavin. Subs: E. Landers for M. O'Connor (inj); K. O'Sullivan for H. O'Connor.

COACHFORD: K. Murphy, M. Buckley, A. Roche, T. Sheehan, T. Roche, A. O'Leary, C. Hogan, L. Daly, L. Murphy, G. Keohane, N. O'Leary, C. O'Leary. Sub: S. O'Leary for Murphy.

Referee: B. Joyce (Kilkeagh).

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Picture shows John Clifford (centre) being presented with the Irish Life Manager of the Month Award by Brian Duncan, Chief Executive - Ireland, Irish Life Assurance. Also pictured is John's wife Louise who is a former Cork camogie player.

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

This week we focus on Deirdre Club, Belfast and preview National Leagues. Deirdre Club, Belfast recently celebrated its 65th year of continuous affiliation to the Association. Formed in 1928 by the late Jim Johnson, who gave a lifetime of work to the furtherance of every facet of Gaelic Culture, particularly Irish dancing. The late Jean McHugh was Ardrunai for thirteen years during the 1940s and '50s, she also held many offices including Secretary and Chairperson of Antrim, excelled as a referee and reached the highest level - an All-Ireland Senior final. Nancy trained Antrim's Senior team when they were a force in Camogie and played many memorable games against Dublin in All-Ireland Senior finals. She is a past President of the Association 1973 to 1976.

Deirdre were Ulster champions from 1963 to '68. When the All-Ireland club Championship was inaugurated in the Diamond Jubilee year 1964 Deirdre contested the first two All-Ireland finals. The club has secured many Antrim trophies down the years and are currently County Junior champions. All-Ireland medal holders from the club are: Nancy Murray 3 (nee Mulligan), Ita O'Reilly 3, Patsy Smyth 2, Winnie Storey 2, Bridie O'Neill 2, (Bridie is sister to Harry, famous Antrim Footballer from 1946 team), Claire McDermott 1, Rita McFerran 1, Lil Forrester 1, Eileen McGrogan 1, Sue Cashman 1.

Winnie Storey was a legend in her time and one of her outstanding and memorable feats was putting a ball over the bar from a side-line cut. Believe it or not it wasn't a score, as the rule then did not allow a score from a side line ball.

Long may Deirdre Club continue to keep up the good work!

Sunday next sees the commencement of the National Senior League and the re-commencement of the Junior League, these competitions will create a big interest again this year as the 15-a-side continues for the second of a two year test series.

In Senior fare Kilkenny the holders throw down the gauntlet to Dublin on

home ground, Kilkenny made great use of the large pitch last year. When the sides met in the first round of the League last year Kilkenny had a 1-12 to 1-5 victory. They have good performers in the Millea sisters Tracey and Sinead, the Downey sisters Anne and Angela, Gillian Dillon and Brigid Mullally. They may prove too strong for the Metropolitan side who will be depending on Cathy Walshe, Carmel Gray, Louise Lynch, Una Crowley and Geraldine Dunne to see them through.

Wexford play host to Tipperary who are graded Intermediate, but have permission to take part in this Senior League. Wexford, the 1992 All-Ireland Senior Championship beaten finalists are quite a formidable force. However, Tipperary will be out to prove their worth in Senior ranks. They have an abundance of talent, which included: Deirdre Hughes, Triona Bonner, Noelle Kennedy, Anne Gleeson, Helan O'Leary and Helan Kiely. It should be a tough tussle, but the Slaneysiders experience may see them through.

All-Ireland beaten finalists of last year, Galway, travel to cross swords with Down who are also an Intermediate side. They have good performers in Mairin McAleenan, Brígeen Sands, Bonnie McCreevey. When the sides met at this stage last year Galway recorded a 1-12 to 1-3 victory, Galway's Claire Lynch, Sharon Glynn, Imelda Hobbins, Emer Hardiman and Deirdre Costelloe should play a major role in collecting their first brace of points. Clare, newly promoted to Senior will show their hospitality to Kildare. The Banner County have quite a useful squad with the following players causing lots of problems for the visitors: Moira McMahon, Frances Phelan, Catherine O'Loughlin, Maura McNicholas, Sinead O'Brien. Kildare are always hard to beat and with experienced players Miriam Malone, Nuala Kerrigan, Nora Egan, Niamh Leahy and Kate Tracey should make it a close affair, with Clare edging their way to collect their first brace of points at Senior. In Junior, Wexford and Tipperary clash as curtain raiser to the Senior match. Wexford have dropped two points while Tipperary have full points from their games to date and are favourites to add two more.

1992 Junior League Champions Limerick travel to tussle with Kilkenny which should be an entertaining affair. Kilkenny have two points from their only outing while Limerick dropped two to Offaly. It should be close with little separating the sides at the final whistle.

Down have Tyrone on home ground. Tyrone are seeking their first points while Down have two to their credit.

Leinster Champions, Carlow have two points and are likely to collect a second brace when they meet Waterford at Carlow.

On Saturday next at University college Galway the Combined Purcell Cup Selection will play a Combined Ashbourne Selection in conjunction with the Fitzgibbon Cup Hurling competition on a 15-a-side basis.

The following is the Purcell Selection: Aislene Reilly, Orla Murphy, Colleen Hynds, Orla Downey (St. Mary's, Belfast), Geraldine O'Grady, Margaret Hickey, Sharon Keohene, Stephanie Dunlea, Capt., Edel Kearney, Nessa O'Dwyer, Carol O'Callaghan, (U.C.C.), Siobhan O'Dwyer, Irene Kirwan, Eithne Duggan (U.C.D.), Helan Kellagher, Lynn Dunlea, (Mary I, Limerick), Eimear Brennan, Maynooth, Aileen Mulcahy, Trinity.

St. Mary's, Magherafelt had a convincing win over Loreto, Cavan in the Ulster Junior final played at Newry. St. Mary's, leading 2-6 to 1-1 at the break continued to dominate the final half to run out winners on a score of 3-10 to 1-2. Scorers: St. Mary's: Catherine Pickering 2-4, Bláithín McIvor 1-3, Ailish O'Neill 0-2, Breege Mullholland 0-1.

Loreto: Helan Dowd 1-0, Michelle O'Reilly 0-2.

Loreto, Kilkenny are the Leinster Junior champions for the first time having got the better of Mercy, Enniscorthy in a closely contested final played at Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow. Mercy held a 0-4 to 0-3 lead at the break. The second half turned out to be an excellent tussle. Loreto got their nose in front in the final quarter and held on to win 3-4 to 1-7. Scorers: Loreto: Mary Ryan 2-0, Olive Hennessy 1-3, Maread Costello 0-1. Mercy: Roisin O'Grady 0-6, Michelle O'Leary 1-1. Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath.

DEIRDRE CLUB IN BELFAST CELEBRATES 65 YEARS



At the Cork camogie team's victory dinner at the Metropole Hotel last night were (from left): Sheila Golden, chairman, Cork Camogie Board; Christy Cooney, chairman, Cork County Board; Linda Mellerick, captain, Cllr. Joe O'Flynn, deputising for the Lord Mayor; Vera Motherway, captain, Cork Junior Munster winners; Joe McGrath, senior trainer; Bridin Ui Mhaolagain, president, Camogie Association, and Mary Moran



Fiona Twomey, Glen Rovers, at the Cork camogie team victory dinner at the Metropole hotel last night.

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Camogie call

BY TOM HIGGINS.

SPEAKING at the Cork Camogie Board victory celebration at the Metropole Hotel, Cork, Bridin Ni Mhaolagain, President Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael appealed for more support, both at matches and sponsorshipwise, for her Association.

"I am sick of hearing men saying that they are surprised with the standard of camogie played in our games but when it comes to the All-Ireland finals they don't turn up to help. We support the men all the way along, the semi-finals, the finals no matter where they are.

There are queues for tickets for Croke Park for the All-Ireland hurling and football finals. Why aren't you guys queuing for tickets for the camogie final. Right Ladies!"

She went on to pay tribute to R.T.E for their coverage of last year's final. "It was one of the best coverages we got in the last couple of years. We got everything including the Player of the Match and we also got the Sunday game - things we had not got before".

She went on to congratulate the Cork seniors winning the All-Ireland title for the second year in a row, the Junior side

for taking the Munster Junior title and Glen Rovers for retaining their All-Ireland Club Championship. "I am glad to be back in Cork again. I came into office here three year's ago and this is probably my last official function before going out of office in Howth at the end of the month" said Bridin.

Christy Cooney, Chairman of the Cork Co. Board also went on to congratulate the Senior side on their great win. "To win one All-Ireland is an achievement but to win two in a row is a significant achievement and I am sure you are looking forward to 1994 to make it three in a row. I am sure you will make every effort to achieve that. Your dedication in achieving two in a row takes a lot of time, a lot of training and energy", said Christy.

He went on to assure the Board of the support of the Cork Co Board



VICTORY DINER! Brid Kelleher, Coachford, at the Cork Camogie victory dinner at the Metropole Hotel. (Eddie O'Hare)



● Left u-10 B winners Sarsfield Road right u-12 B winners Deanrock



BARRS GIRLS LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

WHEN it comes to Gaelic Games there aren't many bigger clubs than St. Finbarrs. Their achievements on the hurling and football fields are far too numerous to mention. The success of their teams over the years is due, in no small way, to players who have come through their underage section.

By NOEL SULLIVAN



Likewise the Barrs camogie section are looking to the underage ranks for the future success of their junior and senior teams.

Street leagues

With this in mind the camogie committee recently organised an underage street league competition for the under 10s and under 12s. Over 70 girls took part in the competition which ran for six weeks and consisted of two sections of four teams for each grade.

Ardmanning, led by Jennifer Coughlan, won the u-10 A final beating the Lough who were captained by the very promising Valerie Maher.

Impressive

In the u-10 B final Sarsfield Road led by Pamela Ann Murphy, had a very impressive victory over Greenside.

The u-12 A final was won by Glasheen who had marvellous players in Miriam Sheehan, Kate O'Shea and Deborah Fehilly. They defeated a gallant Pouladuff side who had Bernadine Maher and Niamh McCarthy in top form.

In the u-12 B final,

Deanrock emerged victorious over Togher. Deanrock were best served by Aileen Clarke, Lisa O'Sullivan and Celine O'Sullivan. Togher's Yvonne Hennessy, Susan Walsh and Orla Quinn played well.

Denis McCarthy, president of St. Finbarrs club, presented trophies to the winning captains after the finals and medals were presented to both the winners and runners-up at a recent party held in the club pavilion.

The street leagues proved such a success that plans are already afoot to hold another competition in May. In the meantime the club are hoping to build on their good work with the youngsters and are holding weekly training sessions indoors at the pavilion every Wednesday at 6.30p.m. Anyone wishing to join the club should come along to these sessions.

This coming weekend the club will play host to Clann Erin camogie club from Armagh. They will play matches against the u-14 team

during their visit to the Togher club.

With the game currently enjoying a high profile following the success of Cork in last year's All-Ireland senior championships and the Glen's success in the national club championships, the future looks bright for the girls of St. Finbarrs.



● Top Glasheen u-12 A winners; middle Greenside, u-10 B runners-up and bottom Ardmanning, u-10 A winners.



A belated tribute to U.C.G. Ashbourne Cup Winners.
Jo Ann Frost (Clare), Captain, and Professor Nellie Lee,
U.C.G. Camogie President, in happy mood with the Cup.

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● Top, Pouladuff, u-12 A runners up and bottom,
Togher u-12 B runners-up.

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● The Lough, u-10 A runners-up.



● Linda Mellerick: "People who come to watch camogie, especially men, are often surprised by the level of skill on display."

LINDA MAKES HER POINT...

LINDA MELLERICK stopped the traffic again the other day. She was posing for Echo photographer Des Barry across from the City Hall, when cars pulled up as admiring males sought to get an eyefull of one of Ireland's camogie stars.

She likes to tell the story of the day she was photographed in front of a group of building workers by the Opera House. "I had this little miniskirt on, and the wind was blowing as well, so you can imagine some of the comments!"

This vivacious blonde is well-used to compliments. And she got some more yesterday in Dublin when she was presented with the National Irish Bank's Camogie Player of the Year Award for 1993.

Last year was a very special one for this sexy Maggarian (her birthday is 11 December 1967). Two All-Ireland titles were recaptured, and in impressive style.

Cork defeated Galway at Croke Park in September by 15 to 2-08 to retain the O'Duffy Cup.

Wipe-out

And in November in Ballinasloe, her club Glen Rovers wiped out Mullagh (winning by 6-12 to 0-2) to add on to their All-Ireland Club Championship title. As captain of the Cork team, Linda has vivid memories of 1993. "That moment when I received the cup in Croke Park is something I'll never forget. It was fantastic," she says.

But if the year brought its share of rewards, it also involved a lot of sacrifice.

Hectic

"It was a very hectic year, all the more so for me as a captain. Apart from the matches and the training sessions, there were lots of social functions as well, and lots of speeches.

"I ate, slept and dreamed camogie. It got to the stage where I was actually having tension headaches before some of the games," she confesses.

The demands made in terms of time, commitment and energy are huge - and go largely unappreciated, a fact which disappoints and annoys Linda in equal measure.

"My employers, Bourne Electronics in Mahon, have been fabulous. They have been very good to me, very



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accommodating where time off is concerned."

Tipp girl!

A native of Tipperary Town - "that's a well kept secret!" - Linda is a fine ambassador for a game she loves, a game she knows deserves a wider audience.

And she bristles at the suggestion - usually made by men - that women who play camogie are somehow "masculine".

"That annoys the hell out of me, and it's why I sometimes go around in skirts up to here," she retorts, indicating a length of skirt that would qualify as micro.

"Out on the field you are sweating and dishevelled, but after a shower the real you emerges. And camogie has some of the most glamorous girls around," says the girl who admits that black is her favourite colour. "I love wearing black, especially black underwear," she says, eyes glinting.

Relationship

Sustaining a relationship, though, can be difficult, what with all the other commitments.

"Yeah, it's hard to find the time to keep a relationship going. People don't believe me when I say I haven't the time."

Linda, who joined Glen Rovers in 1988, admits that when she was at school she was "crackers" about soccer.

"I used to play with the boys all the time," she laughs. But the switch to camogie was the best thing that ever happened to her.

And if she has strong views about the public perception of camogie, she also has strong views about the game itself.

"I think we should be using the full playing field, not the shortened version as at present.

"I also believe we should use 15 players as in hurling, instead of 12 as we do at the moment."

Profile

As for the public's perception of camogie, she admits the game has got a higher profile in the last few years.

"We're getting better media coverage, but camogie as a game still doesn't sell itself.

"People who come to watch, especially men, are often surprised at the level of skill on display."

A much better and wider appreciation would make her very happy.

"We give a lot - we don't get the rewards or the appreciation we deserve, though I'll admit things are moving."

But helping to retain those two All-Ireland titles for Cork and the Glen would provide the greatest happiness.

"Yeah, we want that very much, especially for Sandie Fitzgibbon, who is the new Glen captain, and Therese O'Callaghan, who will captain Cork.

"All the girls have had a rest now, but we are already beginning to wind up again for the 1994 season."

So will it be three-in-a-row for Cork and the Glen?

Tougher

"I'd love to see it happen," says Linda. "But it's going to be tougher this year. For one thing, we now have a two-tier system for the County Championship here in Cork. But the best is yet to come, and I'll certainly be giving it my best."

No better girl!

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SORRY LINDA



Dave Guiney presents Linda Mellerick with her Personality of the Month Award.

On balance, however, I am inclined to the view that there is still something special in camogie having its own day.

Tying it in with the hurling All-Ireland would also have some negative aspects.

I fear that the bulk of the media attention would be on the hurling and the men, with camogie and the girls coming a bad second.

At least by having their own All-Ireland Final on a Sunday that is special to them they enjoy the media spotlight.

Everyone knows that that spotlight could be bigger, of course.

And it should be, which is really a reflection on the media.

Top-class is no more than the stars of the game, like Linda Mellerick, deserve.

Linda is a top-class athlete, and she and the other stars of the game deserve all the rewards and recognition they can get.

The last time I wrote about her, Linda says I gave her and the game the wrong kind of publicity. That was never my intention.

Sorry again, Linda, I hope this makes amends.

This stylish camogie player has made her mark in a big way, and deserves nothing but praise.



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Camogie by P.J.Fulham

New leader for the sport

This month the Camogie Association holds one of its major events, Annual Congress, which will take place in The Howth Lodge Hotel, Howth on the weekend of March 27.

It is an historic occasion. The Camogie Association celebrates its 90th year and for the first time since 1972 Congress is being hosted by Dublin. In the years prior to that date the annual gathering was always held in the Fair City. Since then it rotates between the Provinces.

This year sees the end of an t-Uachtaran, Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin's three-year term of Office. A large attendance is expected for the election of the 23rd President. There are two nominees: Belle O Loughlin, Down and Phyllis Breslin, Dublin. In recent years there has always been a close contest for this position, which some would say is a healthy situation.

The two ladies in question are well-known to the Association for their hard work and dedication. Belle O Loughlin lost out by two votes three years ago. A member of St Peters club, Warrenpoint, she has been involved in the Association for the past thirty years, as a player, Administrator, National Coach and Referee. She has officiated at all levels including All-Ireland senior championship finals in 1982 and '88 and All-Ireland junior final in '81. On the Administration side she was three times Cathaoirleach of Down County Board and spent a stint in the Ulster Chair and as Provincial Secretary. Holds an Ulster junior championship medal 1968.

Phyllis Breslin has devoted a lifetime of service to the Association, a member of Naomh Brid, Blanchardstown, she won an All-Ireland club championship medal with Eoghan Ruadh in 1967, added an All-Ireland junior championship in 1975 and National senior league in 1979. As a referee she has officiated at all levels including All-Ireland senior championship finals 1973 and '81, and junior 1968, '76, '78. For many years she has been involved on the National Referees Coaching Committee and has given courses all over the Country and in London on three occasions.

For her involvement with the Ashbourne Cup, CCIA made a presentation to her for services rendered. Phyllis has been Provincial Cathaoirleach for two terms and is currently in her sixth year.

Delegates have two Ladies of the highest calibre to choose for their leader for the next three years.

This year's Ashbourne and Purcell Cups were organised on a new format with all fifteen Colleges taking part in a preliminary round. The winners then entered the Ashbourne and the losers competed in the Purcell Cup.

The Purcell Cup weekend was hosted by Waterford RTC. Semi-final results: UC Cork 4-6 Maynooth 1-5. St Mary's, Belfast 2-6, UCD 1-4. In the final University College, Cork defeated a fancied St Mary's, Belfast. The Cork side showed great flair and determination that the Northern side could not match and ran out easy winners taking the Purcell Cup for the first time. The score 2-11 to 1-1.

In the Shield final Mary I, Limerick had a convincing win over Trinity College, Dublin 3-5 to 0-4.



Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin...end of a successful year.

The Ashbourne weekend was hosted by University of Ulster, Coleraine. Semi-final results: UCG 3-5 University Of Limerick 1-9, University of Ulster, Jordanstown 5-3, Queens, Belfast 3-5.

University College Galway had an historic victory when they collected their first Ashbourne title by defeating hot favourites UU Jordanstown who were going for their third title in a row, in this 80th final.

Three goals by Olivia Broderick gave her side a 3-3 to 1-4 margin at the interval. Jordanstown turned over with a strong breeze behind them and still looked as if they could hold on to their title. However the determination and ability of the Western side was proving too much even when Grace McMullen latted two points. Olivia Broderick who was in great form, picked off two points from frees. Although it was an edge of the seat finish the Galway girls held on gallantly to run out winners on a score of 3-5 to 1-9.

Scorers: UCG Olivia Broderick 3-2, Anne Keane 0-3. UUJ: Caitríona Higgins 0-4, Deirdre Connolly 1-0, Grace McMullen 0-3, Catherine Byrne 0-2.

The Shield final was another exciting affair between Waterford RTC and Athlone RTC. Both sides were making their own bit of history as it was the first time that a non-University was allowed to take part in the Ashbourne competition. The game was closely contested with Waterford leading 0-4 to 0-2 at the break and at full time the sides were level at 2-6 each. In extra time Waterford excelled and emerged winners on a score of 3-13 to 2-6.

MUNSTER COLLEGES FINALS

In the Munster Senior Colleges final played at Kilcolman, St Mary's, Nenagh had a convincing win over Scoil Mhuire, Cashel. After quite an entertaining first half St Mary's led 3-3 to 1-0 at the break. In the second half Cashel continued to try hard, but could not find an answer for their dominant opponents who ran out winners 5-9 to 1-0.

Scorers: ST MARY'S, NENAGH: Noelle Kennedy 2-3, Sarah Madden 3-0, Allison Lawlor 0-4, Ciara Burns and Aine Hogan 0-1 each. SCOIL MHUIRE: Michelle Bulfin 1-0.

JUNIOR FINAL:

ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE 5-8 - ST MARY'S, NENAGH 0-0.

Scorers: Vera Sheehan 3-1, Jean Cullinane 1-5, Katie Sheehan 1-0, Lisa Maloney and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-1 each.

All Ireland Colleges Semi-Finals

Connacht v Ulster, Leinster v Munster. Junior March 5th, Senior March 12th.

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their first brace of points when they overcame a strong challenge from Dublin at Lisdowney. Aided by a stiff wind Dublin led 2-3 to 0-3 at the interval. On the turnover, Kilkenny settled down with goals by Catherine Dunne and Gillian Dillon but the game was wide open up to the end when Kilkenny won 2-7 to 2-5. Scorers: Kilkenny: Sinead Millea 0-5, Catherine Dunne and Gillian Dillon 1-0 each. Anne Downey and Brigid Mullally 0-1 each.

Dublin: Irene Kirwan 2-0, Cathy Walshe 0-4, Paula Carroll 0-1. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

Newly crowned Intermediate Champions, Clare got off to a good start in the National Senior League when they recorded their first victory over Kildare at Shannon. The Banner County showed their dominance and led by a score of 0-8 to 0-2 at the break. In the second half great defensive work by both sides made scores hard to come by. Clare added a further 0-3 while Kildare's only score in this half came from Melanie Treacy when she goaled from a free in the closing stages, to leave the final score Clare 0-11, Kildare 1-2. Scorers: Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 0-4, Sylvia O'Brien 0-3, Anne Keane 0-2, Marie Collins and Mary Neilan 0-1 each.

Kildare: Melanie Treacy 1-0, Miriam Malone 0-2.

Referee: Miriam Murphy, Cork.

Tipperary had a convincing win over Wexford in this Senior League tie at Enniscorthy. This was a great win for the Premier County who gave notice of their intentions in the competition which they last won in 1976. They played with superb flair and determination and gave the Wexford girls very little chance of getting into the game in the first half. The winners had 2-6 to their credit inside the first fifteen minutes. It was one way traffic and it looked as if the game was over as a contest at half time when the scoreboard read Tipperary 4-10, Wexford 0-0.

On the resumption the Slaneysiders piled on the pressure and came more into the game with two quick goals. However their spirited display was short lived as the Tipperary girls, sharp off their mark continued to notch off scores to run out easy winners on a score of 5-16 to 2-1.

Tipperary team: Nora Dwan, Lizzie Maher, Brid Morris, Marie Hogan,

Maura Cahalane, Emma Carroll, Nicola Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Catherine Bourke, Paula Bulfin, Mandy Quigley, Ciara Burns, Michelle Kennedy, Aine Hogan, Orla Hogan.

Galway had no trouble in securing their first points in the Senior League against Down at Kilkeel. The winners led 3-5 to 2-0 at the break. Final score: Galway 6-11, Down 2-0.

Scores: Galway: Sharon Glynn 2-7, Anne Ryan 2-0, Olivia Broderick 1-1, Martina Harkin 0-3, Louise Murphy 1-0. Down: Bonnie McCreevy and Deirdre Savage 1-0 each.

On the Colleges scene St. Mary's, Nenagh advanced to the All-Ireland Senior final when they beat Loreto, Kilkenny in this semi-final played at a rain swept Nenagh. A good first half performance gave Nenagh a 4-5 to 2-2 lead at the break. In the second half Loreto pulled back two goals by Anne Wall and Mairead Costelloe. A well taken goal by Susan Kelly sealed a place in the final for St. Mary's on a score of 5-6 to 4-3. Scorers: St. Mary's: Noelle Kennedy 1-5, Ciara Burns 2-1, Susan Kelly and Sarah Madden 1-0 each.

Loreto: Anne Wall 3-0, Mairead Costelloe 1-0, Imelda Kennedy 0-3.

A goal by Anna O'Loughlin ten minutes from time set St. Patrick's, Maghera on the way to victory over Mercy, Roscommon in the Senior semi-final played at Draperstown, Derry. All Mercy's scores came in the first fifteen minutes of the game without a reply from St. Patrick's. Jane McNichol opened their account with a goal on the 16th minute, this was followed by a similar score by Anna McLoughlin to leave the half time score Mercy 4-0, St. Patrick's 2-0.

In the second half St. Patrick's continued to whittle away at the leeway, a second goal and a point by Anna McLoughlin ten minutes from the end put her side three points in front. Final score St. Patrick's 4-3, Mercy 4-0.

Scorers: St. Patrick's: Anna McLoughlin 2-2, Margaret McAttaney and Jane McNichol 1-0 each, Carmel Graham 0-1.

Mercy: Geraldine McCormack 2-0, Emer Farrell and Charmaine Cooney 1-0 each.

Correction:

Cue to a printers error in 'Focus on Deirdre' The Nancy referred to was the famous Nancy Murray.

Next week: Junior League reports.

Congress Weekend

Cork girls on the double

By Tom Higgins

Cork 6-10

Clare 1-7

CORK, playing this first game since winning last season's All-Ireland title, ran out easy winners over Clare in this National Senior League tie at the Mardyke, Cork.

However, the scoreline does not do the Banner County girls justice as Cork scored four goals in the last five minutes to put a one-sided look on the scoreboard.

Cork, who played against the wind in the opening half, took a while to settle but were 2-5 to

0-4 up at the break. Clare played quite well in this half but found a very solid Cork defence, in which Liz Towler and Paula Goggins stood out, hard to breach.

The losers played their best camogie at the beginning of the second half and when they added a goal in the 50th minute, to cut the deficit to 2-8 to 1-5, they looked like putting it up to the home side.

But once Cork began to show their true form and their craft and experience began to tell. With Stephanie Dunlea at midfield giving the forwards a very good supply Fiona O'Driscoll and Irene O'Keefe were really rampant.

Scorers for Cork: Lyn Dunlea 3-1, Fiona O'Driscoll 2-1, Irene O'Keefe 1-2, Colette O'Mahony 0-5 (0-2 "30s", 0-1), Linda Mellerick 0-1.

Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 0-4 (0-2 frees), Ursula McInerney 1-0, Noelle Comyns 0-1.

CORK: K Costine; P Goggins, B Kenny, M Finn; C Cronin, T O'Callaghan, L Towler; S Dunlea, D Cronin; L Mellerick, L Dunlea, L O'Neill; I O'Keefe, F O'Driscoll, C O'Mahony. Subs. E Kearney for C Cronin (45 minute), S Morley for B Kenny (45 minute).

CLARE: A McCormack; N Comyns, J Frost, P Rochford; S O'Brien, M McMahon, M Costello; O Slattery, F Phelan; S O'Brien, P Dynes, M Nealon; A Keane, C O'Loughlin, S McMahon. Sub. U McInerney for P Rochford (47th minute).

Referee: B McPhillips (Tipperary).

Cork 6-7

Carlow 1-0

CARLOW had no answer to a rampant Cork side in

this National Junior League tie, which preceded the senior game, running out easy winners.

Scorers for Cork: Niamh O'Regan 2-1, Jill Ryan 2-0, Marie Sexton 1-1, Jill Hannon 0-4 (0-1 "30", 0-1 free), Antonette O'Connell 1-0, Evelyn Healy 0-1. Carlow: Marie Sheehan 1-0.

CORK: A Lawlor; D Clarke, A M Healy, B Kelleher; E Buckley, K Mellerick, A Dilworth; J Hannon, E Healy; M Corkery, P Murphy, M Sexton; J Ryan, N O'Regan, A Golden. Subs. V Harris for M Corkery (45th minute), B Cashman for A Golden (50th minute), A O'Connell for N O'Regan (56th minute).

CARLOW: H Lawlor; C Crokes, C Gibson, C O'Brien; C Byrne, K Brennan, M Byrne; M Sheehan, V Crean; M Keogh, Ann Murphy, C Doran; M Abbey, Aine Murphy, S Keogh. Sub C Roberts for C Byrne (53rd minute).

Referee: J Morrissey (Clonmel).

Cork teams go into action

THE Cork senior and junior camogie teams go into action for the first time this season with both involved in National League games at the Mardyke, tomorrow. The juniors play Carlow at 1.45, while at 3.15 the seniors take on Clare.

Once again the League will be played on a 15-a-side basis and will give selectors an opportunity to try out some new players.

Two players will be making their debut on the senior side and they are Colette Cronin, who comes in at right half-back and

Stephanie Dunlea, who comes in at midfield.

Regular "keeper" Kathleen Costine will be between the posts. Breda Kenny will be at fullback with Paula Goggins in the right corner and Mags Finn in the left. Therese O'Callaghan is named at centreback with Liz Towler at left half-back. Denise Cronin partners Stephanie Dunlea at midfield, with the half-forward positions going to Linda Mellerick, Lyn Dunlea and Liz O'Neill. Fiona O'Driscoll will be in her usual position of full-forward

with Irene O'Keefe and Colette O'Mahony filling the wing-forward positions.

At the time of writing, the Cork junior team was not selected but should be similar to last season's and will, no doubt, include players like Lillian Twomey, Ann Brady, Niamh O'Regan, Vera Motherway, Diane Deane, Hilda Kennelly and Ann Golden.

Tomorrow - National Junior League: Cork v Carlow at the Mardyke at 1.45. National Senior League: Cork v Clare at the Mardyke at 3.15.

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O'Loughlin new camogie president

CUMANN Camogaiocht na nGael has a new President. She is Ms Belle O'Loughlin, a former Secretary of the Ulster Council and a native of Co. Down, who defeated Ms Phyllis Breslin, Secretary of the Leinster Council, at the Annual Congress at Howth, Co Dublin over the weekend.

Ms O'Loughlin succeeds Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin and will hold the office for three years.

The Association agreed to amend their sponsorship guidelines to encompass an increase in logo size comparable with the GAA.

A Kilkenny motion to extend the Test Series, which allows 15-a-side competition for inter-county leagues, for a further two years, was defeated. The series ends at the end of the present year.

A motion to award a Player of the Match award in all championship finals was carried while a player who wishes to transfer from one club to another within a county, and to which there is an objection, will now have to spend two calendar years on the line as opposed to one previously before she is free to transfer. Transfers, to which there are no objections will be processed in the usual manner.

Outgoing President can look back on her term of office with pride

Camogie President, Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin will step down following three eventful years at the forthcoming Congress in Howth. Elected in Blarney in 1991, Bridin enjoyed her term of office. A sociable character, she particularly relished meeting new faces all over the country.

A native of Antrim, she lived in Dublin for a long time. Best known for her Third Level and U.C.D. connections, the former President of the C.C.I.A., took leave of absence from her teaching job to devote herself full-time to the role of President. Not surprisingly, she clocked up considerable mileage in attending meetings, matches and functions.

Bridin presided over the introduction of the Intermediate Championship, the new Rule Book and the fifteen aside experiment. She used her office to collect sizeable funds for the Goal charity and to encourage the use of the Irish language where possible.

As one former U.C.D. Ashbourne Cup player completes her presidency, another takes office. Kathleen Henry of Derry was recently elected as Uachtarán of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council. Kathleen captained Derry to win their first All-Ireland title in 1969 and returned to Croke Park in 1978 as coach to enjoy another Derry success.

Annual Congress will elect a new President of the Camogie Association. At the time of writing, there are two hats in the ring. Belle O'Loughlin (Down), who ran a close second to Bridin in Blarney, will contest the

position with Phyllis Breslin (Dublin). Both have chaired their provincial council and refereed All-Ireland finals.

As usual, the announcement of the 1994 Open Draw put the focus on the 1994 championship. Champions, Cork received a bye in the opening round. Arch rivals, Kilkenny are based in the



*Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin,
Outgoing President*

same half of the draw. While Clare should benefit from their success in the Intermediate Championship, it is unlikely that they will trouble Kilkenny unduly.

While Cork recorded victories over Kilkenny in the past two years, they would be foolish to believe that they hold the upper hand. A last minute goal to which Kilkenny had no time to reply was all that stood between winning and losing in 1993. Kilkenny will be ever so

keen to reverse that decision. A showdown at Ballinlough will be a crowd puller.

On their performance in last season's final, Galway should account for Kildare in the opening round. Dublin and Wexford clash in a first round game. Both sides will be anxious to improve on their 1993 championship performances.

1994 will be a vital year for Galway. They contested All-Ireland senior, junior, minor and club finals last season. Their skilful senior side will have learned from their Croke Park experience and must feel that the elusive O'Duffy Cup is within their grasp.

Sponsorship will be a live issue at Congress. It is obvious that the views of sponsorship within the Camogie Association have altered considerably since its introduction was first muted some years ago.

There was a definite reluctance to display sponsor's name and logo on playing gear and, consequently, camogie lost out where other sports reaped. The size allotted to the sponsor's message on camogie jerseys was so small that it could not be read from some yards away, never mind by a spectator in the stand. As a result, camogie was unable to take up profitable offers from willing sponsors.

The outlook has changed. Clubs and counties are aware of what is available to them in return for wearing lettering and logo of a readable size. The mood is right for measurable change on this issue.



● **FIRST ISSUE . . .** Belle O'Loughlin, left, newly elected President admiring the first issue of the Primary Schools magazine 'Camogaiocht' with Clair Harrington at the Cumman Camogaiochta na nGael Annual Congress in the Howth Lodge, Dublin yesterday.

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All-Ireland champions Cork gained their first brace of points in the National Senior League when they defeated Clare at the Mardyke, Cork. It was a good tussle all the way with Clare stretching the champions at times. Two first half goals by Liz O'Neill and Lynn Dunlea gave Cork a 2-4 to 0-5 lead at the interval. The Leesiders forged further ahead before Anne Neilan had Clare's goal. With five minutes remaining five points separated the sides, then came Cork's flurry of goals, a goal per minute by Liz O'Neill, Irene O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea, to shock the Banner County and the Rebels ran out winners on a score of 6-8 to 1-8. Scorers: Cork: Liz O'Neill, and Lynn Dunlea 2-0 each, Irene O'Keeffe 1-2, Collette O'Mahoney 0-3, Fiona O'Driscoll 1-1, Linda Mellerick 0-2. Clare: Sylvia O'Brien and Noelle Cummins 0-4 each, Anne Neilan 1-0.

Kildare had a convincing win over Wexford in this Senior League tie played at Newbridge. The home side led 3-9 to 1-0 at the break with Wexford goal coming from a 45 metre free. In the final half Wexford could not cope with the dominance of their opponents who were worthy winners on the day. Final score Kildare 4-13, Wexford 1-1. Scorers: Kildare: Miriam Malone 1-7, Nora Egan 2-0, Mary Healy 1-1, Bernie Farrelly 0-3, Claire Maloney and Melanie Tracey 0-1 each. Wexford: Annemarie Byrne 1-0, Brenda Murphy 0-1. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

In the Junior League Tipperary continued on the winning trail when they collected a further two points by defeating Wexford at Enniscorthy. Tipperary playing with a strong wind in the first half took some time to settle as Wexford missed many chances. Orla Hogan opened Tipperary's account after six minutes. Wexford levelled on the 10th minute.

Goals by Ciara Burns and Michelle Kennedy gave Tipperary a 2-5 to 0-1 lead at the interval. Wexford came to grips with the game in the second half and tried hard against a strong Tipperary defence and were rewarded with 2-0. Full time score: Tipperary 3-6, Wexford 2-3.

Tipperary team and scorers: Nora Dwan, Lizzie Maher, Brid Morris, Marie Hogan, Maura Cahalane, Emma Carroll, Nicola Kennedy 0-1, Theresa Brophy, Catherine Bourke 1-0, Paula Bulfin, Mandy Quigley 0-1, Ciara Burns 1-1, Michelle Kennedy 1-0, Aine Hogan, Orla Hogan 0-3. Subs: Michelle Bulfin, Orla Compton, Majella O'Neill.

Kilkenny found Limerick too strong in a Junior encounter at Lisdowney. Kilkenny led by 1-3 to 0-0 at half time but Limerick hit back in the second half and ran out easy winners 4-5 to 1-4. Scorers: Limerick Kay Burke 2-0, Pauleen McCarthy 1-3, Liz Leonard 1-0, Marie Foley 0-2. Kilkenny: Aine Dunne 1-0, Marie Maher 0-3, Sinead Costello 0-1. Referee: Sabdh Caverley, Dublin.

Carlow had a convincing win by 6-7 to 1-1 over Waterford at Dr. Cullen Park. The winners were in top form and led 3-4 to 0-0 at the interval. Scorers: Carlow: Marie Sheehan 2-2, Annmarie Ryan 2-1, Mary Coady and Susan Keagh 1-0 each, Valerie Crean 0-3, Aine Murphy 0-1. Waterford: Susan Bowes 1-0, Mary Murphy 0-1. Referee: Helena McCormack, Kilkenny.

Carlow were not so lucky when they came up against Cork at The Mardyke. Cork led 2-3 to 1-0 at the break. Carlow had little answer to their opponents dominance in the second half as they coasted to victory and collected their first brace of points on a score of 6-7 to 1-0. Scorers: Cork: Niamh O'Regan 3-0, Gillian Ryan 2-0, Mary Sexton 1-2, Jill Hannon 0-4, Evelyn Healy 0-1. Carlow: Marie Sheehan 1-0.

All-Ireland Junior champions and

League title holders, Armagh, kept their unbeaten record when they defeated Kildare at Newbridge. Kildare were much the better side in the first half and led 1-4 to 0-2 at the break. A flurry of goals in the early stages of the second half put paid to any chance of victory that Kildare had. Final score: Armagh 4-5, Kildare 1-5.

Dublin coasted to victory over Cavan to collect their first points at Pairc Uí Murchu, Ballyboden. The score: Dublin 8-7, Cavan 0-1. Scorers: Dublin: Patricia Hale 3-2, Orla Connolly and Irene Kirwan 1-2 each, Valerie Reaney 1-1, Niamh Kearney and Aisling Mullen 1-0 each. Cavan: Emer Brennan 0-1.

Down added a further two points to their tally when they recorded a 6-6 to 0-1 victory over Tyrone at Kilkeel. Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 3-1, Mairin O'Higgins, Ciara McGovern and Monica McArtan 1-0 each, Edel Moran 0-3, Eileen McGuire and Jennifer Blanniff 0-1 each. Tyrone: Leona Fay 0-1.

Maguire Cup: Armagh 2-8, Monaghan 0-2. Scorers: Armagh: Mary Donnelly 1-2, Anne French 1-1, Mary Black and Patricia McEvoy 0-2 each, Orla O'Hagan 0-1. Monaghan: Mary Deery 0-2.

Ulster Minor League: Armagh 8-5, Monaghan 0-2.

Cork League: Inniscarra 2-5, Coursey Rovers 0-3.

On the Colleges scene University of Ulster, Jordanstown captured the Higher Education League Title when they got the better of Athlone R.T.C. in a final played at Kiltoom, Athlone.

The game was very keenly contested throughout with little separating the sides at any time. The winners led by 1-3 to 1-1 at the break. Some well taken points by Brona Birt in the closing stages assured her side of victory. Final score: U.U.J. 1-7, Athlone R.T.C. 1-4. Scorers: U.U.J.: Brona Birt 0-4, Deirdre Connolly 1-0, Grace McMullen 0-3. Athlone: Orla Hogan 0-4, Tara Maloney 1-0.

Champions Cork Get Off The Mark

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Annual Congress held at Howth Lodge Hotel elected a new President of the Association Belle O'Loughlin, Warrenpoint, Down. Belle won this prestigious position at her second attempt. Last time she was defeated by two votes, and at the '94 Congress had four votes to spare over Phyllis Breslin, Dublin. The new President hopes to continue the good work of the Association, which is stepping up in pace in preparation for its Centenary in ten years time.

It was one of the largest attended Congresses for many years, representing 65,000 registered members of the Association. There were forty four motions tabled: 1. Among those that got through were: that a committee be set up to look into the possible affiliation between Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael and Cumann Luthcleas Gael. 2. That a player of the match award be

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later).

On Sunday next the National League gets underway after Congress and the Easter break. In Senior there are three games billed. Dublin are at home to Down and should provide stiff opposition for the visitors. The Metropolitan side dropped two points to Kilkenny after an exciting affair 2-7 to 2-5. They have classy players in Cathy Walshe, Una Crowley, Carmel Gray and Geraldine Dunne.

Down are an Intermediate side taking part in Senior League. They have dropped two points to Galway 6-11 to 2-0. They have quite a good

travel to cross swords with neighbours Clare. The Banner County have two points to their credit from their win over Kildare, even though they lost to Cork their performance was good. They have strong players in Sylvia O'Brien, Noelle Cummins, Anne Neilan and Catherine O'Loughlin. Tipperary are a good young squad and their taste of victory in Senior over Wexford will leave them full of zest. They have good performers including Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Triona Bonner and Helan Kiely. It should be a sparkling tussle with little separating the sides at the finish.

In Junior Kildare will visit Dublin. Kildare have four points from three games while Dublin have two points from two outings. It promises to be quite a close tie with Dublin fielding players such as Patricia Hale, Valerie Reaney, Niamh Kearney and Aisling Mullen. They will not make it easy for The Lilywhites, who will be depending on Miriam Malone, Caomhe Brennan, Ruth Tracey and Siobhan Mullen to collect the points.

Cork should make it a double when their Juniors also challenge Wexford as a curtain raiser to the Senior game. Both teams are on level points. Cork had a convincing win over the Leister Champions Carlow and have prominent players in Niamh O'Regan, Gillian Ryan, Jill Hannon and Evelyn Healy. Wexford gained victory over Waterford and are sure to be well served by Anne Marie Byrne, Brigid Howlin, Bernie Higgins and Jenny McLoughlin.

All-Ireland Junior finalists Galway travel to Clare and should get the better of the home side.

Near neighbours Monaghan and Cavan battle it out at the latter venue. Both sides have yet to collect their first points. This one should go all the way to the wire.

Antrim have the venue against Donegal. Antrim have full points to date while Donegal have dropped two. Antrim, who have been regraded from Senior have an experienced side which includes Karen Convery, Ciara McGinley, Roisin McAuley, Denise O'Boyle. They are favourites to continue on the winning trail.

## Belle O'Loughlin

### NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION

presented in the following All-Ireland finals: Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Minor.

A motion proposed by Kilkenny that the size of the sponsorship logo on uniforms be increased was also passed and is sure to create more sponsorship. The North American Board tabled two motions that the All-Ireland Camogie champions and an All-Stars selection go to Ireland to play against Championship teams. This was defeated because of the expense it would incur. The emigrants also lost out in their second motion that a Camogie Co-Ordinator for overseas be appointed to concentrate on the needs and aims of clubs and teams overseas.

The All-Ireland Primary Schools Committee launched their first ever Camogie Magazine at a reception at the Howth Lodge Hotel. Dublins' Lord Mayor Tomas MacGiolla launched the book, which is a credit to those involved (more about it

squad which includes Deirdre Savage, Bonnie McCreevey, Mairin McAleenan and Coleen Hyndes. Dublins experience should see them through.

Dublin Panel: Louise Curry, Geraldine Dunne, Karen Baurr, Catherine Boyle, Denise O'Leary, Veronica Trehy, Carmel Gray, Adrienne McGovern, Una Crowley, Cathy Walshe, Ruth Lyons, Patricia Clinton, Carmel O'Byrne, Paula Carroll, Irene Kirwan, Collette Conway, Mary Murphy, Janice Kelly, Ann Walshe, Eithne Duggan.

All-Ireland Champions Cork will host Wexford. The Leesiders have two points from their outing against Clare. They will be fielding without Breda Kenny who is on the injured list. They have a host of stars and Wexford should pose no problem for them. The Slaneysiders do not seem to have got their act together yet as they have dropped points to Tipperary and Kildare. Tipperary



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## ALL-IRELAND COLLEGE FINALS IN TULLAMORE



St. Mary's Charleville, hoping to collect the All-Ireland Junior title

On Saturday next all roads lead to Tullamore for the All-Ireland Colleges finals. In Junior, St. Mary's, Magherafelt take on St. Mary's, Charleville. St. Mary's, Magherafelt made their Ulster breakthrough in 1992 when they took the Ulster Junior title. They overcame Mercy, Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland semi final. They held St. Mary's, Nenagh to a draw in the All-Ireland final, but lost the re-play 2-6 to 0-8.

In 1993 Magherafelt collected both Senior and Junior Ulster titles but failed to St. Mary's, Charleville at the All-Ireland semi final stage in both grades. In this seasons semi final they travelled to Loughrea where they overcame St. Raphael's, Loughrea in a low scoring game 0-3 to 0-2. Trained by Antrim All-Ireland Senior medal holder, Rita Moran, Magherafelt defeated Loreto, Cavan in this year's Ulster final 3-10 to 1-2. Four of the side, Eilis O'Neill, Brid Mulholland, Blaithean McIvor and Catherine Pickering also field for the schools Senior team.

Opponents, St. Mary's, Charleville won their first Munster Colleges title in 1986. In all they hold three Munster Senior and four Munster Junior Championships. Charleville have tasted All-Ireland glory. They won two All-Ireland Junior titles in 1985 and 1986 and three All-Ireland seniors titles 1986, 1987 and 1993. Last season Charleville had two teams in the All-Ireland finals but came away empty-handed. In Munster, Charleville overcame Scoil

Pol, St. Aidan's, Scariff and Nenagh to retain their title. In the All-Ireland semi final, they scored a good win over Loreto, Kilkenny 3-7 to 2-0.

**St. Mary's, Magherafelt Team:** Marian Keamey, Orla Forbes, Anne Marie Bateson, Sinead Birt, Catherine McCann, Amanda Kennedy, Eilis O'Neill, Brid Mulholland, Simone Forbes, Blaithean McIvor, Triona McAteer, Catherine Pickering (Capt.).

**St. Mary's, Charleville Team:** Maread Keane, Muireann Harrington, Marie'Brien, Karine Carroll, Gillian Reidy, Katie O'Shea, Jean Cullinane (Capt.), Laura Leslie, Lisa Moloney, Sinead O'Callaghan, Roni Hawe, Vera Sheehan.

In Senior St. Patrick's, Maghera cross swords with St. Mary's, Nenagh. St. Patrick's won the first of their five Ulster titles in 1987. The other years were 1988, 1990 and 1994. However, this will be their first All-Ireland Senior final.

They hold five Ulster Junior titles and unsuccessfully contested two All-Ireland Junior finals. This year they defeated neighbours Magherafelt 1-2 to 0-3 in the Ulster Senior final. They were at

home to Mercy, Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi final. They found themselves four goals down after twenty minutes but battled back to win 4-3 to 4-0.

St. Mary's, Nenagh will also be taking part in their first Senior All-Ireland final. This is basically the team which won the All-Ireland Colleges Sevens in 1992. This season Nenagh overcame Scariff, Charleville.

St. Patrick's, Cork and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel to take the Munster title. In the All-Ireland semi final they defeated Loreto, Kilkenny 5-6 to 4-3.

Noelle Kennedy holds an All-Ireland Junior medal with Tipperary whilst a number have won All-Ireland Minor medals with Tipperary: Susan Kenneally, Shiela Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Ciara Gaynor, Marie Ryan, Ciara Burns and Allison Lawlor.

**St. Patrick's, Maghera Team:** Sarah Bradley, Margaret McAttaney (Capt.), Sharon Kilpatrick, Rhonda Doherty, Joanne McKeagney, Ciara O'Kane, Karen McGrath, Anna O'Loughlin, Jane McNicholl, Helan Collins, Claire Scullion, Aileen Tohill.

**St. Mary's, Nenagh:** Susan Kenneally, Shiela Kyne, Marie Ryan, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Slattery, Niamh Bonner, Ciara Gaynor, Allison Lawlor, Noelle Kennedy (Capt.), Ciara Burns, Sarah Madden, Aine Hogan.

Ulster won their only Colleges All-Ireland in 1971 when Sacred Heart, Newry were successful in the

Senior Championship. Munster have won six Senior and five Junior titles. Will Derry born Uachtaran, Kathleen Henry, who herself led Derry to All-Ireland success, present Derry School(s) with All-Ireland(s) on her first big day in office?

**Fixture:** Saturday, April 16th: All-Ireland Colleges Finals.

At Tullamore:

Junior: St. Mary's, Magherafelt v St. Mary's, Charleville 2.00 p.m.

Senior: St. Patrick's, Maghera v St. Mary's, Nenagh 3.00 p.m.

On the National League scene on Sunday there are two Senior and five Junior games down for decision. In Senior National League champions Kilkenny have the venue against the All-Ireland Championship beaten finalists, Galway. This should be a sparkling encounter and is sure to attract a big interest. The teams met in the League semi final last year and after a hectic tussle Kilkenny emerged winners by the minimum score 4-8 to 4-7. They are level on points, Kilkenny having a win over Dublin 2-7 to 2-5 and Galway over Down 6-11 to 2-0.

Both sides have a host of stars, and Sunday's encounter is sure to bring out the best in them. Home venue may give Kilkenny the advantage.

Tipperary will show their welcome to Kildare in what should be another exciting tussle. The Premier County are a formidable force. Kildare will get it hard to take back the points.

In Junior Kilkenny and Galway clash as curtain raiser to the Senior. The visitors may get the upper hand in this one.

Tipperary also host Carlow. This should be a lively affair. Tipperary have full points from three games and may well stay on the winning trail. Cork travel to Waterford and should take the points. Derry and Tyrone will battle it out at the latter's venue in what should be a close tie.



Suzanne Kelly, St. Mary's, Nenagh, races in to cut off a Cashel attack in the Munster Colleges final. Suzanne is sure to cause lots of problems for St. Patrick's Maghera on Saturday



# st. Mary's Experience to tell

## NENAGH SCHOOL IN FIRST SENIOR FINAL

by GERRY SLEVIN

The above headings might seem something of a contradiction. How can experience tell if a team is competing in its first final? It isn't too difficult, really. St. Mary's on the All-Ireland junior titles in '91 and '92 and these sides from the basis for the senior side that competes in its first ever All-Ireland senior camogie final in O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Saturday (3.15).

And while there is a big gap between junior and senior ranks, this St. Mary's side has so much going for it, in terms of its own success rate over the years, not to mention the contribution made by so many of the players to the success of the Tipperary minor teams on recent years.

Only three years ago, the same O'Connor Park saw another 'first'

And so the transition has been made and only a few months after their '92 All-Ireland success Ciara Burns led Tipp to victory in the All-Ireland minor final against Kilkenny in Holycross. Her team mates that day include Sile Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Alison Lawlor, Marie Ryan and Ciara Gaynor. Susan Kenneally was sub-keeper in that final, but had the distinction of being on the winning side last year, when the Tipp minors won the title for the third time in four years. Ciara Gaynor was also on that team.

Understandable therefore that coming into this most important decider, St. Mary's can rely on a wealth of experience and under the guidance of Ger Dullea and Geraldine Burke, who were also responsible for the training and coaching of the All-Ireland junior

the reigning champions and All-Ireland finalists and their visit brought a large crowd to the venue for a game that almost didn't take place at all!

With the appointed referee failing to put in an appearance, it seemed after a very long wait... thankfully the weather was dry .... that the Cork girls journey



P.J. Hogan, Nenagh Co-Op. Creamery presents Kit Bags for St. Mary's Convent of Mercy camogie team to team captain Noelle Kennedy. On right is Ger Dullea coach.

has been a nursery for Derry football for many years and there is a strong link with the great achievement of last September, in that lining out at full forward on Saturday will be a sister of Derry All-Ireland midfielder and Allstar, Anthony Towhill.

### NO KNOWLEDGE

Ger Dullea admits to having no knowledge whatever about Maghera. He is aware that in recent years they have been quite a force in Ulster Colleges camogie, being to the forefront in both junior and senior grades.

ter what the opposition is, there is little you can do, if your own side is not properly motivated and prepared' he says.



Aine Hogan

for St. Mary's. Then, they were lining out against St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney, Co. Galway in the All-Ireland junior final. Led by Aine Hogan and inspired by a scoring contribution of 2-5 from Ciara Burns, the Nenagh girls came out on top by 3-9 to 1-10.



Suzanne Kelly

squads, they will not be lacking in motivation, in endeavour and indeed in the skills necessary to conquer their Derry rivals.

### SHORT LISTED

Before a ball was struck this



Susan Kenneally

was in vain. Then along came John Sexton from Ogonnelloe, a member of the teaching staff in Scariff and secretary of the Munster Colleges GAA Council.

Some friendly persuasion eventually saw him accept the whistle, the notebook and the pen and off he went to take charge of a fine



Sarah Madden

'While we don't know much about them, the fact that they beat Magherafelt in the Ulster final, has to be significant. One would imagine, that, like ourselves, Magherafelt, who we beat in the All-Ireland Junior final of '92 would be maturing and making



Marie Slattery

In this regard, St. Mary's will certainly not be lacking. Having come through a long and hard campaign, they are not going to let it all slip away now and irrespective of what Maghera can provide, there is a confidence in the Nenagh camp, a confidence based on the great comradeship that has



Noelle Kennedy (captain)

Aine, Ciara along with Sile Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Slattery, Alison Lawlor, Noelle Kennedy, Marie Ryan have all advanced to the senior side in addition to Susan Kenneally, Ciara



Ciara Burns

season, St. Mary's were short listed for provincial success at least. In the Munster semi-finals of the previous two seasons, they had failed to St. Mary's, Charleville and St. Patrick's, Cork, each of whom went on to take the



Sile Kyne

game that saw victory go to Nenagh, by 6-5 to 1-5. A feature of that match was the scoring prowess of Sarah Madden, who scored three goals and saw St.



Niamh Bonar

their presence felt now in senior ranks. And remember we had to go to a replay to beat them in 1992. That in itself must speak highly of Maghera and we are entering Saturday's game really not



Ciara Gaynor

been built up over the years, that 1994 will see the senior title coming Nenagh's way.

### TWENTY FIVE PLAYERS

There's a panel of twenty five



Sinead Kennedy

Gaynor, Sarah Madden, Sinead Kennedy who joined the All-Ireland winners enclosure when the following year, St. Mary's retained their junior title defeating St. Mary's, Magherafelt after a replay.

### LEVEL

The sides had finished level at 2-5 each in Tullamore with Ciara Burns just recovered from some complications.



Alison Lawlor

Mary's off comfortably to Cork for the semi-final, where victory was achieved against St. Pat's by 4-7 to 0-6.

### ALL-TIPP DECIDER

The Munster final turned out to be an all-Tipp decider, St. Mary's lining out against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel. MacDonagh Park was to have been the venue but because of the up-coming NHL game there between Tipp and Galway



Geraldine Burke (trainer)

players ready, willing and able to promote St. Mary's cause. It's a strong panel, a well prepared one and come 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, hopefully, the name of St. Mary's, Nenagh will be added to the senior colleges roll of honour.

The following is the panel from which the team will be selected.

Susan Kenneally, Sile Kyne, Marie Slattery, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Niamh Bonar, Alison Lawlor, Ciara Gaynor, Sar



# Nenagh girls bidding for glory

By TOM HIGGINS

THE All-Ireland Schools camogie finals will be staged at Tullamore, Co. Offaly tomorrow.

In the senior decider, St. Mary's, Nenagh, who will be seeking their first title in this grade, take on Maghera from Derry (3.15) while Charleville, looking for their third Junior crown, will be opposed by Magherafelt, Co. Derry (2.00).

It will Nenagh's most important match since the game started in the school in the early eighties. The majority of the panel are were members of the successful 1991 and 1992 back to back winning All-Ireland junior side.

It is only logical to expect that Nenagh would now have a very strong side. In 1992 and '93 St. Mary's were narrowly beaten in the semi-finals of the Munster Senior championship by the eventu-

al winners, St. Patrick's of Cork in '92 and the following year by St. Mary's, Charleville.

At the start of this season they found themselves in the toughest half of the draw as they faced their conquerors of the previous two years. They won their opening round comfortably against Scariff Comprehensive School by 3-14 to 0-3 and then came the "crunch" match against Charleville, at home. They really showed their true form that day and disposed of the Cork side by 6-5 to 1-5, with Sara Madden accounting for three of the goals.

Next it was St. Patrick's turn to try and beat them in the semi-final in Cork, but they also brushed aside this challenge, winning by 4-7 to 0-6.

The Munster final, against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, was a one-sided affair as the Nenagh girls were not

extended when coming out on top by 5-9 to 1-0. In the All-Ireland semi-final they defeated Loreto, Kilkenny, who had disposed of last year's All-Ireland champions Callan, in extremely difficult conditions by 5-6 to 4-3.

On the day Noelle Kennedy really played a captain's part, scoring 1-5 to pave the way for her school's historic first ever senior All-Ireland decider.

Most of the girls on the Nenagh side have vast experience of playing with Tipperary sides at minor, intermediate and junior level. In fact, the school provided the backbone of Tipperary's minor All-Ireland successes in the past two years with Susan Kenneally, Sile Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Alison Lawlor, Ciara Gaynor, Mary Ryan and Ciara Burns figuring on the 1992 side and Gaynor and Kenneally also on last year's successful side.

With such a strong panel they will be strongly fancied to capture their first title.

Charleville are no strangers to All-Ireland honours at junior level. Last year they beat Saturday's opposition, Magherafelt in the semi-final but had to give best to Bunclody of Wexford in the final. They will be hoping to make up for that lapse this time, and, hopefully, make it a Munster double.

They had a number of tough game on their way to the final. Their Munster semi-final against Scariff was perhaps their toughest as they had to pull out all the stops to win. But in the final, against Nenagh, they had a comfortable victory — 3-8 to 0-0.

In the All-Ireland semi-final against Loreto, Kilkenny they were expected to have another tough game but played brilliantly on the day to beat the Leinster represen-

tatives by 3-7 to 2-0.

This year they have a well balanced side and have trained hard since last September. They will be hoping that their defence, which includes four from the Newtownshandrum club — Mairead Keane, Muireann Harrington, Gil Reidy and Karina Carroll, and Marie O'Brien, a daughter of Limerick All-Ireland medalist, Jim O'Brien will continue their recent good form.

At midfield they will be relying on the Limerick trio of Jean Cullinane (Capt), Katie O'Shea and Laura Leslie to dominate and provide the scoring opportunities for top scorer, Vera Sheehan and her other forwards Sinead O'Callaghan, Roni Hawe, Caoimhe Harrington and Lisa Moloney.

The Cork girls know they have a fight on their hands but they have the experience of winning the title twice and this should stand to them.

## St. Mary's Nenagh in All Ireland Final

ON Saturday, April 16th St. Mary's Nenagh will contest their first ever all Ireland senior camogie title against Maghera from Derry. The match will be played in Tullamore at 3.15 p.m.

This will be the Nenagh Schools most important match since camogie was started in the school back in the early eighties. The majority of this senior team were members of the 1991 and 1992 back to back winning all Ireland junior teams. It is only logical to expect that Nenagh would now have a very strong senior team after winning two Junior u.15 all Irelands. In 1992 and 1993 St. Mary's were narrowly beaten at the Munster semi final stage by the eventual winners St. Patrick's, Cork and St. Mary's Charleville, respectively.

At the start of the season Nenagh found themselves in the tough half of the draw. They would have to beat the Munster champions of the two previous years, St. Mary's Charleville and St. Patrick's Cork if they were to make it to a first ever Munster final.

The Nenagh girls had a comfortable win over Scariff Comprehensive School in the first round. The "crunch" match was against St. Mary's Charleville last year's Munster champions and all Ireland finalists. This match was expected to be a cracker and the large crowd present in McDonagh Park, Nenagh were not to be disappointed. St. Mary's forwards were in good scoring form, none more so than Sara Madden who got three goals. At the end the scoreline read Nenagh 6-5, Charleville 1-5. In the semi final St. Mary's had to travel to Cork to face St. Pat's, always a very difficult team to beat at home. However, the girls rose to the challenge and in the end ran out comfortable winners on the scoreline 4-7 to 0-6.

The Munster final was an all Tipperary affair between St. Mary's and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel. The Nenagh girls made their debut in the Munster final a winning one.

On a very heavy pitch, they ran out easy winners on a scoreline of 5-9 to 1-0. Nenagh had home advantage for the all Ireland semi final against Loreto, Kilkenny, who had already beaten last year's champions, Callan. Despite the driving wind and rain which made playing conditions extremely difficult, both teams gave an exhibition of camogie with an excellent display of all that is good in the game. In a very high scoring game, St. Mary's eventually ran out winners on a scoreline of 5-6 to 4-3. On the day, Noelle Kennedy really played a Captains role for St. Mary's scoring 1-5 and paving the way for her schools historic first ever appearance in an All Ireland senior final.

Most of the girls on this Nenagh team have vast experience of playing with Tipperary minor, junior and intermediate teams. Indeed the girls from St. Mary's Nenagh have provided the backbone of the All Ireland winning Tipperary minor teams over the past two years.

**Panel of Players** Susan Kenneally, Sile Kyne, Marie Slattery, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Niamh Bonar, Alison Lawlor, Ciara Gaynor, Sara Madden, Aine Hogan, Noelle Kennedy (captain), Ciara Burns, Sinead Kennedy, Grainne Shanahan, Sorcha McDonnell, Deirdre Keogh, Stobhan Malone, Nessa O'Driscoll, Patricia Hogan, Deirdre Kirby, Sara Berge, Catherine Slattery, Madeline Hayes, Natalie Ryan, Michelle Egan.



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(Clochar Naomh Muire, Machaire Fiolta)

v.

**ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE**

(Scoil Naomh Muire, Ráth Luirc)

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3.15 p.m.

**ST. MARY'S, NENAGH**

(Scoil Mhuire, An tAonach)

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**ST. PATRICK'S, MAGHERA**

(Coláiste Naomh Pádraig, Machaire Ratha)

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**Mairead Keane.** Playing in her favourite position, Mairead only conceded a single goal in five Munster Championship games. She has two Munster Junior, Munster Senior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

**Muireann Harrington.** A fast reliable defender, Muireann also figures on the school senior team. She has All-Ireland 7 aside, Munster Senior and Junior, Munster First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

**Marie O'Brien.** Is a first cousin of team-mates Jean Cullinane and Laura Leslie. Marie is a solid defender and tight marker. She holds two Munster Junior and a First Year medal.

**Gill Reidy.** Having a great campaign so far, Gill is an effective defender. She has two Munster Junior, Munster First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

**Karina Carroll.** A strong defender, Karina has performed very well this season. She has two Munster Junior and Cork Colleges medals.

**Laura Leslie.** A player with lots of ability and skill, Laura has two Munster Junior, Munster First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

**Jean Cullinane.** Captain of the side, Jean is an extremely good player with great speed. She holds a full set of Munster Colleges medals, an All-Ireland Sevens and National Feile na nGael medals.

**Katie O'Shea.** A very good ground hurler, Katie shines at both camogie and athletics. She has two Munster Junior and a Munster First Year medal.

**Sinead O'Callaghan.** Has enjoyed an excellent season at centre-forward, Sinead is a skilful player of whom a lot more will be heard. She had Munster Junior and First Year medals.

**Roni Hawe.** A very good forward who combines well with her inside forwards, Roni has two Munster Junior, Munster First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

**Vera Sheehan.** A member of the School senior team, Vera is a free scoring full-forward. She has a National Feile na nGael, an All-Ireland Sevens and a full set of Munster Colleges medals.

**Caomhe Harrington.** Is sister of Muireann and is a First Year student in the School. Caomhe had numerous medals with her club and has a bright future in colleges camogie.

**Kim Hickey.** Kim is a versatile player with tremendous heart. She has played both as a back and a forward in this campaign. Holds Munster Junior, Munster First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

**Sharon Kelly.** A player with lots of ability and skill, she has played in this campaign and may look forward to a bright future in the game. Has Munster Junior and First Year medals.

**Lisa Moloney.** Another First Year student in the panel who has all the skills of the game, Lisa played in the Munster Championship and the All-Ireland semi-final. Holds a Munster Junior medal.

**Angela Sheehy.** A skilful and versatile player who can also play in goal. Angela has two Munster Junior and a Munster First Year medal.

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**Marian Kearney** (Castledawson). Marion has 3 Ulster Colleges medals, Derry Minor League and championship and Ulster U14 championship medals.

**Orla Forbes** (Ardboe). Orla's collection of medals includes 5 Ulster Colleges, 4 Tyrone minor championship and 2 minor League and an Ulster U18 championship.

**Anne Marie Bateson** (Ballinderry). Ann Marie holds 3 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Sinead Birt** (Lavey). Sinead has 5 Ulster Colleges, 1 Derry minor Championship and league and 2 Ulster U14 championship medals.

**Catherine McCann** (Lavey). Catherine holds 2 Ulster Colleges medals, 1 Derry Minor championship and league and 1 Ulster U14 championship medal.

**Amanda Kennedy** (Ballinscreen). Amanda has 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Eilis O'Neill** (Ballinscreen). Eilis holds 7 Ulster Colleges medals, Derry U14 championship and Derry U16 league medals.

**Brid Mulholland** (Lavey). Brid has 5 Ulster Colleges medals, 2 Derry U12 championship, 2 Derry U14 championship, 1 Derry Minor championship and league and an Ulster U14 championship medal.

**Simone Forbes** (Ardboe). Simone holds 2 Ulster Colleges medals, 2 Tyrone U14 championship, 1 Tyrone U16 championship and 1 Tyrone U14 league.

**Blaithin McIvor** (Ardboe). Blaithin has 6 Ulster Colleges medals; 2 Tyrone U14 championship, 1 Tyrone U16 championship, 1 Tyrone U14 league, 1 Tyrone U18 Championship and an Ulster U18 medal.

**Triona McAteer** (Creggan). Triona has 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Catherine Pickering** (Castledawson). Catherine holds 6 Ulster Colleges medals, Derry Minor league and championship and Ulster U14 championship medals.

**Clare McCann** (Creggan). Clare has 3 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Sheree Bell** (Lavey). Sheree holds 2 Ulster Colleges medals and 1 U12 Derry championship medal.

**Orla Donnelly** (Portglenone). Orla has 2 Ulster Colleges medals.

**Veronica Diamond** (Castledawson). Veronica holds 3 Ulster Colleges medals.

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Junior Finalists - St. Mary's, Charleville



Junior Finalists - St. Mary's Magherafelt

## All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship

| Year | Winners                 | Runners-Up               | Score       | Winning Captain    |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1974 | Pres. Athenry           | North Pres. Cork         | 3-0 to 0-0  | Bernie Duffy       |
| 1975 | Scoil Mhuire, Cashel    | Pres. Terenure           | 4-0 to 1-0  | Teresa O'Dwyer     |
| 1976 | Pres. Athenry           | Scoil Mhuire, Cashel     | 4-2 to 3-2  | Ann Delaney        |
| 1977 | Pres. Athenry           | Sacred Heart, Cork       | 4-1 to 1-3  | Anne Burke         |
| 1978 | Scoil Mhuire, Cashel    | Voc. Bawnboy             | 2-3 to 0-1  | Eithne Bonnar      |
| 1979 | Mercy, Roscommon        | Scoil Pol, Killinane     | 1-2 to 0-1  | Paulien O'Connor   |
| 1980 | Maryfield, Dublin       | Pres de la Salle Hos.    | 2-3 to 1-5  | Siobhan Bryson     |
| 1981 | St. John of God, Artane | St. Patricks, Cork       | 4-0 to 0-2  | Michelle Sleator   |
| 1982 | Maryfield, Dublin       | St. Raphaels, Loughrea   | 3-9 to 4-0  | Carmel O'Byrne     |
| 1983 | Mercy, Roscommon        | St. Pauls, Kírea         | 7-1 to 1-3  | Elizabeth Lee      |
| 1984 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | St. Patricks, Shannon    | 6-8 to 2-1  | Deirdre Costello   |
| 1985 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | Col. Muire, Ennis        | 3-4 to 1-0  | Mary Dolphin       |
| 1986 | St. Marys, Charleville  | F.C.J. Bunclody          | 2-6 to 0-3  | Frances Broderick  |
| 1987 | St. Marys, Charleville  | St. Raphaels, Loughrea   | 2-3 to 1-4  | Maire O'Sullivan   |
| 1988 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | St. Marys, Macroom       | 5-7 to 1-0  | Emer Hardiman      |
| 1989 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | St. Patricks, Maghera    | 5-0 to 0-1  | Pamela Nevin       |
| 1990 | St. Brigids, Callan     | St. Patricks, Maghera    | 5-8 to 1-4  | Sinead Millea      |
| 1991 | St. Marys, Nenagh       | St. Cuans, Castleblayney | 3-9 to 1-10 | Aine Hogan         |
| 1992 | St. Marys, Nenagh       | St. Marys, Magherafelt   | 2-6 to 0-8  | Madeline Hayes     |
| 1993 | F.C.J. Bunclody         | St. Marys, Charleville   | 2-7 to 1-4  | Katherine Kinsella |

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Senior Finalists - St. Patrick's, Maghera

## All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship

| Year | Winners                 | Runners-Up              | Score       | Winning Captain  |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1969 | Pres. Kilkenny          | St. Aloysius, Cork      | 3-2 to 1-2  | Mary Tallis      |
| 1970 | Pres. Kilkenny          | Sacred Heart, Newry     | 2-3 to 1-1  | Liz Neary        |
| 1971 | Sacred Heart, Newry     | Pres. Mountmellick      | 3-2 to 2-1  | Anne McCone      |
| 1972 | Pres. Oranmore          | St. Louis, Kilkeel      | 6-1 to 4-4  | Marie Murphy     |
| 1973 | Pres. Mountmellick      | Pres. Athenry           | 4-2 to 1-2  | Carmel Cottrell  |
| 1974 | Pres. Athenry           | St. Louis, Kilkeel      | 3-1 to 1-0  | Midge Poniard    |
| 1975 | Pres. Athenry           | St. Brigid's, Callan    | 7-4 to 2-4  | Midge Poniard    |
| 1976 | St. Aloysius, Cork      | Pres. Athenry           | 2-2 to 0-2  | Jacinta O'Brien  |
| 1977 | Scoil Mhuire, Cashel    | Pres. Athenry           | 2-2 to 1-3  | Cora Hennessy    |
| 1978 | Pres. Athenry           | Loreto, Coleraine       | 2-3 to 2-2  | Anne Poniard     |
| 1979 | Scoil Mhuire, Cashel    | Pres. Athenry           | 3-3 to 1-3  | Majella Hallinan |
| 1980 | North Pres. Cork        | Assumption, Walkinstown | 4-7 to 1-1  | Imelda Cronin    |
| 1981 | St. Patricks, Cork      | Assumption, Walkinstown | 1-3 to 0-5  | Ann O'Mahony     |
| 1982 | St. Patricks, Shannon   | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | 1-7 to 1-4  | Caroline O'Meara |
| 1983 | St. John of God, Artane | St. Patricks, Cork      | 2-6 to 2-1  | Adele Campbell   |
| 1984 | Maryfield, Dublin       | North Pres. Cork        | 2-5 to 0-5  | Roisin Brady     |
| 1985 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | St. Patricks, Cork      | 4-7 to 3-3  | Deirdre Costello |
| 1986 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | F.C.J. Bunclody         | 3-5 to 0-4  | Angela Cooney    |
| 1987 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | St. Marys, Charleville  | 3-8 to 0-4  | Brid Stratford   |
| 1988 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | F.C.J. Bunclody         | 2-13 to 1-5 | Imelda Hobbins   |
| 1989 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | St. Patrick's, Keady    | 5-9 to 2-10 | Triona Dolphin   |
| 1990 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | Scoil Mhuire, Cashel    | 3-11 to 2-0 | Imelda Maher     |
| 1991 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | Vocational, Thomastown  | 3-6 to 0-0  | Siobhan Keane    |
| 1992 | St. Raphaels, Loughrea  | St. Brigids, Callan     | 7-7 to 2-4  | Pamela Nevin     |
| 1993 | St. Brigids, Callan     | St. Marys, Charleville  | 3-7 to 1-2  | Sinead Millea    |

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## Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

**Susan Kenneally** (Kilruane McDonaghs). Susan is a talented goalkeeper who proved her worth in the current championship. She has 2 All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Sevens and 2 All-Ireland and Munster Junior medals.

**Sile Kyne** (Burgess). Was a member of the St. Mary's All-Ireland Junior sides of 1991 and 1992. She holds an All-Ireland Minor and an All-Ireland Sevens medal and a county medal with Burgess.

**Marie Slattery** (Burgess). Marie played on the St. Mary's team which won the 1991 All-Ireland Junior championship. She has collected U14, U16 Junior and Intermediate medals with Burgess.

**Suzanne Kelly** (Toomevara). A talented player who has fielded with Munster Juniors in the Gael-Linn. Suzanne has been honoured with several individual awards including Tipperary Player of the Year 1993. Holds All-Ireland Minor, Junior Colleges and Sevens medals.

**Marie Ryan** (Toomevara). Marie is equally good in attack or defence. In addition to many medals won at club level, she holds All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Colleges Junior and Sevens medals.

**Niamh Bonar** (Burgess). A newcomer to camogie, she has already collected a Donegal Senior county medal with Glenties and a Munster U18 medal with Tipperary. She is captain of the School Senior Hockey team.

**Alison Lalor** (Portroe). Alison is a very determined player. She holds an All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Colleges Junior and All-Ireland Sevens medal.

**Ciara Gaynor** (Kilruane McDonaghs). Was honoured with the Cork Examiner Youth Sports Award for Camogie this year. Holder of All-Ireland Colleges Junior, 2 All-Ireland Minor and All-Ireland Sevens medals.

**Sarah Madden** (Portroe). A goal-scoring forward, she has represented her club from U12 to Intermediate Grade. Sarah holds 2 All-Ireland Colleges Junior and an All-Ireland Sevens medal.

**Aine Hogan** (Burgess). Presently a member of the Tipperary Junior team, Aine captained St. Mary's to win the All-Ireland Colleges Junior in 1991. Holds Munster U18, All-Ireland Sevens and All-Ireland Minor medals.

**Noelle Kennedy** (Toomevara). Captain of St. Mary's today, Noelle is playing very well this season. She holds All-Ireland Junior and Munster U18 medals, All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Colleges Junior and Sevens medals.

**Ciara Burns** (Burgess). A very talented player who has made a huge contribution to the success enjoyed by St. Mary's. Has recovered from serious knee injury. Holds All-Ireland Minor, Junior Colleges and Sevens medals.

**Sinead Kennedy** (Portroe). Sinead won an All-Ireland Colleges Junior medal in 1992 and holds Munster Junior and Senior Colleges medals.

**Grainne Shanahan** (Toomevara). Grainne helped her club to win Tipperary U18 and Intermediate titles. She holds a Munster Colleges Senior medal.

**Sorcha McDonnell** (Burgess). Sorcha has won U14, U16, Junior and Intermediate medals with Burgess.

**Deirdre Keogh** (Toomevara). Was a member of St. Mary's side which won the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship in 1992. Prominent underage player with her club.

Urraiocht don Leathanach seo:  
Tiobraid Árann ag Labhairt "Is Leatsa I An Ghaelge"  
Tóg an slíotar ar an bpreab

## Pen Pictures: ST. PATRICK'S, MAGHERA

**Sarah Bradley** (Robert Emmets, Slaughtneil). Sarah has won Ulster Colleges Junior, Senior and Sevens medals and has helped her club to win Minor league and championship and Intermediate championship titles.

**Margaret McAtamney** (Michael Davitts, Swatragh). A very experienced player, Margaret represented Ulster at Senior inter-provincial level. Holder of the full range of Ulster Colleges medals, she holds 4 Derry County Senior Championship medals as well as Ulster Minor and U18 medals.

**Sharon Kirkpatrick** (Michael Davitts, Swatragh). Sharon holds an Ulster Colleges Senior medal and various underage medals with her club including 3 U18 championships.

**Rhonda Doherty** (Wolfe Tones, Bellaghy). Rhonda, who captained the Derry Minor team in 1992, has Ulster Colleges First Year, U14, Junior and Senior medals and Derry U14, Senior league and Senior Championship medals.

**Joanne McKeagney** (Michael Davitts, Swatragh). Joanne holds 2 Ulster Colleges Senior, numerous underage, 3 Derry Senior championship, Ulster Club championship with her club and Ulster Minor and U18 medals with Derry.

**Claire Doherty** (Robert Emmets, Slaughtneil). Holder of Ulster Colleges Junior, Sevens and Senior medals. Won Derry Minor league and championship and Intermediate championship medals with Slaughtneil.

**Karen McGrath** (Castledawson). Won an Ulster C championship while a pupil at St. Pius X, Magherafelt. Captained the Derry Minors in 1993 and won Derry Minor league and championship and Junior championship.

**Anna O'Loughlin** (Michael Davitts, Swatragh). Holds Ulster Colleges U14, Junior, Sevens and Senior medals, Derry underage, Minor, U18 and Senior championship and league medals and Ulster Minor and U18 medals.

**Jane McNicholl** (Glenullin). Jane has Ulster Colleges Junior and Senior championship medals and a Derry Division 2 league medal with her club.

**Helen Collins** (Erins Own, Lavey). Helen holds an Ulster Colleges Senior medal and helped Lavey to win Derry U12 and U14 championship medals.

**Claire Scullin** (Michael Davitts, Swatragh). Claire holds the full range of Ulster Colleges medals. With Swatragh she won various underage medals in addition to 3 U18 championship, 2 Senior championship and Ulster Club.

**Aileen Tohill** (Michael Davitts, Swatragh). Aileen has won 2 Ulster Colleges Sevens and Senior Championship medals, U12, U14 and U18 championship with her club and Ulster U14 with Derry.

**Ciara O'Kane** (Robert Emmets, Slaughtneil). Holders of Ulster Colleges Junior, Sevens and Senior medals. She won Derry U14 and Minor league and championship and Ulster U14 and U18 with Derry.

**Aileen O'Kane** (Robert Emmets, Slaughtneil). Named as Player of the Match in the 1993 Ulster U14 final, Aileen holds Ulster Colleges Senior and Derry U14 league and championship, Minor league and championship and intermediate championship medals.

**Alanna Convery** (Watty Grahams, Glen). Has Ulster Colleges First Year, U14 Junior and Senior medals. Also holds Derry U18 championship and Division 2 league and championship medals.

**Siobhan Murtagh** (Watty Grahams, Glen). Holder of 2 Ulster Colleges Sevens medals. Siobhan has won Derry U18 championship and Ulster U14 championship medals.

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**SENIOR**  
**SCOIL MHUIRE, AN tAONACH**  
**ST. MARY'S, NENAGH**

Red and Blue

(1)  
**Susan Kenneally**  
S. Ni Chinnaolaigh

(2)  
**Sheila Kyne**  
S. Ni Chinn

(3)  
**Marie Ryan**  
M. Ni Riain

(4)  
**Suzanne Kelly**  
S. Ni Cheallaigh

(5)  
**Marie Slattery**  
C. Ni Shlataire

(6)  
**Niamh Bonar**  
N. Ni Chnámhsín

(7)  
**Ciara Gaynor**  
C. Ni Fhionnbhairr

(8)  
**Alison Lawlor**  
A. Ni Leathlobhair

(9)  
**Noelle Kennedy (Capt)**  
N. Ni Chinnéide

(10)  
**Aine Hogan**  
A. Ni Ógáin

(11)  
**Sarah Madden**  
S. Ni Mhaidín

(12)  
**Ciara Burns**  
C. Ni Bhroin

Subs:

13 Sinead Kennedy  
14 Grainne Shanahan  
5 Sorcha McDonnell  
16 Deirdre Keogh  
17 Siobhan Malone  
18 Nessa O'Driscoll  
19 Patricia Hogan

20 Deirdre Kirby  
21 Sara Bergin  
22 Catherine Slattery  
23 Madeleine Hayes  
24 Natalie Ryan  
25 Majella Egan

**SENIOR**  
**COLÁISTE NAOMH PÁDRAIG, MACHAIRE RÁTHA**  
**ST. PATRICK'S, Maghera**

Blue, Black and White

(1)  
**Sarah Bradley**  
S. Ni Bhrolcháin

(2)  
**Margaret McAtamney**  
M. Nic an tSiompeanaigh

(3)  
**Aileen O'Kane**  
A. Ni Chatháin

(4)  
**Rhonda Doherty**  
R. Ni Dhochartaigh

(5)  
**Joanne McKeagney**  
S. Nic Eignigh

(6)  
**Claire Doherty**  
C. Ni Dhochartaigh

(7)  
**Karen McGrath**  
C. Nic Craith

(8)  
**Anna O'Loughlin**  
A. Nic Lochlainn

(9)  
**Jane McNicholl**  
S. Nic Niocaill

(10)  
**Helen Collins**  
L. Ni Choileáin

(11)  
**Claire Scullin**  
C. Ni Scolláin

(12)  
**Aileen Tohill**  
A. Ni Thuatháil

Subs:

13 Ciara O'Kane, (C. Ni Chatháin)  
14 Sharon Kirkpatrick, (S. Nic Giolla Phadraig)  
15 Alanna Convery, (A. Nic Ainmhire)  
16 Siobhan Murtagh, (S. Ni Mhuircheartaigh)

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## FOCAL Ó UACHTARÁN

A Cháirde,

Tá me brodúil as bheith anseo inniu ag Páirc na Tuláí Móire mar Uachtarán na nIarbhunscoileanna don chéad am. Ba mhaith liom céad míle fáilte a chur roimh na cailíní ón Aonach, ó Mhachaire Ratha, ó Mhachaire Fiolta agus ó Rathlúirc. Tá fhios agam go mbeidh dhá chluiche fíor-mhaith againn.

This is a very special day for me. Two of my neighbouring Derry Colleges contest the Finals, St. Patrick's, Maghera in the Senior and St. Mary's, Magherafelt in the Junior. I feel that either or both of these schools will soon hold an All-Ireland title. However, I am very aware that St. Mary's, Nenagh and St. Mary's, Charleville are determined that this will not happen this year. Nenagh have won 2 Junior All-Ireland titles in recent years and Charleville came so close at both levels in 1993. These teams have shown great talent and motivation in the past and deserve success. I look forward to two well contested, high quality games.

Faoi dheireadh caithfidh mé búiochas a thabhairt do Shíle Uí Mhuireagáin, an t-uachtarán deireanach, a d'oibrigh chomh dícheallach sin leis an chluiche a fhorbairt agus chun speis a chur sa spórt.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh lá taithneamhach agaibh uilig. Ádh mór oraibh go léir.

le fíor-mheas,

CAITLÍN NIC ÉINRÍ



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## TODAY'S FINALISTS

### ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

St. Mary's affiliated to Munster Colleges for the first time in 1977/78. The game progressed in the School under the guidance of Joe Doran and present coach Ger Dullea. Nenagh won their first provincial title in 1981 when they were successful in the Intermediate Grade.

Nenagh made a breakthrough in 1991 when they captured the Munster and All-Ireland Junior Championship titles. They retained these titles in 1992 and added the All-Ireland Colleges Sevens.

St. Mary's, won their first provincial senior title this season with a side which includes seven All-Ireland minor medal-holders.

### ST. PATRICK'S, MAGHERA

St. Patrick's have been one of the most prominent Ulster schools in recent times. Coached by Ann Kelly, they have won 5 Ulster Colleges senior championships and 5 Ulster Colleges junior championships since 1980. St. Patrick's, who recorded Ulster senior and junior championships doubles in 1987, 1990 and 1991, have won the full range of Ulster titles.

Maghera contested the All-Ireland Colleges junior finals of 1989 and 1990. Four of today's team have experience of the big day and will be hoping to make this occasion a successful one.

### ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

St. Mary's have a very impressive record since camogie was introduced to the School in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles, St. Mary's have won 14 Munster Colleges titles - 3 senior, 4 junior, 4 seven aside and 3 First Year.

St. Mary's have five All-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. In 1986 they collected their first All-Ireland Colleges junior championship title and retained their crown in 1987. St. Mary's enjoyed success in the All-Ireland Sevens in 1987, 1988 and 1993. Their coach, Vincent Harrington is Cathaoirleach of Munster Colleges Council.

### ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

St. Mary's affiliated to Ulster Colleges in 1968. They contested a number of junior and senior Ulster finals from 1970 onwards. The first Ulster title came to the School in 1989 when the First Year side won out. They added the U14 title in 1991. In 1992, St. Mary's won the Ulster Junior Championship and contested the All-Ireland Final taking St. Mary's, Nenagh, to a replay.

In 1993, St. Mary's recorded an Ulster Colleges senior and junior championship double and reached the final of the All-Ireland Sevens. St. Mary's made it a hat-trick of Ulster junior titles when they won again this season.

**MARTIN MORRIS FOODSTORE NENAGH**  
**Coimeád do Shúil ar an Sliotar!**



## DO YOU KNOW . . .

That Aileen Tohill, full-forward on the St. Patricks, Maghera team is a sister of Anthony Tohill, the All-Star midfielder on the Derry Football team.

That Lily Spence has completed forty years unbroken service to camogie in the role of Secretary to Ulster Colleges Council.

That Ciara Burns and Ciara Gaynor of St. Marys, Nenagh are daughters of famous Tipperary All-Ireland hurlers, Mick Burns and Len Gaynor.

That St. Marys, Magherafelt coach, Rita Moran (nee McAteer) won an All-Ireland senior camogie medal with Antrim. Her husband, Mickey Moran coached the 1993 successful Derry football team.

That Marie O'Brien of St. Marys, Charleville is a daughter of Jim O'Brien who won an All-Ireland senior hurling medal with Limerick in 1973. Marie's aunts Geraldine and Bernie O'Brien were on the Limerick team which won the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship in 1977.

That Anthony Tohill, Henry Downey, Dermot McNicholl and Seamus Downey, all members of Derrys All-Ireland winning football team, are past pupils of St. Patricks, Maghera. In fact 17 out of the panel of 30 footballers received their education at St. Patricks.

That seven of the St. Marys, Nenagh team, Susan Kenneally, Sheila Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Ciara Gaynor, Marie Ryan, Alison Lawlor, and Ciara Burns have won All-Ireland Minor medals with Tipperary.

That Kathleen Henry, President of the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Council, captained Derry to win the county's first All-Ireland camogie title in 1969.

That Corn Sceilg, which will be presented to the senior champions today, was donated by the O'Kelly family in memory of their late father, J. J. O'Kelly who was a member of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League which founded the Camogie Association in 1904. The shape of the cup is on the lines of the Ardagh Chalice.

Newly elected President of the Camogie Association, Belle O'Loughlin is a past pupil of Sacred Heart, Newry, the only Ulster College to win an All-Ireland Colleges title.

That there are four first cousins on the St. Marys, Charleville team - Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane, Marie O'Brien and Katie O'Shea.

That Helen Collins of St. Patricks, Maghera is a sister of Michael and Oliver, who won All-Ireland club football medals with Lavey.

That Muireann Harrington of St. Marys, Charleville is a daughter of Mary Coakley who starred with U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Cup.

That St. Patricks, Maghera players, Aileen and Ciara O'Kane have won provincial honours in athletics.

That owing to a clash of colours, both St. Marys, Magherafelt and St. Marys, Charleville have changed from their usual navy and blue.

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Noelle Kennedy, Captain of St. Mary's, Nenagh breaking through the Scoil Mhuire, defence in the Munster senior final.



Sheila Morgan, President of the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Council with winning captains, Katherine Kinsella F.C.J. Buncloody (Left) and Sinead Millea, Colaiste Bhríde, Callan following the 1993 All-Ireland Finals.

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# Double for Munster schools

MUNSTER Schools brought off the double at the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie finals in Tullamore on Saturday, with St Mary's Nenagh winning their first senior title by defeating St Patrick's Maghera and St Mary's Charleville overcoming their namesakes from Magherafelt in the junior decider.

**St Mary's Charleville 3-6**  
**St. Mary's Magherafelt 1-5**

CHARLEVILLE, defeated by Bunclody in last years final, picked up their third All-Ireland junior title with a comfortable seven points victory over Magherafelt. The Cork girls were faster to the ball and more proficient at snapping up goalscoring opportunities. Indeed had their forwards shown greater accuracy - they recorded 11 wides - their margin of victory would have been even greater.

Magherafelt registered the first two points of the game, but once Roni Hawe opened Charleville's account with a seventh minute goal, the pattern changed. Playing with the advantage of a stiff breeze the Cork girls dominated the remainder of the first half. By the interval they had established a 2-5 to 0-3 lead, their second goal being netted by Caoimhe Harrington following a free by Jean Cullinane.

Any hope that the Ulster champions may have entertained when wind assisted, vanished within three minutes of the resumption when Caoimhe Harrington claimed her second goal and it was only a last minute Magherafelt goal by Amanda

Kennedy that put a respectable appearance on the result.

Charleville skipper Jean Cullinane provided inspiring leadership and proved very accurate from frees. Others to impress on a well-balanced winning side were C. Harrington, Marie O'Brien, Sinead O'Callaghan, and Vera Sheehan.

Scorers: Charleville - C. Harrington 2-0, J. Cullinane 0-4, R. Hawe 1-0, L. Leslie and V. Sheehan 0-1 each. Magherafelt: E. O'Neill 0-3, A. Kennedy 1-0, S. Forbes and B. McIvor 0-1 each. CHARLEVILLE: M. Keane, M. Harrington, M. O'Brien, K. Carroll, G. Reidy, L. Leslie, J. Cullinane (capt), K. O'Shea, R. Hawe, S. O'Callaghan, C. Harrington, V. Sheehan. MAGHERAFELT: M. Kearney, O. Forbes, A.M. Bateson, S. Birt, C. McCann, A. Kennedy, E. O'Neill, B. Mulholland, S. Forbes, B. McIvor, T. McAteer, C. Pickering (capt).

Ref. J. Beatty (Galway)

**St. Mary's Nenagh 1-10**  
**St. Patricks Maghera 1-2**

THE start of the senior final was delayed for 20 minutes by the failure of the appointed referee to put in an appearance, resulting in Jane Beatty having to officiate again.

St. Mary's Nenagh and St. Patricks Maghera were both contesting the senior final for the first time, and it was the Nenagh girls who deservedly collected Corn Sceilg at the end of a game which was more evenly contested than the final score might suggest. The Ulster girls matched their opponents outfield but their finishing let them down. Not that the Nenagh

forwards fared a great deal better, for it was their captain Noelle Kennedy who accounted for all but two points of their total and only one of her points in a 1-8 tally was scored from play.

Noelle Kennedy was indeed an inspirational captain. Her goal, scored with a cracking shot from a free in the fifth minute, opened the scoring and gave her side the initiative which they never surrendered. At half-time Nenagh led by 1-4 to 1-1, the Maghera goal coming in injury time by Karen McGrath.

The second half scoring was all in Nenagh's favour, with Noelle Kennedy adding four further points before her scoring monopoly was broken by Sarah Madden and Ciara Gaynor, the latter showing a lot of the artistry displayed by her father Len during his hurling days with Tipperary.

Obviously Noelle Kennedy's scoring feat earned her top rating, but she had impressive colleagues in Sheila Kyne, Marie Ryan, Ciara Gaynor, Ciara Burns, and goalkeeper Susan Kenneally.

Scorers: Nenagh: N. Kennedy 1-8, C. Gaynor and S. Madden 0-1 each. Maghera: K. McGrath 1-0, A. O'Loughlin 0-2.

NENAGH: S. Kenneally, S. Kyne, M. Ryan, S. Kelly, S. Kennedy, N. Bonner, C. Gaynor, A. Lawlor, N. Kennedy (capt), A. Hogan, S. Madden, C. Burns. Subs. G. Shanahan for Madden, M. Slattery for Bonner.

MAGHERA: S. Bradley, M. McAtamney, (capt), A. O'Kane, R. Doherty, J. McKeagney, C. Doherty, K. McGrath, A. O'Loughlin, J. McNicholl, H. Collins, C. Scullion, A. Tohill. Subs. C. O'Kane for McNicholl, S. Murtagh for Collins. Ref. J. Beatty, Galway.

## St Mary's beat Meagherafelt to win the All-Ireland junior camogie title

ST MARY'S school camogie team won the 1994 All-Ireland Colleges Junior camogie championships when they beat St Mary's Meagherafelt on a score-line of 3-6 to 1-5 at Tullamore on Sunday after getting off to a slow start.

The Cork side were slow to settle and the Meagherafelt girls quickly went into a two point lead but in the 7th minute, Charleville forward Roni Hawe burst through the northern defence for a great goal to give her side the lead which they never relinquished for the remainder of the game.

This score banished the nerves of the southerners and when Vera Sheehan pointed some two minutes later, they were well on their way.

Now playing confidently, the Charleville girls gradually took command and scores from Caoimhe Harrington who goaled in the 13th minute and team captain Jean Cullinane who had three points - two from frees - eased them into a comfortable lead.

Magherafelt managed another point before half-time to leave the score 2-5 to 0-3 to St Mary's at the break.

The second half was only minutes old when Caoimhe Harrington scored her second goal and the game was as good as over as the northern challenge crumbled in the face of the power of the Charleville girls.

Jean Cullinane had another

point to bring the Charleville total to 3-6 and although Meagherafelt added another goal and two points, these scores came too late to make any impact on the game.

Nevertheless, it was a sweet victory for the locals who last won All-Ireland honours in 1987.

The captain Jean Cullinane was presented with Corn Naomh Gobnaith by President of the Camogie Association Caitlin Ni Einri who congratulated the Charleville team on their victory.

Great credit for the win must go to St Mary's coaches Ann-Marie O'Keeffe and Vincent Harrington who guided their charges to All-Ireland honours.

The winning St Mary's team was: Mairead Keane, Muireann Harrington, Marie O'Brien, Karina Carroll, Gill Reidy, Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane (captain), Kathy O'Shea, Roni Hawe, Sinead O'Callaghan, Caoimhe Harrington, Vera Sheehan.

Subs: Lisa Moloney, Sharon Kelly, Kim Hickey, Angela Sheehy, Gillian Coleman, Elaine Geary, Nicola Keane, Mary Scully, Sarah Reidy, Pauline Lynch, Marie Mortell and Louise Moran.

### CAMOGIE

ALL IRELAND SCHOOLS CAMOGIE FINALS - At Tullamore - SENIOR St Mary's Nenagh 1-10 (N Kennedy 1-8, S Madden and C Gaynor 0-1 each); St Patricks Maghera 1-2 (K McGrath 1-0, A O'Loughlin 0-2).

JUNIOR FINAL - St Mary's Charleville 3-6 (C Harrington 2-0, J Cullinane 0-4, R Hawe 1-0, L Leslie and V Sheehan 0-1 each); St Mary's Magherafelt 1-5 (E O'Neill 0-3, A Kennedy 1-0, S Forbes and B McIvor 0-1).



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All-Ireland senior camogie schools final-

# Kennedy stars in Nenagh triumph

By Eugene Hogan

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

A GLORIOUS chapter in the sporting annals of St Mary's CMS Nenagh was penned by the school's senior camogie stars in the splendid sunshine of Tullamore on Saturday.

Returning to the venue where they collected their first junior title two years ago, the Nenagh ladies made it a successful inaugural appearance in the senior decider, and in superb style.

It was Toomevara girl and captain Noelle Kennedy who led by example as she pointed her side in the right direction with a virtuoso performance which saw her account for all but two points of her side's tally.

The half forward was in unerring form as she punished her opponents' indiscretions time and time again in a copy-book free taking display. And apart from her seven pointed frees, plus one from play, the Nenagh school's very own Captain Fantastic also gave her side the perfect start when she goaled after just six minutes - a vital score with Nenagh facing into the strong breeze in the opening period.

However, it was by no means a one-woman show by Nenagh. To the contrary; this was a victory borne from a steadfast and sturdy team performance in which every member contributed decisively to the success.

From 'keeper Susan Kenneally to full forward Cira Burns, it was one marvellous galvanised effort as Nenagh worked tirelessly to ward off the threat of their opponents.

That noted, there was, nevertheless, some splendid individuality within the Nenagh ranks and apart from Kennedy, midfielder Cira Gaynor, daughter of former Tipperary great Len, had the true mark of quality as she became very much the fulcrum around which all else rotated.

Both Alison Lawlor and Niamh Boner worked hard in the midfield area as well, while in a defence which was not stretched to the limits at any stage, Suzanne Kelly was rock like at centre back and Marie Ryan, too, showed well.

Kennedy, of course, was the heroine up front but Aine Hogan, especially in the second half as she surged forward on solos time and time again; Sarah Madden and Cira Burns all worked themselves to a near standstill.

## FAVOURITES

Having won the junior in '91 and '92, Nenagh were favorites going into this tie and, true to form, they justified this rating as they dominated their plucky, though outclassed, rivals for by far the greater portion of this game.

Maghera's best spell was in the opening five minutes as they pressed forward with the

assistance of the fresh breeze but Nenagh would soon come to grips with the conditions and were settled by that goal from Noelle Kennedy after six minutes.

Whether or not Kennedy was shooting for goal is debatable, but what did seem a speculative shot was misjudged by the Maghera 'keeper and sailed into the back of the net from thirty yards.

It took Maghera some thirteen minutes before they finally got out of the scoring starting stalls, with Anna O'Loughlin, their impressive midfielder, pointing from a long range free.

It was Nenagh, though, who were creating the openings and by the twenty fourth minute of the half Noelle Kennedy had pointed them into a 1-4 to 0-1 lead after four successful frees.

Maghera, however, were not going to yield without a fight and singled that intention a minute into injury time when Karen McGrath goaled and thus the score - 1-4 to 1-1 - remained until the break, the whistle for which didn't sound, curiously enough, until the thirty first minute even though there were no injuries or hold ups in the half.

## ACADEMIC

However, it was all academic as the omens were certainly favouring Nenagh at this stage and Kennedy continued to punish her opponents' misdemeanors,

stretching the lead to six points - 1-7 to 1-1 - within just five minutes of the restart.

Anna O'Loughlin slotted over her second pointed free in the eight minute but this, ultimately, proved their last offering on the scoring charts.

From here on it was all traffic as Nenagh foraged forward almost incessantly but they failed to reap reward for their superiority in the remaining fifteen minutes or so, Kennedy, again, though Sarah Madden and Cira Gaynor managed to add to the tally, the latter's fifteenth minute point being a particular gem.

**St Mary's Nenagh:** S. Kenneally; S. Kyne; M. Ryan, S. Kelly, S. Kennedy; N. Bonar, C. Gaynor (0-1), A. Lawlor; N. Kennedy (1-8, seven points from frees); A. Hogan, S. Madden (0-1); C. Burns (0-1). Subs: G. Shanahan for Madden; M. Slattery for Bonnar.

**St Patrick's Maghera:** S. Bradley; M. McAtamney; A. O'Kane, R. Doherty, J. McKeagney; C. Doherty, K. McGrath; A. O'Loughlin; J. McNicholl, H. Collins, C. Scullin; A. Tobill.

N.B. - There was some confusion before the game started when it became clear that referee Aine Derham was, inadvertently, absent. However, Jane Beatty (Galway), who refereed the junior final which preceded the big game, stood in and did a very efficient job.



The St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh team which won Saturday's All-Ireland final in Tullamore.



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