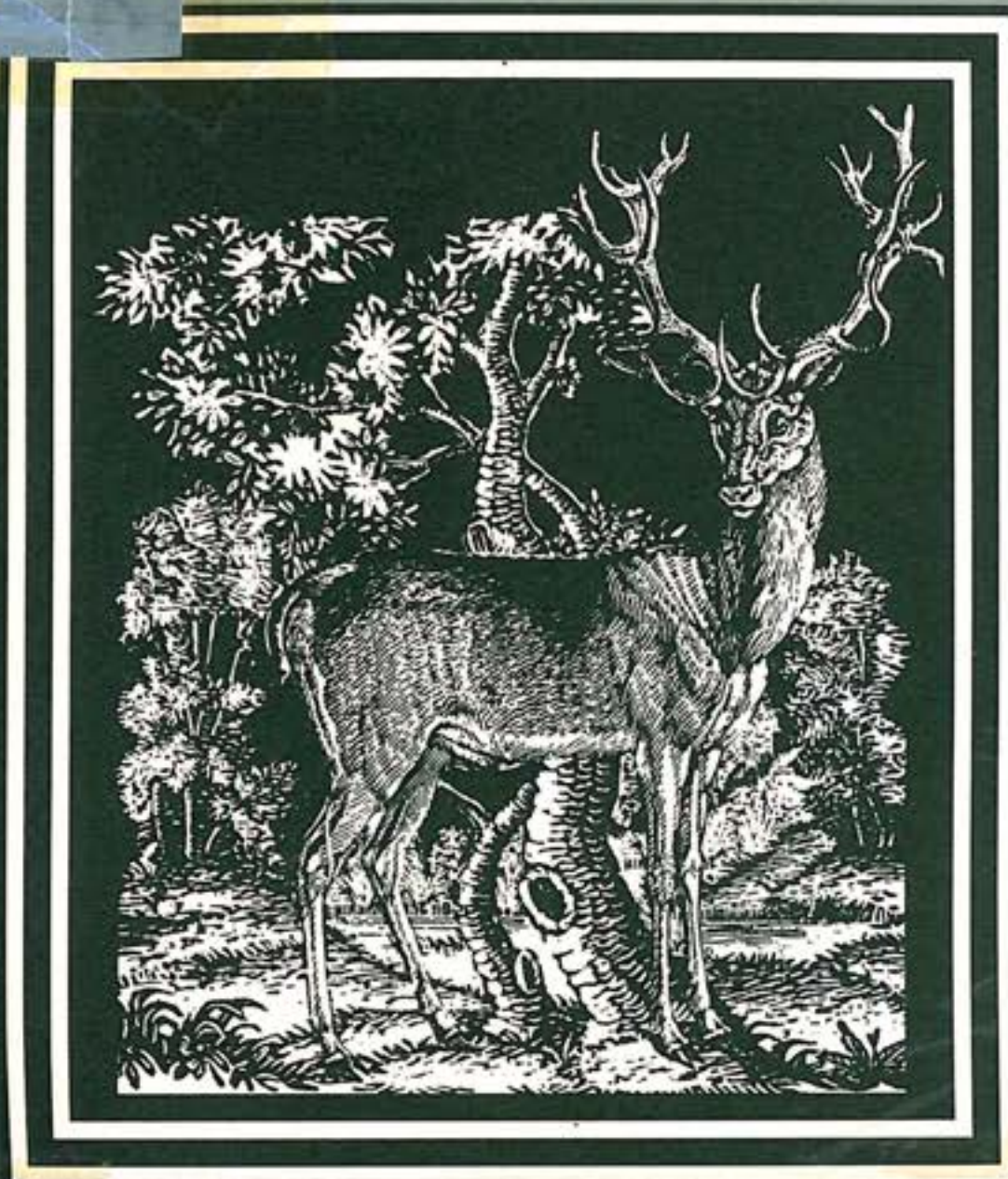


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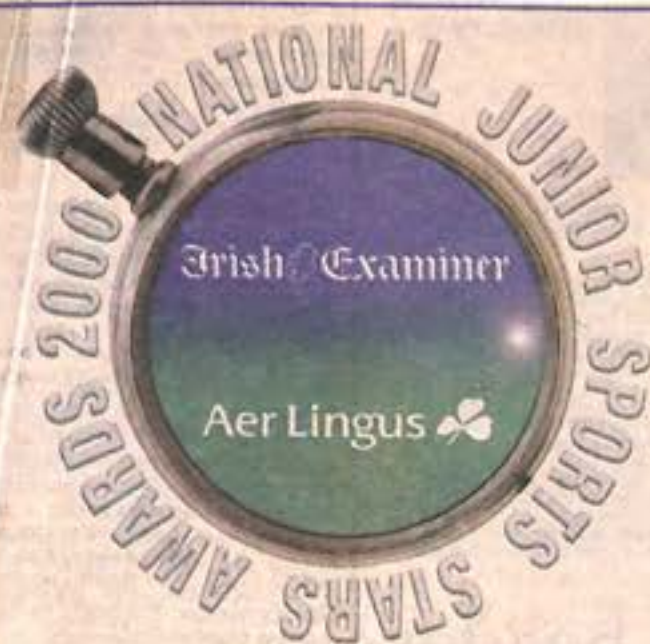
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## Honouring the best young sports talent in Ireland

The next three winners will be announced in Wednesday's Irish Examiner



### CAMOGIE

**TIPPERARY** half forward Philomena Fogarty is the Examiner Junior Sports star for camogie. Just turned eighteen she assisted Tipperary in no small way to retaining their All Ireland crown last season. Philomena or Philly as she's better known plays her club camogie with Cashel who won the county senior title for the third time in a row last season - but it was with the county team that she has gained most recognition. Tipperary coach Michael Cleary is lavish in his praise. "She is a very promising talent. Then last season in our four championship outings with Down, Clare, Galway and Cork her level of performance was excellent all through. I really could not speak more highly of her. As well as possessing the qualities of speed, strength and skill so essential to top class players she seems always to enjoy the games regardless of how important they are. "She has the facility to play anywhere on the field and in her minor career actually lined out at full and centre-back. If she has that bit of luck that all good players need, then she will go on to become a really outstanding player".

## Cleary brings the best out of seniors

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie correspondent

IT IS no coincidence that since Michael Cleary came on board with the county's camogie team, there have been very few poor performances.

The former Tipperary hurler has brought out an extra bit of self-belief that has yielded back-to-back All-Ireland titles.

As they prepare to meet Cork in Sunday's opening round of the National League, Michael insists a championship will once again be priority.

"The championship is the big one, but we won't be going out to loose either. We will not start serious training until March. Camogie is different to hurling; it does not get serious until later in the year."

He need have no worries, as most of his squad has been involved up to recently with the Ashbourne and Purcell Cups.

Emer McDonnell and Una O'Dwyer, the only UCC players to gain places on the Combined Ashbourne team, will be lining out against college teammates this weekend.

The clash of Cork and Tipperary will also put the spotlight on the Leesider's new boss Pa Finn.

"I am very pleased to be involved with the camogie team," he said.

"I am looking forward to the new challenge. The league for us will be an opportunity to blood some new players but we will be taking every match seriously."

Cork and Tipp's second string will play the first match on Sunday's double-header programme at Toomevara.

Meanwhile, Limerick open their league campaign with a trip to Clare.

Under the management of Noel Hartigan and former great, Vera Mulcahy, the Blue and Green should make a serious impression this year.

Again, with many of their panel involved with third level colleges they might have the edge on the Banner County at this stage of the season.

Kathleen Coffey, Chairperson of the Limerick County Board, says that their purpose initially will be to establish a senior panel.

## Ballygiblin National School win first indoor camogie tournament

**B**ALLYGIBLIN National School indoor camogie side won their first tournament last Friday.

It was the Sciath na Scoil and was held in Doneraile. They won the Avondhu title, having wins over Dromahane in the semi-final by 4-3. In the final, Buttevant proved a very talented side and led 2-1 at half-time. The third quarter was very tense with the sides level. Ballygiblin struck a purple patch in the last few minutes, notching four goals without reply to run out winners by 6-2. The panel was Aisling Curtin (Capt) Erica Murphy, Orla Hedderman, Michelle Mullins, Aisling O'Mahony, Sinéad O'Sullivan, Aisling O'Brien, Bríd Frewen, Sinéad O'Brien, Elaine O'Brien, Tina White. Today, Ballygiblin, along with Doneraile, Carrignavar and Glenville contest the Co Regional Play-offs at Whitechurch. The competition gets underway at 2.45pm. It will consist of each team getting three games in the four-league competition. The top two will qualify for the finals, which will take place on Thursday, March 8. Teams are seven-a-side with three subs. The games will see first Glenville v Doneraile, Carrignavar v Ballygiblin, Glenville v Carrignavar, Doneraile v Ballygiblin, Glenville v Ballygiblin and Carrignavar v Doneraile. The Doneraile side coached by Sheila Collins comprise Darina O'Callaghan, Shirley O'Hanlon,



Ballygiblin NS fifth class indoor camogie side, winners of the North Cork title, and now compete in the Sciath na Scoil Chorcaí today at Whitechurch in the regional playoffs. Front: Erica Murphy, Orla Hedderman, Michelle Mullins, Aisling Curtin (Capt), Aisling O'Mahony. Back: Nora O'Callaghan, Principal, Sinéad O'Sullivan, Aisling O'Brien, Tina Sullivan, coach, Bríd Frewen, Sinéad O'Brien, Mary McCarthy NT, Elaine O'Brien, Tina White, Marian O'Connell NT.

Jennifer Dolan, Sharon Sheehan, Sarah Jane Cronin, Catriona O'Callaghan, Tracey Sweeney, Helen O'Brien, Karen Hunter, Emer Kelly. On Thursday, March 1, another play-off competition will be staged in Ballinlough, where

Ovens, Spiorad Naomh, Dungourney and Belgooly will be the schools involved. A similar-type competition will take place with all schools having three games and the top two will be advancing to the finals on March 8.



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# Showing a greater hunger for victory Cork dig deep to claim the points

Cork  
Tipperary

2-11,  
3-6

**HOLDERS** Cork got their Senior National Camogie League campaign off to a winning start with a two points victory over All-Ireland champions, Tipperary at Toomevara yesterday.

A close opening 30 minutes saw the sides turn over level 2-1 to 1-4 after a Ciara Healy goal 30 seconds from half time had the Leesiders on level terms. Earlier in the half, Cork showed their determination, fighting back after Tipperary had goals from Emer McDonnell and Joanne Ryan.

Cork stamped their authority on the restart and unanswered points from Ciara Healy and Fiona O'Driscoll (2) inside 10 minutes had them in the driving seat.

Linda Mellerick, at centre field and Fiona O'Driscoll in the forward line caused endless problems for Tipperary whilst Stephanie Dunlea, who was mak-

ing a welcome return following 12 months in Australia, and Mary O'Connor were solid in defence.

Continuing to work hard, Cork stretched their lead with a Ciara Harte goal and when Elaine Burke pointed on the 14th minute, the League champions led 2-8 to 2-1.

Tipperary regained their composure and two pointed frees from the accurate Noelle Kennedy signalled a revival. Philly Fogarty levelled. Linda Mellerick and Noelle Kennedy swapped points and with both sides tiring, a draw looked likely.

But showing a hunger for victory, Cork dug deep. Mellerick and substitute, Una O'Donoghue with two points, ensured a Cork victory.

**Scorers:** Cork: C. Healy 1-2, F. O'Driscoll 0-4 (0-2 frees), C. Harte 1-0, L. Mellerick 0-2, L. Dunlea, E. Burke, U. O'Donoghue 0-1 each. **Scorers:** N. Kennedy 0-5, E. McDonnell, J. Ryan, P. Fogarty 1-0 each, P. Biffin 0-1. **CORK:** C. Keoghane, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea, D. Cronin, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, V. Harris, L.

Mellerick, E. Burke, R. Moloney, F. O'Driscoll, C. Harte, L. Dunlea, C. Healy. **Subs:** U. O'Donoghue for R. Moloney, P. O'Connor for C. Harte. **TIPPERARY:** L. Ryan, S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, S. Neslon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, E. Hayden, P. Fogarty, C. Grogan, N. Kennedy, J. Ryan, G. Shanahan, D. Hughes, E. McDonnell. **Sub:** P. Biffin. **Referee:** J. Pender (Kildare).

Cork  
Tipperary

2-6  
1-5

In the opening junior game Cork, fielding a team which contained 10 players making their Junior League debut, they took two valuable points.

Amanda Murphy's 14th minute goal helped them to a 1-5 to 0-1 interval lead. Marie O'Connell stretched Cork's advantage with a goal and with Ger Collins and Siobhan Ryan exchanging points, Cork still held all the aces.

Tipperary got a boost 17 minutes into the half when Siobhan Ryan finished to the net following a block down by the Cork keeper. Substitute Linda Grogan stamped her authority with three points.

**Linda Mellerick: caused endless problems for Tipperary.**

**Scorers:** Cork: M. O'Connell 1-1, G. Collins 0-3, A. Murphy 1-0, G. O'Connor 0-2. **Scorers:** S. Ryan 1-1, L. Grogan 0-3, N. Maher 0-1. **CORK:** E. Clifford, L. Sweetnam, L. O'Leary, S. Buckley, J. O'Sullivan, N. Ahern, C. O'Gorman, V. O'Keefe, M. O'Connell, E. O'Farrell, C. Kelly, G. Collins, G. O'Connor, A. Murphy, M. Enneguess. **Subs:** C. Kirby, J. Browne, C. Barrett, C. Desmond, V. Maher. **TIPPERARY:** P. Ryan, S. Ralph, N. O'Dwyer, D. McDonnell, T. O'Halloran, N. Boner, M. Corcoran, L. Burke, N. Connolly, N. Maher, L. Younger, L. Twomey, S. Ryan, H. Grogan, D. Ryan. **Subs:** M.R. Ryan for N. O'Dwyer, L. Grogan for N. Maher, M. O'Dwyer for L. Twomey, L. Woods for D. Ryan. **Referee:** Noeleen Cormican (Galway).



## Cork girls turn the tables on Tipperary

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**  
in Toomevara

Tipperary  
Cork

3-6  
2-11

IT may have been a league match but it was clear from the outset that the Cork were determined not to relive the lesson of last year's All-Ireland defeat.

However Tipperary were very quick to sniff any chinks in the visitors' armoury. Two first-half goals from Noelle Kennedy and Emer McDonnell gave them a share of the spoils at the interval 2-1 to 1-4.

However, it was the second half that proved to be the most exciting.

With the move of Fiona O'Driscoll to centre-forward in an effort to curtail the powerful Ciara Gaynor, Cork slowly got a grip.

Playing with the gale they hit 1-4 without reply in the opening 15 minutes after the re-start to move into a comfortable seven-point lead. But, amazingly Tipperary notched up the exact same score over the next five minutes. With 10 minutes remaining the sides were deadlocked.

Late points from Linda Mellerick and Una O'Donoghue sealed victory for Cork.

## Busy Irene scores the winner for Dubs

IT was a busy weekend for Dublin's attacking ace, Irene Kirwan.

Fresh from watching McEnroe and Borg at The Point, Irene joined her Ballyboden St. Enda's colleagues on their weekend away in Galway, the team's reward for winning the Dublin Senior Championship.

Irene rushed from the west to the North, and she made the trip worthwhile by scoring the winning goal in Dublin's opening National Senior League outing in Down.

Dublin were ahead at half time, 1-5 to 1-3, and they forged a four-point victory, 3-7 to 1-9, with Kirwan's late goal securing a dramatic victory.

As the final whistle neared, Dublin were trailing and looked like they were heading for defeat, but the spirit in which they responded was a tribute to the fresh character that the new management team of PJ Donohue, Paul Crosby and Mary McKeon, have already instilled.

And for the boss, PJ, it was also a weekend to remember as back in Dublin, his two sons, Trevor and Paul, played critical roles

**CAMOGIE**  
BY **NIALL SCULLY**

as the Ballyboden St. Enda's B Hurlers maintained their Division 2 Senior status.

Dublin's other two goals came from Shauna Keogh, with the rest of their scores coming from Sinead Elliot (0-2) and a point a-piece from Louise O'Hara and Denise Smith, while Kirwan added three frees.

The Dubs had valued contributions from Sonya Byrne, Siobhan Madden, Anne Walsh, Catherine Boyle, while Elliot, Keogh and Kirwan excelled in attack, not to mention Keogh's priceless goals.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the result. It's lovely to win your first match, and it was a real gutsy display," remarked Dublin supremo, Seamus Massey, who accepted a presentation from the host club, An Ríocht, to the Dublin County Board to mark the occasion of staging the game at their base in Kilkeel.

► Meanwhile, the Camogie Association is

100 years old in 2004, and the Centenary Committee are anxious to hear from anybody with ideas of how to mark the occasion.

Ideas, suggestions and advice will be welcomed as the committee embark to organise suitable events to celebrate this special birthday.

The committee have set a tight schedule as they need to press urgently ahead with their plans, and March 17th is the deadline for ideas.

You can email them to: [camogie2004@eircom.net](mailto:camogie2004@eircom.net).

► The Dublin County Board are making another urgent appeal for all monies and tickets to be returned from the House Draw to Sean Flynn or any member of the Board.

► The Dublin Senior A League commences on Sunday, with the champions, Crumlin, at home to Kilmacud Crokes.

### FIXTURES

**SUNDAY: Sen A League:** (11.0): Erin's Isle v St. Vincent's. Na Fianna v Naomh Mearnóg. (1.0): Crumlin v Kilmacud Crokes. Good Counsel v Raheny.

## Cork camogie set to fly with new Finn

ALTHOUGH Pa Finn has stepped into new territory as trainer to the Cork senior camogie team, he comes highly qualified. Once a player at the top and recently a coach at club level, he appreciates what is required to achieve success.

Pa is a former St Finbarr's senior hurler who lined out between 1955 and 1965. His most cherished possession from that decade is a senior hurling medal won in his last year playing against UCC.

"In recent years I have been involved in coaching Castle-

lyons and St Catherine's. In the past two years I was with my own club, the Barrs," he said.

And of course, no need to remind you, but in his term with the Castletelyons club, they won both the Junior and Intermediate County hurling championship titles.

Now in the hot seat himself, is the Barr's man convinced the talent is there to make a real impact over the coming season? "I am very impressed. There is a very high skill level here and the players' commitment is superb. There is cur-

### View from the ground with **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**



rently a panel of 25 looking for places," he said.

The new team boss is joined this year by selectors Rose Desmond representing county champions Bishopstown and Sheila O'Brien of Uire Óg.

"We work very well together. I have Sandy Fitzgibbon on board as well. She helps with the players and acts as a liaison between them and me."

Training has started with one night a week in the all-weather

pitch in CIT. Pa explains: "My main aim is to win the All-Ireland. We have the players and they are all good hurlers. The goal now is to win the league. It would be a great boost to begin."

On a broader national scale, Pa reckons there are four or five teams who will seriously contest the O'Duffy Cup and believes Cork is one.

There is no denying it will be a long road to travel. Camogie is on the up-and-up in some of these counties, most notably in Galway. The Westerners will

provide the opposition for the Rebel County in their opening championship game in July. Connacht were last year's Inter Provincial victors, a team which included the entire Galway panel.

Later in the season, Pearse's claimed the All-Ireland Club title. Vibes from the West are again buzzing: they plan to make a bold bid for the All-Ireland themselves this year.

But with Finn and a strong panel, this Cork team have the credentials to quickly move up the camogie ladder.



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Tipperary's Philly Fogarty about to clear the ball during the first round of the national senior camogie league at Toomevara.

Picture: Richard Mills.

# Double win bodes well for camogie

Cork  
Tipperary

2-11  
3-6

By MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY  
Camogie Correspondent

**CORK** recorded a double National League victory over Tipperary in Toomevara on Sunday last.

The senior game was a repeat of last year's All-Ireland final. Followers were not disappointed as the two sides served up an excellent contest. Emer Mc Donnell gave Tipperary an early lead with a goal inside the opening minute but responding Cork, with points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea, kept in touch.

Noelle Kennedy had a point to give her side breathing space but again Cork added points from O'Driscoll and Ciara Healy to level matters.

Six minutes from the interval a long ball from Joanne Ryan from 60 metres bounced past Cork keeper Cora Keohane. Tipp were back in front but failing to be unnerved,

Cork levelled it on the stroke of half-time when Ciara Healy goaled.

With the wind advantage Cork dominated the opening quarter of the second half. Three points from O'Driscoll and Ciara Healy gave them the upper hand. With Linda Mellerick, Sarah Hayes and Stephanie Dunlea performing superbly, Cork continued to keep Tipp at bay.

Criona Harte struck for a goal and Elaine Burke added a point; Cork led 2-8 to 2-2 and were looking good.

Tipperary are not the All-Ireland champions for nothing. Rallying her side, Noelle Kennedy shot three points and substitute Paula Bulfin added one before Philly Fogarty kicked her side to level terms with a goal when only 10 minutes remained.



STAR: Another sterling performance from Linda Mellerick.

Linda Mellerick was superb throughout the hour at centre field. She and Kennedy exchanged points; with it all square coming up to injury time, a draw looked on the cards. But Cork's determination was evident with Linda Mellerick and Una O'Donoghue striking superb points to record a deserving

win for a Cork side who showed a great hunger for victory.

Newly appointed coach Pa Finn was happy with the performance.

"We worked hard and got the result. When Tipperary came at us we lost our shape a bit and allowed them to peg back our lead. But we regained our composure and came back and won; we were pleased with the result," he said.

The Cork team expressed their relief and delight in the dressing-room, said Linda Mellerick.

"We played well and took our scores but we allowed them back into the game. However we were pleased with the win," she said.

Captain Eithne Duggan, pleased at having gained two valuable league points, was happy to have put one over on the All-Ireland champions.

"We performed well and are very happy with the result. We meet Galway in the next round and again we will hope to go on and improve from today," she enthused.

## Cork in command against Tipperary

Cork  
Tipperary

2-6  
1-5

THE Cork Junior camogie team recorded a fine victory over Tipperary when fielding a young side, ten of whom were making their league debuts.

The opening half saw Cork, aided by the strong

wind, lead 1-5 to 0-1 at the break after Amanda Murphy's had scored a fourteenth minute goal.

Marie O'Connell stretched that lead further with a goal one minute from the restart. Norma Maher replied with a Tipperary point and with Ger Collins striking similarly for Cork.

A goal by Siobhan Ryan signalled a Tipp revival and with the introduction of substitute Linda Grogan they began to hit back.

Three points without reply put the pressure on Cork but to their credit they weathered the storm to take the points.

Coach Olivar Hallihane

was pleased with the result: "We're a young team and today's win is a boost."

Other Senior National League results showed newly promoted Junior champions Derry defeat Wexford 4-2 to 2-3.

In an all-Munster clash Limerick were much too strong for neighbours Clare

winning 7-7 to 1-3.

In the only other Junior game played Offaly scores a huge 9-2 to 1-2 win over Carlow.

On the home front Carrigaline and Aghabullogue must meet again in the under-18 championship after they drew on Sunday on a 2-3 to 1-6 scoreline.

## Dazzling St Mary's make it a Munster double

St Mary's Charleville  
Coachford College

7-14  
0-2

POWERED by four members of their senior side, who earlier in the month took the Munster senior title, St Mary's Charleville made it a double by adding the Junior A crown on Wednesday last by beating Coachford at Ballyanley.

Cork minor Emer Watson opened the Charleville account after only 20 seconds when she struck for the game's opening goal.

From there on it was all Charleville as they proceeded to dominate. Playing with confidence the Charleville girls turned in a dazzling display with some excellent first time camogie.

Another feature of their play was their ability to find a loose player when closed down by the opposition and the ease at which they were able to pick the ball on the run.

To their credit Coachford worked tirelessly and five minutes before the break Margaret McCarthy had two points one from a 45 and the second from a free.

With the St Mary's forward line always in the driving seat and the Watson sisters Marie and Emer in scoring form St Mary's led 4-8 to 0-2 at the interval.

Refusing to give in and playing with more determination in the second-half Coachford with Mairead Enneguess and Ciara Murphy in defence worked hard and tried to get their inside lines moving but they met with solid defending from a superb St Mary's defence in which Amy Morrissey, Jackie O'Connor and Karen O'Leary were tremendous.

To their credit Coachford did create chances in the second-half but shooting a few narrow wides they failed to add to their tally.

St Mary's on the other hand were capable of scoring at ease and with Elaine O'Riordan and Anna Geary dictating matters at centre-field their forwards enjoyed a continuous supply and added some further scores to consolidate their position.

For a spirited Coachford Mairead Enneguess, Emma Healy and Orla McSweeney tried hard but in truth they were never able to make the St Mary's side, who in taking the title, made it five in a row.

Their eight titles in nine years is a tribute to the dedication of their coaching team of Vincent Harrington and Ann Maire O'Keefe who put in enormous time and effort in the promotion of the game in the North Cork academy.

Thoughts now turn to a semi-final meeting with the Connacht champions and on Wednesday's form St Marys will be hard to stop.

### FIXTURES

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

All-Ireland Post Primary Junior A semi-finals: St Mary's Charleville V Seamount Kinvara, Kinvara 2pm; Colaiste Bríd Enniscorthy V St Marys Magherafelt Magherafelt noon.  
All-Ireland Post Primary Junior B semi-finals: Mercy Waterford V Mercy Woodford, Tins 2pm; St Brigid's Callan V St Patrick's, Keady, Keady 3pm.  
● Cork minor trial for clubs in the Imokilly, Avonbeg, Muskerry and Duhallow divisions at Carrigrohane College pitch 11am.



# National Junior Camogie League First Round

## Late burst fails to catch Derry

John Furlong

Wexford.....2-3  
Derry.....4-2

Despite scoring two late goals, the Wexford juniors were denied victory by a gallant Derry side in their National camogie League outing at Carberry, County Kildare on Sunday afternoon.

Derry got the scoring underway with a point by Ornagh Mullins in the fourth minute and a goal by Aine Bradley soon afterwards stretched the Ulster side's lead.

Wexford opened their account with a point by centre-forward Josie Dwyer from a free midway through the half, only for Aisling Grogan to reply with a goal to leave the interval scoreline reading 2-1 to 0-1.

Derry extended their lead with a goal by Ornagh Mullins two minutes into the second-half, but Wexford replied with two points by Josie Dwyer in the 44th and 46th minutes.

Derry adding points through Aine Bradley and Barbara Brett and a goal by Aine Mullins left the score 4-3 to 0-3 going in the final ten minutes.

Wexford then played the best camogie of the game. Josie Dwyer supplied the pass for full-forward, Martina Murray to score their first goal, while the former was on hand to slot home the second goal in the final minutes of the game, as the Slaneysiders produced too little, too late.

This Wexford team - under the management of Tommy Roche (Marshallstown), Larry Dunne (Monageer-Boolavogue) and Kevin Murphy (Ferns St. Aidan's) - will be very pleased with this first outing, considering there were a number of new players playing in the team, namely Claire Swaine, Aisling Moran, Lisa Frayne, Liz Murphy, Josie Dwyer, Aisling Murray, Martina Murray, Caroline Murphy and Assumpta Carty also making her inter-county debut.

Wexford - Claire Swaine (Marshallstown), Aisling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ailish Atkinson (Duffry Rovers), Lisa Frayne (Duffry Rovers), Eileen Hanrick (Buncloody), Joan Redmond (Buncloody), Liz Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Aoife O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Anne Cousins (Buffers Alley), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, 1-3), Sinead Quigley (Rathnure), Aisling Murray (Ferns St. Aidan's), Martina Murphy (Ferns St. Aidan's, 1-0), Caroline Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh).

Subs: Assumpta Carty (Our Lady's Island-St. Fintan's) for Eileen Hanrick.

# Leinster Colleges Senior 'A' Camogie Final

# Colaiste Bríde denied in keen final contest

Loreto Kilkenny.....1-5  
Colaiste Bríde.....0-4

Colaiste Bríde's senior camogie team travelled to Carlow last Sunday hoping to regain the Leinster Colleges 'A' title which they last held in 1999, but despite their best efforts, it just wasn't to be.

Their opponents were Loreto Kilkenny, and having won the junior 'A' title the previous weekend against the same opposition, the Enniscorthy school was attempting to complete the 'double' and bring further glory to the Slaneyside.

Eight of the successful juniors were among the starting line-up and of Sunday's panel of 26, only four are in Leaving Cert class and unavailable for next year.

Though the day was bitterly cold, the game was played in very favourable conditions in the Carlow Town Hurling Club.

Colaiste Bríde were slow to get into their stride and created few scoring chances in the first-half as they were playing against a fairly strong wind.

In fact, their first and only score of the half came in the 21st minute from full-forward Ursula Jacob, who collected a good delivery from Gretta Heffernan, rounded her marker and headed goalwards. Ursula's hand-passed attempt at goal was deflected over the bar by the alert Kilkenny 'keeper, Laura Comerford.



Colaiste Bríde's Mary Leacy prepares to strike before Elaine O'Neill (Loreto Kilkenny) can get a challenge in at Carlow on Sunday afternoon last during the Leinster Colleges senior 'A' camogie final. (Pic: Rory Kellett).

Loreto scored three pointed frees in the first-half, two from the stick of highly impressive centre-back Sarah O'Gorman and one from hard working midfielder, Caitriona McCormack.

With the score standing at 0-1 to 0-3, it was all to play for in the second-half, and Colaiste Bríde strove bravely to keep pace with their opponents, who had a slight edge in fitness, speed and overall strength.

The only goal of the game was scored by Loreto's centre-forward, Sinead Connery midway through the second-half. This rather fortuitous

score gave increased confidence to Loreto who batted down the hatches, inspired by their outstanding half-back line.

The only Colaiste Bríde forward who could penetrate their defence was Ursula Jacob who notched three brilliant points from play in the second-half. Loreto's remaining scores were pointed frees from the stick of Sarah O'Gorman.

The fact that they conceded only one score from play speaks volumes for Enniscorthy's defence and the alertness of 'keeper Claire Sinnott. Mary Leacy at centre-back

and Aisling Hogan at full-back were very impressive throughout, while corner-backs Niamh O'Connor and Ruth Walsh were determined and unyielding.

Wing-backs Caoimhe Fitzpatrick and Patricia Quigley worked extremely hard and tackled bravely, but in contrast to the Kilkenny side, long relieving clearances were absent from Colaiste Bríde's play.

Experienced and talented midfielders Jenny Codd and Catherine O'Loughlin worked hard throughout and covered acres of ground, but they

were never the dominant force that one expected them to be. Half-forwards Laura Murphy, Gretta Heffernan and Deirdre Codd were pitted against Loreto's strongest line and every ball was hard earned.

Though the inside-forwards - Ciara O'Connor, Ursula Jacob and Louise Codd - got only a meagre supply of ball, they played impressively when in possession, with Ciara having a good attempt at goal four minutes from the end. 13-year-old Una Leacy replaced Louise Codd with ten minutes to go and was the only sub used by Colaiste Bríde.

The Enniscorthy girls displayed grit and determination throughout the match and gave the typically spirited performance that one expects from Elva Moriarty's charges.

This defeat will strengthen the resolve of the juniors to go all the way to retain their All-Ireland crown. Their next step is to undertake the long trek northwards to Magherafelt for the All-Ireland semi-final next Saturday. Congratulations to the team and coach on their wonderful successes to-date and good luck to them into their quest for further honours.

**Loreto Kilkenny** - Laura Comerford, Margaret Byrne, Fiona Dowling, April Purcell, Danielle Minogue, Sarah O'Gorman, Mairead

Lawlor, Caitriona McCormack, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Catherine Kavanagh, Sinead Connery, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Alison Pollard (capt.), Sinead Corrigan, Elaine O'Neill.

**Colaiste Bríde**, Enniscorthy - Claire Sinnott (Oulart-The Ballagh), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Aisling Hogan (Rathnure), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boolavogue), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Patricia Quigley (Oylegate-Glenbrien), Jenny Codd (Duffry Rovers, capt.), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boolavogue), Laura Murphy (Rathnure), Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate-Glenbrien), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Ciara O'Connor (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ursula Jacob (Rathnure), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers).

**Subs:** Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Brona Furlong (Duffry Rovers), Linda Codd (Duffry Rovers), Elaine Dempsey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Jenny O'Leary (Rathnure), Karen Murphy (Cloughbawn), Mary Breen (Monageer-Boolavogue), Sarah Murphy (Rathnure), Michelle Frayne (Rathnure), Yvonne Moulton (Oylegate-Glenbrien), Yvonne Doyle (Oylegate-Glenbrien).

**Referee** - John Minogue (Kilkenny).

# National Senior Camogie League First Round

# Quigley encouraged

John Furlong

Wexford.....4-3  
Derry.....0-2

Wexford, in their first outing under newly appointed manager Dan Quigley, commenced their National senior camogie League campaign with a comprehensive victory over Derry at Carberry, County Kildare on Sunday last.

Wexford were quicker to settle and a point by midfielder Kate Kelly from play opened their account after two minutes, before a goal by corner-forward Josie Dwyer seven minutes later extended their supremacy.

Wexford continued to dominate, with wing-forward Elaine Holohan scoring their second goal midway through the



The Wexford juniors suffered defeat to Derry in their opening National camogie League outing, in Kildare, on Sunday last.

half, while a second point from a free by Kate Kelly soon followed.

Derry did have their scores: two points in the closing stages of the half, before a goal by corner-forward Ann Cousins

concluded the opening period, as Wexford broke 3-2 to 0-2 ahead at the interval.

Wexford opened the scoring on the restart with a third point by Kate Kelly in the eighth

minute. The play swung from end-to-end, with both sides playing some excellent camogie, and a goal by Duffry Rovers' Aoife O'Connor in the 41st minute copper-fastened Wexford's

worthy victory.

Dan Quigley was pleased with the performance considering four players - Liz Murphy, Ann Cousins, Ornagh Cullen and Josie Dwyer

- were making their debuts in the top flight.

Wexford - Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Liz Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sandra Carr (St. Ibar's), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ornagh Cullen (St. Ibar's), Aine Codd (St. Martin's), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure, capt.), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's, 0-3), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Rose Marie Breen (Monageer-Boolavogue), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure (1-0), Anne Cousins (Buffers Alley, 1-0), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, 1-0).

**Subs:** Aoife O'Connor (Duffry Rovers, 1-0), for Josie Dwyer; Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's) for Liz Murphy.



# From Ragg to riches . . . Tipp camogie home move - £80,000 NEEDED TO COMPLETE WORK

By Gerry Slevin

FEB 2001

## Enjoying Courcey Rovers dinner



Tipperary's camogie premises in the Ragg. It is the only camogie board in the country to have its own 'home'.

regarded as a luxury), the pitch requires to be railed off and enclosed and something has to be done about converting available land there into a car park, cars at present being forced to park on the roadside adjoining the pitch.

£80,000 is the sum needed and neither Rose nor Bernie is one bit fazed about the size of the task facing them.

### UPBEAT

When I spoke with them last week, they were upbeat about it all, pointing to the goodwill that exists throughout the county for camogie and emphasising the value in having their own fully developed pitch at their disposal.

The first step on the road to coming up with the necessary cash will be taken on Saturday March 24th with a Race Nite in Eddie Joe's in Templemore. Patrons can sponsor a race at £200, or a horse at £10. Advertising space may also be purchased on a special race programme.

All camogie clubs will be in touch with local companies and individuals over the coming weeks, seeking to arouse their enthusiasm for the cause.

It is indeed a feather in the cap of Tipperary camogie that it should be the only county with its very own property. Naturally this being so and because of the huge and expanding interest there is in the game throughout the county, there is a strong desire to showcase what it has in the best possible light.

Of even greater importance is the consideration that there is a facility within the county, capable of hosting games at inter club and inter-county level. While the good will that exists in relation to the availability of GAA club grounds, will, no doubt continue to be experienced, at the same time, it means so much to have one's own property and facilities.

### FULL AUTHORITY

The Tipperary County Camogie Board is not content to rest on its on-field laurels, the status it has claimed over the past couple of seasons. Rather it is determined to make every effort to be a full and complete authority, one that will demonstrate that what happens on the field is matched by a desire to promote the game of camogie in all its grandeur, through its facilities as well as its players.



Aine O'Regan, Courcey Rovers, at their annual dinner in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon.



Mauna O'Regan, Courcey Rovers, at the GAA dinner held in the Munster Arms Hotel.

### ELEMENT OF COURAGE

But prior to that all that taking place, a strong element of courage -- some might even describe it as foolhardiness -- emerged as far back as 1989, when the then County Camogie Board chairperson, Geraldine Ryan-Meagher called and emergency meeting of the Board and informed the members of the clubs that the Ragg hurling field at Inch on the Nenagh-Thurles road was about to be put on the market. Her advice was that the Camogie Board should consider acquiring it.

Not something to be decided overnight.

No, it demanded very serious consideration and such indeed was given.

Fund raising was vital and Geraldine headed up a fund raising committee along with Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan, Martin Bourke and Paddy Corrigan.

The first dramatic step was taken and by 1993 the development of the new camogie pitch was well under way. The pitch was extended and seeded and dressing rooms were erected.

But there was still a long way to go and now a fund raising committee led by Bernie O'Dowd -- the same Bernie of the original committee -- and with the County Board's treasurer, Rose Mannion, as Development secretary has moved into action.

The words of GAA County Board chairman Con Hogan recently in the Anner Hotel in Thurles when the senior players received their All Ireland medals, still ring in their ears.

### 'GO FOR IT'

"Go for it", he told them, "while the momentum is there in the wake of your All Ireland successes".

And that is exactly what Bernie, Rose and company are doing as they set about achieving a target of £80,000 to complete the job.

What is in need now at the Ragg pitch?

Well, the new dressing rooms have to be finished off and the old ones are earmarked for conversion to public toilets. Access ramps for the disabled are necessary, a small stand would also be viewed as a valuable asset (no longer is such a facility

# Loreto girls are best!



Loreto, Kilkenny's Danielle Minogue fends off an attack by Mercy, Enniscorthy's Niamh O'Connor, during Sunday's Leinster Post Primary Schools senior camogie Roinn 'A' Championship final at Carlow Town Hurling Club

## CAMOGIE

Loreto (Kilkenny) .... 1-5  
Mercy (Enniscorthy) 1-4

LORETO convent, Kilkenny, had a magnificent win over Mercy Convent (Enniscorthy) in the Leinster senior final at Carlow on Sunday. It was a hard-fought game with Loreto playing with the wind in the first half.

Sarah O'Gorman was a major figure for the Kilkenny side in the first half when her frees were all-important in giving Loreto a two point lead (0-3 to 0-1) at the interval.

Enniscorthy tried hard to rally in the second half but a glorious goal from Sinead Connery really

buried the Enniscorthy girls.

Caitriona McCormack (0-1), Sarah O'Gorman (0-4) and Sinead Connery (1-0), scored for Loreto Convent while Una Lacey (0-1), Ciara O'Connor (0-1) and Louise Codd (0-1) were Enniscorthy's scorers.

### More parents needed

O'Loughlin's clubhouse was the venue for O'Loughlin's camogie clubs 2001 A.G.M. At a well-attended meeting, chairman Jerry Buckley thanked all for their support and hard work throughout the year, especially to O'Loughlin's G.A.A. club for the use of their facilities.

Thanks also went to the club sponsors for their support. It was felt that while the U-12 and U-14 teams

performed well, the U-16 team could have done a lot better. A lot bigger effort is expected this year.

Mary Buckley gave the treasurers report, which showed the club to be in a good financial position. The club is run solely by parents of the players, however, not enough are helping and parents were asked to give more support in the coming year.

Chairman: Jerry Buckley; vice-chairman: Pat Stapleton; secretary: Ann Murphy; treasurer: Mary Buckley; P.R.O.: Liam Dunne; Co. Board delegate: Jerry Buckley; U-14, 16 and 18 trainers: Jerry Buckley and Pat Stapleton; U-12's and school team trainers: Liam Dunne, Ita Dunne and Pat Manogue; Under-10 trainers: Liam Dunne, Ita Dunne and Michael Barcoe.





The St Al's camogie squad which captured the Cork Colleges Senior A title to make history for their school.

# St Al's end 20-year wait for final glory

**BRIDGING** almost a 20 year gap since last taking a senior college title, St Aloysius made no mistake when they met Loretto Fermoy.

The girls from St Aloysius were equipped with all the tools for victory in the Cork Colleges Senior A final.

In a school where for many years camogie was the subject most talked about, the game has enjoyed tremendous success, their grand finale being the capturing of the Senior All-Ireland Colleges title against reigning champions Presentation Athenry.

Among the players who starred on that team were Jacinta O'Brien, Clare Croinin and Eithne Barry.

However, it was well before 1976 that the foundations were laid in the famous nursery in Sharman Crawford Street, in the shadows of St Finbarr's Cathedral.

By MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY  
Camogie correspondent

Run by the mercy order of sisters, the school adopted camogie in 1915 and proceeded to dominate the Cork college scene over the years.

The school produced a remarkable tally in record numbers of past pupils who went on to win All-Ireland senior championship medals.

St Al's can boast the grand total of more than 30, including four winning captains. They were: Josie McGrath, Lil Kirby, Renee Fitzgerald and Kitty Buckley.

Not content to only play their part on the field of play, the school also has the distinction of having produced three presidents of the association.

But after the glory days of the seventies came a lull. While the game was still being actively played, scoreboard success was

hard to come by.

In the eighties a new enthusiasm began to emerge.

In recent years this enthusiasm has been embodied by teaching staff Ger Butler and James Hurley, who is also a hurler and footballer with Valley Rovers.

Butler, herself a former player for the school, is the holder of three in-a-row Ashbourne Cup medals with UCC from 1974 to 76.

Having played at college level with the school, it was a dream come true to see the school compete for honours once again.

Hard work saw the first signs of revival four years ago with the capturing of the first year's B title. When the Junior B championship came to St Al's last season, the signs were good. Cork hurler Kevin Murray was enlisted by James Hurley to give a helping hand.

The dedication and approach to training was evident in the team

from the beginning of this year's competition where they battled hard to make it to the final.

Lead by Jennie Duffy, who plays her club camogie with St Finbarr's, the St Al's girls gave a great display and despite a battling performance from Loretto they were not to be denied.

With star performances from captain Jennie Duffy, Eadoine O'Mahony, Aoife Walsh and Rena Buckley, the gap of 20 years was bridged. Among the players on the team was Orla McCarthy from the Cloughduv club, the holder of two All-Ireland minor medals. She showed her experience throughout the campaign, turning in sterling performances.

**St Al's:** Rena Buckley, Denise Cullinane, Eadoine O'Mahony, Laura Brown, Catherine Ryan, Orla McCarthy, Maeve Brennan, Jenny Duffy, Sinead O'Driscoll, Grainne O'Mahony, Liz Hayes, Aoife Walsh, Treasa McCarthy, Mairead Holland, Patricia Holland, Lynn Buckley, Joanne Cullinane, Catherine Holland.

## Bally are in Senior B hat for the first time

WHEN the draws for the Senior B camogie championship are made shortly, Ballygarvan's name will be among them for the first time.

It is a fitting tribute to a band of enthusiastic mentors who have given their all in the promotion of the game in the south east club.

Having lapsed from the mid sixties the club was reformed in 1978 by a group that saw the potential that existed in the girls from the area.

Many hours of coaching and organising brought the club to a county league final at Under 16 B level which they won.

The following year had the under-12, under-14B and 16B teams all recording successes and in 1977 the under 14 A title found a resting place in Ballygarvan.

With the game growing and the interest increasing, the club also entered team in the junior county board competitions and here again success was not long coming.

The junior B team made it a double, taking the league and championship in 1997 and were promoted to Junior A in '98. The team gave a good account of themselves and showed that they were here to stay.

1999 saw the steady progress continue and despite losing the County Junior A final to Milford, the league title was won and signs were good for the season ahead.

And what a season it proved to be with Ballygarvan turning in a magnificent performance to take their first Junior A county title at the expense of Douglas, thus ensuring their promotion to senior B grade this season.

Among the stars of the day were Catriona Kelly who was named player of the game, Emer Dillon who is an emerging star on the Ballygarvan and inter-county horizon, Deirdre Daly and Aileen O'Neill whose non-stop efforts ensures Ballygarvan were not going to be denied.

The win was a tribute more than anything else to the work of coach Oliver Hallihan, who down through the years has worked tirelessly in the promotion of his beloved Ballygarvan.

Indeed the club recently honoured Oliver by naming him as their representative on the county junior selection committee and here again his expertise was immediately recognised, with his fellow selectors Lillian Zinchant and Tracy Murray naming him as coach to the cork side.

Inter-county success has come to the club with Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly winning minor and intermediate All-Ireland medals plus a host of Munster honours, with Norma Brady winning Munster Junior and Under 18.

Off the field of play hard-working registrar Noreen Daly was elected to the G.P.C. of the Cork County Board recently.

Through the years the club has also participated in Carrighdown camogie competitions, with titles gained in under 11, 12, 13 and 15.

Ballygarvan's Catriona Kelly (left) is presented with the player of the county final award by Co. Board chairperson Sheila Golden, with Ballygarvan captain Emer Dillon on the right.





## A NEW YEAR AND A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME. GREAT INTEREST SURROUNDED THE DRAW FOR THE 2001 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT GAA HEAD-QUARTERS AT THE END OF 2000, AND JUSTIFIABLY SO AS IT THREW UP SOME UNUSUAL PAIRINGS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS AHEAD.

The following is the draw with the first team playing at home:

A Kilkenny v Tipperary  
B Galway v Cork  
C Dublin v Wexford  
D Down v Limerick  
E Clare v Losers D  
F Losers C v Losers E

### Quarter-finals:

G Winners A v Winners C  
H Losers A v Winners E  
J Winners B v Winners F  
K Losers B v Winners D

### Semi-finals:

J v G  
H v K

Meanwhile, staying with the year 2000, there was double celebration at the Eireann GAA All Stars Player of the Month award for October. From camogie, Jovita Delaney crowned a magnificent year for herself and Tipperary, when she was honoured at a special luncheon in the GAA Museum at Croke Park. The 25-year old school teacher, who captained the Premier County to their second All Ireland senior title in September, was recognized not alone for her leadership, but her inspirational performance between the posts. Among a string of fine saves, two

in particular from Una O'Donoghue and Paula O'Connor stand out. They were crucial in securing the title for Tipperary and also proved that their breakthrough in 1999 was no flash in the pan.

Jovita is a past pupil of Cashel Community School with whom she has won numerous honours. She plays her club camogie with Cashel, and has been a member of the Premier County's first team since they were promoted to the senior ranks in 1998. She also received the RTE Player of the Match for the 2000 championship final. She now has a complete set of minor, junior, intermediate and senior medals with the county, and has played at both junior and senior interprovincial level.

In keeping with the Blue and Gold theme, Semple Stadium rolled out the carpet for the All Ireland champions when they took on a Rest of Ireland selection on November 11th. This exhibition game, now in its second year of existence, proved to be a very enjoyable affair between two very committed teams. Parity was a fair result at the end of a marvelous 60 minutes of camogie.

For the record, the following were the players honoured on the Irish team: Fiona Gohery (Galway), Eithne Duggan (Cork), Kelly Long (Kilkenny), Marie Collins (Clare), Vivienne Harris Capt. (Cork), Gillian Dillon (Kilkenny), Mary O'Connor (Cork), Moira McMahon (Clare), Linda Mellerick (Cork),

Therese Maher (Galway), Paula McAtamney (Derry), Eileen O'Brien (Limerick), Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork), Deirdre Murphy (Clare), Veronica Curtin (Galway), Jane Adams (Antrim), Olivia Broderick (Galway), Pauline Greene (Down), Donna Mullen (Down), Mairead Costello (Kilkenny), Fiona Corcoran (Dublin) and Lennie Holohan (Wexford).

Elsewhere, Mullingar was the venue for the All Ireland club championship final, where at the second attempt Pearsons of Galway emerged victorious over Derry side, Swatragh on the first Sunday of December. Due to the adverse weather, referee Aine Derham was forced to abandon proceedings at the Connacht venue a few weeks previous.

Swatragh, appearing in their first club final, were dealt a severe blow the week before the final, when star player Paula McAtamney broke a bone in her foot in an unfortunate accident. However they battled bravely, but in the end had to give way to the experience of the Galway girls 2-11 to 1-3.

Beleek Player of the Match, Carmel Hannon and roving full-forward Sharon Glynn (top scorer with 1-4) played major roles in their side's victory, with Ann Forde also showing up well in the forward line. Grainne Maguire was the chief target lady for the Oak Leaf County.

## NO CAMOGIE JOY AGAINST CORK

The long journey to St Michael's Park in Toomevara proved no handicap for both the Cork senior and junior camogie teams, who on Sunday ousted Tipp in the first matches of the National Leagues. Though there was no doubting the merit of the visiting junior side's win (2-6 to 1-5), it took a late Fiona O'Donoghue point to give the league champions victory.

From their All Ireland winning side, Tipp were without Jovita Delaney, Angie McDermott (gone to Australia for a year), Caitriona Hennessy, with Emer McDonnell forced to retire early in the second half through injury.

At half time the sides were level at 2-1 (Tipp) to Cork's 1-4 and it finished 2-1 to 3-6.

**TIPPERARY** -- Louise Ryan, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Emily Hayden, Philly Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Grainne Shanahan, Joanne Ryan, Emer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Claire Grogan.

Sub -- Paula Bulfin for McDonnell.

In the junior game, Tipp scored but one point -- a Siobhan Ryan free -- in the first half to Cork's 1-5 but the second half belonged to the home side whose valiant efforts to get to grips with the opposition in the second half just failed.

**TIPPERARY** -- P. Ryan, S. Ralph, N. O'Dwyer, D. McDonnell, T. O'Halloran, N. Bonar, M. Corcoran, L. Burke, N. Connolly, N. Maher, L. Young, L. Toomey, S. Ryan, H. Grogan, D. Ryan.

Subs -- M.R. Ryan for O'Dwyer, L. Grogan for Maher, M. O'Dwyer for Toomey, L. Woods for D. Ryan.

### Eireann Awards 2000 in Croke Park (l-r):

Walter Thompson, Uachtarán Peil Gaelach na mBan; Cora Staunton (Mayo), Women's Football Award; Sean McCague, Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael; Stephen Brewer, Chief Executive Eireann; Jovita Delaney (Tipperary), Camogie Award Winner; Pat Rafferty, Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael



Rest of Ireland team

## PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# Senior camogie team regain their crown

Congratulations to our senior camogie team and their manager Pat Kelly who won the Connacht "A" title for the second time in three years on Tuesday last. Having notched up a huge score over St. Bridget's Loughrea in the semi-final last week the girls were in similar scoring form in the final when they defeated H.R.C. Mountbellew by 5-11 to 2-6.

The girls now advance to the All-Ireland semi-final where they will meet Charleville (in Charleville) on March 10th. See match report in sports section.

ties, which was a disappointment I am sure to the new Cork selectors who had seen their charges record a good win over Tipperary in their opening league encounter and were looking forward to a meeting with Galway last Sunday.

This year's Senior C'ship has also taken on a new format, which is designed to ensure all counties get at least two outings, and while for some this was always the case it has received a broad welcome in the weaker counties.

What has happened is that the top four teams, Tipperary, Cork, Galway and Kilkenny are paired against each other in the first round, and the remaining teams doing likewise, and in reality the ultimate winners will come from the above named teams.

Cork will travel to Galway, with Kilkenny enjoying home advantage against Champions Tipperary.

From here on, it gets a bit complicated with the various permutations that could arise, but there is the distinct possibility that should Cork and Tipperary win their respective games, a semi-final meeting between these great Munster rivals would result and that certainly makes for an interesting scenario.

Tipperary have

enjoyed a great run as All-Ireland Champions and will be determined to complete the three in a row, something the present Cork team were unable to do, but you can be sure they will strive to prevent the Tipp girls from achieving that particular distinction.

While the current National League may not be high on their priorities, Cork themselves are chasing a unique honour, that is an unprecedented seven League titles in a row. That, if attained, will set them up nicely for a tilt at the All-Ireland crown.

Cork have won many titles in all grades over the last few years, and as a consequence any player chosen on the panel will have gained plenty of experience, and with so much talent available it is well within their capabilities to end Tipp's reign.

Jennifer O'Leary, Una O'Donoghue, Jill Hannon, Ger Casey, Emer Dillon, Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes are just some who spring to mind, while the return of Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea will add considerably to the panel.

Cork are never far away when it comes to the C'ship and if Pa Finn can translate his success with Clubs in the County to this group of players, that two year gap since the last victory could very well be bridged.

**Camogie.**  
IN tandem with the GAA authorities, the Camogie Association suspended all activi-



# Barryroe

## Big strides in camogie as well

THERE was scarcely a house in Barryroe parish that wasn't represented at the annual banquet of the Barryroe GAA and Camogie Clubs which was held at Fernhill House on Saturday night, February 24th.

With a turnout of close on 400, everybody seemed to be in celebratory mood and good reason they had, having opened the third millennium with victory in the county minor football championship and having reached the county final of the senior camogie champi-

onship.

To say that Gaelic Games are on a high in Barryroe was exemplified by the chairman, Neil Whelton who was making his first public appearance since his recent election as chairman of the club.

Playing a draw for the second year in the South West junior hurling championship, reaching the divisional final of the minor 'A' hurling championship and the finals of the county semi-final of the U 12 hurling championship, was quite an achievement for any rural club declared Neil who went on to say that the performance of the minor footballers in winning the

first county championship for the club was an achievement which brought pride and glory to the parish.

### WAS UNIQUE

Speaking on behalf of the Camogie Club, Noreen Fleming, President, said that the year 2000 was unique. They reached the final of the senior county championship and four of their members wore the county colours with distinction. Cora Keohane, who already holds two All-Ireland senior medals, was in goal for the seniors who lost narrowly to Tipperary in the championship while Rosarie Holland and Jen-

nifer O'Leary gave sterling service to the juniors and intermediates with whom they won All-Ireland honours and Karen McCarthy, who joined them in the U 18 squad.

In recognition of their achievements, she made special presentations to each of these four girls and in doing so complimented *The Southern Star* reporters for the great coverage given to all their games.

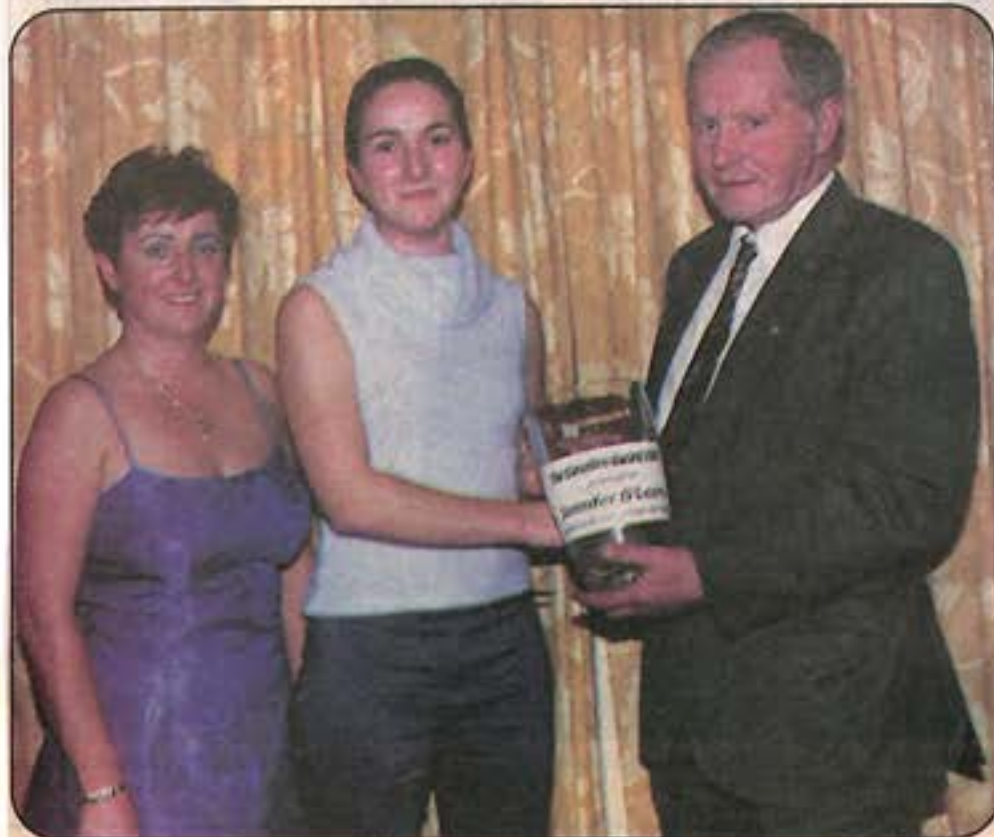
Speaking on behalf of the Camogie Board, Mary McSweeney said that Barryroe had made massive strides in camogie during the nineties, having won junior 'B', junior 'A', intermediate and senior 'B' and now they are a force to be reckoned with in the senior championship.

She paid a glowing tribute to Mai Whelton and her willing band of assistants who brought it all about and explored such a wealth of hidden camogie talent in the parish.

## Player of Year award



The Player of the Year award was won by Ann Marie Fleming, centre. Also included are Noreen Fleming, Chairperson and Martin Moloney, Team Trainer/Selector.



Jennifer O'Leary, Courtmacsherry Satellite Award winner pictured with John Sexton and Noreen Fleming.



## Camogie group at combined dinner

MARCH 2001



Barryroe Camogie group at the combined GAA/Camogie Annual Dinner in Fernhill, Clonakilty: Front - left to right: Rosalie Holland, Cork All Ireland Intermediate team; Noreen Fleming, Club Chairperson and Karen McCarthy, Cork U18 Munster winner. Back Row - left to right, Jennifer O'Leary, Courtmacsherry Satellite Award winner, Martin Moloney, Team Trainer/Selector, Tony McCarthy, Team Trainer/Selector, Isla Dineen, Member Cork Minor team, and Mary McSweeney, Cork County Camogie Board.

## Dick Knowles: a loyal friend and a great sportsman

THE general Ballintotas-Churchtown North Middleton area of East Cork was devastated recently with the death of Dick Knowles in a traffic accident.

Dick, one of nature's gentlemen, was an employee of Irish Distillers Ltd, Middleton where he gave loyal and distinguished service over a long period of time. A keen sportsman he followed all sports in general, but hurling and camogie were nearest to his heart.

In his youth Dick played minor hurling with Castlemartyr, later donning the respective green and white colours of Aghada and Ballinacurra. When the Churchtown North Club was founded in the early 1960's he became an active member as a player and committee member and served his club as a delegate to the East

### GAA stalwart served as player and activist for many years

Cork Divisional Junior Board for a number of years.

He won Divisional Championship honours in the Blue and White colours when Churchtown North defeated Killeagh in the East Cork Junior B Grade hurling championship final of 1964 at Middleton.

When the Churchtown Club was disbanded a few years later, Dick affiliated with Middleton and played in the divisional league and divisional A grade Junior Hurling championship in the Black and white colours of the "maggies".

A founder member of Churchtown North Camogie Club, Dick was a selector and trainer of the club teams that brought honour and glory to the Ballintotas-

Churchtown District in the late 1960s and early seventies when the club won Cork County Junior and Intermediate league and championship titles.

He was also involved with the Imokilly Senior Camogie teams that won five consecutive Cork County Camogie Championships during the period of 1970-74 inclusive.

A great follower of Gaelic Games in the company of his wife Josie, Dick took great pride in the successful exploits of the various Cork Inter County teams down through the years.

And at club and divisional level his joy was full to the brim when Middleton Senior Hurlers bridged a 67 year gap to capture the Cork

county Senior Hurling championship in 1983 and subsequent years.

He also took great pride in the dual successes of the Imokilly Senior Footballers who attained County Senior football championship honours in Centenary year and also in 1986, and the Divisional Senior hurlers who won consecutive County Senior hurling championship titles in 1997 and 1998.

Apart from his daily work and sport Dick was very active in politics, being a proud member of the Fine Gael party he was also deeply involved in the development Committee of Ballintotas-St Colmans Church to whom he gave great service down the corridors of time.

An outstanding singer Dick was

great company to be with and the life and soul of many a social gathering.

he took pride in being a member of the St. Colmans Ballintotas Church Choir and also represented his native Ballintotas with distinction in the annual Middleton Tops of the Town competition.

Dick will be sadly missed by his family and countless friends true testimony to his popularity being the huge concourse of people that attended his removal and final obsequies after requiem mass at St. Colman's Church to the adjoining cemetery.

Deepest sympathy to his wife Josie, sons, Dominic and Ivor, Grandson Jack, brothers, sisters, uncle, aunt, nephews, nieces and extended family.

Bill Cody

## Age no barrier for Douglas Camogie Club

WITH last weekend's sporting activities again at a standstill, it was business as usual at the Douglas GAA club on Saturday afternoon with no less than eight inter-county teams whipping into action.

Proud parents watched as the next crop of emerging players edged nearer the conveyor belt that will lengthen the life of an already vibrant Douglas Camogie Club.

Eight A4 sheets of paper displayed in the club's indoor training arena listed the names of the U10 players who train

there every Saturday without fail at five o'clock.

The 60-odd names that attend are drawn to play for one of eight counties - Cork, Kerry, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare, Waterford, Offaly and Galway.

Wearing the bibs of the various county colours, their training regime kicks off on the dot of five under the excellent tutelage of Ann Kearney, assisted by transition students from local schools that include Regina Mundi and Christ King.

Last minute running repairs are administered to the players

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to secure loose ponytails and helmets are fastened tight.

The warm-up session begins. Ten-year olds have hamstrings too!

For the next hour Tipperary battle with Clare, Kerry and

Cork renew rivalry, Waterford and Limerick square up to each other, while Offaly and Galway fight for dear life.

A seven year-old is angry because she belts the ball out of play.

Amazing to see over five dozen children behave impeccably for 60 minutes of training. On a fine day they train outside. But one question surfaces, could these youngsters lose their way without suitable competition?

Club chairperson, Eileen Murphy says yes.

"Some of these girls are only eight years old and will have to wait up to four years to play at U12 level. There are no U10 leagues and it is a big disadvantage," she said.

"I would appeal to other

clubs to follow suit and field an U-10 team and urge the County Board to start inter-club competitions for this grade.

"We would love to play in a county competition.

"We can only play so many girls at U11, so some of these children never get to wear the club jersey," explained Eileen.

"We would take responsibility to run blitzes," she added.

So, not surprisingly, the fire is burning brightly in this well organized southside club. By the look of things last Saturday, it is still growing.





The Cork Colleges of Further Education camogie team who are looking forward to playing in the Maher Shield.

# Colleges are three of a kind

**PROGRESS** has been steady since Scoil Stiofan Naofa, Cork College of Commerce and St John's College joined forces to play as the Cork Colleges of Further Education.

For two years Scoil Stiofan Naofa participated in colleges competitions but found the going tough as they had to compete with the large institutes who had a far bigger student turn-over.

Huge success that came when the football and hurling sides from the three Cork colleges came together persuaded organisers to give the union an official try at the beginning of the colleges season.

Under the guidance of Ann Hanley, Catherine Cashin and Mary Leahy, together with the experience of Cork senior hurling selector Bertie Óg Murphy, the experiment proved to be a success.

Participating in the Higher Education League where they scored a victory over Waterford Institute of Technology, the team also played against CIT, UCC and Tralee.

Losing games was actually productive, in that it was a great way to bring the panel together. The side are now looking forward to participating in the Maher Shield competition which is for division three colleges.

Originally to have taken place in mid-March, a date is now awaited for the competition and remains one which is eagerly anticipated.

Among the players in the side are inter-county players, Ellen O'Herlihy

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Camogie correspondent

and Marie Corkery. Both have won All-Ireland medals at intermediate and junior levels with Cork. Ger Collins is a member of the Cork junior team this year.

Bertie Óg Murphy is pleased with the commitment shown by all the players.

"We decided to give it a shot to see the level of interest. The girls have responded well," he said.

"The big problem we face is that most of our students are only with us for two years. While the other institutes will have their students for longer, with us it is hard to build up a team, such is the turn-over.

"We would hope to establish the game to such an extent that students coming to us will be aware we are competing in various competitions. They will then know that they can play in competitions such as the Maher Shield and league matches," Mr Murphy said.

"It's a great help that almost all of our players have the experience of playing at club level. Indeed the experience of the inter-county players has helped to lift the profile of the game in the three colleges.

"Hopefully word will filter out and any of the girls who play camogie are encouraged to get involved," he added.

"If they're not already playing, they can contact any of the mentors who will be delighted to give them the arrangements regarding training and games."



Inter-county players on the Cork Colleges of Further Education team Ger Collins, Marie Corkery and Ellen O'Herlihy.

## Blitz is sure to be a good one

THE draw has been made for the under 16 divisional blitz, which had been pencilled in for St Patrick's day, but that looks an unlikely date now.

Regardless of when the blitz takes place section A will see Carbery, Carrigdhoun and Imokilly pit their skills against each other. Such is the strength to the game in these areas a close section is forecast.

Carrigdhoun will have plenty of talent to choose from and Kate Dwane, Julie O'Keefe and Catherine Holland are but three of a strong Carrigdhoun panel. Imokilly, with St Catherine's Denise Twomey and Gearoidine Kearney and Katie Ahern from Fr O'Neill's in their side, should be more than capable while Carbery will look to the Barryroe's Louise Gannon, Julie O'Regan of Kilbrittan/Timoleague and Celine Nyhan of Newcestown to lead their challenge.

Undoubtedly the section will be closely watched by those in section B where Avondhu, Seandún and Muskerry meet. Avondhu will be backboned by last year's minor captain Marie Watson from Milford, who are county champions, while Anna Geary, Amy Morrissey and Emer Watson will all be included in a side that will start as favourites.

Muskerry, the holders, will again be strong contenders this year. Mairead Ennaguess, Claire Hogan and Emma Healy should figure strongly in their panel while city divisional side Seandún with Ger O'Connor, Pat Murray and Niall McLoughlin guiding their fortunes, should have Maria Monahan, Michelle Hegarty, Cork minor Gemma O'Connor and Louise O'Regan making a mighty effort to secure victory.

With the Cork minors scheduled to meet Limerick on April 7 in the opening round of the Munster Championship, the selectors will be anxious that the blitz takes place as soon as possible.





Joint presidents Nell Hennigan and Nellie O'Sullivan present plaques to their granddaughters Leah Weste and Emma Donovan at Ballincollig GAA Club following their indoor camogie blitz. Also included are the girls' mothers Mary Weste and Mairead Donovan, pictured with their cousin Sarah Buckley.

# Pressure mounting on young players

WITH several schools still involved in Cork colleges competitions, both players and mentors are keeping an anxious eye on the foot-and-mouth disease crisis.

Normally all competitions are concluded early to enable the students to concentrate on examinations.

However the bad weather in November and December, added to by the current fixtures crisis, has caused a full stop in determining the finishing stages.

The senior A competitions are in their final stage. Charleville, going for 10 in a row, are down to meet Coachford Community College in what is an eagerly awaited clash.

St Al's are already crowned senior B champions following their victory over Loretto Fermoy, but this is the only competition completed.

Coachford will be busy as their second team have also reached the intermediate final where Kinsale are their opponents.

Under the guidance of former Cork senior player and selector

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Camogie correspondent

Angela Sheehan, Glanmire Community College have made enormous strides in a short period of time.

The fruit of their hard work is evident as they await the Intermediate B final.

It will be a meeting with St Fannah's of Mitchelstown and there is great work going on to promote the game.

The Junior A competition is further behind, with a semi-final still to be played. Clonakilty have reached the final but are awaiting the clash of St Mary's Charleville and Coachford Community College.

This will be a repeat of the Munster Junior A final. In this match, Charleville scored a huge victory.

Coachford, under the guidance of Ollie Troy, will be anxious to get this one played. They have a chance to avenge the Munster final result.

The same sides again have a meeting in the first year A final.



Camogie players with coach John Rath following the recent Ballincollig GAA Club's indoor blitz.

Picture: Mike English

With all the competitions both are still involved in, it is hard to see where Charleville and Coachford will get the time to fit them in.

The end of the term approaches and they must bear in mind that Charleville are still involved in the All-Ireland Colleges competition at both junior and senior levels. It's a huge backlog to face.

The junior B competition has Fermoy, Carrigaline, Blarney and Macroom still involved.

The Junior C blitz is still earmarked to be held after the St Patrick's weekend at Doneraile. Like

the county board fixtures, we await further announcements regarding its schedule.

The first year junior B competition is another one which is in early stages of completion. However, a big push will be made to get this to its conclusion.

While the competitions are on hold, the Cork Colleges U-14 panel will be announced shortly.

The forthcoming inter-county blitz which will involve Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford, Tipperary and Galway is set to be held shortly. Various schools in Cork have

been asked to nominate their players to represent the county. Players will be selected following trials.

Any colleges that are interested in participating can contact the Chairman of the Cork Colleges John Joe Breen of Doneraile or coach Ollie Troy of Coachford for further details.

National PRO Maura Scully has advised that a programme on camogie will be televised on BBC 1's *Blue Peter* at 5pm today, featuring inter-county players from Galway and Wexford.





Eithne Duggan will be given the honour of captaining the Cork seniors.



Helen Walsh was honoured for her contribution to Cork and Éire Óg.

## Award for Éire Óg's Walsh wonder

WHEN Éire Óg took the senior B championship title in late December it signalled a big step back up for the famed mid Cork club.

Having experienced their fair share of success, the club had also seen the other side of the coin but hard work has finally paid off and they now look forward to playing in the senior county championship in the season ahead.

One player who has worked hard to ensure the Éire Óg name is recalled with pride is Helen Walsh, who has given great service to the club.

Captaining the Cork All-Ireland winning junior team in Croke Park in 1999, Helen also played a big part in the intermediate team taking the All-Ireland title in 2000.

Such was the contribution of Helen that she was honoured with an award at a function in the First Active Bandon branch, where friends and family gathered to honour her contribution to Cork and Éire Óg.

A past pupil of Presentation Bandon, where she captained the school team to Munster intermediate honours in 1991, she also lined out with the former RTC side in 1993 when they took the junior interspersal trophy.

By her own admissions a lucky captain, Helen led the club to the intermediate championship title in 1997 and was again the captain when Éire Óg took the senior B title at the hands of a fancied Milford side.

Her display in the intermediate All-Ireland final, where she contributed three points, helped Cork take their first title in the grade. The support Helen receives from her family was evident at the presentation where her father John was joined by her brothers Pat and John and sister Elizabeth, along with proud nephews and nieces, many of whom are already involved in camogie and are hoping to emulate their aunt.

Thanking everybody who had helped her, Helen was loud in her praise for her family and the Éire Óg club.

She also had praise for the other clubs in her home area of Bandon, who in recent times had sprung up and developed the game - notably Barryroe, Courcy Rovers, Valley Rovers, and Newcestown.

"Camogie in my eyes is the best sport that a girl could play and it's great to see the interest that we have in the county - long may it continue," she said.

With players of the calibre and commitment of Helen Walsh camogie is in safe hands.

# History beckons as Cork look for seventh heaven

AS the counties look forward to a resumption in playing action, the Cork senior side will no doubt be anxious to maintain their winning ways in the National League.

A good victory over All-Ireland champions Tipperary in their opening game has given them the incentive to keep the momentum going as they chase a record seven National League titles in a row. A feat not previously achieved, this is something which the present squad are anxious to have on the record books, but the priority is without doubt the championship.

A new system is for the first time in operation this year with a second chance for the losers. With the four stronger counties Cork, Tipperary, Galway and Kilkenny seeded, the second side of the draw has Dublin, Clare, Wexford, Down and Limerick all grouped together.

The opening round draws are as follows: Kilkenny versus All-Ireland champions Tipperary, Galway have a home meeting with Cork, Dublin and Wexford will clash in Dublin, while Down, who have made steady progress since promotion last season to the senior grade, will face a tough challenge from Limerick who must make the journey north.

Looking at the various games and given the back door system which is operating, it is interesting to note that it is a possibility that Tipperary and Cork if victorious in their opening round and quarter final games may meet in the semi-final.

## Team's priority is the championship

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY  
Camogie correspondent

Last year the sides met in Croke Park in the final and with rivalry as keen as ever both sides would relish a chance to deny the other a place in the final.

During the pre-season break a lot of the counties were busy putting new backroom teams in place. Cork have secured the services of renowned former St Finbarr's hurler Pa Finn at the helm this year with Rose Desmond and Sheila O'Brien joining him as selectors.

A big boost to the Cork back room team is that former Intercounty star Sandie Fitzgibbon has come on board as Finn's assistant.

This is a move which has been greeted with great enthusiasm by the players as it is sure to bring huge benefits to Cork's bid for honours.

County champions Bishopscourt have named Sinead O'Callaghan to captain the side, but following Sinead's six month contract of employment in the US, Eithne Duggan will now lead the side. With the return from Australia of the Dunlea sisters, Lynn and Stephanie, and a host of the successful minor junior and intermediate players pushing for

inclusion, Cork look well placed to challenge for honours.

Tipperary will again be managed by former All-Ireland hurling star Michael Cleary who has guided them to back-to-back titles.

Wexford, in a bid to climb the victory rostrum, have installed hurling legend Dan Quigley as coach.

While success has not come on the inter-county scene in a number of years the under age structure is superb in the county. Reaching the All-Ireland minor final last year, they were unlucky to come up against and lose to an experienced Galway side contesting their third final in a row.

Oulart the Ballagh, under the influences of All-Ireland winning hurling captain Martin Storey, have taken three Féile na Gael titles in a row. Given that the age limit for Féile is under-14 this achievement speaks volumes for the commitment in the club. College success has also come to the county with Colaiste Bríde Eniscorthy taking All-Ireland college titles.

Names to watch out for in the coming campaign include Alva Kelly, Ursula Jacob and Mary Lacey.

Limerick's first team suffered a defeat at the hands of Cork in the Intermediate All-Ireland last season and with this defeat weighing on their

minds they will be determined to turn in a good performance.

Noel Hartigan will guide the fortunes of the Limerick girls in his first season in charge.

A member of the South Liberties club, he is a nephew of former Limerick hurler Pat Hartigan.

Limerick, backboned by Munster club champions Grenagh-Ballingarry, will have Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan and Laura Lesley amongst their players.

Kilkenny suffered a defeat at the hands of Cork in last season's opening round and this year they will be minus the services of Sinead Millea, who is presently in Australia, and Miriam Holland, who has taken a year off to travel.

Their meeting with champions Tipperary foremost in their minds, the side will be captained by Freshford's Mairead Costello, who will once again be joined by long serving Gillian Dillon-Maher, Kelly Long and Sinead Costello in a bid to return Kilkenny to the glory days.

Kilkenny chairman Brendan Williams expresses concern with the back door system for the championship.

"Looking at the draw the four strongest teams look set to meet once again in the semi-finals and this surely defeats the purpose of trying to give the weaker counties a better chance," he said.

"Our game with Tipperary will not be as serious if we were going to be knocked out - if defeated however we will be thankful for the extra game as we continue our preparations."



# Mary Newman talks to Cork camogie players Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea

FROM the fireworks and bright lights of Sydney Harbour on Millennium New Year's Eve to the floodlights of CIT's all weather pitch on a dark winter's evening, where the priority on leaving was the now regulatory dipping of the runners in the disinfectant sponge: such is the diary of the much travelled camogie playing sisters Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea, who have now rejoined the Cork senior camogie panel, after a sojourn in Australia.

Travel was something that had always been on the mind of Lynn Dunlea but such was the success on the inter county playing fields that she passed up the opportunity to secure a J1 Visa to America in order to keep playing the game. "At the end of the day the All-Ireland medals are something which you will always have and to me they are cherished mementoes and will never be surpassed."

With a permanent position in primary teaching secured, it enabled Lynn take a career break and she decided at the beginning of 1999 that it was now or never. "You never know what lies ahead and we felt it could be our last chance to do the travelling as we always wanted to do, so with our minds made up we booked the tickets and decided to go in October. I had hoped that we would have been in the All-Ireland final early in September and then we would head off." Incidentally the we mean's her long term boyfriend Aidan O Callaghan. Alas this was not the case and as Tipperary and Kilkenny slogged it out for the title Lynn Dunlea was in the R.T.E. studio as the Sunday game analyst thanks to Sinead Millea's last second goal which sent Cork crashing out of the semi-final.

On what was essentially a travelling experience from day one, the couple spent two weeks in Thailand before heading to Sydney where the New Year's Eve celebration at the Sydney Opera

After a travel break to Australia it's back to training with the seniors for the forthcoming championship

House will long be a memory. From there it was up the East Coast in the New Year and back again where a little work was done for three to four months. By now it was February and at home her sister Stephanie was getting itchy feet and having always had the yearning to travel, she decided with boyfriend Martin

Murphy to head off. The sisters met up in Sydney, and were joined by Mum and Dad Nuala and John who had travelled out for a holiday. "We spent a month travelling with them and really enjoyed the time together."

Following the holidays with their parents it was another parting of the ways. Stephanie takes up the story "After the East coast it was on to Western Australia, Darwin and back to the East coast before heading to New Zealand." Here Stephanie had the honour of being named 'Player of the Tournament' after playing a starring role for the Clan na Gael ladies football team with whom she played in the New South Wales state championship. Travelling more than work was a priority also with Steph but she did work in the Super Dome in Olympic Park where the arrangements were being put in place for the forthcoming Olympics. While St-



## Sisters back home to answer the call

eph was kicking footballs and scuba diving, Lynn and Aidan were working their way to Darwin from where they travelled to the two Islands north and South in New Zealand for over a month, returning to Sydney for a while to again meet up with friends the travellers headed to Perth.

Now it's Lyns turn to continue the story, "Here we bought a car and spent the last two months of our stay driving up the West Coast which was super, swimming with the dolphins, water skiing and Whale watching was the order of the day for us."

Meanwhile back home the Cork senior team had made it to Croke Park. "We were more than grateful to the Examiner Camogie reports as we eagerly looked up the Internet to find out what was happening. That closeness was really brought home on the first Sunday in September when the Dunleas made a telephone call home. The junior commentary was on the radio and they were able to hear that the junior's were losing to Derry. Their thoughts were with the Cork girls when the news filtered throughout that Tipperary had taken their second title."

Darwin was the last port of call and for the last two weeks all the outdoor sports were once again pursued.

**M**ISSING camogie was but one of the reasons that the travellers decided to return home.

"Earlier in the year we got word that our sister Jacqueline had got engaged and with the wedding fixed for April, 2001 it was to be the last Christmas we would have as a family together so that was a big priority for us to be home."

Stephanie returned in October, 2000 and was quickly called into action as Cloughduv were still in

the Junior B championship. "I played in the Junior game but felt the effects of not having played a competitive game in a while, the last game I had played was the senior semi-final against Fr O' Neills in July 1999", said Stephanie.

The call to return to the inter-county scene came sooner than expected when the newly formed Cork selection committee of Pa Finn, Rose Desmond, and Sheila O'Brien included the sisters on their panel for the 2001 league campaign.

Their hunger would appear to be as strong as ever, and Lyn agrees. "Every coach is different and has his own technique, the atmosphere is fantastic and the panel is totally focused even this early in the season, training is going well and Pa Finn's approach is excellent, he has already built a great camaraderie with the panel."

In paying tribute to the hard work being put in to promote camogie, Lynn mentions the outgoing management team. "The selectors Rose Mackey and Angela Higgins along with coach Tom Nott did wonderful work and having being out of the country we have not as yet had a chance to thank them for their contribution to all our successes, one can only do so much and we wish them well in their retirement."

The decision of Pa Finn to bring along Sandie Fitzgibbon as his assistant is one which the Dunlea sis-

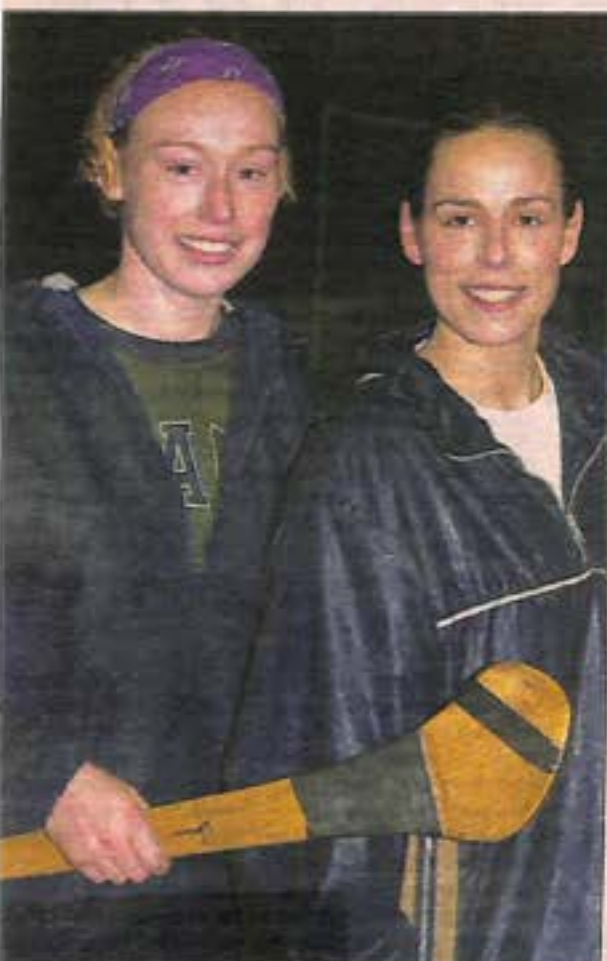
ters welcomed.

"Sandie is still without doubt the greatest camogie player to have ever played, her reading of the game and the way she can relate to the players is a huge asset to the set up. Its great to see her willing to put something back into the game and when you take into consideration how involved she is already with her club Glen Rovers at under age and Junior level it is wonderful that she has come on board with the Cork Senior team."

Commenting on the recent National League game against Tipperary, where the sisters wore the red jersey for the first time since the defeat by Kilkenny, they agreed it was great to start the league with a win. "We led by seven points at one stage and when Tipp pegged it back to level the side showed great character in coming back, it early days yet and even though both sides had done little preparation the competitiveness was definitely there and it was great to put one over on the All-Ireland champions."

Mention of the All-Ireland brings our chat almost to a conclusion the main focus in the sisters' minds is a Croke Park appearance come Sept 16. The draw has been made and with a back door system in operation it will give everybody a second chance, "hopefully we will not need it but Galway are going to be a tough first match for us on July 1st, were both looking forward to the challenge ahead and the priority now is getting fit and making the team for the championship with a lot of new young faces around everybody has to on their toe but the vibes are good and here to a successful season ahead."

The end of a journey, but one suspects that for the Dunlea sisters, and their Cork camogie team mates of 2001, the voyage has only begun.



Sisters Stephanie (left) and Lynn Dunlea back in training at the CIT all-weather pitch with the Cork panel (above right).

The end of a journey, but for the Dunlea sisters the voyage has only begun





This shot is believed to be of a Cork team taken in the late 1920s. Can you help identify anybody in it?

## Identifying camogie players of past

READERS may be in a position to help out regarding the above photograph. Well known GAA personality and former chairman of the Mayfield club Sean Clohessey from Old Youghal Road has had the photograph in his possession for over 20 years. "It was given to myself and my wife by

a good friend and neighbour of ours the late Miss Babs Cronin. "Originally she resided on the Lower Road and was employed in Dwyers. "We had the photograph in the house and only came across it again recently. I feel that somebody out there may have a relative in it and could give some information

regarding its origins." The team may be a Cork team and the date of the game seems to be October 6 1929. Speaking to Cork camogie historian Mary Moran regarding the state of the game in that era, she relates that the All-Ireland competitions did not begin until 1932 and indeed Cork did not

participate in the All-Ireland competitions until 1934 when the first title was won under the captaincy of Muskerry's Kitty Delea. If you can throw any light on the matter contact Sean Clohessey, Old Youghal Road, or Mary Newman-McCarthy, c/o Grassroots, Evening Echo, Academy Street, Cork.

# Cloughduv power tells at the finish

Ballygarvan  
Cloughduv

1-7  
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**CATHERINE CORKERY'S** move to full-forward was the key to Cloughduv's victory over Ballygarvan in the under-18 championship on Saturday.

Ballygarvan made all the early running and, aided by the wind, led 1-2 to 0-2 at the interval after a first half goal from Catriona Kelly midway through the half settled the home side.

The Ballygarvan girls were working hard throughout the half and kept the pressure on their opponents and were good value for their lead at the interval.

With the wind in their favour for the second half, Cloughduv made the switch that was to prove telling.

And with Joanne O'Callaghan moving to centre-forward the inside line enjoyed plenty of supply of the ball.

A close opening quarter saw the sides swapping points with Emer Dillon, Catriona Kelly and Deirdre Daly working hard for Ballygarvan.

However their backline came under enormous pressure with Corkery in devastating form for Cloughduv and she caused all sorts of problems for the home side's defence.

Strength was always going to be a big factor and here the Cloughduv girls won out as they were the stronger and fitter side on the day.

Three splendid goals from Corkery gave the Ballygarvan girls no way back despite a spirited performance.

Looking ahead to the weekend action, St



Delegates at the Seandún camogie convention which was held at St. Finbarr's H&F Club.

By **MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY**

Camogie correspondent

Mary's Charleville will meet Portumna in the All-Ireland post primary senior A semi-final in Drumcollogher next Saturday.

The enforced postponements have caused a

huge backlog in colleges fixtures and with Charleville also involved in the junior A competition it presents a major problem to have the games completed before the exams.

Following on from their huge victory in the Munster final, Charleville will be confident that they can produce a repeat performance and book a final spot.

## Maireaid brings a new lease of life to camogie

A STRONG representation attended the Seandún camogie annual general meeting at St Finbarr's Club recently.

Chairman Marion McCarthy paid tribute to the clubs within the division who are working hard to promote the game, both at divisional and county board level.

There was particular praise for the Seandún senior team who lost out narrowly to Barryroe — a team who later went on to contest the final.

McCarthy expressed satisfaction at the level of commitment from both the players and selectors and said that with the same commitment in the season ahead Seandún could look forward to participating in the senior county championship.

There was congratulations also for the various winners of the divisional competitions, with the under-11 and 15 titles going to Douglas and Glen Rovers taking the under-13 title this year.

McCarthy congratulated Bishoptown on taking the senior county title and Douglas on winning the county under-12 league.

These wins augur well for the strength of the game within the division, she said.

With out-going vice chairman Mary Barrett from the Mayfield club not seeking re-election, Maireaid Uí Mhaoláin from the Blackrock club was elected to the position.

Although only having reorganised camogie in the club two years ago, Maireaid brings a wealth of experience with her to the position.

She is a native of Mayo, where she was actively involved in camogie and football and is looking forward to helping to further camogie within the Seandún division.

Coach to the division's under-16 team Pat Murray reported that preparations were going well and that as soon as the restrictions were lifted it was expected that the inter-divisional blitz would go ahead. This is always a welcome competition that players look forward to.

Michael O'Regan, Douglas; Tracy Murray, Mayfield, and Geraldine O'Connor, St Finbarr's, were elected as senior selectors for the coming season, with Pat Murray, Bishoptown; Niall McLoughlin, Brian Dillons, and Ger O'Connor, St Finbarr's, elected under-16 selectors.

## Fixtures

**SATURDAY MARCH 31**

Under 16 B Championship semi-final: Fr O'Neill's v Rockbawn at Fr O'Neill's, 5pm.

Under 18 B Championship: St Catherine's v Douglas at St Catherine's, 2.30pm.

All-Ireland Post Primary Senior A semi-final: St Mary's Charleville v Portumna at Drumcollogher, 2pm.

**SUNDAY APRIL 1**

Under 16 B Championship semi-final: Carrigaline v Barryroe at Carrigaline, 1pm.

Under 18 A Championship: Milford v Inniscarra at Milford, 12 noon.

Under 16 B Championship: Newtownshandrum v Ballynashig at Newtown, 3pm.



# No camogie games likely until April

EVEN though the restrictions due to the foot-and-mouth scare have eased there is still no return to the playing fields.

With the annual camogie congress the latest casualty, it is unlikely that there will be any action until next month.

The fact that congress, which was due to take place on March 30/31, was postponed last week means the central council will not go ahead with any activities until after this date.

However, national PRO Marie Uí Scolai, is still hopeful that, with restrictions being relaxed,

events should get going in early April.

"There is a fixtures meeting on Saturday where the whole competition scene will be looked at. So far we have cancelled all activities up until March 25 and with congress falling victim, it looks like there will be no matches that weekend either," she said.

"It was felt that if the postponement of games went beyond St Patrick's Day it would be difficult to complete the new format league.

"We have lost three Sundays

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so far. We only played one round on February 25 and will definitely miss the 25th of this month as well."

She added: "With the GAA hoping to resume their National League programme on Sunday

April 1 we could be looking at that date for a possible resumption.

"We will be working in conjunction with the provincial councils and will also be taking into account the situation of the

second and third level colleges. We will have to decide how matches that have been affected will be fitted in with the remaining games.

"We will also be looking at the Gael Linn and whether it is feasible or not to run it in June."

Second-level fixtures have been hit hard as they are at critical stages. The All-Ireland Junior A and B semis were to be played on March 3 with the finals usually in April. Likewise the senior A and B deciders.

The penultimate matches were down for decision on

March 10 with the finals to be played next month.

But because of the ban and the pressure of forthcoming exams, it will not be an easy task to re-fix these dates.

The last Irish foot and mouth outbreak was in 1941. Maureen Cashman, who was part of the Cork team that defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland final, says there was not much disruption to the season.

"The All Ireland final went ahead in September. I can not remember any great curtailment," Maureen said.

# St Mary's have the class to go all the way

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN  
Camogie correspondent

MUNSTER Champions St Mary's Charleville are back in action this weekend.

Eight weeks after taking the Munster title at the expense of Sacred Heart Clonakilty, they return to Dromcollogher tomorrow, where they will meet the Connacht representatives, Community College Portumna in the All-Ireland Senior A

Colleges semi-final. In a very one-sided provincial final, the North Cork school showed once again that they have the class to progress to another All-Ireland decider.

With the scoring prowess of the Watson sisters Emer and Maria (Emer struck 6-4 on that day), they have no shortage of fluency up front. Their captain Niamh Bowles is an able leader in the middle of the field. However, the availability of her partner Deirdre

Hayes could be a worry; the number nine went over on her ankle after the Munster final. Nevertheless the Charleville side will hope to line out the same as their last game.

Their greatest asset, as shown in their previous outings, is that they have an evenly balanced side throughout the field.

And, despite the long lay-off due to foot-and-mouth, St Mary's have managed to remain focused, according to

coach Vincent Harrington. "We have trained as best we could. Last week we had challenge matches with the local boy's school and the Cork minor camogie team," he said.

The emergence of Community College Portumna as Connacht champions this year created a surprise, given the dominance of Kinvara Juniors in the past few seasons.

However, they performed well against Mountbellew in their provincial decider and

will be encouraged by their big scoreline in that game.

Edel Pierce will be a player Charleville will have to watch. She has progressed well up through the ranks and has shone for Galway at minor level. Sisters Niamh and Breda Hanney and Susan Keane are exponents of the inter-county U-14 team.

However, they will have to give it everything if they are to reach their first ever All Ireland Senior A final.



READY: St Mary's coach Vincent Harrington.

# Sinead has had to make tough choice

ONCE again, at this time of year, there is widespread optimism that the Cork senior camogie players can go all the way.

As yet, it is a journey into the unknown but one member of this team will be embarking on a similar trip, an epic voyage across the Atlantic to Boston for a six-month work stint as part of her college curriculum.

But, fortunately or unfortunately, for Sinead O'Callaghan it has been one of the hardest decisions that the third year UCC student of Business Infor-

mation Systems has ever made.

Why? Well Sinead is one of the leading lights of county champions Bishopstown, and this year in January at their AGM was bestowed on her the honour of leading the Rebels into the 2001 campaign.

However, a few weeks later, an interview with a manufacturing company in Chesterton, a few miles outside of Boston, proved successful and the newly-elected Cork captain was offered the unique opportunity to travel to the States for six months' work experience as

## THERESE O'CALLAGHAN View from the ground



part of her college course.

Quite a dilemma, especially when it coincides with the busiest few months of the sporting calendar.

"It was a very hard decision to have to make, choosing be-

tween my career and camogie.

"After spending three months trying to get the job, and realising that the college had gone to great trouble on my behalf to try and secure the position, it was difficult to turn it down. But, on

the other hand to captain your county is every player's dream.

"It is a huge honour, but I had to choose," says Sinead.

Not the nicest of situations to be in, and with this academic offer only available to third year students, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Life is about chance. If I stayed here I would have to live with that decision. Every year I have put camogie first and that made it even harder to make my mind up. I suppose you will never know if you have made the right decision or not," she

added.

Indeed, true to her word, camogie has always been number-one, measured alone by her long list of achievements.

But camogie won't be too far from Sinead's heart over in Boston.

"The stick will go with me to Boston. I know of two clubs over there, Emerald Isle and Éire Óg, so I will play away. But it will be a more relaxed approach.

"Hopefully, it will increase my appetite for when I get back on October 1, she added.

## Mary's take their chances

St Mary's, Charleville 4-10  
Portumna 0-3

THE St Mary's bandwagon moves on as the Charleville girls progress to another All-Ireland final.

But the main difference between these two sides was the Cork girls' ability to take their chances, while the visitors to Dromcollogher on Saturday never capitalised on any territorial possession that they won in this Colleges Senior A semi-final.

Charleville will savour

this result, as the scoreline was owed to more opportunity and efficiency rather than domination.

When they scored, it was simply converting every chance they got.

Portumna's problems stemmed from the fact that they were unable to wear down a rock-solid St Mary's defensive sextet.

Because to the foot-and-mouth restrictions, the other semi involving Loretto Kilkenny and St Mary's Magherafelt has not yet been played.

## Hard work pays off for holders

by Mary Newman

Cloughduv 3-8  
Ballygarvan 1-7

HOLDERS Cloughduv advanced at the expense of Ballygarvan in the Under-18 championship last Saturday.

Homesiders Ballygarvan had an early lead thanks to goals from intercounty player Catriona Kelly. They led 1-2 to 0-2 at the break but had a tough challenge to contain a lively Cloughduv for whom Orla McCarthy and Zelia McDonnell worked hard.

With the wind in their favour for the second half, Cloughduv switched Joanne O'Callaghan to centre forward in a direct swop with Catherine Corkery.

This proved to be their master move. Three goals from Corkery set the trend for Cloughduv to dominate and this they did despite the efforts of Emer Dillon, Catriona Kelly and Zelia Forrest for a younger Ballygarvan outfit who tried hard to the final whistle.

The meeting of Carrigaline and Barryroe is sure to attract a lot of attention in the Under-16 B championship semi-final at Carrigaline. Since dropping down a grade to B, Barryroe have made steady progress in this championship. Marie Moloney and Karen McCarthy are just two of the players Carrigaline will have to keep a tight reign on if they are to advance.

In the Under-18 B championship against Ballinhassig, Newtownshandrum will be expecting great performances from intercounty duo Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher.

Milford, powered by the Watson sisters Marie and Emer, come face to face with an Inniscarra side who have excellent players in Treasa McCarthy and Liz Hayes. Douglas and St Catherine's are set to meet in Conna.



# White stars as St Mary's go through

St. Mary's (Charleville) 4-10  
Portumna CS (Galway) 0-3

by Tom Higgins

A SUPERB display by full-forward Alison White, who accounted for 3-2, helped St. Mary's, Charleville reach another All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Senior camogie final when they defeated Portumna Community School in the semi-final at Dromcollogher, Co Limerick on Saturday.

The Cork side's ruthless finishing was crucial as their opponents made a better match of it than the scoreline suggests.

St. Mary's played with a strong wind in the opening half but found it hard to score and were only 0-5 to 0-0 in front after 17 minutes.

But things turned in their favour in the remaining 13 minutes with Alison White kicking the ball to the net in the 18th minute and the same player was on hand seven minutes later to goal when Aoife Sheehan's free came back off the post. The killer blow came when Emer Watson palmed the ball to the net to leave in 3-5 to 0-0 at the break.

Portumna should have bagged two goals in this period as they dominated between the 19th and the 28th minute. Deirdre O'Riordan, who had a tremendous game at full-back, took Brenda Hanney's effort off the line at the expense of a "45" in the 23rd minute and five minutes later Emma Keane was robbed when she looked like goaling.

The losers made a valiant effort to get back into the game in the second half, scoring two points in the opening six minutes. But the St. Mary's backs stood firm and Noelle O'Riordan, Aine Kelleher and Ann Geary in particular gave their opponents little chance to score. Although Portumna's Edel Pierce and Susan Keane dominated at midfield for a period, and gave their forwards a good supply of the ball, they just could not crack the St. Mary's defence.

Scorers: St. Mary's: A. White 3-2, E. Watson 1-1, A. Sheehan 0-5 (0-4 frees), E. O'Friel 0-1, M. Watson 0-1. Portumna: S. Keane 0-2 (0-1 free), N. Lawless 0-1 (free).

ST. MARY'S (CHARLEVILLE): L. Linehan; E. Boyce, N. O'Riordan; A. Geary, A. Kelleher, C. O'Gorman; N. Bowles (capt), D. Hayes; A. Sheehan, E. O'Friel, M. Watson; E. Watson, A. White, S. McAuliffe. PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL: M. Hogan; A. Whyte, P. O'Brien, T. Moran (capt); F. Byrne, N. Hanney, L. Roche; E. Pierce, S. Keane; N. Lawless, A. O'Brien, B. Hanney; E. Keane, D. Moran, N. Donnelly. Subs: M. Rooney for E. Keane; S. O'Meara for L. Roche; M. Moran for N. Donnelly. Referee: R. Killeher (Limerick).



BACK: The Camogie National Leagues which resume on April 1 will be welcomed by counties like Cork and Galway.

## Camogie swings back into action

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

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**THIS weekend sees a welcome return to the playing fields for camogie.**

A recent meeting at Croke Park of the Fixtures Committee resulted in a revised schedule of events beginning with the resumption of the National Leagues on Sunday, April 1.

However, games which in-

volve counties which are under surveillance because of the foot and mouth disease, or counties in which travel is restricted, will not take place.

Matches originally fixed for April 8 and 16 (Easter Monday) will go ahead as planned.

Those games that were postponed on March 4, 11, 18 and 25 are now being played on April 22 and 29 and May 6 and 13.

The play-off stages are moved back a week to May 20 and 27. Because of the close proximity to championship

preparations, the semis and finals will not then be played until October.

This also means with the changes to the National League fixtures that the Junior Provincial Championship finals are extended to July 29.

The recently introduced exhibition match between the All Ireland champions and an Irish selection will be played on Wednesday, September 19.

Annual Congress, it is hoped, according to National Secretary Sile Wallace, could

possibly go ahead at the end of May. Of course, all of these are pending no further outbreak of foot and mouth disease here.

The All Ireland Colleges are also re-scheduling games.

Some matches go ahead this Saturday, ties involving northern teams are not being played.

This means that the A and B grades in both Junior and Senior, involving Ulster and Leinster will not be completed until further notice. This is an unsatisfactory position particularly with exams approaching.



At the All Feile na nGael finals in Belfast (l/r): Tanya Morgan (Clonduff team captain), Pat Rafferty (President of the Camogie Association), Moya Maginn and Kitty Fegan (team mentors)

● UCC last night celebrated the sporting excellence of 10 of their students at their 18th annual Sports Star Awards ceremony.

The 10 were: Niall Bourke (Orienteering), Eugene Coakley (rowing), Eamonn Fitzmaurice (Gaelic Football), Richie Flannery (hurling), Ronan Guirey (Triathlon), Stephen Keogh (Rugby), Lee Kelleher (Swimming), Linda Mountjoy (Table Tennis), Peter O'Donovan (Sailing) and Una O'Dwyer (Camogie).





Sheila Golden, chairperson of Cork County Camogie Board, presents the County Championship trophy to Ciara Enright, who captained Bishops-town to their fourth title in 2000. Also included are club chairperson Mary O'Hea, vice-chairperson Paul Duggan and Jimmy Barry Murphy, who presented the medals.

Picture: Mike English

# St Mary's stroll to place in decider

St Mary's Charleville 4-10  
Portumna Community College 0-3

DESPITE the scoreline, St Mary's Charleville were made to earn their comfortable victory as they secured their place in the All-Ireland Post Primary Senior A final at Dromcollogher on Saturday.

Two goals from full forward Alison White, the first kicked past the Portumna keeper, plus one from Emer Watson, had the Munster champions leading 3-5 to no score at half time.

The Munster team had played with the aid of the strong wind in the opening half.

Portumna were guilty of missed chances during the opening half, the first taken off the line by Noelle O'Riordan and the second when

## Fixtures

**SATURDAY APRIL 7**  
Under 16 B County Final: Fr O'Neill's v Barryroe, venue and time to be announced.  
Under 18 Championship: Kilbrittain v St Catherine's at Kilbrittain 3pm.  
Cork Colleges under 14 trials: Starting

**SUNDAY APRIL 8**  
Senior And Junior National Leagues: Cork v Kilkenny, Cork venue to be arranged.  
Under 18 Championship: Glen Rovers v Ballinhassig at Glen Rovers 6.30pm.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY  
Camogie correspondent

Emma Keane looked set to score only to be dispossessed.

With the Portumna midfield pairing of Susan Kane and Edel Pierce dominating, Charleville came under pressure and two points after six minutes of the second half looked to signal a comeback but the strong St Mary's defence, where Noelle O'Riordan, Anna Geary, Aoife Dillon and Aine Kelleher excel-

led, held firm.

With Alison White adding her side's fourth goal, there was no way back for Portumna and points from Aoife Sheehan, Emer Watson and Emer O'Friel saw St Mary's comfortably advance.

**CHARLEVILLE:** E Linehan, E Boyce, N O'Riordan, A Dillon, A Geary, A Kelleher, C O'Gorman, N Bowles, D Hayes, A Sheehan, E O'Friel, M Watson, E Watson, A White, S McAuliffe.

**PORTUMNA:** M Hogan, A White, P Brien, T Horan, F Byrne,

N Hanney, I Roche, E Pierce, S Kane, N Lawless, E O'Brien, B Hanney, E Keane, D Moran, N Donnelly.

● Trailing 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval St Catherine's, aided by the strong wind in the second half, advanced at the expense of Douglas in the Under 18 B Championship at Conna on a 2-1 to 0-4 scoreline.

Douglas had opened up a four points lead thanks to Amanda O'Regan before Denise Twomey opened St Catherine's account.

Ten minutes into the second half Debbie Mangan had the sides level when she finished to the net and five minutes later Denise Twomey added another goal to give her side the lead. From here on Douglas threw everything at St Catherine's in an effort to get back into the game but the defence, with Marie Twomey and Esther Power superb, withstood the pressure.

## Fr O'Neill's hold on to their final spot after a thriller

Fr O'Neill's 1-9  
Rockbawn 2-4

(After extra time)

IT took extra-time to separate the sides in a thrilling U-16 B championship semi-final in a Ballymacoda on Saturday last.

Rockbawn hit the front with a Sheila Burns goal and with Kate Ahern pointing for Fr O'Neill's it settled her side.

With Siobhan Kearney and Burns exchanging points Rockbawn led 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval and stretched their lead in the opening 10 minutes of the second half thanks to again to the accuracy of Burns.

Hitting back O'Neill's again drew level and with Burns and Kate Ahern exchanging scores it was 1-3 to 0-6 at full time.

The opening period of extra time was dominated by O'Neill's with Gearoidin Kearney knocking over the opening point.

Ann O'Keefe struck for a goal before Rockbawn pointed to leave it 1-7 to 1-4 in O'Neill's favour on the turn over.

Refusing to give in, Rockbawn were again back on level terms after Burns goaled and now with both sides fighting for survival it was Kearney with two points, one from a 45 metres free, who put O'Neill's through to a final meeting with Barryroe.

Barryroe 2-1  
Carrigaline 1-2

Barryroe qualified for the U-16 B final after recording a narrow two point victory over Carrigaline on Sunday.

The foundations for victory were laid by Barryroe in the opening half where they recorded all their scores.

Two goals from Marie Moloney and Lorraine Whelton plus a point from Rosemary Dineen were answered by Muireann Conlon and Jackie O'Keefe for Carrigaline.

Jackie O'Keefe pointed for Carrigaline in the second half to keep the pressure on Barryroe but despite failing to score in the second half they hung on to set up a final meeting with Fr O'Neill's which will take place on Saturday next at a venue to be announced.

Ballinhassig 3-4  
Newtownshandrum 1-6

Aided by the strong wind Newtownshandrum led 1-6 to 1-1 at the interval in the U-16B championship at Newtown after Laura Jordan goaled. Five points from Niamh Bowles plus one from Una Harrington looked to have the home side settled.

Mairead Holland, Elaine Finn, Deirdre O'Brien and Trisha Holland all contributed to the Ballinhassig comeback and picking off their scores helped book a quarter-final spot.

Milford 7-9  
Inniscarra 0-0

A top-class display from Milford saw them safely through in the U-8 A championship against a young Inniscarra side.

Marie Watson, Imelda Sexton and Christien O'Gorman were amongst the scorers for the north Cork girls.

## Cork resume with clash against Cats

MONDAY next will see a resumption in Senior and Junior National league action for the Cork team when they entertain Kilkenny.

The disruption caused by the recent cancellation of games was one which disappointed Cork given the excellent start they got to their campaigns where they recorded victories over Tip-

perary in both grades.

"We had a very good win over Tipperary and we were eagerly looking forward to the meeting with Kilkenny," said selector Sheila O'Brien.

"However the postponements could not be helped and we now look forward to our games with Kilkenny, Galway and Antrim."

With the revision of the fixture list it now means that Cork will meet Galway on April 22 and will then face Antrim on May 13.

The league will only go as far as play off stages with the closing stages now pencilled in for October.

This is something which the players will obviously not be happy about given

the hard season that they will have had.

Sunday's game is an interesting one.

Kilkenny lost out heavily to Galway in their opening league game and need a win to keep their interest alive in the league.

Galway are currently firing on all cylinders having recorded a draw with

All Ireland champions Tipperary last weekend.

Kilkenny have lost the services of Sinéad Millea and Miriam Holland who are out of the country travelling for a year and after losing out to Cork in last years All Ireland quarter final they will travel on Sunday determined to reverse that result.



## O'Leary is in to make Rebel debut

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**TOMORROW** sees the resumption of competitive action for Cork, when they meet old rivals Kilkenny in round two of Division One of the National Camogie League.

These sides have not met since Cork won last July in the first round of the championship.

There was only the minimum between the teams that day, and tomorrow one can expect the same.

Cork show a few changes from their exciting first round win over Tipperary.

Selector Rose Desmond says: "We are continuing to look at all players. We are keeping all options open."

Jennifer O'Leary, who had such a marvellous season last year with both her club Barryroe and Cork at minor and junior level, gets her first taste of the senior inter-county action when she lines out at corner-forward.

Una O'Donoghue comes in to the half-forward line, and in goal last year's Intermediate keeper, Ger Casey gets her chance.

Rachel Moloney, Criona Harte and Cora Keohane are the players to make way on this occasion.

Eithne Duggan, who takes over as captain since the departure of Sinead O'Callaghan, will be joined by Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris, Lynn Dunlea, Linda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll.

Meanwhile, Kilkenny have not yet filled the vacancy left by manager, Bobby Jackman.

Nevertheless, they are never found wanting when they shape up to Cork.

This year they are led by corner-back Mairead Costello, and Brigid Mullaly.

Throw-in at the Mardyke is at 3pm and will be directly preceded by the same county's second teams in Division 1A.

## It's happy birthday time

2004 is beckoning for camogie fans all over the world when the association will celebrate its centenary writes Máire Uí Scolaí.

**T**he largest female sporting organisation in this country has certainly grown in stature since those early days of 1904, when Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael was officially inaugurated with Maire Ni Chinneide as Uachtaran.

Recently, a committee comprising former and present intercounty players was set up to explore the many ways in which to celebrate this unique event in proper style.

On the committee are Germaine Nonnan who won an All-Ireland senior medal with the Dubs in '84 and who only retired last season, current player Olivia Broderick of Galway, who was on last season's Whirlpool Rest of Ireland selection and Therese O'Callaghan of Cork who has won 3 All-Ireland medals, with many other numerous awards.

Also on this committee are Ann Downey of Kilkenny who with 12 senior All-Ireland medals to her credit is well known throughout the length and breadth of Ireland, Cork's senior captain of '98 and this year Eithne Duggan, and Jane Monaghan daughter of Tom Monaghan, current Chairman of Ulster Council.

A highly motivated committee, they are looking for ideas no matter how big or small from people all over. It is the intention of this committee to have the plan formulated one year in advance. For this reason they have set up a special e-mail address and are waiting to hear from people. That address is camogie2004@eircom.net

### SCHOLARS WE ARE!

With a lot of emphasis on sport in third level Colleges now, it is no surprise that more and more camogie players are receiving camogie scholarships.

Recently three lucky members of last year's victorious Tipperary winning All-Ireland side got such.

Emily Hayden who will captain Tipperary this year in a bid for a three in a row, has obtained a third year scholarship in Carlow IT to further help her with her studies in Human Physiology and Rehabilitation.

Philly Fogarty the second Tipperary player, obtained her first scholarship and in her own words was "surprised and delighted and hopes to receive one again next year." Philly is studying Applied Physiology and Health Care in Carlow IT.

Kilkenny's ace forward Catherine Doherty, obtained her second year scholarship in Carlow IT, where she is studying Office Systems. These players all come under the camogie guidance of Carlow IT's GAA Officer Valerie Crean, who still plays for Carlow.

A third Tipp player is Caitriona Hennessy, daughter of County Board Chairman Noel, who is down in Athlone IT, where she obtained a second year scholarship where she is studying computers.

### THE GARDEN COUNTY SETS THE WAY...

While everything is quiet on the camogie scene due to the foot and mouth disease, Wicklow were busy earlier on when they launched a new U14 Coaching Development Programme.

Aimed at raising standards across the county, the course consists of six sessions, covering all the skills of the game. For this scheme Wicklow have secured the services of



At the recent announcement of scholarships for Carlow IT were (l/r): Philomena Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Valerie Crean (Coach and GAA Officer, Carlow IT) and Catherine Doherty

Michael Neary, manager of the Wicklow senior hurlers as chief coach. The whole event is sponsored by Frankie Sports of Wicklow Town.

The National League got off to a fine start on February 25th and Cork in particular were happy to welcome back the Dunlea sisters Lynn and Stephanie who spent last year in Australia. A tough close match between themselves and All-Ireland champions

Tipperary saw Cork emerge on a scoreline of 2-11 to 3-06.

Wexford, who have not enjoyed a lot of success recently have taken steps to try and restore some pride this season by bringing on board Dan Quigley as Manager, who captained Wexford to All-Ireland hurling victory in '68. With them meeting Dublin in the first round of the championship, it should be an interesting affair, as Dublin likewise have appointed a new manager PJ Donaghue and they also have two valuable league points from their victory over Down.

When these two sides met last season in the championship Wexford dealt the Dubs a very heavy hammering, it is probably a fair assumption to say that the result this year will probably be a lot closer.



Eithne Duggan is a member of the Centenary Committee



# Cork dominate to emerge victorious

Cork 2-5  
Kilkenny 0-3

THE junior game that opened proceedings in the Mardyke was by far the better of the afternoon's national league games.

Kilkenny took an early lead, courtesy of Pauline Comerford, but Cork hit the front when Emer O'Farrell finished well after an excellent pass from Elaine McCarthy. Comerford narrowed the deficit with another Kilkenny point but, keeping on the pressure, Cork's Catriona Kelly did likewise.

With the cross wind making conditions hard for both sides, Cork enjoyed more of the possession and had a second goal 23 minutes into the half when Christine O'Gorman found Elaine McCarthy with a long clearance, and she made no mistake to stretch the Cork lead. Amanda Murphy, on the half time whistle, pointed to leave the score Cork 2-2 Kilkenny 0-2 at the break.

From the restart, Cork was the sharper of the sides. Two Catriona Kelly points and one from Val O'Keefe had the points secured long before Angela Kenneally had Kilkenny's only score of the half.

**CORK:** E Clifford, J Brown, L Sweetnam, A O'Regan, J O'Sullivan, N Ahern, C O'Gorman, V O'Keefe, R Myers, E O'Farrell, C Kelly, G Collins, G O'Connor, E McCarthy, A Murphy.  
**KILKENNY:** C Ryan, E Phelan, E Lyng, S White, K Keanehan, L Crennon, K Atkins, P Comerford, C Treacy, M O'Connell, E Maher, S Kavanagh, C Doherty, A Kenneally, E Darmond.  
**Referee:** B McPhillips.



Cork's Marie O'Connell racing upfield against Kilkenny during the junior league game at the Mardyke.  
Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Kilkenny completely crushed

Cork 3-19  
Kilkenny 0-0

A TOTALLY one-sided contest saw Cork run out convincing winners in this senior National League game.

Inside eight minutes, Cork led by as many points, after Lynn Dunlea, Ciara Healy, Fiona O'Driscoll and Viv Harris all got on the score-sheet. Soon after, Cork scored their opening goal, which came from Jennifer O'Leary.

Further goals from Lynn Dunlea

and Fiona O'Driscoll had Cork 3-13 to 0-0 ahead at the break.

A further six points in the second half saw Cork continue their dominance, albeit without the same results on the score-sheet, and they ran out easy winners.

**CORK:** G Casey, S Buckley, E Duggan, S Dunlea, D Cronin, M O'Connor, S Hayes, V Harris, L Mollerick, U O'Donoghue, F O'Driscoll, E Burke, J O'Leary, L Dunlea, C Healy. Subs: C Harte for F O'Driscoll, J O'Callaghan for S Hayes, R Moloney for L Mollerick.  
**KILKENNY:** C Ryan, K Keanehan, E Lyng, E Phelan, P Comerford, M Costello, L Crennon, K Atkins, E Kennedy, E Maher, B Mullally, L Lyng, C Doherty, I Kennedy, M O'Connell.  
**Referee:** John Morrissey, Tipperary.

## Kinsale girls in top form

Kinsale Community College 0-6  
Coachford College 1-0

KINSALE took the Cork colleges Intermediate A title after a close battle with Coachford in Kinsale. Kinsale opened the scoring with a Noelle Collins point and held their lead after Majella McCarthy had added a second.

With Sinead O'Sullivan and Emma Foley in great form, Coachford could not get through for the vital scores. Kinsale were under pressure near the end but they weathered the storm to take the title.

Barryroe 2-7  
Fr O'Neills 1-0

BARRYROE were Under-16 B county champions after a superb display against Fr O'Neills last Sunday. Two goals in the opening half from Marie Moloney and Nicola Keohane laid the foundations for victory. The winners, with points from Louise Gannon, Moloney and Lorraine Whelton, led 2-3 to no score at the interval.

Fr O'Neills put Barryroe under pressure from the restart but further points from Rosemary Dineen, Marie Moloney, Lorraine Whelton and Rosemary Dineen widened the gap.

St Marys Charleville 2-9  
Seamount Kinvara 1-1

THE Junior side from St Marys Charleville joined their senior team in the All Ireland Post Primary finals when they beat Seamount Kinvara last Saturday. The strong wind made condi-

tions hard for both sides. Ashling O'Brien opened the scoring with a Charleville point, to which she quickly added a goal. Working hard, they led 1-5 to no score turning around to face the strong wind. Seamount made Charleville fight all the way to the finish.

St Catherines 3-8  
Kilbrittain 3-7

DESPITE being 3-3 to 1-1 down after 20 minutes St Catherines battled back to earn a place in the Under-18 B county semi-final.

With goals from June Harrington, Julie O'Regan and Catherine Deasy, Kilbrittain seemed to hold all the aces. Denise Twomey had a St Catherines goal as her side trailed 3-3 to 1-1 at the interval.

Tireless work from Noreen Mulcahy, Twomey and Debbie Mangan had St Catherines back in the contest.

Glen Rovers 3-2  
Ballinhassig 1-2

GLEN ROVERS fought hard for their victory over Ballinhassig in the second quarter-final of the Under-18 B championship. Captain Niamh Goulding had Glen two points ahead before Ballinhassig's Trisha Holland had a well-struck goal.

Glen regained their lead 20 minutes into the half. The second half was a lively affair. Both sides fought tooth and nail, but Glen Rovers, with 13-year-old goalkeeper Lorraine Dunlea bringing off two fine saves, held out for victory.

## Charleville on for the double Cork cream the Cats in a ludicrous match

St Mary's, Charleville 2-9  
Seamount, Kinvara 1-1

ST MARY'S, Charleville remain on track to claim double All-Ireland camogie honours, after their junior side qualified for the final with a deserved win over Seamount at Kinvara on Saturday.

A first-half goal from Aisling O'Brien helped her team to a 1-5 to 0-0 interval lead.

After the resumption, St Mary's continued to take the game to the home side with Anna Geary and Elaine O'Rior-

dan providing the main threat in the middle of the field.

A second goal from Mary Coleman sealed the victory despite a spirited comeback spearheaded by Seamount's best player on the day Emma Kilkelly.

Meanwhile, there was surprise news at the weekend.

Due to foot-and-mouth, defending champions Coláiste Bríde of Ennis-corthy decided against playing Ulster champions St Mary's, of Magherafelt, allowing the Derry side through to the final.

Cork 3-19  
Kilkenny 0-0

FARCICAL, ludicrous, absurd and ridiculous. Just a few adjectives that spring to mind to describe yesterday's Division One National Camogie League fixture between Cork and Kilkenny.

Kilkenny travelled to the Mardyke yesterday with 20 players to play two games. In the first match, the visitors had the bare 15 for the junior tie, which was a good game that resulted in victory for the Leesiders 2-5 to 0-3.

Then, 15 minutes later, 10 of these players wearily faced back out on to the field plus five of their regular side, in what was supposed to be the main attraction of the afternoon.

Not what you would expect from such a traditional sporting county.

The Cats once took great pride in winning national leagues, but it is hard to fathom their reason for treating this clash with such contempt.

Granted they have a few injuries and were resting players involved in All Ireland colleges semi-finals this week, and are also without a manager.

But the people who travelled to the Mardyke witnessed an event similar to unopposed practice. An embarrassment, which annoyed them.

Cork went up 1-10 to no score after 15 minutes, and as the game progressed in the heavy conditions, they continued to lay waste to a flagging Kilkenny side.

At half-time it was 3-13 to 0-0, and it was no surprise that Cork lost interest in the proceedings for the final 30 minutes. Ger Casey, making her debut, had no difficulty keeping a clean sheet.

## Cork in control as Cats fail to register a score

Cork 3-19  
Kilkenny 0-0

THE National Senior camogie league game between Cork and Kilkenny at the Mardyke, Cork yesterday turned into a farce as the home side collected their second brace of points.

**CORK:** G Casey, S Buckley, E Duggan, S Dunlea, D Cronin, M O'Connor, S Hayes, V Harris, L Mollerick, U O'Donoghue, F O'Driscoll, E Burke, J O'Leary, L Dunlea, C Healy. Subs: C Harte for F O'Driscoll and J O'Callaghan for S Hayes, P O'Connor for E Burke and R Moloney for Linda Mollerick.

**KILKENNY:** C Ryan, C Keanehan, E Lyng, E Phelan, P Comerford, D Costello, L Crennon, E Kennedy, K Atkins, L Lyng, B Mullally, E Maher, C Doherty, I Kenneally, M O'Connor. Subs: A Kenneally for C Doherty, E Dermody for M O'Connor and S White for E Maher (50th min), S Kavanagh and C Treacy for E Maher and P Comerford.  
**Referee:** J Morrissey (Tipperary).

Cork 2-5  
Kilkenny 0-3

CORK Juniors collected their second brace of league points. Cork's forwards took control after 12 minutes to lead 2-2 to 0-2 at the break.

Scorers: Cork, E O'Farrell 1-0, E McCarthy 1-0, C Kelly 0-3, A Murphy 0-1, V O'Keefe 0-1.  
Kilkenny P Comerford 0-2 (free), A Kenneally 0-1.

In the only other senior league game, Dublin defeated Wexford 2-3 to 0-5 while Antrim v Galway, Clare v Derry (senior and junior), were postponed, as was the junior game between Roscommon and Carlow. In the junior game Wexford took the spoils over Dublin by 3-2 to 2-1.

St. Mary's 2-9  
Seamount 1-1

ST MARY'S Charleville had 11 points to spare when they defeated Seamount Kinvara in the All-Ireland Junior A semi-final.

Scorers St Mary's: A O'Brien 1-3, M Watson 0-4, M Coleman 1-0, E O'Riordan, S McAuliffe 0-1 each. Seamount Kinvara: E Kilkelly 1-0, S Keane 0-1.  
**ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE:** N Murphy, A Morrissey, K Potter, J O'Connor, L Healy, E Waters, K O'Leary, S Geary, E O'Riordan, L Boyce, M Watson captain, S McAuliffe, E Watson, P O'Riordan, A O'Brien. Subs: M Coleman for P O'Riordan (half-time), S Lenehan for J O'Connor (half-time), C O'Shea for L Boyce (57 mins).  
**SEAMOUNT, KINVARA:** R Callanan, S Murphy, S Linnane, L Murphy, A Canny, C McMahon, P Huban, M Kerins, S Keane, E Bermingham, E Kilkelly captain, L McTigue, L Glynn, C Gill, D Guthrie.  
**Referee:** K Kelly (Galway).

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Cork's Jennifer O'Leary shoots for goal against Kilkenny in the national senior league match at the Mardyke.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Kinsale crowned champs after a close tie

Kinsale Community College  
Coachford College

0-6  
1-0

KINSALE were crowned Cork Colleges Intermediate A champions after a close contest with Coachford in Kinsale.

Kinsale opened the scoring with a Noelle Collins point and held their lead after Majella McCarthy had added a second.

With Majella McCarthy and Aine O'Regan getting on the scoresheet, Kinsale continued to hold the upper hand.

A Coachford goal minutes from half time, from captain Marie Twomey, had them right back in the game trailing 0-4 to 1-0 at the break.

Kinsale made the early running in the second-half but came up against strong defenders in Sinead O'Sullivan and Emma Foley.

However it was up front that Coachford failed to capitalise.

Samantha Quinn and Aine O'Regan extended the Kinsale lead but fighting hard, Coachford battled on.

The closing five minutes saw Kinsale under pressure but they held out to take the title.

Barryroe took the U16 B county championship after beating Fr O'Neill's 2-7 to 1-0 on Saturday last in Bishopstown.

Two goals in the opening half from Marie Moloney and Nicola Keohane had Barryroe in command and points from Louise Gannon, Moloney and Lorraine Whelton saw them in a comfortable 2-3 to 0-0 lead at the interval.

Fr O'Neill's put the Barryroe defence under pressure from the restart but further points from Rosemary Dineen, Marie Moloney and Lorraine Whelton had widened the gap before O'Neill's struck for their goals.

Despite hard work O'Neill's failed to ruffle the Barryroe momentum and it was left to Rosemary Dineen to bring the curtain down on proceedings with a Barryroe point.

The junior side from St Marys Charleville joined their senior team in the All Ireland Post Primary finals when they had a 2-9 to 1-1 victory over Seamount Kinvara on Saturday last.

The strong wind made conditions hard for both sides and playing with the aid of the wind, Charleville made all the running in the opening half.

With Ashling O'Brien opening the scoring with a Charleville point, which she quickly followed with a goal, it looked as if Charleville were going to sail to victory.

Working hard, they led 1-5 to no score tiring around to face the strong wind and with Seamount availing of the elements they made Charleville work hard for scores.

Never having the same leeway as they did in the Munster final, Charleville were made fight all the way to the finish.

An Emma Kilkenny goal for Seamount was quickly cancelled out by Mary Coleman and it was enough to see St Mary's join their senior team in an All-Ireland final.

# Cats go home with a flea in their ear

CORK took both sets of Senior and Junior National League points on Sunday last at the Mardyke at the expense of Kilkenny.

Pauline Comeford shot the visitors into an early lead in the junior match with a pointed free but it was short lived as Emer O'Farrell gave Cork the lead with a well struck goal.

With Comeford and Catriona Kelly exchanging points the sides were evenly matched.

With the crosswind making conditions hard for both sides Cork began to enjoy more of the possession as the half progressed.

A second goal from Elaine McCarthy stretched Cork's advantage and with Amanda Murphy pointing on the half-time whistle Cork led 2-2 0-2 at the break.

Taking control from the re-start Cork maintained their advantage throughout.

Two Catriona Kelly points and one from Val O'Keeffe had put the

## Results/ fixtures

**RESULTS**  
Cork Under 16 County B final: Barryroe 2-7, Fr O'Neill's 1-0.  
Under 18 B Championship: St Catherine's 3-8, Kilbrittain 3-7 (s.e.t.); Glen Rovers 3-2, Ballinhassig 1-2.  
**FIXTURES**  
**TODAY**  
Under 18 A Championship: Courcy Rovers v Barryroe at Courcy's 7pm.  
**THURSDAY APRIL 12**

Bishopstown Camogie Club Golf Classic: Lee Valley Golf Club.

**SUNDAY APRIL 14**  
Under 18 A Championship: Courcy Rovers or Barryroe v Newcestown 12 noon; if Courcy Rovers v Newcestown a 1 Newcestown; if Barryroe v Newcestown at Barryroe.

**MONDAY APRIL 15**  
Under 16 Divisional Blitz: Section 1 at Glen Rovers; Section 2 at Ballygarvan (prov) Starting 10.30am.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY  
Camogie correspondent

result beyond doubt long before the final whistle, which came with the scores at 2-5 to 0-3.

A totally one-sided contest saw Cork run out highly convincing winners against Kilkenny, 3-19 to 0-0, in the senior national league game.

Fielding ten of the side that had earlier played in the junior game,

Kilkenny were never really in the contest.

Cork led by eight points after points from Lynn Dunlea, Ciara Healy, Fiona O'Driscoll and Viv Harris inside as many minutes.

Jennifer O'Leary, who was making her senior debut, scored Cork's first goal and it set the trend for what was to follow.

Further goals from Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll in the closing ten minutes of the opening half had Cork 3-13 to 0-0 ahead at the

break. Cork continued to dominate in all sectors and pick off scores with ease in a game that did little to promote camogie.

Kilkenny must be taken to task for the disregard they showed to both Cork and to the senior national league competition for travelling minus the majority of their senior squad.

To expect players to play one game after another is not good enough from a county with such high standards as Kilkenny.

**CORK:** G Casey, S Buckley, E Duggan, S Dunlea, D Cronin, M O'Connor, S Hayes, V Harris, L Mellerick, U O'Donoghue, F O'Driscoll, E Burke, J O'Leary, L Dunlea, C Healy. **Subs:** C Harte for F O'Driscoll, J O'Callaghan for S Hayes, R Moloney for L Mellerick.

**KILKENNY:** C Ryan, K Keinahan, E Lyng, E Phelan, P Comeford, M Costello, L Crinnion, K Atkins, E Kennedy, E Maher, B Mullally, L Lyng, C Doherty, I Kennedy, M O'Connell.

Ref: John Morrissey - Tipperary.

## Catherine's snatch win in tight contest

St Catherine's  
Kilbrittain

3-8  
3-7

St CATHERINE'S battled hard to win a place in the U-18 B championship semi-final when they beat Kilbrittain in extra time.

Kilbrittain, with three first-half goals, looked to be the stronger side. Denise Twomey scored a goal for St

Catherine's as her side trailed 3-3 to 1-1 at the interval.

Noreen Mulcahy, Twomey and Debbie Mangan had St Catherine's back in the contest midway through the second half and keeping on the pressure it was 3-3 apiece at full time.

With the underfoot conditions hard on both teams

extra time saw St Catherine's take the lead with points from Yvonne O'Neill, Debbie Mangan, Orla Cotter and Noreen Mulcahy. Refusing to die, Kilbrittain fought back and picking off their points, they came close to forcing a replay but to no avail.

Glen Rovers and Ballinhassig served up a

thriller in the second quarter-final of the U-18 B championship played at Glen Rovers. Rovers triumphed 3-2 to 1-2.

Niamh Goulding had Rovers two points ahead before Ballinhassig's Trisha Holland struck for a Ballinhassig goal which was quickly followed by a point from Christine Holland.

The second-half was as exciting as the first.

Catriona Boyle scored her second goal to extend the Glen's lead in the second half.

Maureen Holland notched a Ballinhassig point two minutes from time but Glen Rovers held out to book a semi-final meeting with Youghal.





**TEAM-PLAYERS:** Bishopstown camogie players who played on the Cork County team during 2000 include Viv Harris, Eithne Duggan, Jean O'Sullivan, Sheenagh Morley, Clara Healy and Ruth Cahalan.

## Finn is willing to fight for her place

WITHOUT a contest, camogie ceases to be worthwhile. While watching last Sunday's farcical National League game between Cork and Kilkenny, there was plenty of time to scan what was going on around me.

One observation I did make was the long-serving Mags Finn decked out in last year's ACC tracksuit as she watched proceedings from the Cork subs' bench.

Last season's corner back has been forced to sit it out so far this year. With the influx of new talent, coupled with the

county's success at other grades, it is difficult at present to hold down any one position. But how does such an experienced player feel as she fights her way back into a team and game that she loves so much?

"At the start of the year I made up my mind that I would play again for the next 12 months. I felt that I would be able to give it the effort to come up from Ballymacoda two or three times a week for training.

"After that it is up to the selectors to decide. I deliberated all right over the winter months,

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but I am glad that I made the decision to stay."

It is obvious this season that the new management team are going to give all players an opportunity to prove themselves, which of course also

means that it is going to be harder to secure a place in the starting 15. Mags, whose easy-going character means she is held in high esteem by all her team mates, realises that it is not going to be easy to slot

back into her defensive role as a corner-back.

"We all want to get picked. The selectors have stated that they are going to try out new players and that those not involved last year will get a chance this year."

It is not easy at the best of times to go training and to keep up the momentum. For instance last Sunday Mags should have been working, but took the afternoon off to tog out for the Cork panel. Yet, she fully accepts that is the way it has to be done.

"If you want to be included, you have to make sacrifices," she says. "You do not expect any favours just because you are playing for so long. You have to put in the same effort as everybody else."

The Fr O'Neill's player has had a long and distinguished career in the Cork jersey. Playing in the red and white since 1985, she made her senior inter-county debut in 1989 and has four All-Ireland medals. She is as eager now as she was then, which can only bode well for the Rebel County.

## Chawke draws line under camogie career

MIKE CHAWKE has decided to bring the curtain down on his successful reign as manager of the Granagh/Ballingarry camogie team.

This follows their All-Ireland semi-final reversal at the hands of Derry and Ulster champions, Swatragh, last November.

It marks the end of a glorious chapter for a man who always seemed to be happy in his chosen sporting career. Two All Ireland Club titles on the trot in '98 and '99, five successive Munster championships since 1996, plus numerous Limerick

county wins since 1992.

Mike's background in sport began with his native Granagh where the midfielder hurled with the local club. But throughout the '90s his contribution and commitment to the local camogie team was enormous.

However, celebrations had to be put on hold until the club made the breakthrough in the province in 1996. That year they reached the All-Ireland club final only to be defeated by Pearse's of Galway.

Twelve months later they again suffered the agony of de-

### THERESE O'CALLAGHAN View from the ground



feat when they bowed out to club kingpins St Paul's of Kilkenny.

But 1998 will surely be fondly remembered by Mike as the highlight of his managerial career - their first All-Ireland title

won in their own backyard.

Limerick club camogie was back at the top.

Granagh/Ballingarry set out in 1999 to do what very few teams had achieved before them - they went in search of back-to-

-back All Ireland honours. On one of the wettest days of the year, referee Biddy Philips finally gave the thumbs up for the go-ahead, and the last final of the old Millennium got underway in a water logged Davitt's pitch in Galway.

One enduring memory of that final was the amazing assault both teams made on the game despite the terrible conditions.

Mike was a highly popular figure who made a huge input into the affairs of Granagh/Ballingarry, which according to club secretary, Sheila Treacy

will never be forgotten: "Mike put Granagh on the map. He was so committed and dedicated. You could not put it in words. His personal life was totally taken over by camogie, from mowing the local pitch to organising trips away."

Last year the reigning champions headed off for a week's holiday in the Canary Islands as a tribute to their achievements on the playing field for the previous few years.

Again Mike was instrumental in organizing and fund raising for this momentous holiday.





One of the teams of young camogie players who took part in the Seandún under 10 fun day.

# U-10 fun day is a massive success

ENTHUSIASM for camogie within the Seandún division is strong, judging by the novel event and large turnout at the U-10 fun day held on Friday last at the Bishopstown GAA grounds.

Approximately 140 under tens turned out to participate in a day which was the brainchild of the division's treasurer Pat Murray.

He said: "We have competitions which cater for the U-11 players within the division but the younger girls do not have a league and many of them are too young to play even at U-11 so we saw it as a way to give them some competitive action but at the same time put the emphasis on enjoyment and playing camogie."

Enjoyment it certainly was and

## Fixtures

**TONIGHT**  
Munster Minor Championship: Cork v Limerick at Ballyagran 6.45pm.  
**THURSDAY APRIL 19**  
Under 18 A Championship: Courcey Rovers v Barryroe at Courcey Rovers 7pm.  
Championship Draws: To be made at St

Finbarr's 8pm.  
**SUNDAY APRIL 22**  
Under 18 A Championship: Cloughduv v Milford at Cloughduv 12 noon.  
Under 18 B Championship semi-finals: Fr O'Neill's v St Catherine's at Fr O'Neill's 12 noon; Glen Rovers v Youghal at Youghal 7pm.

By **MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY**  
Camogie correspondent

on arrival at the grounds we were greeted with the sight of the clubs Passage, St Finbarr's, Blackrock, Douglas, Brian Dillon's, Bishopstown, Na Piarraig and Glen Rovers all lined up in orderly fashion awaiting their instructions.

Divisional chairwoman Marion

McCarthy and her vice chairwoman Mairead Uí Mhaoileoin made swift work of organising the teams and here is where the fun began.

Not a day in which you lined out with your club - the players were mixed in different groups therefore giving everybody a chance to get to know each other and play with players from other clubs.

With the different teams named

in honour of a county the bibs were distributed by the team managers and everyone was finally ready for action.

Three groups with four teams in each group ensured every team played three matches and with no break in between the action was non-stop.

Mentors who would normally look after their own club teams were gathered as referees and again the participation of the older players who all play in the Seandún leagues was evident.

Moving from pitch to pitch what struck me was the way each group got to know each other so quickly and the tremendous team spirit which built up so quickly amongst players who in future years will surely come into opposition had to be seen to be believed.

## Milford in semi final

WEEKEND action has Milford and Cloughduv meeting in the U-18 A county semi-final in a game that has all the ingredients of a nail-biting thriller.

Holders Cloughduv have an abundance of talent in their line out. Aoife Murray, Orla McCarthy and Breege Corkery are but three of a strong mid-Cork side. They face a tough hour against a Milford side who will have Christine O'Gorman, Emer Watson and Elaine O'Riordan more than ready for the challenge.

Fr O'Neill's and St Catherine's meet in the U-18 B semi-final with Glen Rovers travelling to Youghal in the second semi-final.

Both these games should be exciting ties and **Grassroots** will update you with the results.



Some of the young participants in the Seandún U-10 camogie fun day.

## Cork minors begin quest for glory

THOUGHTS turn to championship action this evening with the county minor side travelling to Limerick in the competition's opening game.

Following on the disappointment of losing their All Ireland title last year to Tipperary the selectors have worked hard in preparation for this evening.

Five of last year's panel are again under age Marie and Emer Watson, Anna Geary, Jemma O'Connor and Celine Nyhan.

The selectors John Croinin, John Quinn and Ann Watson have not as yet named a team but it will be expected to include all five plus newcomers Denise Twomey, Ann O'Connell and Lisa Burns. Cork captain Marie Watson and Jemma O'Connor are holders of All-Ireland minor medals won at the expense of Galway in 1999 and now in their third season on the team will be the two whom a lot will depend on.

The experience gained at having competed at this level is sure to stand to both and the Cork back room team will be hoping for an inspired display from the pair.

Six members of the Cork panel are in preparation with St Mary's Charleville for the All Ireland colleges Junior and Senior finals.

Limerick will also be in a position to call on several of the St Mary's Charleville college's teams who will contest the All Ireland Junior and Senior colleges' final.

Ashline O'Brien turned in an impressive hour in St Mary's passage to the Junior final with a personal contribution of 1-3. Captain of the side Joanne Clifford is no stranger to the big time having won Munster Senior and All-Ireland club championship honours with Grenagh-Ballingarry.

Sinead McAuliffe is another who has made a big contribution to the Charleville academy's march to the finals.

Ballyagran is the venue with a 6.45pm throw-in on Wednesday next.

The inter divisional U-15 blitz which took place on Easter Monday was again a marvellous success.

Glorious sunshine at both Glen Rovers and Ballygarvan helped the mood of the day.

The opening game in the Glen saw Muskerry gain a victory over Seandún whilst in the second game a very close encounter saw Avondhu make Muskerry fight all the way for a 2-2 to 1-1 victory.

With Muskerry through to the final Seandún and Avondhu played out the last game and at the end it ended all square 1-1 apiece.

Out in Ballygarvan Carrigdhoun recorded a 2-1 to 0-2 first round win over Carbery with Imokilly losing out also to Carrigdhoun the final pairing was Muskerry versus Carrigdhoun.

Taking command from the throw in Carrigdhoun took the lead with a point and it was to be the only score of the half. Despite Muskerry's fierce showing Carrigdhoun held out for a deserved victory.



## Format doesn't favour Rebels

A NEW format Munster minor camogie championship gets under way this evening with the meeting of Cork and Limerick at Ballyagran, writes **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**.

Should Limerick be victorious they will proceed to the Munster final, but if they lose they can go on and play in the B championship with Waterford and Clare.

However, if Cork are defeated they are not eligible to play in the B grade and therefore would be out of the Munster championship.

In this competition, Cork and Tipperary are deemed to be the stronger counties, having contested the last number of Munster finals.

When the sides met in the 2000 decider in the Ragg, the Rebel County lost out by two points, so they will be anxious to atone by getting back into another final tonight.

But first they have to overcome a Limerick side that have a sound structural foundation in place. This is evident in their under-age success and team building, which the county has undertaken over the last couple of years.

Limerick, who are managed by John Lacey, will be only too aware of the huge, but surmountable job that is facing them. They will be back-boned by players from St Mary's in Charleville, who ironically will come fact-to-face with some of their school colleagues who will be wearing the Cork shirt.

Aisling O'Brien, Sinead McAuliffe, Joanne Clifford, Janice White, Fiona Geary and Karen Potter will be lining out in the Green and White, while their friends Anna Geary, and sisters Emer and Marie Watson will head up the Cork challenge.

Cork retain five of last year's panel. Along with Geary and the Watson sisters, they will be hoping that Jenna O'Connor and Celine Nyhan will benefit from last season's campaign.

Although, the team will not be known until nearer throw-in, it is expected that Nyhan will line out at full back, and that Emer and Marie Watson will join O'Connor in making up a very strong attack.

Other players pushing for inclusion will be Denise Twomey, Jackie O'Keefe and Marie O'Neill. It is hard to see Cork being beaten, but one thing for sure is that they will not get anything easy from Limerick.

This game has a 6.45pm start in Ballyagran.

# Reds in control of final

Cork  
Limerick

6-15  
1-2

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

in Ballyagran

**IT was Cork at a canter last evening in Ballyagran as they swept aside the home side in the semi-final of the Munster Minor A camogie final.**

While nobody likes to see any team get such a hammering in any contest, the harsh reality of this result is the huge gap in standards between these neighbouring counties.

Albeit good development work is underway Shannonside, but it will take a while before their efforts can be seen on the playing field.

Munster Council has also reacted to this situation by organising a B competition for first round losers this year, which are Limerick, Clare and Waterford.

Because in all reality, this sort of crushing does not do any team good.

No fault, however, to Cork. To the credit of their selectors, they have produced outstanding teams over the last number of years.

And last evening's side, with only five of last season's team to call upon, gave an unblemished

performance. But from such a whitewash the conclusions are of no great benefit.

And despite their big win, selector Ann Watson said that there is room for improvement before they meet Tipperary in the Munster final on May 10, in Kilmallock.

"We were slow to start and I would be worried about our full-back line the next day against Tipp."

"Limerick had us under pressure in the opening 10 minutes when Aisling O'Brien goaled for them early on."

"We will have to be tighter in the final. Tipp will be a much different story."

Further up the field, Cork went on the rampage leading by 5-7 to 1-2 at half-time.

Ann's own two daughters, Emer and captain Marie, clocked 2-5 between them. Noelle O'Connell, Elaine O'Riordan and sub Margaret McCarthy prospered on Limerick's looseness grabbing most of the remaining scores in what turned out to be a very one-sided affair.



Limerick's Joanne Tifford clashes with Cork's Sheila Byrnes during their Minor A camogie final at Ballyagran, Co. Limerick. Picture: Press 22



Limerick's Amanda Sheehan tries to block Cork's Sheila Byrnes.



Limerick's Ellen Hanrahan chases Cork's Brid Corkery. Picture: Press 22

● **EASY WIN:** In a game where they were never troubled, Cork qualified with ease — 5-17 to 1-2 — for the Munster minor camogie final after they totally overpowered Limerick at Ballyagran last evening.

Cork's power was evident throughout the opening 30 minutes, when they hit a five-goal blitz, courtesy of Noelle Collins and Emer Watson, with two a-piece, and Elaine O'Riordan to lead 5-7 to 1-2 at the interval.

On the turn-over, Cork maintained their supremacy and continuing to pick off scores with ease.

**CORK:** D. Twomey, M. O'Donovan, C. Nyhan, C. Foley, A. Geary, K. Lanihan, S. Burns, J. O'Keefe, M. O'Neill, B. Corkery, G. O'Connor, M. Watson, E. Watson, E. O'Riordan, N. Collins. Subs. N. O'Connell for M. O'Donovan, M. McCarthy for M. Collins, G. Kearney for E. Watson, C. Murphy for E. O'Riordan, J. Sheehy for B. Corkery.  
**LIMERICK:** M. Corkery, F. Hickey, M. Cremin, E. Hanrahan, AM O'Connell, J. Clifford, C. Carroll, M. O'Connor, C. Mulcahy, A. Sheehan, N. Collins, S. McAuliffe, A. O'Brien, A. O'Connell, F. Morrissey.



# It's roses all the way for Fiona

While camogie may be taking a battering at present due to foot and mouth problems, roses were in bloom very early this year in one part of Dublin's fair city, writes Máire Uí Scoláí.

This year's Rose of Tralee final will see the famed St. Vincent's club of Dublin in the limelight when their camogie rose Fiona Byrne represents Dublin in the world famous festival.

The long established 'Vinnys' have always been very progressive, and when Catherine Kelly and her social committee came up with the idea of running a heat for the festival the club's reaction was over whelmingly yes.

The club sponsors Beamish also jumped at the idea, and so on the night eight St. Vincents Roses and escorts did their party piece with club member Brian Mullins as MC for the night.

When asked by Catherine Kelly to take part, 22 year old Fiona jumped at the idea and as she said "I did not have to be asked a second time. In my wildest dreams I never thought of winning and it came as a huge shock to me," said

Fiona. But more was to follow for the bright administrator.

Having come through the first heat it was on to the Burlington Hotel for the Dublin final where 15 girls took part and master of ceremonies on the night was TV3 weather man Martin King.

A fantastic night for Fiona who almost fell off the chair, when at the end of the night her name was called out, she was not alone on the night.

There to lend some valuable advice was the reigning Rose of Tralee Roisin Ryan Egenton of New York. "I have almost been on cloud nine since then" said modest Fiona who will be escorted by her boyfriend Peter Jones on the big night in Tralee.

During all this hype, her junior 'B' team, who were beaten in last year's championship final have been giving her some slugging, but have made sure she still comes to training.

When we met recently over coffee, she told me she intends to train until near the time and then "I will take a break just in case of a knock and I will hope they will keep a place for me" said she with a smile.

Fiona's elder and only sister Sonya has certainly made her mark also with some sterling performances with the St. Vincents team and also the Dubs.

August could yet prove to be a very busy month for these two sisters if the Dubs under new manager PJ Donohue do well in the championship and Fiona spending her week of the 24th to the 28th in Tralee.

Both Fiona and Sonya are no strangers to Gaelic games as their father Johnny set up a club in Dublin's inner city a couple of years ago, called Crinian Gaels. Their mother Marie is also very much a part of all the hype at the moment and like her two daughters is very much looking forward to her trip to the Kingdom.

Fiona, who is an administrator with the Food Safety Authority in Dublin has always had an interest in the Rose of Tralee Festival, but never dreamt of being there one day.

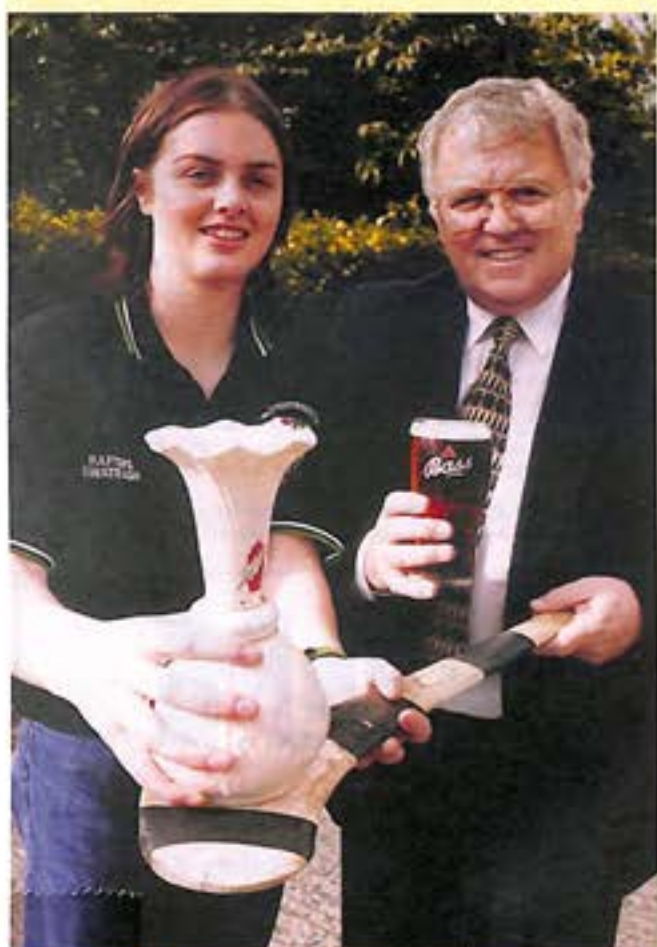
Fiona is delighted with the many offers she has had so far, and on the night she will wear a dress by 'Watercolours' and to whom she is extremely grateful to.

Fiona is extremely grateful to her club sponsors, Beamish, Catherine Kelly and the St Vincent social committee. Also her parents Johnny and Marie, her sister Sonya and boyfriend Peter.

Fiona who has done some travelling, would certainly like to travel further. Fiona has got great support from her colleagues in the Food Safety Authority and they have been extremely generous to her so far.

Who knows, Fiona may just get that opportunity, but one way or the other, Fiona's feet are firmly on the ground. "I intend to enjoy the months up to the festival, I know it will go very quickly, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Fiona.

At time of going to press it is very difficult to ascertain how our games will go this season due to the on going foot and mouth disease, but every effort will be made to play our games provided that the situation in the country remains all right.



Paula McAtamney receiving a Bass Ulster GAA Writers Award from Brian Houston of Bass

## Farcical camogie league encounters

WHEN the annals of camogie will come to be written, the double header national league encounters involving Cork and Kilkenny in both junior and senior at the Mardyke on Palm Sunday, 2001, will deserve a special mention, but for all the wrong reasons.

Games between Cork and Kilkenny or Cork and Tipperary are always looked up to with keen expectations of classic encounters be it in the league or championship.

However, when the Black and Amber squad which travelled to Cork on Sunday had only twenty girls for two teams, the prospects of lively encounters and value for money looked very dim and so it proved.

It is indeed very doubtful if Kilkenny will be as generous when the championship comes around. The fact of playing ten juniors on a senior team after they had already played a junior game, makes a farce of the league.

### RETURN

Winning by 3-19 to no score, it proved only like a puck-around for Cork where the return of the Dunlea sisters, after their sojourn down under in Australia, has greatly strengthened the team as has the inclusion of Barryroe star forward Jennifer O'Leary.

Scorers: Lynn Dunlea 1-3; Ciara Healy, 1-3; Jennifer O'Leary 1-1; Fiona O'Driscoll 0-5; Una O'Donoghue 0-3; V. Harris 0-2; Rachel Moloney 0-2.

Cork: Geraldine Casey, Sínead Buckley, Denise Cronin, Mary O'Connor, Sarah Hayes, Linda Mellerick, V. Harris, Una O'Donoghue, Fiona O'Driscoll, Elaine Burke, Jennifer O'Leary, Lynn Dunlea, Ciara

Healy. Subs.: Nora Ahern, C. Harte, Joanne O'Callaghan, Rachel Moloney, Paula O'Connor.

The junior game which preceded the senior game was much more of a contest but Cork had taken a firm grip on the game from the start, leading by 2-2 to 0-2 at half time. Full time score, 2-5 to 0-3.

Cork scorers: Elaine O'Farrell 1-0; Elaine McCarthy 1-0; Cora Kelly 0-3; Ann Murphy 0-1; Valerie O'Keeffe 0-1.

### GREAT START

Barryroe U 16 camogie players got the season off to a great start when they defeated Fr O'Neill's 2-7 to 1-0 in the county final at Bishopstown on Saturday evening.

The outstanding performance and brilliant stickwork of many of these young maidens will form the nucleus for some great camogie teams in Barryroe in the years ahead. An outstanding performance was given by Louise Gorman at midfield where she got able assistance from Emer O'Regan and for historical purposes it's interesting to relate that both their grandfathers, Jack Cahalane and Thady O'Regan, were stalwarts on the great Clonakilty football team of the Forties.

Others to impress on this star studded team were Carol Dinneen, Lorraine Whelton and Marie Moloney the team captain.

Barryroe: Emer White, Noreen O'Driscoll, Patricia Moloney, Eileen Barry, Margaret O'Brien, Carol Dinneen, Elaine Sexton, Louise Gannon, Emer O'Regan, Carol Ann O'Donovan, Rosemarie Dinneen, Sharon O'Donovan, Nicola Keohane, Lorraine Whelton, Marie Moloney, capt.

—John Sexton

## Bishopstown in search of five-in-a-row

THE latter end of the 1990s saw the Cork county senior camogie championship trophy switch homes from northside to southside.

After a seven-year reign, Glen Rovers surrendered the crown to Bishopstown in 1997 and there the cup has remained for the past four years.

Last week the draw for the 2001 championship was made and the big question being asked is can Bishopstown record a famous five-in-a-row?

Last season they got a major fright from Fr O'Neill's, and

there is every possibility that the sides could meet again this year, at the quarter final stage.

Bishopstown's opening game in the 2001 campaign is against Inniscarra, while Fr O'Neill's play Courcy Rovers.

This is not saying that the Ballymacoda girls will get anything easy from Courcy Rovers. In fact, the opposite could well be the case.

In the other first round games, last season's senior B champions Éire Óg will square up to Imokilly. While the East Cork division would not be as

### THERESE O'CALLAGHAN View from the ground



strong as their hurling counterparts, it is a difficult enough assignment for Con Malone and company. Imokilly can call upon the services of the 2000 Junior B winners St Catherine's and Youghal, the defeated finalists.

The pick of the games should be the meeting of Barryroe and Cloghduv. Barryroe won many admirers from their tremendous championship campaign last year.

Cloghduv showed up very

well too, and with the Dunlea sisters back in action, their cause will be strengthened.

Carbery and Newtownshandrum is another interesting tussle.

With the county senior hurling cup going to north Cork last autumn, their sister club would love to put the spotlight on Avondhu camogie by emulating that feat.

However, Carbery do not throw in the towel too easily, and will give their all.

In an all divisional showdown, Muskerry and Seandún com-

plete the pairings.

Muskerry are weakened by the loss of Éire Óg, who have moved up to senior grade, while Seandún will have their usual call on many of the city teams.

Both Glen Rovers and Carrigrohane have received byes to the second round.

The full draw is: A - Éire Óg v Imokilly; B - Fr O'Neill's v Courcy Rovers; C - Cloghduv v Barryroe; D - Inniscarra v Bishopstown; E - Muskerry v Seandún; F - Carbery v Newtownshandrum.

Quarter-finals: Winners of G v E v Glen Rovers; H Winners F v Winners C; I Winners A v Carrigrohane; J Winners B v Winners D.

Semi-finals: H v I; J v G.



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Participants in the Seandún camogie under-10 fun day at Bishopstown.

# Outstanding fun day proves a major success

**T**HE Seandún division had a large turn out at their inaugural Under-10 camogie fun day held on Friday last at the Bishopstown GAA grounds.

Approximately 140 under 10 participated in a day where the emphasis was on fun and enjoyment.

Clubs from Passage, St Finbarrs, Blackrock, Douglas, Brian Dillons, Bishopstown, Na Piarasigh and Glen Rovers all participated and judging from the reaction of both mentors and players alike, the exercise was a worthwhile one.

Divisional chairperson Marion McCarthy and her vice chairperson Mairéad Uí Mhaoileoin organised the players into teams of 11 and here's where the fun began. Not a day in which you lined out with your club, the players were mixed in different groups with the various clubs represented on all teams therefore giving everybody a chance to get to know each other and play with players from other clubs.

Teams were named in honour of a county and sporting distinctive coloured bibs the action began. Three groups with four teams in each ensured every team played three matches and with no break in between the action was non-stop.

Mentors who would normally look after their own club teams refereed the

games and again the participation of the older players who all play in the Seandún leagues was evident.

Each group got to know each other quickly and the tremendous team spirit which built up was remarkable. To see two youngsters one wearing the blue and gold socks of "The Barrs" linking arms with her team mate for the day who was sporting the green, black and yellow of "The Glen" showed more than anything the sporting and fun aspect of the day.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of medals to all participants, again putting the emphasis on the theory that on the day all were winners. Well done to Seandún for an innovative idea.

Thoughts turn to championship action on Wednesday evening with the county minor side travelling to Limerick in the competition's opening game.

Five of last year's panel are again under age, Marie and Emer Watson, Anna Geary, Jemma O'Connor and Celine Nyhan. The selectors John Cronin, John Quinn and Ann Watson have not as yet named a team, but it will be expected to include all five. Cork captain Marie Watson and Jemma O'Connor are holders of All-Ireland minor medals and their experience is sure to stand to both.

Six members of the Cork panel are in preparation with St Mary's Charleville for the All-Ireland colleges Junior and Senior finals.

Ballyagran is the venue with a 6.45pm throw in on Wednesday next.

On Thursday Courcey Rovers and Barryroe meet in the Under-18 A championship at Courceys. Sunday will see the first semi-final when favourites Milford and Cloughduv clash at Cloughduv in what has the makings of a cracker. Aoife Murray, Joanne and Orla O'Callaghan will strive to see Cloughduv hold on to their title against a strong Milford who field six Cork minors in their side. Anna Geary, Emer and Marie Watson will play vital roles for the North Cork club.

In the Under-18B semi finals St Cathelines will look to Denise Twomey, Yvonne O'Neill and Noreen Mulcahy as they meet Fr O'Neills who have Gearoidin Kearney and Katie Ahern leading their quest for a final place.

Glen Rovers travel to Youghal minus injured full back Kelly Newman and Linda O'Brien, but they will be hoping that Niamh Goulding, Susan Collins and Claire Fitzgerald will help them overcome a strong home side who will be guided by their Cork minor Ann O'Connell, and Ashley Corcoran as they attempt to make it an all East Cork final.

## The county champions applauded by community

MILFORD'S Under-14 and Under-16 Cork County camogie champions were honoured at a function in the village's West End Bar on Sunday night, as the successful team members were presented with their medals by Ms Ann Watson, Chairperson of the local club.

Presenting the girls with their trophies, Ms Watson praised their commitment to the game and their conduct on the field of play. "They played their hearts out and both teams emerged deserving winners in their respective games, with the younger girls beating Ballinhassig, and the Under-16's beating Inniscarra in the county finals."

Ms Watson said that the girls did Milford proud and brought great honour to the area by their victories and have enhanced the club by their great performances during the year.

Each young girl accepted her medal from Ms Watson, to loud applause from the packed attendance.

Other awards were also presented on the night, to players from the club who had distinguished themselves at Cork County and All-Ireland level during the past year.

Christine O'Gorman, Emer O'Friel, Noelle O'Riordan and Deirdre O'Reilly won Munster medals with the Cork Junior Camogie team, while Elaine O'Riordan and Carmel O'Reilly won All-Ireland Under-14 medals playing with Cork.

The captains of four victorious teams, Imelda Sexton (U-16), Elaine O'Riordan (U-14), Emer Watson, who captained the Under-14 Féile na Gael team, and Anne Geary who captained the team in the Munster Community Games Competition also received awards.

Special awards were also presented to Aine Watson and Amanda Hehir, who played in the Sciath na Scoil competition in Croke Park. Ms Leila Long also received an award for her outstanding work for the club.

Ms Watson had a special word of thanks for the parents of the girls, who had given tremendous support and co-operation.



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Limerick's Christine Carroll tussles for possession with Cork's Sheila Byrnes in their clash at Ballingarry.

Picture: Press 22

## Rebels too hot to handle in one-sided encounter

Cork  
Limerick

5-17  
1-2

A EARLY Limerick goal from Ashling O'Brien failed to unnerve the Cork minors who settled well and were never in any danger as they coasted to a Munster minor final meeting with holders Tipperary on Wednesday evening last.

Dominating the opening half, Cork led 5-7 to 1-2 at the break after goals from Noelle Collins and Emer Watson, two each, and one from Elaine O'Riordan.

Stronger in all sectors, the Cork side with Jackie O'Keeffe and Sheila Burns in control held the upper hand.

Limerick found the going tough against a strong Cork defence where Ca-triona Foley, Clare Nyhan and Ann Geary were solid.

From the restart Cork continued their dominance and picking off points at ease, ran out convincing winners.

For the losers there is a chance of participation in the Munster B champions where they meet Clare while Cork will look forward to a renewing acquaintances with Tipperary.

A second half rally from Milford, who trailed 1-2 to 1-1 at the interval, was enough to book their place in the final of the under 18 A championship at the expense of Cloughduv on Sunday last.

They won on a 2-6 to 1-3 final scoreline.

Emer Watson with a goal and a point inside the opening five minutes of the second half led the Milford fight-back and with Emer O'Friel pointing they were in control.

Keeping on the pressure, Milford kept the Cloughduv defence busy and further points from Marie Watson and Christine O'Gorman saw them safely through despite the efforts of Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan and Orla McCarthy for Cloughduv.

Barryroe, with Jennifer O'Leary and Karen McCarthy in form, made no mistake in the second semi-final, recording a victory over Aghabullogue to set up a Milford/Barryroe final on May 4.

Fr O'Neill's made no mistake with a strong performance to against St Catherine's to make it to the under 18 B county final with a 3-6 to 2-5 victory.

A goal from Denise Twomey gave St Catherine's a 1-3 to 0-3 lead by the interval.

The second half was a close affair with the lead changing hands and the sides level on two occasions.

St Catherine's continued to hold the advantage in the early stages but rallying her side, Kate Ahern scored for Fr O'Neill's to make it all square.

St Catherine's hit the front again with a Twomey goal, but with fighting spirit, O'Neill's got the vital break with a second Ahern goal to again level matters.

With Roisin Corcoran, Ahern and Gearoidin Kearney all applying pressure O'Neill's hit the front with a Siobhan Ahern goal and a Kearney point extended their lead which they held to the end.

# Cork bid to reach the closing stages

**CORK senior and junior teams face into Sunday's league ties with Galway on full points after wins over Tipperary and Kilkenny.**

A victory on Sunday would almost certainly guarantee a place in the closing stages and, given that a big doubt must now hang over the Antrim game on May 13, next weekend's clashes are of vital importance.

Galway drew with Tipperary in their opening senior league game and last Sunday recorded a victory over Kilkenny.

In the process of rebuilding, Galway will travel to Limerick determined to take the points that could be crucial in the final shake up.

## Fixtures

**SUNDAY APRIL 29**  
All Ireland Post Primary Senior A Final: St Mary's Charleville v Loretto Kilkenny at Morcarkey Littleton 2pm.  
Senior and Junior National League: Cork v Galway at Limerick venue, possibly Ballingarry - Junior 1.30pm, senior 3pm.  
Under 18 B County Final: Glen Rovers v Fr O'Neill's 7pm. Venue to be arranged.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Galway's junior team lost to both Tipperary and Kilkenny and will be aiming to bounce back against a strong Cork outfit who will be very

aware of their Munster Championship meeting with Clare on May 7.

With Central Council due to meet to discuss the situation regarding the foot and mouth crisis it's hard to envisage Antrim being in a position to fulfil any of their National League programme.

Antrim are already three games behind the other counties.

If Central Council decide to award the points against Antrim the top two teams going into Sunday's clash are Cork and Galway who are on four and three respectively.

The meeting of Kilkenny and Tipperary on May 13 will also have a bearing on who goes through from the section.

● St Mary's Charleville will be hop-

ing to make it the first leg of a double when they meet Loretto Kilkenny in the senior colleges championship final at Moycarkey, Littleton, next Sunday at 2pm.

Coached by Vincent Harrington and Annmarie O'Keeffe, the Charleville side will be striving to take the college's fifth All-Ireland senior title.

St Mary's brushed aside the challenge of Kinvara in the semi-final.

The Charleville outfit have superb players in Christine O'Gorman, captain Niamh Bowles, the Watson sisters, Marie and Emer, Sinead McAuliffe and Alison White.

St. Mary's will be hard to stop as they bid to take the title they last held in 1999.

## Cronin and O'Driscoll face a busy day

DESPITE the 3-0 to 2-0 scoreline in Glen Rovers' favour, they served up an entertaining hour's camogie in the second of the under 18 B semi-finals against Youghal on Sunday evening.

Electing to play with the aid of the gale force wind was a wise decision from Rovers' point of view as

they settled quickly and inside four minutes had goals from Clare Fitzgerald, Denise Tobin and Donna Bracken.

Niamh Goulding and Emer Murphy with two long range shots beat the keeper to extend the Glen's lead before Amy Cuthbert's goal on the half time whistle made it 6-0 to no

score going into the interval.

From the resumption Youghal showed great determination and cut the lead with two goals inside a minute from Kelly McCarthy and Jillian White to be right back in the game.

With Jennifer Twomey, Ann O'Connell and Sarah

Flavin keeping on the pressure, the Glen defence had to work hard to hold their lead.

Two goals in the closing stages from Goulding and Tobin put the issue beyond doubt and set up a Glen Rovers / Fr O'Neill's final on Sunday evening next at 7pm with a venue to be announced.

It will be an interesting final given that earlier on Sunday next Fiona O'Driscoll and Denise Cronin will line out with Cork seniors in their clash with Galway in Limerick. Afterwards they will dash back to guide the fortunes of their respective under 18 charges as they plot each other's downfall in the under 18 B final.



# Loreto on glory trail

**F**OR THE first time, the All-Ireland senior 'A' colleges camogie final is being played under 15-a-side rules. It is also the first time the Loreto secondary school, Kilkenny will contest an All-Ireland Camogie final.

Their opponents, Charleville, are colleges camogie specialists, having won four senior, six junior and 10 seven-a-side All-Irelands, most of them in recent years.

Although the Loreto won Leinster senior 'A' titles in 1994 and 1997, and Leinster junior 'A' titles in 1994 and 1999, they were defeated on all occasions in the All-Ireland semi-finals. The two defeats in 1994 were at the hands of Charleville.

This year, Loreto defeated F.C.J. Bunclody, Presentation Kilkenny and Birr Community School. They drew with Mercy Ennis-corthy in the preliminary matches of the Leinster championship before defeating the same side in the final.

The subsequent victory over St. Mary's, Magherafelt in the All-Ireland semi-final ensured their historic first appearance in a final.

This year's Charleville side is highly rated. It will take a very good performance by Loreto to make their debut in the final a successful one.

However, the evidence from the Leinster final and All-Ireland semi-final proves that the Kilkenny side lack for nothing as far as determination is concerned. The girls are determined to acquit themselves well.

With nine players from last year's successful Kilkenny under-18 Leinster championship winning side playing for Loreto, their team is skillful and well used to playing together. With the addition of that always vital ingredient, luck, the Loreto will be hoping to inscribe their name on

Corn Scelge for the first time. The final is on Sunday in Moycarkey, Littleton (2 p.m.)

## The Loreto girls

**Brigid Brennan** (Lisdowney), won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal and an under-14 county championship.

**Margaret Byrne** (St. Brigid's), won one Leinster under-16 medal; 1 Leinster U-14 medal; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 2 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medals; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior medal; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal and an under-21; 1 county championship.

**Laura Comerford** (Emeralds), won one Leinster U-18 medal; 2 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster U-14; 2 Leinster colleges senior 'A' medals; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 3 Leinster colleges 7-a-side; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior medal; 1 Leinster Community Games; 1 Kilkenny Community Games and four under-age county championships.

**Sinead Corrigan** (Freshford), won one Leinster U-16 medal; 1 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 6 under-age county championships; 1 U-14 hurling championships; 1 U-14 hurling league (Conahy); 1 U-14 football league (Conahy).

**Fiona Dowling** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster senior club championship; 1 Leinster U-18; 2 Leinster U-16; 2 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 2 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medals; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 3 senior county championships; 8 under-age county championships.

**Sinead Connery** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster senior club championship; 1 Leinster U-18; 2 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 2 senior county championships; 7 under-age county championships.

**Caitriona McCormack** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster senior club championship; 1 Leinster U-18 medal; 2 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges

junior 'A'; 3 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medals; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 3 senior county championships; 12 under-age county championships.

**Deirdre Delaney** (Freshford), won one Leinster U-14 medal; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 1 U-16 county championship.

**Grace Dermody** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 7 under-age county championships.

**Aine Fahey** (Emeralds), won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Primary Schools Roinn 'A'; 1 Kilkenny Community Games medal.

**Aoife Fitzpatrick** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster senior club championship; 1 Leinster U-18; 2 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 2 senior county championships; 11 under-age county championships.

**Eileen Fitzpatrick** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 3 medal; 1 Leinster U-18; 1 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 11 under-age county championships.

**Katy Gaffney** (Dicksboro), won one Leinster U-16 medal; 2 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal.

**Caroline Hayne** (Clara), won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 2 under-age county championships.

**Breda Kavanagh** (Freshford), won one Leinster U-14 medal; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1

Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 9 under-age county championships.

**Caitriona Kavanagh** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 6 under-age county championship.

**Helen Keane** (Dicksboro), won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A' medal.

**Ciaran Lanigan** (Harps), won one All-Ireland minor 'B' championship; 1 Feile na nGael Division 3 medal; 1 Leinster U-16 Roinn 'B'; 1 Leinster U-14 Roinn 'B'; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 5 under-age county championships.

**Mairead Lawler** (Freshford), won one Leinster senior club championship; 1 Leinster U-18; 2 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 2 Leinster colleges 7-a-side; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 2 senior county

championships; 7 under-age county championships.

**Grace McCormack** (St. Martin's), won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A' and 1 primary schools championship.

**Danielle Minogue** (Freshford), won one Leinster U-18; 1 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 11 under-age county championships.

**Nicola Minogue** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster U-14; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal; 7 under-age county championships.

**Sarah O'Gorman** (Emeralds), won one Leinster U-18 medal; 2 Leinster U-16; 1 Leinster U-14; 2 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 3 Leinster colleges 7-a-side medals; 1 Kilkenny col-

leges senior; 1 Leinster Community Games; 1 Kilkenny Community Games; 4 under-age county championships.

**Elaine O'Neill** (James Stephens), position forward, won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal and 5 under-age county championships.

**Alison Pollard** (St. Brigid's), captain, won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior medal; 2 under-age county championships.

**April Purcell** (Freshford), won one Feile na nGael Division 2 medal; 1 Leinster senior club championship; 1 Leinster colleges senior 'A'; 1 Leinster colleges junior 'A'; 1 Kilkenny colleges senior medal; 2 senior county championships; 8 under-age county championships.

**Laoighneach Quigley** (Clara), won one Leinster colleges senior 'A' medal; 1 Kilkenny colleges first year medal and two under-age county championships.

## BRIGID'S CHASING CAMOGIE GOLD

**B**ATTLING St. Brigid's college, Cullin will be hoping to strike camogie gold this week-end.

Brigid's have qualified for the All-Ireland colleges senior (Roinn B) final against mighty Mercy college, Woodford (Galway).

The game will be played in Borrisoleigh on Saturday. While they have enjoyed a good campaign, the Kilkenny girls will be hard pressed to win.

Woodford are reported to be a crack team, with a hot attack. They sent St.

Joseph's, Borrisoleigh flying in the All-Ireland semi-final after dominating the game for long periods.

St. Brigid's beat LSU, Banagher (4-3 to 1-2) and Loreto convent, Mullingar (8-6 to no score) before clashing with St. Fergal's, Rathdowney in the provincial decider.

The initial clash had to be called off at half-time because of bad weather. In the replay, St. Brigid's got through thanks to a late goal which earned them a 2-8 to 2-6 victory.

Another late, late goal in the All-Ireland semi-final beat St. Louis (Ballymena).

The Kilkenny girls are certainly not lacking in spirit or determination. They have chased games right to the final whistle, and that never say die spirit has brought them a long way so far.

With the same firm attitude, a Kilkenny win cannot be ruled out.

**St. Brigid's college squad** - Ailish Kenneally (Carrickshock); Terri Mackey (Windgap); Graeme Brennan (Danesfort); Terri Maher (St. Brigid's);

Ballycallan); Roisin Carey (Danesfort); Theresa Muldowney (St. Brigid's); Aoife Treacy, capt (Danesfort); Jacqui Frisby (Carrickshock); Lauraena Murphy (St. Brigid's); Caitriona Muldowney (St. Brigid's); Bronagh Neary (St. Brigid's); Julie Anne Woodcock (Danesfort); Aoife Neary (James Stephens); Eleanor Downey (Windgap); Phema Heffernan (Windgap); Margaret Brennan (St. Brigid's); Nicola Aylward (Carrickshock); Patricia O'Neill (St. Brigid's); Bridget Raftice (Mullinavat); Teresa Walsh (St. Brigid's); Aine Walsh (St. Brigid's); Aileen Cunningham (Danesfort).

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● **CAMOGIE TREAT:** It's a big weekend for schools camogie. At 2pm this afternoon at Borrisoleigh, Co Tipperary, Mercy (Woodford), Galway take on St. Brigid's (Callan), Co Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland Senior "B" Post Primary Schools Championship final while tomorrow is the big one when St. Mary's (Charleville) will be endeavouring to regain their All-Ireland Senior "A" Post Primary title when they meet Loreto, Kilkenny at Moycarkey, Littleton, Co Kilkenny at 2pm.

St. Mary's have been the top team in this competition for ten years and look likely to continue in that vein. Having seen them record a big win, 8-13 to 1-1 over Clonsilla in the Munster final and defeating Portumna College, in the All-Ireland semi-final it is hard to doubt the North Cork side.

## Easy win is little help to Cork

**Cork**  
**Galway**

**4-9**  
**0-2**

1 tie in Shannon, probably because these sides will meet in the first round of the All-Ireland championship in nine weeks time.

PA FINN and company will be only too aware that their facile victories in this year's National League are not a true picture of what they will meet in the All-Ireland championship next July.

Again, as against Kilkenny a few weeks ago, Galway did not show their true hand in yesterday's Division

The Maroon and White started minus the services of eight regulars - Aine Hilary, Pam Nevin, Olivia Broderick, Veronica Curtin, Louise Curry, Theresa Maher, Fiona Guthery, Tracey Laheen and, by half-time, were further depleted

**By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN**  
**In Shannon**

with the loss through injury of Martina Harkins and Martha Havery.

Meanwhile, Cork have full points from their three matches against Tipperary, Kilkenny and Galway, and in their final game against Antrim they should make that eight from four.

Yesterday, they were almost at full strength with the exception of the injured Denise Cronin, who said afterwards that these wins are of no great benefit.

"We are playing teams who are not fielding their full compliment. It is obviously tactics. No one wants to play us. Cork are down and they want to ensure that we stay down."

So, the much-awaited

dress rehearsal for the championship showdown did not materialise. In the first half Cork opened up a 2-5 to 0-0 lead thanks to goalscorers Lynn Dunlea and Jennifer O'Leary. A third goal 30 seconds after the break and a fourth in the 55th minute from Clara Healy ended this one-sided game.

In the junior decider Cork took the spoils 2-14 to 0-5.



# ALL-IRELAND POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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SENIOR B FINAL

MERCY, WOODFORD

v

MERCY, WOODFORD

Colours: White and Green

ST. BRIGID'S, CALLAN

	1 Tracy Harte	
2 Phylis Hayes	3 Fiona Gohery	4 Denise Kelly
5 Karen Dervan	6 Elizabeth Flynn	7 Clara Shiel
8 Caroline Kelly	9 Fiona Hahnefeld	
10 Deirdre Gilcheest	11 Sile Fahy	12 Sinead Donnelly
13 Laura Flanagan	14 Mary Kelly	15 Linda Gohery

Subs: 16 Therese Murphy 17 Ailbhe Shiel 18 Nicola Broderick 19 Aisling Tuohy  
20 Jikke Andinga 21 Emma Regan 22 Elaine Broderick 23 Brenda Regan 24 Lisa Dervan

ST. BRIGID'S, CALLAN

Colours: Navy Blue and Light Blue

	1 Ailish Kenneally	
2 Grainne Brennan	3 Terri Mackey	4 Terri Maher
5 Roisin Carey	6 Therese Muldowney	7 Aoife Tracey (Ca
8 Bronagh Neary	9 Phena Heffernan	
10 Eleanor Downey	11 Laureena Murphy	12 Jacqui Frisby
13 Caitriona Muldowney	14 Aoife Neary	15 Julie Ann Woods

Subs: 16 Margaret Brennan, 17 Nicola Aylward, 18 Patricia O'Neill, 19 Teresa Walsh  
20 Bridget Raftisce, 21 Aine Walsh 22 Aileen Cunningham



# ALL-IRELAND POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

## SENIOR A FINAL

### LORETO, KILKENNY

V

### ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

#### ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Colours: Black and Blue

- 1 Elizabeth Lenihan
- 2 Edwina Boyce
- 3 Noelle O'Riordan
- 4 Aoife Dillon
- 5 Anna Geary
- 6 Aine Kelleher
- 7 Christine O'Gorman
- 8 Niamh Bowles (Capt)
- 9 Deirdre Hayes
- 10 Aoife Sheehan
- 11 Eimear O'Friel
- 12 Maria Watson
- 13 Emer Watson
- 14 Alison White
- 15 Sinead McAuliffe

- Subs: 16 Sharon Lenihan  
17 Una Harrington  
18 Aisling O'Brien  
19 Elaine O'Riordan  
20 Aimee McCarthy  
21 Imelda Sexton  
22 Lisa Healy  
23 Caitriona Noonan

#### LORETO, KILKENNY

Black and Amber

- 1 Laura Comerford
- 2 Margaret Byrne
- 3 Fiona Dowling
- 4 April Purcell
- 5 Danielle Minogue
- 6 Sarah O'Gorman
- 7 Mairead Lawlor
- 8 Catheriona Cormack
- 9 Aoife Fitzpatrick
- 10 Catherine Kavanagh
- 11 Sinead Connery
- 12 Eileen Fitzpatrick
- 13 Allison Pollard (Capt)
- 14 Sinead Corrigan
- 15 Elaine O'Neill

- 16 Brigid Brennan
- 17 Deirdre Delaney
- 18 Grace Dermody
- 19 Aine Fahey
- 20 Kay Gaffney
- 21 Caroline Hoyne
- 22 Breda Kavanagh
- 23 Caitriona Kavanagh
- 24 Helen Keane
- 25 Ciara Lanigan
- 26 Grace McCormack
- 27 Nicola Minogue
- 28 Laoighseach Quigley

#### Cork to remain unbeaten.

FOLLOWING two rounds in both the Senior and Junior Camogie National Leagues both Cork teams remain unbeaten, and will be hoping to remain on course for the semi-finals when they play Galway at a Limerick venue next Sunday.

This game at least should provide them with a more worthwhile test, which Kilkenny failed to do last time out, and once again Mary O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary and Ger Casey will be included in a team coming together nicely under Coach Pa Finn.

#### Galway themselves

need the points having drawn with Tipperary and they can call on Sharon Glynn, Olivia Broderick and Tracey Laheen. In the last few years these two sides have built up a keen rivalry and that should make for an interesting contest which Cork should win.

The Junior team have also been going well and they too should collect the points especially if Gemma O'Connor, Liz Sweetnam and Ger Collins repeat their form of earlier rounds.

In Post Primary Colleges, after a long delay, St Mary's, Charleville meet Loreto Convent, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior 'A' Final in Moycarkey, Tipperary on Sunday at 2 pm.

Niamh Bowles, Anna Geary, Sinead McAuliffe and the Watson sisters Eimear and Marie are just a few members of a highly rated team and it will come as a major surprise if they lose this one.

In local games, the Final of the U-18 'B' C'ship takes place on Sunday night at 7pm in Carrigtwohill between Fr O'Neills and Glen Rovers with the East Cork side favoured to win, and in Gearoidin Kearney, Kate Ahern and Roisin Corcoran, they have top class players.

Glen defeated Youghal in their semi-final, and will look to Aideen Guiton, Niamh Goulding, Amy Cuthbert and Donna Bracken to give them victory in what has proved to be a competitive C'ship.

Interestingly, the Coaches to the teams are Fiona O'Driscoll and Denise Cronin who earlier in the day will be team mates with Cork against Galway, and how good it is to see inter-county players still willing to give of their time to under-age teams in their own clubs, despite the obvious pressure this entails.

## Cork hammer understrength Galway girls

Cork 4-9  
Galway 0-2

A DEPLETED Galway side offered little resistance to a strong Cork side in the senior national league in Shannon yesterday.

Cork took control from the throw-in after Fiona O'Driscoll had opened their account with a second-minute point.

Two goals inside a minute from Lynn Dunlea and Jennifer O'Leary had the Cork girls in a comfortable half-time lead 2-5 to 0-0.

The trend continued throughout the second half with Cork picking off scores with ease.

Ciara Healy, with two goals, had consolidated the result before Sharon Glynn pointed two frees for Galway.

Scorers: Cork: C. Healy 2-1, J. O'Leary 1-1, L. Dunlea 1-1, U. O'Donoghue 0-2, F. O'Driscoll, E. Burke, V. Harris, J. Hannon 0-1 each; Galway: S. Glynn 0-2.  
CORK: C. Keohane, S. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Dunlea, J. Hannon, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, L. Mellerick, V. Harris, U. O'Donoghue, F. O'Driscoll, E. Burke, J. O'Leary, L. Dunlea, C. Healy.  
GALWAY: C. Spellman, T. Nash, R. O'Connor, A. Broderick, M. Haverly, A. Hardiman, C. Hannon, M. Glynn, T. Nevan, A. Connolly, S. Glynn, M. Harkin, E. Kilkenny, S. Cummins, S. Tannion.

Cork 2-14  
Galway 0-5

In the junior game which preceded the senior a strong Cork side totally over powered a weak Galway challenge to take full points.

Leading 0-9 to 0-0 at the interval, a Gemma O'Connor goal four minutes into the second half sealed victory.

Scorers: Cork: G. O'Connor 1-4, E. McCarthy 0-4, M. Ennequess 1-1, C. Desmond 0-3, A. Murphy, A. O'Regan 0-1 each.  
Galway: R. Lally 0-1, C. Connery, 0-1, AM Hughes, S. Murphy, L. Linane.

Glen Rovers 1-4  
Fr O'Neills 0-1

A GOAL from full-forward Denise Tobin in the first half set the foundation for a Glen Rovers victory in the U18 'B' County Championship Final at Carrigtwohill last night.



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# Sparkling St Mary's coast to fifth title

**St. Mary's 4-7**

**Loreto (Kilkenny) 0-3**

**Tom Higgins**  
Littleton

THE scoreline may suggest that St. Mary's (Charleville), had it easy when capturing their fifth All-Ireland Post Primary Senior camogie title at Littleton yesterday but Loreto put up a good fight.

Although the winners dominated most of the first half, scores were scarce in the opening 20 minutes and St. Mary's held only a two point advantage.

But they showed their true form in the remaining ten minutes of the half, scoring 3-2 to put the game virtually out of the Kilkenny girls' reach.

St. Mary's made an excellent start with a point from Maria Watson in the opening minute but once the Loreto defence settled, they gave the North Cork side's forwards little scope.

Aoife Sheehan gave the Charleville outfit their second point in the 10th minute from a free.

They should have increased their

lead with a goal three minutes later but Laura Comerford, in the Loreto goal, made an excellent save from Emer Watson.

The Kilkenny side pushed forward after that, giving the St Mary's forwards more room to roam.

The Cork school's defence, with Áine Kelleher, Edwina Boyce and Ann Geary outstanding, dealt well with the Loreto attacks and hit back with a goal from Emer Watson in the 22nd minute, followed by a point from Sinéad McAuliffe.

St. Mary's were now rampant and when a 25th minute shot from Maria Watson was saved by Comerford her sister, Emer, was on hand to finish to the net. Alison White added another point almost on the stroke of half-time, before Sinéad McAuliffe scored her side's third goal.

Loreto were unlucky not to goal in the 32nd minute when Sarah O'Gorman's free was put out for a "45" but they did open their account when Sinéad Connery, who was one of their stars, broke through to point in the 35th minute. But almost immedi-



Anna Geary of St. Mary's wins the ball during the All-Ireland Post Primary camogie final.

Picture: Denis Minihane

ately Maria Watson scored another point for the winners.

St. Mary's led 3-6 to 0-1 by the 43rd minute and, although Sarah O'Gorman and Sinéad Connery pointed for Loreto, St. Mary's had the final say with a goal from Alison White just before the end to leave it 4-7 to 0-3.

**St. Brigid's  
Mercy Convent**

**2-5,  
1-4**

St. Brigid's, Callan won the All Ireland Senior B Colleges Final for the first time at Borrisoleigh when they proved too strong for Mercy Convent, Woodford.

Scorers, St. Brigid's, Callan: E. Downey, C. Muldowney 1-0 each, A. Neary 0-3, J. Frisby, L. Murphy 0-1 each. Scorers, Mount Mercy, Woodford: L. Gohery 1-1, M. Kelly 0-3.  
ST. BRIGIDS, CALLAN: A. Kenneally, G. Brennan, T. Mackay, T. Maher, R. Carey, T. Muldowney, A. Treacy, B. Neary, P. Heffernan, E. Downey, L. Murphy, J. Frisby, C. Muldowney, A. Neary, J. Woodcock.  
MOUNT MERCY, WOODFORD: T. Harte, P. Hayes, F. Gohery, D. Kelly, K. Dervan, E. Flynn, C. Shiel, C. Kelly, F. Hahnefeld, D. Gilchrist, S. Fahey, S. Donnelly, L. Flanagan, M. Kelly, L. Gohery.

## Barryroe and Milford are in the chase for double glory

by Mary Newman

ON FRIDAY next Milford and Barryroe clash in the county under-18 A final.

Milford have already won the under-16 A title and will be anxious to complete the double, whilst Barryroe will also see it as a chance to make it a double as they hold the under-16 B championship. On their way to the final Mil-

ford defeated holders Cloughduv and their form suggests that they will be hard to beat.

Several of the players on both sides will be more than acquainted having lined out in opposition to each other with St Mary's Charleville and Sacred Heart, Clonakilty, in colleges competition.

Several of the Barryroe side have already tasted county final action, having lined out in last year's sen-

ior final against Bishopstown. They are a good all-round side and will look to Jennifer O'Leary, Rosalie Holland and Karen McCarthy to lift the crown against a Milford outfit who have talented players in Marie Watson, Elizabeth Linehan and Niamh Bowles.

Munster Junior championship Munster championship action begins on Bank holiday Monday when the county junior side meets

Clare at 3pm. Unlike the senior competition, the junior is not played on an open draw basis and there is only one chance. With several of last year's junior side ineligible, the selectors have been working hard to unearth new talent. A good run in the National League has Cork on full points. The experience gained has been invaluable and the selectors are confidently looking forward to their

opening game against Clare.

Glen Rovers Tournament On Monday next at Glen Rovers, eight teams will battle it out in the club's inaugural under-12 camogie tournament. Under the guiding eye of organiser, former inter-county star Sandie Fitzgibbon, the club have invited Ballinhassig, Erins Own, Clonakilty, Emmisokane, Mayfield, Killeagh and Blackrock to participate.

**Glen Rovers**  
**Fr O'Neills**

**1-4  
0-1**

GLEN ROVERS were crowned Under-18 B county champions in Carrigtwohill on Sunday after an exciting contest with Fr O'Neills. Putting their opponents' defence under pressure from the throw-in, Glen had squandered chances to take an early lead but full forward Denise Tobin made up for it when she opened the scoring.

## Glen Rovers under-18 players in superb form

In the second half, Glen's half-backs, Aileen Guiton, Laura Davis and Emer Murphy, were in superb form. Roisin Corcoran narrowed the deficit with a pointed free 12

minutes into the half but Glen captain Niamh Goulding responded in kind. With just a goal separating the sides, the Glen centre-field pairing of Goulding and Cornelia

Shortt kept the pressure on. Amy Cuthbert put the issue beyond doubt with a well-struck point.

For O'Neills, Roisin Corcoran, Gearoidin Kearney and Kate Ahern tried to hard whilst Glen had superb performers in captain Niamh Goulding, Amy Cuthbert and Linda O'Brien.

The teams' mentors were none other than intercounty team-mates Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Cronin and Sandie Fitzgibbon.

## St Mary's style in a class of its own

**St Mary's Charleville**  
**Loretto Kilkenny**

**4-7  
0-3**

A TOP class St Mary's Charleville took their fifth All Ireland Senior Colleges title on Sunday last in Littleton. They defeated an outclassed Loretto side.

## Cork runaway winners

**Cork**  
**Galway**

**2-14  
0-5**

IN the junior National league Cork scored a runaway victory over Galway.

Leading nine points to no score at the break Cork never took their foot of the pedal in the second half.

A Gemma O'Connor goal three minutes into the half signalled no way back for Galway. A late rally did yield five points but by now Cork were well on their way to victory.

With both teams on full points qualification is virtually assured for both sides.

## Cork cruise to victory with four-goal blitz

**Cork**  
**Galway**

**4-9  
0-2**

FROM the throw-in Cork dominated this Senior National league game in Shannon on Sunday. Played on a pitch totally unsuitable to camogie the opening half was

contested through a continuous thunderstorm.

Fiona O'Driscoll gave Cork an early lead with a point, goals from Lynn Dunlea and Jennifer O'Leary had stretched the lead. From then on to the half-time whistle it was all Cork as Galway, who were

only fielding seven of their regular team, failed to match the Cork girls.

Cork led 2-5 to no score at the break. Two Ciara Healy goals had the issue beyond doubt long before Sharon Glenn had two pointed Galway frees.



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St Mary's Charleville who defeated Loretto Kilkenny in the All Ireland Senior A Colleges final at Littleton.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

# Loretto left dazed by classy Mary's

St Mary's Charleville  
Loretto Kilkenny

4-7  
0-3

A TOP class display of camogie saw St Mary's Charleville take their fifth All Ireland Senior Colleges title on Sunday in Littleton.

Early points from Marie Watson and Aoife Sheehan gave the Charleville girls an early lead.

St Mary's dominated the opening half notching three goals, two from Emer Watson in the 22nd and 25th minutes, and one from Sinéad McAuliffe on the stroke of half time.

Loretto opened their account with a point from McAuliffe five minutes into the second half, but Marie Watson responded immediately. Now ahead 3-6 to 0-1, there was no way Charleville were giving up the title.

Their defence, with Aine Kelleher, Edwina Boyce and Anna Geary in total control, never gave the Loretto forwards any room, while up front Allison White, the Watson sisters and Sinéad McAuliffe always troubled the Loretto defence.

## Fixtures

**FRIDAY MAY 4**  
Under 18 A Championship Final: Milford v Barryroe 7pm, venue to be confirmed.  
**MONDAY MAY 7**  
Munster Junior Championship: Cork v Clare 3pm, Ballygarvan venue to be confirmed; Glen Rovers Under 12 Tournament: Starting 10am.

By MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Loretto had two points from Connery and Sarah O'Gorman but it was Alison White with St Mary's fourth goal who rounded off a tremendous day for the north Cork school.

Glen Rovers 1-4  
Fr O'Neill's 0-1

Glen Rovers took the under 18 B county championship at the expense of Fr O'Neill's after an exciting contest in Carrigtwohill on Sunday night last.

In an opening half where both defences came under pressure, both sides had chances which they failed to capitalise on.

Glen, with their half back line of Emer Murphy, Aldeen Guiton and Laura Davis holding a tight reign on the O'Neill's forwards, began to gain the upper hand and when Denise Tobin kicked the net 14 minutes into the half they got the vital break.

O'Neill's, with Gearoidin Kearney and Claire O'Leary working hard, continued to battle but it was the goal which separated the sides at the break as Glen held their lead.

From the resumption both sides showed great determination and it helped the game as a contest.

Róisín Corcoran with a pointed free 12 minutes into the half opened the Fr O'Neill's account but Glen responded with captain Niamh Goulding doing likewise at the other end.

With play swinging from end to end, Glen held their goal led and their centre field pairing of Goulding and Cornelia Shortt began to dominate.

They kept the pressure on the

O'Neill's defence with a continuous supply to their inside line, while in the defence Susan Collins and Laura Davis kept tight reigns on an O'Neill's forward line where Kate Ahern and Ann Marie O'Keeffe were always dangerous.

Two pointed frees from Niamh Goulding had stretched the Glen lead before Amy Cuthbert with a well struck point from play secured the title for the Glen girls.

For Fr O'Neill's Róisín Corcoran, Gearoidin Kearney and Kate Ahern tried to the finish whilst Glen Rovers had superb performers in captain Niamh Goulding, Emer Murphy and Linda O'Brien.

A feature of the game was that selectors to the respective sides were none other than inter-county teammates Fr O'Neill's Fiona O'Driscoll and Glen Rovers' Denise Cronin and Sandie Fitzgibbon.

Glen Rovers: L Dunlea; A Burke, S Collins, B Walsh; A Guiton, E Murphy, L Davis; N Goulding, C Shortt; D Bracken, L O'Brien, L O'Sullivan; A Cuthbert, D Tobin, C Boyle.

Fr O'Neill's: C O'Driscoll; N O'Shea, M O'Brien, U Day; C O'Shea, R Corcoran, C O'Keeffe; A Corcoran, S Kearney; S Kenefick, G Kearney, C O'Leary, A Lane, AM O'Keeffe.

Referee: Jack McGrath, Carrigaline

# Rebels run riot as they crush Galway

Cork  
Galway

4-9  
0-2

CORK dominated a one-sided Senior National League game in Shannon on Sunday last, with Galway fielding just seven of their regular line-up.

Played on a pitch totally unsuitable for camogie, the

opening half was played in appalling weather.

Fiona O'Driscoll gave Cork an early lead with a point in the fourth minute. Goals from Lynn Dunlea and Jennifer O'Leary stretched the lead.

Cork never looked in trouble and led 2-5 to 0-0 at the break.

The trend continued for the second half with Cork picking off their points.

Two Clara Healy goals sounded the end for Galway long before Sharon Glenn had two pointed frees for what was a poor Galway side.

They will be a different side come championship

time on July 8 when the sides meet again.

Cork scored a runaway 2-14 to 0-5 victory over Galway in the Junior National League.

Nine points in the opening half set the foundations for victory as Cork led 0-9 to 0-0 at the break.

Gemma O'Connor sent a

free to the net three minutes into the half to give Galway no way back.

Ann Marie Hayes opened their scoring with a 10th minute point and further points from Claire Connery and subs Laura Linnane and Sarah Murphy were never a cause of trouble to a better balanced Cork side.

## Milford should be too hot to handle in double bid

ON Friday Milford and Barryroe clash in the County under 18A final.

Milford, having earlier in the season taken the under 16A title, will be determined to make it a double while for Barryroe, who already hold the under 16B championship crown, it's another chance to take an underage title.

In their path to the final Milford defeated holders Cloughduv and on current form will be hard to hold.

Barryroe will have several of their senior side who contested the county senior final last season against Bishoptown in action this weekend.

Jennifer O'Leary, Rosalie Holland and Karen McCarthy are among the stars in their line out.

Milford will look once again to Christine O'Gorman, Aoife Dillon and Elizabeth Linehan to lift the title.

The Munster junior championship action begins on bank holiday Monday as the county junior side meet Clare at 3pm.

Unlike the senior competition where there is a back door system in operation, the junior competition is played on a provincial basis and therefore it's all or nothing.

With several of last year's junior side who reached the All-Ireland junior final ineligible for junior grade this term, the Cork selectors have been working hard to unearth new talent.

A good run in the National League to date has Cork on full points having recorded wins over Tipperary, Kilkenny and Galway. The experience gained has been invaluable and the selectors are confidently looking forward to their opening game.

Selector Lillina Zincant said: "We have prepared well and are looking forward to the game. We know Clare will be equally determined but we have confidence in the girls and our league run has to date been excellent."

With Clare not having made any major impact at junior level it's hard to envisage anything other than a Cork victory.

● On Monday next at Glen Rovers eight teams will battle it out in the inaugural Glen Rovers under-12 camogie tournament.

Under the guiding eye of chief event organiser, former inter-county star Sandie Fitzgibbon, the club have invited Ballinhassig, Erin's Own, Clonakilty, Passage, Mayfield, Killeagh and Blackrock to participate.

"The teams will be divided into two groups of four and we will have two semi finals and a final. There will also be a plate final for the best losers and our aim is to ensure that the girls get as many games as possible and enjoy the day," said an eager Sandie Fitzgibbon.

"The event is one which we in Glen Rovers are looking forward to holding and hopefully the weather will be good to us. We wish to thank Blackpool Credit Union and Cllr Damien Wallace who have both arranged sponsorship for the event and we invite anybody in the area on Monday to drop in."



# Yet another All-Ireland crown for marvellous St Mary's Charleville

By Pat Ryan

ST MARY'S ..... 4-7  
LORETO ..... 0-3

ST MARY'S Charleville were deserving winners in the All-Ireland Post Primary Senior (A) Colleges Camogie final at Moycarkey Borris G.A.A. Grounds in Littleton on Sunday last.

The game was played in wintry conditions with some heavy showers mainly during the first half. The cross wind did not benefit any of the sides. Charleville started well and in the opening minute Eimear O'Friel placed Marie Watson for a point. Charleville missed a few chances from play and frees before Aoife Sheehan pointed a free in the eighth min.

Kilkenny struggled all through this half and any time their forwards got through they were denied by a very solid Charleville full-back line and goal-keeper. Loreto were wide from a free by Cathriona Cormack in the 11th min. Kilkenny keeper Laura Comerford then saved well from Eimear O'Friel.

Charleville had some good attacks but were thwarted in their efforts for scores on two occasions by the very effective Sarah O'Gorman. Sinead Corrigan came close to having a goal for Loreto in the 20th min but a timely interception by Edwina Boyce denied her a score.

Good work for Charleville by Marie Watson, Sinead McAuliffe and Alison White was cleared by Sarah O'Gorman. In the 24th min, a good run out of defence by Anna Geary to Sinead McAuliffe and Marie Watson led to a brilliant goal by Emer Watson to make it 1-2 to 0-0.

Charleville finished the half well with Christine O'Gorman and Marie Watson combining well for Sinead McAuliffe to score a fine point. Loreto made a switch with Danielle Minogue going to wing-forward and Eileen Fitzpatrick going to wing-back. Charleville continued to press hard and a movement started by Marie Watson and Deirdre Hayes led to a fine save by Loreto keeper Laura Comerford with the rebound coming out to Emer Watson who made no mistake with an excellent goal in the 28th min.



St Mary's Charleville, winners of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools camogie championship at Littleton on Sunday. Front (extreme left) is coach Vincent Harrington.

A minute later, Sinead McAuliffe put Alison White through for a point. Charleville, now playing at their best, had a goal in injury time by Sinead McAuliffe that gave the North Cork girls an interval lead of 3-4 to 0-0.

Loreto made a great effort to get on terms early in the second half. They introduced Aine Farrell for Margaret Byrne in defence. A good movement by Mairead Lawlor and Sinead Corrigan almost led to a goal with Aine Kelleher breaking up a vital attack. In the fourth min, Loreto had their first score when Catherine Kavanagh placed the outstanding Sinead Connery for a well taken point.

Charleville responded a minute later with a solo run by Marie Watson produced a great point. A good movement by Loreto involving Cathriona Cormack, Catherine Kavanagh, Alison Pollard, Sinead Connery. Sinead Corrigan could have produced a goal but the final attempt on the ground by Eileen Fitzpatrick went narrowly wide.

St Mary's moved Aoife Sheehan to midfield with Niamh Bowles going to centre-forward. This move worked well for the

Rathluir side who continued to dominate and a good passing movement between team captain Niamh Bowles and Marie Watson led to a point after a solo run by Emer Watson that opened up a 14 point lead midway through the second half (3-6 to 0-1).

Loreto continued to battle very hard despite the huge difference in the score. A foul on Sinead Connery led to the same player pointing the resultant free. A powerful shot by Emer Watson was saved off the helmet of the Loreto keeper with the ball going out for a '30. The resultant shot by Aoife Sheehan went wide. Sinead Connery made a few daring solo runs through the Charleville defence but she lacked support. She pointed in the 53rd min.

Charleville were quick to reply through Alison White. In the dying moments, Alison White goaled for the Charleville side who ran out winners by 4-7 to 0-3.

For the North Cork girls, it was their fifth All-Ireland title in six years. They won four in a row up to last year when they lost out to Nenagh. This year, they were very determined to get back to take

the title. After the game, Miriam O'Callaghan, President All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Camogie Board, presented the Corn na Sceillige Cup to Niamh Bowles, the winners' outstanding captain. Scorers: St Mary's Charleville — Emer Watson 2-1, Alison White 1-2, Sinead McAuliffe 1-1, Marie Watson 0-2, Aoife Sheehan 0-1 (free). Loreto Kilkenny — Sinead Connery 0-3 (0-1 free).

Teams: St Mary's Charleville — Elizabeth Linehan (Milford), Edwina Boyce (Granagh-Ballingarry), Noelle O'Riordan (Milford), Aoife Dillon (do), Anna Geary (do), Aine Kelleher (Newtownshandrum), Christine O'Gorman (Milford), Niamh Bowles (C a p t ) Newtownshandrum, Deirdre Hayes (Milford), Aoife Sheehan (Granagh-Ballingarry), Eimear

O'Friel (Milford), Marie Watson (do), Emer Watson (do), Alison White (Ballyagran), Sinead McAuliffe (Ballyagran). Sub: Una Harrington (Newtownshandrum) for Sinead McAuliffe. Loreto Kilkenny — Laura Comerford (Emeralds), Margaret Byrne (Graigie-Ballycallan), Fiona Dowling (St Lachten's Freshford), April Purcell (do), Danielle Minogue (do), Sarah O'Gorman (Emeralds), Mairead

Lawlor (St Lachten's Freshford), Catherine McCormack (do), Aoife Fitzpatrick (do), Catherine Kavanagh (do), Sinead Connery (do), Eileen Fitzpatrick (do), Alison Pollard (Capt) (Graigie-Ballycallan), Sinead Corrigan (St Lachten's Freshford), Elaine O'Neill (James Stephen's). Sub: Aine Farrell (Emeralds) for Margaret Byrne. Referee: Sheila Delaney (Borrisoleigh).

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## No joy for Loreto girls

St. Mary's (Charleville) ..... 4-7  
Loreto (Kilkenny) ..... 0-3

THE inaugural appearance of the Loreto secondary school senior camogie team in an All-Ireland final ended in disappointment when they were beaten by St. Mary's (Charleville) in Littleton on Sunday.

After 20 minutes the Loreto were under pressure, but still only faced a deficit of two points. The match was ultimately lost during the remaining 10 minutes when Charleville scored a 3-2 without reply to lead at half-time by 3-4 to 0-0.

To their credit, the Loreto girls fought determinedly during the second half. But on the few occasions they scored, Charleville were unable to respond with like scores with the expenditure of far less effort.

A superb Charleville scored their fourth goal late in the game to give them a comfortable victory.

The biggest disappointment for the Loreto was that they failed to do themselves justice on the day. They were defeated by a magnificent Charleville team, who fully deserve the accolade of being All-Ireland

Colleges champions for 2001.

Loreto scorers: Sinead Connery (Freshford) (0-2); Sarah O'Gorman (0-1) (free).

Loreto convent: L. Comerford, M. Byrne, F. Dowling, A. Purcell, D. Minogue, S. O'Gorman, M. Lawlor, C. Cormack, A. Fitzpatrick, C. Kavanagh, S. Connery, E. Fitzpatrick, A. Pollard (captain), S. Corrigan, E. O'Neill. Subs: B. Brennan, D. Delaney, G. Dermody, A. Fahey, K. Gaffney, C. Hoyle, B. Kavanagh, C. Kavanagh, H. Keane, C. Lanigan, G. McCormack, N. Minogue, L. Quigley.

Easy for O'Loughlin's

O'Loughlin's ..... 2-1

Ballyragget ..... 0-1

THIS under-14 game saw Ann Gleeson score the home side's only point. They had a goal disallowed in the first half, but a strong O'Loughlin's half-back line, allied to some clinical finishing had the home side under pressure. O'Loughlin's ran out worthy winners.

Drennan on fire

Paulstown ..... 3-1

Danesfort ..... 0-0

Aoife Drennan opened the scoring for Paulstown with a goal after 10 minutes of this under-14 tie. This was followed by a goal from Sarah Brennan.

Just before half-time Aoife Drennan added a second goal.

Paulstown added a third goal in the second half. Aoife Drennan was the scorer.

What an escape

Kilkenny ..... 3-7

Laois ..... 3-6

THE Kilkenny minor camogie team appeared to be cruising at half-time in this 'A' championship match against Laois in Freshford on Monday, but the players were given the fright of their lives by a magnificent second half comeback by the unlucky visitors.

The opening half belonged entirely to Kilkenny. They led by 2-5 to 1-1, after completely dominating their opponents. A surge by Laois at the beginning of the second half, during which they scored 1-1, seemed to have been contained when Kilkenny responded with 1-2.

However, the real drama was yet to unfold. The home side did not score again.



# Brave Brigid's are queens of the land

St. Brigid's college...2-5

Mercy Woodford.....1-4

STRONG willed St. Brigid's college, Callan, kept the best wine until last when they swept to a powerful victory in the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final (Division B) at breezy Borrisoleigh on Saturday.

The Callan girls had shown steel like character when winning through in tight finishes in the Leinster final and All-Ireland semi-final. But their showing in the final left all oth-

ers in the shadow.

This time they slugged it out all the way against a strong Mercy Woodford (Galway), and it took a mighty effort to bring the Mary Moran Cup to a Leinster school for the first time.

Victory also earned St. Brigid's promotion to Division A next season.

## Skill and strength

It took skill, mental and physical strength and even a bit of luck to decide a final that produced high class fare on a wide and open pitch.

Breeze backed Woodford took the game to the opposition from the off, but a resolute winners defence held firm.

Aoife Neary lifted the siege in the eight minute when she pointed a free from 35 yards. Woodford never succeeded in getting in front, but boy, did they

try hard to do so.

Laureena Murphy showed lovely skill when pointing from close range shortly afterwards. And there was even better to come from the Callan girls.

An Aoife Neary close range free was saved, but the ball was left hanging around the Woodford goal. Following tenacious work by Julie Ann Woodcock, Laureena Murphy and Jacqui Frisby the ball was channelled to Miss Neary, who clipped it into the net.

## Reflected exchanges

A second point from Aoife Neary put Brigid's slightly more in front than reflected the on field exchanges.

The losers came back smartly, however. A point from Sinead Donnelly was followed by a good goal from Linda Gohery.

Suddenly the difference was down to the minimum

again. It remained that way up to the break, when Brigid's led by 1-3 to 1-2.

As in any trying game, the best teams have the capacity to react to testing situations.

Brigid's showed this quality. Aoife Neary, who started at full-forward, moved to the '40' in mid-half in a bid to claim more possession.

She succeeded handsomely, and in tandem with 'player of the game' Jacqui Frisby helped stem the tide when the Connaught champions threat was most serious.

Frisby worked up and down the field with fascinating enthusiasm and skill, and she showed a rare ability to win and deliver ball away.

## Enthusiasm

Although Woodford came out full of enthusiasm after the rest, their spirits were dampened quickly.

The half was still young when Eleanor Downey showed sharp reflexes in front of goal, and she clipped the ball to the net from a group of players (2-3 to 1-2).

An injury to the strong running Aoife Neary sent a flutter through Callan hearts, but she resumed as strong as ever after treatment.

Mercy pulled back a point from a free through Sinead Donnelly to leave one big score between the teams, and the tension was serious.

There were close calls at either end, and Mercy goalie Tracy Harte and full-back Fiona Gohery beat back some great efforts by the opposition.

St. Brigid's eventually pierced the defences, and they did so in style. Aoife Neary worked the ball to Julie Ann Woodcock. She laid off possession to Jacqui Frisby, who pointed



from close range.

## Excitement

In a welter of excitement, the teams traded points through Mary Kelly and Aoife Neary in the wind-up. Victory, and the glittering trophy, was Brigid's.

This was a strong team performance from St. Brigid's, but there were some brilliant individual showings.

Jacqui Frisby was masterful, and showed a talent that will gain her recogni-

tion on a higher stage. Aoife Neary was another who earned a 5-star rating for her all round effectiveness, while team captain, Aoife Treacy showed real class as a leader and player who can seriously influence a game.

The backs were quick to close down the opposition, and they did well to hold in check strong Woodford full-forward, Mary Kelly.

Terri Mackey was particularly good in this regard. She played a very clever game, and was rarely drawn out of position.

In front of her, Therese Muldowney was rock solid, and virtually closed down the centre on the opposition.

## Classy stop

Goalie Ailish Kenneally paid her way with one classy stop during the opening half.

Rosheen Carey hounded the opposition at every

# in camogie

point, and she gave nothing away.

Excellent for the losers were Elizabeth Flynn, Linda Gohery, Caroline Kelly, Karen Dervan and an earnest Mary Kelly.

St. Brigid's college - Ailish Kenneally (Carrickshock); Grainne Brennan (Danesfort); Terri Maher (Windgap); Terri Maher (St. Brigid's); Rosheen Carey (Danesfort); Therese Muldowney (St. Brigid's); Aoife Treacy, capt (Danesfort); Jacqui Frisby (Carrickshock); Phena Heffernan (Windgap); Brona Neary (St. Brigid's); Laureena Murphy (St. Brigid's); Cathriona Muldowney (St. Brigid's); Julie Ann Woodcock (Danesfort); Aoife Neary (James Stephens);

Eleanor Downey (Windgap).

Subs - Margaret Brennan (St. Brigid's); Nicola Aylward (Carrickshock); Patricia O'Neill (St. Brigid's); Bridget Rafferty (Mullinavat); Theresa Walsh (Tullaroan); Aine Walsh (Tullaroan); Aileen Cunningham (Danesfort).

Mercy Woodford - Treacy Harte, Phyllis Hayes, Fiona Gohery, Denise Kelly, Karen Dervan, Elizabeth Flynn, Clara Shiel, Caroline Kelly, Fiona Haynefield, Deirdre Gilchrist, Sile Fahy, Sinead Donnelly, Laura Flanagan, Mary Kelly, Linda Gohery.

Subs - Theresa Murphy, Ailbhe Shiel, Nicola Broderick, Aisling Tuohy, Jakki Andinga, Emma Regan, Elaine Broderick, Brenda Regan, Lisa Dervan.



Amanda Hehir and Aine Watson of Milford Camogie Club, who played in Cork's Sciath na Scoil competition at Croke Park, received special awards pictured here with the club's chairperson Ann Watson.

## Juniors should easily bring the Banner down

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Junior camogie preview

THE Cork junior camogie team hope to go one better this year after last September succumbing to Derry in the All Ireland final.

On Monday afternoon in Ballygarvan they will play their opening game in this season's championship when

they take on Clare in the Munster semi-final.

Based on their current league form which has yielded the Leesiders full points from their three outings to date against Tipperary, Kilkenny and Galway, this game should be a mere formality for the Rebels.

They have not experienced any great difficulty in dealing with opposing teams.

On the other hand, the Clare girls have not featured in their outings so far, and will probably field a very young team for this clash.

Davy Fitzgerald is back in charge of the senior team and with his three-year plan for the development of camogie in the county it is likely to take a while for the Banner County to get back on track.

Despite this, Cork will be on their guard, and according to selector Lillian Zinkant will be looking for full commitment.

"We are fairly confident, but the girls must reproduce their league form."

"Particularly pleasing was our scoring of 14 points last Sunday against Galway. We will be looking for the same return on Monday."

Last year's Munster final involving Cork and Tipp was a classic with the Rebels winning in extra time.

But with many of these players moving on to senior ranks, Cork are bleeding new players for this tie but there is unlikely to be too many changes to their winning league format. It will be a major upset if Cork do not win this one with ease.



## ALL-IRELAND POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINALS

at

ST. ENDA'S, BALLYBODEN

Junior B Final @ 12.30

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, KEADY

v

MERCY, WOODFORD

Junior A Final @ 2.00

ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

v

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

## TODAY'S FINALS

The Junior B Final matches two schools, Mercy Woodford and St. Patrick's High School, Keady who are competing in the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Junior Finals for the first time. So far, 2001 has been a great season for the Woodford school. They captured the Connacht senior and junior titles for the first time. Woodford's Senior B team gave a very creditable performance against St. Brigid's, Callan in the final of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Senior B Final two weeks ago. Nine of the girls who fielded in that game will be in action today when the experience should stand to them.

St. Patrick's, Keady contested the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Senior Final in 1989 when they put up a very spirited show against the legendary champions, St. Raphael's, Loughrea. St. Patrick's were Ulster Junior Champions in 1988. They came up against the invincible St. Raphael's outfit in the semi-final. The St. Patrick's girls always play with great spirit and today should be no exception.

The Senior A Final brings together two schools who have met many times at all levels. To date, St. Mary's, Charleville have held the upper hand over their opponents. The record of the North Cork school has been most impressive over the past decade or so. St. Mary's, Charleville have won 5 All-Ireland Senior, 5 All-Ireland Junior and 10 All-Ireland Sevens titles. Four players, Marie Watson, Emer Watson, Anna Geary and Sinead McAuliffe won All-Ireland Senior A medals ten days ago and will attempt to achieve a notable double today. Vincent Harrington and Anne-Marie O'Keeffe will have St. Mary's in good shape to face the challenge.

St. Mary's, Magherafelt were crowned All-Ireland Junior Champions in 1996. The County Derry school, who are currently coached by Patricia Cooney, hold 5 Ulster Senior titles and 8 Ulster Junior titles. These great rivals should serve up an exciting exhibition of camogie.

This is the first year that the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Championships use the fifteen aside format of the game. The outcome may depend on which side has adapted best to the changes.

### Camogie

Big game this weekend is the Munster Minor Final between Cork and Tipperary in Kilmallock on Saturday at 3 p.m. where the Leesiders will be attempting to win back a Cship they lost to their great rivals last season.

That was one of the games of the year as Cork came from behind to almost snatch a sensational win, so there should be no lack of motivation on their part, if there ever is against Tipp teams.

Cloughduv's John Cronin is team coach and he has assembled a nice squad with several survivors from last year, including Marie Watson and Jemma O'Connor who were on the winning team in 1999.

Newcomers include Sheila Burns, Jackie O'Keeffe and Emer O'Friel and having easily disposed of Limerick, they will enter the game in confident mood.

Tipperary had little

trouble with Clare and having failed in the All-Ireland Final last season they will be determined to one step further in this campaign, and with players of the calibre of Claire Grogan, Linda Breen, and Emer Ryan they will make a bold bid to retain their crown.

The ease in which they both qualified for the Final makes it hard to predict a winner, but if Cork can re-produce the form they displayed in the second half of last year's Final, they could end the Champions reign.

On Sunday the Senior team travel to Dublin for a league game with Antrim, which is of little value having already secured top spot in their section.

The Junior team were disappointed on Monday last when at short notice Clare failed to travel for the Munster semi-final, thus giving them a bye into the Final in all probability against Tipperary.

In recent times a lot has been written about a three year plan be undertaken in the Banner County, surely the first priority must be to fulfil your Cship fixtures, then plan for the future.

A great days Camogie was had in the Glen Field on Monday last when in splendid conditions the Glen Rovers Under 12 Blitz was held, at the end of which Blackrock emerged as winners, with Glen Rovers as runners-up.

It was a special day to for Clonakilty who won their first ever trophy, and Passage who contested the Plate Final.

Congratulations to all involved, and especially to Sandy Fitzgibbon who was the driving force behind the event.

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Magherafelt's Karen Higgins and Charleville's Emer Watson contest possession in yesterday's All-Ireland Post Primary Junior A Camogie final. Picture: Kenneth O'Halloran



**MERCY, WOODFORD**

Colours: Black, White &amp; Green

1. Tracy Harte
2. Lisa Dervan
3. Karen Dervan
4. Elaine Broderick
5. Ciara Sheil
6. Phylis Hayes
7. Denise Kelly
8. Caroline Kelly
9. Fiona Hahnefeld
10. Aisling Tuohy
11. Nicola Broderick
12. Therese Murphy
13. Laura Flanagan
14. Linda Gohery
15. Ailbhe Sheil

**Subs:** 16 Brenda Regan  
 17 Jikke Andringa  
 18 Emma Regan  
 19 Caroline Brehony  
 20 Kelly Lyons

Coach: Donal Burke

**ST. PATRICK'S, KEADY**

Maroon and Gold

1. Cathy Whyte
2. Elizabeth McCooley
3. Caoimhe McConnell
4. Lianne Corvan
5. Colleen Comiskey
6. Sarah Murray (Capt)
7. Grainne Lappin
8. Eleanor Hughes
9. Louise Loughran
10. Michelle McGuigan
11. Una O'Farrell
12. Ciara Breen
13. Jane McCooley
14. Claire Kinsella
15. Natalie McKee

16 Colleen O'Hare  
 17 Sarah McClelland  
 18 Eimear O'Hanlon  
 19 Fiona McQuade  
 20 Stephanie McPartland  
 21 Shauna McKee  
 22 Angela Clarke  
 23 Claire Connolly  
 24 Lorna Mone

Coach: Lily Clifford

**ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT**

Colours: Black and White

- 1 Helen O'Neill
- 2 Margaret Kelly
- 3 Karen Higgins
- 4 Katie McGovern
- 5 Bronagh McLernon
- 6 Sinead Heaney
- 7 Coleen McCoy
- 8 Caitriona O'Boyle
- 9 Catherine McAuley
- 10 Claire Dougan
- 11 Carla Scullion
- 12 Kate Lavery
- 13 Aileen Lavery
- 14 Claire McAteer
- 15 Coleen McCann

**Subs:** 17 Geraldine Mulholland  
 18 Julie McVey  
 19 Donna O'Kane  
 20 Shauneen Henry  
 21 Jacinta Conway  
 22 Orla Kearney

**ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE**

Colours: Black with Hooped Jerseys

1. Natasha Murphy
2. Karen Potter
3. Amy Morrissey
4. Lisa Healy
5. Karen O'Leary
6. Sharon Lenihan
7. Edwina Waters
8. Elaine O'Riordan
9. Anna Geary
- 10 Leonie Boyce
- 11 Marie Watson (Capt)
- 12 Sinead McAuliffe
- 13 Emer Watson
- 14 Patricia O'Riordan
- 15 Aisling O'Brien

16 Jacqui O'Connor  
 17 Christine O'Shea  
 18 Fiona Geary  
 19 Janice White  
 20 Tina Shanahan  
 21 Mary Coleman  
 22 Michelle Walsh  
 23 Sinead Carroll  
 24 Aisling Dillon  
 25 Fiona Chawke  
 26 Sarah O'Mahony  
 27 Riona Garvey  
 28 Eibhlin Curtin

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**SNIPPETSSNIPPETSSNIPPETSSNIPPETSSNIPPETSSNIPPETSSNIPPETSSNIPPET****Camogie**

St Mary's Magherafelt's lack of match practice was cruelly exposed by St Mary's Charleville in yesterday's All-Ireland Junior A final in Dublin as they lost 7-16 to 1-2.

Chief executioner was Charleville captain Marie Watson – a player of enormous potential – who bagged 2-8, while her younger sister Emer hit 2-3. Elaine O'Riordan was another player who created endless problems for Magherafelt. Charleville were well into their stride early in the game, but it took a full 14 minutes for the

Ulster champions' opening score – a goal from Kate Lavery. Charleville led by 2-12 to 1-1 at the interval and never let up during the second half making it a miserable afternoon for the south Derry school.

**Magherafelt:** Helen O'Neill, Margaret Kelly, Karen Higgins (capt.), Katie McGovern, Bronagh McLernon, Sinead Heaney, Colleen McCoy, Caitriona O'Boyle (0-1), Katie McAuley, Claire Dougan, Carla Scullion, Kate Lavery (1-0), Aileen Lavery, Claire McAteer, Coleen McCann (0-1).

**Charleville scorers:** Marie Watson 2-8, Emer Watson 2-3, Aisling O'Brien 2-1, Jacqui O'Connor 1-1, Elaine O'Riordan 0-2, Sinead McAuliffe 0-1.

■ St Patrick's Keady made a gallant bid to land the All-Ireland B title in Dublin yesterday, but their challenge probably foundered on a disputed goal 10 minutes from the end of a closely fought final which they eventually lost 4-9 to 3-6 to Mercy College Woodford. Keady had first half use of the fresh breeze and led by two points before the impressive Laura Flannagan struck the first of her three first half goals. In a frantic opening half, Claire Kinsella kept Keady in touch with a goal and they trailed by 3-2 to 1-5 at the short whistle.

Woodford, who lost the Senior B title 10 days ago began to open up a gap on the restart, but the lively Jane McCooley shot an excellent goal for Keady and Claire Kinsella added her second to close the gap further. However, Flannagan scrambled home her fourth and Woodford had secured the title.

**St Patrick's:** Cathy Whyte, Elizabeth McCooley, Caoimhe McConnell, Lianne Corvan, Colleen Comiskey, Sarah Murray (Capt.) (0-3), Grainne Lappin, Eleanor Hughes, Louise Loughran, Michelle McGuigan, Una O'Farrell, Ciara Breen, Jane McCooley (1-0), Claire Kinsella (2-3), Natalie McKee.  
**Mercy, Woodford scorers:** Laura





The Na Piaras team celebrate after beating Tournafulla in the Limerick County Camogie final in Crecora.

Picture: Press 22

## Milford finish in style to take the honours

Milford 3-9  
Barryroe 2-5

A GAME of two halves is the best description of the U-18 A county final where Milford came from behind to snatch the title from a Barryroe side who led until the final three minutes.

Played at Delany's on Friday, Barryroe, aided by the strong wind in the first half, made the early running.

Two goals inside the opening five minutes from corner forward Jennifer O'Leary had Barryroe in the driving seat and, with Emer O'Donovan and Karen McCarthy working hard, it ensured a steady supply to the inside line.

By the half-way stage they had increased their lead with points from Emer O'Donovan and two from O'Leary and, with O'Leary and Louise Gannon causing the Milford defence problems Barryroe kept the pressure on.

Milford opened their account 20 minutes into the half with a Marie Watson pointed free. A second from Emer Watson kept the Milford girls in touch but it was O'Leary who, following a dazzling run, had the final say of the half, her point leaving Barryroe 2-4 to 0-2 at the break.

If the opening half was dominated by Barryroe, the Milford girls showed their determination to do likewise in the second.

Christine O'Gorman pointed inside five minutes of the restart and when Deirdre O'Reilly fired a superb shot to the roof of the net a minute later the title was up for grabs.

With Deirdre O'Reilly and Anna Geary beginning to dominate, Milford began to come more and more into the game.

In defence, Noelle O'Riordan and Sharon Linehan closed down the Barryroe attack.

Three points from Marie Watson (2) and O'Reilly left the minimum between the sides, but Jennifer O'Leary pointed to push Barryroe two ahead.

The turning point came inside the last five minutes. Christine O'Gorman floated a long free from 50 yards to the Barryroe net to edge Milford ahead.

With the bit now firmly between their teeth, Milford took the game to their rivals.

Points from Marie Watson and Emer O'Friel increased their lead before Julie Sheehan's injury time goals enabled Milford complete the double, having already taken the U-16 A title.

**MILFORD:** E Linehan, E Savage, N O'Riordan, A Dillon, C O'Gorman, S Linehan, A Geary, D O'Reilly, D Hayes, B Geary, E O'Friel, M Watson, E O'Riordan, E Watson, I Sexton.

Sub: J Sheehan for E Savage.

**BARRYROE:** P Moloney, M Sheehy, E Carroll, E McCarthy, A M Fleming, E O'Donovan, I Dineen, K McCarthy, E O'Regan, I Gannon, R Holland, C Dineen, M Moloney, J O'Leary, R Dineen.

Referee: Colette O'Mahony (St Finbarrs).

# Charleville seek All Ireland double

ST MARY'S, Charleville go for an All Ireland double today when the school's junior team contest the All Ireland final.

With the senior title tucked away the thoughts of Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe are very much on making it a double in the All Ireland Post Primary Junior A final against Derry's Magherafelt.

The last time that the prestigious double was achieved was in 1999 when the North Cork academy also took both titles.

Wednesday's game gives four players a chance to pick up both medals as Emer and Marie Watson Sinead McAuliffe and Anna Geary already lined out with the seniors.

Following on the decision of the Junior All Ireland holders Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy, to withdraw from their semi final meeting with Magherafelt because of foot and mouth the Magherafelt girls go into the final without a semi final game.

However Charleville had a meeting with Seamount, Kinvra in a contest where, despite taking time

## Fixtures

**TODAY**  
All Ireland Post Primary Junior A Final: St Mary's Charleville v St Mary's Magherafelt, Ballyboden St Enda's, Dublin, 2pm.  
**SATURDAY MAY 12**  
Munster Minor A Final: Cork v Tipperary Kilmallock 3pm.  
Munster Minor B Final: Clare v Limerick, Kilmallock 1.30pm.  
**SUNDAY MAY 13**  
Senior and Junior National Leagues: Cork v Antrim at Dublin venue to be announced.

By MARY NEWMAN

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to find their feet, the Cork girls ran out convincing winners.

It will not be the first occasion that the sides have met as down through the years at senior, junior and sevens there have been many memorable clashes.

Going in as favourites the more skilful Charleville side will be on their guard against a Magherafelt side who have always shown tremendous determination.

Meanwhile Munster Champions Tipperary put their title on the line on Saturday next in Kilmallock when they face Cork in the Munster Minor A final.

A year ago Tipperary stopped All Ireland champions Cork in their track so Saturday's meeting is sure to have added bite to it.

Just two of the Tipperary side that started that game have survived, most notable of the two is Claire Grogan who played a big role in the county taking their second senior title last year.

Lining out at full forward in Tipperary's opening game against Clare she was one of their top scorers, Linda Breen is the second survivor and she is joined by Emer Ryan, Michelle Shortt and Marie Tynan on what is a strong looking Tipperary side.

Cork looked impressive in their opening game against Limerick Sheila Burns, Denise Twomey and Jackie O'Keeffe are three who have fitted in well this year, Gemma O'Connor and Marie Watson are the holders of All Ireland minor medals whilst Emer Watson, Celine

Nyhan and Anna Geary are in their second season on the panel.

Selector Ann Watson feels that Tipp will not be easy to beat.

"They are the holders and we know that we will have to play extremely well to beat them, in saying that the girls will be determined to atone for last year's defeat," she said.

Cork minor panel for Munster final: Denise Twomey, Anna Geary, Emer Watson, Sarah Linehan, Marie Watson, Elaine O'Riordan, Julie Sheehy, Marion Donovan, Noelle Collins, Breege Corkery, Margaret McCarthy, Gemma O'Connor, Marie O'Neill, Sheila Burns, Catriona Foley, Celine Nyhan, Ann O'Connell, Jackie O'Keeffe, Ann Kiely, Niamh O'Connell, Clara Murphy, Karen O'Leary, Lisa Burns, Gearoidin Kearney and Fiona O'Donovan.

In National league action Cork senior and junior teams face a journey to Dublin on Sunday where they will meet Antrim in their last league games. With both sides on full points from three outings it's hard to envisage anything other than two victories for the Rebels.

## Blackrock on top in U12 tournament

ON MONDAY last eight teams took part in the Glen Rovers under-12 tournament at the Glen Field.

Clr Damien Wallace got the Blackpool Credit Union-sponsored day, which was organised by former inter-county star Sandie Fitzgibbon, underway.

Four teams qualified for the semi-final stages with

Blackrock topping section B and Killeagh coming through in second place.

Section A was won by the hosts Glen Rovers with Ballinhassig as runners up.

Two exciting semi-finals saw Blackrock with good performances from Emma Fielding and Saerlaith O'Keeffe pip Ballinhassig for a final spot.

In the second semi Glen Rovers with a goal from Megan Corcoran were victorious over rivals Killeagh.

In the final Blackrock's Cait Kelleher controlled matters at centre field against Glen Rovers.

The Blackrock captain's skilful distribution helped in no small way to give Blackrock their first

camogie title since re-organising three years ago.

Aoife Brohan, Sarah Wedel and Cait Kelleher impressed for Blackrock.

For Glen Lorna Dorgan a niece of camogie great Peggie Dorgan, Norma Jean Bracken and Róisín Foley all played starring roles.

The Plate final was a closely fought contest with

Clonakilty and Passage separated by a late goal from Clon captain Juanita Brennan giving them their first ever camogie title.

Amongst the stars were Máiréad Connolly, Erica Jennings and Jennifer Witcherly for Clon and Kim Murphy, Eileen O'Sullivan and Caoimhe O'Mahony for Passage.



## Mary's hoping for super double

by Mary Newman

ST MARY'S of Charleville will tomorrow begin their quest for the Junior colleges All-Ireland title.

With the All-Ireland holders Colaiste Bride's of Enniscorthy deciding to withdraw from their semi-final meeting with Magherafelt because of the Foot and Mouth crisis, the Northern girls go straight into the final.

Charleville defeated Seamount Kinvara in their semi-final outing and they have excellent players in Lisa Healy, Elaine O'Riordan, Ashling O'Brien and Captain Sinead McAuliffe.

Charleville will go into this game as favourites, but will not underestimate this Magherafelt side — who will look to Claire Dougan, Karen Higgins and Bronagh McLernon to take the title north.

Milford 3-9  
Barryroe 2-5

MILFORD added the Under-18 A county title to their Under-16 A crown at Delany's on Friday evening last, with a hard-earned victory over a determined Barryroe.

Barryroe set the pace early on. Two goals from corner forward Jennifer O'Leary in five minutes had them in a commanding position. A point from Emer O'Donovan and two from O'Leary in creased that lead.

Milford had their opening score 20 minutes into the game with a Marie Watson pointed free; a second from Emer Watson kept the Milford girls in touch, but it was O'Leary who struck the last point of the half to leave Barryroe leading 2-4 to 0-2 at the break.

Christine O'Gorman pointed inside five minutes of the restart and when Deirdre O'Reilly shot to the roof of the net a minute later, the game came to life.

Now firing on all cylinders, Milford — with points from Watson (2) and Deirdre O'Reilly — had the deficit down to one, but Jennifer O'Leary eased the pressure with a Barryroe point.

Failing to panic, Milford continues to apply the pressure. Then, a long free from Christine O'Gorman floated fifty yards to the Barryroe net — and so Milford took the lead with four minutes remaining.

Points from Marie Watson and Emer O'Friel increased the lead, before Julie Sheehan's injury time goals sealed the title.

## St Mary's add junior title to collection

St Mary's Charleville  
St Mary's Magherafelt

7-16  
1-2

THERE is just no stopping St Mary's Charleville as they added the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Junior 'A' Championship title to their senior title of a few weeks ago when they beat St Mary's Magherafelt 7-16 to 1-2 yesterday in Ballyboden, St Enda's.

A point in the third minute from Elaine O'Riordan set the Cork school up, but it was a close affair until 10 minutes from the break when the Watson sisters, Emer and captain Marie, cracked in two goals to leave them 2-12 to 1-1 ahead at the break.

The St Mary's Magherafelt goal was scored by Kate Lavery in the 14th minute.

For the Watson sisters, Emer and Marie, Anna Geary and Sinead McAuliffe it was double victory because they were on the victorious senior side a couple of weeks ago.

Scorers — St Mary's, Charleville: M. Watson (2-8), E. Watson (2-3), A. O'Brien (2-1), J. O'Connor (1-1), E. O'Riordan (0-2), S. McAuliffe (0-1).  
St Mary's, Magherafelt: K. Lavery (1-0), C. McCann, C. O'Boyle (0-1 each).

ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE: N. Murphy, K. Potter, A. Morrissey, L. Healy, K. O'Leary, S. Lennihan, E. Waters, E. O'Riordan, A. Geary, L. Boyce, M. Watson (Capt.), S. McAuliffe, E. Watson, P. O'Riordan, A. O'Brien, Sub: J. O'Connor for P. O'Riordan, F. Geary for L. Healy, T. Shanahan for K. Potter, C. O'Shea for L. Boyce, A. Dillon for E. Watson.

ST MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT: H. O'Neill, M. Kelly, K. Higgins, K. McGovern, B. McLernon, S. Heaney, C. McCoy, C. O'Boyle, C. McAuley, C. Dougan, C. Scullion, K. Lavery, A. Lavery, C. McAteer, C. McCann, Sub: J. McVey for B. McLernon, G. Mulholland for K. McGovern, O. Kearney for A. Lavery.

Mercy Woodford 4-9  
St Patrick's 3-6

Mercy Woodford of Galway took their first All-Ireland Junior 'B' title when they beat St. Patrick's High School, Armagh 4-9 to 3-6 which was also played in Ballyboden.

A hat trick of first half goals from Laura Flanagan left the western side ahead 3-2 to 1-5 at the break.

Despite two late goals from Claire Kinsella for Keady, Woodford held out thanks to a fourth goal from Linda Gohery.

Scorers — Mercy, Woodford: L. Flanagan (3-1), L. Gohery (1-0), C. Kelly (0-3), F. Hahnefeld, A. Tuohy (0-1 each).  
St Patrick's, Keady: C. Kinsella (2-3), J. McCooley (1-0), S. Murray (0-3).

MERCY, WOODFORD: T. Harta, L. Dervan, K. Dervan, E. Broderick, C. Sheil, P. Hayes, D. Kelly, C. Kelly, F. Hahnefeld, A. Tuohy, N. Broderick, T. Murphy, L. Flanagan, L. Gohery, A. Sheil.

ST PATRICK'S, KEADY: C. Whyte, E. McCooley, C. McConnell, C. O'Hara, C. Comiskey, S. Murray, G. Lappin, E. Hughes, L. Loughran, M. McGuigan, U. O'Farrell, C. Breen, J. McCooley, C. Kinsella, N. McKee. Sub: S. McClelland for L. Loughran.

## Jovita is Person of the Year



Tipperary camogie captain Jovita Delaney being presented with the Cashel Lions Club Person of the Year Award by Lions President Peter Silke at a function in Halla na Feile in Cashel on Sunday night last.  
Photo: Michael McDonnell, Cashel.

At Halla na Feile on Sunday last local sports hero Jovita Delaney was presented with the prestigious annual 'Cashel Person of the Year' award by President of Cashel Lions Club, Mr Peter Silke.

Jovita is a member of Cashel Camogie Club and as Senior County Champions was bestowed with the great honour of captain of Tipperary for two years in a row. This role Jovita took in her side and became one of the finest ambassadors ever to grace the playing fields for both Cashel Camogie Club and her county.

President, Cashel Lions

Club, Mr Peter Silke presented Jovita with her award and said, 'Jovita has brought great honour to her local town Cashel and her county and is a very worthy recipient. She has won All-Ireland medals at every grade with Tipperary. She has nourished her talent in camogie which she inherited from her family the Delaney's of Ardmore who for many years have been involved in sport. Jovita has carried on this tradition with great pride, and it is fitting that she be acknowledged by her own people in Cashel.'

Jovita Delaney on receiving the award said, 'I am

very honoured to receive this award in my home town. I have received many awards but this is the 'icing on the cake' for me. All of the awards I have received are on behalf of the twenty three girls on the panel. It has always been a team effort and a team performance so on behalf of the team I accept this award.'

2000 Cashel Person of the Year, Moira Foley was presented with a memento of her term of office and the President, Peter Silke went in to thank everyone who supported the event. The funds generated will help support the less well off in our community.

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## Nenagh student dies in tragic car accident

(By JAMES HAYDEN)

NENAGH and the village of Silvermines was stunned by the death of a popular student in a horror car accident, on Sunday evening, just four weeks before she was to sit her Leaving Cert.

Orla Marie McDonagh (18) died when her Peugeot car was in a collision with another car at Lisgarode, Nenagh, at 9.30 p.m., on Sunday evening.

Emergency services arrived within minutes of the accident but the popular schoolgirl was pronounced dead at the scene. Her friend, Colette Lawlor, whom she had just collected from her home at Kilruane, was injured in the crash and is in a stable condition at Nenagh general hospital.

The driver of the other car, Lionel Percy (19), is also in a stable condition at the hospital.

Orla lived with her parents Mary and Michael at Ballyraigue Road in Nenagh. The family, which also includes older brother Enda and sister Ruth, had only moved to Nenagh from the village of Silvermines in recent years where they ran a grocery shop and newsagents.

Orla was a keen camogie player and was a member of the St Mary's secondary school camogie squad that won the all-Ireland senior colleges A final in Ballinasloe last year.

Principal of St Mary's secondary school, Jerry Cronin, said Orla was a hugely popular girl and carried with her a zest for life.

'Orla was a wonderful girl with a marvellous personality. She was a very happy person and a very content girl who was a lover of sport.'

'She enjoyed a huge circle of friends and had

a wonderful way with people. We are absolutely heartbroken at the news of this tragedy,' he said.

He spoke of Orla's enthusiasm for camogie and the part she played in the school's famous victory last year.

'She was an extremely enthusiastic member of the panel. She dedicated herself to the team. Anything she ever took part in she gave it her all.'

Orla's native parish of the Silvermines was also stunned by the news of her death.

She was a member of Silvermines camogie club and was loved by all in the community.

Her remains will be removed from Ryan's funeral home, Nenagh, on Wednesday evening, at 7.30 p.m. to St Mary's of the Rosary Church. Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, at 12 noon, followed by burial in Lisbooney new cemetery.



# Cork should have too much for Antrim

THIS weekend Cork will make the long journey to Bohernabreena, Tallaght where tomorrow they will play Antrim, who have not had too many games recently, in the last of their National League outings this season.

Unfortunately, due to the foot-and-mouth outbreak the gloss has somewhat gone off this competition with the finals now, not being staged until late October.

Antrim are also a victim of the FMD outbreak and have not yet managed to play any matches in the current league.

With areas surrounding Cusheadall within the inclusion

zone, the county was robbed of most of their influential players. So, tomorrow they hope to get a least one more match under their belt.

Former hurler, Jim Nelson is again at the helm, but with the current difficulties it is unlikely that they will pose any problems for a Cork side who sit at the top of their table.

Rachel Moloney, Sarah Hayes, Elaine Burke, Criona Harte and Clara Healy are all exam tied at the moment.

It also looks like the Rebel County will also be minus the injured Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea,

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Cork camogie preview

Denise Cronin and Mags Finn for the game.

However, with the strength in depth within the county at the moment, Cork should still have too much firing power for the Northern girls.

It will also provide the selectors with an opportunity to try out fringe players in preparation for their forthcoming championship tie against Galway in eight weeks time.

Cork will also be in action in the

junior grade tomorrow afternoon against Antrim, where they too will hope to maintain their unbeaten record.

And with the Leesiders' advance straight into the Munster championship final against Tipperary, after receiving a walkover from Clare last Monday they will need as much competitive action that they can get over the next couple of weeks.

The players will need games to regain their sharpness and match fitness for the championship contests ahead.

Throw in for both of these games is at 1.30pm and 3.00pm.



Lynn Dunlea: Out of the Cork team because of injury.

## Cork out for revenge on Tipp

by Mary Newman

CORK minors take on Munster champions Tipperary in the Munster Minor A Championship final on Saturday next, in Kilmallock, at 3.00pm.

En route to the final, Cork easily beat Limerick, whilst Tipperary had little trouble accounting for the challenge of Clare.

Last year, Tipperary dethroned Cork and on Saturday the Leesiders — again coached by Cloughduv John Cronin — will be hoping to avenge that defeat.

Five players survive from last season, with Marie Watson and Jemma O'Connor the holders of All-Ireland medals won in 1999.

Amongst the newcomers to the side are Sheila Burns — daughter of former Cork and St Finbarr's star Denis — Jackie O'Keefe and Emer O'Friel.

It's hard to predict the outcome of this game — however, it promises to be one you cannot afford to miss.

## Cork and Tipp set for battle royal

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

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KILMALLOCK is the venue tomorrow afternoon for a very attractive double header in the Munster Minor A and B camogie finals. Old rivals Cork and Tipperary will battle out the A decider, while in the B Limerick and Clare will fight for the honours.

In order to try and grade the counties within the province, Munster Council introduced a B competition for all the first round losers of the A competition.

This competition involved counties Limerick, Clare and Waterford with Limerick and Clare reaching the 2001 final stages.

Meanwhile, the A final promises to go right down to the

wire in what promises to be a very close affair.

Cork and Tipperary are the top two camogie counties in the country at the moment at all levels.

Last year when the sides met at The Ragg, the home county took the honours. However, there was very little between them on that occasion and the Cork girls will want avenge that defeat.

Cork have five of last year's side to call upon again this season.

And fresh from their All Ireland success with St Mary's Charleville, Emer and Marie Watson, Anna Geary and Sharon Linehan will look to finish off the week with another major title in the bag.

Throw in for the A final is at 3pm, with the B final having a throw-in at 1.30pm.

## Tipperary bid to retain title

By Marion Graham

ALL roads will lead to Kilmallock on Saturday next when Tipperary Minors take on Cork in the Munster Minor 'A' final at 3 p.m. Tipperary defeated Cork by the narrowest of margins last year in the final and there is no doubt but Saturday's game will be another classic encounter.

Tipperary Minors have put in a huge effort for the last three weeks and they had a comprehensive 2-11 to 1-2 victory over Clare in the semi-final. Tipperary have a fairly balanced unit and with the experienced players like Claire Grogan, Michelle Shortt, Kathleen Kennedy, Danielle O'Connell and Eimear Ryan should see Tipperary advance.

**Tipperary panel:** Roseanna Kineally, Noelle Green, Danielle O'Connell, Linda Breen, Emma Dunlea, Helena Costigan, Julie Kirwan, Elizabeth Woods, Ann Murray, Michelle Shortt (Capt), Claire Grogan, Eimear Ryan, Claire Ryan, Patricia Timmons, Marie Tynan, Joanne Nolan, Kathleen Kennedy, Aileen Kennedy, Mary Coughlan, Mary Ryan, Triona Butler, Tara Johnson, Patricia Jones, Nollaig Barron, Amy O'Halloran, Nora Kinnane, Elaine Burke.

Joanne O'Doherty.

**TIPPERARY TURN ON THE STYLE**

Tipperary ..... 5-14

Waterford ..... 0-3

As predicted Tipperary cruised into the Junior Munster Final with a flattering victory over Waterford in Templemore on Monday afternoon last.

Tipperary found the first ten minutes hard going and although they had the majority of the play it took five minutes to put their name in the scoreboard with a point from Louise Young and a further seven minutes to convert their second point from Linda Grogan.

From here on Tipperary found their footing and excelled in every position. At no stage were the full back line of Sharon Ralph, Niamh Connolly, Breda Bourke or goalie Sandra Ricken under any pressure. Tipperary's half back line Deirdre Delaney, Noelle O'Dwyer and Jenny O'Halloran were always in control and supplied plenty of ball to Lorraine Bourke and Julie Delaney who dominated at mid-field. Tipperary added a further five points Lena Woods (1), Linda Grogan (2), Louise Young (1), and Lorraine Bourke (1), before Waterford's Kate Aherne put the ball over from a free in the 26th minute. Linda Grogan

and Lena Woods added a further point each and on the stroke of half-time Lena Woods found the Waterford net to leave Tipperary ahead at the interval by 1-9 to 0-1.

Tipperary continued to dominate in the 2nd half, but for the excellent saves by Waterford's goalie Mary Murphy it would have been all over for Waterford after five minutes.

This was a spirited display from Tipperary and whilst there were a massive score difference a lot of work needs to be done between now and July 7th when they contest the Munster Final against Cork at a Tipperary venue.

**Team and Scorers:** Sandra Ricken, Sharon Ralph, Niamh Connolly, Breda Bourke, Deirdre Delaney, Noelle O'Dwyer, Jenny O'Halloran, Lorraine Bourke (0-1), Julie Delaney, Lena Woods (1-3), Louise Young (1-3), Helen Grogan (1-0), Patricia O'Halloran (0-1), Moira Ryan (1-0), Linda Grogan (0-6), Subs: Paula Ryan, Mary-Rose Ryan for Niamh Connolly; Sile Nash, Helen Campion for Moira Ryan; Norma Maher (1-0), for Lena Woods, Una O'Rourke for Sharon Ralph, Catherine Tiernan, Joan Ryan, Mary G. O'Dwyer.

**NATIONAL LEAGUES**

Besides the Minor's involvement in the Munster Final both the Seniors and Juniors are playing Kilkenny at a Kilkenny venue at 1.30 and 3 p.m. respectively in the National league, on Sunday.

**SYMPATHY**

Sympathy is extended to the McDonagh family, Silvermines on the tragic death of their daughter Orla at the week-end. Orla was a prominent member and player of the Silvermines club and was part of the County Minor panel two years ago. Ar Dheis De go raibh anam.

**RESULTS:**

**Senior League:** Drom/Inch 2-18, Burgess 3-6.

**Intermediate League:** Moycarkey/Borris 3-6, Kilruane McDonagh 1-0; Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-3, Templemore 0-3.

**Junior 'A' League:** Silvermines 2-9, Holycross/Ballycahill 2-2.

**Junior 'B' League:** Moncally 4-10, Kildangan 3-1; Drom/Inch 5-10, Kilsheelan 2-1; Knockavilla 1-5, Bornea 1-3.

**Under 14 'C' Championship:** Cashel 3-1, Carrick Swans 0-0; Shannon Rovers 2-1, Newport/Ballinahinch 1-0; Holycross/Ballycahill 4-3, Thurles 1-1.

## Ahern death

● CORK camogie is mourning today the death of one of its great servants, former All-Ireland winning captain Renee Ahern (nee Fitzgerald). Renee captained Cork to an All-Ireland win in 1939.

**Ahern RENEE** (nee Fitzgerald) (late of Castleview, Lower Glanmire Road): Passed away peacefully on May 6, 2001, beloved wife of the late Tim Ahern, sister of Ella (deceased), Anna (deceased), Tommy (deceased), aunt of Carol, Patricia, Arthur and Tony. Lying in repose at The Coburg Street Funeral Home of Jerh. O'Connor Ltd. Removal on tomorrow (Friday) at 7pm to St. Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road. Requiem Mass at 9.30am on Saturday. Funeral afterwards to Carrigrohilly Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

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## Women may have to leave Croke Park

ONE of the greatest feelings about qualifying for an All Ireland final is the thrill of playing in Croke Park.

The whole occasion is magnified by the bus trip to GAA headquarters on the Sunday morning. A walk around the park before the crowds start to file in, listening to the Artane Boys Band rehearsing underneath the Hogan Stand and the butterfly feeling that leaves you almost paralysed as you make your way out onto the park.

Would you swap it for anything less? But in the not too

distant future it looks like the All-Ireland women's football finals and the All-Ireland camogie finals could be forced to leave Dublin 3 for pastures smaller.

Anybody who was in Croke Park recently for the All Ireland club finals will know exactly what I am talking about.

GAA headquarters needs to be full, or near full to capacity, in order to get the atmosphere that these important matches deserve. The attendance at the All Ireland camogie finals currently does not exceed 20,000, only quarter filling the stadium.

### THERESA O'CALLAGHAN View from the Ground



That does nothing to enhance or strengthen this female sport. Likewise ladies football, which incidentally has lost the sponsorship of Bank of Ireland this season, will be faced with a similar dilemma, and according

to National Secretary Helen O'Rourke this may well be the last year you will see the women playing in Croke Park.

"I have said it in my report to congress that this could be our last year playing in Croke Park,"

she said.

"It is estimated that the cost of an All-Ireland day for us will be around £35,000. These are mainly security costs and expenses associated with the opening of corporate boxes, which we do not get much benefit from.

"It is an awful shame because we fought so hard to get our finals in there in the first place.

"We will have a state of the art stadium exclusively for men.

"The bottom line here is that we will have a massive stadium, but it will be neither affordable

nor pragmatic for women in sport. I mean, it's every kid's dream to win an All-Ireland in Croke Park," she added.

Both finals are pencilled in for this year, but with the increasing cost of using GAA headquarters due to the recent enhanced facilities, this could be the last year of All Ireland finals being staged at headquarters.

Personally, I hope that this does not happen, because winning an All Ireland is special, but to win it in Croke Park is extra special.



# TIPPERARY (Munster U/16)

A Final 3.00.PM

# CORK

1  
Roseanna Kenneally  
Drom/Inch

3  
Danielle O'Connell  
Cashel

6  
Helena Costigan  
Bournea

9  
Ann Murray  
Bournea

11  
Claire Grogan  
Cashel

14  
Patricia Timmons  
Silvermines

16 Joanne Nolan Silvermines  
17 Kathleen Kennedy Toomevara  
18 Aileen Kennedy Drom/Inch  
19 Mary Coughlan Silvermines  
20 Mary Ryan Moneygall  
21 Triona Butler Drom/Inch  
22 Tara Johnson Templemore  
23 Patricia Jones Templemore  
24 Nollag Barron Cashel  
25 Amy O'Halloran Drom/Inch  
26 Nora Kinnane Drom/Inch  
27 Elaine Bourke Bournea  
28 Joanne O'Doherty Anacorthy

2  
Noelle Greene  
Drom/Inch

5  
Emma Dunlay  
Silvermines

8  
Elizabeth Woods  
Toomevara

10  
Michelle Shortt(Capt)  
Drom/Inch

13  
Claire Ryan  
Cashel

16 Joanne Nolan Silvermines  
17 Kathleen Kennedy Toomevara  
18 Aileen Kennedy Drom/Inch  
19 Mary Coughlan Silvermines  
20 Mary Ryan Moneygall  
21 Triona Butler Drom/Inch  
22 Tara Johnson Templemore  
23 Patricia Jones Templemore  
24 Nollag Barron Cashel  
25 Amy O'Halloran Drom/Inch  
26 Nora Kinnane Drom/Inch  
27 Elaine Bourke Bournea  
28 Joanne O'Doherty Anacorthy

Trainer John Harkin  
Selectors Marion Graham  
Jack Donovan

4  
Linda Breen  
Knockavilla/Kickams

7  
Julia Kirwan  
Moneygall

12  
Eimear Ryan  
Moneygall

15  
Maria Tynann  
Toomevara



2  
Marian O'Donovan  
Coursey Rovers

5  
Anna Geary  
Milford

8  
Jackie O'Keeffe  
Carrigahue

10  
Margaret McCarthy  
Iniscara

13  
Noelle Collins  
Coursey Rovers

16 Ann Kiely Carrigahue  
17 Celine Nyhan Newcestown  
18 Ann O'Connell Youghal  
19 Gerardine Kearney Fr O'Neills  
20 Niamh O'Connell Aghabullogue  
21 Ciara Murphy Aghabullogue  
22 Lisa Burns Na Piersaigh  
23 Fiona O'Donovan Douglas  
24 Karen O'Leary Ballyahea  
25 Julia Sheehy Milford  
26 Edwina Waters Ballyahea

Trainer John Cronin Cloughduv  
Selectors Ann Watson Milford  
John Quinn Coursey Rovers

1  
Denise Twomey  
St Catherines

3  
Sheila Byrnes  
Rockbawn

6  
Sharon Lenihan  
Milford

9  
Marie O'Neill  
Watergrasshill

11  
Gemma O'Connor  
St Finbarrs

14  
Eimear Watson  
Milford

4  
Catriona Foley  
Rockbawn

7  
Elaine Riordan  
Milford

12  
Breege Corkery  
Cloughduv

15  
Marie Watson  
Milford



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## Rebel display dazzles Cork given a battle

Cork  
Tipperary

5-14  
0-9  
By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN  
in Kilmallock

CORK'S fearless brand of attacking camogie reaped rich rewards at Kilmallock on Saturday, with the county avenging last year's defeat to the Blue and Gold and thus regained the Munster Minor A championship title.

Against Tipperary, they certainly proved their mettle producing a dazzling display over the 60 minutes.

It was particularly sweet too for the back-room team of John Cronin, John Quinn and Ann Watson, who must have been delighted.

However, Cork's confidence on this occasion was generated from a brilliant defensive unit headed up by goalkeeper Denise Twomey from St Catherine's, whose save eight minutes from time was up there with the best.

She denied Tipp danger lady Claire Grogan a certain goal. Anna Geary, who was given the job of marking Grogan, rarely gave her any space.

On Saturday the rebel county looked destined for honours from the third minute when Emer Watson got the first of her hat-trick. Her sister Marie grabbed the second, while Noelle Collins got their third to give Cork a 3-6 to 0-3 lead.

The second half was more of the same. Cork hit eight points before Emer Watson finished with a flurry, scoring two goals inside 60 seconds. St Finbarr's Gemma O'Connor also performed heroically scoring five marvellous points.

So the trophy is back Leeside and on this evidence more could be on the way.

Cork  
Antrim

1-15  
4-4  
BY THERESE O'CALLAGHAN  
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CORK eventually got the match they were so badly in need of.

Granted, the defending National League champions were seriously depleted through injury and exams.

But, with this their last game in the league, yesterday afternoon management availed of the opportunity to try out some of their fringe players.

Ger Casey took over in goal, Joanne O'Callaghan started at corner-back. Gill Hannon and Paula O'Connor filled the wing-back positions.

Catherine Corkery came in at wing-forward and the inside line included Miriam Deasy and Ellen O'Herlihy.

But it was a case of the old dogs for the hard road with Fiona O'Driscoll shooting eight valuable points for the

Leesiders, Linda Mellerick chipping in with three and newcomer Catherine Corkery getting Cork's only goal.

Cork, who were without Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea, Mags Finn ... Denise Cronin through injury were also minus the services of Sarah Hayes, Rachel Moloney, Elaine Burke, Ciara Healy and Criona Harte.

They went in at the break a point down (3-2 to 1-7) and were getting the brunt of a spirited Antrim display.

Kerri O'Neill (two), Ann McKee and Grace McMullen were the goal scorers for Antrim. In the junior game between the same counties, Elaine McCarthy was in splendid shooting form helping Cork to a massive 7-23 to 1-1 victory.



# Cork girls run out convincing winners

Cork 5-14  
Tipperary 0-9

by Tom Higgins

ALL the indications before this Munster Minor 'A' camogie final at Kilmallock, Co. Limerick on Saturday were for a very close affair but it was not the case as Cork ran out convincing winners.

This was a real team effort, on an excellent pitch, with the Cork backs giving the Tipperary forwards little scope by marking tightly while at the other end of the field the Cork forwards, with an excellent supply of the ball from both the half back and centre field, were able to pick off scores in excellent fashion.

The winners raced into a 2-2 to 0-1 lead after nine minutes, with an excellent goal from Emer Watson after two minutes and another from here sister, and captain, Maria, in the ninth minute. In between Gemma O'Connor, from a '45' and Maria Watson had points with a reply from Tipp's Michelle Shortt.

Tipperary relied heavily on senior player, Claire Grogan, but she was well policed by Sharon Lenihan and her only contribution in the opening half was two points, one from a '45' and one from play. That left it 3-6 to 0-3 at the break. Cork's third goal coming from Noelle Collins in the 21st minute.

Tipperary were left with a mountain to climb in the second half and although they showed much improved form they never looked like trouble a very confident Cork side. There was little between the sides in the opening ten minutes of the second half with each side scoring three points. But then Cork took control again and had four unanswered points in the next five minutes.

Then the dangerous Grogan let fly from about 20 metres and the ball looked destined for the corner of the net until 'keeper Denise Twomey dived full length to make a spectacular save.

In the last five minutes, Emer Watson wrapped it up for Cork with two goals in the space of a minute.

Scorers: E. Watson 3-3, M. Watson 1-4, N. Collins 1-1, G. O'Connor 0-5 (0-1 '45', 0-1 free), Tipperary: C. Grogan 0-6 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45'), M. Shortt 0-2, E. Ryan 0-1.

CORK: D. Twomey; M. O'Donovan, S. Burns, C. Foley; A. Geary, S. Lenihan, E. Rordani; J. O'Keefe, M. O'Neill; M. McCarthy, G. O'Connor, B. Corkery; N. Collins, E. Watson, M. Watson (capt). Subs: N. O'Connell for M. McCarthy (46th minute); C. Nyhan for J. O'Keefe (51st minute); G. Kearney for E. Rordani, A. O'Connell for E. Watson, and A. Kiely for M. O'Donovan (all in injury time).

TIPPERARY: R. Kenneally; N. Greene; D. O'Connell, L. Breen; E. Dunlea, H. Costigan, J. Kirwan; E. Woods, A. Murray; M. Shortt (capt), C. Grogan, E. Ryan; C. Ryan, P. Timmons, M. Tynan. Subs: J. Nolan for R. Kenneally (injured 21st minute); K. Kennedy for E. Woods (21st minute); P. Jones for A. Murray and A. Kennedy for M. Tynan (both 41st minute).

Referee: P. McCarthy (Limerick).

Limerick 2-13  
Clare 2-3

In the "B" Minor final Limerick had little difficulty in beating Clare.

Had the wearers of the green taken their many chance they could be out of sight after twenty minutes.

Limerick had only two points on the board after 12 minutes and when Catriona Naughton had a goal for Clare after 21 minutes the Banner girls Clare led by 1-1 to 0-2. But Limerick steadied and were 1-5 to 1-1 up at the break.

With Sinead McAuliffe and Aisling O'Brien tremendous up front after the interval Limerick pulled away for an easy win.

Lizzy Danagher had a consolation goal for Clare in the final minute which put a slightly better complexion on the game.

Scorers for Limerick: S. McAuliffe 1-2, M. McGrath 1-1, A. O'Brien 0-5, A. Sheehan 0-3 (0-1 free), N. Collins 0-1, A. O'Connell 0-1, Clare: S. Naughton 1-0, L. Danagher 1-0, S. Lafferty 0-1, R. Kaiser 0-1 ('45'), C. Arthur 0-1. LIMERICK: M. Corkery; C. Hickey, M. Cremin, J. White; M. Sheehy, J. Clifford, C. Carroll; M. O'Connor, C. Mulcahy; A. Sheehan, A. O'Connell, S. McAuliffe; M. McGrath, N. Collins, A. O'Brien. Subs: F. Morrissey for A. O'Brien (57th minute), K. Potter for M. McGrath (59th minute), A. Roche for J. White (60th minute). CLARE: L. Jones, V. Doyle, J. O'Leary, D. McMarkin; S. Skehan, E. Keating, L. Tracey; R. Kaiser, S. Lafferty; C. Arthur, L. Clancy, E. Hickey; L. Danagher, C. Naughton, C. Madden. Subs: D. Hegarty for C. Naughton (45th minute), C. McNulty for V. Doyle (51st minute). Referee: J. Morrissey (Tipperary).

Cork concluded their programme in senior and junior national leagues at St Annes GAA grounds, Dublin, yesterday and finished top of their respective groups.

The senior scored a narrow two point victory over Antrim on a 1-15 to 4-4 scoreline while the junior had a comprehensive 7-23 to 1-1 victory over the same opposition.

## Camogie

Due to a catalogue of injuries and two bereavements, Down only managed to scrape together a team yesterday morning for their Senior League Division 2 game against Limerick and lost 1-3 to 4-8. Limerick scorers: Claire Walsh 2-0, Pauline O'Brien 1-6, Marie Keating 1-1, Mairead Kelly 0-1. Down scorers: Valerie Hynds 1-1, Majella Murray 0-1, Claire McGrath 0-1.

■ Derry threw Division 2 of the National Senior League wide open once again by beating league leaders Dublin 1-6 to 0-4 in Ballyholland yesterday. Grainne Maguire and Claire Doherty were the main reason the opposition only scored 4 points, while Aileen Tohill and Charlene Moore created the openings for scores at the other end.

Derry (Senior) scorers: Grainne McGoldrick 1-1, Paula McAtamney 0-3, Aileen Tohill 0-1, Anna O'Loughlin 0-1.

■ Antrim almost caught runaway Division One leaders Cork cold and actually led by a point with five minutes remaining but eventually went down 4-4 to 1-15 in Dublin. First half goals from first Anne McKee and the two from Kerri O'Neill gave the Saffrons a 3-2 to 1-7 interval advantage. Although Grace McMullan fired home a fourth Antrim goal, the free-taking of Fiona O'Driscoll turned the deficit into a narrow two point victory for the Leesiders.

Cork scorers: Catherine Corkery 1-1, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-8, Linda Mellerick 0-3, Jennifer O'Leary 0-2, Una O'Donoghue 0-1.

Antrim scorers: Kerri O'Neill 2-0, Anne McKee 1-2, Grace McMullan 1-0, Maureen Stewart 0-1, Grainne Connolly 0-1.

# Disaster Strikes Tipperary Minors

By Marion Graham

Cork.....5-14  
Tipperary.....0-9

A subdued Tipperary minor team went down badly to a very strong and skilful Cork side on Saturday afternoon in Kilmallock.

From the throw-in Cork dominated in every area and it was quite obvious they were out to avenge their defeat of last year and this they did in style.

Cork's first score came in the 5th minute when Marie Watson had the ball in the Tipperary net. Two further points were added for Cork before Tipperary's captain Michelle Shortt pointed in the 18th minute. Cork replied almost immediately with another goal and Tipperary were in serious trouble. Claire Grogan pointed a 45m for Tipperary in the 22nd minute, while Cork secured a further 1-4 before Tipperary added their final score of the opening half in the 28th minute with a point from Claire Grogan to leave Tipperary trailing at the interval by 3-6 to 0-3.

In fairness, Tipperary upped the pace in the second half but had too much catching up to do.

Tipperary team, subs and scorers - Roseanne Kineally, Noelle Greene, Danielle O'Connell, Linda Breen, Emma Dunlea, Helena Costigan, Julia Kirwan, Elizabeth Woods, Ann Murray, Michelle Shortt (capt.) 0-2, Claire Grogan 0-6, Eimear Ryan 1-0, Claire Ryan, Patricia Timmons, Maria Tynan, Joanne Nolan for Roseanne Kineally, Kathleen Kennedy for Maria Tynan, Aileen Kennedy for Elizabeth Woods, Tara Johnson for Danielle O'Connell, Mary Coughlan, Mary Ryan, Triona Butler, Patricia Jones, Nollaig Barron, Amy O'Halloran, Nora Kinnane, Elaine Bourke, Joanne O'Doherty.

## NATIONAL LEAGUES-

# Double Over Kilkenny

Tipperary had better luck on Sunday when both the senior and junior teams gave a lesson to the 'Cats' in Ballyhale Shamrocks Grounds, Kilkenny.

## JUNIOR

Tipperary found it hard to break away from Kilkenny and had only one score in the opening half with a goal coming from Patricia O'Halloran within

the first minute. Kilkenny added three points to leave the sides level at the interval with Tipperary 1-0 to Kilkenny's 0-3.

In the second half Tipperary excelled in every area and had Kilkenny under pressure. Linda Grogan had Tipperary's first point inside a minute and Lena Woods hand-passed brilliantly to Norma Maher for Tipperary's second goal in the fifth minute. From here on it was plain sailing for the Premier side, further points from Moira Ryan, Lorraine Bourke, Louise Young and Norma Maher were secured before the Grogan sisters through a sequence of hand-passing had Tipperary's third goal in the 28th minute. Two further points from Norma Maher and Linda Grogan finalised the scoring and left Tipperary ahead by 3-8 to Kilkenny 0-3 at fulltime.

Tipperary team, subs and scorers - Paula Ryan, Sharon Ralph, Siobhan Ryan, Deirdre McDonnell, Deirdre Delaney, Noelle O'Dwyer, Jenny O'Halloran, Lorraine Bourke 0-1, Julia Delaney, Trisha O'Halloran 1-0, Moira Ryan 0-1, Helen Grogan, Melissa Stapleton, Norma Maher 1-2, Linda Grogan 1-2, Niamh Connolly, Louise Young 0-1, for Melissa Stapleton, Lena Woods 0-1 for Trisha O'Halloran, Mary Rose Ryan, Sile Nash, Una O'Rourke, Cathriona Tiernan, Joan Ryan, Mary G. O'Dwyer, Breda Bourke.

## SENIOR

In the senior game Kilkenny were without most of their panel, but Tipperary also had a number of absentees. However Tipperary's newcomers blended well and it looks as if Tipperary will be a force to be reckoned with in the championship.

Eimear McDonnell who was on fire on Sunday played the game of her life and had the Kilkenny net rattled in the first minute. three further points for Tipperary from Eimear McDonnell, Claire Grogan and Deirdre Hughes were had before Eimear McDonnell collected a classy hand-pass from Philly Fogarty to once again raise the green flag for Tipperary in the 12th minute. Eimear completed her hat-trick of the first half with another goal in the 24th minute, while also flicking two points over the bar. The other points of the first half came from Claire Grogan (2), Philly Fogarty (1) and Deirdre Hughes (1). Kilkenny failed to score in the opening half and Tipperary was a comfortable 3-9 to 0-0 at the interval.

With Tipperary short a

number of players through injury and exam commitment a number of new players were introduced on Sunday and on the resumption of play, Niamh Connolly replaced Lorraine Bourke, Julia Delaney replaced Philly Fogarty and Louise Young replaced Claire Grogan. Tipperary continued to dominate and ran out easy winners.

Tipperary team, subs and scorers - Louise Ryan, Lorraine Bourke, Sheena Howard, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Theresa Brophy, Niamh Harkin, Noelle Kennedy, Philly Fogarty 0-1, Joanne Ryan, Paula Bulfin 0-1, Deirdre Hughes 1-2, Eimear McDonnell 4-3, Claire Grogan 0-3, Paula Ryan, Julie Delaney for Philly Fogarty, Niamh Connolly for Lorraine Bourke, Louise Young 0-1 for Claire Grogan, Noelle O'Dwyer for Theresa Brophy.

## Best Wishes

Best wishes to our captain Emily Hayden and Suzanne Kelly who are both out with broken thumbs.

## Co. Board Briefs

At the monthly meeting of Tipperary Co. Board held on Tuesday night, 8th May a minute's silence was observed for the repose of the soul of Orla O'Donnell, Silvermines who had died tragically at the weekend.

## Summer Job Scheme

Anyone interested in taking up the Summer Job Scheme should contact the County Secretary Joan Harkin immediately. This is available to all 1st and 2nd year third level students.

## Regrading

The following players were regraded - Orla Hogan, Nuala Nealon (Burgess), from senior to junior 'B' status.

## Transfers

Requests for transfers from Tara Carey, Tracy Ryan and Michelle Hickey (Drom-Inch) to Annacarty were granted.

## Closed Season

It was decided at the meeting to have a closed season for all adult competitions from May 8th to the end of June due to the many players involvement in exams.

## Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were passed to the Harkin family on the death of their father; McDonagh family on the death of Orla, and to Peg Lynch, Ballinahinch on the death of her sister, Ar dheis De go raibh anamacha.



# St Mary's wins second All-Ireland

THE game of camogie came of age for St Mary's School, Charleville at the St Enda's GAA grounds in Ballyboden, Dublin last Wednesday, when the school's junior team won their 2nd All Ireland schools title in ten days and their 21st All Ireland in all.

The juniors who defeated St Marys, Meagherafelt on a score line of 7-16 to 1-2 emulated their senior schoolmates,

who won the senior title, when they saw off the challenge of Leinster champions, Loretto Kilkenny, in their decider to record a prestigious double for the Charleville school.

The latest titles bring to 21 the number of All Ireland titles won by St Mary's since camogie was introduced to the School in 1986. To date they have won five senior, six junior and ten sevens All Ireland

championships.

Four members of this years teams, the Watson sisters Emer and Marie, Anna Geary and Sinead McAuliffe have the added distinction of playing on both the schools senior and junior teams.

In last Wednesdays game, the Charleville girls met stiff opposition from the Ulster champions in the opening quarter, when the northern girls played their most

effective hurling to record 1-2 in this period.

But, sadly these were their only scores of the game as the Charleville girls came thundering into the game with some great scores to lead by 3-12 to 1-2 at half time.

Charleville continued to pile on the pressure on the resumption and completely dominated the game to brush aside the challenge of the Northern girls running

**CAMOGIE:**  
Leinster MAC; Kilkenny 3-5 Wexford 1-8. Junior C'Ship; Dublin 2-6 Laois 1-2. Wexford 9-18 Wicklow 0-0. National League Division 1; Galway 5-4 Antrim 0-11; Division 1A; Galway 7-22 Antrim 0-2; Division 2; Derry 5-10 Clare 3-11; Derry 4-12 Limerick 1-6; Division 2A; Derry 4-6 Limerick 1-6; Division 4; Meath 6-7 Waterford 0-4; Tyrone wo Cavan scr.

## camogie title in ten days

out eventual winners by 7-16 to 1-2.

Milfords Watson sisters, Emer 2-5 and team captain Marie 2-8, between them, contributed 4-13 of their sides total. Other scorers were Aisling O'Brien 2-1, Jacqui O'Connor 0-1, Sinead McAuliffe 0-1 and Laura Boyce 1-0.

The team was welcomed home by a large contingent of parents and students, who gathered at St

Marys School on Wednesday evening. School Principal, Sr M Martina, Vice Principal John Boyd and Sister Margaret congratulated the team on their outstanding achievement for the school.

They expressed thanks to the players, their parents and their individual camogie clubs and supporters, to team coaches Vincent Harrington, Ann Marie O'Keeffe and Fr

Tim Hazelwood for their hard work and support of the team, which they said was the best in the land.

St Marys will contest this years Sevens championship at a later date, due to the restrictions imposed by the foot and mouth disease precautions.

The team, Natasha Murphy, Karen Potter, Amy Morrissey, Lisa Healy, Karen O'Leary, Sharon Lenihan, Edwina

Waters, Elaine O'Riordan, Anna Geary, Leonie Boyce, Marie Watson, Captain, Sinead McAuliffe, Emer Watson, Patricia O'Riordan, Aisling O'Brien.

Subs played, Jacqui O'Connor for Patricia O'Riordan, Christine O'Shea for Leonie Boyce, Janice White for Lisa Healy, Fiona Geary for Karen Potter and Aisling Dillon for Emer Watson.



St Mary's School victorious junior camogie team, which won the All-Ireland championship when they defeated Meagherafelt to bring the school its 21st All-Ireland title.

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Subs Played: Jacqui O'Connor for Patricia O'Riordan, Christine O'Shea for Leonie Boyce, Janice White for Lisa Healy, Fiona Geary for Karen Potter and Aisling Dillon for Emer Watson.

## Charleville are champs again



It's celebration time for the junior camogie team of St Mary's School, Charleville, who won the school's 21 All-Ireland Camogie Championship last week. See report on page 26.  
Picture: Michael McGrath



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Cork's Catriona Foley gets away from Tipperary's Claire Ryan during the Munster under 16 A final at Kilmallock.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Stylish Rebels regain minor crown

Cork 5-14  
Tipperary 0-9

CORK regained the Munster minor A title in convincing style against Tipperary at Kilmallock on Saturday.

Cork were ahead by 2-2 to 0-1 after just 10 minutes, with goals from the Watson sisters, Emer after two mins and Maria seven minutes later. By half-time Cork led 3-6 to 0-3.

Tipp's best spell came in the first 10 minutes of the second half, but even then they could only trade three points with Cork.

Cork regained control and scored four points without reply. And Emer Watson added two goals in the closing minutes to put the gloss on an impressive team display.

In the minor B final, Limerick defeated Clare by 2-13 to 2-3.

Other inter-county action over the weekend saw Cork defeat Antrim in both the senior and junior national league.

Cork won the senior tie by 1-15 to 4-4 and the junior contest by 7-23 to 1-1.

St Mary's Charleville completed a double last Wednesday when they added the All-Ireland Post Primary Junior A title to the senior A won two weeks previously.

They meet their namesakes, St Mary's of Magherafelt, 7-16 to 1-2.

Elaine O'Riordan set the trend with a third minute point, but, with the Magherafelt defence holding a tight reign, the north Cork girls were made to work hard for their scores.

To their credit they picked off their points and, with Marie Watson, Elaine O'Riordan and Ashling O'Brien all contributing, they were in a comfortable position before Kate Laverty goaled for the Magherafelt side mid way through the half.

Keeping up the pressure, Charleville had two goals in the closing stages of the half, the first from Emer Watson and the second from captain Marie Watson to leave them 2-12 to 1-1 ahead at the break.

Charleville, inspired by a superb defensive display by Amy Morrissey, Anna Geary and Karen O'Leary, always held the upper hand after the re-start.

Up front the Watson sisters, Marie and Emer, Ashling O'Brien and Leonie Boyce lorded matters.

For Anna Geary, the Watson sisters and Sinead McAuliffe it was a double celebration, adding junior All-Ireland medals to the senior honours.

The last time the double was achieved was in 1999 when Charleville again took the honours. It's a tribute to the hard work being put in by Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keefe who spend long hours working and coaching the girls.

**CHARLEVILLE:** N. Murphy, K. Potter, A. Morrissey, L. Healy, K. O'Leary, S. Lenihan, E. Waters, E. O'Riordan, A. Geary, L. Boyce, M. Watson, P. O'Riordan, S. McAuliffe, E. Watson, A. O'Brien.  
Subs: J. O'Connor for P. O'Riordan, F. Geary for L. Healy, T. Shanahan for K. Potter, C. O'Shea for L. Boyce, A. Dillon for E. Waters.

# Fixture backlog is fast diminishing

THE backlog of fixtures continues to be reduced as the county board continues to play off the closing stages of all league competitions.

In the coming weeks, among the games down for decision are the senior league semi-finals, where Fr O'Neill's and St Finbarr's meet in Togher and Glen Rovers entertain Milford at the Glen Field.

The Junior A and B competitions are also at the completion stages with county champions Ballygarvan meeting Glen Rovers and last year's defeated county finalists Douglas clashing with Ballinahasig.

The Under 16 A league semi-finals sees a clash between Ballygarvan and Inniscarra down for decision this evening with Milford and Aghabullogue in action on Thursday.

Eire Og and Buttevant meet in the Under 16B, with Douglas and Rockbawn also in action.

Junior B league competitions are nearing conclusion also and here St Finbarr's and Sliabh Rua contest the quarter final, with St Catherine's, who are chasing the double, meeting Bishopstown or Courcy Rovers.

County championship draws for

## Fixtures

<b>TONIGHT</b>	
Senior league semi final: St Finbarr's v Fr O'Neill's at Barrs 7.30pm.	Aghabullogue at Milford 7.30pm.
Under 16 A League semi final: Ballygarvan v Inniscarra at Ballygarvan 7.30pm.	Under 16 B League: Douglas v Rockbawn at Douglas 7.30pm.
Under 16 B League: Eire Og v Buttevant at Ovens 7.30pm.	<b>SATURDAY MAY 19</b>
<b>THURSDAY MAY 17</b>	Junior B League semi final: St Catherine's v Bishopstown or Courcy Rovers 3pm, venue to be arranged.
Junior B League quarter final: St Finbarr's v Sliabh Rua at Sliabh Rua 7.30pm.	Junior A League Semi Final: Ballygarvan v Glen Rovers at Ballygarvan 7.45pm.
Under 16 A League semi final: Milford v	<b>SUNDAY MAY 20</b>
	Under 16 B League: Barryroe v Bishopstown at Barryroe 11.30am.

By MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY  
Camogie correspondent

all competitions were held recently and with some interesting games forecasted we take a look at the various grades and draws.

Among the pairings that will draw a lot of interest is the meeting of last year's defeated finalists Barryroe, who will meet Cloughduv.

This year Cloughduv are strengthened by the return from Australia of the Dunlea sisters Stephanie and Lynn whilst former intermediate inter-county goalkeeper Leonie Nolan is in the process of joining the mid Cork outfit.

Newly promoted Senior B champions Eire Og make a return to the

top grade and have drawn Imokilly in their opening game.

Fr O'Neill's who over the last number of years have come so close, will meet a young Courcy Rovers side who have fine players in their inter county duo Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney.

County champions Bishopstown will be fancying their chances of making it five-in-a-row this year.

They face an ever improving Inniscarra side who have fine young players in Margaret McCarthy and Treasa McCarthy.

Newtownshandrum will be determined to emulate their hurlers' feat in taking last year's senior title and they will face a meeting with divisional side Carbery who will be backboned by Kilbrittain, Valley Rovers and Bandon players.

The winners will go on to meet the winners of the Cloughduv / Barryroe clash.

In an all-division clash Seandún and Muskerry meet, with the victors facing Glen Rovers.

Carrigdhoun await the winners of the Eire Og/Imokilly tie.

Seven teams went into the hat for the senior B championship. Valley Rovers, who lost out to eventual winners Eire Og last year, will face a tough opener when they take on Milford, who have been strong at every underage grade in recent times.

Newly crowned junior A champions Ballygarvan, promoted to senior B, are drawn against mid Cork side Aghabullogue.

Defeated in last year's semi-final, St Finbarr's will be looking this year to go all the way and they have fine young players in Jemma O'Connor, Ellen Clifford and Linda O'Connell.

They will meet Newcastle, who are a young determined side who will be determined to advance.

In the junior A grade Tracton meet Ballinhasig, with Sarsfields awaiting the winners. Last year's Junior B winners St Catherine's meet Inniscarra with the winners meeting Glen Rovers, while Vincents meet Douglas and Watergrasshill take on Brian Dillon's.

## Death of Renee severs a final link

THE passing last week of Renee Ahern, better known as Renee Fitzgerald, has severed a link with Cork's camogie 'All-Ireland' winning team three-in-a-row

sides of 1939, 40 and 41.

Captaining the senior side to All-Ireland honours over Galway in 1939, the late Renee was a founding member of Old Aloysians

camogie club after learning her camogie in St Al's.

Indeed, it was with St Aloysius school that she won the first of her six senior county championship

medals, and she later went on to captain Old Aloysians to county success in 1938.

Off the field Renee played an active role also and served as County Board sec-

retary in 1939, going on to be elected to the treasurer's position of the board in 1940.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.





**CHAMPIONS!** Ballyboden St. Enda's captain Irene Kirwan (centre) and delighted team mates, with the Dublin Senior A Cup, following their win over Good Counsel at Parnell Park.

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# Boden's blitz sinks Counsel

THE real fireworks in Dublin on Saturday night were at Parnell Park - courtesy of Ballyboden St. Enda's.

Once their torch fuse was lit in the second half, there was never any doubt that they were going to secure their third successive Dublin Senior Championship title.

It was a special occasion for the Kirwan family. Irene captained the side and her father, John, the Dublin GAC chief, was the manager.

Boden are, without a doubt, the best act in town, and their fabulous exploits are set to match the brilliant Marino-St. Vincent's team, who dominated the capital with so much grace for so many years.

It was all very comfortable in the end - 1-13 to 0-6 - but the first half had presented a different picture as Good Counsel, appearing in their first final, had plenty of possession, and more than their fair share of chances.

Twice they were level in an exciting opening half, and it appeared as if they were going to go in on equal terms on the break, but two

**CAMOGIE**  
BY NIAL SCULLY

Sarah Crosbie points, deep in injury time, proved decisive.

The Drimnagh club were never able to recover from that blow, and with Boden displaying the full range of their talents on the resumption, the conclusion became very predictable indeed as Boden emerged with a 1-14 to 0-6 result.

On a perfect night, with the shaven pitch providing a fine stage, Boden, attacking the church end, led by three Fiona Corcoran points to no reply inside ten minutes.

Three points from Karen Blood, two coming from frees and one from a penalty, tied the contest on 21 minutes before Boden skipper, Kirwan, from a free, restored Boden's advantage a minute later.

Two minutes into injury time, Linda Byrne ensured parity once more before Crosbie's two crucial scores, granting Boden the interval

lead of 0-6 to 0-4.

There was quite a scramble leading to the first of those Crosbie points, which was created by a real clean strike from Silé Nic Coitir amid the thicket of sticks.

Two minutes into the second period, Crosbie struck over a free, and Boden were to score six points to no reply to demonstrate their growing authority.

That chapter of scoring ended all Counsel hope, and Boden decorated their work with a 52nd minute goal from Jean McNamara, following fine toil from Crosbie and Sinead McNeela.

The Drimnagh club were disappointed that they didn't do themselves justice after the break. Yet they will put that down to inexperience of the big occasion.

In the first half they came very close on a couple of occasions to poaching what would have been a priceless goal, but the likes of Roisin Keaney, Siorcha Farrelly and Orla Smith just continued to put up the Donnycarney roadblocks.

And, even at the death, with the

match in its fifth minute of additional time, Counsel were denied what looked a certain goal in one of the best moments of the hour.

Shauna Keogh struck a stunning drive that was destined for the top left-hand corner, but Boden goalie, Emer Ring, made an incredible save.

It inspired the biggest applause of the evening, and clapping loudest was her father, Tommy, the accomplished former Westmeath hurler, who was sitting in the stand.

**SCORERS:** Ballyboden St. Enda's: S Crosbie, F Corcoran, I Kirwan (2f) 0-3 each, J McNamara 1-0, S Nic Coitir (2f), J O'Sullivan 0-2 each, D Dolan 0-1. **Good Counsel:** K Blood 0-5 (0-4fs, 0-1 pen), L Byrne 0-1.

\* Then on Sunday, Emer Ring took off her goalkeeping jersey to star in attack for Dublin, who beat Laois in the Leinster Junior Championship at the home of Thomas Davis, 2-6 to 1-2.

Dublin had other aces in Siobhan Curran, Siobhan Young and Naoise Ryan. Pat Duncan's crew will now face Offaly.

## Better late than never for Pres girls

IT IS hard to believe, but 31 years later, the South Presentation Past Pupils Camogie Club will be presented with their Munster club medals next Saturday at a function in the Blarney Castle Hotel.

South Presentation Past Pupils won the provincial title in 1970, but never received the specially crafted Munster medals to honour the occasion.

The story goes: The Bill Carroll Cup and medals were donated by the man himself. Sadly after his death in 1970, the medals were not sure

whether the Carroll family would continue to sponsor the medals.

Due to this mix-up, there were no medals that year, and South Presentation Past Pupils never got to commemorate their big day when they beat Ahane in the Munster club final.

The Cork club was the team of that era winning their first senior county title in 1969. Later that year they fell to Ahane in the first round of the Munster championship.

There was some consolation however, when the Limerick

**Therese O'Callaghan**  
View from the ground



side went all the way to the All Ireland final, succumbing to the renowned St Paul's of Kilkenny.

South Presentation bounced back to win the county the following year and went on to claim their first Munster club

title. But, they fell to St Paul's at the second last leg, St Paul's going on to win three-in-a-row.

However, they were back on top, winning the Cork county championship to crown a great three-year period in 1971.

So now, over three decades later, that panel of players will eventually receive what must surely be their most prized possession.

For the record, the starting 12 that day were: Mel Cummins, Mary Crowley, Bridie Ahern, Hannah Dineen, Mary Whelton, Betty Sugrue, Blanche Gibbons Capt., Anne Comerford, Marion McCarthy, Joan Fitzpatrick, Kay Dunne and Angela Cronin.

Meanwhile, it was with deep regret that followers of camogie recently learned of the death of one of the greatest exponents

of the game, Renee Ahern. Renee (nee Fitzgerald) captained Cork to their fourth senior All Ireland title in 1939, when they beat Galway 6-1 to 1-1 in the final.

She was also a member of the victorious three-in-a-row team (1939 - 1941).

Galway were the victims once again in 1940 (4-1 to 2-2) and in 1941 the Leesiders had a decisive 7-5 to 1-1 win over Dublin.

And just to prove that it was not all-good times, she was also on the 1942 team that were defeated by Dublin in the final.





The Blackrock team that took the honours in the recent Glen Rovers under 12 camogie tournament.

## National Féile na nGael comes to Leaside

WITH Cork having agreed to host Féile na nGael on the weekend of June 21/22/23 it poses an enormous task for the County Board.

Teams from as many as 28 counties are expected to travel to Cork and will be paired with a local club.

The Cork Féile committee, who were originally in place to organise the local event, now have the task of getting the national event off the ground.

Ard Runai Sheila Wallace will then meet the Cork committee this evening and meet with representatives of the Cork clubs.

The games will be played on the Friday with the semi-finals and finals on the Saturday.

St Finbarr's	1-3
Na Piarasigh	1-0

St Finbarr's took the Seandún U-15 title at the expense of Na Piarasigh in a closely contested final at Douglas on Sunday last. Cork minor Jemma O'Connor gave the Barr's an early lead when she slotted over two points and it was to be these scores which her side led by at the interval.

Na Piarasigh hit the front with a Charlotte Kearney goal but the Barr's reply was instant from the puck-out when Donna Morgan goalied. Catriona Myers added a point to stretch the lead.

Both sides fought hard to take the title but the Barr's, with Valerie Hosford, Veronica Russell and Marie Murray in tremendous form, held off the Na Piarasigh challenge which was led by Lisa Burns, Charlotte Kearney and excellent goalkeeper captain Cynthia Lynch.

Ballygarvan	5-4
Glen Rovers	0-3

County champions Ballygarvan proved too strong for Glen Rovers and booked their place in the league final with a victory on Saturday last in Ballygarvan.

Ballygarvan opened up the scoring with three points from Sally Ann O'Halloran and Amanda Murphy. The scores settled the home side and with Amanda Murphy and Ann Brown grabbing three goals they held a comfortable half time lead.

Glen rallied in the second half and with Donna Bracken and Cornelia Shortt doing trojan work they enjoyed plenty of possession with Amy Cuthbert and Donna Bracken scoring points.

But it was Ballygarvan with further goals from Amanda Murphy who made it comfortably to the final where they will meet either Douglas or Ballinhassig, who finished all square and must meet again.

Fr O'Neill's	2-5
St Finbarr's	2-3

Fr O'Neill's, with their inter-county players Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll in form, booked a Senior League final spot when they had two points to spare over a St Finbarr's side who had good performances from Janice Duffy and Colette Kirby.

Delegates will travel to Dublin on Friday and Saturday when the National Congress, which was postponed due to the foot and mouth scare, will now take place.

# Coleman gives Mary's the edge

ST MARY'S, Charleville, took the honours in the first year A Cork colleges blitz, defeating a gallant Coachford outfit by the narrowest of margins, 1-3 to 1-2.

Charleville, who trailed at the interval, grabbed the spoils with a last minute point from Mary Coleman.

Coachford held a one point advantage at half time, 1-2 to 1-1, after Charleville's Rena Garvey and Ashling O'Riordan exchanged goals in the opening half.

Mary Coleman and Ashling O'Riordan turned in top class performances for Charleville.

Emma Healy, Louise Roche and goalkeeper Mary O'Sullivan were in tremendous form for Coachford who lost no caste in defeat.

In the B blitz, divided into two sections, Loretto Youghal and Macroom emerged to contest the final after a number of exciting games.

## Results

Under 14 League: Kilbrittan 4-6 Ballincollig 2-2; Mallow 4-10 Blarney 0-0; Killeagh 3-0 Dungourney 0-0; Charleville 6-5 Sarsfields 3-0; Inniscarra 3-2 Ballygarvan 2-1; Inniscarra 2-4 Glen Rovers 0-1; Barryroe 2-0 Clonakilty 0-2; St Finbarr's 5-3 Youghal 1-0. Under 12: Clonakilty 2-1 Kilbrittan 0-1; Killeagh 1-0 Inniscarra 'B' 0-0; St Finbarr's 3-0 Carrigaline 1-0; Milford 3-2 Kildorrey 0-0; Douglas 6-4 Na Piarasigh 1-0; Rock-bawn 6-1 Youghal 0-0; Newtownshandrum 3-9 Charleville 0-0; Enniskeane 1-1 Ballinas-carty 0-0; Buttevant 5-4 Kilsahing 0-0.

By MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY  
Camogie correspondent

Earlier in the sections, Macroom recorded a 4-1 to 0-1 victory over St Als and a 1-1 victory over Kinsale.

Loretto had victories over Colaiste Eoin, Mount Mercy and Colaiste Colm.

The final saw Loretto Youghal,

inspired by Shauna Cunningham, take the title on a 1-4 to 1-0 scoreline over a Macroom side for whom Muireann Corkery excelled.

With all competitions almost completed, preparations are now well under way for the inter county under 14 blitz which will be hosted by Cork this year.

Inniscarra will be the venue on Saturday, June 2, and as all trials have been concluded Cork are busy training for what is hoped will be a successful competition.

Amongst the counties taking part are Tipperary, Kilkenny, Galway, Dublin, Wexford and Cork.

All the counties, with the exception of Cork, will be fielding a selection who are representatives from the clubs.

The Cork side will be selected as a Cork Colleges selection, chosen from the schools participating in Cork colleges competitions.

Selectors are John Joe Breen, Doneraile; James Hurley, St Aloysius; Ollie Troy and Rob Lotty,

Coachford College.

Rob Lotty is eagerly looking forward to the competition.

"Preparations have gone extremely well and, with all the colleges competitions now completed, we can focus on the competition.

"As holders we will be defending our title and expect tough games from the county selections," added Lotty.

The Cork side will have just five of last season's starting 15, but will include Cork minor Anna Geary, who has already won All-Ireland senior and junior colleges honours this season with St Mary's Charleville.

The full panel is as follows: Deirdre Cooney, Orla Coughlan, Margaret Murphy, Margurite Nyhan, Bandon; Fiona O'Brien, Blarney; Michelle Coakley, Laura Thompson, Carrigaline; Mary Coleman, Anna Geary, Sinead McAuliffe, Edwina Waters, St Mary's, Charleville; Laura Harte, Marion Murphy, Hazel O'Regan, Noreen O'Driscoll, Sacred Heart, Clonakilty; Emma Healy, Louise Roche, Marion Twomey, Coachford; Clare Carroll, Susan Donovan, Ballincollig; Sarah Downing, Muireann Corkery, Macroom; Rena Buckley, Mary Buckley, Marie Murray, St Aloysius, Shona Cunningham, Youghal.

The Glen Rovers side that finished runners-up to Blackrock in the Glen's u-12 camogie tournament.





# Double delight for Charleville camogie champs

St Mary's, Charleville  
St Mary's, Magherafelt

7-16  
1-2

by Mary Newman

ST MARY'S, Charleville are the All-Ireland Post-Primary Junior A title-holders, making it a glorious after winning the senior A title two weeks previously.

Elaine O'Riordan opened the scoring with a third-minute point, but with the sides evenly matched the Magherafelt defence held a close eye on the Charleville for-

ward line. Picking off their points, the North Cork girls held the lead and with Marie Watson, Elaine O'Riordan and Ashling O'Brien all contributing, they were in a comfortable position.

Kate Lavery had a Magherafelt goal to keep in touch mid way through the half, but two goals in the closing stages of the half - one from Emer Watson and the second from captain Marie Watson - put Charleville way ahead by 2-12 to 1-1 at half time. From the restart Charleville continued to dominate,

and with Amy Morrissey, Anna Geary and Karen O'Leary all in great form, they retained the upper hand. Up front, the Watson sisters, Marie and Emer, Ashling O'Brien and Leonie Boyce were always in total command and helped their side run out comfortable winners.

For Anna Geary, the Watsons and Sinead McAuliffe, it was a double celebration, adding junior All-Ireland medals to their senior honours.

The last time the double was achieved was in 1999 when Char-

leville again took the honours. Tribute must be paid to coaches Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe whose efforts have been justly rewarded.

**ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE:** N. Murphy, K. Potter, A. Morrissey, L. Healy, K. O'Leary, S. Lenehan, E. Watson, E. O'Riordan, A. Geary, L. Boyce, M. Watson, P. O'Riordan, S. McAuliffe, E. Watson, A. O'Brien. Subs - J. O'Connor for P. O'Riordan, F. Geary for L. Healy, T. Shanahan for K. Potter, C. O'Shea for L. Boyce, A. Dillon for E. Watson.  
**MAGHERAFELT:** H. O'Neill, M. Kelly, K. Higgins, K. McGovern, B. McLennan, S. Healey, C. McCoy, C. O'Boyle, C. McAuley, C. Dougan, C. Scullion, K. Lavery, C. Lavery, C. McAfee, C. McCann. Subs - J. McVey for B. McLennan, G. Mulholland for K. McGovern, O. Kearney for A. Lavery.

## Stars of the future shine at Glen's first U12 tournament

by Mary Newman

THE inaugural Glen Rovers Under-12 Camogie Tournament held on Bank Holiday Monday was an outstanding success - helped in no small way by the glorious weather.

Eight teams - Passage, Killeagh, Ballinhassig, Erins Own, Blackrock, Clonakilty, Mayfield and Glen Rovers - were invited to participate in the competition, for which they were divided into two sections of eight. The club's senior players and coaches acted as referees.

Blackrock topped section B and emerged to meet the runners-up of Section A, Ballinhassig. Section A was topped by the hosts Glen Rovers and they met Killeagh, who were second in their group.

Excitement was rife as the serious business of semi-finals got underway. Blackrock, with good performances from Sarah Wedel and Emma Fielding, had a 1-1 to 0-1 victory over Ballinhassig and in the second semi-final Glen Rovers, with a Megan Corcoran goal, emerged victorious over Killeagh.

With the finalists ready it was now time to turn the attention to the plate final and here the club had decided that the best losing team from each of the sections would contest the plate.

In what was a historic day for both clubs, who are only a short time in existence, Passage and



The Blackrock team who won the Under-12 tournament and below, the Clonakilty team, winners of the Plate competition.

Clonakilty contested the final. With the sides deadlocked, a goal from Clonakilty captain Juanita Brennan saw them capture their first-ever camogie trophy. To their credit, Passage put in a tremendous display and had fine displays from Caoimhe Doyle and Nicola O'Sullivan.

With captain Cait Kelleher dictating matters at centre field, Blackrock took the honours in the final but not before being made fight hard for victory by a determined Glen Rovers side. Aoife Brohan, Saerlaith O'Keeffe and Emma Fielding all caught the eye whilst for Glen Rovers Emma Dunlea, Sarah O'Brien and Amy Murphy performed well.

Former intercounty star Sandie Fitzgibbon, one of the main organ-



isers of the event, presented the trophies and medals to the winning captains and teams.

The hard work put in behind the scenes by the club members, who were all out in force on the day to help the event run smoothly, ensured the success of the tourna-

ment. Sponsorship for the event was kindly organised by Blackpool Credit Union and Cllr Damien Wallace. Judging by the reaction of all participants, the sponsors can expect a similar call next season as the event looks like it's here to stay.

## Dubs take on Wexford in play-off

WHEN this summer is over, the players of Dublin and Wexford will know exactly which way their opponents like their egg done.

Next Sunday, on the banks of the Slaney, the counties meet in a play-off for the Division 2 National League title.

Last month, PJ Donohue's side overcame Wexford, who are managed by All-Ireland winner, Dan Quigley, in the League at Portmarnock.

It was an afternoon when the coast was at it's worst, with rain tumbling from the sky and a gale blowing in from the sea. Endurance, rather than craft, was the priority of the day.

In July, the teams will enter the ring again - this time in the All-Ireland Championship. By that stage, the respective spies will certainly have come to dinner!

Both counties are on eight points in the table, having won four and lost once. And

CAMOGIE  
BY NIAL SCULLY

for any Stato's out there, Dublin have scored five goals and 25 points in their five games as compared to Wexford's 12 goals and 37 points.

Meanwhile, Dublin's Juniors tumbled out of the Leinster Championship when Offaly beat them at the quarter-final stage, 2-20 to 3-5 at the Tymon home of St. Jude's on Sunday.

The Midlanders were quickly into their stride and the hosts were forced to chase the game right from the off, and despite having the wind advantage in the opening half, Dublin trailed at the interval, 0-10 to 0-3.

The contest was effectively over when the Dubs pounced for three late goals, two of them coming from Naiose Ryan and the other from Fiona Bernard.

Dublin's best offerings came from the gifted Ryan, a sister of Shane, and her forward colleague, Siobhan Treacy.

The boss-man, the dedicated Pat Duncan, observed: "While we are disappointed with the defeat, I'd like to thank the squad for all their effort and commitment throughout the season."

**Dublin scorers:** N Ryan 2-0, F Bernard 1-1, E O'Leary 0-2, S Treacy, N Farron 0-1 each.

**Dublin:** L Ryan, A Ni Thuathail, S Young, R Keaney, P O'Carroll, E Mulcahy, S Hilliard, F Hughes, F Bernard, E Buckley, N Ryan, E O'Leary, S Treacy, E Ring, S Bernard. Subs: M Coleman, J Ward, N Farron.

Off the pitch, the annual Congress was held for the first time in Croke Park last weekend, and it was addressed by GAA President, Sean McCague who looked forward to the Camogie Centenary in 2004, and he touched on the close association between the sport of camogie and the GAA.



MAY 2001



## From 1941 to '79 to '01

Fiona Byrne (centre) who was selected as the Dublin Rose alongside Eileen Egan, the Rose of Tralee 2000, and Louise Kerr (right) winner of the Dublin Rose 2001. Fiona is a camogie player with the St. Vincent's club in Dublin.

21 years ago Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael celebrated their 75th Anniversary, and much history was created that historic year, while Antrim went on to win the O'Duffy Cup defeating Tipperary, writes Maire Uí Scolai.

The mighty Dubs won their first ever National League title, beating Limerick in Naomh Bríd's Ground in Blanchardstown, Dublin.

Among the players on the Limerick side that day were Vera Mackey, daughter of John and niece of Limerick's Mick Mackey. While Vera continued to play for the county, she was unlucky to be beaten in an All-Ireland senior final in 1980 by neighbours Cork.

However, a true Mackey, when she decided to hang up the boots, she did not forget the game. In her time Vera has refereed at intercounty level and this year is a selector for Limerick along with Manager Noel Hartigan, nephew of the great Pat Hartigan.

Amazingly, one Pauline McCarthy of Limerick was on that Limerick side and she is still playing for Limerick today. A very fit player, who has been lucky with injuries, she has won many honours in the game including an All-Ireland Intermediate medal in '96 and a Junior in '77 and again in '95.

Looking at the Dublin side of that history making day was goalkeeper Phyllis Breslin who later went on to become Uachtarán. Sheila Wallace played in the centreback position that day marking Vera Mackey. Sheila is now the Ardunai, working in Croke Park.

It was a day of nostalgia particularly for Phyllis as the game was played in her own club ground. The Dublin side also had Orla Ní Shiocháin, who was one of the capital's most graceful players, and is the proud holder of three All-Ireland medals.

Orla is the daughter of the late Sean O'Siochain, the former Ard Stiurathaoir. Orla's daughter Naoise is now playing for Dublin, while her son Shane is a gifted footballer and hurler, presently concentrating on the football with the Dubs.

Two of the Dublin side are now on foreign shores, Marion Conroy went on to the States, while Margaret McMahon took off to Australia. The side saw two sets of sisters who went on to give a lot of time to Dublin. They were the Murphy's, Edel and Mary, who a couple of years later were joined by their other sister Frances. The second set of sisters on the team were the Redmonds, Anne who captained the side, was joined by her sister Barbara at midfield. A couple of years later they were joined by their other two sisters Aileen and Yvonne.

The match that day was refereed by Elsie Walsh of Wexford who played for Wexford and then married Kilkenny top cat Brian Cody, the present Kilkenny Manager. Elsie is now very committed to the area of coaching.

The celebrations went long into the night on the 18th of November, and those of us who were there will recall match programmes and sliotairs being passed around for autographs. It was fitting that Dublin would win a trophy in the Association's 75th Anniversary.

The chairperson of Dublin Board at this time was Eileen Hogan who played for the Dubs back in the 50's. Her son Padraig, while playing for the Dubs at one stage, became well known on the golf fairways.

While the foot and mouth disease may be causing problems for the sporting fraternity of the country for the last few months, 1941 saw very little disruption apparently. However, it is important to point out that the same amount of camogie matches were not played in those days. For instance the National League had not been heard of.

The two sides that reached the All-Ireland final that year were Cork and Dublin, with the Lee side emerging victorious. Talking to Maureen Cashman of Cork, who while she did not play in the All-Ireland final was very much a part of the panel during the campaign that year. "I can't recall that games were called off, but I do recall our win, it was great," said Maureen, whose two nephews are the well known Tom and Jim Cashman of Cork hurling fame.

Her brother Mick, father of Jim and Tom hurled with the great Christie Ring in both Railway Cup and All-Ireland. That Cork side also had the first set of twins to win senior All-Ireland medals, the Hegarty twins Maureen and Patty.

While Cork won the match 4-01 to 2-02 it was worth noting that some of the Dub stars of the day were Kathleen Mills who went on to win a record 15 All-Ireland medals. Also on the side was Doreen Rodgers, whose daughter Doreen later went on to play for Dublin. Rose Martin, who passed away in the last couple of years was also a member of that side.

The name Fletcher is a well known Ringsend GAA name to this day, back then in 1941, Rose was a member of the Dublin team, she went on to collect four All-Ireland medals. She and her brother Matt won medals in 1942.

While some foot and mouth problems still exist in some parts of this Island, the National Leagues are certainly going ahead with the Division 1 still very much open. Division 2 sees Dublin with full points but again it is early days yet. While the Leagues are going ahead the semi-finals and finals have been put back to October to allow the championship go ahead in normal fashion.

## CAMOGIE WINNERS



Jack McGrath, chairperson, Carrigdhoun Camogie Board, seen presenting the Under 15 Camogie Shield to Ann Kiely, captain Carrigaline whose side defeated Ballygarvan in the final in Ballygarvan.



CONGRESS: The Dublin delegates who attended the first Camogie Congress at Croke Park at the weekend (from left): Marie O'Brien (secretary, and member of St. Jude's), Pádraichín Ní Raifeartaigh (Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael and member of St. Anne's), Seamus Massey (chairman and member of St. Jude's), and Aine Derham (vice chairperson and member of Celtic).



# Cyril Salutes Cashel Girls

At Kearney's Castle Hotel, Cashel, Cyril Farrell of Galway and RTE Sunday Game fame presented county medals to the victorious senior Cashel camogie team.

In his address to the large attendance Cyril Farrell said he was honoured to be present at such a function and held both the camogie and hurling clubs of Cashel in very high esteem with both making major contributions to the county teams of Tipperary. He wished everyone concerned the very best for the year 2001.

Congratulations to Cashel Camogie Club players, Jovita Delaney who was recently chosen as 'Cashel Person of the Year', Linda and Helen Grogan, Helen Campion, Shelia Nash, Marie G. O'Dwyer, members of the junior Tipperary team who defeated Waterford in the Munster

semi-final. Danielle O'Connell, Nollaig Barron, Claire Ryan and Claire Grogan, members of the Tipperary team who played against Cork in the Munster Minor Final recently.

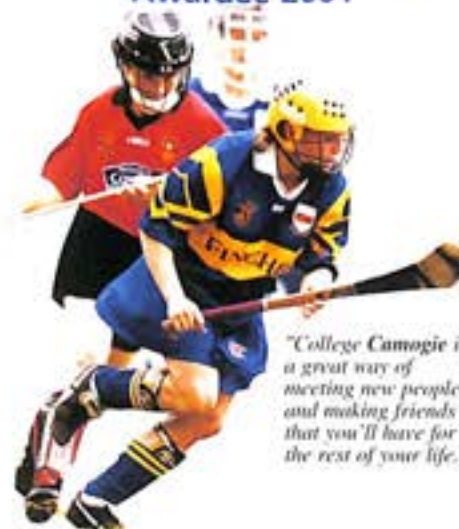
Congratulations also to the three up and coming stars of the Cashel Camogie Club, Julia McGrath, Allison Loneragan and Laura Cormack who lined out against Cork recently for their first taste of camogie at county level.

Training continues at the usual times with most games suspended until after examinations. Cashel Camogie Club u-14's are presently preparing for county semi-final while the u-12's expect to have games fixed for the month of June.



Pictured at Cashel Camogie Club Senior Medal presentation at Kearney's Castle Hotel last weekend. Front L to R: Ann Moloney, Cyril Farrell former Galway Manager, Julie O'Dwyer. Back L to R: Martin Quirke, Emily Hayden, Meadhbh Stokes, Jovita Delaney, Martin Kennedy, Martin Browne.

## Emily Hayden - Scholarship Awardee 2001



"College Camogie is a great way of meeting new people and making friends that you'll have for the rest of your life."

**Emily Hayden** - Emily plays her club camogie with Cashel, in Tipperary. She holds two All Ireland Senior Camogie medals with her County. With her club she won three senior County medals in 1998, 1999 and 2000. Emily was instrumental in the Institutes Camogie success this year in reaching the 2001 Purcell Cup final. She is a student of the Degree in Human Physiology & Rehabilitation.

## End of Waterford famine

Máire Uí Scolai

WATERFORD's bowl of crystal began to brighten last Sunday when, for the first time in 11 years, they managed to win a match.

And, remarkably, in all that time, it was their first win in any grade!

Down the years, with county teams getting frequently trounced, there was not the same enthusiasm for girls to play for their county. Losing became a habit that was hard to break.

However, last Sunday with home advantage, the Decies took a step in the right direction when they

overcame Wicklow in their National League Division 4 clash, with a 4-6 to 2-4 win.

"With this win under our belts now, I feel we can look forward to the future, and I hope that with the younger players coming forward, we can make a mark in two to three years' time," stated selector and Co secretary Morgan Conroy.

"The girls were thrilled to win on Sunday. It has created a buzz in the county that was not here before," added Conroy, whose daughter Fiona was a part of the victory. "While this is our last intercounty game of the

season, having been beaten by Tipperary in the Munster Junior Championship, we may look at running a tournament during the summer to keep the momentum going."

"Finance is always a problem. It is hoped that we may hold a meeting in the near future. It is costly kitting out intercounty teams, so money will have to be raised, so that we can carve out our own bit of fame in the future," said the hardworking official.

With last Sunday's side being captained by 14-year-old, Pauline Cunningham, Waterford clearly has a crystal future.

## GAA alliance the main topic at camogie congress

AT the annual Camogie Congress at Croke Park, the major discussion centred on the proposed alliance with the GAA. It was eventually decided that Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael would seek further talks with the GAA on the matter.

The National Leagues underwent restructuring this year, but the view was that neutral venues for those counties travelling long distances was not as successful as hoped so it was decided that, in future, matches will only be played at neutral venues if a

huge distance is involved. GAA President Sean McCague spoke on Saturday on the Camogie Association's Centenary in 2004.

Deirdre Hughes' three goals in Tipperary's Division One National League encounter against Antrim was enough to see them lie level with Galway for the second place in Division One.

Waterford had a memorable day when they won their first inter-county camogie game in eleven years when they beat Wicklow 4-6 to 2-6

in the Division Four encounter.

**National League Division One** - Tipperary 4-13 (D. Hughes 3-0, P. Fogarty 1-1, P. Bullin 0-4, N. Kennedy, J. Ryan 0-3 each, J. Delaney 0-2), Antrim 0-10 (J. Adams 0-7, G. Connolly, D. O'Boyle and E. Mason 0-1 each).  
**Division Four** - Waterford 4-6 (C. Phelan, J. O'Grady, L. O'Connor and M. O'Brien 1-0 each, K. Kelly 0-4, K. Aherne 0-2), Wicklow 2-4 (N. Keddy 1-1, L. Quinlan 1-0, N. Newsome 0-3).  
**Leinster Championship Quarter-Final** - Offaly 2-20 (J. Feighry 2-1, O. Carey 0-7, M. Davis 0-6, S. Carroll 0-3, S. Daly, E. Dermody and M. Wayne 0-1 each), Dublin 3-5 (N. Ryan 2-0, F. Bernard 1-1, E. O'Leary 0-2, S. Treacy and N. Farron 0-1 each).  
**Galway Féile na nGael Final** - Davitts 3-3 (F. Hahseld 1-2, V. Burke and A. M. Forde 1-0 each, A. Tuohy 0-1), Mullagh 1-1 (L. Haedd 1-0, L. Finnerty 0-1).





Carrigaline, who defeated Ballygarvan in the south-east under-15 camogie final in Ballygarvan recently.

## Junior B contest throws up some great clashes

THIS week we continue our look at the various county championships by looking at the Junior B competition.

Twenty six clubs have entered with some interesting clashes thrown up.

Newcestown's second string will play host to Ballincollig who having worked hard in promoting underage activities are making a welcome return to junior grade.

St Finbarr's who last season regraded their second team to Junior B will meet a young Ballinora side.

The meeting of Carrigaline and Clonakilty should be a close tie. Carrigaline have shown a lot of promise and are threatening to make the big breakthrough while the game in Clonakilty has progressed steadily.

In their short existence and this year the An all-Seandun clash will see neighbouring clubs Delany's and Mayfield in opposition, where several of the divisions senior team will find themselves in direct opposition.

Castlemagner, one of the county boards long established clubs have been drawn away to Courcy Rovers second tea.

Valley Rovers' second string will entertain Cobh, and Castlyons make the trip to Bishopstown.

Killeagh who have put in enormous work at underage level will meet St Fanahans.

Another interesting clash will be the meeting of Bandon and Cloughduv while the all Mid-Cork meeting of Aghbullogue and Grenagh also catches the eye.

The draws for the further rounds are as follows: Kilbrittain v Kilshannig, Mallow v Killeagh or St Fanahans, Bandon or Cloughduv v Buttrvant, Bishopstown or Castlyons v Valley Rovers or Cobh, Youghal v Slah Rua.

## Fixtures

First named team home venue, all games 7 pm.  
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TUESDAY, JUNE 5  
Under 12 League: Bishopstown v Carrigaline, St Finbarrs v Glen Rovers, Douglas v Mayfield, Na Piarraig v Blackrock, Ballincollig v Ballinacorney, Ballygarvan v Eire Og, Inniscarra v Aghbullogue, Bandon v Barryroe, Slah Rua v Courcy Rovers, Kilbrittain v Ballinacorney, Blarney v Cobh, Tracton v Grenagh, Eire Og v St Vincents, Sarsfields v Ballinora, Buttrvant v Charleville, Newtownshandrum v Kilshannig, Kildorney v Mallow, Milford v Ballyhea, Fr O'Neills v Killeagh, Inniscarra B v St Catherine's, Rockbawn v Watergrasshill, Youghal v Dungourney.

## Camogie results

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Under 12 League: Milford 7-5, Charleville 0-0; Clonakilty 2-1, Kilbrittain 0-1; Glen Rovers 6-4, Mayfield 0-0; Killeagh 1-0, Inniscarra 8-0; St Finbarrs 3-0, Carrigaline 1-0; Milford 3-2, Kildorney 0-0; Douglas 6-4, Na Piarraig 1-0; Rockbawn 6-1, Youghal 0-0; Newtownshandrum 3-9, Charleville 0-0; Enniskeane 1-1, Ballinacorney 0-0; Buttrvant 5-4, Kilshannig 0-0; Tracton 3-1, Eire Og 0-0; Rockbawn 4-1, Inniscarra 8-0; Dungourney 3-0, Fr O'Neills 1-0; Ballincollig 3-0, Cloughduv 0-0; Fr O'Neills 4-0, St Catherine's 2-1.

Shandun Under 15 League Final: St Finbarrs 1-3, Na Piarraig 1-0.  
Senior Camogie League Final: Glen Rovers v Fr O'Neills will take place this Monday evening at 8.00pm at Rathpeacon.

# Camogie's finest take centre stage

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

WITH exams taking control its the underage players that take centre stage as the county Under-12 and 14 leagues continue.

Tuesday night is the one for the U-12s while the U-14 competition takes place on Fridays.

In the U-12 league round three takes place this week and to date Glen Rovers have recorded an opening round victory over Mayfield and will play host to Na Piarraig who lost out in their opening game to a strong Douglas side who last season took the title.

Carrigaline travel to Mayfield where the home side will come under pressure from a Carrigaline outfit who suffered a three goals to one defeat at the hands of the Barrs.

Clonakilty showed their determi-

nation with an opening round win over Kilbrittain and will be hoping to continue their winning ways when they meet Bandon.

Kilbrittain will travel to meet Courcy Rovers. Enniskeane had a four points winning margin when they met Ballinacorney and will be hoping to gain further points from their meeting with Barryroe.

Eire Og had a good victory over Aghbullogue and Milford defeated Kildorrery.

Ballincollig, who continue to make good progress, recorded a win over Mid-Cork neighbours Cloughduv, while Tracton proved too strong for Eire Og. Fr O'Neills had mixed fortunes defeating St Catherine's but losing out to Dungourney. A side to watch out for are Rockbawn who had big victories over Youghal and Inniscarra B, while Killeagh got their campaign off to a winning start with a victory over Inniscarra B.

Newtownshandrum created

something of a record when their U-12 side knocked over nine points in their 3-9 to no score win over Charleville.

Throughout the league and championship campaigns we will keep an eye on up and coming young players. Already a few have turned in performances that have caught the imagination in the early rounds of the U-12 league.

Claire Ryan and Noreen Bradley have been to the fore for Ballincollig as they continue their campaign, Denise O'Leary and Yvonne O'Keeffe have impressed for Fr O'Neills, while Denise Luby and Karen O'Connell turned in great displays for Glen Rovers.

Emma Fielding and Cait Kelleher are two Blackrock names to watch for, while Juanita Brennan and Caroline Burke from Clonakilty have shown great determination in their campaign to date. Lisa Bergin and Clara Herlihy Aghbullogue are others who have impressed.

## O'Neill's take senior league title

UNDERAGE competitions within the Seandun Division are up and running with the under-11 league in progress at present.

This competition is most player's first introduction to competitive action and it has proved to be a tremendous success within the division over the past number of years.

Some of the results to date have seen Bishopstown record a victory over Passage, who since forming a club two years ago have made tremendous headway.

Glen Rovers with two games played already travelled to St

Finbarrs and came away with the points.

Earlier in the competition they had entertained Passage where they defeated the visitors.

Blackrock entertained Douglas and it was a win for the visitors in this game.

The division hope to have all games in the Under 11 league completed shortly with the semi-finals and final down for decision prior to the school holidays.

Fr O'Neill's 5-0-12  
Glen Rovers 0-5

Fr O'Neill's took the 2000 Senior

League title on Monday last at Rathpeacon when they defeated Glen Rovers.

Playing with the aid of the gale force wind in the opening half O'Neill's made the most of their advantage and with Fiona O'Driscoll's accuracy both from play and placed ball and Gearoidin Kearney knocking over some excellent points they had opened up a nine-point half-time lead.

On the turnover Glen came more into the game and with Niamh Goulding and Trisha Murphy pointing they reduced the deficit.

The hard-working Glen centre field won ample possession but failure in front of goal was their downfall as the O'Neill's defence with Sharon Meade, Mags Finn and Liz Sweetnam cleared well under pressure.

Denise Cronin and O'Driscoll swapped points and with Glen keeping on the pressure Cronin added two further points but again despite having ample possession they failed to build with scores.

O'Neill's finished stronger with O'Driscoll and Gearoidin Kearney adding points to take the title to Ballymacoda.



Sandie Fitzgibbon presents Cait Kelleher, Blackrock, with the trophy after Glen Rovers U-12 tournament.





Milford's Christine O'Gorman receives the under 18 A cup from Sheila Golden, cathaoirleach of Cork camogie board.

# Milford's success is a lesson to all

ACCORDING to the saying 'from small acorns grow large trees'. This certainly applies to the Milford camogie club which has enjoyed a truly phenomenal rise since being founded 1997.

The parish participated in the Community Games in '96 and '97, winning back to back titles.

Camogie was organised in Milford school by Sheila Thompson and Ann Watson and, such was the talent available, that it was decided to form a club in the parish.

The main driving force behind the group was Ann Watson (nee Sheehy). A native of Limerick where she played with Croke Kilfinney, Ann won an All-Ireland club championship medal in 1975 and an All-Ireland junior medal with Limerick in 1977 before settling in Milford.

Ann is ably assisted by a hard working committee, led by chairperson Ann Watson.

Secretary Lelia Long is a former player with Limerick side Fenagh and Newtownshandrum.

Treasurer Sarah Broderick is ably assisted by Breda Fitzgibbon,

Results/ fixtures	
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## Focus on Milford

PRO Eilish Roche and county board delegate Clare Donegan. The club president is Fr Hegarty who is parish priest in Milford.

Milford's honours list makes impressive reading. In the first year in competition they annexed the U-12 and Under 14 B league titles.

The success continued in 1998. The first championship success (the U-16 B title) and first adult trophy (Junior B championship)

were added to championship successes in U-12, 14, 16 B and Junior B.

Promoted to junior A, they defeated Ballygarvan to capture the championship crown and made it a double by adding the league title.

Also promoted in under 16 grade they proceeded to take the championship crown and the Pan Celtic trophy. The U14 A side also took the league title and represented the county in National Féile where they lost out to Pearsons of Galway in the semi-final.

The year 2000 saw the club par-

ticipate in the senior B championship, losing the final to Eire Og after a replay.

However the year was not without success as Milford made it three U-14 A league titles in a row and made it two U-16 A championships in a row.

The under 18 A crown also found a home in north Cork for the first time.

Inter-county success has come to the club in the form of Christine O'Gorman who captained the Cork juniors to the Munster crown last season.

## Camogie book has the write stuff for all fans

A PUBLICATION hot off the press is Mary Moran's *Cork's Camogie Story* which charts the story of Cork camogie from the beginning in 1904 to modern day and the run-up to the county convention in 2000.

Previous publications by the author include *Camogie Champions*, a record of All-Ireland competitions, *Gym Frocks to Headbands* a history of Munster colleges camogie and *A Resounding Success*, which charts the history of the All-Ireland colleges camogie.

Without doubt, though, *Cork's Camogie Story* is her best.

Mary Moran is a former president of the association and has also held the position of Cork County chairperson from 1968 to 1980.

The holder of county championship medals with Old AI's she also has Dublin county medals and an All-Ireland Club medal with Celtic where she played when she worked in Dublin.

Mary's love of the game is obvious to anybody who is acquainted with her. Her knowledge of players, mentors, games lost and won is phenomenal.

For over 40 years Mary has collected newspaper clippings, photographs and programmes and, as she put it so aptly, "everything relating to our game".

Mary put together this book because of the lack of publication on the sport.

"There is no camogie section in the library sports department and very often players, when they retire, are never heard of again," Moran said.

Where it is so easy to check out the deeds of hurlers and footballers the ladies, up to now, have been forgotten, but not any more.

The publication not only charts the successes and failures of the inter-county teams, it also has comprehensive and detailed coverage of all local championships, the winners, losers and special achievements.

The photographic input is superb and will surely bring back happy memories for legions of former camogie players.

Snippets from county board minute books also feature with many a story thrown in which will surely bring a smile or a blush to many faces.

Personally, the book brings back many childhood memories of great games at the Mardyke where UCC, Old AI's, South Pres and Glen Rovers all battled it out for honours, the county board room in Cook Street and the many faces which so easily come back to life are all there recorded for posterity.

For camogie players and supporters past and present Mary Moran's superb publication is a must.

The official launch will be in early July and Mary is hoping that players past and present will join her on the night.

In the meantime it can be obtained from the author or from any county board official at the reasonable price of £10. A date for the launch will be announced in future editions of *Grassroots*.

## Rebels are set to pass Limerick test

ALTHOUGH exams are on the agenda for many of the players, the Munster Inter campaign sees Cork and Limerick in action at Feenagh tomorrow evening in the senior championship (7.30pm start).

As the Munster championship has no bearing on

the All-Ireland series, counties have long used the competition as preparation for championship action.

With the National League now having come to a stop until October, the senior teams will be anxious to get as many games as possible before July 8 and 15, when

Cork face Galway and Limerick have a meeting with Down in their respective opening championship game.

Both sides are sure to be minus several of their regulars tomorrow evening but Cork should have enough strength in depth to

weather the Limerick challenge.

● The county Féile na nGael committee are busy preparing for the national competition which will be held in Cork on June 21/22.

It is estimated that 24 counties will be travelling to Cork where they will be

hosted by the clubs. It is assumed that the draws for the respective groups will be held in the coming week.

Full coverage of the venues and clubs who will be hosting the various teams will appear in next week's edition of *Grassroots*.





**T**his time of the year always brings about thoughts of written and oral examinations, but for some young girls their thoughts are sometimes diverted to camogie, even if only for a brief period, writes Maire Uí Scoláir.

During the winter months, when many county players may be taking a well earned rest, the colleges are busy playing the preliminary rounds of the championships. Often played in wet and muddy conditions, they earn their reward the hard way in the end. Only some are lucky enough to get as far as All-Ireland finals.

This year had a certain amount of history attached to it in relation to the colleges as it was the first time they went 15-a-side and they also played under the new playing rules adopted at last year's special congress.

With many colleges players playing both club and county it seemed a natural progression that the colleges would follow suit with these rules. However, while the Post Primary Schools Council have only brought in the 15-a-side game for a trial period, it is probably very unlikely that it will reverse to the old 12-a-side game. But, only time will tell.

It is a fair assumption that each year new names come up in the colleges scene and this year was no exception, with the West very much awake.

Many may ask are St. Mary's Charleville going to be always around. But when one sees the time and dedication that some of these players, mentors, teachers and parents put into the game one can see why this is a very successful school.

It could be argued that they are lucky to be based on the Cork/Limerick border where many good players come from, but still time must be given to nurture these skills. Perhaps it is time for other counties to wake up. If one looks back at some counties who did well in the past in the colleges, they also did well at intercounty level.

Take for example Dublin, in the early eighties, when they were going well in the colleges, they were also appearing in the senior All-Irelands and won it in '84, last year the Galway minors won the All-Ireland, this year Mercy, of Woodford took the Junior 'B' trophy back there for the first time.

The exception to this may be how two Kilkenny schools have appeared in the senior All-Irelands this year. This was a major achievement for a county, who have not had a happy league campaign to date and may still be lingering in

the Downey glory days.

Loreto, Kilkenny under the guidance of Brendan Williams reached their first ever All-Ireland where they met the mighty Charleville in the final. St Brigid's of Callan under the guidance of Noelle O'Driscoll who won All-Irelands with both Cork and Kilkenny took the All-Ireland Senior 'B' title by beating Mercy, Woodford of Galway.

The Junior 'B' was a very exciting affair played in Pairc Uí Mhurchu, Ballyboden St Enda's, Dublin between Mercy Woodford and St. Patrick's High School of Keady, Armagh. It was the curtain raiser to the Junior 'A' between St. Mary's Charleville and St. Mary's Magherafelt.

While the 'A' final was rather one sided it was played in a most sporting fashion and one could not but express delight at the skills that the young Watson sisters Emer and Marie showed that day for the North Cork school.

One feels that looking at these young girls that the game has a very bright future, and that certainly we will see the names of their players appear on many a Cork team to come. It should be noted that by St. Mary's winning the double of senior and junior this year, they repeated what they last achieved in '99.

When they took their fifth senior title some weeks ago, they did so under the guidance of teachers/mentors Vincent Harrington and Ann-Marie O'Keeffe both of whom have steered the school to each of these victories, no mean achievement.

While Dublin seniors may be having a relatively good league campaign, their recent Colleges championship finals recently gave a lot of entertainment value.

Loreto High School, Beaufort under the guidance of Anne McNamara were attempting a three in a row, but a steely determined Portmarnock Community School under the guidance of Eileen Bernard and Mary Maguire had other ideas.

With Niamh Taylor and Ciara Duffy in flying form the O'Duffy Cup went across the Liffy. However, there was consultation for Loreto when they took the Minor 'A' title at the expense of near neighbours St. Mac Daras of Templeogue.

For former Dublin player Bernie Whistler, there was much delight as she saw her daughter Julie score two goals for Loreto's Minor 'A' win.

On a personal note it was with great delight that I saw my old alma mater Colaiste Iosagain with Ciara Conway the guiding star take the Minor 'B' title. One would have to

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## AWARD FOR BARRYROE CAMOGIE PLAYER



Jennifer O'Leary, Barryroe Camogie Club, was the recipient of a youth award at the Bandon Opinion/First Active Sportstar and Community awards. Seated from left - Ann Murphy, John Sexton, rural affairs correspondent, Bandon Opinion, Jennifer O'Leary and Kathleen O'Leary. Standing - Eddie Goggin, editor, Bandon Opinion, Paddy Murphy, Trish Donegan, guest of honour, Andrew Coleman, chairman, Bandon Town Commissioners and Betty Sexton.





*St. Mary's Charleville celebrate the senior win with Corn Sceilge*

mention the Colaiste Iosagain captain, Ciara Ni Mhaolagain. As goalkeeper, Ciara denied the Dominican Convent, Griffith Ave, many chances in the first half. The

second half saw her become a thorn again for Dominican Griffith Ave, when she scored their second goal, as she came out the field.



*Aoife Tracey, captain of the St. Brigid's Callan, accepts the All-Ireland Senior B Cup from Miriam O'Callaghan, President of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Camogie Council*

#### **Feile na nGael is on**

It will surely be greeted with delight amongst many young camogie players that Feile na nGael 2001 is on. Originally cancelled due to the foot and mouth disease it will now go ahead in Cork on Friday June 23rd and 24th.

It will be a scaled down version, with the Cork Camogie Board organising the camogie matches and the Cork Bord na nOg organising the hurling games.

There will be no skills competitions, nor will there will any parade.



*St. Mary's Charville junior stars, Emer Watson and Sinead McAuliffe*