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# Meath crowned All-Ireland u-16 champions

Royal girls rule the roost at Cloughjordan

## ALL-IRELAND U-16 C CAMOGIE FINAL

CONALL COLLIER

MEATH 1-10

LAOIS 2-3

MEATH captured the All-Ireland u-16 C camogie title with a hard-earned victory over Laois in an exciting decider at Cloughjordan on Sunday.

The Tipperary venue provided a fine pitch and both teams contributed enormously to what turned out to be a thriller although it took Laois until the start of the second-half to make a contribution to the scoreboard.

There was plenty to suggest that the future is bright for Meath camogie as this victory was achieved in a curtain-raiser to the All-Ireland Junior B camogie decider which the Royal County also won as a unique double was achieved on a fantastic weekend for local camogie.

Meath were quick out of the traps for the opening half and by the time the interval arrived had seven unanswered points on the scoreboard as they blitzed the Laois rear-guard.

Wing-forward Fia O'Brien was a constant threat with her pace and it wasn't too long into the game before Laois



Leinster Camogie Association vice-chairperson Rachel Hogan presented the u-16 'player-of-the-match' award to Meath's Eimear Cooke.

deployed a different marker.

It didn't make any real difference.

On the other wing Amy Gaffney was also a big threat to the Laois defence and with both Meath players creating an abundance of chances the points flowed.

Megan Thynne (two, one free), Nadine Doyle, O'Brien, Eimear Cooke (pictured), who started instead of Emma McInerney,



and Laura Reilly scored the points for Meath, but the fact that Laois failed to register was down to a hard-working and tight marking Meath defence.

Goal-keeper Siobhan Whitty made one excellent save from Laura Peake's drive and the determination of Blathnaid Keys, Maeve Clince and Katie Gartland in the full-back line was also significant.

Alannah

Chalkey, Emma Coffey and Tara Scanlon formed

a solid half-back line while Amy Coyne and Reilly were excellent at midfield.

And all that talent and determination was required to survive a spirited Laois performance after the resumption.

Leading by 0-7 to 0-0 at the interval, Meath were under early second-half pressure from Laois who made the scoreboard four minutes in when Lizzie Ryan pointed.

Another eight minutes elapsed before Gráinne Hyland added a second Laois point.

The exchanges were tough and uncompromising and Meath showed real character and an appetite for a battle as they matched Laois in every department as they defended a 0-7 to 0-2 advantage by the three-quarter stage.

Meath squandered a goal chance soon after, but Thynne sent over to take something out of, what was up to that stage of the half, a rare Meath attack.

Laois found the perfect response and the Royals were rocked when Ryan found the net with 12 minutes remaining.

That gave Laois a big boost, but Cooke rifled to the net for a vital Meath goal only for Laois to reply in a similar manner a minute later through Ali-



Meath's Niamh Gallogly has the upperhand on Rachel Bergin of Laois during Sunday's All-Ireland u-16 C Camogie final at Cloughjordan. PHOTO: DAVID MULLEN / WWW.QUIRKE.IE

son Harvey.

As the tempo and excitement levels reached fever pitch, Ryan added another Laois point to reduce the deficit to two points (2-3 to 1-8).

Reacting positively to the danger, Meath countered successfully and added points through Cooke and Thynne after O'Brien had a brief goal chance.

Laois launched one last attack, but a fierce shot from Peake was well saved by Whitty who certainly looks to have a bright future as a custodian.

Camogie Association official Rachel Hogan presented the

cup to Meath captain Maeve Clince and the player-of-the-match award to Cooke.

**Meath** - Siobhan Whitty (Blackball Gais), Blathnaid Keys (Dunderry), Maeve Clince (Dunboyne), Katie Gartland (Navan O'Mahonys), Alannah Chalkey (Drumree), Emma Coffey (Na Fianna), Tara Scanlon (Dunderry), Amy Coyne (Dunboyne), Laura Reilly (Dunboyne 0-1), Fia O'Brien (Kiltale 0-1), Niamh Gallogly (Drumree), Amy Gaffney (Ratoath), Megan Thynne (Kilmessan 0-4 one free), Nadine Doyle (Kilmessan 0-1), Eimear Cooke (Ratoath 1-3). **Subs** - Labhacise Martyn (Dunderry) for Gallogly 43 mins, Niamh McLoughlin (Ratoath) for Gaffney 54m.

**Laois** - A O'Donovan, R Bergin, C Lally, R Cass, C Cuddy, L Ryan (1-2), L Keyes, N Cass, M Keating, A Deegan, L Peake, G Hyland (0-1), A Harvey (1-0), A O'Dea, L Dunphy.

**Referee** - Philip McDonald (Cavan).



Leinster Camogie Association vice-chairperson Rachel Hogan presented the All-Ireland u-16 C cup to Meath captain Maeve Clince.



# All-Ireland Junior B title adds some double delight

Camogie team show plenty of character

ALL-IRELAND  
JUNIOR B  
CAMOGIE FINAL

CONALL COLLIER

MEATH 2-4

KERRY 1-5

MEATH'S second team captured the All-Ireland Junior B camogie title at Cloughjordan on Sunday and a spectacular Lynn Winters goal early in the second-half was the crucial score in a magnificent victory over Kerry that completed a remarkable double for the Royal County as the u-16s also won (see page two).

It was also a double of another kind as Meath also won the Junior B grade in 2009 with what at that stage was the county's first team.

Four years later to win the grade again is solid proof of the progress that Meath camogie has made on and off the pitch.

And there was no fluke in this victory against a hard-working and determined Kerry team that only re-formed in the Kingdom last year and was featured on RTE Radio's John Murray Show during their inaugural campaign as they also reached the 2012 decider.

It was disappointing for the Munster women, but if they are looking for some solace this week they could look at the route Meath followed since



Meath's Sinead Beagan has the edge on Kerry's Theresa Moran during Sunday's All-Ireland Junior B Camogie final at Cloughjordan. PHOTO: DAVID MULLEN / WWW.QUIRKE.IE

2007, a route that included two final defeats before any silverware was won.

Meath manager GT Troy was full of praise for the players. "We have a mixture of youth and experience in the team and it's great to see the effort and dedication rewarded, the u-16s also train with this panel

and it was great to see their success as well," commented the manager.

However, for long periods on Sunday, especially in the opening half, the prospects of a Meath victory didn't look good.

Despite making a perfect start with an early goal Meath

laboured through the opening half and trailed by two points (1-3 to 1-5) at the interval after wasting a number of good chances as they tallied five wides.

Lynn Winters pointed Meath into a third minute lead after the Royals had created a number of goal chances, the

best of which thundered off the angle of post and cross-bar.

The Meath goal duly arrived in the sixth minute when Sinead Beagan's long-range free made it to the net with the help of a deflection in a crowded square.

Undaunted, Kerry then took

control and reeled off 1-5 with Rosie Young finding the net and points arriving from Aoife Fitzgerald (four, two frees) and Ann Marie Leen.

Those wides were costly for Meath and a paltry brace of Beagan points (free and '45') was all they could muster ahead of the break despite plenty of possession and clear-cut scoring opportunities.

Meath resumed with Lauren McCann at midfield with Lisa Carroll while Jane Martyn moved to the half-back line, Lynn Winters took over at full-forward and was flanked by Fiona Madden and Yvonne Maguire with Beagan moving to centre-forward.

The moves worked within minutes of the resumption when Lynn Winters claimed that spectacular goal from a Carroll centre.

The Trim woman was actually falling backwards as the sliotar arrived into the goal area, but she somehow managed to flick the ball to the net with a opportunist finish.

It was a goal worthy of gracing a bigger stage.

Beagan added a point soon after and that turned out to be the last score as Meath stood firm against some serious Kerry pressure and made sure the Munster girls drew a blank on the scoreboard.

**Meath** - Michelle Boyle (Trim); Suzy Kennedy (Boardsmill); Ellen Burke (Dunboyne); Michelle Montague (Kilmessan); Carolanna Foley (Boardsmill); Lauren McCann (Ratoath); Emma McGill (Ratoath); Lisa Carroll (Dunboyne); Jane Martyn (Dunderry); Leanne Winters (Trim); Fiona Madden (Kiltale); Louise Griffin (Dunree); Yvonne Maguire (Trim); Sinead Beagan (Ratoath) 1-3 one free, one '45'; Lynn Winters (Trim) 1-1.

**Subs** - Rebecca Scallan (Dunderry) for Maguire 52 mins; Lisa Malvey (Trim) for Montague 58m; Aine Brennan (Dunree) for Griffin 58m.

**Kerry** - M O'Carroll; T Moran; L Collins; A Corridon; H Byrne; A O'Connor; M Costello; E Hogan; O Young; AM Leen (0-1); R Young (1-0); E Ryall; N Daffy; A Fitzgerald (0-4 two frees); R Wallace.

**Subs** - C Cronin for Byrne 28 mins.

**Referee** - Jerry Byrne (Dublin).



Jane Dolan races for possession with Limerick's Fiona Hickey during Saturday's All-Ireland Intermediate camogie Championship semi-final at Banagher. PHOTO: MARY BURKE

## The woman Ringy feared

Regarding John Fogarty's piece about Kevin Heffernan (Aug 29) was there ever a better Dubliner? The great Kathleen Mills from Inchicore really takes some beating, 15 All-Ireland senior medals for her native county.

The maestro from Cloyne (need I name him?) once said he would have feared playing against her. Thank God I saw all three playing, but my native city really needs to honour more of the women who have graced it down through the years.

Tony McMahon  
The Ward  
Co Dublin

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The Meath players who were on duty for the All-Ireland Junior B final (from left) were: back - Emily Bray, Jade Fitzsimons, Michelle Boyle, Aine Brennan, Yvonne Maguire, Eimear O'Shea, Emma McGill, Sinead Broderick, Sinead Beagan, Carolanna Foley, Lauren McCann, Jane Martyn, Aoife McCormack, Fiona Madden, Louise Griffin; front - Emer Daly, Muireann O'Hora, Michelle Daly, Rebecca Scanlon, Ellen Burke, Lisa Carroll, Clodhna O'Riordan, Suzy Kennedy, Lynn Winters, Michelle Montague, Lisa Malvery, Leanne Winters.



The Meath u-16 players who were on duty for the All-Ireland success on Sunday (from left) were: back - Clodagh Higgins, Ciara Casserty, Sarah O'Connor, Ciara Redmond, Dani O'Sullivan, Ruth Fagan, Rhiannon Hoey, Emma Coffey, Niamh McLoughlin, Clodagh Griffiths, Katie Gartland, Amy Coyne, Maeve Cline, Niamh McEvoy, Alannah Chalkey, Laura Reilly, Siobhan Whitty, Labhaoise Martyn, Holly O'Donnell, Abbey Feeney, Tara Scanlon; front - Niamh Costello, Amy Duffy, Anna Stenson, Blathnaid Keys, Ruth Byrne, Jennifer Gahan, Eimear Cooke, Ciara Jones, Emma McInerney, Fia O'Brien, Niamh Gallogly, Chloe Mahon, Juliette Wall, Megan Thynne, Amy Gaffney, Nadine Doyle, Liadan O'Riordan, Louise Gaffney. PHOTO: DAVID MULLEN / WWW.QUIRKE.IE





## Camogie latest news



LINDA MELLERICK

### CAMOGIE

IT'S always quiet in the weeks leading into an All-Ireland final.

Club games are postponed and in general there is very little activity. Despite the fact that Cork are not in the final on Sept 15th, the original senior fixtures for the weekend of September 22nd/23 remain in situ, the exception being Inniscarra v Milford, taking place this Sunday at the initiation and agreement of both clubs and the St Finbarr's v Ballinhassig second round tie due to take place on September 6.

The highlight this weekend is the U16B final against Waterford in Mal-low on Sunday at 2pm.

This game is 50/50, no more or less. The sides have met each other three times this season, the first in the Munster final last March when Waterford won by 17 points.

Cork had only just got things underway under manager Anthony Nagle and the next time they met in their opening All-Ireland group round tie it ended in a draw.

The sides met again last month in the play-off decider to determine who would top the group.

Cork won by three points however Waterford came thundering back in to that game and had Cork on the back foot during the latter stages.

Waterford then overcame a fancied Wexford side to set up tomorrow's showpiece. This will be a battle and it will boil down to who wants it most.

Niamh O'Leary of Brian Dillon's captains the side and the club welcomes the team, family and friends back to their clubhouse for what is hoped will be celebratory refreshments.

The six finalists to grace Croke Park on September 15 are: Laois v Kildare in the Premier Junior final at 12 noon, Galway v Limerick in the Intermediate final at 2pm and Galway v Kilkenny in the decider at 4pm.

Dublin City Council has announced the final five proposed names for the new bridge over the River Liffey near Marlborough Street.

The Council's 'Commemorative Naming Committee' had the difficult task of reducing the previous shortlist of 10 names to five. Kay Mills, former Dublin camogie star and the holder of 15 All-Ireland medals has made the shortlist, along with Rosie Hackett, Willie Birmingham, Frank Duff and Bram Stoker.

The five nominations will be put before a full meeting of the elected members of Dublin City Council in the autumn for a final decision on the naming of the bridge.

The camogie association and Dublin camogie board have been campaigning to have the new bridge over the river Liffey named in honour of Mills who won fifteen senior All-Ireland medals.

Kay Mills is the only Gaelic games team player to hold such an honour, eclipsing hurling legends such as Christy Ring, John Doyle and Henry



Castle Road will be rocking with Go Games as the girls limber up for a gala weekend today and tomorrow.

## Castle Road will be rocking

GO GAMES

GO GAMES will dominate events in Castle Road today and tomorrow with girls from U8, U9, U10, and U11 teams participating in the gala days.

Starting at 10am and continuing each day to 6pm their will be non-stop camogie with clubs from all over the city and county getting a chance to participate and show off the skills learned during the season gone by and certainly it will be worth a visit to see the young up and coming camogie players in action.

# Mills deserves to get great honour

Shefflin. Kay began her playing career with Dublin at the age of 14, winning her first All-Ireland medal in 1942 and her last in 1961. She captained the side in 1959.

She was a player noted for her athleticism, fantastic skill level and was a superb ambassador for camogie. In addition to her All Ireland medals, she won 20 Leinster Championships, six Dublin senior County Championships and four Inter-provincial medals. She was an automatic choice on the 'Camogie Team of the Cen-

tury' chosen in 2004 and was inducted into the Cuchulainn Hall of Fame. She was also an accomplished soccer player, gymnast and table tennis player.

Her medal collection is currently on display in the GAA museum Croke Park while in 2011 a plaque was unveiled at her place of residence following a joint initiative of the Inchicore/Kilmainham heritage committee, Dublin City Council and the camogie association.

The camogie association and Dub-

lin camogie board, with the permission of George Hill, husband of the late Kay, request all involved in camogie to support the proposal to name the new bridge in her honour, an appropriate tribute to this iconic Dublin sports woman.

I remember having the honour of being the first recipient of the Kay Mills O'Duffy Cup replica in 1997.

George wanted to do something for the association in memory of his wife and donated a substantial amount of money.

The initiative was undertaken that for 10 years the winning captain of the All-Ireland senior champions would receive a sterling silver replica of the All-Ireland cup in Kay's honour.

I was thrilled - to be the holder of one of just 10 of these in circulation is a nice thought and the cup remains one of my most treasured possessions. Follow the campaign on Kay Mills for the Bridge on facebook at [www.facebook.com/kaymillsforthebridge](http://www.facebook.com/kaymillsforthebridge).

## Mallow must beat Valleys to decide

SEMI-FINAL spots in several of the Evening Echo championship competitions were secured in the past week but a few spots still remain to be secured, writes MARY NEWMAN.

It's down to the wire in the Senior B championship with Valley Rovers, Mallow Kilbrittain/Timoleague, Éire Óg and Ballygarvan all in the running for a place in the shake-up. Mallow are on three points with one game to go against Valley Rovers who are on four points and this is the game that will decide who goes for-

### CHAMPIONSHIP

ward. Kilbrittain/Timoleague have one game to go against Fr O'Neill's and with five points to their credit already they will be hoping to secure a victory that would see them top the group. Glen Rovers have their spot secured already and it remains to be seen who will emerge as runners up in that group, Éire Óg and Ballygarvan will fight it out for the second spot when they meet.

Blackrock, Tracton, Carrigaline and

Newtownshandrum are the four teams remaining that will battle it out for the Evening Echo Intermediate championship title and the pairings are Tracton v Newtownshandrum and Carrigaline versus Blackrock.

The Junior A semi finals take place tomorrow (Sunday) with Sliabh Rua in action against Watergrasshill and Na Píarsaigh meeting Enniskeane.

The meeting of Na Píarsaigh and Enniskeane will be the third time this year the sides have met, in the league semi-final it went to a replay before

Enniskeane emerged as winners to go on to contest the final where they lost out to a strong Douglas side who had defeated Watergrasshill in the semi-final.

Na Píarsaigh will be battling to reverse that result and with a lot of players who were unavailable for the league replay they will be a stronger position.

Key players for them will be Amy Lee, Taryn Lynch, Erin McElhinney and Aoife Moynihan whilst Enniskeane will be hoping for good dis-

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Cork U16B team, who will contest the All-Ireland final tomorrow in Mallow.

## U16 ALL-IRELAND

By MARY NEWMAN

**TOMORROW**  
All-Ireland U16B final  
Cork v Waterford  
Mallow, 2pm

FOR the fourth time since March, Cork and Waterford's paths will cross and this time out it is for the biggest prize on offer as they battle it out for the All-Ireland U16B title in Mallow tomorrow at 2pm.

It looked highly unlikely all those months ago in March that this would be the pairing for the All-Ireland final when Cork simply had no answer to a strong Waterford side who totally demolished them to be crowned provincial champions on a 3-10 0-4 scoreline.

To their credit, the Cork mentors and players put that behind them and concentrated on the All-Ireland championship series and it has been a superb season to date.

Cork enjoyed a great path to the final they accounted for Antrim in their opening game before recording a draw with Waterford in round two this result came as a bit of a shock but on the day Cork dug deep when the need was greatest and were rewarded with a result that proved crucial.

Westmeath provided little opposition as Cork continued

# Cork will be seeking bit of revenge

their march. Cork and Waterford finished up level on points in the group series so it took a play-off to decide who topped the group and who were runners-up.

When the need was greatest Cork produced the goods and they proved the result in the drawn clash was no fluke as they overcame Waterford to ensure they finished as group winners.

Dublin provided the semi-final opposition and showing a lot of nerves, Cork found it hard to settle and in a close and low scoring opening 30 minutes led by just two points 0-5 to 0-3 at the break. Once they settled into the swing of the game Cork were dominant and with Keelagh Cullinane, Chloe Sigerson and Keeva McCarthy in superb form, they had their place in the de-

cider booked long before the full-time whistle.

Waterford caused somewhat of a major shock as they overcame a fancied Wexford side and they will be anxious to turn the tables on Cork and get revenge.

They are a physically a much stronger team and given that they are the counties first choice side it puts Cork at a slight disadvantage.

They have excellent players in centre-back Roisin Cahillane while the excellent Beth Carton is a player that will have to be closely watched up front and with Elizabeth McGrath, Aisling Power and Megan Dunford also in attack, they are a formidable outfit.

Cork are bidding for their first title at this level and given it's the county's second U16 team

and Waterford's first choice 15, the odds are always going to be slightly against them but this will not worry this Cork outfit who have their feet firmly on the ground.

Under the guidance of manager Anthony Nagle and selectors Ken Bulman and Frances Killeen, they have worked hard to make it to the final and they will be focused and ready for anything Waterford will throw at them.

The result of the provincial final still hurts and since that meeting Cork have not lost a game and this is a sign of the huge character and determination they possess.

Provided the Rebels can remain as focused as they have been they should have enough to take the title.

## Browne's early brace fails to halt Clon girls

CHAMPIONSHIP

THE week gone by continued to produce some excellent contests at all levels of championship and a lot of clubs secured their semi final places with excellent displays.

In Senior B, Mallow with two early Michelle Browne goals took an early lead in their clash with Clonakilty but undeterred Clonakilty dug deep and settling into the game they were on level by the break.

In the second half it was close all through but a strong Clonakilty finish ensured they ran out winners with four points to spare 3-9 to 3-5 however the result was not enough to keep their championship hopes alive as they had already lost two games in the round robin series, the result ensures a tight finish with Mallow having to now get something from their clash with Valley next week to stay in the hunt.

In the intermediate grade, Tracton made it three wins on the trot as they defeated Newcestown 1-9 to 0-3 they led at the breaks 0-5 to 0-1 with Laura O'Callaghan Clodagh Fitzgerald Jennifer Griffen all impressing.

In the second half a Laura O'Callaghan goal helped ensure they were on track to make it three wins out of three with Trish Harrington proving inspirational in goal.

Blackrock ensured no way back into the competition for Newcestown when they had their second win in the section with a victory over Buttevant a Hayley Ryan goal helping to increase their lead after the break where they led 0-9 to 0-3 the win securing a semi spot for the Rockies.

Carrigaline and Newtownshandrum met to decide who topped their group and it was Carrigaline who ran out winners with an impressive performance of free taking from Rachel O'Shea as they notched up 1-14 to Newtownshandrum's 3-5.

While in junior, Enniskeane and Sliabh Rua went into this Evening Echo Junior A clash with their semi-final spots already secured but they battled it out for top spot in section B and it was Enniskeane who finished tops 4-9 to 1-9.

In the Evening Echo Junior B championship Glen recorded their second win and booked themselves a place in the last four. In a tight battle with Ballinascorthy Cork senior Caroline Sugrue helped them take the lead but a Susan Collins goal had the Glen back in the game and continuing the fight back a Beth Hackett goal three minutes from full edged them ahead, Ballinascorthy levelled matters with a point but refusing to give up the Glen grabbed a winner courtesy of Trisha Kenneally, who pointed in injury time.

## who progresses to championship next round

plays from Julie Ann Hayes who has been hugely impressive in all their league and championship games to date, Louise Duggan Danielle Curtin and Katie Buttimer as they battle for a place in the final.

Watergrasshill have been hugely impressive this season and they are putting in a huge amount of work at all levels they have a nicely balanced team and they will take beating, captain Edel Murphy is joined by Diane Kelleher, Lynn O'Leary, Colleen Foley, and Catherine Fouhy.

Sliabh Rua won the Junior B championship last season and they have done well in the A grade in reaching the semi final they have fine players in Aisling Whitnell Chelsea Campbell, Cathy O'Mahony and Niamh O'Brien and they will give it their all to grab the place in the last two.

### JUNIOR B

Glen Rovers are through to the Semi final and they will be joined by either St Vincents or Ballincollig who meet this evening, Youghal who having defeated Bride Rovers must now overcome

Courcey Rovers to grab the semi final spot whilst the last semi final spot it between Newtownshandrum and St Catherine's who also meet tomorrow.

In Junior C, Charleville and Castleyons are two evenly matched sides and their semi-final meeting this evening in Castle Road will be a close affair. Both have performed exceptionally well in their respective campaigns and little should divide them at the full time whistle.

Castleyons will look to former St Catherine's senior player Marie Daly,

Niamh Barry and Isobel Fenton to help them continue their impressive campaign whilst Charleville with Kate Keane Miriam O'Connell and Claudia Hudner will not give them anything soft.

### FIXTURES TONIGHT

Evening Echo Junior C Championship  
Semi final: Charleville v Castleyons Blackrock GAA Grounds 5.45pm.

Evening Echo Junior B Championship: St Vincents v Ballincollig St Vincents 7pm.

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Evening Echo Senior Championship  
Quarter finals Iniscarra v Milford Mourab-

bey 6.30pm.

Evening Echo Junior A Championship  
semi-finals: Na Piarasigh v Enniskeane  
Brinny 6.30pm; Watergrasshill v Sliabh Rua  
Castle Road 6.45pm

Evening Echo Junior B Championship  
Youghal v Courcey Rovers 12 noon Youghal

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Evening Echo Junior C Championship  
Millstreet v Valley Rovers Valley Rovers  
6.45pm.

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Evening Echo Senior Championship  
Ballinhassig v St Finbarr's venue TBC  
6.45pm

Evening Echo Senior B Championship  
Kilbrittan v Fr O'Neill's 6.45pm Castle  
Road; Ballygarvan v Eire Og 6.45pm, venue  
TBC.

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# All Ireland Under 16 B Championship Final



Clár Oifigiúil  
Luach €2

Cork v Waterford  
Sunday, 1st September, 2.00 pm  
Mallow

*Mary Comer*  
Acting Ard Stiurthóir



CAMOGIE UNDER-16 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2013



## Coreaigh

Dathanna: Dearg agus Bán

- (16) Rachel Murray  
R. Ní Mhuiri  
Éire Óg
- (17) Essie O'Connell  
E. Ní Chonaill  
Brian Dillon
- (18) Sarah Burke  
S. de Búrca  
Kilbrittain
- (19) Laura Willis  
L. Uillis  
Mallow
- (20) Marley Tarnaud  
M. Tarnaud  
Ballincollig
- (21) Emma Buckley  
E. Ní Bhuachalla  
Na Piarasigh
- (22) Emma O'Callaghan  
E. Ní Cheallacháin  
Milford
- (23) Chloe Landers  
C. de Londras  
Youghal
- (24) Katie Crowley  
C. Ní Chruaíoch  
St. Finbarrs
- (25) Marie Dineen  
M. Ní Dhuinnín  
Barryroe
- (26) Aoife McCarthy  
A. Ní Carthaigh  
Youghal
- (27) Corrie Butler  
C. de Butléir  
Ballinhassig
- (28) Emma Flanagan  
E. Ní Fhlannagáin  
Aghabullogue
- (29) Niamh Killeen  
N. Ní Chillín  
Ballyhea

(1) Meabhdx Sexton M. Ní Sheasnáin Barryroe		
(2) Ellen Twomey E. Ní Thuama Carrigaline	(3) Niamh O'Leary N. Ní Laoire (Capt.) Brian Dillon	(4) Ella Curtin E. Ní Cúirtín Aghabullogue
(5) Rebecca Sheehan R. Ní Shíocháin Douglas	(6) Aoife O'Callaghan A. Ní Cheallacháin Éire Óg	(7) Lydia O'Reilly L. Ní Raghallaigh Millstreet
(8) Chloe Sigerson C. Ní Shíoghair Killeagh		(9) Catherine O'Sullivan C. Ní Shúilleabháin Newtownshandrum
(10) Keelagh Cullinane C. Ní Chuileannáin Fr. O'Neills	(11) Ciara Keating C. Céitinn St. Finbarrs	(12) Aoibhinn Kidney A. Ní Dhuáin Tracton
(13) Rachel Harty R. Ní hArtaigh Ballyhea	(14) Keeva McCarthy C. Ní Carthaigh St. Finbarrs	(15) Moira Ellen O'Connor M. E. Ní Chonchúir Millstreet

MANAGER: Anthony Nagle  
SELECTORS: Frances Killeen, Ken Bulman

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## Port Láirge

Dathanna: Bán agus Gorm



(1) Brianna O'Regan B. Ní Riagáin De La Salle		
(2) Rachel Donnelly R. Ní Dhonnaile Brickey Rangers	(3) Sarah Geoghegan S. Nig Eochagáin Lismore	(4) Courtney Healy C. Ní hÉili De La Salle
(5) Megan Dunford M. Ní Dhonnuaartaigh Brickey Rangers	(6) Róisín Cahillane R. Ní Chathaláin Cappoquin	(7) Bronwyn Grace B. de Grás St. Anne's
(8) Iona Heffernan I. Ní hÍfearnáin (Capt.) Ferrybank		(9) Caoimhe McGrath C. Ní Craith Brickey Rangers
(10) Molly Curran M. Ní Chorráin Brickey Rangers	(11) Jessica Glavin S. Ní Ghláimhín Cappoquin	(12) Aisling Power A. de Paor Cappoquin
(13) Niamh Ahearne N. Ní hEatháin Ferrybank	(14) Beth Carton B. Ní Artáin De La Salle	(15) Elizabeth McGrath E. Ní Craith Butlerstown

MANAGER: Brendan Donnelly COACH: Shane Ahearne  
SELECTOR: Derek Healy FIRST AID: Eileen O'Connell

- (16) Clodagh Glavin  
C. Ní Ghláimhín  
Cappoquin
- (17) Hannah Murphy-Nix  
H. Ní Mhurchú-Nix  
Brickey Rangers
- (18) Kate McMahon  
C. Ní Mhathúna  
Butlerstown
- (19) Sarah Murray  
S. Ní Mhuiri  
Tramore
- (20) Ciara Twomey  
C. Ní Thuama  
De La Salle
- (21) Emily Power  
E. de Paor  
Cappoquin
- (22) Catherine Hahessy  
C. Ní Aitheasa  
Brickey Rangers
- (23) Taylor Murray  
T. Ní Mhuiri  
Dunganvan
- (24) Sibeal Harney  
S. Ní hAthairne  
St. Anne's
- (25) Aoife Shanahan  
A. Ní Sheancháin  
St. Anne's
- (26) Saoirse Bonner  
S. Ní Chnámhí  
St. Anne's
- (27) Kayleigh Veale  
C. de Bhial  
Dunganvan
- (28) Sinéad O'Brien  
S. Ní Bhriain  
Cappoquin



# Milford send a warning with resounding win

Milford  
Inniscarra  
2-17  
0-3

CAMOGIE

MILFORD'S camogie players made up for the disappointment endured by their male counterparts earlier in the day by cruising into the semi-finals of the Evening Echo Camogie Championship yesterday, writes DIARMUID SHEEHAN.

The Avondhu girls were in magnificent form as they blitzed a shell-shocked Inniscarra side in Mounseabey and looked like winners from the first minute.

There were plenty of top-class performances on the day for the victors with midfielder Emer Watson dominating both on the pitch and on the scoreboard until her early exit with a hand injury.

Watson's free taking was sensational while her ability to eke out a ball in the middle of a busy midfield area set her apart from most on the pitch.

Watson's midfield colleague Ashling Thompson also impressed throughout with Anna Geary and Maria Walsh also showing their abundance of talent from the first whistle.

The trio of senior Cork stars were very influential both while going forward and while defending and dealt with everything that was thrown at them by their opposite numbers.

While the inter-county stars will take plenty of plaudits for this victory there were also displays of note from less familiar names with Elaine O'Riordan (half-back), Marie Watson (corner-forward) and Maria Watson (in the other corner) all playing pivotal roles in their side's triumph. O'Riordan, in particular, shone with a tenacious and skilful display at the heart of her side's defensive strategy.

As the scoreline suggests, there was little cheer for Inniscarra but it would be unfair to say they contributed nothing.

Key performer for the vanquished side was Riona Buckley. The Cork star gave a tenacious display in the middle of the field and managed to score all of her side's three points (two from long range frees) in the first half.

Buckley's abilities may

have been outgunned on this night but that should not take away from her efforts.

While the number eight held her own in the middle third the performance of Inniscarra's keeper, Sinead Ní Riain, was the real bright spot in an otherwise disappointing game. The shot-stopper was brilliant, dealing with almost everything that was thrown at her and only beaten late on after being exposed to a two-on-one situation.

Milford opened this game at a ferocious pace and managed to race into a five-point lead thanks to five post splitting frees from Watson inside 10 minutes.

Buckley responded with a long-range effort of her own but points from O'Neill, Deirdre O'Reilly and another Watson effort meant that the victors led this one by 0-9 to 0-3 at the interval.

The start of the second half was always looking like it would be the crucial period with the Muskerry girls needing a good restart to get back into the game while the Avondhu side would be looking to kill off the tie early. Unfortunately for the former it was the latter that happened as Milford hit five quick points to end this game as a contest with over 20 minutes remaining.

Milford took their collective foot off the gas after that but still had the attacking threat to hit two goals in the 23rd and 34th minutes from O'Neill and Maria Watson which put a gloss on the score board that was in all honesty, well deserved.

**Scorers for Milford:** E Watson 0-7 (0-6 f); M O'Neill 1-3; M Watson 1-1; D O'Reilly 0-2; E O'Riordan; E O'Friel; M Flanagan; R Finn 0-1 (p) 0-1 each.

**Inniscarra:** R Buckley 0-3 (0-2 f).

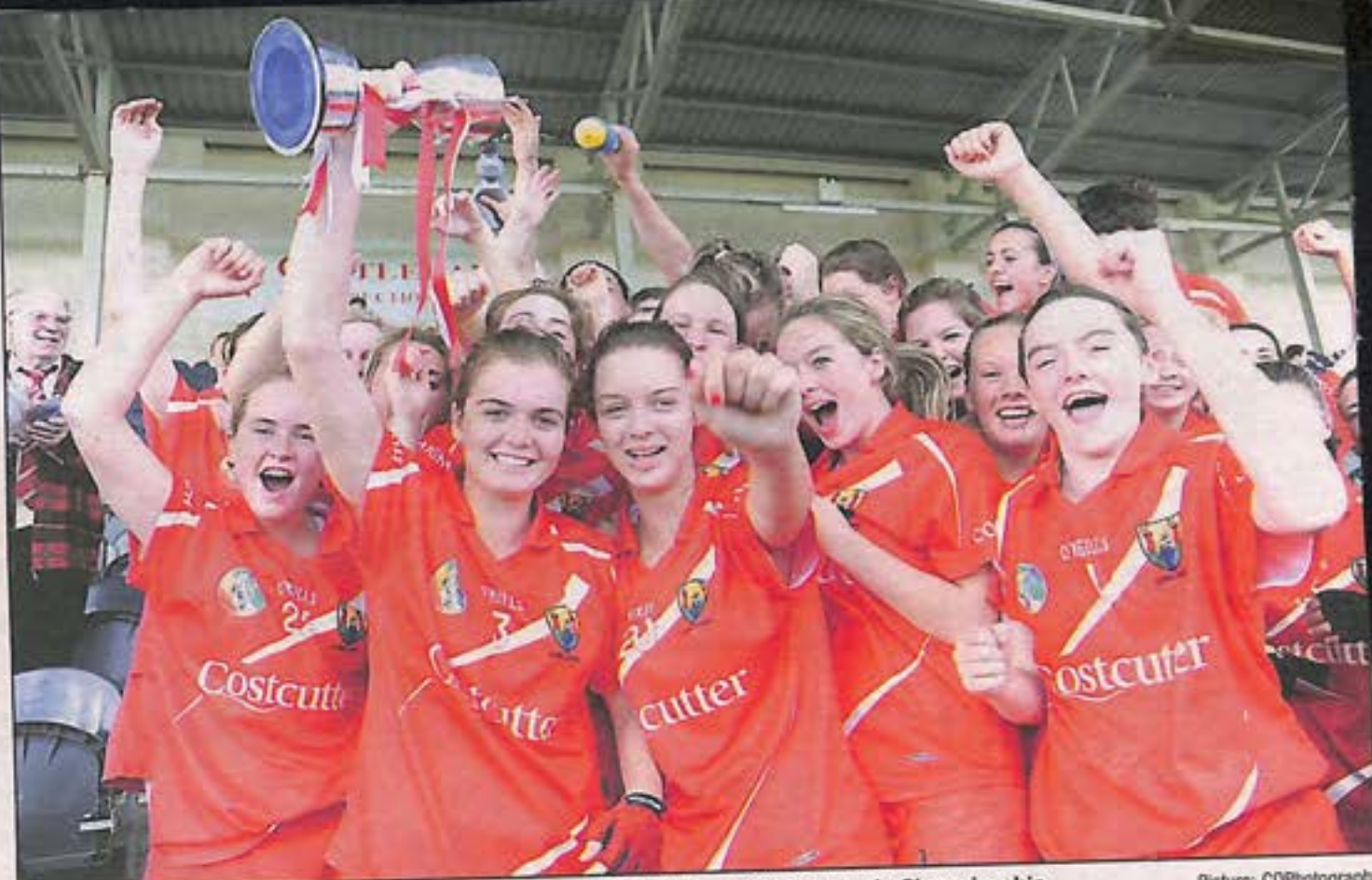
**MILFORD:** R Flynn; K Galvin; M Walsh; L Healy; E O'Riordan; A Geary; S Flynn; O O'Mahony; A Thompson; E Watson; D O'Reilly; A Watson; M O'Neill; L O'Flynn; M Watson.

**Subs:** M Flanagan for L O'Flynn; R Duggan for E Watson; A O'Flynn for A Thompson.

**INNISCARRA:** S Ní Riain; M Buckley; L Hayes; R McCarthy; S McCarthy; A Sheehan; K Jones; R Buckley; A Kavanagh; J Casey; M Cosgrave; T McCarthy; N Byrne; N Dilworth; K O'Mahony.

**Subs:** A Twohig for N Byrne; E Looney for M Cosgrave; M Desmond for R McCarthy.

**Referee:** A Larkin (Douglas)



Cork celebrate their victory over Waterford in the final of the All-Ireland U16B Camogie Championship.

Picture: CQPhotography

# McCarthy lifts Rebels over line

Cork  
Waterford  
4-8  
2-10

LITTLE divided the sides in this highly entertaining All-Ireland U16 B final in Mallow yesterday where a huge crowd got behind both teams from the throw-in adding considerably to the atmosphere and sense of occasion.

Beth Carton had the Waterford girls in front inside three minutes popping over an early point and it took Cork nine minutes to respond when Rachel Harty caught Keelagh Cullinane's long delivery and blasted it to the net to give Cork the advantage.

With referee Donie Brown seldom blowing for frees there was little time for breaks and as players from both sides battled for every ball play swung from end-to-end and at times the game was scrappy and indeed dangerous.

Cork grabbed a second goal when Cullinane again delivered a long ball to the square and in a goalmouth scramble for possession Keeva McCarthy finished well to the net.

Waterford responded well Molly Curran pointed and winning the puck-out they again applied a lot of pressure. Beth Carton proved effective grabbing a



Cork's Ellen Twomey and Waterford's Aisling Power battle for possession during their All-Ireland U16B Camogie Championship final in Mallow.

Picture: CQPhotography

## CAMOGIE

By MARY NEWMAN

goal as she evaded the Cork defence and they were back in the game.

It was nip and tuck as neither side could gain control and on three occasions the sides swapped points and at the break Cork held a 2-3 to 1-5 advantage.

Turning to play against the strong wind Cork had to be at their best but they showed just how good a side they are as they gave it everything in quest of victory.

Jessica Galvin had Waterford on level indie a minute but two

points in a row edged Cork back in front and with Waterford striking three wides in a row from frees, Cork sensed panic and they upped the ante significantly.

They got a deserved break on the three quarter stage when Keeva McCarthy reposed quickly to tap the ball to the net after the Waterford keeper brought Keelagh Cullinane point attempt from going over the bar.

From the puck-out Meg Dunfort responded when she finished a 45 from Brianna O'Regan to the net and with Carton adding a point Waterford dug deep and the pressure was on.

Aoibhinne Kidney pointed before Meabh Sexton brought off a great save to deny Beth Carton a certain goal and as Cork swept down field Rachel Harty did a Patrick Horgan on it as she coolly dispossessed her marker by flicking the ball from her hurley grabbing possession and firing the ball to the net with 10 minutes remaining.

With the game still in the balance the sides swapped points on three occasions but there was no denying Cork as they stood firm under huge pressure to take the title and be crowned champions.

Cork's Rachel Harty was named as Player of the Match following a superb display in the Cork attack her work rate and distribution of the ball over the hour was superb.

**Scorers for Cork:** K McCarthy 2-4; R Harty 2-0; A S Kidney 0-2 (0-1 f); K Cullinane; C Keating 0-1 each.

**Waterford:** B Carton 1-3 (0-2 f); M Dunfort 1-0; B O'Regan 0-2 (f); E McGrath 0-2; M Curran; A Power; J Galvin 0-1 each.

**CORK:** M Sexton; E Twomey; N O'Leary (c); E Curtin; R Sheehan; A O'Callaghan; L O'Reilly; C Sigerson; C O'Sullivan; K Cullinane; C Keating; A Kidney; R Harty; K McCarthy; ME O'Connor.

**Subs:** S Burke for C O'Sullivan (35); L Willis for C Sigerson (48).

**WATERFORD:** B O'Regan; H Murphy-Nix; S Geoghan; C Healy; M Dunfort; R Cahalane; B Grace; I Heffernan (c); C McGrath; M Curran; J Galvin; A Power; K McMahon; B Carton; E McGrath.

**Subs:** N Aherne for M Curran (54); R Donnelly for C Healy (39).

**Referee:** D Browne (Limerick).

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Manager Anthony Nagle jumps for joy as Cork beat Waterford 4-8 to 2-10 in the U-16B Camogie Championship final at Mallow Sports Complex, Cork.

Picture: CQPhotography

## Barrs may just have the edge on Ballinhassig

CAMOGIE

By LINDA MELLERICK

TONIGHT

Evening Echo Cork County Senior camogie championship quarter-final.

St Finbarr's v Ballinhassig. Ballincollig 6.30pm

THE last of the quarter-finalists for this year's senior camogie championship will be known tomorrow evening as the remaining second round tie between St Finbarr's and Ballinhassig takes place.

Millford are the first side through to the semi-final after an early arrangement between them and Inniscarra took place last weekend. Ballincollig, Cloughduv, Killeagh, Douglas, St Catherine's and the winners of the above tie will make up the six remaining teams.

Those draws have been made;

Killeagh will face the winners of the Barrs v Ballinhassig. Cloughduv will take on Ballincollig and Douglas and St Catherine's will renew their rivalry of a few years ago.

But it's all about tomorrow night for the Barrs and Ballinhassig.

Ballinhassig, playing just their second season in the top flight, suffered a first round defeat to last year's finalists St Catherine's back in late July, their 2-11 to 1-8 defeat primarily coming on the back of a ten minute spell in the closing opening half which saw them lose a four point lead and go in at the break three down. Despite the fact that it took Hassig a while to get into their stride, they created some good chances but the lack of a killer instinct up front which would have put a healthy distance between them and St Catherine's in the opening quarter failed to happen, their inside forwards content with tapping over the bar. Eimear O'Sullivan is their cog in the wheel yet she is left with too much to do. Jane O'Leary, Emma Jordan, Catriona Collins and Deirdre Coomey all need to step up.

St Finbarr's had what they would consider a very bad day at the office against Killeagh in Carrigtwohill. Eight wides in the opening half ensured they trailed by 5 at the break and scoring just a further four points in the second half they endured an eleven point defeat. It was up front where the Barrs struggled against a very strong Killeagh defence.

Building up their young guns confidence ahead of tomorrow's encounter will be uppermost in their mentor's minds.

It's a close one to call. Certainly the Barrs don't have the match winning players they had; Gemma O'Connor and Jenny Duffy significant absentees but that happens to every club. It balances the playing field somewhat.

Other St Finbarr's players will need to assume the mantle of leaders. Lynda O'Connell has always been one but she needs greater support. Maeve Cahalane is one such player capable of doing so as Charlotte Kearney.

Both sides will need to considerably up their performance from their opening rounds. The safety net is gone. The Barrs should shade it.

## Cork's O'Leary calls it quits

By Daragh Ó Conchúir

Camogie

Cork senior star Jenny O'Leary has announced her retirement from the inter-county game.

The Barryroe woman, who won three senior All-Irelands and six All-Stars during an illustrious career, is moving to Middletown, Co Armagh to live with her fiancé ahead of their wedding next year. O'Leary has taken up a new teaching post at St Louis Secondary School in Carrickmacross.

"I made the decision before the year began that this would be my last year with Cork, no matter what the result would be," said O'Leary in the *Southern Star*.

"It's a long journey — four hours — if I were to commute. I am turning 30 in October so it's time to hang up the old boots and start playing for fun; not to take it so seriously anymore."

Meanwhile, Cork claimed the All-Ireland U16 B championship with a 4-8 to 2-10 win over Waterford in Mallow. Keeva McCarthy gave a virtuoso performance for the champions, scoring an incredible 2-4 from play. The St Finbarr's starlet was well supported by Rachel Harty, who bagged the other two goals. Beth Carton hit 1-3 for the losers while Megan Dunford also netted.

## O'Leary announces retirement but McCarthy gives glimpse of future in U16B All-Ireland

By Camogie Press  
Posted 01/09/2013



Cork lead the roll of honour for the All-Ireland U16A camogie championship with 13 victories, despite not claiming the honours since 2003. Having waited a decade to experience success at that level, it was no surprise that yesterday's maiden win in the B championship was greeted with such joy on the home turf of Mallow writes Daragh Ó Conchúir.

It was very hard luck on Waterford, who actually claimed their only B crown the same year that Cork scooped their last A title, but were failing to a third narrow defeat in the intervening period.

They went behind early on though and despite their best endeavours, just could not reel the Leesiders in, finishing on the wrong side of a 4-8 to 2-10 scoreline.

Two goals in the opening quarter gave the Rebels a good foundation but Waterford grew into the game as the half ticked on. Indeed, the Déise must have been very pleased to go in at the break trailing by just the minimum (2-3 to 1-5), particularly with the wind at their backs in the latter period.

Cork managed to keep their noses in front though and their ability to find the net ensured that they remained four points to the good at the final whistle.

Keeva McCarthy gave a virtuoso performance for the champions scoring an incredible 2-4 from play to prove the match-winner. The St Finbarr's clubwoman was well supported by Rachel Harty, who bagged the other two goals.

Beth Carton led the resistance for Waterford and finished with a goal and three points, with two of those points coming from frees. Megan Dunford also raised a green flag but Cork continued to do just enough to hold off the Leesiders.

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## Ballincollig too strong for Courceys

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-UP

### SENIOR

Ballincollig proved too strong for Courcey Rovers as they grabbed a quarter-final spot in the Evening Echo Senior Championship where goals from Elaine Casey, Samantha Coomey and Alison Coughlan helped Ballincollig to victory. Millford continued to blaze a trail of success as they defeated Inniscarra.

### SENIOR B

Glen Rovers ensured they topped section B when they overcame Aghabullogue in Ballincollig.

Early scores from Denise Luby and Sinead O'Halloran saw them open up a 1-4 lead before Aghabullogue replied with a point. Keeping on the pressure, the Glen stretched their lead with Nicole O'Brien, Denise Luby, Aisling O'Keefe, and Sinead Fahy all adding to their tally.

### JUNIOR A

Watergrasshill and Enniskeane had to battle hard to win their places in the Evening Echo Junior A championship final as they overcame Sliabh Rua and Na Piarasigh respectively. Sliabh Rua led 0-4 to 0-3 in their clash with Watergrasshill in Castle Road, but on the resumption Watergrasshill settled. Diane Kelleher converted three frees, and Cathy Murphy added three from play, while Edel Murphy Louise O'Reilly and Catherine Fouhy had one each, as they won 0-9 to 0-5.

An ability to strike points was again important in the second semi-final as Enniskeane overcame Na Piarasigh 1-13 to 2-5 to secure their place in their second successive final. It was level pegging 0-7 to 1-4 at the break with Aisling O'Callaghan, Orla Cronin and Danielle Curtin on the score sheet for Enniskeane.

On the resumption, Enniskeane settled and a goal from substitute Caroline O'Donovan put them four points ahead. Na Piarasigh grabbed a goal to put a point between the teams but Enniskeane held out.

### JUNIOR B

St Vincent's — with Amy O'Connor and Nicole Crean in good form — overcame Ballincollig to ensure they advanced to a semi-final against a St Catherine's side that defeated Newtownshandrum 3-9 to 0-6.

### JUNIOR C

Millstreet, with a 3-12 to 3-2 victory over Valley Rovers' second team, booked a semi-final spot against Sarsfields' second squad. Castlelyons and Charleville played out a cracker of a semi-final, which Charleville edged into the final with two points to spare.

### TRACON

Our intermediate championship game was a very tough match and the scoreline does not do credit to Newcestown's effort. Trish Harrington was excellent in goal, saving us on a number of occasions. Nicole McKane got the better of Colette Desmond and kept her scoreless. Aoife Kieley and Jennifer Lynch worked very hard at midfield, with Clodagh Fitzgerald and Laura O'Callaghan getting some lovely scores from play, great team efforts from everyone.

**Team:** Trish Harrington, Jennifer Kieley, Julie Ann Kingston, Nicole McKane, Sinead Harrington, Karen O'Sullivan, Chloe Castleton, Aoife Kieley, Jennifer Lynch, Erin Harrington, Jennifer Griffin, Laura O'Callaghan, Clodagh Fitzgerald.

**Score:** Tracton 1-9 Newcestown 0-3.

**Scorers:** Laura O'Callaghan 1-1, Clodagh Fitzgerald 0-3, Jennifer Griffin 0-2 (f), Erin Harrington, Aoife Kieley, Jennifer Lynch (45) 0-1 each.

**Sub:** Karen Lynch for Marian Jagoe (62)

### BRIDE ROVERS

Fun day. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way including everyone from the juvenile club who helped make the fun day such a massive success last Sunday. We were blessed with fine weather and the feedback

# Mallow game will be hard-fought tie

By MARY NEWMAN

IT'S DOWN to the wire in the Evening Echo Senior B championship and it's all to play for as Valley Rovers and Mallow meet in a crunch game, which will possibly decide who finished as runners-up in the section.

Kilbrittain played their last game last night, which will have a bearing, but both Mallow and Valley Rovers need to win to secure the semi-final spot.

This was a tough group with last season's defeated finalists Clon falling to make it through.

Valleys brought in Jack McGrath, who has done a marvellous job in getting them refocused and organised, and they participated in the Munster club league and made it to the final where they lost out to Burgess.

They beat Fr O'Neill's and Mallow, but in a close battle with Kilbrittain/Timoleague they lost out by two points.

Michele Browne, Aoife O'Rourke, Emma Coakley and Katie Buckley will lead the Mallow challenge while Susan O'Leary, Clodagh Deasy, Aoife Cummins and Mary Ann Hawkes will be to the fore for Valley Rovers.

### INTERMEDIATE

Tracton and Newtown meet in the intermediate semi-final today.

Tracton topped section A as they overcame the challenges posed by Blackrock, Buttevant and Newcestown, while Newtownshandrum were runners up in Section B. Beaten in last year's final to Aghabullogue, they captured the intermediate league title earlier in the season in cracking final with Brian Dillon's that went to extra time.

Tracton have impressed in their

from people leaving was that everybody had a great time.

Thanks also to all our neighbouring clubs that sent U6, U8 and U10 panels of players, boys and girls, to participate in the fun-blitz games. The event would not have been the same without them.

**U16:** U16 C League quarter-final. Our U16s faced a tough assignment but came away with a well-deserved win. Playing on a tight pitch, we took about 10 minutes to settle and our goalkeeper Sarah and our backs kept us in the game during that opening period. Sliabh Rua were on top and the match would have been well settled if it were not for the heroic efforts of our defensive unit.

Laura Quirke and Emma Roche started to exert an influence around midfield as the game wore on and we led 1-3 to 1-2 at half-time after weathering the storm. We had the better of the second half and the margin of victory would have been greater if it were not for the efforts of the excellent Sliabh Rua goalkeeper who made several point-blank saves. Full time score Bride Rovers 2-5 Sliabh Rua 1-4.

**Scorers:** Emma Barry 1-1, Grace Culloty 0-1, Laura Quirke 1-2, Siobhan O'Sullivan 0-1. See www.briderovers.ie for all club



Jean Hayden, Munster Camogie and Eamon Browne, chairman Munster Camogie Council present the player of the match award to Rachel Harty after Cork's All-Ireland U16B Camogie Championship win over Waterford. Picture: CDP Photography

## Best of luck to Jimmy and the boys

ON behalf of everybody in Cork camogie circles we extend best wishes to Jimmy Barry-Murphy and the Cork team as they face Davy

Fitzgerald's Clare tomorrow.

It has been a wonderful journey so far and let's hope the dream is fulfilled tomorrow: Corcaigh Abú!

campaign to date. They have good performers in Karen O'Sullivan, Jennifer Kieley, Jennifer Griffin, Marian Jagoe and Mary McGuinness.

Newtown are under the guidance of former Fr O'Neill's and Cork player Nora Ahern and have a nice blend of youth and experience. Caroline Giltinane, Paula O'Con-

nor, captain Val O'Keefe and Mariah Reidy will lead their challenge for a place in the final.

Blackrock mentor Anthony Nagle has to refocus his thoughts after the success of his Cork U16 side last weekend, as they attempt to make their first intermediate final since the club was reformed, after winning the Junior A title

## Camogie club notes,

Well done to everybody one superb team effort everybody did their best to ensure victory was secured.

Our young second U14 team gave a superb performance to ensure they were crowned champions in Castle Road when they met Douglas in the Under 14B (2) league. All season they have worked hard and with many of the side aged 11 or 12 there is a bright future ahead of all of them.

Naoise Wallace had us ahead with an early point and when Lisa O'Riordan dispatched 42 fives to the net she showed her class as a free taker.

Douglas replied with a point but Amy Mills grabbed the first of her two goals with and excellent effort and with Lisa pointing two fives in reply to two from Douglas it was 3-3 to 0-3 at the break.

The hard work continued through the second half with Lisa O'Riordan, Amy Mills and Niamh Falvey finding the net to ensure the title was secured.

Emma Murphy was named as Player of the Match after a magnificent performance in de-

three years ago. They lost out to Tracton in their opening game but performed superbly in their other two outings. Hayley Ryan — daughter of former Rockies senior hurler Aidan — Aideen Nagle, captain Grace Mulqueen and Cork minor Kaitlyn Hickey are their key players.

Carrigaline have been the form team all season though. They have a good work ethic and they showed in their clash with Newtownshandrum that they mean business.

### JUNIOR B

Youghal, St Vincent's, Glen Rovers and St Catherine's remain in the hunt for the Evening Echo Junior B championship.

League champions St Vincent's — following an impressive league campaign — are favourites. Amy O'Connor, Nicole Crean and Michelle Gould and will lead their charge against St Catherine's second string.

Glen Rovers' second team, who lost the league final, put in a huge effort to reach the semi-final having lost several of their starting league team to their senior championship team. Beth Hackett, Tara Cunningham, Susan Collins and Alison Dowling will battle hard for a place in the final against a Youghal side that have Shauna Cunningham, Ann O'Connell and Shannon Bulman Joyce in their line out.

### FIXTURES

#### TODAY

**Evening Echo Intermediate Championship semi-finals:** Tracton v Newtownshandrum, Castle Road, 12pm; Blackrock v Carrigaline, Castle Road, 2.15pm.

**Evening Echo Junior B semi-final:** St Vincent's v St Catherine's, Castle Road, 4.30pm.

**Evening Echo Senior B Championship:** Valley Rovers v Mallow, Castle Road, 6.15pm.

#### TUESDAY

**Evening Echo Junior B Championship semi-final:** Glen Rovers v Youghal, Castle Road, 6.30pm.

fence where she worked tirelessly all through. Well done to an excellent group of girls and to their coaches Terry Buckley Mary Sheehan and Helena Mullins and to U12 and U10 mentors Dan O'Riordan, Terry Murphy and Carol Bridgeman, who ensured the younger players were ready to make the step up to this grade and ensure we were in position to field two U14 teams this season well done everybody for the huge effort with this. Our U13 team got this Seadun campaign off to a great start with a 7-3 to 1-4 victory over St Finbarr's.

Emma Murphy, Rachel White, Rebecca Dag and Chloe McCarthy were all to the fore in a superb victory.

Our U16 team qualified for the U16A county semi-final after they defeated Fr O'Neill's in the championship quarter-final.

We led 1-5 to 0-2 at the break Michaela Hyde with 1-4 and Nora Murphy with a point kept us in front. On the resumption our defence came under early pressure but we held firm up front the scores continued to come. Donna O'Neill, Shauna Riordan, Kelly Falvey,



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## Camogie latest news



LINDA MELLERICK

**THE** Cork U16Bs All-Ireland success last Sunday was a wonderful day. The excitement and tension was fever pitch but for all the wrong reasons; poor refereeing.

I've been at many games where referees are poor for both sides; I've been at games where an error in judgement may have cost a team a victory, which can be forgiven. But rarely have I seen such harsh refereeing against one team.

The venue, Mallow GAA Grounds, was perfect for the occasion, it's enclosed, compact surroundings adding to the immense atmosphere.

It was electrifying with both sets of supporters giving it their all.

It must have been a wonderful occasion for Mallow girl Laura Willis, to win an All-Ireland medal on her home turf in front of her home crowd and many congratulations to her.

The team, under Garda escort, made their way back to Brian Dillon's club, home of captain (and I'm proud to say my niece) Niamh O'Leary. Niamh is the first Brian Dillon's player to captain an All-Ireland winning team and it was a huge moment for the club.

In a packed clubhouse, it was a very happy time and I was reminded once again of just how fantastic sport (in this case, camogie) can be, for so many reasons.

This bunch of girls got together last February and over the course of the past seven months became great friends, friendships I know many of which they'll still have in 30 years' time. For the young camogie players that witnessed such excitement as last Sunday it will only inspire them to greater things.

I know that's what inspired me — St Patrick's winning the All-Ireland schools title in 1981. I was a first year, had just taken up the sport but was getting a bit bored.

I went to the All-Ireland final and I can still to this day remember (standing on the seat at the back of the bus) saying to myself 'God, this is incredible, I must play this game.'

To Anthony Nagle, Frances Killeen and Ken Bulman many congratulations on a great victory; an underage title we badly wanted in Cork.



The Cork team celebrate their All-Ireland U16B Camogie Championship win over Waterford.

Photo: CDPhotography

# U16s bring smile to Cork camogie

To the senior hurlers; the very best of luck tomorrow. What a buzz and what happiness around the city. Another reason why sport is just immeasurable.

Dublin City Council has voted to name the new Liffey bridge after activist Rosie Hackett.

The local authority selected a shortlist of five names from 85 official nominations for the bridge over the River Liffey at Marlborough Street. Camogie legend Kay Mills was runner-up in the vote, followed by Alone, founder Willie Bermingham, Dracula creator Bram Stoker, and the founder of the Legion of Mary, Frank Duff.

Over 10,000 supporting submis-

sions were made to the council, including emails, direct correspondence and petitions.

Rosie Hackett was a messenger in Jacob's biscuit factory and joined the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union when it was founded in 1909. She encouraged women workers to join in the 1913 Lockout struggle and was dismissed from Jacob's. She was a member of the Irish Citizen Army and served with Constance Markievicz.

In 1970 Hackett received a gold medal in recognition of her 60 years' service to the Irish trade union movement.

The three most recent bridges over the River Liffey were named

after Samuel Beckett, Seán O'Casey and James Joyce. Of the 23 bridges over the River Liffey, the Anna Livia bridge in Chapelizod is the only other to have an official female name.

I'm sure camogie supporters and Kay's family are disappointed that she lost out but to come second from 85 nominees, in fact to be nominated in the first place was incredible.

It just goes to show how much camogie and sportswomen in general are respected now. There was a time when Kay wouldn't even have been considered. And you don't have to go too far back for that.

I've noticed here in Cork over the past 10 years or so that selection

committees wouldn't think twice of naming a camogie or ladies football player their 'Player of the Year' among what may be a male dominated group. That wouldn't have happened in the past.

There are many reasons for that; the nationwide respect for both codes grew immensely with TV coverage plus the abolition of camogie at 12-a-side in 1999 played a significant role. Locally, the standard and success of both codes, in particular this excellent senior ladies football side, couldn't be ignored any longer.

Last year's All Ireland camogie final was a fantastic spectacle; that massively helps of course and I hope this year's is as good.

## results and fixtures

Michaela Sinead Collins were all to the fore on the score sheet as we ran out winners on a 3-12 to 1-3 scoreline.

Into sport competition: A big thanks to everybody who helped and votes for us and ensured we won out in the competition. Best of luck: We send best of luck to our club mates Patrick Horgan, Stephen McDonnell, Seanie Mc Grath, Mark O'Donnell and Colin Lane who are on the backroom team tomorrow. Corcaigh Abú.

Fixtures: Tuesday Junior B Championship semi final in Castle Road meet at club at 5.15pm. Wed senior summer cup semi final in Glen meet at 6pm. Thursday Under 15 league v St Finbarr's in Glen meet at 6pm.

**KILBRITTAIN / TIMOLEAGUE**  
We played with a slight breeze in the first half and started the better team and were 0-4 to 0-1 ahead but a strong finish to the first half by Valley Rovers saw the sides level at 0-5 a piece. The second half continued until substitute Lisa Moloney rattled the net midway through the second half, and the same

player buried the ball in the net five minutes later. Valleys continued to pressurise till the end, but could find no way through for a goal. Final score Kilb/Timoleague 2-10 Valley Rovers 0-11.

Scorers: Marian Murphy 0-5 (f), Lisa Moloney 2-0, Miriam Deasy 0-4, Sarah Burke 0-1. Team: Eileen O'Neill, Laura Nyhan, Eimear O'Sullivan, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Maeve O'Sullivan, Aine Crowley, Ciara Guinevan, Marian Murphy, Sinead Moloney, Dinah O'Mahony, Siobhan Sexton, Mairiad Dullea, Sarah Burke, Miriam Deasy, Caroline Murphy, Sub: Valda Smith, Laura O'Callaghan, Lisa Moloney, Jennifer Cashman.

**BRIDE ROVERS**  
Junior: Our junior team had a fine win over Courcy Rovers in a rescheduled county championship match on Thursday night. Unfortunately, at time of writing, it does not look like it will be enough for us to progress to the next round of the championship. Thanks to Tom Mulcahy and all the players on the panel for their efforts.  
Under 15: We concluded our U15 summer

league campaign with a fourth straight win. Bride Rovers 4-6 Aghada 1-1. Scorers: Grace Culloty 1-3, Laura Quirke 2-3, Siobhan O'Sullivan 1-0.

Under 14: We have a county league final to look forward to after our U14s had an impressive win over Ballinascorthy in Riverstick last Sunday afternoon.

We started well but left our opponents come back into the game before half-time. A much improved second half performance was forthcoming however and we ran out convincing winners in the end. Well done to all the panel and their manager Oliver, Bride Rovers 7-6 Ballinascorthy 2-3. See [www.bridrovers.ie](http://www.bridrovers.ie) for all club news/events.

**CHARLEVILLE**  
Fixtures: U16 championship away v Ballygarvan 9th Sept. Throw-in time is 6.45pm we will meet at clubhouse and leave at 5pm sharp.

U16 panel: Meadhbh Buckley, Ivana Lee, Sarah Leahy, Iman O'Connell, Caitlin Reynolds, Erin O'Toole, Shauna Walsh, Elizabeth Moloney, Sarah Hanley, Sarah Sexton, Bea Mupada, Tracy Collins, Caoimhe Dore, Michelle Jones, Fiona Neligan, Caitlin Sheehan, Jennifer Moloney, Niamh Kavanagh, Lauren Corrigan, Sinead McMahon, Kathleen Dore, Sonya Wallace.

If anyone else is interested they are very welcome to join.

U14 County Premier: Charleville 4-2 v Ballygarvan 5-6.

Our U14s bowed out of the Championship after reaching the quarter final for the first time in the club's history. We got the hardest side of the draw when pitted against the current Feile county champions. The girls prepared extremely well for this contest. Conditions were poor on the day but this didn't dampen the standard or effort shown in this game. The game started at an extremely high tempo and continued this way till the end.

We took the lead with an early goal from Emily O'Flynn which set us up nicely playing against the wind. It was a very tight game and the half-time score was 1-05 to 2-0 with Fiona Neligan scoring our second goal. We were down two points at the break and playing well. We got off to a great start Michelle Jones scoring a great goal and Fiona Neligan with a lovely point to put us two points to the good. Charleville were starting to dominate and playing some great camogie but Ballygarvan punished us for not clearing our lines on two occasions.

Michelle Jones scored another goal and Fiona Neligan again added a point and with

only four minutes left on the clock Ballygarvan were three points to the good and we had a free from a very dangerous position but it was not to be. Ballygarvan scored a last minute goal to seal the victory and keep them on track for the double this year.

Our girls were extremely disappointed and some tears were shed showing how much it meant to them. We were so close and with a little luck could have shaded it.

Our U14s have blazed the way this year and have led by example always giving their all while behaving brilliantly on and off the field. We are so proud of what this group has done this year and have made it a little easier for the younger girls to follow on next year and from then on. Thanks for a great year and we will have some more games before the year is out. Keep up the great work.

Team: Sonya Wallace, Erin O'Toole, Elizabeth Moloney, Kathleen Dore, Jennifer Moloney, Bea Mupada, Caitlin Sheehan, Michelle Jones (capt. 2-0), Lauren Corrigan, Laura Doyle, Caitlin Reynolds, Fiona Neligan (1-2), Tracy Collins, Emily O'Flynn (1-0), Niamh Kavanagh, Grace Galvin, Caoimhe Dore, Sarah Sexton, Sarah Hanley, Sinead McMahon, Orla O'Donnell, Lucy Costello, Emma Meade, Eimear Haws, Jennifer Moore.



## Ballinhassig second-half goals seal win

Ballinhassig  
St Finbarr's

4-5  
0-5

CAMOGIE

By LINDA MELLERICK

SUCH was the competitiveness of the opening half in this senior county second round championship tie in Ballincollig last evening, that it was hard to see 12 points separating the sides at the full whistle.

But that's what occurred as an extremely tight first thirty minutes opened up and Ballinhassig struck a couple of early second-half goals to put immense pressure on a now chasing St Finbarr's side.

Both sides defensively started very well.

Neither side capitalised on forward possession such as both sets of defender's dominance.

Lynda O'Connell was lording it at centre-back as was her counterpart Emer O'Sullivan at the other end.

With Meabh Cahalane playing deep at times and also winning good ball the Barrs had a healthy supply going forward but Emer O'Sullivan and Miriam Reardon excelled.

Play was bunched at times due to aggressive chasing and harassing by both sides which was commendable and led to a number of frees for over carrying under pressure.

With a similar amount of frees awarded to each side, similar wides and two points apiece on the board it was very evident just how closely matched these sides were for the opening half.

Within a minute of the restart Ballinhassig found the net. Niamh Sheehan's strike

looked to be going over the bar, but it dipped behind Aileen Clarke, who looked to be blinded by the fading sun.

It was almost repeated five minutes later as Deirdre Coomey's strike also found the far side of the net and in a blink of an eye Ballinhassig were up six points.

The Barrs were shell-shocked and in such a tight game it was hard to see how they would recover.

Meabh Cahalane

pulled a point back only for Sheehan and Coomey again to come to the fore stretching Ballinhassig's lead to seven.

Their confidence now peaking, Ballinhassig, with Emer O'Sullivan outstanding and Deirdre Coomey and Emma Jordan thriving, piled the pressure on.

The Barrs weren't finished however and when Caoimhe O'Callaghan was taken down in the square Meabh Cahalane's penalty was their opportunity to peg back the deficit.

The high taken penalty was saved and pushed over the bar.

Still the Barrs pressed but it was all over on fifty two minutes when a great catch was finished superbly by Catriona Collins to the net.

Her second goal, after good work by O'Callaghan, hammering in the final nail a minute later.

St Finbarr's second penalty close to full time, had it been converted, would only have put a better reflection on the scoreboard but such was the night that was in it for the Barrs, that too was saved.

It was a much improved Ballinhassig performance, their first championship win at this level and well deserved.

Scorers for Ballinhassig: Collins 2-1, N Sheehan 1-2, D Coomey 1-1, E Jordan 0-1 (ft).

St Finbarr's: M Cahalane 0-4 (0-3 f, 0-1 pt), R Myers 0-1.

BALLINHASSIG: L Griffin; K Coleman, M Reardon, E O'Donovan, A Coleman, E O'Sullivan, H Cullinane, D Coomey, E Jordan; J O'Leary, A O'Brien, N Sheehan; O Murray, C Collins, C Butler.

Subs: A Gilmartin for A O'Brien (52), C O'Leary for H Cullinane (56), E Mahon for C Butler (in 62).

ST FINBARR'S: A Clarke; J Keating, C Sargent, S McCann; S Punch, L O'Connell, K Mullins; C Ryan, M Cahalane; R Myers, C Sargent, R Finn; T Doyle, C O'Callaghan, V Hosford.

Sub: K Crowley for C Ryan (43).

Ref: Mike Sheehan, Uiscarroll.

## Messiahs lead Cats out of wilderness



Liberty Insurance Senior Camogie  
Championship Final

**GALWAY V KILKENNY**

Sunday: Croke Park, 4pm

Referee: Ger O'Dowd

TV: RTE Two

Bet: Galway 5/6, Kilkenny 6/5, Draw 15/2

**Daragh Ó Conchúir**



In late 2012, Kilkenny camogie chiefs had a big decision to make. The county had just seen an 18th senior championship conclude without the O'Duffy Cup being draped in black and amber. The promise of an appearance in the 2009 All-Ireland final was in danger of coming to naught.

This, in a county that scooped the title 12 times between the first success in 1974 and the last, 20 years later. That run that included the 1985-91 seven-in-a-row.

Drastic action was required and for Kilkenny, looking outside the county bounds for someone to guide their fortunes in anything involving a hurley and sliotar is just about as drastic as you can get.

Niall Williams and Graham Dillon had something about them though. Williams is a Westmeath native who works as a games' promotion officer for Dublin GAA. Dillon is a hurling evangelist from Dublin and the pair have worked together with the camogie teams of DCU and UCD in recent years.

They had seen the cream of the nation's young crop operating at Ashbourne Cup level and noted that what Kilkenny had was equal to any other county. So when they saw there was a vacancy, they felt that a golden opportunity was presenting itself.

"With the calibre of player in Kilkenny, we knew if we could get them all pushing in the one direction, (an All-Ireland final) is what they're capable of," says Dillon.

"This is where they should have been. That was the aim at the start of the year, to be (in Croke Park) on September 15. If we'd any other aim, they wouldn't have bought in."

The Trinity Gaels clubman doesn't know why the apparently unrelenting flow of All-Irelands to Kilkenny was suddenly stemmed.

Nor can he explain why a largely young team failed to kick on after their appearance in the 2009 final, won by Cork.

"Myself and Niall only came in this year. We came in, from outside Kilkenny, with a new approach, with no preconceptions. We opened it up to any camogie-playing girl to come in and have a go."

"We had a big response to it, a lot of girls came in. Most are now involved in the intermediate and senior set-ups. They've pushed on and got their rewards with a place in the All-Ireland final."

Kilkenny topped the most competitive group of the Liberty Insurance senior championship with a 100% record before narrowly edging out Cork in a thrilling semi-final at Semple Stadium last month.

They have the best form of the summer, although their opening-round two-point defeat of Sunday's opponents Galway will have little relevance on proceedings, given both sides' improvement since.

Tony Ward's crew vaulted a major psychological hurdle by finally laying the Wexford bogey to rest in the semi-final and Dillon expects Sunday's decider to go down to the wire.

"We played down in Athenry and barely got over the line in hurricane conditions. Both of us progressed from a very difficult group. They pushed Tipperary aside in the quarter-final, then managed to knock All-Ireland champions Wexford out, without them scoring a point from play."

"They play lovely attacking hurling and it's going to be a big hurdle for us on the 15th. We were very happy that when things were looking like going against us with 10 minutes to go (against Cork), the girls showed steely determination. They believed in themselves and they really finished strong. They were proud of themselves the way they dug deep. They know it won't be easy (in the final) and they're going to have to dig deep again."

## Teacher and pupil face off at Croke

Camogie

by Daragh Ó Conchúir

Ever heard the one about the student who moved to a new school and introduced herself to her teacher with the immortal words "we're going to be playing against each other in the All-Ireland"?

Niamh Breen laughs at the quirk of fate that has brought two Kildare players and one from Laois together in a school in Wicklow, ahead of the sides' Liberty Insurance All-Ireland premier junior camogie final on Sunday.

Breen has been a PE and geography teacher at St Kevin's Community College in Dunlavin for five years. It isn't a long commute from the Narraghmore parish on the other side of the county border, which is why there is nothing unusual for her St Laurence's club mate and fellow Kildare panellist, Deirbhile Byrne to be a sixth year student there.

It is the arrival of Grace O'Neill that



Teacher Niamh Breen with students Grace O'Neill and Deirbhile Byrne.

Picture: Dave Barrett

adds a twist to the tale however.

"The family moved into the area during the summer," explains Breen. "We went back to school last week and Grace came up to me and told me we'd be going up against each other in the All-Ireland final in Croke Park. It was the first time I'd ever laid eyes on her so it was a bit of a surprise."

There has been plenty of fun since.

"I told her the PE classes will be hard this week. We'll run the legs off

her," jokes Breen.

O'Neill is still finding her feet in her new school and Byrne hadn't even met the fifth year student until meeting up to take a photograph to mark their impending Sunday engagement.

Unfortunately, Byrne will not be able to play after damaging her cruciate ligament earlier this season but will be at Croke Park.

Teacher-student relationships will go out the window at Headquarters.

"It's all about the All-Ireland then," says Breen. "We'll all do our best because we all want the same thing."

The 28-year-old has been involved with Kildare for 10 years and was captain when they won the All-Ireland junior A and Leinster titles in 2010, as well as the Division 3 league crown last year. None of those finals were at Croke Park however. "It's great to get to play in Croke Park and to have the memories of that. But we want them to be good memories and memories of a victory. So everyone is 100% focused on that 60 minutes on the pitch."



# Fitzpatrick: 'This year had a different feel'

## PLAYER INTERVIEW

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**LIMERICK** midfielder Deirdre Fitzpatrick is one of seven survivors from the panel that won the 2007 All-Ireland Senior B title.

But alas, Limerick weren't in a position to build on the success of that Ciaran Carey managed side.

This time round Fitzpatrick believes that Limerick is ready for the step-up to the senior ranks, that a win on Sunday would guarantee.

"This year had a different feel - it was all positive," recalled Fitzpatrick, who has played for the last decade.

"It's very disappointing I suppose - when you get to the later years of playing sport every moment counts and every year counts. I wasn't actually playing last year because I had other commitments with work but in the years before you still spent six or seven months training and you often wondered what it was for," she said of the failure to sustain a senior presence after the last All-Ireland win of '07.

"The excitement is almost building since November," he explained of this campaign.

"We started from day one and Joe had a vision and it was a matter of us believing that and going with it and getting behind it - the training started and we had strength and conditioning and diet and everything started to come together. There was a serious build-up from November on and I feel we are in a good position now," said the Killeedy woman.

"The momentum this year was consistent and everyone got on board and the young girls came in and brought a freshness."

The first goal of the year was accomplished with league success and then the younger members of the panel won the Munster junior crown.

On top of that were various challenge games against senior opposition.

"I think we have built up a strength of character as well throughout the year



Behind the scenes: Sunday will be a big day for Limerick camogie and for all its officers as they head for Croke Park. Kevin Holmes (PRO), Fiona Godfrey (Fixtures Secretary), Mairi McMahon (Secretary) and Joe Quaid (Manager) were in the Woodlands Hotel in Adare last Saturday for the press event and will head to GAA headquarters with high hopes on Sunday

and now we are really looking forward to it."

She added: "I am just looking forward to getting to Croke Park for the first time - I have played in an All-Ireland before but never been in Croke Park."

"I have been playing camogie since I was eight and you always dream of getting to Croke Park - I just feel this year it was always within touch."

"This year we have had a tougher journey - we started out well but then had to win against Waterford," he said of the group stages.

While describing playing in Croke Park as "surreal", Fitzpatrick is anxious for all to remain focused.

"It's just another game and we will have to take it minute by minute. It's just another pitch with goalposts."

## LIMERICK CAMOGIE SQUAD

### STARTING TEAM

1. Sile Moynihan (Ahane)
2. Fiona Hickey (Granagh-Ballingarry)
3. Sarah Carey (Granagh-Ballingarry)
4. Judith Mulcahy (Ahane)
5. Mairéad Ryan (Galbally)
6. Michelle Casey (Killeedy) Captain
7. Rebecca Delee (Newcastle West)
8. Deirdre Fitzpatrick (Killeedy)
9. Katie Campbell (Na Piarasigh)
10. Caoimhe Costello (Adare)
11. Niamh Mulcahy (Ahane)
12. Deborah Murphy (Knockaderry)
13. Marie Keating (Killeedy)
14. Mary O'Callaghan (Bruff)
15. Dymphna O'Brien (Killeedy)

### SUBS

16. Claire Keating (Cappamore)
17. Janet Garvey (Tournafulla)
18. Noreen Barry (Killeedy)

19. Mairéad Fitzgerald (Granagh-Ballingarry)
20. Karen O'Leary (Newcastle West)
21. Aoife Wilson (Na Piarasigh)
22. Elaine Kennedy (Newcastle West)
23. Brid Hannan (Croagh-Kilfinny)
24. Meadhbh O'Neill (Galbally)
25. Orla Cunningham (Killeedy)
26. Sarah Crotty (Ahane)
27. Katie Hennessy (Ballygran)
28. Caitrin DeBhal (Feenagh-Kilmeedy)
29. Donna Mulcahy (Killeedy)
30. Jane Wilson (Na Piarasigh)
31. Aishling McCartan (Newcastle West)
32. Patricia Liston (Newcastle West)

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Manager** - Joe Quaid (Murroe-Boher)  
**Selectors** - Ger Sheehy Anne Herbert (both Newcastle West)  
**First Aid** - Sara Fitzgerald  
**Liason Officer** - James Moynihan

From stark beginnings  
Quaid stands on title brink

## LIMERICK V GALWAY

**Date:** Sunday, September 15  
**Venue:** Croke Park  
**Throw-in:** 2pm

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IN May 2012, Joe Quaid, as Limerick GAA Coaching Officer, was one of the mediators involved in a series of meetings to kick-start the Limerick camogie set-up.

Limerick had just completed a best forgotten league and were facing into the championship with a panel numbered no more than 20-players.

Fast forward 16-months and the former All-Star goal-keeper leads a 32-strong Limerick panel to Croke Park and one win away from the senior ranks.

"I was told the talent was there and it was a case of putting the structure in place and I believe that when you do that, you will get the necessary response," said Quaid.

"I told them that I would get them to Croke Park - maybe it was a bit cheeky, given where they were coming from but that had to be the target," explained the manager.

Limerick played juniors finalists Laois and Kildare last week to finalise preparations and Quaid reports all is well.

"We just hope that perform on the day. They are young and it's a huge occasion for them - Sunday is as big for them as it was for the hurlers of Clare and Cork last Sunday."

He added: "It's the biggest day of their lives".

"Limerick camogie is in a good place and the next step is to get up senior and the best way to do that is to win on Sunday," outlined the Murroe-Boher clubman.

Limerick travelled to Croke Park last Saturday to familiarise themselves with the stadium and the manager is happy that the occasion won't be an issue.

"I've played in two finals there and it's the best stadium in the world to play in, but it's the worst stadium in the world to lose in," said Quaid, who has already guided Limerick to Division Two league honours this season.

Limerick are bidding to win the second tier championship for a third time - following 1996 and 2007.

Sunday's All-Ireland intermediate final is live on RTE television, with a 2.00 start in Croke Park.



# 10 QUESTIONS

Fiona Hickey, Limerick camogie player



Granagh-Ballingarry's Fiona Hickey is one of three from her club in the panel for Sunday's All-Ireland final. The defender is the subject of this week's Q & A feature.

**1. If you could play with any player, past or present, who would it be?**  
Meadhbh Nash or Laura Leslie

**2. If you could revisit any one moment in your career and go back and change it, what moment would you choose?**  
Last year's club county final... devastating

**3. Who do you think is Limerick's greatest ever sports person?**  
Couldn't really look past Paul O'Connell... what a hero

**4. You're a point down in the last minute of a big game. What team-mate would you most like to see with the ball 40 yards from goal?**  
Niamh Mulcahy is a reliable old sort I suppose

**5. What young player would you say is 'one to watch' in your own club?**  
We are lucky to have a few great young players who are a super addition to our senior team... you know who you are girls! Would have to say that Eimear Morrissey is one to watch from the underage

ranks.... She's got a great pedigree behind her!

**6. What's the worst thing that ever happened to you on the camogie field?**  
Don't want to jinx it or anything but I have never been seriously injured on a playing field, have never broken a bone or even gotten a stitch! Long may it last!

**7. Who was the best player you played against at underage level growing up?**  
Would have to be Sinead McAuliffe from Ballyagran... ALWAYS ended up marking her at underage level

**8. You can have two free tickets to any sports event in the world. What would you go to and who would you bring with you?**  
World Cup Final in Brazil next July! Suppose if I got two free tickets I'd have to bring myself

**9. What top sports star would you most like to hit a late challenge?**  
Rafa Nadal... he just grinds my gears!

**10. What four people would you invite to a dinner party?**  
Novak Djokovic, James Cordon, Jack Whitehall and Amy Huberman for some female company. Would be a ridiculously entertaining evening.

## ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE FINAL



Girl power: Limerick camogie players Fiona Hickey, Deirdre Fitzpatrick and Captain Michelle Casey are looking forward to Sunday's All Ireland intermediate camogie final against Galway in Croke Park

# Casey ready for her Croke Park dream

## LIMERICK CAPTAIN

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**KILLEEDY'S Michelle Casey leads Limerick's camogie team to Croke Park on Sunday - the first time since 1980.**

The longest serving member of the Limerick side, the dream of playing in GAA Headquarters has spurred Casey to remain part of the camogie set-up through thick and thin.

"For me, I always had the dream of playing in Croke Park," said the centre back.

"Limerick has been up and down over the years in regards achievement but I was always very proud to play and love the game and the sport and it's great to be part of a team," she explained.

"This year I wouldn't want to be in any other place - from early on in the year our preparations showed that there was a different attitude."

She continued: "Croke Park is the right place to be

in September. In the past the competition was Senior B and wasn't given the status it deserved but since 2010 when it was moved to Croke Park it was a great incentive for all the teams".

"When you start out at the start of the year and the prize is Croke Park in September it's a big incentive to put in all the hard work," she said.

"We have come very close in other years when the difference was maybe one or two points on semi-final day and that was very disappointing. This year there

has been a different buzz around the place - we have a team around us whereas in the past it was a couple of individuals trying to do all the work."

Certainly Joe Quaid brought a new professional to the panel.

"The team bought into that and we saw that there was a different attitude and the players drove on and there was success in the league and the Munster junior championship. It's hugely exciting and everyone wants to be part of it," said the Limerick captain.



**FINAL COUNTDOWN:** Galway captain Lorraine Ryan and Kilkenny captain Michelle Quilty in Croke Park yesterday ahead of Sunday week's All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final.

Picture: Sportfile



# THE PLAYER

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH KILDARE'S CLUB GAA PLAYERS

## THIS SPORTING LIFE

Between football, camogie and basketball, Kildare star Roisin O'Connell hardly has time to stand still but this week she'll only be thinking about one thing as she prepares to play in Croke Park

### LIFESTYLE CHOICE

At the moment, I have a camogie match on a Monday night, then on a Tuesday night it would be normally football. On Wednesday and Friday you are with the county, I'm supposed to be in Johnstownbridge on Thursday night but I have to take a break somewhere. On Saturday morning, I'm normally over in Johnstown and maybe have a match with the county and on Sunday I'm with the county again. I'm pretty much out every day of the week. In school, I'm training teams there as well. My basketball training with Ballyroan Mavericks is also due to start back this Wednesday but I've told them I can't go near them until we are finished with the All-Ireland.

### SPORTING CHILDHOOD

My love of sport started with me going around to matches with Mammy and Daddy, they played squash, table tennis, hurling, football, Mammy played hockey in Laois as well. They kind of had a foot in everything, Daddy had horses as well, so I couldn't escape it really. So I was very well trained as a young one and I really enjoyed, I had it in school too because I was lucky enough to have Michelle Aspell coaching me basketball all the way through primary school so that's what kicked off the love of basketball. I didn't take up camogie until I was in transition year. I would have been tipping around in the back with Daddy or Mammy or Miriam or whoever else was there. When Daddy was refereeing I would be out with him pucking around at half time but I never played competitively until I started playing minor football with the county and that's where I met Clodagh Flanagan and that is how I got to Johnstownbridge.

In school all the way up basketball would have been my number one sport, I was playing football as well they would have been the main ones but

I was doing Irish dancing and I played badminton for Leinster too. I was on the Leinster squad for three or four years so that was me up in Baldoyle every weekend training and we also got a few trips away to Cardiff and around Wales. When I got into third year I had to give something up because I had to find time for my junior cert so the

badminton had to go.

### CAMOGIE

I was quite skilful as a young one so the only thing was the playing around people. I found the hooking and the blocking very daunting for a while and that was what I had to get used to. I had all the skills but I just had to get used to doing it with people around me and to get used to doing it under pressure. I suppose the hand eye co-ordination from the badminton would definitely have been a help with it too.

### RECOVERY

I'm very bad for using the foam rollers, I should be using them but normally I'll go to the swimming pool, that's where I do my main recovery session. I'll do my own

stretching then at home as well and if I get really bad I'll go off to the physio and do what they tell me. If I do get a night off I try to spend it with the other half, he's a Laois hurler so it's hard to get time together because we are so busy.

### NUTRITION

I'm always very conscious of what I am eating. I'd have my usual meal but I'd change it around depending on whether I have a match or training. On a normal day I get up and have porridge and then in break time in school

homemade brown bread with scrambled egg.

### THE FUTURE

When the county finishes we'll probably continue on with the club, the club have big aspirations so hopefully we'll be going until the middle of October and probably a little bit after. Then there is the basketball as well. Once the county finishes we'll probably go to three nights a week with the club so I might get one or two extra nights to myself but it will still be busy.

Next summer I am planning to go travelling because to be honest I think I need a break from the inter-county scene because I am at it for the last couple of years and I just think I am at the stage where I need a break. I would never give it up but I would maybe take a year out, maybe. It's tough going, it's emotionally and psychologically stressful because I'm a PE teacher in school and I'm on my feet all day there training teams during the day and after school. I'm flat out in school and then I go from one busy schedule to whole different life in the evening. I think I'll have to take a rest at some stage next year but it would be only a break for a short time, I might go away for the month of June or something like that. I do plan to do that because you have to get a balance between your work life, your social life and your sporting life and there has probably been times in the past when I haven't got the balance right.

In conversation with Ger McNally

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I'd have my nuts and my fruit but if I am training that night I'd have my big dinner at lunch time and then have a little snack before the session and then eat again after that. I do have a sweet tooth but I do try to watch everything I eat. Because a lot of the matches are at 2pm at the moment, I'd normally have a bowl of porridge on the morning of a game with some mixed nuts in it and then some toasted



Roisin O'Connell



Roisin O'Connell (extreme right) with Melissa Lyons, Siobhan Hurley and Eimear Hurley ahead of the All-Ireland Premier Junior Camogie Final

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# Meet the Kilkenny players

## EMMA KAVANAGH

(Rower-Inistioge).  
Honours: 1 County Intermediate Championship; 1 Leinster Club Intermediate Championship; Minor and under-21 County Championship medals; 1 Feile medal 2007; Leinster Minor and Senior Medals.

## MAIREAD POWER

(Carriekshock).  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals (St. Brigid's Callan); 2 Purcell Cup medals (DCU); 2 All-Ireland Under-16 medals; 2 All-Ireland Minor medals; 1 Leinster Senior Championship medal.

## KATE McDONALD

(Thomastown).  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals (St. Brigid's Callan); Under-14, Under-16, Minor & Under-21 County Championship medals; 3 All-Ireland Under-16 medals; 4 All-Ireland Minor medals; 1 National League medal; 3 Leinster Senior Championship medals. Captained Kilkenny to Under-16 All-Ireland in 2007.

## JACQUI FRISBY

(Ballyhale Shamrocks).  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Junior Championship medal; 1 National League medal; 1 All-Ireland Schools B medal; Leinster Under-14, Under-16, Minor & Senior medals. Captained Kilkenny to All-Ireland Junior Championship in 2002, All-Star 2009.

## LEANNE FENNELLY

(Mullinavat).  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal (St. Brigid's College Callan); 2 County Senior Championship medals; 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals; 3 All-Ireland Minor medals; 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal; 1 All-Ireland Junior Football Championship medal; 3 Leinster Senior Championship medals. Captained St. Brigid's College Callan to Colleges All-Ireland medal in 2008.

## EDWINA KEANE

(St Martin's, Muckalee).  
Honours: 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals; 3 All-Ireland Minor medals; 1 National League medal; 3 Leinster Senior Championship medals.

## ELAINE AYLWARD

(Mullinavat).  
Honours: 2 County Senior Championship medals; 5 Leinster Senior Championship medals; 1 National League medal; All-Star 2009.

## CLAIRE PHELAN

(Lisdowney).  
Honours: 3 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals; 2 All-Ireland Junior Colleges medals; 1 Intermediate County Championship medal (2010); Under-16 & Minor All-Ireland medals; Leinster Senior Championship medal.

## AN DALTON

(St Lachtain's, Freshford).  
Honours: 3 Ashbourne Cup medals; 3 All-Ireland Senior Club medals; All-Ireland Minor medal; 3 Leinster Senior medals; 1 National League medal; 2 All-Stars; Camogie Player of the year in 2009. Captained Kilkenny in 2009 All-Ireland Final.

## KATIE POWER

(Piltown).  
Honours: 4 Ashbourne Cup medals; Captained W.I.T to Ashbourne Cup in 2012; 1 County Junior Championship; 4 Leinster Senior medals; 2 All-Ireland Under-16 medals; 3 All-Ireland Minor medals; 1 National League medal.

## AISLING DUNPHY

(St Brigid's, Ballycallan).  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal; 1 All-Ireland Junior Colleges medal; 3 Under-16 All-Ireland medals; 2 All-Ireland Minor medals; 2 Leinster Senior medals. Captained Loreto to All-Ireland Senior Colleges title in 2010.

## COLETTE DORMER

(Paulstown).  
Honours: 4 Ashbourne Cup

medals; Under-16 All-Ireland; 2 All-Ireland Minor medals; 1 National League medal; 1 Intermediate All-Ireland; 3 Leinster Senior medals; County Junior Championship.

## SHELLY FARRELL

(Thomastown).  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals; 2 Ashbourne Cup medals; Under-14, Under-16, Minor & Under-21 County Championship medals; 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals; 2 Minor All-Ireland medals. Captained Kilkenny to Under-16 All-Ireland in 2008; 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal; 1 Leinster Senior medal.

## DEISE GALE

(Windgap).  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals; 4 Ashbourne Cup medals; Minor, Under-21 & Intermediate County Championship medals; 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals; 2 All-Ireland Minor medals; 1 Intermediate All-Ireland; 2 Leinster Senior medals; Camogie Young Player of the Year in 2009.

## AODHE NEARY

(James Stephens).  
Honours: Under-16, Minor & Junior County Championship medals; 1 Junior All-Ireland medal; 1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges B medal; Leinster Under-14, Under-16, Minor, Junior & Senior medals; 1 National League medal; 2 All-Stars.

## ANN MARTELENNON

(Blacks and Whites).  
Honours: 3 Ashbourne Cup medals; 1 Intermediate All-Ireland; 1 Leinster Senior; Under-16 & Minor All-Ireland medals.

## GRACE WALSH

(Tullaroan).  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Colleges Junior medals; 3 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals; Leinster Under-16, Minor & Senior medals. All-Ireland Under-16 & Minor medals.

## MICHELLE QUILTY

Captain (Mullinavat).  
Honours: 4 Ashbourne Cup medals; 2 County Senior Championship medals; 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals; 3 All-Ireland Minor medals; 4 Leinster Senior medals; 1 National League medal.

## KELLY HAMILTON

(Rower-Inistioge).  
Honours: All-Ireland Senior Colleges B medal; County & Leinster Intermediate Championship medals; Under-21 County B Championship medal; Feile medal 2007; Leinster Under-14, Under-16 & Minor medals; 1 Leinster Senior medal.

## MIRIAM WALSH

(Tullaroan).  
Honours: 3 All-Ireland Junior Colleges medals; 4 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals; Captained Loreto to 2013 Senior Colleges All-Ireland; Leinster Under-14, Under-16, Minor & Senior medals; 1 All-Ireland Minor medal.

## EMMA CONNOR

(Young Irelands, Gowran).  
Honours: 2 Ashbourne Cup medals; 2 All-Ireland Junior Colleges medals; 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals; Under-16 County Championship medal; Leinster Under-16, Minor & Senior medals; All-Ireland Under-16 & Minor medals.

## SARAH ANNE QUILLAN

(Young Irelands, Gowran).  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Colleges Junior medals; 3 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals; Under-16 County Championship medal; Leinster Under-14, Under-16 & Minor Championship medals.

## MAGS FENNELLY

(Ballyhale Shamrocks).  
Honours: Intermediate Leinster League & County League medals 2012. Leinster & All-Ireland Minor medal 2009.

## ADIE FAHY

(Tullaroan).  
Honours: Ashbourne Cup

medal; Intermediate County Championship; 1 National League medal; 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal; 4 Leinster Senior medals.

## LISA CAREY

(Thomastown).  
Honours: 2 Purcell Cups (DCU); County Roinn A U14, U16, U18 & U21 medals. 2 Purcell All-Stars.

## MEAVE MANSFIELD

(St Martin's, Muckalee).  
Honours: 1 Ashbourne Cup medal with W.I.T; 1 Colleges League medal with W.I.T; 1 Minor All-Ireland medal; 2 Leinster Minor medals; 1 U-16A All-Ireland medal; 1 U-16A Leinster medal; 1 Colleges C All-Ireland medal; 1 Leinster Colleges C medal.

## CLAIRE AYLWARD

(Mullinavat).  
Honours: 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal; 1 All-Ireland B Colleges medal; 2 Senior County Championship medals; 2 U-21 A County Championship medals; Captained Kilkenny Minor Leinster Final Team; Kilkenny Centenary Junior Player of the Year 2004.

## ADINE KINSELLA

(Mullinavat).  
Honours: Senior County League & Championship medals 2010/2012 Leinster Senior medal 2013. Leinster U16 medal 2009. Leinster U18 2011/2012. Munster Intermediate Colleges Cup 2011. U16C County Championship 2010.

## MARY O'CONNELL

(Clara).  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Minor medal; Leinster U-14 & U-16 medals; 2 All-Ireland Seven-A-Side Colleges medals; Leinster B Minor & Junior Colleges medals; 1 Leinster Senior medal.

## SANDIA BUGGY

(Dicksboro).  
Honours: 1 U16 All-Ireland medal; 2 U16 Leinster medals; 2 Minor All-Ireland medals; 2 Junior Colleges All-Ireland

medals; 3 Senior Colleges All-Ireland medals; 1 Colleges Seven-A-Side All-Ireland medals; 6 Leinster Colleges medals; County Junior & Intermediate Club Championship medals.

## NIAMH BAMBRICK

(Windgap).  
Honours: U14 A, U16A, 2 Minor A, U21 A County Championship medals; 2 Minor A All-Ireland Runner Up medals; 2 Minor A Leinster medals; Senior A Colleges Leinster medal; Senior A Colleges All-Ireland medal; 1 Leinster Senior medal.

## AISLING NOLAN

(Clara).  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Minor medal; 2 All-Ireland Seven-A-Side Colleges medals; Leinster B Junior & Minor Colleges medals; U-14 Leinster Medal.

## MEGAN FARRELL

(Thomastown).  
Honours: Senior A & B All-Ireland Colleges medals; 2 Interprovincial Colleges medals with Leinster; 1 Minor All-Ireland medal 2013 (Captain); 3 Leinster Senior Colleges; 3 U16 Leinster medals; U14, U16, Minor & U21 County Championship medals.

## LYDIA FITZPATRICK

(St Lachtain's, Freshford).  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Minor medal; 4 All-Ireland Colleges Senior medals; 3 All-Ireland Junior medals; 3 All-Ireland Colleges 7-A-Side medals; 2 Leinster minor medals; 2 Leinster U-16 medals; 2 Leinster U-14 medals; 4 Leinster Colleges Senior medals; 4 Leinster Colleges Junior medals; 2 Leinster Colleges Minor medals; 3 Leinster Colleges 7-A-Side medals; 2 Kilkenny Senior Club Championship medals; 1 Kilkenny U-14 Club Championship medal.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Niall Williams, Graham Dillon, John Joe Aylward, Tom Doherty, Liz Dempsey.

## The key battles in Sunday's final

### Aisling Dunphy v Therese Maher

Aisling has really revelled in the centre-forward position since starting in the Leinster final victory down in New Ross against Wexford. She ran Mary Leacy ragged that June Bank Holiday weekend, and since then, the NUIG Galway student has been instrumental in helping Kilkenny reach the All-Ireland final. The Kilkenny centre-forward was superb in the semi-final victory against Cork, as her high industrial work rate was

a vital factor in helping secure a priceless victory. A similar performance will be required. Therese Maher is Galway's most experienced player, and the Athenry club lady has been a solid and consistent performer for so many years. If Dunphy can contain the influence of the Galway centre-back, it will be one step closer to achieving a Kilkenny victory.

### Ann Dalton v Niamh Kilkenny

The 2009 player of the year and captain of Kilkenny has

returned to action after being away on foreign travels. Dalton is the heartbeat of the team. If she plays well, then Kilkenny play well. The Threecastles native has yet to recapture her very best form during the championship, although she has shown glimpses of her best.

Niamh Kilkenny is a lethal force when she is given space. Certainly that was the case in the 2011 All-Ireland semi-final between the counties when she scored 0-4 from play in a tour de force display. The

Pearse's club lady scored 1-2 in Galway's All-Ireland semi-final victory over Wexford, so needless to say Kilkenny will need to mark Miss Kilkenny very tightly.

That's why the midfield area will be crucial. Aisling Dunphy will surely track back and help the middle sector like she did so splendidly in the semi-final, while Claire Phelan (if selected to start) who has performed impressively throughout the championship will have a vital part to play also in an attempt

to subdue Galway dictating proceedings from the middle area. If Dalton can sparkle, then it could be the catalyst for a Kilkenny victory.

Jacqui Frisby v Brenda Hanney  
Brenda Hanney has been a real handful for Kilkenny in the past with her aerial threat. The Killimor club lady is part of a formidable full-forward line that includes her clubmate Anne Marie Hayes and 19-year-old Ailish O'Reilly, who was a revelation in the

semi-final. Jacqui is an experienced operator, and along with Mairead Power and Kate McDonald in Kilkenny's full-back line, she has performed well in the championship. Frisby completely curtailed the influence of Hanney in the opening round of the championship, and she will be hoping for a repeat showing. Anne-Marie Hayes will be listed at full-forward, but expect her to drift out the field as she has done throughout the championship. If that



# IN THE NAME OF HER MOTHER AND FATHER

## O'Connell hoping to emulate parents at Croke Park

The O'Connells may well be the first family of Kildare GAA – on Sunday Roisin hopes to follow in the footsteps of her parents by winning an All-Ireland with her county

By Ger McNally

IF ever a child was destined for sporting success then it was surely Roisin O'Connell. O'Connell, a PE teacher at Oaklands Community College in Edenderry, developed a love of sport from her parents and at the moment plays camogie for Johnstownbridge and Kildare, football for Ballykelly, basketball for Ballyroan Shamrocks. Previously she has devoted huge time to badminton and Irish dancing.

Her father, Jack, was a highly decorated hurler who won county titles into his 40s with Coill Dubh as well as six All-Ireland titles for Kildare. After such a distinguished career it was no surprise to see him named on the Kildare hurling team of the millennium.

It's not just on the male side of the family where O'Connell's sporting brilliance lies because Roisin's mother was also voted onto the Kildare camogie team of the millennium. Nuala Malone captained Kildare to Leinster success in 1969 and 1981 and the proud mother will be in Croke Park on Sunday to see her daughter follow in her footsteps by running out on the hallowed Croke Park surface.

As Nuala recalls, they were very different times back in 1969.

"It was a different game altogether back then. We had no dressing rooms, we just got changed at the side of the pitch, throw all the clothes in a bundle and get on with. We had no transport back then either. I lived in Allenwood but was playing for Rathcoffey so whoever was the secretary of the club at the time would come and collect me at the bridge in Allenwood. We were all the same back then, nobody had transport. In fact we used to ride bicycles to some of the matches. Transport was lot different back then, there were ten of us in the family, eight lads and two girls and our father was a Bord Na Mona worker. Money was to rear the family and that kind of thing, there was no thoughts of buying a car."

Nuala was just 17 when she captained Kildare in the Leinster junior camogie final in Croke Park in 1969 but there was no All-Ireland series for camogie at the time.

"It was just an ordinary game that happened to be in Croke Park, there was no such thing as a fuss or anything like that. You brought two huris, got your lift to Croke Park and that was it. Kildare played three matches against Louth in Croke Park that day and we were the only ones to win. The hurlers and the footballers played and lost and

then we won our final in the third of the games in the evening. That was 27 July, 1969. It was all the old stand there at the time. It was Croke Park and we were delighted to be at Croke Park but when we won there was no such thing as celebrating, we just came back to Lawlor's Hotel in Naas which was there at the time. That was the only time we got a cup of tea and a sandwich after a game, not like they have nowadays when they get their food after training

and matches. We never got nothing like that."

12 years later, Nuala again captained Kildare to Leinster success although that final wasn't played at Croke Park. There were also O'Connell family links to the 1990 team that lifted an All-Ireland Junior title with Nuala's sister-in-law, Miriam Malone, captaining the team.

Should Kildare emulate the '69 team and lift silverware at Croke

Park on Sunday, the celebrations are likely to be a little more raucous than back in those innocent times.

"It's great for the whole lot of them and it's going to be great for us," said Nuala. "Myself and Jack played at Croke Park so it will be great to see Roisin follow in those footsteps. Not that we were pushing her towards that, don't get me wrong, she has done it all herself. We do encourage her but sometimes she thinks that encouragement is giving out to her. Everybody we are talking to on both sides of the family is talking about going now. We'll have to wait until Sunday to see who turns up but it's going to be a great occasion for them."

It's an occasion that Roisin is determined to enjoy but is equally determined to return home with a trophy. The team was in Croke Park last weekend to take a tour of the ground which will hopefully help with any nerves that might kick in.

"We just had a look around," said Roisin. "We saw the Liam McCarthy Cup and we were in the dressing room that we will be in next week. We weren't allowed on the pitch but when we were looking out we said that if you just focus on the goals and the pitch it's just the same as any pitch."

Once we get into the warm-up and get the first five minutes over we'll be fine. All year we have been saying we have to get to Croke, we have to get to Croke but now but now the focus is completely on winning the game."



Nuala O'Connell with her daughter, Roisin, ahead of this year's All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final - Nuala captained Kildare to Leinster success in 1969 and 1981

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NICKEY BRENNAN

# Cats can deliver camogie success

Despite Kilkenny's prominence in the hurling world over many decades it was 1970 before the county contested its first All-Ireland camogie final.

That game ended in bitter disappointment following an eleven point loss to Cork. The same county was also to the fore two years later when Kilkenny was again defeated, this time by four points.

Despite those results the gap between the two counties was narrowing. 1974 saw the O'Duffy Cup arrive in Kilkenny for the first time when a team captained by Teresa O'Neill defeated Cork on a score of 3-3 to 1-5.

To date Kilkenny has won twelve All-Ireland titles. This, though, is a long way behind the two leaders, Dublin (26 titles) and Cork (24 titles).

Further titles followed for Kilkenny in 1976 and 1977 but it was the eighties and early nineties which was to herald a golden era for Kilkenny camogie.

Knowledgeable followers of the game will no doubt have differing views as to the greatest camogie team of all time but for certain that Kilkenny

squad which captured nine titles between 1981 and 1994 had incredible talent.

### BARREN PERIOD

Many of the players from that period were also involved in the first three title successes. Since 1994 it has been a very barren period for Kilkenny camogie at senior level.

The county has contested four All-Ireland finals since 1994 losing each one. Cork took the honours on two occasions (1995 & 2009) and our neighbours Tipperary were successful in 1999 and 2001.

Cork was by far the better team in 2009 when defeating Kilkenny by eight points. That defeat could yet have a lot of relevance next Sunday.

Kilkenny will now face different opponents in Galway. I have no doubt that the hurt and disappointment the players felt four years ago will be an important motivating factor next Sunday.

It is difficult to fathom why Kilkenny has not won an All-Ireland title since 1994. The standard in other counties certainly improved but in

truth it was also a case of Kilkenny losing its focus both on and off the pitch.

Kilkenny has enjoyed tremendous success at underage level in the past decade. This was not confined to the inter-county scene as Second Level Schools also enjoyed considerable successes.

### DAY OF DESTINY

It has been a slow and frustrating process at times wondering if the young stars would finally make their mark. Next Sunday is their day of destiny.

In 2009 Cork was still a major force and Kilkenny had a number of inexperienced players in their team. It was a chastening experience for the players but one that will hopefully stand them in good stead next Sunday.

The lore of the Leinster camogie championship may have lessened but Kilkenny's victory over Wexford some months ago was a defining moment. The belief and determination shown by the players since that day has been evident in all their championship outings this year.

A championship victory

**It has been a slow process wondering if the young stars would make their mark. Sunday is their day of destiny.**

over Galway some months ago should not lull Kilkenny into a belief that Sunday's final will be easy. It will be far from it.

Galway has its own motivation after suffering disappointing defeats to Wexford in the 2010 and 2011 All-Ireland Finals. The Westerners' underage policy is also paying dividends and with a number of experienced players in their side they will be formidable opponents.

Kilkenny showed plenty of heart and determination with a stunning victory over Cork in the semi. We witnessed a side growing in maturity and self-belief. Niall Williams and Graham Dillon know many of the players from their involvement with Third Level Colleges and they have worked wonders.

Galway also had an impressive win in their semi against reigning champions Wexford. They will be confident of winning another title to go with their sole success in 1996 against Cork.

Kilkenny has been on a mission since the start of the year. The players' moment of truth is at hand. They have the talent and determination to erase 19 years of disappointment. Go for it!



Daragh O Conchuir

**T**HERE has been no public declaration, for that wouldn't be her way. But on Sunday, Therese Maher will play her last game for Galway.

It will mark the end of an era and the camogie family in 31 counties will be hoping that the conclusion comes with a fitting exclamation mark. It says it all about Maher as a person and a genuine superstar of the game that Kilkenny folk would understand the sentiment.

The pursuit of that elusive All-Ireland medal has kept the 32-year-old going for exactly half her lifetime.

She has endured through the good, bad and ugly of Galway camogie, being recognised with four All Stars along the way and earning a nickname among her team-mates you're pretty certain she is uncomfortable with - The Queen.

The Athenry clubwoman, who began her career with the Shamrocks in her native Loughrea, is the David Brady of camogie. She has lost seven senior All-Irelands - five for the county and two with Athenry.

Yet it all began so well. A winner of U-16 titles in 1996 and 1997, she probably thought she was in for a medal-laden career. It didn't turn out that way and so, here she still is, railing against the tide, a controlled fury dragging her and the team back for one more year.

## RELEVANCE

Don't be mistaken, though. She hasn't overstayed her welcome. As her form in the semi-final victory over Wexford proved, she is still at the top. Her relevance is not confined to experience and leadership. She remains Galway's best player.

How has that happened? The competitiveness probably comes from being one of 11 children born to Vincent and Mary Maher. Therese was quickly inculcated in the ways of the caman and sliotar by her late parents.

The brothers have won county titles. Two of her sisters, Dymphna and Gretta, were members of Galway's sole All-Ireland-winning panel in 1996. Another sister - Imelda - was part of the squad that claimed a first league crown two years previously.

Therese just missed out on the All-Ireland, being brought into the panel in 1997 by Tony Ward, who in a neatly symmetrical quirk of fate, is back in charge and will oversee her final day.

Sharon Glynn, who along with Maher, is considered one of Galway's greatest players, was a well-established national figure by that stage. Glynn first saw Maher as a 13-year-old and recognised the potential.

She recalls her making her debut as

a sub in the All-Ireland semi-final in Loughrea against Kilkenny three years later.

She had not yet turned 16, was thin and lanky, and her helmet was too big. But she could play and had no fear.

"She was only a child," says Glynn. "But it was evident from day one that she would be a leader. She came on against seasoned campaigners."

"The first ball goes into her corner - I can still remember it. She goes down after it. Picks it, takes on the player, takes a bit of timber and just didn't wilt with it at all. You knew she was a special player."

"She learned her trade very quickly and at 21 or 22, she was the backbone of Galway and you were looking up to

her at that stage of her life. She always had that leadership quality and is a real team woman."

That year would mark the first All-Ireland loss though. Another would follow 12 months later and it was 10 years before Galway returned to centre stage. Glynn was manager in 2005 and made Maher captain as they won the league. But there were plenty of heavy defeats along the way. They hurt. But losing All-Ireland finals hurt more.

Maher was captain once again in 2010 and her blank expression and monotone post-match interview answers is an all too vivid memory.

She got married at the end of the year to David Donoghue and the speculation was that she would call it

The pursuit of that elusive All-Ireland medal has kept 32-year-old Therese Maher going for exactly half her lifetime

# Queen of Tribes Maher makes last stand for All-Ireland glory

to continue making the necessary sacrifices after all these years.

She isn't the first to say that no one would begrudge Maher the medal. Maher doesn't need this to validate her greatness, but there's a genuine desire not just in Galway, but around the country for her to get it.

"We often say in Galway, if only we had two more Thereses," jokes Glynn. "No 6 is her best position, facing the ball and keeping the whole ship tight."

"When she was centre-forward, we were creating more and scoring more. If we could have her at centre-back, midfield and centre-forward, we'd have a few All-Irelands now."

Darren Kelly is PRO of the Galway board and has been camogie correspondent at Galway Bay FM since 2008. His admiration for Maher matches that of Glynn and Leacy.

"She is one of Galway's greatest players of all time," says Kelly.

"If she finally wins that All-Ireland medal on Sunday, it is my opinion, and the opinion of others, that she will be THE greatest player to have ever played camogie for Galway."

One last stand.

quits then. Instead, she was back again at HQ the following September, giving an imperious display in her new position at centre-back, having previously done most of her work up front. It still wasn't enough though.

Mary Leacy marked her as Wexford inflicted defeat in 2008 and 2010. Given those experiences, plus her status as one of the most complete centre-backs in the game, Leacy is well placed to talk about Maher's talents.

"She's a very tough opponent," said Leacy. "You could describe her as a natural centre-back. She's very good at reading the game. A leader - and you need leaders to win an All-Ireland."

Leacy marvels at Maher's willingness

## Kilkenny aiming to finish on grace note

Malachy Clerkin

Senior team will be out to fill most of the glaring gap in their championship CVs

In the week leading up to this year's All-Ireland Colleges Camogie final, KCLR dutifully relayed the poor mouth being played by the back-room staff of the Loreto School's team that was about to take on St Brigid's of Loughrea.

Despite the fact Loreto were going for their fourth All-Ireland in a row, the third of which was won a year previously with a 4-11 to 1-10 victory over the self-same Loughrea school, there was no question of anyone getting ahead of themselves.

"We'll go in as outsiders," said Barry O'Neill of Loreto.

Kilkenny to the studs on their boots. Loreto held Loughrea to three scores from play all day on their way to a 1-11 to 1-6 victory. It was the sixth year in a row

for the Colleges A title to go to a Kilkenny school.

In the junior ranks, Loreto completed a five-in-a-row with a 1-14 to 2-2 win, also over Loughrea. Add in the fact Kilkenny have won five of the last eight All-Ireland minor titles - and been runners-up twice in that time - and you're left with a single glaring anomaly. Kilkenny haven't won a senior All-Ireland since 1994.

## Dominance

In an era of barely-checked dominance by the male of the species, Kilkenny have only occasionally been able to make a final. The closest they've come was a one-point defeat to Tipperary in 1999 and if that was seen as progress, it was obliterated by a 16-point hammering by the same side two years later. Tomorrow will only be their fifth final in 19 years. How come? "I don't know," says Grace Walsh, sister of Tommy and wing forward on the side that takes on Galway tomorrow.

"People going away, management changing. Last year wasn't really a great year for us because everyone was gone

away on JIs but this year everyone is back and we have a new management from outside the county. I think everyone of us just really wanted it this year."

If Graham Dillon and Niall Williams are unlikely saviours, it's only because Kilkenny went outside their own to find them.



Grace Walsh, sister of Tommy Walsh and wing forward on the side that takes on Galway

After an early exit, at the quarter-final stage, last summer, the job lay vacant for three months as nobody put their hand up to take it. Dillon is a Dub, Williams from Westmeath, and as a duo they'd had success at DCU in the Ashbourne Cup in 2012. They arrived at Christmas with a blank slate.

"We came in with a new approach, with no preconceptions," says Dillon. "We opened it up to any camogie-playing girl to come in and have a go at it. We had a big response to it, a

lot of girls came in. Most are now involved in the intermediate and senior set-ups. They've all rowed in together."

## Heritage

Walsh was on the first Loreto team to win an All-Ireland, in 2010, along with Aisling Dunphy and Claire Phelan. Despite their heritage and their underage success, it hasn't happened for them on the biggest stage.

"Then again, it can't be easy living in the shadow of the greatest hurling team of all time. Must bring its own pressures."

"Sometimes," she says. "You sometimes come up against teams and they think you're going to be great just because you're from Kilkenny. It's not always the way. You're always trying to be like the men and trying to see what they're doing with tactics."

Ask her brother, if it's a bit unfair the camogie team is expected to be all things to all women just because of the stripes on their jersey and he doesn't miss a beat. "No, I don't think so," he says. "The expectation is probably fair... They've proved it at underage so that shows they're well capable of doing it."

## Galway experience gives them an edge

Kilkenny v Galway  
Croke Park, 4pm  
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## MALACHY CLERKIN

Someone's famine is going to end tomorrow, it's just a matter of whose. Both counties have had their days in the past but it's 17 years since Galway's only All-Ireland title and 19 since the last of Kilkenny's 12.

There's an air of novelty around the final, with the two sides never having met at this stage before.

In many ways, it's a clash of youth and not-so youth. Kilkenny teams have swept all before them at colleges level and underage in recent years but have never come particularly close to lifting the big prize.

By contrast, a fair proportion of this Galway side has been pipped in at least two finals, some of them in more. Therese Maher has played in five and still hasn't won one.

Kilkenny's semi-final display was the more impressive,

coming through a heart-stopping finale against raging favourites Cork. They were behind by a couple of points heading into the last 10 minutes but got up in a frantic finish to mug them on the line. That you wouldn't have backed them too heavily had there been another five minutes was moot on the day but probably becomes more relevant now.

## More experience

Galway may have beaten an out-of-sorts Wexford side in their semi-final but it was a monkey they had to get off their back and they come in here as the more experienced team.

Kilkenny's underage success should mean they won't go much longer without a camogie All-Ireland. The suspicion here though is that they will have to wait another year

**GALWAY:** S.Earner, T.Manton, S.Dervin, H.Cooney, S.Cahalan, T.Maher, L.Ryan, N.Kilkenny, M.Dunne, E.Haverty, N.McGrath, E.Kilkenny, B.Harney, A.McHale, A.Duffy, K.McKenny, E.Kavanagh, M.Power, K.McDonald, J.Finlay, L.Fennelly, E.Kinne, E.Aylward, C.Pheasant, A.Dalton, D.Walsh, A.Dunphy, K.Power, S.Farrell, D.Gaule, A.Neary.  
**Referee:** G.O'Dowd (J.merck)



# Determined Cats have Galway in their sights

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The pain of defeat can be the spur that drives a determined Kilkenny on in their quest to win the senior camogie All-Ireland title.

"It's a dismal feeling when you lose a match, particularly an All-Ireland final," said team captain Michelle Quilty. "You never want to go back there again."

The Mullinavat player knows all about that hurt, having lost the 2009 final with the Cats (Cork beat them by 0-15 to 0-7). In a glittering career a senior inter-county medal still eludes Quilty, but she's hoping to put that right when Kilkenny go up against Galway at Croke Park this Sunday (throw-in 4pm).

"We haven't been in an All-Ireland final since 2009; we haven't won it since 1994," she said. "To be in the final is a great achievement, but we won't stop there. We'll push on and hopefully get the win."

Playing for a county with such a proud camogie tradition hasn't been without its pressure on the team, but Quilty and her colleagues haven't let it alter their focus.

"The tradition has always been there in Kilkenny, and the coun-



Kilkenny Senior Camogie Captain, Michelle Quilty pictured with Teasie Brennan, St. Canices Credit Union representative and captain of the 1968 St. Pauls' club side who won the first All-Ireland Senior Camogie title at either Club or County to come to Kilkenny. (Photo: Eoin Hennessy)

ty had won so many All-Irelands up to 1994," she said. "The players never thought about it but outside the camp people would have been putting the pressure on us to win. In the camp we always focused on each match and thankfully this year everything seems to be going right for us."

"We've been very determined this year and our performances have shown it," she added. "Even in the semi-final against Cork game we never died. The two quick goals they got in the first half could have hurt but we replied straight away with points where other years we could have fallen and

let our heads drop. This year our character has shone through and we've been able to get over the line."

Kilkenny can take that final step over the line on Sunday, but know that they'll have a tough task against a Galway side who created a shock by beating a Wexford team who

were chasing their fifth straight senior title. "Just like us Galway have improved throughout the championship so it'll be a tough test for both teams," said Quilty. "I know they have the experience of being in finals in previous years, which they might think will give them a little edge over us, but it's how

you perform when you get out there and who makes the best start."

Tickets for the All-Ireland camogie finals, priced €30 for adults, €15 for student/OAP and €5 for juveniles (under-16s), are available from Centra and Supervalu stores, online at [tickets.ie/camogie](http://tickets.ie/camogie) and on match day in Croke Park.

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# Maher's mission to finally end heartache



Liberty Insurance Senior Camogie final  
**KILKENNY V GALWAY**

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TV: RTE Two  
Bet: Kilkenny evens, Galway evens, Draw 15/2

Eoghan Cormican

**C**yril Farrell maintained that Galway's spell of camogie supremacy in the mid-90s was delivered by one individual.

"If Sharon Glynn went well, Galway would carry the day," he noted repeatedly.

Glynn accepts the compliment but very quickly points out that Therese Maher wasn't long in taking over her mantle.

The talismanic former Galway forward, who later

returned as manager, recalls the Sunday morning Maher announced herself to the inter-county scene.

There and then, Glynn knew full well Galway had found something special with this kid.

"She was introduced as a sub in the All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny and sure she was only 16, she had captained the Galway minors to All-Ireland glory earlier that year.

"Therese came on and got 1-1. She had one of those really old black mycro helmets and it was miles too big for her. The minute she came in she added a spark to it. But she was only a child really.

"I remember the first ball she got down in Tracey Millea's corner and the Kilkenny women wouldn't be sparing you in those days, she took the lashes and no way did she buckle. It was head down and straight for goal.

"From that day you knew she had what it took."

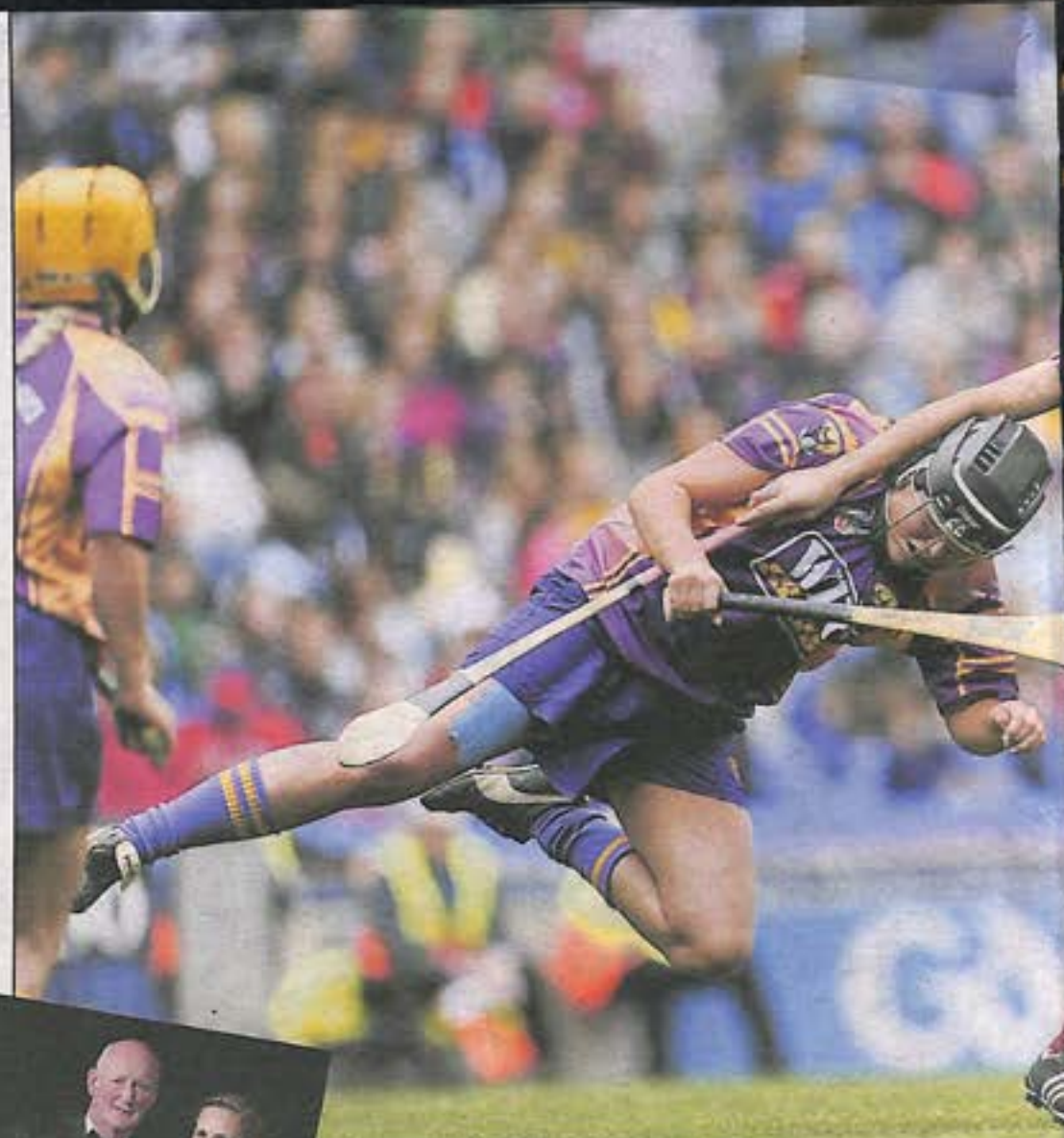
That was 1997. Sixteen summers later and

Therese Maher is still operating in the maroon and white. The final page is this particular journey has been turned, however.

Tomorrow represents the closing scene of Maher's coloured career and should Galway fail to lift the O'Duffy Cup her September record will extend to six defeats, no win.

Despite her promising showing when introduced in the '97 semi-final, Maher failed to merit a starting berth for the decider and many speculated afterwards that her omission cost Galway a second successive title.

"She came on with 20 minutes to go and made a huge impression. If she was on the field longer the result would probably have been different,



she turned the whole thing on its head," recalled Glynn.

Maher was an automatic choice the following summer and though the decider was

once more reached, once more Cork proved too strong.

Galway slipped down camogie's pecking order in the ensuing years, struggling on many occasions to secure their place in even the penultimate round. One constant remained however.

"Through the years, you played Therese Maher and you picked the team around her," claimed Imelda Mullins, Galway's sole All-Ireland winning captain.

"She was the workhorse,

the leader; the one players looked up to. When things didn't go well for Therese, seldom did they go right for Galway."

The Westerners returned to the showpiece event in 2008 with Cork again putting paid to their dreams of glory.

The four-time All Star recipient had the distinction of captaining the Tribeswomen to the 2010 decider against Wexford, but Galway's effort never even left the runway.

In case you have lost count

## All-Ireland camogie final previews

### TODAY

#### All-Ireland senior final

Galway v Kilkenny, Croke Park, 4pm

A new pairing in a senior final and with both counties having gone so long without the ultimate glory, it will be interesting to see how they cope with the occasion.

Galway are chasing only their second title but have lost five times - including three of the last five deciders - since 1998. In that respect, they might have more to deal with mentally, but then, they are more accustomed to operating at this level.

Kilkenny have been in the doldrums for some time and though the former power-brokers of camogie are in pursuit of their 13th crown, they have actually gone two years longer without getting their hands on the O'Duffy Cup.

door following a Leaside flurry. A brilliant goal from an overhead double by Katie Power stemmed the tide though and Kilkenny edged ahead to prevail by the minimum. Power was magnificent with 1-6 from play but Kilkenny have strength all over the field. Emma Kavanagh, Kate McDonald, Aoife Neary, Shelley Farrell and Ann Dalton are elite operators, while it is an indication of their strength in depth that captain, Michelle Quilty has to be content with a place on the bench.

Galway laid a bogey by dispensing with three-in-a-row chasing Wexford, and though the Yellowbellies were a shadow of their former selves this year, it was an important win for a team that had suffered at their hands so often.

Therese Maher continues to be an inspirational force at centre-back, with Sinéad Cahalan and skipper, Lorraine Ryan on either side. Galway have been particularly frugal in defence and Wexford failed to score from play.

If Brenda Hanney, Niamh Kilkenny, Ann Marie Hayes and newcomer Alish O'Reilly can hit the right notes up top, they will prove difficult to beat.

Ultimately though, Kilkenny have beaten all the top teams to get to

this juncture and look to have slightly the better form.

Verdict: Kilkenny

#### All-Ireland intermediate final

Galway v Limerick, Croke Park, 2pm

Galway won all three of their Group 2 ties to set up a semi-final against Waterford, which they won by 1-15 to 1-7. They were always in control, with the groundwork laid in the opening seven minutes, at the end of which they led by 1-3 to 0-0. Orlaith McGrath has made the step up from last year's victorious minors and she played a big role, as did Rebecca Henneley, Aoife Callanan and Dee Burke.

As winners of the Division 2 League, Limerick were the most likely choice for intermediate championship victory but their passage to the final has been far from smooth.

A narrow win over Kilkenny was followed by an easier success against Antrim, but their campaign suffered a major setback at the hands of Cork at the beginning of July. With their backs against the wall, they produced a phenomenal effort against the previously unbeaten Waterford, trouncing them by a whopping 11 points in Killeedy. That gave them a semi-final against Meath, from which they emerged

with a hard-earned eight-point victory. Dual star Dymphna O'Brien hit two goals for Joe Quaid's charges to shake off their opponents.

Niamh Mulcahy finished with seven points for the winners, while Mary O'Callaghan and Caoimhe Costello are also dangerous in attack. That array of talent in the attacking third could prove the difference.

**GALWAY:** R Callanan, T Kenny, S Healy, C Gill, P Kenny, S Noone, S Keane, A Callanan, C Cormican, K O'Dwyer, R Henneley, M Cooney, F Keely, O McGrath, A Donoghue  
**LIMERICK:** S Moynihan, F Hickey, S Carey, J Mulcahy, M Ryan, M Casey, R Delee, D Fitzpatrick, K Campbell, C Costello, N Mulcahy, D Murphy, M Keating, M O'Callaghan, D O'Brien  
Verdict: Limerick

#### All-Ireland premier junior final

Kildare v Laois, Croke Park, noon

This promises to be a cracking final between neighbouring counties desperate for All-Ireland success. Both teams had memorable league campaigns, with Laois winning the Division 3 title and Kildare reaching the Division 2 decider. The O'Moore's registered a three-point win when the sides met in the first round of the group stages and progressed to a semi-final against

Westmeath. They hadn't it all their own way, but Louise Mahony, Niamh Dollard and Sile Burke did enough damage to help them maintain the unbeaten record.

Kildare recovered impressively from their early setback but faced the daunting task of travelling to Newry to play a semi-final against a Down unit that had reached the last two All-Irelands. They possess one of the games top forwards though in Susie O'Carroll and she bagged three goals to get them through.

The experience garnered by the likes of O'Carroll, Clodagh Flanagan, Siobhán Hurley, Carol Nolan, Niamh Concannon and Róisín O'Connell in recent years as the Lilies have progressed from Division 4 to 2 and bagged the junior A title could be crucial.

**KILDARE:** S O'Keefe, J O'Donoghue, A Trant, N Concannon, F Trant, C Nolan, A Lyons, C Forde, O Bambury, C Flanagan, S Hurley, M Lyons, L Keatley, S O'Carroll, R O'Connell  
**LAOIS:** L Dunne, M Burke, K Cuddy, C Downey, A Dunphy, S A Fitzgerald, E Delany, C Walsh, E Mahony, J Dunne, D Quigley, L Mahony, S Burke, N Dollard, O Parkinson  
Verdict: Kildare

by Dara Ó Conchúir

## Casey



Liberty Insurance Intermediate Camogie final  
**GALWAY V LIMERICK**

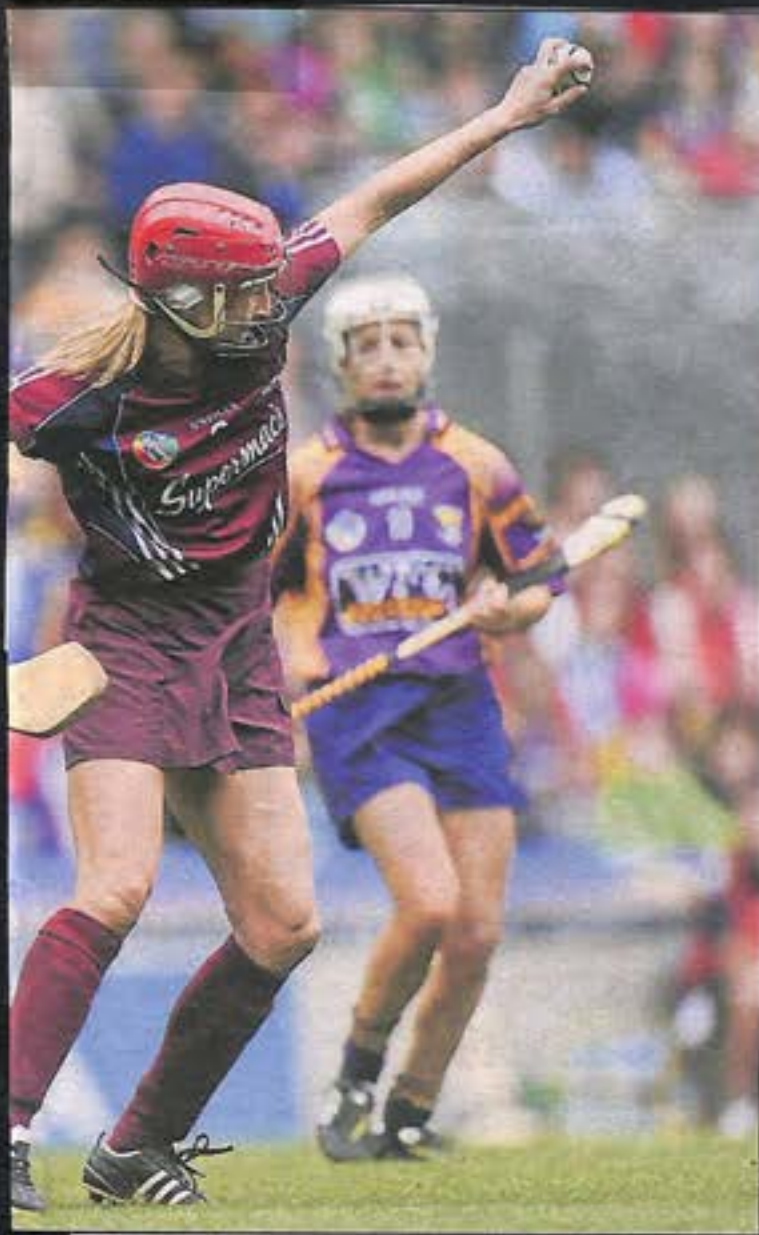
Tomorrow: Croke Park, 2pm  
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Bet: Galway 11/8, Limerick 4/6, Draw 8/1

Eoghan Cormican

Michelle Casey rewinds to last November. Neville Park, Rathkeale. The first steps taken in yet another inter-county campaign.

At 33, the Garda has spent more seasons in the green and white of Limerick than she'd like to remember, but despite previous setbacks, the Killeedy native is relishing tomorrow's sojourn to Croke Park - it's the very reason she's still going.





**AT ARM'S LENGTH:** Galway's Therese Maher gets away from Wexford's Una Leacy during last year's All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final. Inset: Maher receives an All Star award from Kilkenny hurling manager Brian Cody in 2011.

at this point, that's now four All-Ireland final defeats.

And still she kept coming back.

With each passing year, however, worsened by September heartbreak, the Athenry club woman found it more and more difficult to return to the fold.

The body ached, but the heart would not allow it rest. Prior to the 2011 final Maher revealed retirement had been close to her thoughts. "I have considered it of course. After every loss you tend to wonder will I ever win one, will I ever get to that All-Ireland again? But the winter passes and you

dust of your boots and get back into it again. You say 'I'll give it one more year'."

Galway came a cropper in that final, but it will be forever remembered not for Wexford's late resurgence, rather the display turned in by Maher.

"2011 was a monumental performance from Therese from start to finish," asserts Mary O'Connor. "Sometimes players can't dictate a 60-minute game, but she dictated from start to finish. She was at her best on that day. Albeit they didn't carry the day, there had to be some solace for Therese Maher in that she could have done no more."

"There were tears in my eyes watching her after the final," admitted her former team-mate. "At 30-years of age she had Una Leacy to contend with and a Wexford team at the height of their powers and she stood head and shoulders above every one of them."

To her immense credit, she rolled the dice for the 2012 campaign, underwent knee surgery following the league, but resumed her centre-back slot for the championship.

### Therese Maher: Paudits from her peers

**Mary O'Connor, Cork**

"She will go down as one of the greatest camogie players of all time, All-Ireland medal or no All-Ireland medal."

**Kate Kelly, Wexford**

"To come back year after year, given all the disappointment she has experienced, typifies her heart and commitment. She stands out as the exceptional camogie player not yet to have won an All-Ireland."

**Tony Ward, Galway manager**

"Her name goes down first on the teamsheet and then you pick your team around Therese Maher. She is our centre-piece."

### GAMEZone GALWAY V KILKENNY

S.Earner	1	E.Kavanagh
T.Manton	2	M.Power
S.Dervan	3	K.McDonald
H.Cooney	4	J.Frisky
S.Cahalan	5	L.Fennelly
T.Maher	6	E.Keane
L.Ryan	7	E.Aylward
N.Kilkenny	8	C.Phelan
M.Dunne	9	A.Dalton
E.Haverty	10	G.Walsh
N.McGrath	11	A.Dunphy
E.Kilkelly	12	K.Power
B.Hanney	13	S.Farrell
A.M.Hayes	14	D.Gaule
A.O'Reilly	15	A.Neary

Cork showed Galway the exit door at the semi-final juncture and the question surfaced once more. Had we seen the last of Therese Maher? Tony Ward put in the phone call in early spring and revealed it was one of the most nerve-racking he ever made. Maher was on the fence, but committed to one more go. This time, she meant it.

Glynn laughs that she had her pencilled in to join the retired brigade from 2008 onwards.

"It wasn't her age I was thinking about, it was the length of her service she has given in the Galway jersey. There were probably two or three days where she was off-colour in 17 years. Every day she delivered, some day's she was out on her own. She's 33 in March and you can't keep going forever."

Mary O'Connor acknowledges that the build-up to tomorrow has centred on Maher and her elusive quest, and while the six-time All-Ireland medal winner stresses that Celtic Crosses do not define a player, tell that to someone who has spent over half their life searching for one.

The final word to Ward: "Hopefully Sunday will be remembered as the Therese Maher final, the one where she finally gets her just reward."

## Galway out to avenge recent final defeats

### Therese O'Callaghan

Losing three of the last five finals is a testament to the character of Galway



**T**omorrow's All-Ireland senior camogie final has a very similar feel to the backstory of last weekend's hurling decider.

Kilkenny could be cast in the role of Jimmy Barry-Murphy's side — a county with a proud tradition, bidding desperately to end a title drought and recapture some of the magic from the glory days.

Opponents Galway have much in common with Clare. A relative minnow in terms of titles but with big ambitions of September glory.

Like the hurling, few would have predicted this pairing at the beginning of the year. But none would argue about the merits of Galway and Kilkenny who defeated Wexford and Cork respectively to book their place in the showpiece.

Expect a ferocious tussle at GAA Headquarters tomorrow. It is almost 20 years since either county claimed the O'Duffy Cup which is huge motivation in itself.

Galway have one title (1996), but they should have added more to that solitary success. That they are back after losing the 2008, 2010 and 2011 finals is testament to their character.

The two most recent defeats — to an all conquering Wexford — were heartbreaking. Not many athletes could survive such torment and that is why the neutral supporter won't begrudge them a victory.

I expect the game to be the old-fashioned 15 on 15 without the sweepers and crowding we saw last weekend. It will be won or lost the orthodox way. Kilkenny will go in as slight favourites, based on the dogged nature of their win over the Rebels plus their unblemished record all year. The westerners have more experience but they will have to ensure past disappointments are left there. They must clear the decks because I do believe there is an All-Ireland in this crop of players.

It is make or break. Tony Ward was the manager 17 years ago and once again he will need all shoulders to the wheel. Key players down the spine of the team — and not for the first time — are Therese Maher, Niamh Kilkenny and Ann Marie Hayes.

As we all know, sentiment

and sport don't mix. The fact these are novel finalists or Galway have suffered such heartache, won't matter a jot to their opponents who have set this championship alight.

In their first year in charge, Niall Williams and Graham Dillon have transformed an outfit laden with underage and college successes into All-Ireland senior contenders.

Many of them fell to Cork in the 2009 decider but four years on they won't be fazed by the hype and pressure of All-Ireland final day.

They are tenacious. I feel the outcome will hinge on scoring ability and here, Kilkenny hold the upper hand. Watch out for the pacey Katie Power, Denise Gaule and Shelly Farrell. There might be no hurling final for Kilkenny or Galway this September but the women are flying the flags proudly and fittingly, are getting the support to go with it.

In a week when Brian Cody returns for a remarkable 16th season with the Black and Amber, it brings to mind the importance of the people outside the white line.

Games can be won and lost on marginal calls so the role of mentors is massive and they must be prepared to make big decisions. GAA headquarters can be intimidating. So it is crucial that both sides enjoy the occasion and play with the freedom they are accustomed to. The rest will look after itself.

It is also a memorable day for the premier junior and intermediate counties. Galway supporters are doubly involved as they contest the intermediate final also. Ward is guiding them as well, and while it will be a pressure situation, it would be the ideal start to the day if they were to overcome Limerick who have slipped off the radar in recent times. It will be a tall order for their more youthful side and if you are in front of the telly around 2pm look out for sisters Niamh and Judith Mulcahy who are grand-nieces of the late Mick Mackey. Clarán Carey's daughter Sarah will be there too. Let's offend the many other great families this weekend, best of luck to one and all.

Also to those involved in the all-Ireland premier junior final between Kildare and Laois.

## seeking another big step forward

"I remember our first session back and Joe Quaid dangled dreams of an All-Ireland final at us," she recalled. "There and then that became our sole focus. We have won a league and a Munster junior title, but Croke Park is still our focus."

Victory against a sprightly Galway outfit will secure Limerick's place at camogie's top table and Casey is determined the Treaty County earn their seat on merit.

For too long the centre-back was part of a Limerick team that had no right to wear the senior tag. Season after season their purpose was nothing more than to serve as the proverbial whipping girls of the championship, each campaign producing a recurring theme — one hammering after another.

On the sole occasion Limerick managed to raise their head above the parapet in reaching the 2005 All-Ireland semi-final they were subjected to a 26-point trouncing at

the hands of Cork.

Two years later Limerick made the decision to remove themselves from the senior equation.

"We never got to a stage where we were really competitive," lamented Casey. "We hadn't really a big squad and it was difficult to be competitive, unfortunately it came to a halt in 2007 when we went down intermediate."

"We competed in this competition in 2007, it was then known as Senior B. Claran Carey was manager and got us back up, we won the league and championship."

Still, Limerick couldn't cope with the heat of the senior kitchen and following three championship maulings, the decision was once more taken to return to the second tier and there they have remained, reaching the semi-finals in 2010 and 2011 respectively.

"The reward for winning the league earlier in the year puts us back in Division 1



**Michelle Casey: Return to second tier has yielded big dividends for Limerick.**

next year and that will be a huge challenge. The reward if we can get over Galway on Sunday is facing an even stronger Galway team in 2014 and better teams from all over the country.

"In the Munster senior championship semi-final Tipperary only had four points on us. We played really well

and were ahead with 10 minutes to go. Their pace told in the closing stages and they saw it out."

Limerick topped their championship group with three wins out of four, producing a string of fine performances before Meath were comfortably overcome in the semi-final.

"A far cry from last year," asserts Casey, successive defeats to Derry and Waterford ensuring their early exit from the race for the Jack McGrath Cup. "Last year was a disappointment not to get out of the group stages and it took a lot of rebuilding to get where we are now. There was a lot of effort put in over the past 10 months to make this a squad that could compete at the top end of the championship."

"Galway have some recognised names in young Cooney and McGrath, they will be a very hard team to deal with."

"They will want to right the wrongs of last year, but hopefully we'll come out on top."



# Laois on the cusp of historic camogie breakthrough

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The Laois Camogie team will be hoping to make history this Sunday when they face Kildare in the Liberty Insurance Premier Junior Camogie Final in Croke Park at 12pm.

Laois have been on the cusp of making the breakthrough to the Intermediate ranks for the last number of years but they have never quite managed to make it over the line.

Despite being more than a match for the other teams in the grade, they suffered several semi-final heartbreaks before finally overcoming that hurdle this year when they dispatched fellow midlanders Westmeath to book their place in Croke Park.

Now they are just an hour away from claiming the much coveted All Ireland title and the equally coveted promotion to the Intermediate ranks.

In their way stands a Kildare team that they are very familiar with given their two previous encounters this year. Kildare came out on top in the Leinster Junior Final in O'Moore Park, thanks largely to 2-8 from pacey full-forward Susie O'Carroll. Laois held a four point lead after half-time but Kildare took control to run out 2-12 to 3-5 winners.

However, as the old adage goes, Laois learned from their mistakes and just two weeks later they turned the tables on their neighbours in the open-

ing round of the All Ireland Championship winning 3-9 to 1-12. The key to that victory was closing down Kildare and limiting their opportunities to run at the Laois defence. Yet while that worked effectively in the relatively tight confines of Naas, Laois are going to have to work even harder in the wide open spaces of Croke Park.

Laois however have a very experienced defence who are more than capable of restricting Kildare's scoring which is anchored by Karen Cuddy and four time Ashbourne Cup winner and team captain Sarah Anne Fitzgerald.

Behind the defence is goalkeeper Laura Dunne who despite being small in stature is an absolute giant between the posts and is possibly the best shot stopper in the country, never mind just the Premier Junior grade.

While Laois will have their hands full with a Kildare attack with a dangerous mix of pace and power, the Kildare defence will have plenty of problems of their own trying to limit a Laois forward line who have scored 17 goals in their six Championship games so far including four in their semi-final win over Westmeath.

Camross' Niamh Dollard has hit a rich vein of goal-scoring form of late as she accounted for two of the goals against Westmeath and she had previously scored a hat-trick against Roscommon in the final group game. Kildare



Laois captain Sarah Anne Fitzgerald, Annette Ni Dhathlaoi (Head of Marketing, Liberty Insurance), President of the Camogie Association, Aileen Lawlor and Kildare captain Clodagh Flanagan pictured in Croke Park ahead of this Sunday's Liberty Insurance Premier Junior Final.

however will not have the luxury of just trying to mark one player out of the game as the Laois forward line has plenty of other potential match winners. Sile Burke and Louise Mahony also found the net against Westmeath while Olga Parkinson has twice found the net against Kildare already this year.

Another key battleground will be the midfield sector where Laois manager Mattie Collier has tried a number of players throughout the year. Claire Walsh and Elaine Mahony started in the engine room in the semi-final win over Westmeath and if they are handed the number eight and nine jerseys again, they will be more than capable of

winning the battle and giving Laois a solid attacking platform.

While Laois have every reason to be confident going into the game, they will in no way underestimate their opponents who are one of just two teams to defeat Laois this year. They played a division above Laois in the League and they reached the final where they eventually lost out to Limerick who are in the Intermediate Final this Sunday.

Laois won Division 3 in the League defeating Dublin in the decider and that decision to field a team in the Spring after a two year absence has paid dividends. It meant the team were together from January and they have trained incred-

ibly hard throughout the year with the goal all along being to win the Premier Junior Final.

If Laois can win the final, it will not only bring the instant success and promotion, it will also have a ripple effect which would only be positive for camogie in the county.

It promises to be a great game between near neighbours with very little to choose between the sides.

In the end it could come down to one bounce of a ball, one mistake or one stroke of genius to decide the game.

One thing is for certain, if it comes down to desire, determination and will to win, this determined group of Laois players will more than likely be the ones coming out on top.

## Final Facts

1 - Laois won the Division 3 Final with a 0-9 to 0-7 win over Dublin. Dublin have since gone on to win the All Ireland Junior A title defeating Offaly's second team in the final.



Laois captain Sarah Anne Fitzgerald lifts the cup after Laois won the Division 3 league Final

2 - Kildare were in Division 2 League Final but lost out to Limerick by 3-15 to 0-10. Limerick will also be in action in Croke Park on Sunday in the All Ireland Intermediate Final

3 - This will be the third meeting of the sides this year with the score currently standing at one apiece. Kildare overcame Laois in the Leinster Junior Final in O'Moore Park but Laois reversed that result just a couple of weeks later in the first round of the All Ireland.

4 - Over the two games the sides played this year the aggregate score is Kildare 3-24 (33pts) Laois 6-14 (32pts).

5 - Laois have only lost two games between league, Leinster Championship and All Ireland Championship this year. Both sides they have lost to, they came back and defeated them a couple of weeks later.

6 - Kildare have lost three games this year. They lost to Kilkenny in the group stages of the league, Limerick in the League Final and Laois in the first round of the All Ireland Championship.

7 - Both sides have a title to their name already. Laois won the Division 3 League title while Kildare won the Leinster Junior Championship.

8 - Laois captain Sarah Anne Fitzgerald was also captain of the WIT team who won a record fifth Ashbourne Cup in a row this year.

9 - Laois and Kildare have both won the All Ireland Junior A Championship in recent years. Laois won it in 2007 while Kildare won it in 2010.

10 - A number of the Laois players have tasted further All Ireland success with The Harps who won the All Ireland Club Junior Championship three years in a row from 2006 to 2008.



Stapo Browne of De Brins presenting the new t-shirts to Laois Goalkeeper Laura Dunne.



Kevin Doyle, manager Laois Shopping Centre presenting new bags to the Laois Camogie Panel. Pictured are (l-r) Lorna Campion, Olga Parkinson, Niamh Gleeson, Sarah Conroy (secretary Laois Camogie), Kevin Doyle (manager Laois Shopping Centre), Laura Dunne, Elaine Mahony and Aislinn Dunphy.



# Captain relishing the chance to lead Laois out in Croke Park

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Laois captain Sarah Anne Fitzgerald is no stranger to big camogie finals. This year she captained Waterford IT to success in the Ashbourne Cup in one of the most dramatic finals in any sport in recent memory.

This Sunday she will swap her college colours for her county colours when she leads Laois out onto the field in Croke Park as they take on Kildare in the All Ireland Premier Junior Final.

Speaking ahead of the game, Sarah Anne explained that while the Ashbourne Cup was special, playing in a final with Laois will be even more memorable.

"It's a big difference. Ashbourne is very special as well but there's a big difference with your county compared to college. There's that much more passion with your county. You're playing with girls you played with all your life. Hopefully we have another great day up in Croke Park."

Sarah Anne was speaking in O'Moore Park at a special event organised by Laois Camogie to promote the All Ireland Final. There was a large crowd of young camogie players in attendance who were excitedly getting the chance to meet and get autographs from the Laois players. Sarah Anne said that excitement was flowing through the team.

"Just excitement really. We're in new territory now. It's a great build up. It's excitement



At the Laois Camogie Media Event in O'Moore Park were Luisne Delaney, team members Laura Dunne, Emma Phelan and Sarah Anne Fitzgerald (Capt.) and Grainne Delaney.

and anticipation and we can't really wait to get on the field at this stage."

Laois have been knocking on the door of success at the Premier Junior level for a number of years but while they have come close in the past, they have been unlucky not to make the breakthrough.

"This is long overdue," explained Sarah Anne. "I remember when we used to play Offaly when they were Junior. They used to be great matches but Offaly have made huge steps and they wouldn't be happy unless they were competing in All Ireland semi-finals at Senior level every year. And they field two teams now and their Juniors were playing in an All Ireland Final. We've looked at them and said why couldn't we do that."

While Laois have been challengers in the past but this year they have brought their game to another level. The captain believes she knows what has

made the difference.

"I think the big factor was fielding a league team this year. The last two years we didn't field a league team for different reasons but this year every said from early January that we would give it one hell of a lash. We know we have the potential it was just we kept falling short every year. To be honest it was just down to our own efforts. Commitment wasn't the same but this year commitment's been very good. Mattie's been drilling it in since day one so everyone just rolled in behind from January and that's the reason we're going so well this year."

Not only did Laois compete in Division 3 of the league this year, they went on to win it with a 0-9 to 0-7 win over Dublin in the Final in Cusack Park in Mullingar. Sarah Anne, who was player of the game in the final, is in no doubt how important that victory was for the team.

was the reason he came back this year. He said he knows there is that potential there after leaving it behind us last year.

"We had all the ball in the second-half (against Down) but we just couldn't score. We really felt going into that game that we had a real good chance to win it and things just did not go well for us. They didn't score in the second-half and yet we still managed to lose. That one hurt a lot and a lot of people had a long winter thinking about that match, myself included. It was a huge motivating factor ahead of the Westmeath game and there was no way we were going into another dressing room like that after the match against Down last year."

Laois are now just one more win away from winning the All Ireland Premier Junior title. In their way stand Kildare who they have already faced twice this year. Each side has won one apiece so far but while Sarah Anne points to the Leinster Final as the team's first real test, she doesn't think either of the previous games are a guide to what will happen this Sunday.

"The Leinster Final was the first real test we had all year against them. It was a good game to watch and a good game to play in because it ebbed and flowed the whole way through. We went well ahead in the second-half but they just came back and they dominated us. Two weeks later we went up and beat them in the All Ireland stages so it really is all to play for. I think form goes out the window coming into the All Ireland Final. It could be anyone's game. It's who performs on the day."

Another motivation for the Laois team is the way their 2012 campaign ended with a loss to Down in the semi-final. Sarah Anne says that defeat helped focus the team for this year's assault on the title.

"After last year Mattie said in the dressing room that we left it behind us. I think that

## Statistics

### Paths to the final

#### Laois

##### Group 1

Kildare 1-12 Laois 3-9  
Down 0-8 Laois 1-10  
Laois 1-11 Armagh 0-6  
Laois 3-9 Westmeath 1-10  
Roscommon 1-6 Laois 5-12

#### Semi-Final

Laois 4-13 Westmeath 3-5

#### Kildare

##### Group 1

Kildare 1-12 Laois 3-9  
Kildare 1-11 Roscommon 2-7  
Westmeath 1-7 Kildare 1-18  
Down 1-10 Kildare 1-16  
Kildare (w/o) Armagh (scr)

#### Semi-Final

Kildare 5-11 Down 1-13

### By the numbers

**17-64** - The total scored by Laois in the Championship

**9-57** - The total scored by Kildare in the Championship

**6-47** - The total conceded by Laois in the Championship

**8-46** - The total conceded by Kildare in the Championship

**+50** - Laois' score difference in the Championship

**+12** - Kildare's score difference in the Championship

**19.1** - The average score for Laois in Championship games

**16.8** - The average score for Kildare in Championship games

**11** - The average conceded by Laois in Championship games

**14** - The average conceded by Kildare in Championship games

**5-12** - Laois' highest score in the Championship (v Roscommon)

**5-11** - Kildare's highest score in the Championship (v Roscommon)

**1-12** - The highest score conceded by Laois in the Championship (v Kildare)

**3-9** - The highest score conceded by Kildare in the Championship (v Laois)

**1** - The number of wins Laois have had over Kildare this year

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**1** - The number of All Ireland titles won by Laois (Junior A 2007)

**4** - The number of All Irelands won by Kildare (Premier Junior '87, '89, '90, Junior A 2010)

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# 'You kind of aspire to be like the lads'

Cats ace driven to end 19-year title drought and follow in footsteps of decorated brother

## SATURDAY INTERVIEW

### Grace Walsh

Ruaidhri O'Connor

**SEPTEMBER** Sundays are a long-held tradition in the Walsh household and tomorrow they'll pack up and head to Croke Park as usual.

For the past decade they have made this pilgrimage to watch Kilkenny compete in, and invariably win, All-Ireland hurling finals and they will hope that the impressive haul of family silver will be added to tomorrow evening.

This year, however, there has been a change of emphasis. Tommy will be in the stand watching on as the only girl in the family of five will lead the charge for the Cats. Grace Walsh has watched her brother claim eight Leinster and seven All-Ireland titles from the gallery and now is her time to shine.

She is circumspect about her own big day in the sun, happy to let her older sibling hog the limelight as he has done so well for so long.

Kilkenny have not won a senior camogie All-Ireland since 1994, a fact that will shock casual observers. Surely a county with such a rich hurling and camogie tradition should be stronger, they might ask.

The brand brings with it a burden and that must be something Walsh can empathise with as her name comes with an expectation.

This team are ready to live up to that name and capture a 13th title and Walsh is ready to play her part.

Despite the hand of history, she reveals that she gets more nervous when her brother takes the field and is relishing her own big day.

"The legs would be going and the nails would be gone," she admits of watching Tommy play.

"I don't like watching any of the lads from home playing - like, I love watching it, but I get so nervous, even if it is only a small challenge match.

"You'd be nervous because you'd always be watching your own, as well as everyone else, but you'd always have a bit more focus on them."

As for her own preparations, she is taking it in her stride. Walsh and Kilkenny played at Croke Park during the Spring Series last year and got a feel of the pitch and, although she doesn't plague big brother for too much counsel, she leans on him for his experience of handling the occasion.

"I'd ask him for advice the odd time," she explains.

"He'd be at my matches and if I thought I didn't play well I'd ask him where did I go wrong and that, what I can improve on and all that stuff. He's so experienced; I try and listen to him anyway.

"Even just eating right and sleeping right. Even nerves, talking to him about what you should do to control them or whatever. But lifestyle, yes you would try and copy him.

"If I was to sit and think about the game and I was to start riling myself up a little bit, I would be nervous, but I'll try and calm the nerves until the big day, you don't want to freeze either."

Being a nervous spectator appears to run in the family.

"It's always tough looking at your own family playing, especially in the big games," Tommy admits.



Kilkenny's Grace Walsh alongside her brother Tommy in Croke Park ahead of tomorrow's Liberty Insurance All-Ireland senior camogie final against Galway  
INPHO/MORGAN TREACY

## THE ALTERNATIVE INTERVIEW

**WHO DO YOU FOLLOW ON TWITTER?**  
I'm on Twitter, but I don't really use it that much anymore. I just follow my friends and the GAA and camogie sites.

**WHAT WAS THE LAST SPORTING EVENT YOU PAID INTO?**  
Probably the last club match the Tullaroan hurlers played, against Johnstown.

**IF YOU COULD ATTEND ANY SPORTING EVENT WHAT WOULD IT BE?**  
Apart from the hurling and camogie All-Ireland I think it would be the Olympics. I'd like to see the runners.

**WHO IS THE NON-GAA SPORTS STAR YOU MOST ADMIRE?**  
Jessica Ennis and Katie Taylor, who is just an inspiration to everyone. Usain Bolt is my favourite men's sports star.

**GOLF HANDICAP?**  
I don't play golf. I'm useless at it.

**TASTE IN MUSIC?**  
Normal pop and R&B stuff. My last download was Beyonce's 'One Plus One'.

**TASTE IN BOOKS?**  
I'm not a big book reader.

**IF YOU COULD INVITE THREE PEOPLE TO DINNER, WHO WOULD THEY BE?**  
Jessica Ennis because I think she's incredible.  
John Mullane for Waterford - I love him, he's one of my favourite hurlers because he is so determined.  
And Bernard Brogan - for obvious reasons.

"You'd be nervous hoping that everything goes well for the team and her. It's going to be different (tomorrow) because it's an All-Ireland final, a different experience. Hopefully, it goes well for everyone."

"I was lucky enough this year to see her playing a couple of times. I was in Nowlan Park, I saw the semi-final in Thurles as well. It was great this year because for the last few years they weren't coming up to scratch.

"This year they seemed to be playing all the bigger teams - Wexford, Galway, Cork - and coming away with one or two-point victories. That has been great to see from a spectator's point of view - it's exciting and they're coming out the right side of it as well."

"I don't think anything can prepare you for Croke Park. Sometimes you're

nearly better off not knowing anything about it. I wouldn't be giving her any advice unless she came asking about it and she hasn't asked me anything about the final so far anyway. I'd try and not give her too much advice - you learn yourself as you go along."

It is five years since the Cats last contested an All-Ireland final and, in Galway, they face a team looking to end a similar famine.

With the senior hurlers out of the running for honours for the first time since 2005, the spotlight has increased on the camogie team and that is something they are ready to embrace. Their young team has enjoyed plenty of success at underage level, but senior titles have eluded them thus far and half-forward Walsh is hoping to put that record to bed.

"It's crazy. We've been so successful underage coming up along. We've been kind of building it up and this year we have a young team, I think there are only two players over 25 on our team," she said.

"It's going well now and it's great, and you have all the lads on the hurling team, you kind of aspire to be like them. "It'd be great to win it, I'd like to bring something home myself to the family, it'd be nice to win now this year. I think the spotlight is more on us now as well. It's kind of good for Kilkenny camogie now that they (the senior hurlers) are not in it, obviously it'd be great if they were in the All-Ireland as well though."

After years of watching Tommy bring it home, his sister is ready to do it for herself.



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# showdown



LINDA  
MELLERICK

## CAMOGIE

**GALWAY and Kilkenny meet for the first time in the All-Ireland camogie decider tomorrow.**

Galway are contesting their third senior final in four years, losing the 2010, 2011 deciders to Wexford while Kilkenny return to Croke Park for the first time since 2009.

Remarkably, the sides have never met since the first senior All-Ireland in 1932.

Kilkenny lead the roll of honour between the counties with 12 titles to Galway's one. Galway's only title back in 1996, I regret to say, was at the expense of Cork.

Galway deserved their victory that day. They should have won many more since but didn't.

Mental toughness is what Galway teams in the past have lacked and I don't believe that has been addressed this season.

If the game goes to the wire one wonders if it'll come back to haunt them.

The 2011 All-Ireland final defeat in particular was a real sickener for them. Galway were looking good for victory as they led 1-8 to 1-5 with 10 minutes remaining.

However, an Ursula Jacob goal helped change the outcome to compound the Westerners to further All-Ireland final misery.

They easily crushed a lethargically disappointing Wexford by nine points in this year's semi-final.

Galway were never threatened as Wexford failed to score even a solitary point from play. That was expected to be fair; Wexford had only been hanging in all season.

I wouldn't be getting too excited about the



margin of that victory. In fact, Galway may have been better served having to fight to the bitter end for that one.

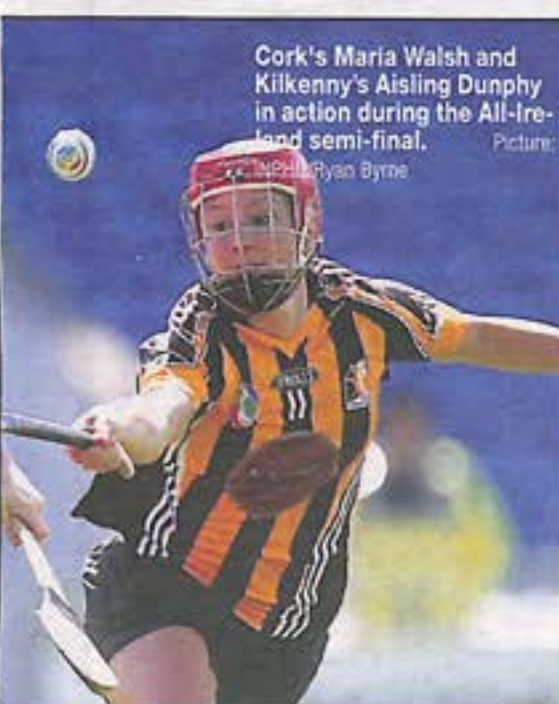
The famine for Kilkenny has been longer than Galway's. The reason we focus so much on Galway's lack of success is that they have come close so many times whereas Kilkenny have only contested four finals since 1994, their most recent being 2009.

So they too are waiting a long time for success ensuring that whichever team wins, you may be sure the celebrations will be incredible.

Kilkenny tipped away nicely all season under the guidance of Niall Williams. Following a period of underachievement, they were winning games again.

The fact that Kilkenny had a much tougher battle in their semi-final could have a bearing and they certainly proved their mettle in the semi-final when it was most required.

It was looking ominous for them early in



Cork's Maria Walsh and Kilkenny's Aisling Dunphy in action during the All-Ireland semi-final. Picture: Ryan Byrne

the first-half against Cork when they conceded two early goals, as Cork enjoyed a spell of dominance on the scoreboard to lead by 2-8 to 1-9 entering the closing 10 minutes, the game appeared to be out of Kilkenny's reach.

However, they found even greater mental strength to prevail and march into the All-Ireland decider.

Kilkenny's defence was caught on occasion against Cork. In fact had Cork managed to deliver more ball into their inside forward line they could well have been the side walking behind the Artane Boys band tomorrow.

The Cats will have to watch that against Brenda Hanney and Ailish O'Reilly, both of whom started in the corners against Wexford.

In the last 10 competitive meetings in league and championship between the two counties since 2008, Kilkenny have a 6-4 record. I don't place too much emphasis on stats like that.

In all of Kilkenny's victories, only once has the winning margin been greater than three points, when Kilkenny won by four in the group stages of the championship in 2008.

The trend between Kilkenny and Galway matches in recent years has been very close games. A similar pattern can be expected tomorrow.

The key battle will be between Therese Maher and Aisling Dunphy. The latter has revelled in the centre-forward position since starting there in the Leinster final, her work rate vital to Galway's cause.

Therese Maher is Galway's most experienced player and has been a solid and consistent performer for many years. She, in my view, was the Player of the Match in the 2011 decider.

Ann Dalton and Niamh Kilkenny is another crucial decider at midfield. Dalton, when on form, is the heartbeat of the Kilkenny team. Niamh Kilkenny is a lethal force when she is given space.

Brenda Hanney could be a real handful for Kilkenny with her aerial threat. However, Jacqui Frisby is a very experienced operator, and has performed well in the Championship.

Frisby completely curtailed the influence of Hanney in the opening round of the championship in Athenry and I think she'll have the better of her again tomorrow.

Galway's defence will be up against it. Before the semi-final Denise Gaule and Shelley Farrell were Kilkenny's main scoring women up front with 5-6 and 4-4 respectively scored. Yet on the day Katie Power and Aoife Neary were superb. Add in Aisling Dunphy and Kilkenny have forward talent in abundance. I don't think Galway have the strength in depth defence wise to cope with Kilkenny's spread.

It's a new era in Kilkenny camogie. Many of these players are heading to Croke Park for the first time. How they handle the occasion will be critical from their point of view. You would expect Galway to be that bit more comfortable. But you never know. So many factors to consider, so little room for error.



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## Clár an Lae

- 12 noon:** Liberty Insurance Premier Junior Championship Final  
**KILDARE v LAOIS**
- 12.32pm:** Mini Games
- 2.00pm:** Liberty Insurance Intermediate Championship Final  
**GALWAY v LIMERICK**
- 2.32pm:** All Ireland Camán & Run Relay
- 3.52pm:** Senior Teams Parade
- 3.58pm:** Amhrán na bhFiann
- 4.00pm:** Liberty Insurance Senior Championship Final  
**GALWAY v KILKENNY**

*In the event of a draw, the replay date for all games  
is Sunday, 6th October*





# Focal ón Uachtarán

**I**S CÚIS mhór áthais dom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir go Páirc an Chrócaigh don déad speisialta seo. Tá súil agam go mbeidh trí chliuchlú den scoth againn inniu. Guím gach rath ar na himreoirí agus ar na hoifigigh go léir inniu.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Croke Park for the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Camogie Finals, for the highest profile date in the Camogie calendar.

I extend a very warm welcome to President Michael D. Higgins and his wife Sabina, to An Taoiseach Mr. Enda Kenny and to all our dignitaries in attendance today. I hope you will all enjoy the games.

Today's finals promise to be exciting encounters with five counties vying for silverware and to bring All-Ireland honour and glory home. The road to Croke Park for all of the players and managers started on wet muddy fields in January and today, they are one step away from their goal. It has been an exciting journey for each county. I hope that each player performs to the best of their ability and the games reflect the endless hours of training and commitment that they have put in over the last number of months.

This afternoon marks the first Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Camogie Finals and I would like to pay a special welcome to the CEO of Liberty Insurance Pat O'Brien and his colleagues in Liberty Insurance who are here with us today.

The joint sponsorship of the All-Ireland Camogie and Hurling Championships is a first for gaelic games. We are delighted to have Liberty Insurance on board for the next five years as sponsor of our national game. This year's Camogie and Hurling championships, have been the most exciting in recent memory, with plenty of twists and turns along the way and many memorable moments. I have no doubt that today's games will also live long in the memory.

The joint sponsorship of hurling and camogie is a tremendous demonstration of the GAA and Camogie families working together, to support and develop our national games. In households across the country, we have mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, all involved in camogie and hurling. This year's joint sponsorship of the All-Ireland Camogie and Hurling finals by Liberty

Insurance is a significant milestone in our efforts to work more closely with the GAA at all levels

A piece of sporting history will also be created this afternoon. Remarkably, since the first senior All-Ireland in 1932, Kilkenny and Galway have never met in a Senior All-Ireland final. It is quite a statistic considering the domination, at various junctures, of the camogie landscape by two of the game's traditional super-powers. History, will not play on the minds of today's players though, who will each relish the opportunity of being back in GAA HQ. For Galway, this is the third final appearance in four years, losing out to Wexford in 2010 and 2011. Kilkenny make their first return since 2009, losing out on that occasion to Cork. Neither side will lack for hunger or motivation today and it promises to be an intriguing encounter between two evenly matched sides.

Galway, also contest this year's Intermediate final and stung by last year's All-Ireland Intermediate Final replay defeat, they will be aiming to get their county's drive for a double off to a great start. Indeed, it will be a busy day for Galway manager Tony Ward, as he oversees both Intermediate and Senior teams. Limerick, have collected silverware this year already, and have also recorded a championship round-robin win over Galway. Like the senior tie, this game is immensely difficult to predict.

Finally, the All Leinster affair between Kildare and Laois in the Premier Junior, adds an extra bit of drama to this game. Both sides have played each other twice, this season, with honours even and are well accustomed to one another's strengths and weaknesses. The clash of neighbouring counties in any gaelic games code, really brings to the fore, the passion of fans for their native county, and I expect this will be very much in evidence today for Kildare and Laois.

Congratulations to all the Under-14 players who participated in the Cooper National inter-county blitzes this weekend. Thank you to the host clubs and everyone involved in this successful event.

A sincere thank you to all the officials, to Croke Park Stadium, to the Camogie Association full-time team and to all of our many volunteers for their role in today's finals.

Finally a special word of thanks is due to all who attended our games this year. Your support is appreciated and I know you have enjoyed great games and have been entertained throughout the year.

Míle Bulochas

"Ar aghaidh lenár gcluichí"

*Eibhlín Uí Leathlóbhair*

**EIBHLÍN UÍ LEATHLÓBHAIR**

Uachtarán,

An Cumann Camógaoilcha



Liberty Insurance Camogie finals captains (l.-r.): Kildare's Clodagh Flanagan (Premier Junior), Galway's Sinead Keane (Intermediate), Kilkenny's Michelle Quilty (Senior), Galway's Lorraine Ryan (Senior), Limerick's Michelle Casey (Intermediate) and Laois's Sarah Ann Fitzgerald (Premier Junior).

(Photo: Morgan Treacy, Inpho)



# Will the round-robin result be turned around in today's final?

IT IS quite remarkable and rare – if not unique – that the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland senior camogie championship concludes with a game between the same two teams that got it under way 12 weeks previously.

What IS unique is the pairing at this juncture. Kilkenny are in a completely different hemisphere when it comes to titles garnered but they have a fair idea of what Galway have gone through in the past 20 years, having lost four finals since last getting their hands on the O'Duffy Cup in 1994.

Galway scooped their only championship in 1996 but have fallen at the last hurdle on five occasions subsequently ... so both will be ravenously hungry.

The Tribeswomen started the year without



Galway's Niamh Kilkenny celebrates scoring a goal against Wexford in the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Semple Stadium on August 17th.

Veronica Curtin and Aislinn Connolly; the former a last link with the history-makers of '96, the latter arguably one of the top two inter-county free-takers in the land along with Wexford's Ursula Jacob.

They still retained the indomitable Therese Maher, who is driven by a desire to conquer her own personal Everest, having endured every single bit of pain suffered by the westerners as someone who just missed out on glory by joining the senior squad in 1997.

Apart from Maher, there is Lorraine Ryan, Brenda Hanney, Niamh Kilkenny and Ann Marie Hayes of those who know what it's like to operate on the biggest stage. Throw in a handful of players who have gained valuable experience in recent years having come through the successful underage ranks. Meanwhile, Ailish O'Reilly has proved a huge addition to the attack from last year's All-Ireland-winning minors and the westerners are a clear force to be reckoned with.

The League was a disappointment, as Galway failed to make the last four and when Kilkenny edged them by two points in that championship opener, it wasn't looking great. The Noreiders' subsequent feats have increased the value of that effort, while there has been incremental improvement since then too for Tony Ward's crew.

It was evident from the outset that this group was the most cutthroat of the two but Galway accounted for Wexford by two points by a similar margin to Kilkenny and crucial to their prospects.

They were very impressive in overcoming Clare by two goals and the expected victory over Derry secured a quarter-final against Tipperary, from which they emerged with 16 points to spare.

The fact that Wexford aren't in the final for the first time in four years is ultimately down to Galway, who ground down their old foes in the semi-final. While they were heavily favoured to do so, given the overhaul of the Wexford squad from 12 months previously, the fact that they overcame early nerves and previous psychological torment inflicted by the Model County was significant.

Once Niamh Kilkenny struck for a 23rd minute goal, the result was inevitable and while Galway never opened up completely, they dealt professionally with the Yellowbellies and had nine points in hand at the end.

They have another hoodoo to overcome now in terms of finals but the fact that it is unfamiliar opposition dealing with their own final demons might help.

Kilkenny have taken some time to build on the arrival of a youthful squad for the 2009 decider but are the form side of the championship.

The League was reasonable, in terms of reaching the semi-final, but they were beaten by five points by Wexford. The spark to their season came when they reversed that result in the Leinster final and Niall Williams' girls haven't looked back since.

IT IS quite remarkable and rare – if not unique – that the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland senior camogie championship concludes with a game between the same two teams that got it under way 12 weeks previously.

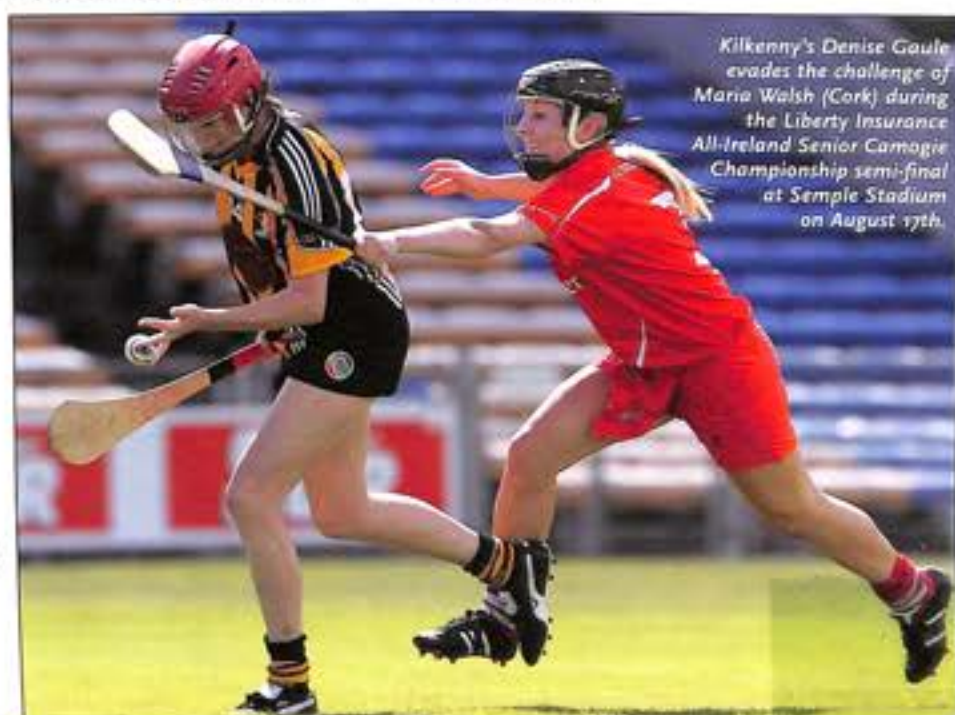
They emerged from their group with a 100% record but were then pitted against another side that hadn't dropped a point in the round-robin stages in Cork. The League champions had been looking good but they had no answer to the magnificence of Katie Power, who scored 1-6 from play as Kilkenny prevailed by the minimum.

Aoife Neary, Shelly Farrell and Ann Dalton also shone, while it is an indication of their strength in depth that captain, Michelle Quilty had to be content with a cameo role. She scored a vital point when introduced as well.

The Cats hurled with magnificent fluidity but also showed a fantastic measure of courage to dig deep when it looked like the game might go against them in the third quarter.

It isn't unusual for a round-robin result to be turned around in the final – Galway know that well from beating Wexford in 2010 and 2011 but losing when it counted. This time though, a repeat verdict, with a similarly narrow margin, might be in the offing.

Verdict: Kilkenny.



Kilkenny's Denise Gaulé evades the challenge of Maria Walsh (Cork) during the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Semple Stadium on August 17th.

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# Paths to the 2013 Final

Saturday, 22nd June 2013	Group 1	Galway ..... 1-8	Kilkenny ..... 1-10
Saturday, 29th June 2013	Group 1	Kilkenny ..... 1-10	Clare ..... 0-11
Saturday, 6th July 2013	Group 1	Derry ..... 1-5 Wexford ..... 0-8	Kilkenny ..... 6-12 Galway ..... 0-10
Saturday, 13th July 2013	Group 1	Clare ..... 1-12 Kilkenny ..... 2-15	Galway ..... 3-12 Wexford ..... 2-9
Saturday, 20th July 2013	Group 1	Galway ..... 3-17	Derry ..... 0-12
Saturday, 3rd August 2013	Quarter-Final	Galway ..... 2-19	Tipperary ..... 0-9
Saturday 17th August 2013	Semi-Finals	Cork ..... 2-11 Galway ..... 1-12	Kilkenny ..... 2-12 Wexford ..... 0-6



Kilkenny's Katie Power strikes over a point as Clare's Chloe Morey attempts to block in the Liberty Insurance Senior Camogie Championship Round 2 game at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on June 29th. (Photo: Caroline Quinn)

## Meet the Match Officials

### SENIOR

**Referee: GER O'DOWD (Limerick)**  
**Club:** Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick  
**Family:** Wife Colette, son Gerard  
**Occupation:** Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Agent, Beckman Coulter  
**Appointments of Note:** All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final 2013, All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final 2012, Limerick Senior Camogie Championship County Finals 2011, 2012  
**Standby Ref/Line Umpire:** Cathal Egan, Cork  
**Line Umpire:** Louise Smith Reilly, Cavan  
**4th Official:** Mike O'Kelly, Cork  
**5th Official:** John Dolan, Clare  
**Umpires:** Junior Mulcahy, John Griffin, Brendan O'Shea, Pauric O'Shea



### INTERMEDIATE

**Referee: AIDEN O'BRIEN (Wexford)**  
**Club:** Cloughbawn  
**Family:** Three sons and two daughters  
**Occupation:** Factory Worker  
**Appointments of Note:** All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Semi-Final 2013, Leinster Club Championship Final 2012, All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Semi-Final 2012.  
**Standby Ref/Line Umpire:** Alan Lagrue, Kildare  
**Line Umpire:** Jenny Byrne, Dublin  
**4th Official:** Owen Elliott, Antrim  
**5th Official:** John Dolan, Clare  
**Umpires:** John O'Brien, Larry Dunne, Tom Kelly, Declan French



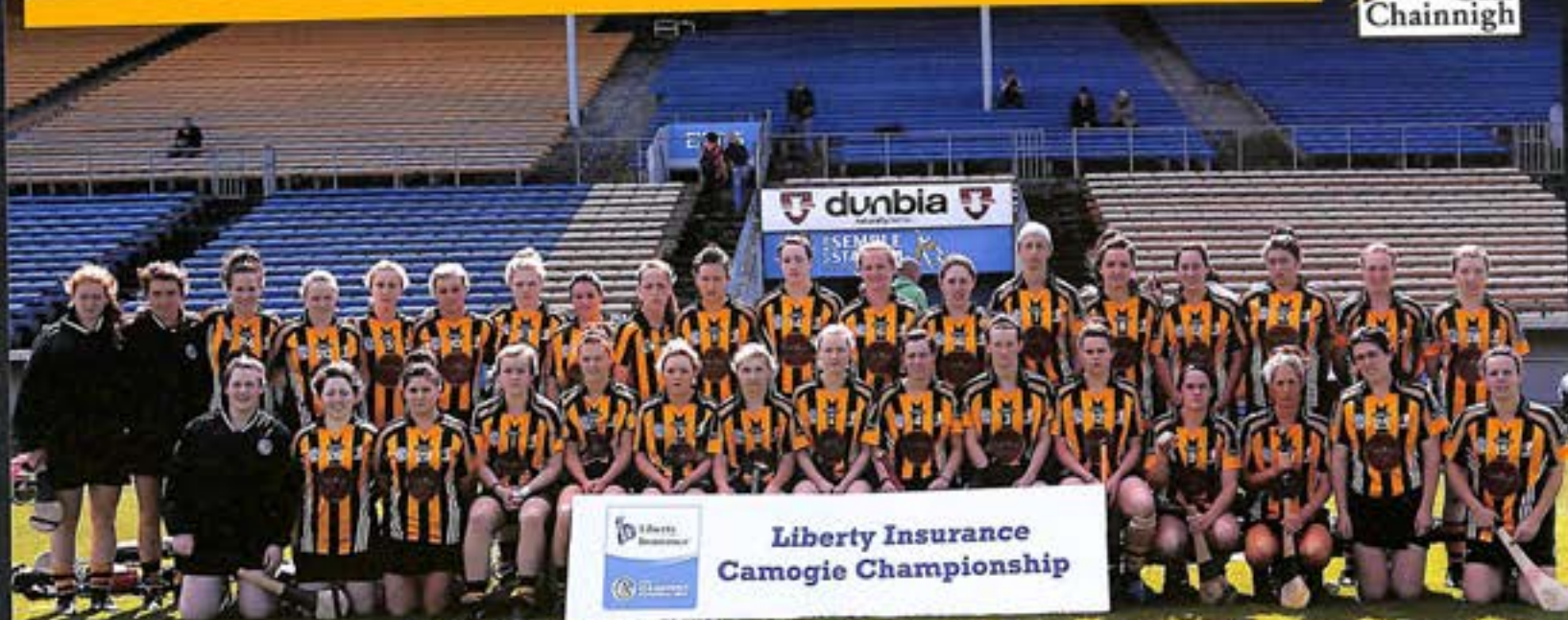
### PREMIER JUNIOR

**Referee: DONAL RYAN (Dublin)**  
**Club:** Naomh Pádraig, Palmerstown  
**Family:** Wife Kay and four children Laura, Leanne, Mark, Emma  
**Occupation:** Civil Servant  
**Appointments of Note:** All-Ireland Intermediate Final Replay 2012, All-Ireland Junior Club Final 2011, Dublin Senior County Final 2011  
**Standby Ref/Line Umpire:** Mike Sheehan, Cork  
**Line Umpire:** Siobhan Ryan, Tipperary  
**4th Official:** Owen Elliott, Antrim  
**5th Official:** John Dolan, Clare  
**Umpires:** Dave Urquhart, Mark Ryan, Niall Dowler, Laura Ryan





# Cill Chainnigh



Back row (l.-r.): Aisling Nolan, Mary O'Connell, Lisa Carey, Emma Comerford, Leann Fennelly, Grace Walsh, Sarah Ann Quinlan, Kelly Hamilton, Lydia Fitzpatrick, Aisling Dunphy, Denise Gaule, Edwina Keane, Ann Marie Lennon, Elaine Aylward, Claire Phelan, Claire Aylward, Aine Fahey, Aine Kinsella, Sonia Buggy. Front row (l.-r.): Niamh Bambrick, Meighean Farrell, Maeve Mansfield, Emma Kavanagh, Collette Dormer, Shelly Farrell, Michelle Quilty, Mairéad Power, Jacqui Frisby, Kate McDonald, Katie Power, Ann Dalton, Mags Fennelly, Miriam Walsh, Aoife Neary.

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CILL			
CILLINI			
SEACHAI			
4th			
5th			
POCAINNA			

## CILL CHAINNIGH

Dathanna: Dubh agus Ómra



(1) E. Caomhánach  
**Emma Kavanagh**  
The Rower-Inistioge



(2) M. de Paor  
**Mairéad Power**  
Carrickshock



(3) C. Nic Dónaill  
**Kate McDonald**  
Thomastown



(4) S. Ní Fhirbhisigh  
**Jacqui Frisby**  
Ballyhale Shamrocks



(5) L. Ní Fhionnualaigh  
**Leann Fennelly**  
Mullinavat



(6) E. Ní Chatháin  
**Edwina Keane**  
St. Martin's



(7) E. Aighleart  
**Elaine Aylward**  
Mullinavat



(8) C. Ní Fhaoláin  
**Claire Phelan**  
Lisdowney



(9) A. Daltúin  
**Ann Dalton**  
St. Lachtain's, Freshford



(10) G. Breatnach  
**Grace Walsh**  
Tullaroan



(11) A. Ní Dhoonchaidh  
**Aisling Dunphy**  
St. Brigid's, Ballycallan



(12) C. de Paor  
**Katie Power**  
Piltown



(13) S. Ní Fhearail  
**Shelly Farrell**  
Thomastown



(14) D. Nic an Chaill  
**Denise Gaule**  
Windgap



(15) A. Ní Náraig  
**Aoife Neary**  
James Stephens

MANAGEMENT: Niall Williams, Graham Dillon, Tom Doherty,  
John Joe Aylward, Liz Dempsey  
FIRST AID/PHYSIO: Tom Manton



### FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) Á. M. Ní Leannáin  
**Ann Marie Lennon**  
Blacks & Whites
- (17) C. Ní Dhuidhiorma  
**Collette Dormer**  
Paulstown
- (18) M. Ní Chaoilte (Capt.)  
**Michelle Quilty**  
Mullinavat
- (19) C. Hamaltúin  
**Kelly Hamilton**  
The Rower-Inistioge
- (20) M. Breatnach  
**Miriam Walsh**  
Tullaroan
- (21) E. Ní Cumascaigh  
**Emma Comerford**  
Young Ireland's, Gowran
- (22) Á. Ní Fhathaigh  
**Aine Fahey**  
Tullaroan
- (23) M. Ní Fhionnualaigh  
**Mags Fennelly**  
Ballyhale Shamrocks
- (24) C. Aighleart  
**Claire Aylward**  
Mullinavat
- (25) L. Ní Chiara  
**Lisa Carey**  
Thomastown
- (26) M. Ní Fhearail  
**Meighean Farrell**  
Thomastown
- (27) Á. Cinsealach  
**Aine Kinsella**  
Mullinavat
- (28) L. Ní Gíolla Phádraig  
**Lydia Fitzpatrick**  
St. Lachtain's, Freshford
- (29) M. Ní Chonchúir  
**Mary O'Connor**  
Clara
- (30) S. Ní Bhogaigh  
**Sonia Buggy**  
Dicksboro





**EMMA KAVANAGH** The Rower-Inistioge  
Honours: 1 County Intermediate Championship, 1 Leinster Club Intermediate Championship, Minor and Under-21 County Championship medals, 1 Féile medal 2007, Leinster minor and Senior medals.



**MAIREAD POWER** Carricksick  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals (St. Brigid's Callan), 2 Purcell Cup medals (DCU), 2 All-Ireland Under-16 medals, 2 All-Ireland minor medals, 1 Leinster Senior Championship medal.



**KATE McDONALD** Thomastown  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals (St. Brigid's Callan), Under-14, Under-16, Minor and Under-21 County Championship medals, 3 All-Ireland Under-16 medals, 4 All-Ireland Minor medals, 1 National League medal, 3 Leinster Senior Championship medals. Captained Kilkenny to Under-16 All-Ireland in 2007.



**JACQUI FRISBY** Ballyhale Shamrocks  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Junior Championship medal, 1 National League medal, 1 All-Ireland Schools B medal, Leinster Under-14, Under-16, Minor and Senior medals, Captained Kilkenny to All-Ireland Junior Championship in 2002, All-Star 2009.



**ANN DALTON** St. Lachtain's, Freshford  
Honours: 3 Ashbourne Cups, 3 All-Ireland Senior Club medals, All-Ireland Minor medal, 3 Leinster Senior medals, 1 National League medal, 2 All-Stars, Camogie player of the year in 2009, Captained Kilkenny in 2009 All-Ireland Senior Final.



**CLAIRE AYLWARD** Mullinavat  
1 Intermediate All-Ireland Championship, 1 All-Ireland B Colleges Championship, 2 Senior County Championships, 2 U-21 A County Championships, Captained Kilkenny to Minor Leinster Final, Kilkenny Centenary Junior Player of the Year 2004.



**SHELLY FARRELL** Thomastown  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals, 2 Ashbourne Cup medals, Under-14, Under-16, Minor and Under-21 County Championship medals, 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals, 2 Minor All-Ireland medals, Captained Kilkenny to Under-16 All-Ireland in 2008, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 1 Leinster Senior medal.



**EDWINA KEANE** St. Martin's  
Honours: 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals, 3 All-Ireland Minor medals, 1 National League medal, 3 Leinster Senior Championship medals.



**DENISE GAULE** Windgap  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals, 4 Ashbourne Cup medals, Minor, Under-21 and Intermediate County Championship medals, 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals, 2 All-Ireland minor medals, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 2 Leinster Senior medals, Camogie Young player of the year in 2009.



**CLAIRE PHELAN** Lisdowney  
Honours: 3 All-Ireland Senior Colleges Medals, 2 All-Ireland Junior Colleges Medals, 1 Intermediate County Championship medal (2010), Under-16 and Minor All-Ireland Medals, Leinster Senior Championship medal.



**LYDIA FITZPATRICK** St. Lachtain's, Freshford  
1 All-Ireland Minor Championship, 4 All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championships, 3 All-Ireland Junior Championships, 3 All-Ireland Colleges 7-A-Side, 2 Leinster Minor Championships, 2 Leinster U16 Championships, 4 Leinster Colleges Senior Championships, 4 Leinster Colleges Junior Championships, 2 Leinster Colleges Minor Championships, 3 Leinster Colleges 7-A-Side, 2 Senior County Championships.



**LEANN FENNELLY** Mullinavat  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal (St. Brigid's Callan), 2 County Senior Championship medals, 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals, 3 All-Ireland Minor medals, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal, 1 All-Ireland Junior Football Championship medal, 3 Leinster Senior Championship medals, Captained St. Brigid's Callan to Colleges All-Ireland medal in 2008.



**KATIE POWER** Piltown  
Honours: 4 Ashbourne Cups, captained WIT to Ashbourne Cup in 2012, 1 County Junior Championship, 4 Leinster Senior medals, 2 All-Ireland Under-16 medals, 3 All-Ireland Minor medals, 1 National League medal.



**SONIA BUGGY** Dicksboro  
1 U16 All-Ireland Championship, 2 U16 Leinster Championships, 2 Minor All-Ireland Championships, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ireland Championships, 3 Senior Colleges All-Ireland Championships, 1 Colleges Seven-A-Side All-Ireland, 6 Leinster Colleges Championships, County Junior & Intermediate Club Championships.



**MAEVE MANSFIELD** St. Martin's  
1 Ashbourne Cup medal with W.I.T., 1 Colleges League medal with W.I.T., 1 Minor All-Ireland Championship, 2 Leinster Minor Championships, 1 U16A All-Ireland Championship, 1 U16A Leinster championship, 1 Colleges C All-Ireland Championship, 1 Leinster Colleges C Championships.



**AISLING DUNPHY** St. Brigid's, Ballycallan  
Honours: 1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal, 1 All-Ireland Colleges Junior medal, 3 Under-16 All-Ireland medals, 2 All-Ireland Minor medals, 2 Leinster Senior medals, Captained Loreto to All-Ireland Senior Colleges title in 2010.



**ELAINE AYLWARD** Mullinavat  
Honours: 2 County Senior Championship medals, 5 Leinster Senior Championship medals, 1 National League medal, All-Star in 2009.



**AOIFE NEARY** James Stephens  
Honours: Under-16, Minor and Junior County Championship medals, 1 Junior All-Ireland medal, 1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges B medal, Leinster Under-14, Under-16, Minor, Junior and Senior medals, 1 National League medal, 2 All-Stars.



**COLLETTE DORMER** Paulstown  
Honours: 4 Ashbourne Cup medals, Under-16 All-Ireland, 2 All-Ireland Minor medals, 1 National League medal, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 3 Leinster Senior medals, County Junior Championship.



**MICHELLE QUILTY** Mullinavat (Capt.)  
Honours: 4 Ashbourne Cup medals, 2 County Senior Championship medals, 2 Under-16 All-Ireland medals, 3 All-Ireland Minor medals, 4 Leinster Senior medals, 1 National League medal.



**KELLY HAMILTON** The Rower-Inistioge  
Honours: All-Ireland Senior Colleges B Medal, County and Leinster Intermediate Championship medals, Under-21 County B Championship medal, Féile medal 2007, Leinster Under-14, under-16 and minor medals, 1 Leinster Senior medal.



**GRACE WALSH** Tullaroan  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Colleges Junior medals, 3 All-Ireland Colleges Senior medals, Leinster Under-16, Minor and Senior medals, All-Ireland Under-16 and Minor medals.



**MIRIAM WALSH** Tullaroan  
Honours: 3 All-Ireland Junior Colleges medals, 4 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals, Captained Loreto to 2013 Senior Colleges All-Ireland, Leinster Under-14, Under-16, Minor and Senior medals, 1 All-Ireland Minor medal.



**EMMA COMERFORD** Young Irelands, Gowran  
Honours: 2 Ashbourne Cup medals, 2 All-Ireland Junior Colleges Medals, 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals, Under-16 County Championship medal, Leinster Under-16, Minor and Senior medals, All-Ireland Under-16 and minor medals.



**SARAH ANNE QUINLAN** Young Irelands, Gowran  
Honours: 2 All-Ireland Colleges Junior medals, 3 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals, Under-16 County Championship medal, Leinster Under-14, Under-16 and Minor Championship medals.



**AINE FAHY** Tullaroan  
Honours: Ashbourne Cup, Intermediate County Championship, 1 National League medal, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal, 4 Leinster Senior medals.



**LISA CAREY** Thomastown  
2 Purcell Cups with DCU, County U16, U18 & U21 Championships, 2 Purcell Cup All-Stars.



**MAGS FENNELLY** Ballyhale Shamrocks  
Intermediate Leinster League & County League 2012, Leinster & All-Ireland Minor Championship 2009.



**ANNE-MARIE LENNON** Blacks & Whites  
Honours: 3 Ashbourne Cup medals, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 1 Leinster Senior, Under-16 and Minor All-Ireland medals.



**AINE KINSELLA** Mullinavat  
Senior County League & Championships in 2010 & 2012, Leinster Senior Championship 2013, Leinster U16 Championship 2009, Leinster Minor Championship 2011 & 2012, Munster Intermediate Colleges Cup 2011, U16C County Championship 2010.



**MARY O'CONNELL** Clara  
1 All-Ireland Minor Championship, Leinster U-14 & U-16 Championships, 2 All-Ireland Seven-a-Side Colleges, Leinster B Minor & Junior Colleges medals, 1 Leinster Senior Championship.



**NIAMH BAMBRICK** Windgap  
U16A, 2 Minor A, U21 A County Championships, 2 Minor A Leinster Championships, Senior A Colleges Leinster Championship, Senior A Colleges All-Ireland Championship, 1 Leinster Senior Championship.



**AISLING NOLAN** Clara  
1 All-Ireland Minor Championship, 2 All-Ireland Seven-A-Side Colleges, Leinster B Junior & Minor Colleges Championships.

**MEIGHAN FARRELL** Thomastown  
Senior A & B All-Ireland Colleges Championships, 2 Interprovincial Colleges Championships with Leinster, 1 Minor All-Ireland Championship 2013 (Captain), 3 Leinster Senior Colleges Championships, 3 U16 Leinster Championships, U16, Minor & U21 County Championships.

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# Gaillimh



Back row (l.-r.): Siobhán Coen, Sinead Keane, Emma Kilkelly, Orla Kilkenny, Sarah Dervan, Sinéad Cahalan, Heather Cooney, Susan Earner, Niamh McGrath, Therese Maher, Brenda Hanney, Ann Marie Starr, Aoife Donohue, Lorraine Farrell, Maria Cooney, Maria Breheny. Front row (l.-r.): Eva Concannon, Regina Glynn, Niamh Kilkenny, Emer Haverty, Ailish O'Reilly, Ann Marie Hayes, Molly Dunne, Lorraine Ryan, Therese Manton, Rebecca Hennelly, Colette Gill, Noreen Coen, Tara Kenny, Clodagh McGrath, Orlaith McGrath.



## FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) E. Ní Choncheanainn  
Eva Concannon  
Castlegar
- (17) S. Ní Chadhain  
Siobhán Coen  
Ballinderreen
- (18) C. Ní Craith  
Clodagh McGrath  
Sarsfields
- (19) G. Ní Fhloinn  
Gina Glynn  
Athenry
- (20) N. Ní Chadhain  
Noreen Coen  
Athenry
- (21) T. Ní Chionaoith  
Tara Kenny  
Sarsfields
- (22) Á. M. Sgarr  
Ann Marie Starr  
Killimor
- (23) O. Ní Giolla Chainnigh  
Orla Kilkenny  
Peases
- (24) M. Ní an Bhreithiúnaigh  
Maria Breheny  
Davitts
- (25) R. Ní hIonnaile  
Rebecca Hennelly  
Ardahan
- (26) O. Ní Craith  
Orlaith McGrath  
Sarsfields
- (27) L. Ní Fhearail  
Lorraine Farrell  
Davitts
- (28) A. Ní Dhorraichú  
Aoife Donoghue  
Mullagh
- (29) C. Ní an Ghaill  
Colette Gill  
Kinvara
- (30) S. Ní Chathain  
Sinéad Keane  
Kinvara

# GAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán

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CLGNI			
SEACU			
45m			
SAM			
PICADIA			



(1) S. Ní Shaoilaigh  
Susan Earner  
Eyrecourt



(2) T. Ní Mhantáin  
Therese Manton  
Mullagh



(3) S. Ní Dhoirbheáin  
Sarah Dervan  
Mullagh



(4) H. Ní Chuana  
Heather Cooney  
St. Thomas



(5) S. Ní Chathaláin  
Sinéad Cahalan  
Mullagh



(6) T. Ní Mheachair  
Therese Maher  
Athenry



(7) L. Ní Riain (Capt.)  
Lorraine Ryan  
Kiltullagh/Killimordaly



(8) N. Ní Giolla Chainnigh  
Niamh Kilkenny  
Peases



(9) M. Ní Dhoirbhí  
Molly Dunne  
Eyrecourt



(10) E. Ní hAbhartáigh  
Emer Haverty  
Killimor



(11) N. Ní Craith  
Niamh McGrath  
Sarsfields



(12) E. Ní Giolla Cheallaigh  
Emma Kilkelly  
Kinvara



(13) B. Ní hAnnaigh  
Brenda Hanney  
Killimor



(14) Á. M. Ní hAodha  
Ann Marie Hayes  
Killimor



(15) A. Ní Raghallaigh  
Ailish O'Reilly  
Oranmore/Maree

MANAGER: Tony Ward    TRAINER: Liam Hodgins  
SELECTORS: Declan Walsh, Orla Watson, Seanie Crowe  
DOCTOR: Dr. Ian O'Connor    PHYSIOS: Louise Larkin, Laura Scully





**LORRAINE RYAN** *Kiltulla/Killmordaly*  
(Capt.)  
Honours: Senior Gael Linn 2008, All-Star 2011, Minor All-Ireland 2004, All-Ireland Junior Colleges 2004, County and Connacht Intermediate 2007, Ashbourne All-Star 2008, NUI Sports Award 2008



**SUSAN EARNING** *Eyre Court*  
Honours: All-Star 2011, Senior National League 2005, Intermediate All-Ireland 2004, Junior League 2003, Junior All-Ireland 2003, Minor A All-Ireland 2000, All-Ireland Colleges B 2004 (captain).



**GINA GLYNN** *Athenry*  
Honours: All-Star 2010, 2009 and 2007, Senior National League 2005 and 2003, Féile na Gael 1997, County titles 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, Kilmacud Crokes 2004 and 2007.



**SARAH DERVAN** *Mullagh*  
Honours: Connacht Player of the Year 2010, Intermediate All-Ireland 2009, Senior Gael Linn 2008, All-Ireland Féile Skills 2001, All-Ireland U14 medal, County Titles at U12, 13 and 14, Connacht Schools 2004, Ashbourne Fresher Medal 2005.



**NIAMH McGRATH** *Sarsfields*  
Honours: All-Ireland U16 Championship, All-Ireland Minor Championship 2010, All-Ireland Féile na nGael 2007, All-Star 2012, County Titles at from under 12 to Minor A, County and Connacht Intermediate 2010.



**BRENDA HANNEY** *Killimor*  
Honours: All-Ireland Senior Club Championship 2011 (captain), Senior National League, Junior National League, All-Ireland Intermediate Championship 2004, All-Ireland Junior Championship 2003, All-Star 2011 and 2010, Ashbourne Shield 2006.



**LORRAINE FARRELL** *Davitts*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 2010 & 2012 (captain), 3 Connacht Colleges, All-Ireland U16 2009 & 2010, County Minor B.



**THERESE MAHER** *Athenry*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 1996 & 1997, 2 Senior Gael Linn, One National League, Galway Camogie Player of the Year, All-Stars 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, Irish International Captain 2004.



**NIAMH KILKENNY** *Pearse*  
Honours: All-Stars 2010, 2011, 2012, Senior Gael Linn 2008, Minor All-Ireland 2004, Connacht Schools Title, All-Ireland Junior Football 2010.



**MOLLY DUNNE** *Eyre Court*  
Honours: County Minor, Junior and U14 Titles, All-Ireland Senior B Schools 2004, Purcell Cup 2007, County Intermediate League 2013.



**EMER HAVERTY** *Killimor*  
Honours: All-Ireland Senior Club Championship 2011, Minor All-Ireland 2004.



**EMMA KILKELLY** *Kinvara*  
Honours: All-Ireland Intermediate Championship, All-Ireland Junior Championship, All-Ireland Minor Championship, Connacht Intermediate Player of Year 2012.



**HEATHER COONEY** *St. Thomas*  
Honours: Intermediate All-Ireland 2009, County U16 2006, County Intermediate 2006.



**ANN MARIE HAYES** *Killimor*  
Honours: All-Star 2011, 2009, 2004, Senior Gael Linn 2008, Junior Gael Linn 2007, Intermediate All-Ireland 2004, Junior All-Ireland 2003, Minor All-Ireland 2000, Connacht Schools Football.



**AILISH O'REILLY** *Oranmore/Maree*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 2010 and 2012, U16 All-Ireland Championships 2010, County U16 title 2010



**THERESE MANTON** *Mullagh*  
Honours: 2 Ashbourne Cups, 2 Connacht Schools.



**SINÉAD CAHALAN** *Mullagh*  
Honours: Senior Gael Linn 2008, All-Star 2008, 2005, Senior National League 2005, Intermediate All-Ireland 2004 (captain), Junior All-Ireland 2003, Galway Captain 2008 and 2009, Ashbourne Shield 2005.



**CLODAGH McGRATH** *Sarsfields*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 2010 and 2012, All-Ireland U16 2009 and 2010 (captain).



**NOREEN COEN** *Athenry*  
Honours: Minor All-Ireland 2004, 2 Ashbourne Shields, All-Ireland Young Player Nominee 2006, 2 Kilmacud All-Ireland 7s, 1 Community Games All-Ireland, 1 Junior A Schools, 4 County Senior Titles, Debut: 2011 vs Wexford.



**MARIA BREHENY** *Davitts*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 2010 & 2012, 2 U16 All-Ireland Championships.



**EVA CONCANNON** *Castlegar*  
Honours: All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship 2013, County Intermediate 2005 and 2012, County U16B 2003 and 2005, County Minor A 2005, County Minor B 2006.



**SIOBHÁN COEN** *Ballindereen*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 2010, Connacht Intermediate 2013, County Junior B League 2009 and 2010, County and Connacht Junior B Club 2010, Ashbourne Shield 2011.



**ANN MARIE STARR** *Killimor*  
Honours: All-Ireland Senior Club Championship 2011.



**REBECCA HENNELLY** *Ardrahan*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 2010, County U16 2010, County and Connacht Intermediate Club 2011.



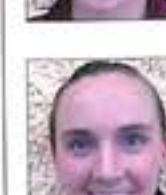
**AOIFE DONOHUE** *Mullagh*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor 2010, County Minor 2009 and 2010, Connacht Schools 2007.



**ORLA KILKENNY** *Pearse*  
Honours: All-Star 2010, Senior Gael Linn 2008 and 2000, Senior National League 2005 and 2003, Minor All-Ireland 1997, All-Ireland Junior Football 2010.



**TARA KENNY** *Sarsfields*  
Honours: All-Ireland Minor Championship 2010, All-Ireland Féile na nGael 2007, County U16 2008 and 2009, County Minor 2010, County and Connacht Intermediate Club 2010.



**COLETTE GILL** *Athenry*  
Honours: Intermediate All-Ireland 2009.



**ORLAITH McGRATH** *Sarsfields*  
Honours: All-Ireland U16 Championship 2010, 2009, All-Ireland Minor 2012, All-Ireland Féile na nGael 2007, County and Connacht Intermediate Club 2010, County Minor 2010 and 2011.

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# Finally, a September to remember for Galway

Liberty Insurance Senior Camogie final

**GALWAY**.....1-9  
**KILKENNY**.....0-7

**Eoghan Cormican**

Croke Park

triumph, all the sweeter given their climb to camogie's Everest started from a very low base. They had failed to advance from the group stages of this year's league and when Kilkenny inflicted defeat in the opening round of the championship in late June, nobody could have foreseen that four months down the line the O'Duffy Cup would be on its way West for only the second time in championship history.

For centre-back Therese Maher, the win brought the curtain down on 16 years of heartache.

"I finally have it," she beamed. "Today makes up for all those defeats. You couldn't finish on a better way if I was to finish here."

"When the final whistle went it was relief more than anything. When you are trying to achieve something for so long and then you finally get it, I kind of didn't

know where I was for a minute to be honest. When you play this game for so long, you want to reach the highest honour you can and I am delighted that before my

## GAMEZone Galway v Kilkenny

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2. T. Manton	3. S. Derian	4. H. Cooney
5. A. Heary	6. D. Gault	7. S. Farrell
8. S. Cahalan	9. T. Maher	10. L. Ryan
11. C. Phelan	12. A. Dunphy	13. K. Power
14. N. Kilkenny	15. M. Dunne	
16. A. Dalton	17. G. Walsh	
18. E. Haverly	19. M. McGrath	20. E. Kilkelly
21. E. Aylward	22. E. Keane	23. L. Fennelly
24. B. Hanney	25. A. O'Reilly	26. A. Hayes
27. J. Frisby	28. K. McDonald	29. M. Power
30. E. Kavanagh		

Galway Kilkenny



career ended I finally got it."

After their hugely comprehensive defeat of Wexford in the semi-final, the big question centred on whether Galway would build on that performance or revert to the uncertainty which afflicted the county in their most

**IT'S OURS:** Galway players celebrate after winning the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at Croke Park yesterday. Right: Edwina Keane is inconsolable after Kilkenny's defeat.

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recent September outings.

Revisiting a ground which has been less than kind to

them in the past and with the majority of the panel having been involved in the losses of

## 'It mightn't have been a pretty final, but it is pretty for

By Eoghan Cormican

For Tony Ward, it was quite the afternoon.

At the sounding of the full-time whistle in the All-Ireland intermediate decider, the Galway boss went hurtling down the tunnel

underneath the Hogan Stand.

Celebrations would have to wait; his day's work was far from complete.

Part one accomplished yes, but the O'Duffy Cup was the piece of silverware he had come to Croke Park for.

Senior glory was delivered two hours later and Ward

stands out as the only man to lead Galway to All-Ireland success, having been at the helm when the county annexed their maiden senior title back in 1996.

"It's absolutely brilliant, crowns a great year," he smiled after taking Galway to two titles on the

one afternoon.

"The result is all we wanted today, we said to the girls last Tuesday night that we didn't care if it finished 0-2 to 0-1 as long as we had the 0-2 points."

"When you get to an All-Ireland final, the important thing is to win it. We have had great performances in the last

ten and 12 years in finals and still came out the wrong end of the result."

"It mightn't have been a pretty final, but it is pretty for Galway. We are All-Ireland champions and the O'Duffy Cup is going across the Shannon today along with the McGrath Cup, which is a great

achievement for us."

"The hurt of previous final defeats played a big factor. You could see it at half-time. All we had to ask them at half-time was to believe, believe they could win this game."

Galway trailed by the minimum when Ailish O'Reilly plundered the only goal ap-

## McGrath on song as Tribeswomen make amends

Liberty Insurance Intermediate Camogie final

**GALWAY**.....0-12  
**LIMERICK**.....0-10

**Daragh Ó Conchúir**

Croke Park

deserved victory in the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland intermediate camogie final at Croke Park.

Orlaith McGrath - whose father Michael 'Hopper' McGrath enjoyed many successful days at headquarters - was in scintillating form for the Tribeswomen and it was no surprise that the Sarsfields attacker earned the Player of the Match award. She topped off a day she is unlikely to forget by coming on towards the end of the

seniors' success later in the afternoon.

Limerick fought the bitter end but their much-vaunted forward line got absolutely no change from a splendid Galway rearward. And so, the Shannonsiders were heavily reliant on Niamh Mulcahy's well-judged shooting in nightmarish conditions for free-takers to keep them in contention.

Galway gradually imposed themselves and three points from Rebecca Hennelly, McGrath and a classy finish by Aoife Donoghue helped them into a 0-6 to 0-3 lead. But it was level scores at the interval as Mulcahy punished a few indiscretions.

She gave Limerick the lead early in the second half, but a run of three points, with McGrath providing one either

side of Donoghue's second score, pushed Galway clear once more.

She Moynihan made a brilliant save from Karen Kennedy five minutes from the end of normal time to keep Joe Quaid's side in touch though and two brilliant Mulcahy frees left it at 0-11 to 0-10 entering injury time.

Hennelly pushed the gap to two with a 62nd minute free but Karen O'Leary almost snatched a dramatic victory for Limerick, only to see her shot deflected out for a 45.

Limerick boss Quaid referred to a couple of important decisions going against his side but, in a nod to Clare hurling manager Davy Fitzgerald, joked that he wouldn't be giving a "small fish" speech.

"We're gutted," Quaid stated. "I don't feel the girls performed to their potential

today but we have to understand what a low base we came from last year and how many young girls we have on the team. I'm so, so proud of them for the way they tried out there today."

**Scorers for Galway:** R. Hennelly (3fs), O. McGrath (0-4 each), A. Donoghue (0-2), C. Cormican, M. Cooney (0-1 each).

**Scorers for Limerick:** N. Mulcahy (0-8, 7fs), C. Costello, M. O'Callaghan (0-1 each).

**GALWAY:** R. Callanan; T. Kenny, S. Healy, C. Gil; P. Kenny, S. Noone, S. Keane; A. Callanan, C. Cormican; K. O'Dwyer; R. Hennelly, M. Cooney; F. Keely, O. McGrath, A. Donoghue.  
**Subs:** D. Burke for A. Callanan (46); K. Kennedy for Donoghue (52); A. Lynskey for Keely (57); L. Mitchell for O'Dwyer (60+2).

**LIMERICK:** S. Moynihan; F. Hickey, S. Carey, J. Mulcahy; M. Ryan, M. Casey, R. Delee; D. Fitzpatrick, K. Campbell; C. Costello, N. Mulcahy, D. Murphy; M. Keating, M. O'Callaghan, D. O'Brien.  
**Subs:** A. Wilson for Keating (46); K. O'Leary for Campbell (44); J. Garvey for O'Callaghan (54); J. Wilson for Ryan (58).  
**Referee:** A. O'Brien (Wexford).

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2008, '10 and '11, all involved with Galway knew if they lost to Kilkenny yesterday, that was that, there would be no return.

That brought its own pressure and, in fairness, Galway responded well, espe-

cially in the first half when they outscored Kilkenny by 1-5 to 0-4. A Shelly Farrell double, coupled with points from Ann

Dalton (free) and Aisling Dunphy had moved Kilkenny into a 0-4 to 0-3 lead by the 24th minute and though Galway had employed the smarter camogie, the scoreboard didn't agree. Then arrived the score that ultimately decided this contest.

Noreen Coen's delivery wasn't cleared by Grace Walsh, dispossessed by Niamh Kilkenny, and when Emma Kilkenny put Ailish O'Reilly in the clear, the 19-year-old beat goalkeeper Emma Kavanagh with a hand-passed effort.

Coen, introduced for the injured Molly Dunne on 20 minutes, flung over two minors subsequently, stretching Galway four clear.

In the many post-mortems sure to be conducted on Noreen this week, the Kilkenny players will surmise what might have happened if Shelly Farrell had goalied from a good opportunity on 16 minutes.

Denise Gaule sliced open the Galway rearguard with a succinct pass inside and Farrell almost capitalised, but her goal-bound hand-pass just rose above the crossbar.

Ann Dalton did narrow the gap to three upon the change of ends, but points from Niamh McGrath and Emma Kilkenny re-established Galway's cushion and while Michelle Quilty knocked over two free's when introduced, McGrath matched her.

The contest petered out in the final quarter with Galway able to enjoy the final minutes, safe in the knowledge the usual September emotion would not be encountered on this occasion.

**Scorers for Galway:** N McGrath 0-5 (4f), A O'Reilly 1-0, N Coen 0-2, E Haverly, E Kilkenny 0-1 each.

**Scorers for Kilkenny:** A Dalton (1f),

## THE 60 SECOND REPORT

### The key moment

27th minute. Kilkenny led 0-4 to 0-3 when Ailish O'Reilly collected an Emma Kilkenny pass and hand-passed beyond keeper Emma Kavanagh for the game's only goal. Galway tagged on two further points before the break and never looked back.

### Pub talk

Delight for this Galway team that they finally got over the line after coming up short in the 2008, '10 and '11 finals.

### Haven't seen that before

It was a real family affair in the Galway half-forward line, with centre-forward Niamh McGrath, the contributor of 0-5, lining out alongside her aunt Emma Kilkenny. The pair combined in the 40th minute with the latter registering her only point of the game.

### The main woman

Could have been any of Galway's outstanding half-back line, but pride of place must go to Therese Maher. At 32, she stood head and shoulders above the rest. As for her distribution of the ball, first class.

### The man in black

Ger O'Dowd let a lot go and though it didn't advance what was a poor final, you can't fault him for that. Ailish O'Reilly can feel harsh done by in not garnering a penalty when dragged to the ground on 44 minutes.

### What's next?

Galway will celebrate double All-Ireland glory, while Kilkenny's wait for O'Duffy Cup success extends to a 20th year.

**Eoghan Cormican**

M Quilty (2f), S Farrell 0-2 each, A Dunphy 0-1.

**Subs for Galway:** N Coen for Dunne (23), O McGrath for Haverly (60), AM Starr for E Haverly (60).

**Subs for Kilkenny:** C Dormer for Phelan (20), K Hamilton for Walsh (40), M Quilty for Neary (45), M Walsh for Gaule (46).

**Referee:** G O'Dowd (Limerick).

# Result all that matters for Tribeswomen

## Therese O'Callaghan

Galway get monkey off back with gritty final performance



The wait is over. Yesterday was a very special day for everybody in Galway — they finally got their hands on the O'Duffy Cup — and the McGrath Cup.

After years of heartache they annex two All-Ireland titles in one day. Despite very trying conditions, and it was very tough in Croke Park, the senior team bridged a 17-year gap. It wasn't a great spectacle, there were far too many stoppages, but I hasten to add the safety of players is paramount and every call is at the discretion of the referee.

The Westerners won't mind that it was a low-scoring affair, neither will it matter that it wasn't pretty at times. It is all about getting the result. We had plenty of excitement all year, this was about ensuring the win.

When I heard last week this was likely to be Therese's Maher's final game, I felt there could be something special in Galway. The Athenry woman had been one of the greatest players never to win an All-Ireland senior medal. She burst on the scene the year after they won the All-Ireland in 1996 and has soldiered every year in between. That she was named player of the match is a fitting tribute to arguably one of the finest players ever to grace the game.

We always knew Galway had the ability and their players are every bit as good as the likes of Cork and Wexford, but there was always this fear of losing. Not anymore.

What about Kilkenny? Unbeaten all year in the championship, this final proved a step too far. Galway were nervous early on but the Cats never played with the freedom they have been accustomed to all year. They were very nervous and this experience will stand to them.

They will be bitterly disappointed with their four-point return from play. It was a struggle for a forward line that bagged 12 goals during the season. They got little space and when they did

they didn't make maximum use of it. The Galway defence hunted in packs. But Kilkenny will be back, the majority of the players still in their early 20s.

The Galway substitutions, too, made an impact. Noreen Coen came off the bench seven minutes before the break and by the half she had landed a pair of vital points. So, the hard calls were made by Tony Ward when needed.

Ward was the manager when they claimed their first title in 1996 and he returned last year. I am sure he and his backroom staff enjoyed every minute of the afternoon.

You have to hand it to them and once the intermediates got past Limerick, it felt like this might be Galway's day.

Yesterday wasn't about stars. Everybody had to row in. Galway trailed 0-4 to 0-2 but 1-2 before the break set them up and another brace of points at the start of the second half put them on their way.

Ailish O'Reilly impressed and although her goal should have been saved by Emma Kavanagh, it was from that moment they got the measure of their opponents.

The Noreiders kept battling and it went down to the wire. I know Galway held a five-point advantage (one of these a fortuitous free to go four points up) but because of past defeats you couldn't be sure Galway had enough done until the third minute of injury time had played out.

So, a day to treasure for Galway and the many links between the intermediate and senior teams. Three McGrath sisters, Orlaith, Clodagh and Niamh, took home All-Ireland medals. Two Kilkenny sisters, Orla and Niamh, did likewise.

A word on Limerick and Joe Quaid's charges in the intermediate final. They have come a long way since 2007 and should be back next year — Galway had to lose one before winning one.

And congratulations to junior champions Kildare, who proved too strong for neighbours Laois.

## Galway... the result is all we wanted today'

proaching the interval. Thereafter, momentum swung the way of the westerners and while they never moved out of sight, Kilkenny were always kept at arm's reach.

"The 1-2 before half-time probably rocked Kilkenny. Just out of the side of my eye I could see the Kilkenny management

and they were a bit dazzled and that was good for us.

"Our six backs were absolutely brilliant. They played out of their skins. Therese (Maher) at centre-back was outstanding; she got ball after ball and had great support."

Joint Kilkenny manager Graham Dillon didn't argue the

result, but rued his side's poor showing.

"They never got going. They probably know themselves they didn't give a great account of their hurling and while you couldn't question their work-rate, they never seemed to get going. We never seemed to click, the bit of luck never went

our way. Galway are the deserving winners, they were the better team. Being here a couple of times before stood to them and speaking to the girls in the dressing room afterwards, our message was to take heart from what Galway have done, keep at it and there is definitely an All-Ireland in that dressing room."

## Hurley so inspirational as Kildare claim All-Ireland honours



Liberty Insurance Premier Junior Camogie final

**KILDARE** ..... 2-11

**LAOIS** ..... 1-5

**Daragh Ó Conchúir**

Croke Park

Kildare continued their inexorable rise up camogie's ranks with an impressive win over midland rivals Laois to claim the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland premier junior camogie title at a windswept and wet Croke Park.

The All Whites burst from the traps with points from player of the match Slobhán Hurley and 18-year-old Melis-

sa Lyons inside two minutes.

Susie O'Carroll, Róisín O'Connell and Hurley (free) added to their tally before a Louise Mahony free opened the Laois account in the 24th minute.

Kildare had only a four-point lead to show for their efforts at half-time (0-6 to 0-2). Laois fired a 32nd minute goal from substitute Grace O'Neill, whose powerful shot dropped inside the upright past Sallieóg O'Keeffe.

Kildare then upped the gears with star full-forward Susie O'Carroll hitting two goals in a minute. The first came after good work from O'Connell and Lyons, and the second, saw the Celbridge sharpshooter read a long delivery best before drilling a shot beyond Laura Dunne.

Hurley and Lyons added points and though Mahony slotted a couple of frees, Laois never looked like getting the goals they needed.

**Scorers for Kildare:** S O'Carroll 2-2; S Hurley 0-5 (2fs); M Lyons 0-2; R O'Connell, C MacSweeney 0-1 each.

**Scorers for Laois:** G O'Neill 1-0; L Mahony 0-3 (1f); N Dollard 0-2.

**KILDARE:** S O'Keeffe; J Donoghue, A Trant, N Concannon; F Trant, C Nolan, A Lyons; C Forde, O Bannigan; L Keatley, S Hurley, C Flanagan; M Lyons, S O'Carroll, R O'Connell.

**Subs:** H Mulligan for Concannon (46); C MacSweeney for M Lyons (54); N Breen for F Trant (59); C Farrell for Keatley (60+2).

**LAOIS:** L Dunne; M Burke, K Cuddy, A Dunphy; J Dollard, SA Fitzgerald, E Delaney; C Walsh, E Mahony; J Dunne, D Quigley, L Mahony; S Burke, N Dollard, O Parkinson.

**Subs:** G O'Neill for Dunne (30); S Cuddy for Walsh (1f); C Downey for Burke (42); S Latham for Parkinson (52); R Birmingham for J Dollard (60).

**Referee:** D Ryan (Dublin).

## Kilmaley and Scariff make it a double for Clare

By Daragh Ó Conchúir  
Kilmacud Crokes Camogie 7s

Two Banner county clubs took the honours at the 40th Daintree Paper Kilmacud Crokes Camogie 7s.

Kilmaley edged out Wexford's St Ibar's 3-5 to 1-9, Emma O'Driscoll bagging two goals, Aida Griffey hit the third and added a point, while sharpshooter Claire McMahon slotted three points. Denise Lynch had the other minor.

Scariff made it a double for Clare by winning the Shield final. They beat Four Roads of Roscommon 4-4 to 1-10.





# The famine is over

Galway end 17 years of camogie heartbreak

Final special: P4-5



## Glory for Galway girls

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## Galway triumph in physical affair as Kilkenny fail to find rhythm

Niamh McGrath and Ailish O'Reilly propel the westerners to a first title since 1996

Kilkenny keep it close until near the end of first half in a disappointing encounter

**Galway** 1-9  
**Kilkenny** 0-7

MALACHY CLERKIN  
at Croke Park

It was no classic. It started slowly and got progressively slower, with no point from play in either the first 15 minutes or the last 20. It was rough and physical throughout, with referee Ger O'Dowd oddly reluctant to pull a yellow card at any stage. And yet in Galway this morning, they are All-Ireland champions. Everything else is more or less bunk.

They won at their ease in the end, pulling away from a dogged Kilkenny side near the end of the first half and never giving them a chance to get back in their slipstream. In Ailish O'Reilly, they had a corner-forward who was a jolt of electricity anytime she got on the ball. In Niamh McGrath – daughter of Hopper – they had a free-taker who cashed in on the fouls that O'Reilly consistently drew.

"It's great because we have been the bridesmaids so often," said Galway manager Tony Ryan afterwards. "It probably wasn't a great game to watch with defences on top, but we have come here in brilliant

games and lost them. We said on Tuesday night we didn't care if it was three points to two as long as we had the three."

### Schoolyard stuff

For long spells here early on, a final score of 0-3 to 0-2 didn't seem so outlandish. Neither side settled well, a combination of blustery conditions and pretty obvious nerves choking off whatever creativity the players had in them. It was schoolyard stuff most of the time – lots of players chasing the one ball, endless stoppages for O'Dowd to throw the sliotar in to restart.

After McGrath and Ann Dalton swapped early frees – Dalton's a monster from 70 metres that shone as the one tea-light of high-quality striking – Emer Haverly nailed the first point from play on 15 minutes. Galway could have surged clear when O'Reilly cut in on goal but she was unable to find anyone free for a pass and was crowded out. With Therese Maher mopping up everything around the Galway half-back line, it

seemed only a matter of time before they found their groove in attack.

Yet it was Kilkenny who had by far the best goal-scoring opportunity in that period, with Shelly Farrell released right in front of goal by a neat pass from Aoife Neary. It seemed as easy to score as to miss – especially since the handpassed goal is allowed in camogie – but Farrell just got under her attempt and it cleared the bar by a foot.

Farrell was causing problems by now and when her second point soon after was followed by a well-taken score from Aisling Dunphy, it pushed Kilkenny into a 0-4 to 0-3 lead. It turned out to be their only lead of the day, however, and held it for less than a minute.

Again it was O'Reilly who placed the stone in the sling-shot, skating past the Kilkenny full-back line before letting go a hand-passed effort that goalkeeper Emma Kavanagh got her stick to but couldn't deflect clear. When substitute Noreen Coen followed up with two

points inside three minutes just before the break, it pushed Galway into a 1-5 to 0-4 lead.

### Hamstrung

Kilkenny scored the first point of the second half – another fine effort from Dalton – but it was as close as they got. Too many of them froze, their touch and striking a shadow of what it had been during their heart-stopping win over Cork in the semi-final. Maybe they were hamstrung by the occasion, although with nine of the starting team having played in the '09 final and another two coming off the bench it seems unlikely. Whatever the reason, they hit only two Michelle Quilty frees for the rest of the game.

"I'm heartbroken for the 24 girls inside there who have given everything for Kilkenny camogie," said one of their joint managers Graham Dillon. "I didn't feel they deserved to go down that way. They just never got going and probably know that themselves."

"You couldn't question their

Galway's Heather Cooney (left) and Therese Maher celebrate. Maher had lost in five previous finals before yesterday's triumph.

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work-rate but they didn't give a great account of their hurling skills which is a real pity. They just never got off the ground today... That was a poor goal to concede and Shelly Farrell had got a hand-pass away at the far end that could as easily have gone into the net. Their goal went in and ours didn't. But Galway are deserving winners...

**GALWAY:** S Eamer, T Manton, S Dervan, H Cooney, S Cahalan, T Maher, L Ryan, N Kilkenny, M Dunne, E Haverly (0-1), N McGrath (0-5, 0-4 free), E Kilkenny (0-1), B Hanney, AM Hayes, A O'Reilly (1-0), S N Coen (0-2) for Dunne (22 mins), O McGrath for Hanney (57 mins), AM Scanlon for Haverly (50 mins).  
**KILKENNY:** E Kavanagh, M Power, K McDonald, J Frisby, L Fennelly, E Keane, E Aylward, C Phelan, A Dalton (0-2, one free), G Walsh, A Dunphy (0-1), K Power, S Farrell (0-2), D Gault, A Neary, S Coen for Phelan (23 mins), K Hamilton for Walsh (40 mins), M Quilty (0-2, free) for Neary (46 mins), M Walsh for Gault (55 mins).  
Referee: G O'Dowd (Limerick)

### Camogie Junior final

## Kildare have too much firepower for lacklustre Laois to claim title

**Kildare** 2-11  
**Laois** 1-5

Kildare had a commanding victory over Laois to claim the All-Ireland junior title at Croke Park yesterday.

They landed points from player-of-the-match Siobhán Hurley and 18-year-old Melissa Lyons inside two minutes. Susie O'Carroll, Róisín O'Connell and Hurley (free) added to their

tally and it was the 24th minute before Laois got off the mark through a Louise Mahony free.

Kildare weren't making the most of their possession but went in at the break leading by just 0-6 to 0-2.

In the 32nd minute Laois substitute Grace O'Neill struck for a goal. Kildare responded with Susie O'Carroll hitting two goals in a minute. The first came after good work from O'Connell and Lyons, and the second, saw the full forward drilling a low shot beyond Lau-

ra Dunne. Hurley and Lyons added points to seal the victory.

**KILDARE:** S O'Connell, J Donoghue, A Trant, N Connon, F Trant, C Nolan, A Lyons, C Farrelly, O Bimbury, L Keatley, S Hurley (0-5, two free), C Flanagan, H Lyons (0-2), S O'Carroll (2-2), R O'Connell (0-1), Subs: H Mulligan for Connon (46 mins), C MacSweeney (0-1) for Lyons (54 mins), N Breen for F Trant (50 mins), C Farrelly for Keatley (60+2 mins).  
**LAOIS:** L Dunne, M Burke, K Cuddy, A Dunphy, J Dolan, S A Fitzgerald, E Delaney, C Walsh, E Mahony (0-3, free), J Dunne, O Quigley, L Mahony, S Burke, N Dolan (0-2), O Parkinson, Subs: G O'Neill (1-0) for Dunne (30 mins), S Cuddy for Walsh (half-time), C Downey for Burke (42 mins), S Lannan for Parkinson (52 mins), R Birmingham for J Dolan (60 mins).  
Referee: D Ryan (Dublin)

### Camogie Kilmacud Sevens

## Clare clubs Kilmaley and Scariff take goal chances and major honours

Just a week after the concession of goals almost cost Clare the All-Ireland senior hurling title, two Banner county clubs absorbed the lesson and took the major honours as a result.

Kilmaley edged out Wexford side St Ibar's by 3-5 to 1-9, with Emma O'Driscoll bagging two goals. Aida Griffey hit the third and added a point, while inter-county sharpshooter Claire McMahon slotted three points.

Kate Kelly was the driving force for St Ibar's, hitting eight

points, while long-time Wexford team-mate Michelle Hearne notched up the remaining 1-1.

Kelly was named player of the tournament.

Scariff made it a double for Clare by winning the Shield final on what was their first trip to this annual event.

They overcame Four Roads of Roscommon by 4-4 to 1-10. It was something of a family affair for the winners, managed by Michael Rogers, whose wife Marian (O'Brien) was the

two-goal heroine. Marian's sister Gina was also in action.

Sarah O'Donnell and Mairead Scanlon scored the other goals for Scariff, while Susan Vaughan (0-2), Regina O'Brien (0-1) and Danielle Sheedy (0-1) were on target.

Sinéad O'Brien led the resistance for Four Roads, shooting eight points. Gillian Dicy hit 1-1 and Lizzie Glennon Tully fired over the other point.

The POC Fada crown went to Down county player Catherine McGourty of Ballycran.



# ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINALS

Joy for Maher as Tribe end 17-year



JOY: Kildare celebrate; (below) Clodagh Flanagan

## SUSIE'S THE SAVIOUR FOR ALL WHITES!

KILDARE continued their inexorable rise up camogie's ranks with a commanding victory over midland rivals Laois to claim the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland junior title at a windswept and wet Croke Park.

The All Whites burst out of the traps with points from player of the match Siobhán Hurley and 18-year-old Melissa Lyons inside two minutes.

Susie O'Carroll, Róisín O'Connell and Hurley (free) added to their tally and it was the 24th minute by the time Laois got off the mark through a Louise Mahony free.

### Happy

Kildare weren't making the most of their possession and wouldn't have been happy going in at the break leading by just 0-6 to 0-2.

Their mood wasn't improved by a 32nd-minute goal from Laois substitute Grace O'Neill, whose powerful shot dropped inside the upright despite the best attempts of Saileóg O'Keefe.

The Lilies responded like champions though, with star full-forward Susie



### Kildare 2-11 Laois 1-5 JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

O'Carroll hitting two goals in a minute to put the tie to rest.

The first came after good work from O'Connell and Lyons.

### Drilling

The second saw the Celbridge sharpshooter read a long delivery best before drilling a low shot beyond Laura Dunne.

It was plain sailing from there as Hurley and Lyons added points, and though Mahony slotted a couple of frees, Laois never looked like getting the goals they needed to turn it around.

**KILDARE:** S O'Keefe; J Donoghue, A Trant, N Concanon; F Trant, C Nolan, A Lyons; C Forde, O Bamberg, L Keatley, S Hurley 0-5 (2fs), C Flanagan; M Lyons 0-2, S O'Carroll 2-2, R O'Connell 0-1. Subs: H Mulligan for Concanon (46); C MacSweeney 0-1 for M Lyons (54); N Breen for F Trant (59); C Farrell for Keatley (60+2).

**LAOIS:** L Dunne; M Burke, K Cuddy, A Dunphy, J Dillard, SA Fitzgerald, E Delaney; C Walsh, E Mahony; J Dunne, D Quigley, L Mahony 0-3 (fs); S Burke, N Dillard 0-2, O Parkinson. Subs: G O'Neill 1-0 for Dunne (30); S Cuddy for Walsh (ht); C Downey for Burke (42); S Lanham for Parkinson (52); R Birmingham for J Dillard (60).

REFEREE: D Ryan (Dublin).

### TYRONE SFC round-up

display. On Saturday, the Cavanagh brothers Sean and Colm were outstanding as Moy came from five down at half-time against Killiclogher to record a comfortable victory, winning 3-9 to 2-4.

Two Colm Doris penalties helped Clonoe get the better of Omagh 3-9 to 1-8.

The final game of the weekend was a repeat of last season's final between Dromore and Errigal Claran, and it finished 0-7 a piece.

### Outstanding

Record O'Neill cup winners Carrickmore were 0-11 to 0-6 winners over Cookstown, with Mark Donnelly and Martin Penrose among the points, and Conor Gormley giving a man of the match

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## PLAYER of the MATCH

AILISH O'REILLY (GALWAY)

ALL of the heroines were on the Galway side yesterday and goalscorer Ailish O'Reilly was the best of the lot. Any time she got the ball inside she terrorised the Kilkenny defence and this created space for her forward teammates. She also drew fouls, which Niamh McGrath popped over the bar. Also excellent were corner-back Heather Cooney and captain Lorraine Ryan.



**SUCCESS:** Galway captain Lorraine Ryan and Heather Cooney lift the O'Duffy Cup in front of their supporters and (right) Ailish O'Reilly celebrates her goal (right) Galway's Therese Maher after the game



JOY: Galway players (from left) Shauna Healy, Colette Gill, Aoife Donoghue, and Rebecca Hennelly; (far right) Sinead Keane

## INTERMEDIATES

GALWAY held off a spirited Limerick side to bounce back from last year's replay defeat and eke out a narrow but deserved victory in the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland intermediate camogie final at Croke Park.

Orlaith McGrath — whose father Michael 'Hopper' McGrath enjoyed many successful days at Headquarters — was in scintillating form for the Tribeswomen and it was no surprise that the

**Galway 0-12 Limerick 0-10 INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE FINAL** Sarsfields attacker earned the Player of the Match award.

### Fought

Limerick fought to the bitter end but their much vaunted forward line got absolutely no change from a splendid Galway rearguard.



wait for senior All-Ireland glory on a day of history for the county

# WIDE AWAKE

## Determined Galway end years of hurt

ONE of Irish sport's longest-running hard-luck stories finally came to an end yesterday.

Galway's one and only All-Ireland senior camogie title before last weekend came in 1996.

In the 16 years that followed, they lost five finals — and Therese Maher was part of every one of them.

It looked as though a great career was going to finish without a much-deserved All-Ireland medal.

Yesterday, though, the 32-year-old finally got what she deserved as Galway beat Kilkenny in the final at Croke Park.

"I had a lot of emotions when the final whistle went," said Maher.

"I was relieved, ecstatic, delighted. Just thrilled to finally get over the line and get that elusive medal that I've been trying so hard to get."

Galway boss Tony Ward was manager when they won in '96 and gave Maher her senior debut in '97.

### Delighted

He was just delighted to still be involved when the Athenry woman finally climbed the mountain that had beaten her so often in the past.

"Therese is a special player," he said.

"She just kept on coming back and coming back and if anyone deserved an All-Ireland medal, she deserved it."

"It takes a lot to keep coming back like that and it was the big lift

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**Galway 1-9  
Kilkenny 0-7  
SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL**

We needed after the League when she said she'd give it one more go. It was a big lift for Therese Maher and that's the type of respect she has."

Many were predicting that yesterday's game would be Maher's last for Galway — win, lose or draw.

However, she wasn't making any rash decisions in the wake of the win.

"I've said 'never say never' but you couldn't finish a better way if I was to finish this way. We'll see," she said.

Ward added: "You'd never know! Once she has the taste of winning she might come back for a few more."

It was a great day for Galway camogie, winning the intermediate final by beating Limerick in the middle of a triple header of All-Irelands at Headquarters.

Ward was in charge of both teams, meaning he had a busy afternoon.

After the intermediates beat the

Treaty, Ward and his management team walked straight up the tunnel, gathered their thoughts and got tuned into the senior encounter.

"There was no jumping up and down — we tore around the corner, composed ourselves, went into the dressing-room and took it as another game as if nothing was happening," he explained.

"I had my mind made up that I wasn't going to get caught up because if you get caught up you're going to be held out there."

### Ready

"The senior game was the one we really wanted to win and we had to get the girls ready. It worked out for us."

"It was a day that had the potential to be brilliant, which it was, but it also had the potential to be a disaster. To lose two would have been a disaster."

There were six members of the intermediate panel on the bench for the seniors and Orlaith McGrath came in for the last nine minutes to join her sister Niamh in the half-forward line.

Both are daughters of Galway great Michael 'Hopper' McGrath.

A scrappy first half finally got going in the minutes before the break.

The wind howled around Croke Park and didn't do either side much favours, though it seemed to slightly favour Kilkenny in the opening period.

After 20 minutes there had been as many throw-balls from referee Ger O'Dowd as there were scores, with the teams locked together at 0-2 apiece.

But both teams eventually found their rhythm and scores from the lively Shelly Farrell and Aisling Dunphy put Kilkenny a point ahead for the first time in the game.

Galway stepped up the tempo and they struck for 1-2 in the last four minutes of the first

half to go in at the break leading 1-5 to 0-4.

Substitute Nooreen Coen, who came in after just 22 minutes for injured midfielder Molly Dunne, got the points and full-forward Ailish O'Reilly hand passed the goal after losing her stick as she burst past two defenders.

They could have raised the green flag on two other occasions before they actually registered, with the Kilkenny full-back line living on the edge at times.

Galway's large management team stayed out on the side of the pitch conferring for more than five minutes after the half-time whistle before eventually going into the dressing-room to talk to their players.

They came out and dominated the third quarter, though they weren't able to kill the game off and their biggest lead was five points.

### Nerve

Kilkenny got back to within a goal with 14 minutes to go. Galway held their nerve, however, to earn the win.

"The team just never got going and probably know that themselves," said Cats joint-manager Graham Dillon.

"You couldn't question their work-rate but they didn't give a great account of their hurling skills which is a real pity."

"They just never got off the ground. Their hurling never really clicked and the bit of luck never went their way."

**GALWAY:** S Eamer, T Manton, S Dervan, H Cooney, S Cahalan, T Maher, L Ryan, N Kilkenny, M Dunne, E Haverly (0-1), N McGrath (0-5, 4f), E Kilkelly (0-1), B Hanney, A O'Reilly (1-0), AM Hayes.

**SUBS:** N Coen (0-2) for Dunne 22 mins; O McGrath for Hanney 60 mins; AM Star for Haverly 61 mins. **BOOKED:** None **SENT OFF:** None

**KILKENNY:** E Kavanagh, M Power, K McDonald, J Frisby, L Fennelly, E Keane, E Aylward, C Phelan, A Dalton (0-2, 1f), G Walsh, A Dunphy (0-1), K Power, S Farrell (0-2), D Gaulie, A Neary.

**SUBS:** C Dormer for Phelan 21 mins; K Hamilton for Walsh 39 mins; M Quilly (0-2, 2f) for Neary 46 mins; M Walsh for Gaulie 54 mins. **BOOKED:** None **SENT OFF:** None



**SIMPLY THE WEST:** Galway manager Tony Ward celebrates victory



**AGONY:** Aisling Dunphy of Kilkenny is dejected

## KICK BIG DAY OFF IN STYLE FOR TERRIFIC TRIBE

The Shannonsiders were heavily reliant on Niamh Mulcahy's well-judged shooting in nightmarish, windy conditions for free-takers to keep them in contention.

Indeed, the Ahane ace did that to such a standard, with seven of her eight points coming from frees, that Limerick were within a point entering injury time and had Galway supporters biting their nails right up to the final whistle. The Maroons held on though

to bag what they hoped would be the first leg of a double for the county and manager Tony Ward, with the seniors in action afterwards.

### Close

Limerick actually took an early lead after Caoimhe Costello followed a pacy run with a neat finish and when Maria Cooney equalised from close range, Mulcahy had them back in front.

Galway gradually imposed

themselves though and three points from Rebecca Hennelly, McGrath and a classy finish by Aoife Donoghue, put them ahead.

Having led by 0-6 to 0-3, they were reeled back in courtesy of Mulcahy and it was level scores at the interval.

Mulcahy gave Limerick the lead early in the second half but a run of three points, with McGrath providing one either side of Donoghue's sec-

ond score pushed Galway clear once more.

### Brilliant

Sile Moynihan made a brilliant save from Karen Kennedy five minutes from the end of normal time to keep Joe Quaid's side in touch though and two brilliant Mulcahy frees left it at 0-11 to 0-10 entering injury time.

Hennelly pushed the gap to two with a 62nd-minute free

but Karen O'Leary almost snatched a dramatic victory for Limerick, only to see her shot deflected out for a 45.

**GALWAY:** R Callanan, T Kenny, S Healy, C Gill, P Kenny, S Noone, S Keane, A Callanan, C Cormican (0-1), K O'Dwyer, R Hennelly (0-4, 3f), M Cooney (0-1), F Keely, O McGrath (0-4), A Donoghue (0-2). **SUBS:** D Burke for A Callanan (H-T); K Kennedy for Donoghue (52); A Lynskey for Keely (57); L Mitchell for O'Dwyer (60+2).

**LIMERICK:** S Moynihan, F Hickey, S Carey, J Mulcahy, M Ryan, M Casey, R Deles, D Fitzpatrick, K Campbell, C Costello (0-1), N Mulcahy (0-8, 7f), D Murphy, M Keating, M O'Callaghan (0-1), D O'Brien. **SUBS:** A Wilson for Keating (H-T); K O'Leary for Campbell (44); J Garvey for O'Callaghan (54); J Wilson for Ryan (58). **REFEREE:** A O'Brien (Wexford).





# Scintillating McGrath inspires Tribeswomen to atone for 2012 agony

<b>GALWAY</b>	<b>0-12</b>
<b>LIMERICK</b>	<b>0-10</b>

ALL-IRELAND INTER CAMOGIE FINAL  
Daragh O Conchuir

GALWAY held off a dogged Limerick side to bounce back from last year's replay defeat and eke out a narrow but deserved victory at Croke Park.

Orlaith McGrath - whose father Michael 'Hopper' McGrath enjoyed many successful days at Headquarters - was in scintillating form for the Tribeswomen and the Sarsfields attacker deservedly earned the Player of the Match award.

She topped off a day she won't forget in a hurry by coming on towards the end of the seniors' success later in the day.

Limerick fought to the bitter end but their vaunted forward line got no change from a splendid Galway rearguard, so the Shannonsiders were heavily reliant on Niamh Mulcahy's well-judged shooting in nightmarish conditions for freetakers to keep them in contention.

Indeed, the Ahane ace did that to such a standard, with seven of her eight points coming from frees, that Limerick were within a point entering injury-time and had Galway fans biting their nails.

Galway gradually imposed themselves and three points from Rebecca Hennelly, McGrath and a classy finish by Aoife Donoghue helped them into a 0-6 to 0-3 lead, but it was level scores at the interval as Mulcahy punished a few indiscretions.

She gave Limerick the lead early in the second half but a run of three points, with McGrath

providing one either side of Donoghue's second score, pushed Galway clear.

Sile Moynihan made a brilliant save from Karen Kennedy five minutes from the end of normal time to keep Joe Quaid's side in touch, though, and two brilliant Mulcahy frees left it at 0-11 to 0-10 entering injury-time.

Hennelly pushed the gap to two with a 62nd-minute free but Karen O'Leary almost snatched victory for Limerick, only to see her shot deflected out for a '45'. "We're thrilled with that," said Galway manager Tony Ward, who credited the intermediate success for helping the seniors make it a historic double.

"It was the launching pad for us today. It was absolutely brilliant."

## POTENTIAL

Limerick boss Quaid felt that we hadn't seen the best of his players but was already looking ahead to next year.

"We're gutted," he said. "I don't feel the girls performed to their potential, but we have to understand what a low base we came from last year and how many young girls we have on the team. I'm so, so proud of them for the way they tried out there today."

"I asked the girls after the match to commit to coming back next year. I don't want to hear about retirements or anything. I am committed to staying with them, and Ger (Sheehy) the same."

**SCORES** - Galway: R Hennelly (5), O McGrath 0-4 each, A Donoghue 0-2, C Cormican, M Cooney 0-1 each, Limerick: N Mulcahy 0-8 (7), C Costello, M O'Callaghan 0-1 each, GALWAY: R Callanan, T Kenney, S Healy, C O'Leary, P Kenney, S Noone, S Keane, A Callanan, C Cormican, K O'Dwyer, R Hennelly, M Cooney, F Keely, O McGrath, A Donoghue, Subs: D Burke for A Callanan (0-1), K Kennedy for Donoghue (5), A Lynskey for Keely (5), L Mitchell for O'Dwyer (0-2), LIMERICK: S Moynihan, F Hickey, S Carey, J Mulcahy, M Ryan, M Casey, R Delaney, D Fitzpatrick, K Campbell, C Costello, N Mulcahy, D Murphy, M Keating, M O'Callaghan, O'Brien, Subs: A Wilson for Keating (0-1), K O'Leary for Campbell (4), J Garvey for O'Callaghan (5), J Wilson for Ryan (5), REF - A O'Brien (Wexford)

# Maher is finally

Sixth time lucky for legend as Galway land a dream double

CLIONA FOLEY

<b>GALWAY</b>	<b>1-9</b>
<b>KILKENNY</b>	<b>0-7</b>

ALL-IRELAND SNR CAMOGIE FINAL

AT THE final whistle, Therese Maher simply fell to her knees, threw off her red helmet and touched her head to the soil of hurling's Mecca before her teammates enveloped her in a mound of jubilant maroon.

After losing five All-Ireland finals in her 17-year senior career, one of the finest players of her generation finally got her dues on a marvellous day for Galway camogie.

Not only did the game's perennial bridesmaids finally make it up the aisle in yesterday's senior final in Croke Park, but they also pulled off a senior/intermediate double that only Wexford and Cork had achieved in the past.

The same management team, led by Tony Ward, was in charge of both and Orlaith McGrath (one of Hopper's three daughters in action) played in both games.

But, above all, this was Maher's moment, and her team-mates and Ward queued up to pay tribute to their elegant and modest centre-back's brilliance and endurance.

Starring in her fourth final in six years and her sixth since 1997, the Athenry star finally got her hands on the O'Duffy Cup - and no one deserved it more.

## ECSTATIC

"I had a lot of emotions when the whistle finally went," she revealed.

"Relieved, ecstatic, delighted and just thrilled to finally get over the line and get that elusive medal that I've been trying so hard to get. Today makes up for all those defeats."

"I know it wasn't a classic out there today, but I didn't mind if it was two points to one or five points to two."

"We wanted to win and we needed to win for Galway camogie and to get the double, we're just thrilled."

As one generation of team-mates left and was replaced by others, Maher, the only one who wears a wedding band, stayed loyal and true, but there were times, she admitted, where she wavered.

"But when you enjoy it and it's something that you've played for most of your life, you love it and I'm so glad I went back now," she added.

It was rumoured that yesterday would be her last game, no matter what the result, so would she change her mind?

"I don't think anyone makes decisions after matches when you win," she said. "I've always said 'never say never' but, if I was to finish, you couldn't finish a better way. We'll see."

Double-winning manager Ward described it "my best sporting day" but



pointed out the potential for disaster if Galway had lost both finals.

"It's great because we have been the bridesmaids so often," the Sarsfields man said.

"It probably wasn't a great game to watch, with defences on top, but we have come here in brilliant games and lost them."

Winning the intermediate was a boost to the seniors, he said, even if he and his selectors had a hectic schedule.

"We tore around the corner, composed ourselves, went into the dressing-room and took it as another game, as if nothing was happening," he explained. "It (intermediate victory)

definitely gave them (seniors) a lift, all they needed was the wink in the dressing-room."

In a scrappy game disrupted by a big cross-wind and far too many rucks and throw-ins, the sides swapped the lead several times and were level on 0-3 apiece after 24 minutes, by which time Ailish O'Reilly (Galway) and Shelly Farrell (Kilkenny) had both missed good goal chances, the latter's handpass going just over the bar.

But then came the break Galway needed when O'Reilly (19) shook off two markers and, despite losing her hurl, managed to palm in a 27th-minute goal.

Galway's astute early introduction

## THE GAME AT A GLANCE

### PLAYER OF THE MATCH

**Orlaith McGrath (Galway)**  
Rebecca Hennelly and Sarah Noone were excellent, but McGrath continues to deliver on the promise she showed with last year's All-Ireland-winning minor team. Four points from play was a match-winning contribution.

### TURNING POINT

It was more the three points from the 39th to the 42nd minutes that Galway scored rather than one moment. In the context of a tight game, that was a blitz.

### TALKING POINT

The breeding that prevails, with Orlaith McGrath, the daughter of 'Hopper', Maria Cooney the daughter of Joe, and Sarah Carey, the daughter of Ciaran.

### MAGIC MOMENT

Rebecca Hennelly lofted a point from more than 45 metres out while moving away from goal - that was sublime.

### REF WATCH

By and large, Aiden O'Brien had a good

day at the office and neither team had cause for complaint with the Wexford official's handling of the game.

### WHAT THEY SAID

**Tony Ward (Galway):**  
"The girls worked very hard and this was a great reward for them."

### Joe Quaid (Limerick):

"A few decisions went against us, but I'm not going to go into the 'small fish' speech. Those things balance out at the end of the day."

### MATCH STATISTICS

<b>Wides</b>	
Galway 6 (2)	
Limerick 4 (2)	
<b>Frees</b>	
Galway 14 (8)	
Limerick 19 (8)	
<b>Yellow Cards</b>	
Galway 0	
Limerick 0	
<b>Red Cards</b>	
Galway 0	
Limerick 0	



# a Croker bride



The Galway team celebrates with the O'Duffy Cup after the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie final. Below left: Galway's Ailish O'Reilly in action against Kilkenny's Kate McDonald



Kildare captain Clodagh Flanagan celebrates with her team after the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final

of Noreen Coen also proved pivotal as she quickly tagged on two good points to give them a four-point half-time lead (1-5 to 0-4) which Emma Kilkenny soon extended to five.

But Ann Dalton and two frees from Kilkenny captain Michelle Quilty got the deficit back to three, and the game was delicately balanced after Niamh McGrath had a vital free come back off the upright.

If Kilkenny had taken their opportunities, then the pendulum might have swung but some of their six second-half wides immediately followed and their chance slipped away.

A host of Kilkenny forwards were held scoreless. Three of them were

replaced and when they moved Ann Dalton up to centre-forward, even she couldn't get past Maher.

The Norensiders' attack never once sparked but that was down to Galway's brilliantly tigerish defence, where they hadn't one weak link and Maher, Sarah Dervan and captain Lorraine Ryan were particularly outstanding.

Their defence provided several contenders for player of the match but corner-forward O'Reilly (19), who was still a minor last year, just edged it for the havoc she created every time she got the ball and yielded many of the frees that top scorer McGrath rattled over.

On a breakthrough day for Galway

## THE GAME AT A GLANCE

### PLAYER OF THE MATCH

**Ailish O'Reilly (Galway)**  
O'Reilly proved to be the difference between the sides, scoring a goal and winning multiple frees every time she ran at the Kilkenny defence.

### TURNING POINT

Deep in the second half Michelle Quilty got a free to close the gap to three. Galway then missed a free and Katie Power had an easy chance to cut the deficit to two, but she missed and the momentum swung away from Kilkenny.

### TALKING POINT

No one begrudged Galway finally getting over the line, but the consensus was that this was not a vintage final with a lot of scrappy play and both sides looking a bit nervous.

### MAGIC MOMENT

In a match short of dazzling skill, an Emma Kilkenny point in the 40th minute stood out, as she deftly killed a delivery with her stick and then swung over a super long-range point.

### REF WATCH

It was a surprising in a game with a lot of tight marking and some heavy hits that Limerick ref Ger O'Dowd never booked a single player, particularly after Katie Power had been struck on the hand in the first half.

### WHAT THEY SAID

**Tony Ward (Galway manager):**  
"This was one of my great sporting days, to bring two adult teams to Croke Park and come away with wins. Some people say it's unbelievable, but it is believable for these girls, because they have suffered such heartache and today finally is their day."

**Graham Dillon (Kilkenny co-manager):**  
"You couldn't question our girls' work rate today, but they didn't give a great account of their hurling skills, which is a real pity, they just never got off the ground."

### MATCH STATISTICS

<b>Wides:</b>	Galway 5 (3 first half)	Kilkenny 6 (0)
<b>Frees:</b>	Galway 15 (6)	Kilkenny 14 (6)
<b>Yellow Cards:</b>	Galway 0	Kilkenny 0
<b>Attendance:</b>	15,063	

camogie, their manager summarised it best.

"Some people say it's unbelievable but it is believable for these girls because they have suffered the heartache over the last few years and today, finally, is their day."

**SCORERS - Galway:** N McGrath 0-5 (4f), A O'Reilly 1-0, N Coen 0-2, E Haverly, E Kilkenny 0-1 each. **Kilkenny:** S Farrell, A Dalton 0-6, M Quilty 0-2 each, A Dunphy 0-1.

**GALWAY - S:** Earner 7, T Manton 8, S Dervan 9, H Cooney 9, S Cahalan 8, T Maher 8, L Ryan (capt) 9, N Kilkenny 7, M Dunne 5, E Haverly 6, N McGrath 6, E Kilkenny 7, B Hanney 6, A O'Reilly 9, AM Hayes 6. **Subs:** N Coen 6 for Dunne (23), O McGrath 6 for Hanney (6), AM Starr 6 for Haverly (6).

**KILKENNY - E:** Kavanagh 6, M Power 6, K McDonald 6, J Frisby 6, L Finnerty 7, E Keane 6, E Aylward 7, C Phelan 5, A Dalton 6, G Walsh 6, A Dunphy 7, K Power 7, S Farrell 6, D Burke 5, A Neary 5. **Subs:** C O'Donnell 6 for Phelan (2), K Hamilton 5 for Walsh (4), M Quilty 6 for Neary (4), M Walsh 6 for Gaule (5).

**REF - G O'Dowd (Limerick)**

## Confidence was oozing out of team all week, reveals Kildare captain

<b>KILDARE</b>	<b>2-11</b>
<b>LAOIS</b>	<b>1-5</b>

**Daragh O Conchuir**

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

**TWO** goals in the space of a minute from ace full-forward Susie O'Carroll ensured that Kildare continued their inexorable rise up the ranks with a commanding victory over Laois.

Heavy rain and a blustery wind made conditions very difficult, but Kildare's physical power came to the fore, not to mention their experience, as they flew out of the traps.

Player of the match Siobhan Hurley and 18-year-old Melissa Lyons had points on the board inside the opening two minutes. O'Carroll, Roisin O'Connell and Hurley (free) added to their tally, and it was only in the 24th minute that Laois got off the mark through a Louise Mahony free.

Niamh Dollard also got on the scoresheet for Mattie Collier's side, and though O'Carroll made it 0-6 to 0-2, it must have been a source of disappointment for Jim McMullen that the margin was just four given his team's dominance.

The mood wouldn't have been improved by a 32nd minute goal from 17-year-old Laois substitute Grace O'Neill, whose powerful shot dropped inside the upright.

The Lilies responded like champions, though, with O'Carroll hitting those two goals in a minute to put the tie to rest.

It was plain sailing from there as Hurley and Lyons added points.

Though Mahony slotted a couple of frees, the Laois girls never looked like getting the goals they needed to turn it around. "It's unbelievably brilliant,"

enthused victorious captain Clodagh Flanagan, who was winning her third All-Ireland and second at Croke Park, having lined out for the county when they won the All-Ireland junior title 10 years ago.

"Siobhan's first score completely settled us, but the confidence was oozing out of the team all week. Everybody's in such good form. We had no doubt what we were capable of."

"We knew coming out at half-time that we were going to be up against it. We knew Laois weren't going to give up easily. But Susie is on fire at the moment and we know we can rely on her."

The Laois manager admitted that the best team won.

### DISAPPOINTED

"Naturally we're very disappointed. I felt in the first half we didn't get going at all. I suppose both teams were nervous, but I was happy enough at half-time to be just four points down. We decided to move Sarah Ann up to the forwards and to go for it."

"We got the goal straight away and I thought it was working," said Collier.

"The heavy shower seemed to kill it and then they got the two goals."

"It was a fierce mountain to climb then. There are no excuses. Kildare were the better team on the day."

**SCORERS - Kildare:** S O'Carroll 2-2, S Hurley 0-5 (2f), M Lyons 0-2, R O'Connell, C MacSweeney 0-1 each. **Laois:** G O'Neill 1-0, L Mahony 0-3 (3f), N Dollard 0-2.

**KILDARE - S:** O'Keefe, J O'Donoghue, A Trant, N Concanon, F Trant, C Nolan, A Lyons, C Forde, O Bamberg, L Keatley, S Hurley, C Flanagan, M Lyons, S O'Carroll, R O'Connell. **Subs:** H Mulligan for Concanon (46), C MacSweeney for M Lyons (54), N Green for F Trant (56), C Farrell for Keatley (60).

**LAOIS - L:** Dunne, M Burke, K Cuddy, A Dunphy, J Dollard, SA Fitzgerald, E Delaney, C Walsh, E Mahony, J Dunne, D Quigley, L Mahony, S Burke, N Dollard, O Parkinson. **Subs:** O O'Neill for Dunne (20), S Cuddy for Walsh (4), C Downey for Burke (42), S Latham for Parkinson (52), R Birmingham for J Dollard (60).

**REF - D Ryan (Dublin)**

## THE GAME AT A GLANCE

### PLAYER OF THE MATCH

**Siobhan Hurley (Kildare)**  
A hugely effective link player from centre-forward, the dual star contributed five points, with three of those coming from play.

### TURNING POINT

Susie O'Carroll's two goals in a minute, almost immediately after Grace O'Neill's goal at the other end had left just a point separating the sides.

### TALKING POINT

Kildare's continuing rise up the camogie ladder in the past six years that has seen them go from Division 4 of the league to this year's Division 2 final, having won the All-Ireland junior A crown in 2010.

### MAGIC MOMENT

O'Carroll's first goal was perfectly crafted, with Roisin O'Connell batting the sliotar intelligently into the path of Melissa Lyons, who drew the cover and timed her pass perfectly to give the full-forward the opportunity.

### REF WATCH

David Ryan handled the game well and was always in control.

### WHAT THEY SAID

**Clodagh Flanagan (Kildare):**  
"Siobhan's first score completely settled us, but the confidence was oozing out of the team all week."

### Mattie Collier (Laois):

"They won a lot of the 50-50 balls, but the girls fought hard, trained hard all year and sometimes you have to lose one to win one."

### MATCH STATISTICS

<b>Wides:</b>	Kildare 6 (5), Laois 1 (0)
<b>Frees:</b>	Kildare 16 (5), Laois 17 (7)
<b>Yellow cards:</b>	Kildare 0, Laois 1 (D Quigley 18)
<b>Red cards:</b>	Kildare 0, Laois 0



# Cill Dara



Back row (l.-r.): Emma Barry, Brid Byrnes, Lauri McDermott, Eimear Hurley, Elaine McNamara, Carol Nolan, Siobhán Hurley, Louise Keatley, Caroline Forde, Fiona Trant, Saileóg O'Keeffe, Niamh Concannon, Susie O'Carroll. Front row (l.-r.): Clodagh Farrell, Angela Lyons, Aoife Trant, Tanya Johnson, Orla Bambury, Clodagh Flanagan, Róisín O'Connell, Niamh Breen, Hazel Mulligan, Melissa Lyons, Jane O'Donoghue. Missing from photograph: Deirbhile Byrne, Clíodhna MacSweeney, Louise Walsh.

	Team	Score	Result
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## CILL DARA

Dathanna: Bán

### PREMIER JUNIOR



(1) S. Ní Chaoimh  
Saileóg O'Keeffe  
Celbridge



(2) S. Ní Dhomhú  
Jane O'Donoghue  
Johnstownbridge



(3) A. Ní Threabhant  
Aoife Trant  
Johnstownbridge



(4) N. Ní Choncheanainn  
Niamh Concannon  
Celbridge



(5) F. Ní Threabhant  
Fiona Trant  
Naas



(6) C. Ní Nualláin  
Carol Nolan  
St. Laurence's



(7) A. Ní Laighin  
Angela Lyons  
Celbridge



(8) C. Ní Giollaínnáth  
Caroline Forde  
Cappagh



(9) O. Ní Bhambaire  
Orla Bambury  
Paulstown



(10) C. Ní Fhlannagáin (Capt.)  
Clodagh Flanagan  
Johnstownbridge



(11) S. Ní hUirtheile  
Siobhán Hurley  
Johnstownbridge



(12) M. Ní Laighin  
Melissa Lyons  
Clane



(13) L. Ní Ghatlaioich  
Louise Keatley  
St. Laurence's



(14) S. Ní Chearúill  
Susie O'Carroll  
Celbridge



(15) R. Ní Chonaill  
Róisín O'Connell  
Johnstownbridge



### FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) T. Ní Shéáin  
Tanya Johnson  
Johnstownbridge
- (17) C. Ní Fheairil  
Clodagh Farrell  
Leixlip
- (18) E. de Barra  
Emma Barry  
Celbridge
- (19) L. Ní Dhiarmada  
Lauri McDermott  
Celbridge
- (20) E. Ní Connmhara  
Elaine McNamara  
Maynooth
- (21) E. Ní hUirtheile  
Eimear Hurley  
Johnstownbridge
- (22) N. Ní Bhraoin  
Niamh Breen  
St. Laurence's
- (23) H. Ní Mhaolagáin  
Hazel Mulligan  
Cappagh
- (24) B. Ní Bhroin  
Brid Byrnes  
Maynooth
- (25) D. Ní Bhroin  
Deirbhile Byrne  
St. Laurence's
- (26) C. Ní Shuibhne  
Clíodhna MacSweeney  
Courcy Rovers
- (27) L. Breatnach  
Louise Walsh  
Maynooth

MANAGEMENT: Jim McMullen, Liz O'Donoghue-Byrne, Mark Sexton  
Liam Johnson, Regina Gorman, Stephen Doerner





## CLODAGH FARRELL

Leixlip  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 National League Div 3, 2010 Junior A All-Ireland Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 National League Div 3, 2008 All-Ireland Minor Championship, 2006 & 2004 Kildare Young player of the year, 2006 U16 Leinster Championship, 2008/2009 DCU Camogie player of the year, 2007/2008 DCU Fresher of the Year, 2010 Intermediate Club League, 2007 & 2005 Junior A County Championship & League, 2007 U21 Championship.



## HAZEL MULLIGAN

Cappagh  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2004 Nat League Div 2, 2009 O'Connor Shield (Football) with NUIM, 2008 Purcell Shield & Senior Footballer of the Year NUIM, 2007 Purcell Cup All-Star, 2005 NUIM Camogie Fresher of the Year, 2009 Intermediate County Championship & League, 2006 U21 Div 2 League, 2004 Intermediate County Championship & League, 2002 Senior B Championship, 2000 Minor Club Championship, 2008 Leinster Junior Football Championship



## LAURI McDERMOTT

Celbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2013 & 2012 Purcell Cup with DCU, 2012 & 2011 U21 Club Championship, 2010 Senior County Championship, 2009 Senior Club League, 2006 Senior Club Championship.



## EMMA BARRY

Celbridge  
2013 All-Ireland Minor C Championship, 2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Junior Dublin 'B' Schools Championship with St. Wolstan's, numerous underage titles



## EIMEAR HURLEY

Johnstownbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2005 Purcell Shield with St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, 2013 Division 1 County League, 2012 & 2011 Senior County Championship & League



## CAROLINE FORDE

Cappagh  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2013 & 2008 Leinster Gael Linn Team, 2006 U21 Division 2 League, 2004 Intermediate County Championship & League



## RÓISÍN O'CONNELL

Johnstownbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 Junior A All-Ireland Championship & Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 Nat League Div 4, Represented Ireland in International Shinty Rules, 2013 Division 1 County League, 2012 & 2011 Senior County Championship & League.



## AOIFE TRANT

Johnstownbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 National League Division 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 National League Division 4, 2011 Kildare Senior Player of the Year, 2013 Division 1 County League, 2012 & 2011 Senior County Championship & League.



## FIONA TRANT

Naas  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2013 & 2012 Purcell Cup with DCU, 2010 Junior A County Championship



## CLODAGH FLANAGAN

Johnstownbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 Nat League Division 2, 2004 Nat League Div 2, 2012 Kildare Senior Player of the Year, 2007 Ashbourne Cup with UCD, 2006 O' Connor Cup (Football), 2013 Division 1 County League, 2012 & 2011 Senior County Championship & League



## ORLA BAMBURY

Paulstown (Kilkenny)  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 National League Division 3, 2013 Gael Linn Leinster Panel, 2010 Intermediate County League



## NIAMH BREEN

St. Laurence's  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Division 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 Nat League Division 4, Represented Ireland in Shinty/Camogie Internationals 2010 & 2009, Leinster Junior Club Championship, 8 Senior County Championships & Leagues



## SUSIE O'CARROLL

Celbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 Nat League Division 4, 2004 Nat League Div 2, 2012 & 2009 Soaring Star Award, 2 Ashbourne Cups with UCD, 3 Senior County Championships



## CLÍODHNA MacSWEENEY

Courcey Rovers (Cork)  
2012 National League Division 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship



## SIOBHÁN HURLEY

Johnstownbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2013 Gael Linn Panel, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, U16 Leinster Championship, Fr Meaghair Cup with St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, 2013 Division 1 County League, 2012 & 2011 Senior Championship & League



## NIAMH CONCANNON

Celbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 National League Division 4, UCG Ashbourne Shield with UCG, 3 Senior County championships.



## BRÍD BYRNES

Maynooth  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2011 & 2010 Intermediate County Championship



## CAROL NOLAN

St Laurence's  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2013 Gael Linn Panel, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2003 Kildare Young Player of the Year, 2005 WIT Sports Scholarship, numerous Senior County Championships & Leagues



## DEIRBHILE BYRNE

St Laurence's  
2013 All-Ireland Minor C Championship, 2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Young Kildare Player of the Year, 2013 Wicklow Schools Championship, 2012 Division 1 County Shield, 2012 U21 County Championship, numerous underage titles



## SAILEÓG O'KEEFFE

Celbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 3 Senior County Championships



## LOUISE KEATLEY

St. Laurence's  
Honours; 2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2013 Gael Linn Panel, 2012 National League Division 3, 3 Senior County Championships, Leinster Intermediate Football championship



## TANYA JOHNSON

Club : Johnstownbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2013 Division 1 County League, 2012 & 2011 Senior Championship & League



## ELAINE McNAMARA

Maynooth  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2011 & 2010 Intermediate County Championship



## JANE O'DONOGHUE

Johnstownbridge  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 National League Div 3, 2013 Division 1 County League, 2012 & 2011 Senior Championship & League



## MELISSA LYONS

Clane  
County: 2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Intermediate County Championship



## ANGELA LYONS

Celbridge  
County: 2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2013 Gael Linn Panel, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2010 All-Ireland Junior A Championship, 2010 Leinster Junior Championship, 2009 Senior Club Championship



## LOUISE WALSH

Maynooth  
2013 Leinster Junior Championship, 2012 Nat League Div 3, 2011 & 2010 Intermediate County Championship.





Back row (l-r): Marion O'Grady, Grace O'Neill, Sharon Maylan, Denise Quigley, Caitriona Downey, Rosemary Bermingham, Joyce Dunne, Niamh Gleeson, Eimear Delaney, Lorna Campion, Elaine Mahony, Joan Dollard, Karen Cuddy, Maeve Collier. Front row (l-r): Niamh Cass, Sinéad Lanham, Aishling Dunphy, Laura Dunne, Sile Burke, Máiréad Burke, Olga Parkinson, Niamh Dollard, Sarah Ann Fitzgerald, Claire Walsh, Louise Mahony, Sarah Cuddy, Emma Phelan. Missing from photograph: Dawn Mortimer.



## FIR IONaid

- (16) E. Ní Fhaoláin  
Emma Phelan  
Camross
- (17) S. Dollard  
Joan Dollard  
The Harps
- (18) R. Ní Fheorais  
Rosemary Bermingham  
O'Moore's
- (19) S. Ní Chuidithe  
Sarah Cuddy  
St. Brigid's
- (20) G. Ní Néill  
Grace O'Neill  
St. Brigid's
- (21) S. Lanham  
Sinéad Lanham  
O'Moore's
- (22) D. Nic Mhuireartaigh  
Dawn Mortimer  
Camross
- (23) M. Ní Ghráda  
Marian O'Grady  
St. Brigid's
- (24) N. Coss  
Niamh Coss  
O'Moore's
- (25) M. Coiléir  
Maeve Collier  
Camross
- (26) N. Ní Ghliasdáin  
Niamh Gleeson  
Portlaoise
- (27) L. Caimpion  
Lorna Caimpion  
The Harps
- (28) S. Ní Mhaoldéáin  
Sharon Moylan  
St. Brigid's

**Dathanna:** Gorm agus Bán

**PREMIER JUNIOR**



(3) L. Ní Dhoirín  
Laura Dunne  
St. Brigid's



(2) M. de Búrca  
**Mairéad Burke**  
Carrigroh



(3) C. Ní Chuidithe  
**Karen Cuddy**  
St. Brigid's



(4) C. Ni Dhúnaigh  
Catriona Downey  
O'Moore's



(5) A. Ní Dhonnchaidh  
Aishling Dunphy  
O'Moore's



(6) S. A. Nic Gearailt (Capt.)  
**Sarah Ann Fitzgerald**  
Camross



(7) E. NI Dhúláinne  
Eimear Delaney  
St. Brigid's



(8) C. Breatnach  
**Claire Walsh**  
*The Harps*



(9) E. Ni Mhathúna  
**Elaine Mahony**  
*The Harps*



(10) S. Ní Dhoinn  
**Joyce Dunne**  
O'Moore's



(11) D. NI CHOIGLIGH  
**Denise Quigley**  
*The Harps*



(12) L. Ní Mhathúna  
**Louise Mahony**  
*The Harps*



(13) S. de Búrca  
Sile Burke  
Carmross



(14) N. Dollard  
Niamh Dollard  
Comress



(15) O. Nic Pheadaircín  
Olga Parkinson  
Comress

**MANAGER:** Mattie Collier

**MANAGER:** Mattie Collier  
**SELECTORS:** Mary Dunne, Mick Lennon, Ann Mahony, Mark Gorman  
**PHYSIO:** Miriam Harrison





**LAURA DUNNE**  
St Brigid's  
1 Nat League Div 3 2013, 1 Junior county '05, Numerous under age medals, Leinster Gael Linn 2013



**ROSEMARY BERMINGHAM**  
O'Moore's  
1 Nat League Div 3 2013, 1 All-Ireland Minor C '09, 1 Leinster Minor '09, 2 Senior Football '08, '11, 1 Senior Leinster Football '08



**MARION O'GRADY**  
St Brigid's  
1 Junior County '05, 2 Minor county '05 '06, Numerous football titles



**SHARON MOYLAN**  
St Brigid's  
1 Nancy Murray '06, 1 Ashbourne Cup, 2 Div 3 National League, 1 Junior Club '05, 1 Senior Football, 1 Div 2 Rugby



**CATRIONA DOWNEY**  
O'Moore's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 All-Ireland Div 3 '08, 1 Leinster Junior '07, 1 Nancy Murray '06, Purcell Cup and All-Star team '02, 1 Leinster Minor '99



**LOUISE MAHONY**  
The Harps  
2 Nat League Division 3, 3 All-Ireland Junior Club Championships, 2 Leinster Intermediate Club Championships, 4 Leinster Junior Club Championships, 6 County Championships, 1 Gael Linn Interprovincial, 1 Kilkenny District Soccer League Title 2012



**KAREN CUDDY**  
St Brigid's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Junior County '05, 1 All-Ireland School '03, 1 Leinster Schools '03, 2 Minor County '05 '06



**ELAINE MAHONY**  
The Harps  
2 Nat League Div 3, 3 Junior All-Ireland Club Championships, 2 Intermediate Leinster Club, 4 Junior Leinster Club, 6 County Club titles, 1 Gael Linn Interprovincial, 1 Kilkenny District Soccer League Title 2012



**GRACE O'NEILL**  
St Brigid's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Leinster Colleges '12, 2 Under 16 County '10, '11



**MAIREAD BURKE**  
Camross  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Senior County '12, 1 Leinster Minor '11, numerous under age County medals



**SARAH ANN FITZGERALD**  
Camross  
2 Nat League Div 3 '10 '13, 3 Ashbourne '11 '12 '13, 1 Senior County '12, 2 Soaring Stars '11 '12, 1 Ashbourne All-Star '12, numerous under age County medals, Leinster Gael Linn team Captain 2013



**OLGA PARKINSON**  
Camross  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Senior County '12, 1 Volleyball '11, Numerous Camogie and Football under age County Medals



**SILE BURKE**  
Camross  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Senior County '13, 1 All-Ireland and Leinster '12, Numerous County under age medals, Leinster Gael Linn Team 2013



**NIAMH DOLLARD**  
Camross  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Senior County '12, 1 Junior County '04, 1 All-Ireland Feile '04, numerous under age County medals, Leinster Gael Linn Team 2013



**DAWN MORTIMER**  
Camross  
1 Senior County '13, 1 Junior County '04, numerous under age County medals



**SARAH CUDDY**  
St Brigid's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Leinster Junior '07, 1 Leinster Junior Schools '02, 1 All-Ireland Under 16 '00



**EMMA PHELAN**  
Camross  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Senior County '12, 2 Munster Colleges



**DENISE QUIGLEY**  
The Harps  
2 Nat League Div 3, 3 Junior All-Ireland Club Championships, 2 Intermediate Leinster Club Championships, 4 Junior Leinster Club Championships, 6 County Championships, 1 Gael Linn Interprovincial, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland football Championship



**JOAN DOLLARD**  
The Harps  
1 Junior All-Ireland Club Championship 2006, 2 Leinster Junior Club Championships 2006, 2009, 2 Leinster Intermediate Club Championships 2010, 2011, 4 Senior County Championships 2006, 2009 2010, 2011, 1 Kilkenny District Soccer League Title 2012



**CLAIRE WALSH**  
The Harps  
5 County Championships, 3 Leinster Junior Club Championships, 2 Leinster Intermediate Club Championships, 3 All-Ireland Junior Club Championships, Nat League Div 3 2013, Minor C All-Ireland Championship, Post Primary Schools All-Ireland 2011, 1 Kilkenny District Soccer League Title 2012



**EIMEAR DELANEY**  
St Brigid's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Junior County Championship '05, 1 All-Ireland School '03, 1 Leinster Schools '03, 2 Minor County Championship '05, '06



**LORNA CAMPION**  
The Harps  
Nat League Div 3 2013, 1 Leinster Minor Championship 2012, 1 Leinster Junior Club Championship, 1 Leinster Intermediate Club Championship, 2 County Championships, All-Ireland Junior Post Primary Championship, 1 Kilkenny District Soccer League Title 2012



**NIAMH GLEESON**  
Portlaoise  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Leinster Minor '12



**JOYCE DUNNE**  
O'Moore's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Leinster Minor '12, numerous under age medals for Camogie and Football, Senior Football medals



**NIAMH COSS**  
O'Moore's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Leinster Minor '12, numerous under age medals



**AISHLING DUNPHY**  
O'Moore's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 Leinster Minor '12, numerous under age medals



**MAEVE COLLIER**  
Camross  
Leinster Minor '12, 5 Munster Schools, 1 All-Ireland Schools '13, 1 All-Ireland Schools 7's, numerous under age medals County and Club



**SINÉAD LANHAM**  
O'Moore's  
1 Nat League Div 3 '13, 1 All-Ireland U16 Championship '01, 2 Leinster U16 '00 '01, numerous under age County medals



# Paths to the 2013 Final

Sunday, 23rd June	Kildare..... 1-12	Laois..... 3-9
Sunday 30th June	Kildare ..... 1-11 Down ..... 0-8	Roscommon ..... 2-7 Laois ..... 1-10
Sunday 14th July	Laois ..... 1-11 Westmeath ..... 1-7	Armagh..... 0-6 Kildare..... 1-18
Sunday 21st July	Laois..... 3-9 Down ..... 1-10	Westmeath ..... 1-10 Kildare..... 1-16
Sunday, 4th August	Roscommon ... 1-6	Laois ..... 1-12
Saturday, 24th August	Semi Finals Laois ..... 4-13 Kildare ..... 5-11	Westmeath ..... 3-5 Down..... 1-13



Olga Parkinson (Laois) about to strike the sliotar as Westmeath's Laura Hannon attempts to block during the Liberty Insurance Premier Junior Camogie Championship semi-final at Donaghmore Ashbourne on August 24th.  
(Photo: Martina McGilloway livephotos)

## LIBERTY INSURANCE ALL-IRELAND PREMIER JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL:

### KILDARE v LAOIS

## Midland rivals vie for All-Ireland glory

**T**HE MIDLAND rivals were the top two teams in the round-robin phase and they confirmed their superiority to progress to the Croke Park shootout.

They actually met in the opening round of the championship and Laois registered a three-point victory. This was on the back of the O'Moores' Division 3 League success, though Kildare would arguably have been even more encouraged by reaching the Division 2 final. It took intermediate finalists Limerick to end their stunning run.

The Lilies have made huge progress in recent years, from Division 4 of the League and winning the Junior A championship three years ago.

They recovered eye-

catchingly from the early setback with a one-point win over Roscommon, an easier affair against Westmeath and then a wonderful six-point win over Down – beaten Premier Junior finalists in the past two seasons – in Newry.

They repeated that success in the semi-final in a rip-roaring encounter. Not for the first time, Susie O'Carroll was the key operator, bagging two goals and proving customarily reliable from placed balls. Clodagh Flanagan, Siobhán Hurley, Niamh Breen, Angela Lyons and Róisín O'Connell are other experienced campaigners who are likely to play a big part if they make the next step up.

Laois carried on from their initial win over Kildare by taking care of Down by five

points and then an Armagh team that granted Kildare a walkover in the final round. They were made work very hard by Westmeath (3-9 to 1-10) but made light work of a weakened Roscommon to finish top of the group.

That left them with the Lakesiders to contend with in the penultimate round but on this occasion it was a one-sided affair, although the Laois defence was clearly discomfited by Denise McGrath, who scored 3-2.

Laois had Louise Mahony, Niamh Dollard and Sile Burke doing the damage at the other end and they will have to be watched if Kildare are to beat them. The All Whites might just have the players to do so, however.

Verdict: Kildare.

Kildare's Angela Lyons and Clodagh Flanagan surround Down's Kelly O'Higgins during the Liberty Insurance Premier Junior Camogie Championship semi-final at Donaghmore Ashbourne.





# Chat Time

Laura

# DUNNE

LAOIS

Club: St. Brigid's

**Q: Three people who have had an influence on your career?**

**A:** All my family, three coaches Martin Moore, Gerry Gaughan, Patrick Mullaney, former players and Trish Cuddy and Catherine Phelan

**Q: The toughest opponent outside of your county?**

**A:** Jane Dolan, Co. Meath

**Q: Four words to describe yourself as a player?**

**A:** Dedicated, passionate, a tough cookie and committed

**Q: Three most fun camogie colleagues**

**A:** Mairéad Burke, who buys a banana that she brought into the shop herself! Sarah Ann Fitzgerald, the best girl to organise a night out in five minutes. Aisling Dunphy – Jagerbomb Queen till 12 o'clock!

**Q: What does it mean to wear the County Jersey?**

**A:** It means everything to me, so proud of the Laois jersey

**Q: Six sportsmen you would invite to dinner?**

**A:** Gearóid Burke, you're never thirsty with him around, talking about 7 Up of course! Brian O'Driscoll a legend. Wayne Rooney, just want to ask about Fergie and hairstyles. Mario Balotelli, listen to him and Wayne talking and me listening. Novak Djokovic, you always need a funny man around.

Usain Bolt – ask him for a race when dinner is over.

**Q: Three influential women you admire?**

**A:** Katie Taylor who proved that women are just as good as men in the ring! Angela Merkel, who will probably rule us all one day or is she doing that already? Katherine Lynch who keeps us laughing. That is a gift.

**Q: Deep and meaningful conversation, Ryan O'Dwyer or Tommy Walsh?**

**A:** Tommy Walsh.

**Q: Your view on the proposed integration of Camogie and Ladies Football with the GAA?**

**A:** It's a great idea but I'd hope that camogie wouldn't lose identity. I do not like the Sin Bin in Ladies Gaelic Football

**Q: Favourite song/piece of music?**

**A:** Eminem – 8 mile

**Q: Three things outside of camogie you are serious about.**

**A:** My nieces and nephews, immediate family and friends, my boyfriend Jack

**Q: What do you do to chill out?**

**A:** Socialising and chatting with friends

**Q: Personal motto?**

**A:** If in doubt put it out

**Q: Do you click on to www.camogie/ Twitter/ Facebook**

**A:** Yes – have to keep up with and gossip.



# Chat Time

Susie

# O'CARROLL

KILDARE

Club: Celbridge

**Q: Three people who have had an influence on your career?**

**A:** My Dad, Eddie, for his hurling knowledge and coaching and my Mam, Mary, for her encouragement through the years and making me eat my veggies. My brother and sister are claiming they had an influence too!

**Q: The toughest opponent outside of your county?**

**A:** Claire Coffey, Meath

**Q: Four words to describe yourself as a player?**

**A:** Dedicated, fast, enthusiastic!! Hard-working!!

**Q: Three most fun camogie colleagues?**

**A:** The fellow Snowwomen – Aoife Trant, Angela Lyons, Fiona Trant



**Q: What does it mean to wear the County Jersey?**

**A:** It's a great honour and source of pride to represent your county. It's what we all dream of as kids

**Q: Six sportsmen you would invite to dinner?**

**A:** Cricketer Freddie Flintoff – for the craic, Mo Farah – to get tips on how to beat the cube, Stephen Warnock – favourite soccer player, David Davies – to ask how he felt missing out on an Olympic gold medal for swimming the wrong way, Chad le Clos – and hope he brings his father, Tom Brady – for something to look at!

**Q: Three influential women you admire?**

**A:** Athlete Jessica Ennis – for her performances under serious pressure at the Olympics, Sonia O'Sullivan – Ireland's greatest athlete, dual player Rena Buckley – for her unreal commitment and determination and her success

**Q: Deep and meaningful conversation, Ryan O'Dwyer or Tommy Walsh and say why?**

**A:** Tommy Walsh, for all he has achieved in hurling

**Q: Your view on the proposed integration of Camogie and Ladies Football with the GAA?**

**A:** It would be a great step for camogie to have the backing of the GAA in promoting the game

**Q: Favourite song/piece of music?**

**A:** Marriage de Figaro – Mozart

**Q: Three things outside of camogie that you are serious about?**

**A:** Stats!, Napping, Nutrition

**Q: What do you do to chill out?**

**A:** Bowling and song writing

**Q: Personal motto?**

**A:** Goals win games.

**Q: Do you click on to www.camogie/ Twitter/Facebook**

**A:** Yes, it's great for getting results.



# Gaillimh



Back row (l.-r.): Karen Kennedy, Aoife Lynskey, Aoibheann Kenny, Caitriona Cormican, Shauna Healy, Maria Cooney, Aoife Callanan, Sinéad Keane, Sarah Noone, Michelle Dunleavy, Ciana Ní Churraoin, Moira Connaughton, Caitriona Lee, Sarah Keehan, Katie O'Brien. Front row (l.-r.): Paula Kenny, Laura Mitchell, Katie O'Dwyer, Finola Keely, Rebecca Hennelly, Aoife Donoghue, Tara Kenny, Colette Gill, Róisín Callanan, Orlaith McGrath, Megan Moran, Deirdre Burke, Niamh McClearn. Missing from photo: Elaine Murphy.

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## GAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán

### INTERMEDIATE



(1) R. Ní Challanáin  
Róisín Callanan  
Kinvara



(2) T. Ní Chionaoith  
Tara Kenny  
Sarsfields



(3) S. Ní hEili  
Shauna Healy  
Ardrahan



(4) C. Ní an Ghaill  
Colette Gill  
Kinvara



(5) P. Ní Chionaoith  
Paula Kenny  
Eyrecourt



(6) S. Ní Nuáin  
Sarah Noone  
Ahascragh



(7) S. Ní Chatháin (Capt.)  
Sinéad Keane  
Kinvara



(8) A. Ní Challanáin  
Aoife Callanan  
Ardrahan



(9) C. Ní Cormaáin  
Caitriona Cormican  
Cappataggle



(10) C. Ní Dhubhuir  
Katie O'Dwyer  
Athenry



(11) R. Ní hIonuille  
Rebecca Hennelly  
Ardrahan



(12) M. Ní Chuana  
Maria Cooney  
Sarsfields



(13) F. Ní Chaollai  
Finola Keely  
St. Thomas



(14) O. Ní Craith  
Orlaith McGrath  
Sarsfields



(15) A. Ní Dhonnchú  
Aoife Donoghue  
Mullagh



### FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) N. McClearn  
Niamh McClearn  
Portumna
- (17) M. Ní Mhóráin  
Megan Moran  
Portumna
- (18) M. Ní Chonnachtaín  
Moira Connaughton  
Cappataggle
- (19) C. Ní Laoi  
Caitriona Lee  
Castlegar
- (20) L. Mistéil  
Laura Mitchell  
Kiltullagh/Killimordaly
- (21) S. Ní Caocháin  
Sarah Keehan  
Ardrahan
- (22) D. de Búrca  
Deirdre Burke  
St. Thomas
- (23) M. Ní Dhoinnléibhe  
Michelle Dunleavy  
Turloughmore
- (24) C. Ní Bhriain  
Katie O'Brien  
Portumna
- (25) C. Ní Chinnéide  
Karen Kennedy  
Mullagh
- (26) C. Ní Churraoin  
Ciana Ní Churraoin  
Cois Fharraige
- (27) A. Ní Chionaoith  
Aoibheann Kenny  
Sarsfields
- (28) A. Ní Loinscigh  
Aoife Lynskey  
Ardrahan
- (29) E. Ní Mhurchú  
Elaine Murphy  
Castlegar

MANAGER: Tony Ward    TRAINER: Liam Hodgins  
SELECTORS: Declan Walsh, Orla Watson, Seanie Crowe  
PHYSIOS: Louise Larkin, Laura Scully    DOCTOR: Dr. Ian O'Connor





**DEIRDRE BURKE**  
St. Thomas  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2000,  
Intermediate County Championship  
2006, 3 Ashbourne Cups with U.L. 2004,  
2005 & 2006



**SINÉAD KEANE**  
Kinvara  
All-Ireland Intermediate Championship  
2003



**AOIFE CALLANAN**  
Ardrahan  
All-Ireland medals under 16 & under 18,  
2 Connacht medals, 1 Connacht Junior  
colleges, County and Connacht  
intermediate Championships 2011,  
1 intermediate County Championship



**RÓISÍN CALLANAN**  
Kinvara  
2 Purcell Cups with Athlone IT,  
Numerous underage County titles



**MOIRA CONNAUGHTON**  
Cappataggle  
Connacht and All-Ireland Intermediate  
Championship 2009, County  
Intermediate Championship Shield  
2009



**MARIA COONEY**  
Sarsfields  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2010  
& 2012, All-Ireland U16 Championship  
2009 & 2010, Numerous underage  
club titles



**SHAUNA HEALY**  
Ardrahan  
All-Ireland titles at U16 & Minor,  
1 Connacht Junior colleges title,  
2 Connacht titles, County and Connacht  
intermediate 2011, 1 County  
intermediate League



**SARAH NOONE**  
Ahascragh/Caitra  
Titles with Athlone IT in 2007 and 2009,  
County and Connacht Junior Club  
Championship 2003, County and  
Connacht Intermediate Club  
Championship 2004 & 2008, Various  
Underage County Titles



**MICHELLE DUNLEAVY**  
Turloughmore  
All-Ireland U16 Championship 2010,  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2012,  
U16 County Championship 2008 & 2011,  
Minor County 2008 & 2012,  
Junior County League 2011, County  
Junior A 2011



**COLETTE GILL**  
Athenry  
Intermediate All-Ireland Championship  
2009, Ashbourne Shield 2009,  
Connacht Colleges Junior, U16 and  
Minor County Championships,  
County and Connacht Intermediate  
Club Championships



**REBECCA HENNELLY**  
Ardrahan  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2010,  
County U16 2009 & 2010, All-Ireland  
Intermediate Championship 2009,  
Galway U16 player of Year 2010,  
County and Connacht Intermediate Club  
Championships 2011, County U16 Championship 2010,  
County Minor Championship 2012



**ORLAITH McGRATH**  
Sarsfields  
All-Ireland U16 Championships 2010,  
2009, All-Ireland Minor Championship  
2012, County and Connacht Intermediate  
Club Championship 2010, County Minor  
Championship 2010 & 2011



**AOIFE LYNKEY**  
Ardrahan  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 94,  
All-Ireland Junior Championship 98,  
All-Ireland Senior Championship 96,  
All-Ireland Intermediate Championship  
2004 & 2009, 2 Gael Linn Medals,  
3 Connacht medals, 2 All-Ireland Senior Leagues, numerous  
underage titles, Junior Club Leagues, 2 Intermediate  
Club Leagues, County and Connacht Intermediate  
Championship 2011, 2 Ashbourne Cups with U.L.



**FINOLA KEELY**  
St. Thomas  
All-Ireland Medals under 14 and minor,  
3 Connacht Intermediate Titles, County  
Titles - under 10, under 14, under 16,  
minor & intermediate, Junior & Senior  
Connacht Vocational Schools titles,  
All-Ireland Colleges league with University of Limerick



**AOIBHEANN KENNY**  
Sarsfields  
All-Ireland U16 2009 & 2010, All-Ireland  
Minor 2010 & 2012, County and  
Connacht Intermediate Championship  
2010



**KAREN KENNEDY**  
Mullagh  
Junior B County Championship,  
numerous underage titles



**PAULA KENNY**  
Eyecourt  
1 All-Ireland U16, All-Ireland  
Intermediate 2009, 1 All-Ireland Schools



**TARA KENNY**  
Sarsfields  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2010,  
All-Ireland U16 2009, Galway Minor &  
Intermediate Player of Year 2010,  
Connacht Minor Player of Year 2011,  
U16 County Championship 2008 &  
2009, Minor County Championship 2010, County and  
Connacht Intermediate Club 2010



**CAITRIONA LEE**  
Castlegar  
All-Ireland Intermediate Club  
Championship 2013, Connacht  
Intermediate Club Championship 2012,  
County Intermediate Championship  
2005 & 2012, County U16 2007,  
Ashbourne Shield 2011



**LAURA MITCHELL**  
Kiltulla/Killimordaly  
Minor County Championship 2007 &  
2010, County and Connacht  
Intermediate Championship 2007,  
Schools Junior Player of Year,  
All-Ireland U16 Championship 2009,  
All-Ireland intermediate Championship 2009, Gael Linn  
2009, All-Ireland Minor 2010 Player of Match & Young  
Player of Year, Connacht Championship 2009



**NIAMH McCLEARN**  
Portumna  
5 Connacht Schools Titles with  
Portumna CS, 3 All-Ireland Schools  
Runners-Up



**MEGAN MORAN**  
Portumna  
1 Connacht Title, 5 Connacht Schools,  
1 Junior Club Title, 2 Intermediate  
Leagues



**SARAH KEEHAN**  
Ardrahan  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2012,  
County Minor 2012, County and  
Connacht Intermediate 2011



**ELAINE MURPHY**  
Castlegar  
All-Ireland Intermediate Club  
Championship 2013, County and  
Connacht Intermediate Club  
Championship 2012



**AOIFE DONOHUE**  
Mullagh  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2010,  
County Minor Championship 2009 &  
2010, Connacht Schools 2007



**CIANA NÍ CHURRAOIN**  
Cois Fharraige  
All-Ireland Minor Championship 2012,  
All-Ireland U16 runner-up 2012



**KATIE O'BRIEN**  
Portumna  
All-Ireland U16 2009, 5 Connacht Senior  
Schools, 1 County and Connacht Junior,  
2 Intermediate Club Leagues



**KATIE O'DWYER**  
Athenry  
All-Ireland Junior Schools 2005,  
U16 & U18 County Championships,  
Senior County Championships 2006,  
2007, 2008 & 2009, Galway Young  
Player of Year 2009



# Luimneach



Back row (l.-r.): Emma Quaid, Elaine Kennedy, Mairéad Fitzgerald, Lisa O'Keeffe, Caitrín De Bhál, Lorraine McCarthy, Sarah Crotty, Sarah Carey, Mary O'Callaghan, Niamh Ryan, Katie Campbell, Deirdre Fitzgerald, Michelle Casey (Capt.), Judith Mulcahy, Rebecca Delee, Orla Cunningham, Claire Keating, Janet Garvey, Aoife Wilson, Jane Wilson. Front row (l.-r.): Ashling McCartan, Mairéad Ryan, Meadhbh O'Neill, Martina McMahon, Bríd Hannan, Niamh Mulcahy, Fiona Hickey, Dymphna O'Brien, Síle Moynihan, Caoimhe Costelloe, Noreen Barry, Deborah Murphy, Karen O'Leary, Katie Hennessey, Marie Keating.



## LIMERICK

Dathanna: Glas agus Bán

### INTERMEDIATE

#### FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) C. Céitinn  
Claire Keating  
Cappamore
- (17) S. Ní Chairbhith  
Janet Garvey  
Tournafulla
- (18) N. de Barra  
Noreen Barry  
Killeedy
- (19) M. Ní Gearailt  
Mairéad Fitzgerald  
Granagh Ballingarry
- (20) C. Uí Laoire  
Karen O'Leary  
Newcastlewest
- (21) A. Ní Liam  
Aoife Wilson  
Na Píarsaigh
- (22) E. Ní Chinnéide  
Elaine Kennedy  
Newcastlewest
- (23) B. Ní hAnnáin  
Bríd Hannan  
Croagh Kilfinny
- (24) M. Ní Néill  
Meadhbh O'Neill  
Galbally
- (25) O. Ní Cuinneagáin  
Orla Cunningham  
Killeedy
- (26) S. Ní Chrotaigh  
Sarah Crotty  
Ahane
- (27) C. Ní hAonasa  
Katie Hennessey  
Ballygran
- (28) C. de Bhál  
Caitrín de Bhál  
Feenagh Kilmecdy
- (29) D. Ní Mhaolchathaigh  
Donna Mulcahy  
Killeedy
- (30) S. Ní Liam  
Jane Wilson  
Na Píarsaigh

(1) S. Ní Mhuineacháin  
Síle Moynihan  
Ahane

(2) F. hÍci  
Fiona Hickey  
Granagh Ballingarry

(3) S. Ní Chiara  
Sarah Carey  
Granagh Ballingarry

(4) S. Ní Mhaolchathaigh  
Judith Mulcahy  
Ahane

(5) M. Ní Riain  
Mairéad Ryan  
Galbally

(6) M. Ní Chasthasaigh (Capt.)  
Michelle Casey  
Killeedy

(7) R. Ní Dhuile  
Rebecca Delee  
Newcastlewest

(8) D. Ní Giolla Phádraig  
Deirdre Fitzpatrick  
Killeedy

(9) C. Ní Cathmhaoil  
Katie Campbell  
Na Píarsaigh

(10) C. Ní Coisteala  
Caoimhe Costello  
Adare

(11) N. Ní Mhaolchathaigh  
Niamh Mulcahy  
Ahane

(12) D. Ní Mhurchú  
Deborah Murphy  
Knockaderry

(13) M. Céitinn  
Marie Keating  
Killeedy

(14) M. Ní Cheallacháin  
Mary O'Callaghan  
Bruff

(15) D. Ní Bhraíne  
Dymphna O'Brien  
Killeedy

MANAGER: Joe Quaid  
SELECTORS: Ger Sheehy, Anne Herbert  
FIRST AID: Sara Fitzgerald LIAISON OFFICER: James Moynihan





**SILE MOYNIHAN** Ahane  
All-Ireland League and championship 2007,  
Munster Minor 2007, Munster Intermediate  
2010 and 2011, Nat League Div 2 2013,  
Junior Club Championship 2006,  
Intermediate Club Championship 2007



**JANET GARVEY** Tournafulla  
U16B All-Ireland Championship 2002, Senior B  
National League 2007, Senior B All-Ireland  
Championship 2007, Munster Intermediate  
Championship 2010 and 2011, National League  
Div 2 2013, Senior B County Championship  
2002, Senior B County Championship 2006,  
West Camogie All-Star 2012, Numerous underage and schools titles.



**MICHELLE CASEY** Killeedy  
Junior and Intermediate County League and  
Championship medals, 5 Senior County  
Championships, 2 Senior County Leagues,  
National Junior League Medal, Munster  
Intermediate Championship medals 2004,  
2005, 2010, 2011, National Senior B League  
medal 2007, All-Ireland Senior B Championship medal 2007



**FIONA HICKEY** Granagh Ballingarry  
Munster Club Championship 2004,  
County Championships 2004, 2006, 2010,  
2 U16B All-Ireland Championship,  
Nat League Div 2 2013



**SARAH CAREY** Granagh Ballingarry  
Senior Club Championship 2010,  
Senior Club League 2013, 2012,  
Nat League Div 2 2013



**JUDITH MULCAHY** Ahane  
All-Ireland Senior B League and Championship  
2007, Minor B All-Ireland 2009, Munster  
Intermediate Championship 2010 and 2011,  
Munster Minor A 2007, County Senior B League  
and Championship, Division 1 League with  
UL 2012, Ashbourne All-Star 2013.



**REBECCA DELEE** Newcastle West  
U16 County Championship, Minor County  
Championship, Senior County Championship,  
All-Ireland U16 Championship, All-Ireland  
Minor Championship



**KATIE CAMPBELL** Na Piersaigh  
Munster Minor Championship 2007, Minor  
All-Ireland 2009, Munster Intermediate  
Championship 2010 and 2011, Nat League Div 2  
2013, Junior Club Championship 2006,  
Intermediate Club Championship 2007,  
Purcell All-Star 2012, Purcell All-Star 2013



**MEADHBH O'NEILL** Galbally  
Minor County Championships, Senior B League  
and Championship, U16 All-Ireland  
Championship, Munster Intermediate Colleges  
Championship



**NIAMH MULCAHY** Ahane  
Nat League Div 2 2013, All-Ireland Senior B  
League and Championship 2007, 3 Munster  
Intermediate Championships, 3 Junior Gael Linn  
Interprovincials, Young Player of the Year 2007,  
All-Star Nominee 2009, Munster Minor A  
Championship 2007, County Senior B League  
and Championship, Purcell All-Star 2010, Fr. Meachair Cup 2012 with  
Mary Immaculate College



**DYMHPHA O'BRIEN** Killeedy  
5 Senior County Championships, 2 Senior  
County League Medals, All-Ireland Senior B  
Championship 2007, Munster Intermediate  
Championship 2010 and 2011, Nat League  
Div 2 2013



**DEIRDRE FITZPATRICK** Killeedy  
Numerous Underage Medals, 5 Senior Club  
Championships, 2 Senior Club Leagues, Junior  
Club Championship 1996, Junior Club League  
1996, U16 Sports Star Award 1996, Pan Celtic  
U16 1998, Division 1 Colleges Camogie 2004,  
All-Ireland Senior B League 2007, All-Ireland  
Senior B Championship 2007, Munster Intermediate Championship  
2011, Player of the Match Munster Intermediate Final 2011



**DEBORAH MURPHY** Knockaderry  
U16B All-Ireland Championship, U16B County  
Championship, Munster Minor A Championship  
2013



**MARY O'CALLAGHAN** Bruff  
All-Ireland Junior League and Championships,  
County Intermediate League and  
Championships, Minor B All-Ireland  
Championship



**ASHLING McCARTAN** Newcastle West  
All-Ireland Minor B Championship 2009, Minor  
A County Championship 2009, Captained  
Newcastle West to Minor B County  
Championship 2010, Senior B County  
Championship 2010, 2011, Mary Immaculate  
College Fr. Meachair Cup and League 2 Winner  
with Mary Immaculate College 2012, Nat League Div 2 2013



**MAIRÉAD RYAN** Galbally  
Senior B County Championship 2013, Senior B  
League 2013, Minor A County Championship  
2010, Intermediate County Championship 2008,  
Munster Intermediate Championship 2011,  
Minor B All-Ireland 2009



**CLAIRE KEATING** Cappamore  
U16 B All-Ireland Championship, Minor B All-  
Ireland Championship, U16 B Club  
Championship, Junior Club League 2013



**BRÍD HANNAN** Croagh/Kilfinny  
Minor B All-Ireland Championship 2011,  
Intermediate Club League 2010, Minor C Club  
Championship 2011, 3 West Limerick All-Stars  
awards



**AOIFE WILSON** Na Piersaigh  
U16B and U18B County Championships 2005,  
Minor A County Championship 2010, U16B  
County League 2013, Nat League Div 2



**JANE WILSON** Na Piersaigh  
U16B and U18B County Championships 2005,  
Minor A County Championship 2010, U16B  
County League 2013, Nat League Div 2



**PATRICIA LISTON** Newcastle West  
U16 County Championship, Munster  
championship 2011 and 2013, All-Ireland Minor  
Championship 2011, Nat League Div 2 2013



**NIAMH RYAN** Bruff  
1 Junior Club Championship, 1 Intermediate  
Club Championship, Munster Schools League  
and championship with Laurel Hill, Minor B All-  
Ireland Championship, Nat League Div 2



**SARAH CROTTY** Ahane  
U16 County Championships, Senior B Club  
Championship 2005, Senior County  
Championship 2008, Nat League Div 2 2013,  
Captained Limerick Juniors to Munster  
Championship 2013



**KATIE HENNESSY** Ballyagran  
Captained Blackrock to U16 County Shield 2012,  
U16 All-Ireland Championship 2011, Minor A  
Shield 2013, Munster Junior Championship  
2013, Munster Senior Championship with  
Ballyagran 2013



**MARIE KEATING** Killeedy  
3 Senior County Championships, Senior  
B All-Ireland League and Championship 2007,  
Purcell Shield 2003 with LIT, 2006, 2008, 2011  
Sydney Camogie Championship winners



**LORRAINE MCCARTHY** Bruff  
Junior County League and Championship 2008,  
Intermediate League and championship  
2010, Munster Junior Championship, Nat  
League Div 2



**MAIRÉAD FITZGERALD**  
Granagh/Ballingarry  
National League Div 2 2013, Munster Junior  
Championship 2013, Limerick Senior Club League  
2013, 2012, Munster Council GAA Bursary  
Recipient 2011, 2010, Limerick Senior Club  
Championship 2010, Numerous underage medals



**ORLA CUNNINGHAM** Killeedy  
Senior Club Championship, Senior Club League,  
Junior Club League, U16 All-Ireland  
Championship, U18 Munster shield, All-Ireland  
Schools Championship, Cork Colleges  
Championship



**CAOIMHE COSTELLOE** Adare  
Nat League Div 2, 1 Minor All-Ireland B  
Championship, 1 U16 All-Ireland B  
Championship, 1 U16 Munster B Championship,  
1 Intermediate Club Championship & League, 1  
Junior Club Championship, 1 U16 Club  
Championship



**ELAINE KENNEDY** Newcastle West  
Senior B County Championship 2011, 2010,  
Minor A County Championship 2011, 2009,  
U16A County League and Championship 2009,  
All-Ireland Minor B championship 2011,  
Munster Intermediate Championship 2011,  
Munster Junior Championship 2013,  
National League Div 2 2013



**NOREEN BARRY** Killeedy  
County Senior Championships 2012, 2010,  
2009, 2008, 2006, Purcell Cup with LIT,  
Numerous underage medals



**CAITRÍN DE BHÁL** Feenagh/Killeedy  
Various underage titles, U16 County  
Championship, U18 County Championship,  
Junior Club Championship, Intermediate Club  
Championship, Senior Club League, Munster  
Junior Championship, Munster Intermediate  
Championship, Nat League Div 2



**DONNA MULCAHY** Killeedy  
U16 Munster Championship 2011, Senior  
County Championship 2012, Munster U16  
Championship 2013, Mun



**KAREN O'LEARY** Newcastle West  
U16A County Championship, U16 B  
All-Ireland Championship, Munster Minor A  
Championship



# Paths to the 2013 Final

Saturday, 22nd June 2013	Group 1	Kilkenny .....1-8	Limerick .....1-12
	Grp 2	Galway .....0-13	Meath .....0-4
Saturday, 29th June 2013	Group 1	Limerick .....1-21	Antrim .....2-9
Saturday, 6th July 2013	Group 2	Wexford .....0-11	Galway .....3-12
Sunday, 7th July 2013	Group 1	Cork .....3-9	Limerick .....0-11
Saturday, 13th July 2013	Group 1	Limerick .....2-20	Waterford .....2-9
Friday, 19th July 2013	Group 2	Galway .....1-11	Tipperary .....1-10
Saturday, 24th August 2013	Semi-Finals	Limerick .....2-10	Meath .....0-8
		Galway .....1-15	Waterford .....1-7



Annette Ni Dhoathlaol (Head of Marketing, Liberty Insurance) and Aileen Lawlor, President of the Camogie Association photographed in Croke Park with Intermediate Camogie Final captains, Michelle Casey (Limerick) and Sinéad Keane (Galway).

## NCE ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE FINAL:

### GALWAY v LIMERICK

## Limerick's attack could prove the difference

**M**UCH was made of Wexford appearing in both senior and intermediate finals in 2010 and 2011 – and doing the double on the latter occasion – and it is a fantastic achievement for Galway to replicate the first of those feats, regardless of the results.

The Maroons won all three of their Group 2 ties but were very close to being dragged into a play-off, managing to stagger over the line on a 1-11 to 1-10 score against Tipperary, after previously accounting for Meath and Wexford with something to spare.

That set up a semi-final against Waterford, which they won by 1-15 to 1-7. They were always in control, with the groundwork for their advance laid in the opening seven minutes, at the end of which they led by 1-3 to 0-0.

Orlaith McGrath has made the step up from last year's victorious minors and she played a big role, as did Rebecca Hennelly, Aoife Callanan and Dee Burke.

As winners of the Division 2 League, Limerick were the most likely choice for intermediate championship victors but their passage to the final has been far from smooth.



Intermediate camogie final captain's Michelle Casey (Limerick) and Sinéad Keane (Galway).

A narrow win over Kilkenny was followed by an easier success against Antrim but the campaign suffered a major setback at the hands of Cork at the beginning of July. With their backs against the wall, they produced a phenomenal effort against the previously unbeaten Waterford, trouncing their fellow Munster side by a whopping 11 points in Killeedy.

That actually saw them top a feverishly-contested group on score difference, with Waterford in second and Cork just a point back in third.

The fright clearly seems to have done them good as they followed the facile win over

Waterford with a hard-earned eight-point defeat of Meath.

They led by 0-8 to 0-2 at half time but the Royals threw everything at the Treatywomen in the second half. Dual star Dymphna O'Brien notched up two goals for Joe Quaid's charges to shake off their dogged opponents.

The prodigious Niamh Mulcahy finished with seven points for the winners, while Mary O'Callaghan and Caoimhe Costello also raised white flags to help them keep their noses in front, and that array of talent in the attacking third could prove the difference.

Verdict: Limerick.



**Q: Three people who have had an influence on your career?**

**A:** My parents, Tommy and Patricia – Dad played in goal for over twenty five years and knows every step, every move a defender should make and let's me know when I take a wrong one! Mum also played camogie in her day, never misses a match be it a challenge or championship. She is my best friend and best critic, never let's me out to a game without a drop of holy water. Michael 'Hopper' McGrath – was involved with Dad in our club, coaching us so well and success came in every underage grade up to minor level. His drive and ambition is second to none. Tony Ward, who guided our club to senior status three years ago. He is the present Galway Manager – he eats, sleeps and drinks camogie!

**Q: The toughest opponent outside of your county?**

**A:** Karen Kiel of Derry, always a handful to mark.

**Q: Four words to describe yourself as a player?**

**A:** Determined, fast, tough and sportingly clean.

**Q: Three most fun camogie colleagues?**

**A:** The McGrath sisters, my club mates, Niamh, Clodagh and Orlaith, my partners in crime on and off the field. Maria Breheny – 'Marb' is always up for the craic in training. She's also our bus DJ keeping us in 'tune' while we travel. Rebecca Hennelly – 'Buckets' is always up to mischief. She has Frank's heart broken. I always beat her in the cross-bar challenge.

**Q: What does it mean to wear the County Jersey?**

**A:** I take great pride in wearing the Maroon and White. It means everything to me. I 'own' this

number two jersey – I have worn it now at U14, U16, Minor and Intermediate level – watch out Therese Manton, I'm after the senior one!!

**Q: Six sportsmen you would invite to dinner?**

**A:** Giovanni Trapattoni – to see if he works as hard as our own Trapa-TONY (Ward). Joe Canning, to teach me how to take good sideline cuts. Paul Galvin, to talk fashion, not football. Tommy Bowe, he's a hot guy. Pádraig Harrington, to lower my cholesterol (know the ad?). Bernard Dunne, in case a row breaks out!

**Q: Three influential women you admire?**

**A:** Katie Taylor, Jessica Ennis and Michelle Obama – all inspirational but grounded women.

**Q: Deep and meaningful conversation, Ryan O'Dwyer or Tommy Walsh?**

**A:** It would have to be Ryan O'Dwyer – sure I couldn't be giving away any Galway secrets to a Kilkenny man!

**Q: Your view on the proposed integration of Camogie and Ladies Football with the GAA?**

**A:** I think it's a great idea, I support it 100%

**Q: Favourite song/piece of music?**

**A:** Burn – Ellie Goulding

**Q: Three things outside of camogie you are serious about?**

**A:** Family, friends and College.

**Q: What do you do to chill out?**

**A:** After a game, it's nice to hit the town with the girls and have fun.

**Q: Personal motto?**

**A:** Practice makes perfect

**Q: Do you click on to www.camogie/Twitter/Facebook**

**A:** Yes I do, it's a great way to keep fixtures and results.



**Q: Three people who have had an influence on your career?**

**A:** My family, my parents Jimmy and Margaret for driving me everywhere and my brothers for "toughening me up" and Ciarán Carey who trained us to All-Ireland victory in 2007, a hurling legend. Paul Finn who stuck by us when we weren't going well

**Q: The toughest opponent outside of your county?**

**A:** Different sized goals, doesn't help a small goalkeeper!!

**Q: Four words to describe yourself as a player?**

**A:** Committed, determined, passionate, small

**Q: Three most fun camogie colleagues?**

**A:** Dymphna O'Brien – capable of doing anything at any time! Sarah Carey for her ability to never know what's going on! Deborah Murphy and Karen O Leary, they are ready and dressed for matches at 8am with skorts and shin guards!!

**Q: What does it mean to wear the County Jersey?**

**A:** It's an honour to train, play and test yourself with the best in the county

**Q: Six sportsmen you would invite to dinner?**

**A:** Joe Brolly and Pat Spillane for entertainment value, Mickey Harte and Brian Cody to pick their brains, Eddie Brennan to look at and Usain Bolt for the LOLs.

**Q: Three influential women you admire?**

**A:** Katie Taylor, she realised her dream under massive pressure from an entire nation. Dymphna O'Brien, who never let her height get in the way, the ultimate pocket rocket!! Emma McGuire who trains like an animal, plays like a beast!

**Q: Deep and meaningful conversation, Ryan O'Dwyer or Tommy Walsh?**

**A:** Tommy Walsh, to find out how Kilkenny were so hungry year after year

**Q: Your view on the proposed integration of Camogie and Ladies Football with the GAA?**

**A:** Think it's brilliant – we're all trying to promote the same games, think it will be massive for camogie and ladies football particularly with regards to promotion of our games.

**Q: Favourite song/piece of music?**

**A:** Mumford and Sons, The Boxer

**Q: Three things, outside of camogie, that you are serious about?**

**A:** Ladies Football, Coaching, Family and Friends

**Q: What do you do to chill out?**

**A:** Read the papers and listening to music

**Q: Personal motto?**

**A:** Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

**Q: Do you click on to www.camogie/Twitter/Facebook?**

**A:** Yes think twitter is excellent for up to date results and fixtures #camánlimerick.





## Chat Time

Ailish

## O'REILLY

GALWAY

Club: Oranmore/Maree

Q: Three people who have had an influence on your career?

A: My parents, Brendan and Catherine. They have been extremely supportive throughout my career so far and I wouldn't be involved in camogie without them. My granny without a shadow of a doubt my lucky charm and number one supporter and my Uncle Noel who is also very supportive. He never misses a match!

Q: The toughest opponent outside of your county?

A: Meabh McGoldrick from Derry.

Q: Four words to describe yourself as a player?

A: Fast, team player, determined, committed.

Q: Three most fun camogie colleagues?

A: Susan Eamer – have been told to stay away from her quite a bit but proud to be her wing woman. Gina Glynn – doing push ups or swinging off bars in a nightclub is just unreal. All good fun and no alcohol. Paula and Molly – I get enough slugging from the

pair of them in our car travelling to and from training!!!

Q: What does it mean to wear the County jersey?

A: It means the world. The ambition of every Galway player is to play at the highest level, it brings out the best in you as an individual. I am honoured to be wearing the Maroon and White.

Q: Six sportsmen you would invite to dinner?

A: Steven Gerrard, one of my favourite players, good looks and my hero!! Tommy Bowe, no need for an explanation here! Henry Shefflin, my favourite hurler of all time, an example of a leader and just plays with an unbelievable attitude. Brian O'Driscoll, favourite Irish sportsman of all time. Would babysit anytime!! Michael Jordan who could give me some basketball tips! Usain Bolt, could help me run faster!

Q: Three influential women you admire

A: Katie Taylor, the definition of a role model for everyone, proves that anything is possible if you put your mind to it and work hard enough. Our own Therese Maher, the best camogie player I have seen and played with. She is a great leader and always speaks wisely. My granny – still following all our games around the country

Q: Deep and meaningful conversation, Ryan O'Dwyer or Tommy Walsh and say why?

A: Tommy Walsh – could use a few tips from him. He's an inspirational player!

Q: Your view on the proposed integration of Camogie and Ladies Football with the GAA?

A: I would be very much in favour so that we could have equality.

Q: Favourite song/piece of music?

A: Blurred Lines – Robin Thicke ft T.I. Pharrell.

Q: Three things, outside of camogie, you are serious about?

A: Basketball, my family and friends.

Q: What do you do to chill out?

A: Sit on the couch for the day on a day off, go to the cinema or listen to music

Q: Personal motto?

A: Never give up.

Q: Do you click on to www.camogie/Twitter/Facebook?

A: Yes, I thin and result

## Chat Time

Aisling

## DUNPHY

KILKENNY

Club: St. Brigid's, Ballycallan

Q: Three people who have had an influence on your career?

A: I have had so many influential trainers and managers down through the years, both at underage and at senior, between club, school and county, it would be impossible to single any out. My mother, Geraldine, has always strongly supported me and I can always count on her for some constructive criticism

Q: The toughest opponent outside of your county?

A: Michaela Morkan from Offaly, one of the fittest players I know, she's never easy to mark

Q: Four words to describe yourself as a player?

A: Never give up attitude, that's four!

Q: Three most fun camogie colleagues?

A: Katie Power, she's a 'jug' of laughs, Denise Gaule, great fun and Aoife Neary, probably the most 'immature' girl on the whole panel!

Q: What does it mean to wear the County Jersey?

A: I think the dream of any young person growing up playing Gaelic games is to wear the county jersey. Being from Kilkenny, a county with such a strong hurling and camogie background, it makes it that bit more special.

Q: Six sportsmen you would invite to dinner?

A: Dan Carter, the New Zealand rugby player; Vincent Clerc, French rugby player; Mike Phillips, Welsh rugby player; Gerard Pique, Barcelona and Spanish football player; Yoann Gourcuff, French footballer; Niall Malone, Clare handballer – strong personalities and would surely make for an interesting mix and conversation.

Q: Three influential women you admire?

A: Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, Lorraine Twohill the Irish-born Google Global Marketing Vice-President, both due to their ability to successfully manage their professional and private lives. Beyonce Knowles-Carter who started her life with little or nothing and has since become one of the world's most influential women and greatest style icon

Q: Deep and meaningful conversation, Ryan O'Dwyer or Tommy Walsh?

A: Probably Tommy Walsh, better keep it in the county, although the Tullaroan accent is hard to understand at the best of times!

Q: Your view on the proposed integration of Camogie and Ladies Football with the GAA?

A: I would definitely be in favour of such an integration. Due to the GAA's global recognition and success, it would provide a great platform for both Camogie and Ladies Football to gain greater recognition and make it

easier for both to reach their financial goals. Matches could be played alongside GAA matches, bringing greater crowds and increased interest to both sports.

Q: Favourite song/piece of music?

A: I don't have one favourite, although Taylor Swift is a bit of a lyrical genius, she really gets me.

Q: Three things, outside of camogie you are serious about?

A: Family, but being the youngest of six, it's sometimes hard to get a word in edgeways. I'm currently in my final year in NUI Galway studying Biomedical Science, so it's probably about time I got serious about that. Getting One Direction tickets for Croke Park next year, but we're after securing those, so panic over.

Q: What do you do to chill out?

A: I'm in the middle of watching 'Suits', Season 2 at the moment. So if I'm not listening to my iPod, I'm watching that or busying myself on snapchat.

Q: Personal motto?

A: Those that mind don't matter, and those that matter don't mind

Q: Do you click on to www.camogie/Twitter/Facebook?

A: Yes, I find the Official Camogie Twitter page in

particular makes it easy to keep up-to-date with matches. The running-commentary of the scores and scorers is handy when you can't be at the matches.



**O'LEARY** (Coachford, Co Cork): On September 18, 2013, peacefully, in the tender and loving care of the doctors, nurses and staff of Marymount, Carrageen, MARY (nee Crowley), Oldcastle, Coachford, beloved wife of the late Michael and sister of Mairead (O'Halloran), Breda (Morrissey) and Barry. Sadly missed by her loving sisters, brother, nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, grandnieces, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, relatives, neighbours and friends, especially those in Donoughmore and camogie circles. Rosary in Marymount Mortuary on this (Thursday) evening at 8pm. Reposing at Marymount Mortuary on tomorrow (Friday) from 5pm, with Prayers at 7pm, followed by removal to St Lachteen's Church, Stuke, Requiem Mass on Saturday at 12 noon. Funeral afterwards to St Lachteen's Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Marymount. *Requiescat in pace.* [www.oconnorfunerals.co.uk](http://www.oconnorfunerals.co.uk)

## SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Therese Maher:

Galway centre back shines in Croke Park



ON the greatest weekend in the history of Galway camogie there could be only one winner. For 16 years, Therese Maher has fought and fought for an elusive All-Ireland senior medal and, on Sunday, she went to the well one more time and finally achieved her lifelong ambition.

There were many heroes from their 1-9 to 0-7 victory over Kilkenny in the senior showpiece, including goalscorer and corner forward Ailish O'Reilly, but it was those in the defensive unit that really carried the day. To the fore was player of the match Maher, whose mantra of 'thou shalt not pass' permeated throughout the team's backline and was a battle cry every Galway play-

er embraced with vigour.

The Athenry stalwart is recognised ahead of Galway intermediates Paula Kenny, Orlaith McGrath and Rebecca Hennelly; Salthill/Knocknacarra duo Seán Armstrong and Seamus Crowe; Ian Burke of Corofin; Jonathan Morris of Beagh; Oughterard boxer Kieran Molloy, who won a bronze medal at the World Junior Championships in the Ukraine; and Loughrea's Cathal Daniels who played a big role in Ireland winning the European Junior Eventing Championships in Jardy, France.



## Intermediate final

# Galway hold their nerve to edge out brave Limerick

Galway 0-12  
Limerick 0-10

Galway held off the spirited attentions of a dogged Limerick side to bounce back from last year's replay defeat and eke out a narrow but deserved victory in the All-Ireland intermediate camogie final at windy Croke Park.

Orlaith McGrath - whose father Michael "Hopper" McGrath enjoyed many successful days at headquarters - was in scintillating form for the Tribeswomen and it was no surprise that the Sarsfields attacker earned the Player of the Match award.

Limerick fought to the bitter end but their much vaunted forward line got absolutely no change from a splendid Galway rearguard. The Shannonsiders were heavily reliant on Niamh Mulcahy's well-judged shooting in nightmarish conditions for freetakers to keep them in contention.

Indeed, the Ahane ace did that to such a standard, with seven of her eight points coming from frees, that Limerick were within a point entering injury time.

The Maroons held on though to bag what they hoped would be the first leg of a double for the county and manager Tony Ward, with the seniors in action afterwards.

Limerick actually took an early lead after Caoimhe Costello followed a pacy run with a neat finish and when Maria Cooney equalised from close

range, Mulcahy had them back in front.

### Classy finish

Galway gradually imposed themselves though and three points from Rebecca Hennelly, McGrath and a classy finish by Aoife Donoghue, put them ahead.

Having led by 0-6 to 0-3, they were reeled back in courtesy of Mulcahy and it was level scores at the interval.

Mulcahy gave Limerick the lead early in the second half but a run of three points, with McGrath providing one either side of Donoghue's second score pushed Galway clear once more.

Sile Moynihan made a brilliant save from Karen Kennedy five minutes from the end of normal time to keep Joe Quaid's side in touch though and two brilliant Mulcahy frees left it at 0-11 to 0-10 entering injury time.

Hennelly pushed the gap to two with a 62nd minute free but Karen O'Leary almost snatched a dramatic victory for Limerick, only to see her shot deflected out for a 45.

**GALWAY:** R Callanan, T Kenny, S Healy, C Gil, P Kenny, S Noone, S Keane, A Callanan, C Cormican (0-1), K O'Dwyer, R Hennelly (0-3, frees), M Cooney (0-1), F Keely, D McGrath (0-4), A Donoghue (0-2). Subs: O Burke for A Callanan (half-time), K Kennedy for Donoghue (52 mins), A Lynskey for Keely (57 mins), L Mitchell for O'Dwyer (60+2 mins).  
**LIMERICK:** S Moynihan, F Hickey, S Carey, J Mulcahy, M Ryan, M Casey, R Delee, D Fitzpatrick, K Campbell, C Costello (0-1), N Mulcahy (0-8, seven frees), D Murphy, M Keating, M O'Callaghan (0-1), O O'Brien. Subs: A Wilson for Keating (half-time), K O'Leary for Campbell (44 mins), J Garvey for O'Callaghan (54 mins), J Wilson for Ryan (58 mins). Referee: A O'Brien (Wexford).



## Tribeswomen triumphant

Galway captain Lorraine Ryan celebrates with the O'Duffy Cup after her side beat Kilkenny 1-9 to 0-7 in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final at Croke Park. PAUL MCHAM SEE PAGE 8 SPORT

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■ Player-of-the-Match Galway's Orlaith McGrath is challenged by Limerick's Sarah Carey. PHOTOGRAPH BY PHO



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# A day of woe for the Cats in Croke

Despite a brave effort from Kilkenny in Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final in Croke Park there was no disputing the merits of Galway's success.

The Westerners were spurred on by two recent All-Ireland final defeats plus a loss to Kilkenny earlier in the year. The determination to erase those memories was evident. The exchanges were even for the opening five minutes but thereafter Galway gradually began to exert greater influence.

Galway's superiority was not reflected on the scoreboard until Ailish O'Reilly scored the only goal late in the first half. On another day it might have been disallowed for over-carrying.

That goal was the crucial score. Galway's confidence grew and Kilkenny needed a quick response but it did not arrive. The winners clearly spend time reviewing Kilkenny's earlier championship performances because the tactic of tight-marking every Kilkenny player was a match-winner.

Kilkenny players found it hard to get control of the ball and committed far too many unforced errors. Kilkenny's paltry return of four points in the opening half left the side with much to do.

With only four points separating the team at the interval, bridging the gap appeared possible. Matters got no better, though, for Kilkenny in the second half. An overworked defence played excellently all through especially in the second half.

All six defenders battled tenaciously for every ball and held Galway to just four points during the second thirty minutes. Edwina Keane, Elaine Aylward and Jacqui Frisby were particularly impressive.

Ann Dalton worked very hard at midfield after the break but when it came to scoring her shooting let her down. On another day she would have scored a couple of points.

Kilkenny had big problems in attack and despite a couple of early points from Shelly Farrell (one of which

might have been a goal) it was an unhappy afternoon for the Kilkenny forwards.

The talk before the game was that it would be the last outing for Galway's Theresa Maher. The Athenry player has been at the wrong end of many All-Ireland defeats and this was to be her final game and the last opportunity to win a Celtic Cross.

Maher played brilliantly giving a Player of the Match performance. Time will tell if she retires but if this is to be her last game in the Galway jersey it was a fitting departure for a great player.

She marshalled her team brilliantly from centre half back and constantly broke up Kilkenny attacks.

This, though, was far from a one-player effort from Galway. Throughout the game the players showed an appetite and determination which Kilkenny could not match.

Despite Galway's clear superiority the game was never out of Kilkenny's grasp. A goal was required to get back into the game but Kilkenny rarely threatened Susan Earner's goal.

A notable feature of the game was the number of times the referee had to throw in the ball following what has become known as a 'hurling scrum'. When it came to the physical exchanges Galway held a distinct advantage.

Sadly for Kilkenny the team did not perform as they had hoped. It happens to the best of sides in All-Ireland finals. What is important now is for all involved to reflect on what went wrong and to start out at the beginning of next year determined to atone.

Despite Sunday's disappointment, progress has been made. The players are young enough and good enough to return to Croke Park next year when they can do better.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

• JAMES MCGARRY AND DEREK LYNG ARE EXPERIENCED MEN. THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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\* Jacqui Frisby, Mairead Power and Emma Comerford pictured at the homecoming for the Kilkenny camogie squad last Monday evening.



Kilkenny captain Michelle Quilty and Jacqui Frisby onstage at the Homecoming on the Parade for the Kilkenny camogie squad last Monday evening.



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## ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL IN CROKE PARK

# Galway smash O'Duffy dream as Cats sent home empty handed

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**GALWAY** 0-9  
**KILKENNY** 0-7

There was nothing but heart-ache for hard trying and brave Kilkenny in bright but wet Croke Park on Sunday.

The search for the first O'Duffy Cup win since 1994 in the All-Ireland senior camogie final will continue following the disappointment of this defeat against Galway.

No one could begrudge the Tribes-ladies their day in the sun following All-Ireland final defeats in 2008, 2010 and 2011, but still the pain of defeat was acute.

Key to Galway's victory was a strong and solid defensive unit, ably led by experienced centre-back Therese Maher, who was deservedly rewarded with an All-Ireland senior medal following 17 years of sterling service with the county.

Maher was part of a strong half-back line involving inspirational captain Lorraine Ryan and Sinead Cahalane. They kept the opposition on a tight rein and drained the life out of them.

The fact that the Kilkenny attack only scored 0-3 from play shows the strength of the Galway defence. It was one of those days when Kilkenny just couldn't get their best game going. The effort was there,

but things just didn't click and the forceful play that destroyed favourites Cork in the semi-final didn't reappear.

### LED ATTACK

Dynamic 19-year-old, Niamh McGrath led the attack well from centre-forward. She contributed 0-5 (0-4 frees), while another 19-year-old, goalscorer Ailish O'Reilly was a real handful for the Kilkenny full-back line all afternoon.

Noreen Coen, when introduced as a first half substitute, was superb. She constantly caused havoc for the Kilkenny defence and she also tracked back to do a lot of good work around the midfield area. Wing-forward Emma Kilkelly was highly industrious in tracking back superbly, and helping out the defence/midfield area.

The Kilkenny forwards struggled throughout, despite the best attempts of centre-forward Aisling Dunphy. Shelly Farrell was a real handful during the opening half, but she was starved of possession afterwards.

Galway had done their homework well, and they kept the game tight and didn't allow the opposition open up play too often.

Mairead Power had a brilliant second-half and defended superbly, while Kate McDonald and Edwina Keane performed solidly also, just like they did throughout what has been a good championship.

Ann Dalton was magnificent in midfield. She did her utmost to rouse and inspire all around her, but quite often during the second half she lacked the support of colleagues for her impact to provide a telling effect.

Overall it was mostly a



Therese Manton, Galway, in action against Michelle Quilty, Kilkenny in the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland senior camogie championship final in Croke Park on Sunday.

Pictures: Paul Mohan / SPORTSFILE

scrappy game, with quality quite often at a premium and certainly not one to live long in the memory.

### ADVANTAGE

Galway had the advantage of the wind during the opening half, but after a tight and tense opening 25 minutes Kilkenny led 0-4 to 0-3. Shelly Farrell was very prominent.

However, Galway's 1-2 without reply during the closing minutes of the half proved to have a significant effect. Ailish O'Reilly's hand-passed goal was a source of disappointment to Kilkenny goalkeeper, Emma Kavanagh.

O'Reilly raced through and had a clear path to goal.

Her hand-passed attempt into the net was brilliantly stopped by Kavanagh, but unfortunately, the pace of the sliotar proved too much for the Rower-Inistioge lady. The ball trickled over the goalline, 1-3 to 0-4.

Substitute Noreen Coen, who was introduced late in the half, scored two points from play as the Westerners held a

four point lead at the rest.

Ann Dalton opened the scoring early in the second half with an inspirational long distance point, but Kilkenny didn't push on. They failed to score again until the 48th minute.

### RESTORED LEAD

Niamh McGrath pointed a free to restore Galway's four point lead before Emma Kilkelly pointed to extend the advantage to 1-7 to 0-5.

Kilkenny didn't register a wide during the entire opening half, and it wasn't until the 41st minute that they shot their first wide. They shot a further five wides during the closing 15 minutes, including two missed efforts that proved costly when Kilkenny were three points down.

Team captain Michelle Quilty pointed two frees to narrow the gap to three, but that was as good as it would get for Kilkenny. Galway closed out the game with two late pointed frees by McGrath as they held out for a deserved victory.

Player of the match - Lorraine Ryan (Galway).

Noreen Coen, Niamh McGrath, Ailish O'Reilly, Mairead Power and Ann Dalton were all serious contenders.

Galway captain Lorraine Ryan played a real captain's part. Her work-rate and sense of positioning were first class as part of a strong defensive unit, and significantly she also held Katie Power scoreless from play.

Scorers: Galway - Niamh McGrath (0-5, 0-4 frees); Ailish O'Reilly (1-0); Noreen Coen (0-2); Emer Haverty, Emma Kilkelly (0-1 each). Kilkenny - Shelly Farrell, Ann Dalton (0-1, free) and Michelle Quilty (frees, 0-2 each); Aisling Dunphy (0-1).

Galway - Susan Earner, Therese Manton, Sarah Dervan, Heather Cooney, Sinead Cahalane, Therese Maher, Lorraine Ryan (captain), Niamh Kilkenny, Molly Dunne, Emer Haverty, Niamh McGrath, Emma Kilkelly, Brenda Hanney, Anne-Marie Hayes, Ailish O'Reilly.

Subs - Noreen Coen for Dunne 23 minutes; Orlaith McGrath for Hanney 61 minutes; Ann Marie Starr for Haverty 62 minutes.

Kilkenny - Emma Kavanagh (Rower-Inistioge), Mairead Power (Carrickshock), Kate McDonald (Thomastown), Jacqui Frisby (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Leanne Fennelly (Mullinavat), Edwina Keane (St Martin's), Elaine Aylward (Mullinavat), Grace Walsh (Tullaroan), Ann Dalton (St Lachlain's, Freshford), Claire Phelan (Lisdowney), Aisling Dunphy (St Brigids, Ballycalan), Katie Power (Piltown), Shelly Farrell (Thomastown), Denise Gaule (Windgap), Aoife Neary (James Stephens).

Subs - Collette Dormer (Paulstown) for Phelan 21 minutes; Kelly Hamilton (Rower-Inistioge) for Walsh 40 minutes; Michelle Quilty, captain (Mullinavat) for Neary 47 minutes; Miriam Walsh (Tullaroan) for Gaule 55 minutes.

Referee: Ger O'Dowd (Limerick).



Shelly Farrell, Kilkenny, in action against Sarah Dervan, Galway in the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland senior camogie championship final in Croke Park.



# CAMOGIE QUEENS

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Kilkenny camogie players, Shelly Farrell, Meighan Farrell, Niamh Bambrick pictured at the Homecoming for the Kilkenny camogie squad last Monday evening. Photo: Pat Moore.



Kilkenny captain Michelle Quilty speaking onstage at the Homecoming on the Parade for the Kilkenny camogie squad last Monday evening.

## Goal hero O'Reilly delighted to deliver for Galway veterans

by Eoghan Cormican

Ailish O'Reilly stepped on to the Croke Park turf on Sunday free from the baggage weighing heavily on the shoulders of her Galway team-mates.

The 19-year old stood out, not only as the youngest member of this All-Ireland winning outfit, but as the sole individual never to have tasted September defeat in the maroon and white.

While Galway performed their familiar bridesmaids role in the 2010 and '11 deciders, O'Reilly was filling the sitting room cabinet with a bag of underage All-Ireland titles.

Tony Ward drafted the full-forward into the senior set-up last winter and, though lining out alongside Brenda Hanney and Ann-Marie Hayes in their famine ending win — the Killimor pair boasting all most two decades of service between them — one would be forgiven for thinking it was O'Reilly who wore the tag of seasoned campaigner.

The NUIG Arts student delivered the game's sole goal on 27 minutes, but it was the squandered goal opportunity at the end of the first quarter which played on her mind. O'Reilly slipped inside the Kilkenny cover, but instead of shooting for goal, she offloaded to the unmarked Hanney who failed to make sufficient connection.

"I definitely should have converted that one, I would have regretted missing that one, but, thank God, I finished the second one and it counted. I am just glad it hit the back of the net.

"There were two Kilkenny girls hanging out of me, but I just stayed going, head down, I thought the Kilkenny goalkeeper was going to block it but thankfully it went in. We dominated the third quarter and, though we didn't move out of sight, I wasn't nervous. Maybe it was tired legs because we had fought so, so hard for 50 plus minutes. We held on in the end and I am so delighted we came out on top."

O'Reilly singled out Therese Maher in the match programme as the sportswoman she most admires and the youngster was quick to pay homage to those who had finally prized their hands onto the O'Duffy Cup.

"It's an absolute dream result. It is a dream result for those who have been fighting for so many years. The likes of Therese Maher, Brenda Hanney and Ann-Marie Hayes have been waiting so long to get their hands on an All-Ireland medal, having come up short on so many occasions and they truly deserve what they got today."

Further down the tunnel underneath the Hogan Stand and captain Lorraine Ryan is clutching the O'Duffy Cup, tightly, the second Galway lady to bring camogie's biggest prize across the Shannon.

"It's unbelievable, there are no words to describe it," smiled the wing-back.

"I think we are still in shock to be honest. It will definitely take a while for all this to settle in. I am just so,



happy for the girls inside, they have worked so, so hard.

"We worked hard this year, but we have worked hard over the past four and five years, coming up short by two points two years in succession. We have had our hearts broken over and over again. These group of girls just

came back and came back, and I am so delighted that we got our reward today.

"Conditions were difficult and it did take a while for both teams to settle down, we fought it out, we kept going, kept believing. Even when Kilkenny had their purple patch, we





Kildare players celebrate with the cup after winning the All-Ireland Premier Junior title

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# KILDARE DREAM COMES THROUGH AT CROKE PARK

## Lilies bridge 23-year gap to capture All-Ireland title

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By Ger McNally

KILDARE'S camogie team bridged a 23-year gap since their last All-Ireland Junior title thanks to a dominant and commanding performance against Laois at Croke Park.

In the biggest game of many of their camogie careers, the majority of Kildare's players produced their best camogie and in the end ran out comfortable winners.

Jim McMullen's meticulous planning worked to a tee and from the moment that Siobhan Hurley scored the game's opening point after 12 seconds the result was never really in doubt such was the level of Kildare's performance.

There were heroes all over the pitch for the girls in white. From the immaculate Jane O'Donoghue at corner back, to 18-year-old Melissa Lyons at wing forward to official player-of-the-match Siobhan Hurley to two-goal sensation Susie O'Carroll, Kildare won the individual battles all over the field.

Given that it was an All-Ireland final it's probably unfair to say that one side wanted the win more than

the other but that was certainly the impression as Kildare outworked their opponents in every position. The hard work started with corner forwards Louise Keatley and Róisín O'Connell and continued through every position.

If the girls had any nerves going into the game they hid them well and after Hurley's opener, Melissa Lyons scored a second point inside the opening 60 seconds of the game. Kildare kept up the pressure and points followed from O'Carroll, O'Connell and Hurley to move the team into a 0-5 to 0-0 lead after 15 minutes.

The pressure that Kildare were putting their opponents under all over the field meant that Laois didn't register a point until Louise Mahony converted from a free after Olga Parkinson had been fouled. Niamh Dollard followed that with her team's first from play three minutes but a late Susie O'Carroll point meant Kildare held a 0-6 to 0-2 lead at the break.

The only downside to the opening half was that Kildare probably should have been further ahead and it looked like they might live to regret not turning their possession into points on the scoreboard when Dunlavin school pupil Grace O'Neill

beat Sailleog O'Keefe with a well struck shot.

With the rain by now pouring down and a strong wind coming in over Hill 16, it would have been easy to drop the heads and let Laois right back into the game but Kildare's response will go down in camogie folklore for many years to come.

Less than a minute later, some brilliant stick work by Melissa Lyons created an opening for O'Carroll and she was cool as the proverbial cucumber as she rounded goalkeeper Laura Dunne and fired home.

Just 30 seconds later, Dunne was picking the sliotar out of her net again after O'Carroll latched onto a long pass and shot past the Laois netminder.

Hurley tagged on a point seconds later and shortly after the rain cleared to make way for blue skies and the sun once more and suddenly everything seemed right in Kildare's world once again.

Kildare held Laois to just two more points in the remainder of the game and even when Jim McMullen introduced four substitutes they remained on top of the game.

Hurley scored her fifth point of the game inside the final ten minutes before Clodhna McSweeney

rounded off the scoring as Kildare were confirmed as the 2013 All-Ireland Junior champions.

**KILDARE:** Sailleog O'Keefe, Jane O'Donoghue, Aoife Trant, Niamh Concannon; Fiona Trant, Carol Nolan; Angela Lyons, Caroline Forde, Orla Bambury; Clodagh Flanagan, Siobhán Hurley 0-5 (2fs), Melissa Lyons 0-2; Louise Keatley, Susie O'Carroll 2-2, Róisín O'Connell 0-1. Subs: Hazel Mulligan for Concannon, 46; Clodhna McSweeney 0-1 for Lyons, 53; Niamh Breen for F Trant, 58; Clodagh Farrell for Keatley, 60.

**LAOIS:** Laura Dunne, Mairéad Burke, Karen Cuddy, Joan Dollard, Aishling Dunphy, Sarah Ann Fitzgerald, Eimear Delaney, Claire Walsh, Elaine Mahony, Joyce Dunne, Denise Quigley, Louise Mahony 0-3 (2fs 1 45), Sile Burke, Niamh Dollard 0-2, Olga Parkinson. Subs: Grace O'Neill 1-0 for Dunne, 29; Sarah Cuddy for Walsh, 30; Catriona Downey for Burke, 43; Sinead Lanham for Parkinson, 51; Rosemary Bermingham for J Dollard, 59.

REF: D Ryan (Dublin).

## O'Carroll savours amazing feeling at Croke

KILDARE full-forward Susie O'Carroll has been a long time on the county senior team and there were times when a day out at Croke Park seemed a million miles away.

"It's just brilliant," she said after winning an All-Ireland title at the famous venue. "For the last few years we've been striving to get here but five or six years ago we couldn't have even dreamt about this moment so to be here is absolutely brilliant. It's an amazing feeling."

Less than 90 seconds after Grace O'Neill's goal for Laois, Kildare's clutch full-forward Susie O'Carroll struck two vital goals in less than a minute.

"I don't remember much about them, I just remember that the ball broke to me and I was on my own and I was happy enough when there was nobody around me," said O'Carroll.

Kildare looked right at home on the hallowed Croke Park turf and O'Carroll felt that nerves went by the wayside because of their detailed preparations.

"We had said to enjoy the occasion but to not let it get to us once we were out on the pitch. We had our routine. Jim (McMullen) has focused on that during the year, keeping the routine the same. Once we got out there we knew what we were able to do and it was brilliant to get the scores on the board from the start."

Such was the dominance that Kildare enjoyed that they could almost afford to enjoy the closing moments.

"Siobhan (Hurley) had turned to me with about eight seconds to go and said we had it but I told her no we hadn't and to keep going," said O'Carroll, who said the team's belief has been the big difference this year.

"I think that was probably said in years before that there was this belief but this year you really knew - the quality of the players, the strength of the panel, even the players who came on today were really pushing for starting places."

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# Years of heartbreak give way to tears of joy as Galway's camogie heroes end hoodoo at last

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When asked how it equated to that historic win in '96, he said it was difficult to draw comparisons. "It is different because '96 was just pure disbelief that it could have happened. A lot of the girls were so young in '96 as well and if somebody told us that time that it would be 2013 before we would win the next one, it would have been very hard to believe."

That said, for the long serving Therese Maher, who had already lost five All-Ireland finals in her 16-year senior career, her overriding sentiment would have mirrored her predecessors in '96 – pure disbelief.

"I think, initially, it is very hard [to come back year after year] once you lose. But you put the gear bag away and then everyone else is getting it out again and going out training. This year, the management were very good I have to say. I did my own bit of training in the winter season and in March/April I started to get that feeling of 'would the body be able for one more year?'"

"When you enjoy it though and it is something you have played for almost all of your life and love, I am so glad I went back now. Today makes up for all of those [other defeats]."

Another of the older brigade who had experienced her fair share of heartache was Mul-lagh's Sinead Cahalan. She believed though that, despite a poor start to their campaign, losing the first round to their All-Ireland opponents, they timed their run to perfection this year.

"We just pitched it better. I know we started the year poorly and nobody gave us a chance – we had a poor league and we were not overly impressive in the early stages of the championship – but we just built it up bit by bit. I think, more than ever, we just had an unbelievable hunger and we were not going to accept defeat this year."

The rest, as they say, is history and all that remained was a victory homecoming tour that got underway with the symbolic crossing of the Shannon in Athlone before both teams received the adulation of the crowds in Ballinasloe, Loughrea, Cappataggle, Ballyfa, the home of manager Ward, and, finally, the Earl Inn, Kiltullagh/Killimordaly, the home of Galway's senior captain, Lorraine Ryan, on Monday evening.

Other clubs were subsequently visited over the ensuing days – South Galway clubs on Tuesday and City clubs on Wednesday – while the customary tour of the schools has also been taking place this week. One of the first to host the O'Duffy and McGrath Cups was St Killian's VS, New Inn, the former alma mater of manager Ward and six of his players, including senior captain Ryan.

Welcoming and thanking Ward and the players for honouring the school by their presence on another historic occasion for Galway camogie, principal and former Galway hurler Padraig Kelly spoke of the pride of having numerous connections between the school and both panels.

He congratulated the McGrath sisters – Niamh, Clodagh and Orlaith – along with Tara Kenny, Moira Con-



Intermediate captain Sinead Keane (left) and senior captain Lorraine Ryan on their arrival for the homecoming celebrations in Ballinasloe. PHOTOS: JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY.

whom are past pupils – while he also applauded local mother and Chairperson of Galway Camogie Board, Geraldine McGrath, on a memorable year and intermediate captain Sinead Keane, who was also present and is, coincidentally, a niece of vice principal Iggy Clarke.

Ward, also praised for his magnificent achievements, said he felt privileged as a past pupil that St. Killian's was the first school to be visited by both Cups and it was a special feeling bringing the silverware back to his old alma mater.

Among the others to speak was Niamh McGrath, who would later that morning return to France to continue her third-level studies, and intermediate captain Keane, who said to walk up the steps of the Hogan Stand as an All-Ireland winning captain "was a dream come true".

Indeed, Keane encouraged the students to continue to work hard at whatever they wanted to achieve – be it in sport or in life – and said that if they did anything was possible.

Certainly, after 17 years of heartbreak for Galway camogie, particularly at senior level, last Sunday's double achievement bore testament to that.



St. Killian's, New Inn principal Padraig Kelly pictured with Galway's All-Ireland intermediate winning captain Sinead Keane and past pupils who were members of Galway's successful senior and intermediate panels last Tuesday morning. From left: Padraig Kelly, Sinead Keane, Niamh McGrath, Clodagh McGrath, Tara Kenny, Orlaith McGrath, Moira Connaughton and Tony Ward (manager).



Therese Maher at the Galway camogie teams homecoming reception in Ballinasloe.



Young supporters in Ballinasloe at the homecoming of the Galway double victory All-Ireland Senior and Intermediate camogie teams.



Galway double victory All-Ireland Senior and Intermediate camogie teams manager Tony Ward with Senior Captain Lorraine Ryan (left) and Intermediate captain Sinead Keane at the homecoming in Ballinasloe on Monday.



Six month old John P Brady from Creagh welcomes Sinead Cahalan to Creagh NS.



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Galway team manager Tony Ward follows the action at Croke Park.



AT LAST: Galway's long serving Therese Maher shows her emotions after finally winning an All-Ireland senior camogie medal at the sixth attempt in Croke Park last Sunday. PHOTOS: INPHO/CATHAL NOONAN.

## Camogie double big lift for sport in Galway – Ryan

STEPHEN GLENNON

LORRAINE Ryan is coming near the end of what has become a marathon of interviews and photo calls yet despite the media frenzy, she remains unfazed and, still smiling, she continues to give generously of her time.

Maybe it's an innate desire to make this joyous moment last but, whatever the reason, it's easy to see why the Kiltulagh/Killimordaly player is an All-Ireland winning senior camogie captain. In her victory speech, she spoke of the value of friendships and now, under the concrete monolith of the Hogan Stand, she was surmising what this famous win would do for the profile of the sport in Galway.

"If you looked out there (into the Hogan Stand) and saw the amount of supporters who were young, it was just unbelievable," beamed Ryan. "I just hope it gives them the belief to strive for this again, sooner rather than later.

"They have not seen the [O'Duffy] Cup come home before – while for others it has been a very long time – so hopefully it gives those young girls the belief to keep playing camogie with their friends and that they will come

"We knew coming here that the Kilkenny forwards was the focal point of their team and if we could try to quieten them at all – or keep them quiet a small bit – and get our forwards going with plenty of ball, we would be in with a good chance. However, if we were on the back-foot, we knew we would be in trouble.

"So, we had to keep strong, especially our six backs, and keep each other going. I thought we used the hand-pass to good effect, broke the tackles well, did the simple things right and moved the ball down the field as fast as we could. And especially in the last 15 minutes, that really worked. We just kept our heads after that and kept believing and kept going and thank God we came out the right end of the result."

In the end, the Cats replaced two of their inside sharpshooters – and three forwards in all – such was the dominance of Ryan and the Galway defence. However, Ryan said, even then, Galway were taking nothing for granted. "Right down to when we were two minutes and 49 seconds into injury-time I was still roaring at the girls to keep clued in, to keep focused, because you just

# Galway's camogie Queen reigns supreme at last!

Maher puts previous agony behind her on glorious day for Galway camogie



# EPHEN GLENNON

has been one of the longest coronations – and she may even, at times, have lost faith that it would ever happen – but in the end, The Queen, as Galway camogie great Therese Maher is fondly known, finally got to take her rightful place on the throne. It would have been a travesty if Athenry stalwart Maher, who has been a leading light for both club and county for almost two decades, had to see out her days without the opportunity to lay her hands on the O'Duffy Cup. No state secret, this meant the world to Maher and when her team-mates and management descended upon her in the moments following the Tribeswomen's 1-9 to 0-7 victory over Kilkenny, briefly, all the wrongs in the world were put right. This was justice. Her smile said it all and while, underneath the relief she was experiencing must have been delightfully enveloping the years of hurt and disappointment that had tormented her from those five previous All-Ireland defeats, Maher continued to maintain

that composure, regal reserve and dignity that has won the hearts of all in Galway camogie and further afield. "With any given year, you have to believe you are going to win. I don't think there is any point coming back up here [to Croke Park] if you don't believe that you are going to win, irrespective of the team that you are playing and that is no disrespect to them," said Maher. "We were defeated early on in the championship by Kilkenny but it was the first game. Then, game after game after game, you kind of build momentum and we believed we were going to win today. I know it wasn't a classic out there but I didn't mind if it was two points to one or five points to two, we wanted a win and we needed to win for Galway camogie. We got a double here today and we are just thrilled." When asked what was the difference between this team and the others that had agonisingly lost All-Ireland finals previously, Maher agreed with the sentiments expressed by captain Lorraine Ryan that this victory was borne out of great friendships.

"Both senior and intermediate teams, we got on great. When we were training, we were serious and we trained hard, but outside of that we had the fun as well. Our focus was on each game. "It wasn't about the bigger picture: the All-Ireland final. It was game on game and today we were focused on this as being another game, albeit it was an All-Ireland final, but we were just taking it as another step in the ladder to get the medal that we have been looking to win for so long." Another who had waited a life-time for that elusive O'Duffy Cup win was Sinead Cahalan. A lot like Maher, she had experienced her fair share of disappointment and regret. "I still can't believe this; that we are actually after winning it. It is just everything we felt when we lost has been turned on the complete other side and made it all worthwhile. I am just so happy and so delighted for everyone." She, too, maintained the friendships and the advantage of having both seniors and intermediates train together were pivotal to Galway's successes and she also paid tribute

to Tony Ward and his management team of trainer Liam Hodgins and selectors Declan Walsh, Orla Watson and Seamie Crowe. "It was great to have the panel matches with the two teams, particularly as the intermediates were very competitive as well. It was a great incentive for them to be pushing on to make the senior panel or the senior team. It worked well. "In fairness to the management, you have to take your hat off to them because it was an unbelievable challenge to try to accommodate and cater for 53 girls and look after them and make sure that they were injury free and had hurls and everything. It was endless. They must be so exhausted." In any event, the proverbial monkey is off the back of Galway camogie now. "Exactly," glowed Cahalan. "That is exactly how it feels. I couldn't have taken another loss. The monkey is off the back now and we can retire or do whatever we want to do at this stage. Some of us aren't able for much more. All we ever wanted was one All-Ireland and it is magic. It's just great.

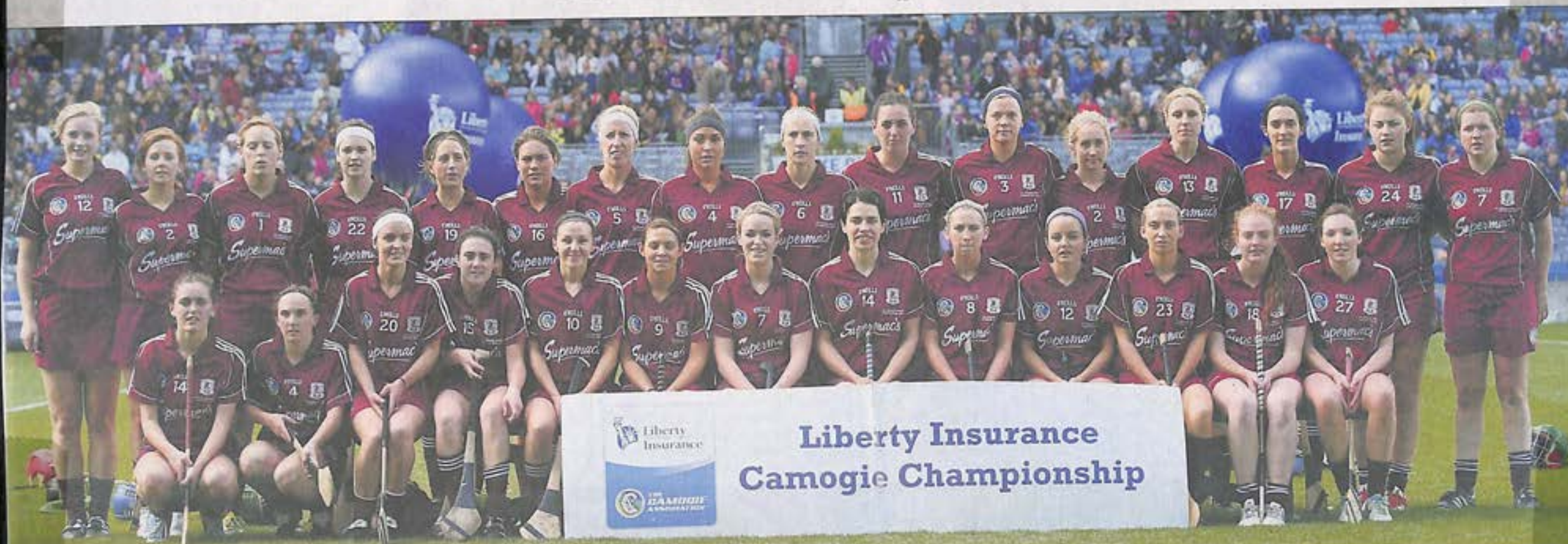
Such a feeling!" One of the striking things about this All-Ireland senior win was the unity of purpose between the older and younger players – a balance that can be so difficult to achieve – but centre-half forward Niamh McGrath, one of the younger players, said it was never an issue. She said, for the younger brigade, they had, by and large, come from a background of success and when diluting this with the experience of the older players, it proved to be a potent mix. "I suppose, we had none of the heartbreak that some of the older players had. "Coming up along, we had won minor and U-16 and I think that blend of youth and the experience of the older girls was what brought this day to fruition and what finally won the All-Ireland," said McGrath, who, along with sisters Clodagh and Orlaith, was one of three siblings who took home All-Ireland senior medals on Sunday. Indeed, she paid tribute to her sister Orlaith, who played a key role in Galway winning the All-Ireland intermediate title, and the rest of the inter-

mediate side in the preceding game. She said it was just the fillip for the senior set-up as they took the field. "We knew they had it won when the guys (management) came back in. It was just brilliant. We had no fear then; we could go out and hurl. We could win an All-Ireland as well as them. So, it was just brilliant because you were on a buzz. It was like 'one down, one to go now'. And thanks be to God, we did it." The final word, though, must go to Maher. It had been widely rumoured that this was to be the centre-half back's last game but, with the scent of victory filling the Autumn air, she said she was not going to make such a life-changing decision – camogie has been her life – at a time when emotions ran so high. "Somebody just asked me that in there but I don't think anyone makes decisions after matches when you win. I said 'never say never' but I think I could not finish on a better way if I was to finish this way. We'll see." Whatever her decision, the coronation of the Queen is complete.

through some day to achieve similar success. It can happen if you stay at it." For players like Ryan and the older brigade, they certainly have been an advertisement for 'staying at it' and it was this driving ambition – that willingness to go through the wall after hitting it so many times – that returned Galway camogie to the top table. "Yeah, we are absolutely delighted. As I was saying to others, it hasn't sunk in whatsoever and what just happened out there was down to the girls' total belief and their determination all year round. And the determination of the intermediates as well. They had a great win. So, it is just a dream come true." One of the underlining reasons for Galway's success in the senior contest – and, indeed, intermediate – was down to the ruthlessness of the Tribeswomen's defence. Persistent and uncompromising, they showed a willingness throughout to die with their boots on. It brought home a quote from a Kilkenny hurler: 'I won't die for this All-Ireland but I will kill for it.'

don't know what can happen. "You saw it with the hurlers, Cork v Clare, how fast a game can change and you saw it in the football (Dublin v Kerry) the previous week before that. So, right down to the last second, we were absolutely clued in and focused on the game to try and drive on and finish it out. I think that focus definitely stood to us today." Ryan is excited about what this All-Ireland win could do for Galway camogie and team coach Liam Hodgins also agreed it could be the catalyst for greater things to come. "Look at Clare hurling at the moment, it is on a high. This camogie win should really drive on young girls to play the game, be it in their clubs or in their schools or wherever," he said. "So, really, it has to be good. "I suppose, you can't beat winning. This bunch of girls – and indeed the girls who have gone before them who have worn the Galway jersey – they deserve a lot of credit. They train as hard as any lads' team and this is what it is all about. They really do deserve this."

## All-Ireland Champions



CHAMPIONS: The Galway senior camogie squad which captured only the county's second ever All-Ireland title by defeating Kilkenny 1-9 to 0-7 at Croke Park last Sunday. Back row, left to right: Maria Cooney, Tara Kenny, Susan Earner, Ann Marie Starr, Gina Glynn, Eva Concannon, Sinead Cahalan, Heather Cooney, Therese Maher, Niamh McGrath, Sarah Dervan, Therese Manton, Brenda Hanney, Siobhan Coen, Maria Breheny and Sinead Keane. Front row: Orlaith McGrath, Collette Gill, Noreen Coen, Ailish O'Reilly, Emer Haverty, Molly Dunne, Lorraine Ryan, Ann Marie Hayes, Niamh Kilkenny, Emma Kilkenny, Orla Kilkenny, Clodagh McGrath and Lorraine Farrell. (Missing from photo Rebecca Hennelly and Aoife Donoghue).



# McGrath switch proves turning point for Galway Intermediates

Sarsfields player revels in new role as Tribeswomen atone for last year's defeat

Galway 0-12  
Limerick 0-10

STEPHEN GLENNON  
AT CROKE PARK

**GALWAY'S** intermediate camogie team defied the odds – and stirred the emotions on a memorable day for the sport in the county – when accounting for a fancied Limerick outfit in an entertaining All-Ireland decider at Croke Park on Sunday.

Despite only narrowly losing the showpiece after a replay to Derry in 2012, the feeling in some quarters was that this Galway team might have spurned their opportunity for All-Ireland success, particularly given they were meeting National League (Division 2) champions Limerick this time round.

This notion – flawed as it transpired – had been endorsed on the premise that this was Galway's second string where the Limerick outfit on show comprised of premier players from the Treaty County. However, what those who held that belief had not factored in was that this was a Galway side finely balanced by youth and experience.

In the likes of the Tribeswomen's experienced players – captain Sinéad Keane, goalkeeper Róisín Callanan, defenders Collette Gill, Paula Kenny and Sarah Noone, midfielder Caitríona Cormican, impressive right-half forward Katie O'Dwyer and impact substitute Deirdre Burke – they had able generals.

In the likes of the younger players – many of whom had already tasted a great deal of All-Ireland success in the underage ranks – they had pace, power, guile and enthu-

siasm and, indeed, it was this similar potent mix that also yielded that elusive All-Ireland senior title, and a remarkable double, later in the afternoon.

Arguably, the key period in this contest was between the 39th and 51st minutes when Galway outscored their opponents by five points to one, which was hugely significant and pivotal to the victory given this was a game of tight margins.

The sides had been level at the half-time break at 0-6 apiece and, truly, it was all to play for. Limerick subsequently took the lead through a Niamh Mulcahy free for the third and, ultimately, last time two minutes into the second half, but their failure to add to this tally when they had Galway under the cosh was to cost them dearly.

In contrast, this plucky Galway side showed no such inhibitions and, using every bit of nuance they had at their disposal, they rode out the Limerick storm before turning the game on its head.

There were a number of factors in this turnaround, including the introduction of St. Thomas' Deirdre Burke at half-time; the redeployment of Orlaith McGrath from the full to the half forward line; and, quite simply, that the Tribeswomen boasted greater firepower than their rivals.

In all, Ardahan's Rebecca Hennelly and Sarsfields' McGrath shot four points apiece while, throughout the contest, midfielder Cormican and forwards Maria Cooney and Aoife Donoghue (2) also chipped in with scores. For their part, Limerick over-relied on centre-half forward Mulcahy, who tallied no less than eight of her side's 10 scores.

Still, it was the move of McGrath, who would later



Galway's Intermediate captain Sinéad Keane shows her delight after being presented with the Jack McGrath Cup.

also have the unique distinction of featuring in the senior final, to the wing-forward berth – from which she tallied three superb points – that was instrumental in the winning of this decider.

Already, Limerick were struggling to cope with the in-form Hennelly and the hard-working Katie O'Dwyer, who was creating scoring chance after scoring chance for her team-mates, and with the introduction of McGrath and her piercing runs from deep

into this sector, the Limerick defence suddenly was on the verge of a meltdown.

McGrath's impact took effect on 39 minutes when, collecting a Tara Kenny clearance, she diced and sliced the Limerick cover to tie up the fixture at 0-7 apiece. Over the ensuing 12 minutes, Donoghue, McGrath – two more – and Hennelly shot a plethora of points and Galway were looking good.

They could have further swelled that tally in this time

had they not dropped a number of efforts short into the Limerick goalkeeper's hands while Finola Keely and substitute Karen Kennedy both had opportunities to net during a frantic passage of play on 54 minutes. Limerick were on the edge.

As it was, Tony Ward's charges held a three-point advantage, 0-11 to 0-8, heading into the dying minutes, but Limerick were by no means a spent force yet. They were awarded scoreable frees – the free count in the latter period was incredibly 12-3 in Limerick's favour – and Mulcahy had the required composure to convert the chances and reduce their arrears to a single point.

Galway needed to hold their nerve and this they duly did. Hennelly won a free – arguably a harsh call against substitute Janet Garvey – but given this was only the Tribeswomen's third free of the half, it went some way towards balancing the ledger.

In any event, Hennelly converted the placed ball in the first minute of injury-time to put Galway two ahead again but, more importantly, it meant Limerick had to net if they were to lay their hands on the McGrath Cup.

They did make a fist of it, floating in a free and a subsequent 45 in an effort to breach the Galway rearguard but goalkeeper Callanan and her defensive cohorts stood tall and repelled the danger to claim the title and bury, once and for all, the heartache of 2012.

It was richly deserved as Galway had been the better side for the greater part of the game. By the 20th minute, they had led 0-6 to 0-3 – compliments to points from Cooney, Hennelly (free and

play) McGrath, Donoghue and Cormican – and they would have continued to do so had they not switched off in the 10 minutes preceding the interval.

Consequently, it allowed Limerick to gain a foothold and with Mulcahy accurate from play and placed balls (2) they gained parity by the break. Limerick subsequently took the lead on 32 minutes but Galway then slipped into another gear and from there on in, it was the Tribeswomen's game to lose.

All in all, it was an outstanding display, not only from the aforementioned elder brigade, but from the likes of younger players such as Tara Kenny, Shauna Healy, Hennelly, McGrath and Donoghue. On this evidence, it won't be long before they will be wearing the senior jersey.

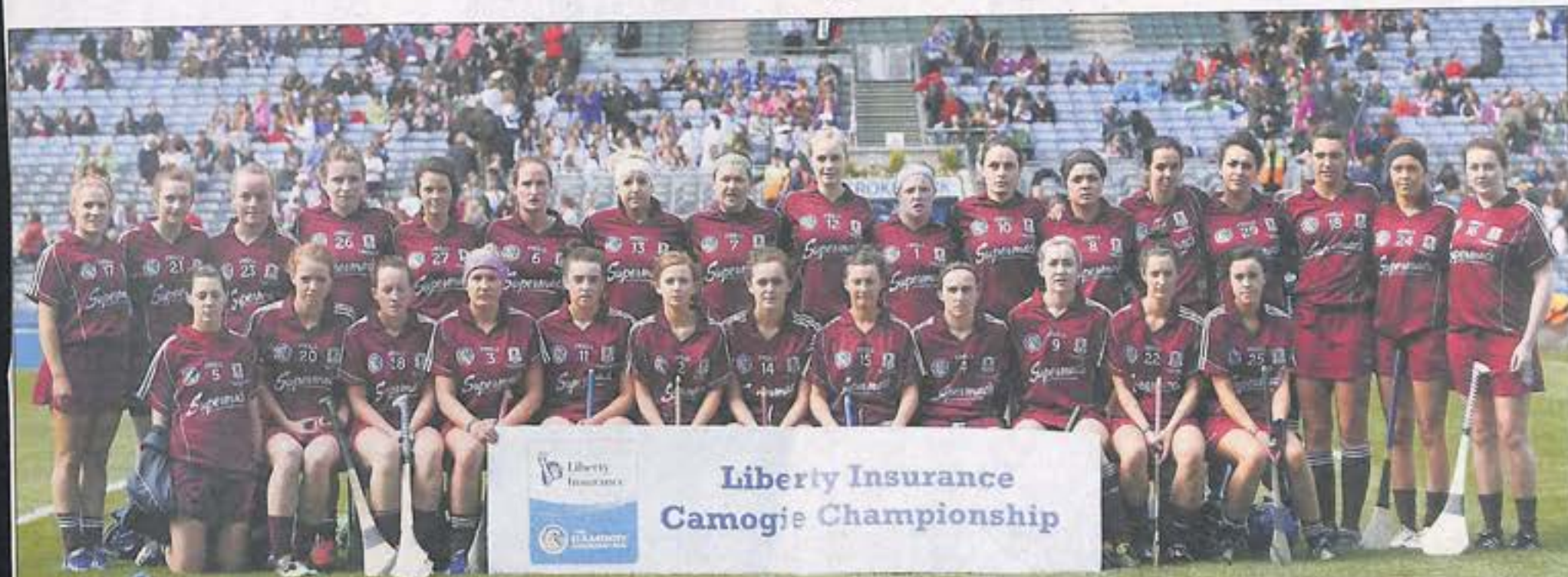
The win also meant that, no matter the outcome of the senior game, Galway was not going home empty-handed. In that, the senior players would have been imbued with a greater sense of confidence and the moment they ran out of the tunnel, any fear of failure surely dissipated in the September wind.

Galway: R. Callanan; T. Kenny, S. Healy, C. Gill, P. Kenny, S. Noone, S. Keane; A. Callanan, C. Cormican (0-1); K. O'Dwyer, R. Hennelly (0-4, 0-2 frees), M. Cooney (0-1); F. Keely, O. McGrath (0-4), A. Donoghue (0-2). Subs: D. Burke for A. Callanan (HT); K. Kennedy for Donoghue (52 mins.); A. Lynskey for Keely (56 mins.); L. Mitchell for O'Dwyer (62 mins.).

Limerick: S. Moynihan; F. Hickey, S. Carey, J. Mulcahy, M. Ryan, M. Casey, R. Delee; D. Fitzpatrick, K. Campbell; C. Costello (0-1), N. Mulcahy (0-8, 0-7 frees), D. Murphy, M. Keating, M. O'Callaghan (0-1), D. O'Brien. Subs: A. Wilson for Keating (HT); K. O'Leary for Campbell (43 mins.); J. Garvey for O'Callaghan (53 mins.); J. Wilson for Ryan (57 mins.).

Referee: A. O'Brien (Wexford).

## Intermediate camogie champions



**CHAMPIONS:** The Galway Intermediate squad which won the All-Ireland title by defeating Limerick on a 0-12 to 0-10 scoreline at Croke Park on Sunday. Back row, left to right: Megan Moran, Sarah Keenan, Michelle Dunleavy, Ciana Ní Churraoin, Aoiheann Kenny, Sarah Noone, Finola Keely, Sinéad Keane, Maria Cooney, Róisín Callanan, Katie O'Dwyer, Aoife Callanan, Caitríona Lee, Elaine Murphy, Molra Connaughton, Katie O'Brien and Niamh McLearn. Front row: Paula Kenny, Laura Mitchell, Aoife Lynskey, Shauna Healy, Rebecca Hennelly, Tara Kenny, Orlaith McGrath, Aoife Donoghue, Collette Gill, Caitríona Cormican, Deirdre Burke and Karen Kennedy.



# Years of heartbreak give way to tears of joy as Galway's camogie heroes end hoodoo at last



**ON TOP OF THE WORLD:** Galway's heroes celebrate with the O'Duffy Cup after their triumph over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park.

PHOTO: INPHO/CATHAL NOONAN

BY STEPHEN GLENNON

THEY travelled in their thousands to Croke Park on Sunday and they turned out in their droves to honour Galway's camogie heroes around the county on their homecoming tour the following day. It was a fitting tribute to a remarkable feat.

No doubt, September 15, 2013 will be a date that will live forever in the minds and hearts of Galway camogie. For it was not only the day that saw the county's senior side claim the O'Duffy Cup for

only the second time ever but it was also a day when the Galway intermediate outfit completed a remarkable double at GAA headquarters by winning the McGrath Cup.

The latter, having lost last year's decider after a replay, had set the tone when defeating Limerick by 0-12 to 0-10 in the intermediate decider before the senior outfit showed true grit and character to banish their own demons when accounting for Kilkenny by 1-9 to 0-7 in the main event.

Interestingly, the man who

spearheaded the extraordinary accomplishment of two All-Ireland wins on the same afternoon was the same person who managed Galway to their first senior victory back in 1996. That man was Sarsfields' Tony Ward.

Already, his place in the pantheon of Galway camogie was secure following the '96 victory but, surely now, he will enter local and, indeed, national folklore. "I don't know about folklore but it is a great feeling," laughed Ward afterwards.

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Senior captain Lorraine Ryan (left) and Intermediate captain Sinead Keane at the Galway camogie teams' homecoming in Ballinasloe.

PHOTO: JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY



Galway attacker Maria Cooney is about to get the ball away against Limerick's Rebecca Delee during Sunday's All-Ireland Intermediate camogie final.



Galway's star player Orlaith McGrath sparing no effort against Limerick's Sarah Carey at Croke Park on Sunday. PHOTOS: INPHO/DAN SHERIDAN.



*In Galway's hands*



Galway captain Lorraine Ryan, Heather Cooney and Noreen Coen celebrate with the O'Duffy Cup after defeating Kilkenny in Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park. PHOTOS: INPHO/CATHAL NOONAN.



# It's Galway's day at last

Ward's charges end final agony with deserved All-Ireland camogie triumph over Kilkenny

Galway 1-9  
Kilkenny 0-7

STEPHEN GLENNON  
AT CROKE PARK

AT long, long last... Galway, after years of heartbreak and disappointments, are All-Ireland senior camogie champions and, all of a sudden, the tears of yesteryear have been wiped away. Let's say it again: Galway are the 2013 All-Ireland senior camogie champions. And deservedly so.

There was something succinctly poignant about this victory and the abiding memory may well be of the county's greatest warrior, Therese Maher, collapsing to the ground at the final whistle. Head in hands. Overcome by relief, joy and, ultimately, euphoria. Her sixth All-Ireland final. Her first success. She was a woman reborn.

It just summed up the effort and toil that had been exerted over the years by her – and all in Galway camogie – to get the county to this point. For 16 long seasons, campaigns built on sweat, blood and, yes, those tears, had been pursued in search of a dream and it was somewhat fitting that Maher's team-mates and the management would descend upon her when the long shrill sounded. Poignant, moving, beautiful.

There were others too who must surely have thought to themselves if this day would ever come. Those like Susan Eamer, Therese Manton, Sarah Dervan, Sinead Cahalan, captain Lorraine Ryan, Niamh Kilkenny, Emma Kilkelly, Brenda Hanney and Ann Marie Hayes. Some have more miles left on the clock than others but, as they have come to realise, few victories are won by sentimentality. If any.

Arguably, the most

relieved set of players will be those who lined out in Galway's only other senior win in 1996. For almost two decades, they have held the baton aloof, urging the next generation to take up the mantle. It's passed on now. New names. New heroes.

Bar one. Manager Tony Ward has the distinction of managing both of Galway's All-Ireland winning senior sides while, in front of a crowd of 15,063 at Croke Park on Sunday, he also pulled off another remarkable double when leading the intermediates to a national victory.

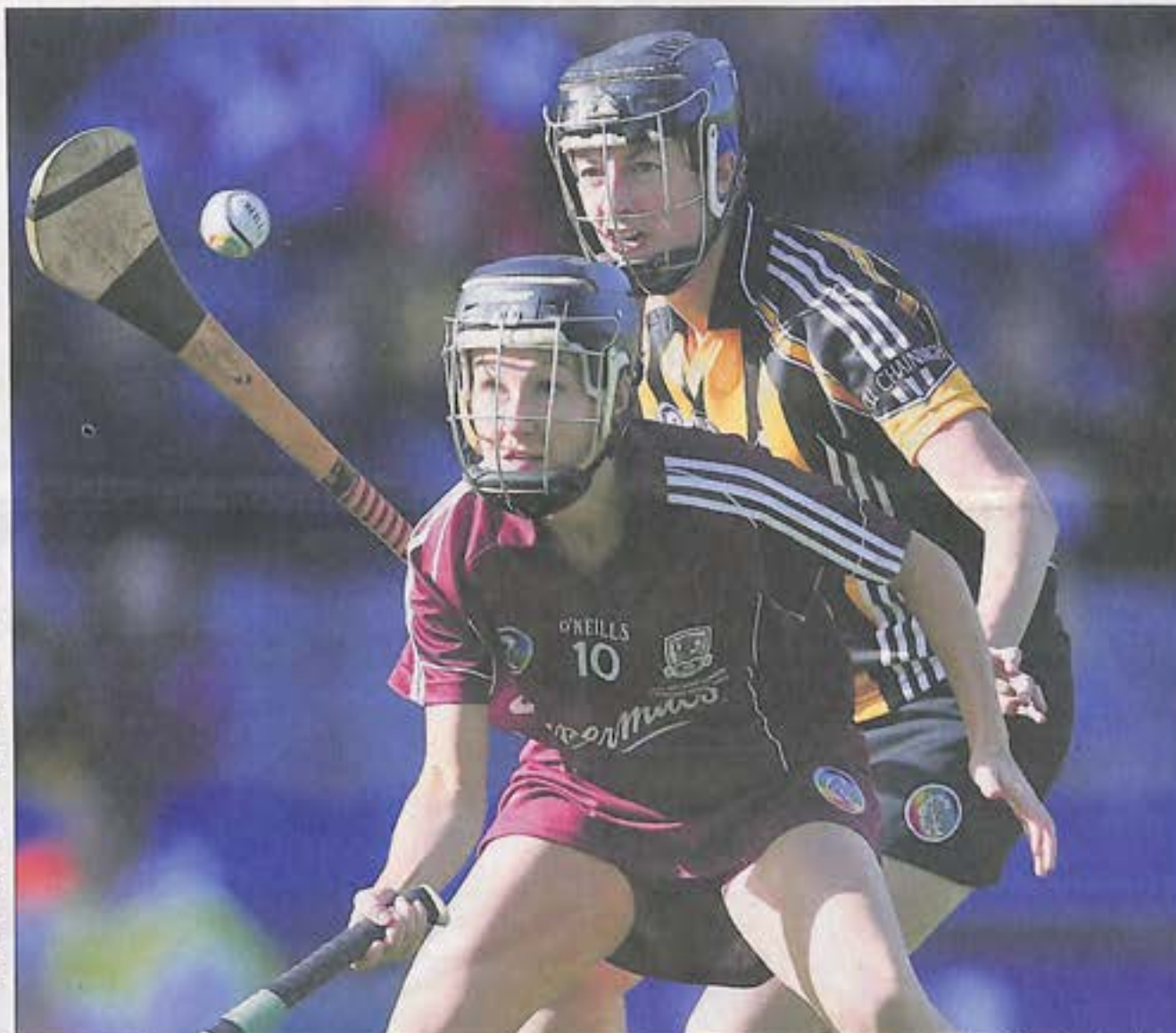
If he was a Premiership soccer manager, Ward would be worth his weight in gold but, in many respects, it was always going to take a highly regarded figure like the Sarsfields man to cajole Galway camogie back to the promised land. For he is to Galway camogie what Alex Ferguson was to Manchester United. A perfect fit.

For all intents and purposes, this was the 'big one' – for all concerned. Ward did not have to – his place in the pantheon of Galway camogie was well and truly secure – but in returning to the post he put himself, and his reputation, on the line.

Just to put this into perspective. Galway had only claimed one O'Duffy Cup win in 15 previous attempts prior to Sunday and this included losing three finals between 2008 and 2011. The weight of history lay heavily on both the management's and players' shoulders.

In the end, though, they made light of it and the Tribeswomen were worth every bit their five-point win in the 2013 decider. Indeed, outside a few pockets of Kilkenny dominance at intermittent stages, they owned this game.

"It probably won't go down as the prettiest game ever played but look it, as we



Galway wing forward Emer Haverty and Kilkenny's Elaine Aylward follow the flight of the ball during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.

said the other night, we didn't care if it was three points to two as long as we were the three points," said an physically, emotionally and mentally drained Ward afterwards.

"We fought a hard battle for it (All-Ireland senior win) and it is brilliant for us. All week, the management said we needed to work, work, work and it was about getting the belief into the girls that they were good enough to win this game."

By half-time, they had raced into a 1-5 to 0-4 lead

after Oranmore/Maree forward Ailish O'Reilly – having got on the end of a determined Emma Kilkelly flick – broke through the Kilkenny cover and palmed the sliotar to the net for a precious 27th minute goal.

O'Reilly's major asked the most pertinent of questions about Kilkenny's character and, to some degree, the Cats were found wanting. While they were still licking their wounds, substitute Noreen Coen picked off two sweet points on 28 and 31 minutes and both of these

scores deserve mention.

The first highlighted all that was good about Galway given it was worked out from the back by Manton to Maher to Hayes before Coen supplied the flawless finish. The second came from some good work by O'Reilly and Hanney with Coen on hand to pull first time over the bar. Any lower, and it quite possibly would have beaten Kilkenny goalkeeper Emma Kavanagh for a second time.

As it was, Kilkenny, for all the hype about their much vaunted attack, had little to

offer going forward and a great deal of credit for this must go to the Galway defence. Just seven points conceded, suffice to say, they were immense.

The main premise of the Kilkenny offensive would have been to create one-on-ones between their lethal full-forwards of Shelly Farrell, Denise Gaule and Aoife Neary – who had amassed an impressive total of 10-18 between them in the championship to date – and the Galway full-back line, maybe even isolate the

Tribeswomen's full-back Sarah Dervan.

What they didn't bank on was Dervan playing like a demon possessed – she was awesome – while, to a woman, Manton, Heather Cooney, Cahalan, Maher and captain Ryan slowly but surely sucked the life out of the Cats' attack.

And it needed to be done. In the opening 25 minutes, Kilkenny looked menacing enough with Ann Dalton (free), Farrell (2) and Aisling Dunphy all tallying some fine points to take a 0-4 to 0-3 lead. Indeed, they could even have found the Galway net only Farrell's palmed effort on 17 minutes rose high over Susan Eamer's crossbar.

Aside from those early exchanges, Galway never looked in any real trouble as Niamh McGrath – free and play – and Emer Haverty, following a neat lay-off by Maher, registered points of their own in the opening 20 minutes before the victors struck for that unanswered 1-2 late in the half to establish a healthy four-point advantage at the break.

Granted, Kilkenny did start the second period the brighter but a failure to translate possession into a meaningful amount of scores – just one point from Dalton on 33 minutes – dented the Cats' confidence, belief and morale.

For Galway's part, points from niece and aunt, Niamh McGrath (free) and Emma Kilkelly – the latter an inspirational score – enabled the Tribeswomen to keep the scoreboard ticking over and, ultimately, it forced Kilkenny into the last throw of the dice as they replaced three of their forwards, Grace Walsh, Neary and Gaule, in the closing 20 minutes.

Substitute and captain Michelle Quilty did convert two frees on 48 and 52 minutes to reduce the deficit to

the goal but, again, Galway's ability to soak up the pressure – to physically and mentally deal with it – was pivotal in the Tribeswomen maintaining their composure in the final quarter and two further frees from McGrath in the dying moments re-established what became an insurmountable five-point gap.

It's often said 'what is rare is wonderful' and that was certainly the case for Galway camogie on Sunday. When the final whistle sounded, the volcano of emotions that erupted and reverberated from the pitch to the Hogan Stand erased out of memory all the heartaches and hurt that the county have had to endure.

For many now, the sporting ambition of a lifetime has been fulfilled. The long wait since '96 is over. New names. New heroes. The O'Duffy Cup is home. Ward hoped that it would not be as long again before the long lost friend of Galway camogie made its return.

"You can never make any promises. If somebody had told me it would be this long since '96 before we would win the second one! Look it, that monkey is off these players' backs now. It was all '96, '96, '96 but thanks be to God '96 is no longer the last one. It will always be the first one but it is no longer the last one."

At long, long last.

**Galway:** S. Eamer; T. Manton, S. Dervan, H. Cooney; S. Cahalan, T. Maher, L. Ryan; N. Kilkenny, M. Dunne; E. Haverty (0-1); N. McGrath (0-5, 0-4 frees); E. Kilkelly (0-1); B. Hanney; A.M. Hayes, A. O'Reilly (1-0). **Subs:** N. Coen (0-2) for Dunne, inj. (23 mins.); O. McGrath for B. Hanney (60 mins.); A.M. Starr for Haverty (82 mins.). **Kilkenny:** E. Kavanagh; M. Power, K. McDonald, J. Frisby; L. Fennelly, E. Keane, E. Aylward; C. Phelan, A. Dalton (0-2, 0-1 free); G. Walsh, A. Dunphy (0-1); K. Power; S. Farrell (0-2); D. Gaule, A. Neary. **Subs:** C. Dorrner for Phelan (17 mins.); K. Hamilton for G. Walsh (40 mins.); M. Quilty (0-2, 0-1 free) for Neary (45 mins.); M. Walsh for Gaule (55 mins.).

**Referee:** G. O'Dowd (Limerick).

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# Skipper Keane savours historic camogie double as focused Galway side banish 2012 final blues

STEPHEN GLENNON

WHATEVER happened in the All-Ireland senior camogie decider, Galway's intermediate victory in the preceding game was never going to be diminished. It was always going to be a triumph of its own standing. In the end, that the Tribeswomen won both finals ensured there would be no bitter-sweet taste. Just sweet.

For Kinvara's Sinéad Keane, she was one of those who enjoyed the delicious flavour of success on the double. Captain of the All-Ireland winning intermediate outfit, she was also a panellist with the senior set-up. Two All-Ireland medals in one afternoon. No wonder Keane was smiling.

"Yeah, what a day!" exclaimed the Galway defender. "Not just to win one All-Ireland but to be part of two All-Ireland winning panels. It is the stuff that dreams are made of and I never imagined the day would come where I would win two All-Irelands on the same day. It is the stuff of dreams."

Of course, by virtue of their 0-12 to 0-10 win over Limerick in the intermediate showpiece, which went some way to alleviating the hurt of their All-Ireland defeat to Derry at the same stage of the competition last year, it really did set the tone for the rest of the afternoon.

"We were conscious of that on the way up," said Keane, who is a niece of legendary Galway hurler Iggy Clarke. "We wanted a good start. We were fully focused on winning that game and, if we did win and the seniors saw us celebrating out on the pitch, it might give them the extra boost that they needed."

Keane, who also won an All-Ireland intermediate medal back in 2003, alluded to their defeat to Derry, after a replay, and believed it was the experience of that day that helped carry them through the 2013 final.

"The overriding sentiment from last year was deep disappointment. We were devastated to lose the way we lost last year and that spurred us on. We were so focused today coming here. We knew the occasion, we knew where we would come under pressure and we knew we had to defend like our lives depended on it and try to take our chances as best we could. And, thankfully, we did that."

"That said, we were really well drilled and we each knew

what the other was going to do. I mean, five of the six intermediate backs were the same as last year so we were very familiar with each other. We were very solid defensively all year and we hadn't been conceding from play, if at all, in some matches. So, we believed in ourselves."

With both the intermediate and senior teams winning, and the underage set-up being so strong in recent years, Keane acknowledged the world is the oyster for Galway camogie in the immediate future. "It's onwards and upwards," beamed the Galway captain.

"We will have almost 50 girls competing for senior places next year and looking to drive on. We have had so many setbacks year after year and we have been knocking on the door so long, to finally get the breakthrough in the fashion we did is just sensational."

Meanwhile, Galway intermediate and senior manager Tony Ward, delighted to have completed a remarkable double on the day, was full of praise for his second string side. "They really set up the day," enthused the Sarsfields man.

"It was absolutely brilliant for us to have the intermediates in action today because it meant we were gone at 9 o'clock. In terms of the senior, the worst part of any All-Ireland day is waiting around for the time to come. We were gone though at 9 o'clock, we were fully keyed into what was happening with the intermediates, and it was full on when we arrived at Croke Park. And the rest is history now."

Team trainer Liam Hodgins was equally as generous in his admiration for the intermediates, noting they really wanted the victory after the disappointment of the previous year. "They trained as hard as any senior team and they did the exact same amount of sessions and the exact same training," outlined the former Galway hurler.

"I am so delighted for them, in particular for the girls who had lost last year. We had five or six new girls who moved up to senior and five or six girls who came in to replace them and they have won an All-Ireland in their first year."

"Then you have the likes of 'Gilly' (Collette Gill), 'Noonie' (Sarah Noone) and Sinéad Keane and they are knocking around there on the intermediate panel for the last four or five years. They needed to get their reward and I am thrilled for them," concluded Hodgins.



Galway defender Colette Gill jumps for joy after defeating Limerick.

## Launch of first National Referees Academy

FIRST OF ITS KIND WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION

THE FIRST National Referees Academy was launched by the President of the Camogie Association Aileen Lawlor at Croke Park on Saturday, June 15th.

The Referees Academy is the first of its kind within the Association and is part of a number of initiatives introduced by President of the Association, Aileen Lawlor to support the development and progression of referees.

Twelve referees (six men and six women) have been selected for this year's Academy. They will receive concentrated training and will be monitored and assessed on their refereeing performance throughout the year.

Speaking about the initiative President of the Camogie Association Aileen Lawlor said:

"I am delighted to launch the first ever National Referees Academy and I would like to pay tribute to the sterling work of the National Referees Committee who have undertaken this project on behalf of the Association. As a former referee, this

is an area that is very close to my heart. The role of a referee is one that is very demanding and challenging but it is also one that is extremely satisfying and worthwhile. Referees make an enormous contribution to our games and it is vital that we provide training and support that enables referees to perform at the highest level.

"The Academy is an exciting initiative and it will enable us to provide excellent training to referees and to monitor and assess the standards of each referee. I want to congratulate each of the members of this year's Academy and to wish them well in their endeavours over the coming months."

The members of this year's National Referees Academy are: Julie O'Neill (Armagh), Naomi Feighery (Kildare), Grainne Coulter (Down), Fiona O'Sullivan (Dublin), Jenny Byrne (Dublin), Siobhan Ryan (Tipperary), Kieran Kelly (Carlow), Pat Kehoe (Carlow), Eamon Cassidy (Derry), John McDonagh (Galway), Ray Kelly (Kildare) and Peter Dowd (Meath).



Pictured at the launch of the National Referees Academy at Croke Park - Back row (l-r): Kieran Kelly (Carlow), Grainne Coulter (Down), Julie O'Neill (Armagh), Siobhan Ryan (Tipperary), Ray Kelly (Kildare). Front row (l-r): Jenny Byrne (Dublin), Naomi Feighery (Kildare), Aileen Lawlor (President of the Camogie Association), Peter Downey (Chairman of National Referees Committee), Eamon Cassidy (Derry), John McDonagh (Galway).

(Photo: Martina McGilroy, livephotos)

## Cooper All-Ireland Under-14 Camogie Championship Blitz

AS WITH the under-15 development model, this is the second year of the Cooper Under-14 All-Ireland Championship blitz competition. The blitz for Division 1 to Division 4 took place yesterday (Saturday the 14th) in a range of Dublin venues. Thanks to Naomh Mearóg, St. Sylvester's, Craobh Chiarán, Thomas Davis, St. Anne's and Chroí Ro Naofa for the venues. The Association would like to thank Cooper for its continued sponsorship of this competition. This year 30 counties entered at least one team in the competition over the 5 divisions with 48 teams taking part in total.

Division 5 of this competition took place on Sunday, 1st September 2013 in Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon. There was some fantastic camogie on show as Leitrim, Longford and Sligo all battled it out for Division 5 glory. The final was contested by Sligo and Longford with Longford winning out this year to capture the Division 5 Michael Kennedy Cup.

All Under-14 teams who participate in the competition will parade today at the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Camogie Finals. The parade was a huge success last year on All-Ireland final day and gave the girls the opportunity to experience the excitement of being in front of a large crowd in Croke Park.

Sincere thanks to all counties who participated at this level over the weekend and to their mentors for the time they dedicate to these young players.

I would also like to especially thank the parents who provide taxis to training/matches and who encourage and support their daughters' participation in every way.



Longford - Division 5 Michael Kennedy Cup Blitz winners



## New bridge over the Liffey named in honour of activist

### CAMOGIE LEGEND TAKES SECOND PLACE FOLLOWING STRONG CAMPAIGN

**D**UBLIN City Council has voted to name the new Liffey bridge after activist Rosie Hackett.

The local authority selected a shortlist of five names from 85 official nominations for the bridge over the River Liffey at Marlborough Street. Camogie legend Kay Mills was runner-up in the vote, followed by Alone founder Willie Bermingham, Dracula creator Bram Stoker, and the founder of the Legion of Mary, Frank Duff.

Rosie Hackett was a messenger in Jacob's biscuit factory and joined the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union when it was founded in 1909. She encouraged women workers to join in the 1913 Lockout struggle and was dismissed from Jacob's. She was a member of the Irish Citizen Army and served with Constance Markievicz. In 1970, Hackett received a gold medal in recognition of her 60 years' service to the Irish trade union movement.

The Camogie Association and Dublin Camogie Board had been campaigning to have the new bridge over the river Liffey named in honour of former Dublin camogie star Kay Mills who won fifteen senior All-Ireland medals.

Kay Mills is the only Gaelic games team player to hold such an honour, eclipsing hurling legends such as Christy Ring, John Doyle and

Henry Shefflin. Kay began her playing career with Dublin at the age of 14, winning her first All-Ireland medal in 1942 and her last in 1961. She captained the side in 1959.

She was a player noted for her athleticism, fantastic skill level and was a superb ambassador for camogie. In addition to her All-Ireland medals, she won twenty Leinster Championships, six Dublin senior County Championships and four Inter-provincial medals. She was an automatic choice on the Camogie Team of the Century chosen in 2004 and was inducted into the Cuchulainn Hall of Fame. She was also an accomplished soccer player, gymnast and table tennis player.

Her medal collection is currently on display in the GAA Museum Croke Park, while in 2011 a plaque was unveiled at her place of residence, 1 Abercorn Terrace, following a joint initiative of the Inchicore/Kilmainham Heritage Committee, Dublin City Council and the Camogie Association.

The three most recent bridges over the River Liffey were named after Samuel Beckett, Seán O'Casey and James Joyce. Of the 23 bridges over the River Liffey, the Anna Livia bridge in Chapelizod is the only other to have an official female name.



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## Liberty Insurance 'Player of the Match' award presentations

(Photos: Caroline Quinn)



Offaly's Sheila Sullivan receives her 'Player of the Match' award from Annette Ni Dhathlaoil, Head of Marketing at Liberty Insurance - June 2013.



Aileen Lawlor, President of the Camogie Association presents Claire Phelan (Kilkenny) with her 'Player of the Match' Award - June 2013.



Therese Maher (Galway) receives her 'Player of the Match' award from Annette Ni Dhathlaoil, Head of Marketing at Liberty Insurance - July 2013.



Kilkenny's Edwina Keane is presented with her 'Player of the Match' award from Judy Mullane, Brand and Communications Manager, Liberty Insurance - July 2013.



Rachel Hogan (right), Leinster Camogie Chairperson, presents the 'Player of the Match' award to Wexford's Kate Kelly - July 2013.



Michaela Morkan (Offaly) receives her 'Player of the Match' award from Annette Ni Dhathlaoil, Head of Marketing at Liberty Insurance - August 2013.



Annette Ni Dhathlaoil, Head of Marketing at Liberty Insurance presents Galway's Ailish O'Reilly with her 'Player of the Match' award - August 2013.



Kilkenny's Katie Power receives her 'Player of the Match' award from Annette Ni Dhathlaoil, Head of Marketing at Liberty Insurance - August 2013.



Receiving her 'Player of the Match' award from Annette Ni Dhathlaoil, Head of Marketing at Liberty Insurance is Galway's Therese Maher - August 2013.



# All-Ireland Senior Club Captains 1964-'84 honoured

THE Camogie Association are today honouring the winning Senior Club Captains from 1964 to 1984 with a special lunch.

1964 marked the Diamond Jubilee of the founding of An Cumann Camógaíochta. It was decided to introduce an All-Ireland Senior Club Championship to mark the occasion. Like the GAA, it was run on the traditional provincial system. The first provincial winners were Glen Rovers (Munster), Celtic (Leinster), Newport (Connacht) and Deirdre (Ulster). While it was initially to be part of the jubilee year celebrations it was then decided to make the senior club championship a permanent part of the fixtures calendar.

Celtic travelled to Cork to play Glen Rovers. In those days the goalposts were much narrower and there was a bar across the two

upright posts. Following discussion the match was played on a full-sized hurling pitch and the match ended in a draw. Celtic won the replay. Newport refused to travel to Belfast to play Deirdre, so the Ulster champions got an easy passage to the final.

The final was played in Croke Park where Celtic had an easy victory. An anonymous donor presented a silver cup known as The Jubilee Cup which the Celtic club was allowed to keep. Bríd Hanbury captained Celtic. The team was managed by the legendary Nell McCarthy, a native of Cork. She trained successful Dublin teams over a long period and later held the office of President. Two players in action that day, Mary Moran who lined out for Celtic and Nancy Murray from the Deirdre club, later went on to become President of the Camogie Association. Claire Heffernan and Mary Casey were sisters to

Dublin football stars Kevin Heffernan and Bill Casey.

In 1965 the first official Club Championship final was played in Casement Park when Tipperary champions St. Patrick's played and defeated the Deirdre club in a keenly contested match. Aine Meagher wrote in the *Gaelic Weekly* "It was an exhibition that is bound to help the spread of camogie". Bill Carroll a well known camogie enthusiast and builder presented a cup for the competition. His daughter Ann was a member of the St. Patrick's team and played for Tipperary and later was part of the very successful Kilkenny team. The Bill Carroll Cup is still much valued.

Over the years many famous players won the coveted Senior Club All-Ireland championship. Included in the illustrious list are Phyllis Breslin and Mary Fennelly who later held the office of President. Team of the Century players Margaret O'Leary, Liz Neary, Angela Downey, Bridie Martin, Marie Costine, Pat Moloney, Una O'Connor all won club championship medals.

The Senior All-Ireland Club Championship has produced great champions since its inception. Today we are delighted to welcome the winning captains from 1964-1984; all but one is hale and hearty. Sadly, Ailish Toner from Eoghan Ruadh passed away. No doubt today will bring back lovely memories.

## All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Finals 1964-1984

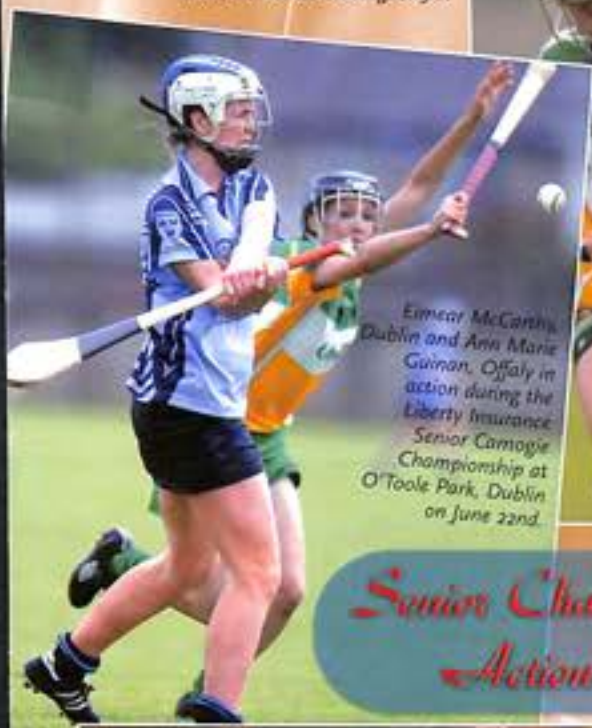
YEAR	DATE	WINNER	SCORE	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	CAPTAIN
1964	Dec 13	Celtic (Dublin)	5-2	Deirdre (Antrim)	1-0	Brid Hanbury
1965	Oct 17	St Patricks (Tipperary)	3-3	Deirdre (Antrim)	2-3	Ann Carroll
1966	Oct 30	St Patricks (Tipperary)	5-5	St Paul's (Kilkenny)	2-1	Ann Graham
1967	Nov 5	Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin)	3-4	Oranmore (Galway)	4-1	Maureen McCormack
Replay	Mar 31	Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin)	7-3	Oranmore (Galway)	4-1	Ailish Toner (RIP)
1968	Nov 3	St Paul's (Kilkenny)	7-2	Ahane (Limerick)	1-2	Teresa Brennan
1969	Nov 9	St Paul's (Kilkenny)	3-7	Ahane (Limerick)	2-1	Carmel O'Shea
1970-1	Mar 28	St Paul's (Kilkenny)	6-5	Bellaghy (Derry)	2-0	Mary Conway
1971-2	Mar 19	Austin Stacks (Dublin)	5-4	Thurles (Tipperary)	2-1	Mary Ryan
1972-3	Mar 25	Austin Stacks (Dublin)	4-2	Portlennone (Antrim)	2-0	Mary Ryan
1973-4	Mar 10	Oranmore (Galway)	3-2	St Paul's (Kilkenny)	1-3	Nono McHugh
1974-5	Mar 9	St Paul's (Kilkenny)	3-3	Oranmore (Galway)	1-1	Angela Downey
1975-6	Mar 14	Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick)	4-6	Athenry (Galway)	4-5	Brid Stokes
1976-7	Mar 13	St Paul's (Kilkenny)	6-3	Athenry (Galway)	1-3	Mary Fennelly
1977-8	Mar 19	Athenry (Galway)	10-5	Portlennone (Antrim)	1-1	Mary Daly
1978	Nov 19	Ballyagran (Limerick)	1-3	Buffers Alley (Wexford)	0-1	Pauline McCarthy
1979	Dec 2	Buffers Alley (Wexford)	2-6	Athenry (Galway)	1-2	Kathleen Tonks
1980	Nov 9	Killeagh (Cork)	4-2	Buffers Alley (Wexford)	1-7	Breda Landers
1981	Nov 8	Buffers Alley (Wexford)	2-6	Killeagh (Cork)	1-4	Ann Butler
1982	Nov 14	Buffers Alley (Wexford)	3-2	Athenry (Galway)	0-2	Elsie Walsh
1983	Oct 30	Buffers Alley (Wexford)	3-7	Glenamaddy (Galway)	0-6	Caroline Farrington
1984	Oct 28	Buffers Alley (Wexford)	2-4	Killeagh (Cork)	1-4	Norah Gahan



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Linda Sullivan, Offaly and a 'flying' Fiona Kavanagh, Wexford during the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise on August 3rd.

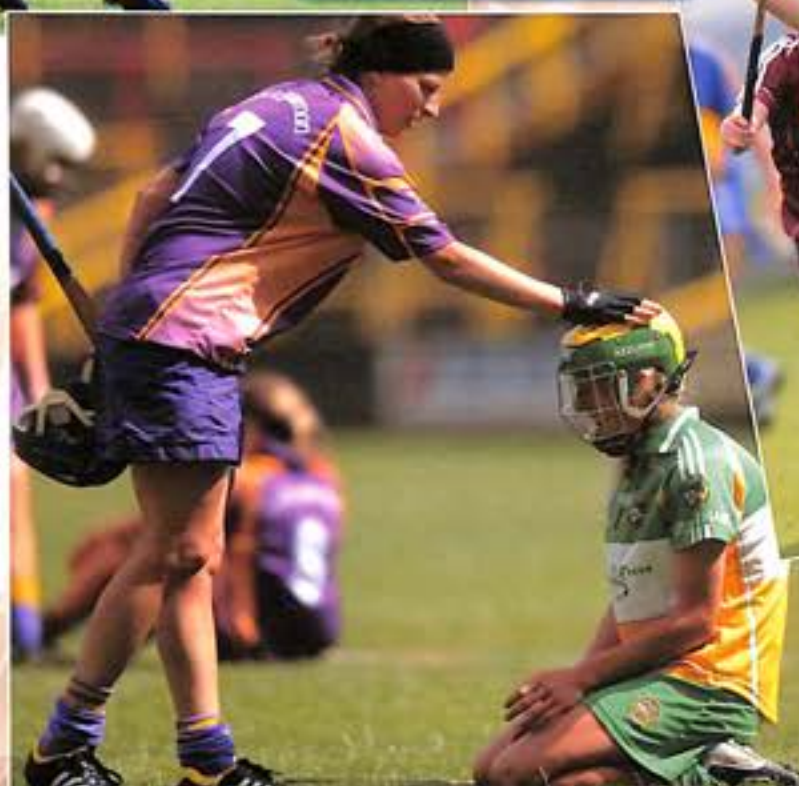


Eimear McCarthy, Dublin and Ann Marie Guinan, Offaly in action during the Liberty Insurance Senior Camogie Championship at O'Toole Park, Dublin on June 22nd.



Julieanne Bourke, Tipperary, evades the challenge of Galway's Alish O'Reilly during the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise on August 3rd.

## Senior Championship Action 2018



Wexford's Bridget Curran with Lorraine Keena, Offaly, after the final whistle of the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise on August 3rd.  
(Photos: Caroline Quinn)



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# Killeagh have bit more in reserve

**TONIGHT**  
Evening Echo Cork Senior  
Championship quarter-final:  
Killeagh v Ballinhassig,  
CIT, 7.30pm



LINDA  
MELLERICK

A CLOSE encounter is expected in CIT this evening as Ballinhassig and Killeagh battle to determine the second semi-finalist for this year's championship, Milford being the first side through.

Killeagh took the direct route having defeated St Finbarr's comfortably in their opening round 2-10 to 0-5. Despite the winning margin, Killeagh didn't have it all their own way as St Finbarr's enjoyed possession but wayward shooting cost them. Killeagh would still have won the game but it would have been a closer affair.

Backboned by such players as Angela Walsh, Aoife Walsh and Mary O'Connor, Killeagh have handed senior championship debuts to Hannah Looney, Leah McEvoy and Ellen Benaim and one game on they should enter tomorrow's encounter with greater confidence. Looney in particular played a starring role, scoring four points and having a hand in one of Killeagh's two goals against Barrs. Angela Walsh continues to be

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Killeagh's main scoring threat, whether as a supplier or finisher, her physical strength and speed often proves insurmountable for many opposition. Emer O'Sullivan will obviously be the marker here.

Emer typically plays an excellent sweeping role for Ballinhassig but on this occasion the player marking may be higher on the agenda.

Ballinhassig enjoyed their first senior A championship victory over St Finbarr's in round two recently and that will surely boost their confidence enormously.

It was a very good display, a tight opening half where Ballinhassig more than held their own and a far more open, fast second half saw them hit four goals and run out 12-point victors.

Based on both team's displays against the same opposition this encounter is going to be very tight. Ballinhassig certainly raised the bar

against the Barrs in comparison to their opening round defeat to St Catherine's and much of the same will be needed against Killeagh.

Deirdre Coomey and Emma Jordan carried the mantle alongside Emer O'Sullivan the last day out and they'll need to do so again. Catriona Collins can get the goals inside but giving her a plentiful supply is necessary.

Ballinhassig's two goals after half-time were a little soft, the watery fading sun seeming to catch Aileen Clarke, standing in for Claire Spellman.

Goals will be harder to find tomorrow but Ballinhassig are growing with each encounter in this grade. If they can prevent Angela Walsh's bursting runs and avoid raining the ball down on top of Mary O'Connor they have every chance.



Killeagh attacker Noelle O'Donovan shoots for goal as St Finbarr's Kayleigh Mullins tries to block during their Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship clash in Carrigtwohill recently.  
Picture: David Keane



Killeagh's Niamh O'Keeffe wins the ball ahead of St Finbarr's Charlotte Kearney during their Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship clash in Carrigtwohill recently.  
Picture: David Keane

## Killeagh win a thriller in CIT



Killeagh's Aileen Walsh and Ballinhassig's Niamh Sheehan, in a race for possession during their Senior Camogie Championship semi-final clash in CIT last night. See P52 for more.  
Picture: David Keane



Carrigaline's Grace Harrington clashes with Tracton's Karen O'Sullivan during the Evening Echo Co Intermediate camogie final at Castle Road. Picture: Howard Crowley





LINDA  
MELLERICK

## CAMOGIE

Killeagh 4-12  
Ballinhassig 4-11

THE only disappointing aspect of last evening's Senior A Championship quarter-final tie in CIT between Killeagh and Ballinhassig was that there was a loser.

In an absolutely cracking contest, which saw the lead change hands no fewer than five times and led to a nail-biting finish, this championship tie had everything.

End-to-end play, goals, penalties, great points, great striking and fully committed play from each of the 38 players which took to the field.

In a second half which gave us five goals you couldn't take your eyes off this one for a second.

The bite was evident from the throw in.

Ballinhassig, through Emer O'Sullivan and Catriona Collins went two up pretty quickly. This was snuffed out in the blink of an eye when a great Killeagh move involving Mary O'Connor, Angela Walsh and Kate Murphy saw Walsh finish the one/two past Ballinhassig keeper Linda Griffin. Hannah Looney pointed four minutes later yet two immediate replies from frees by O'Sullivan and Emma Jordan had the sides level nine minutes in.

It was already end-to-end stuff with both defences and in particular Mary O'Connor and Emer O'Sullivan doing well. Both goalkeepers, Stephanie Beausang and Linda Griffin were busy pulling off good saves.

Trailing by two midway through, a Deirdre Coomey delivery was collected by Catriona Collins who cutely nipped inside two defenders to finish confidently to the net.

From the 19th to the 27th minute however Killeagh dominated, firstly striking over three points before Angela Walsh grabbed her second of the night. It was a beauty, a typical Walsh goal, brushing aside her marker, soloing down on goal and blasting to the net.

Killeagh at this point looked to have the better spread of hurlers. They were winning midfield where Jessica O'Shea was outstanding. Laura Treacy was also doing damage and with Mary O'Connor sweeping there was good ball going inside where Walsh, Noelle O'Donovan, Hannah Looney and Kate Murphy were causing problems.

Killeagh led 2-7 to 1-5 but late points by Niamh Sheehan and Emer O'Sullivan, after a miss struck penalty from the latter went out for a '45, ensured just a goal separated the sides at the break.

The second half was everything you could want in a game. Once Jessica O'Shea and Kate Murphy (1-0) struck 1-1 between them inside four minutes it looked as if Killeagh would begin to pull away. Both sides swapped points before the game really lit up.

Two goals inside two minutes by Catriona Collins blew this game wide open again.

The first from a penalty was blocked by Mary O'Connor on the line but such was the pace of the ball, it spun into the net. Barely had the



Ballinhassig's Hayley Cullinane clears her lines as Killeagh's Noelle O'Donovan closes to challenge during their Senior Camogie Championship semi-final clash in CIT last night.

Picture: David Keane

# Killeagh edge a nail-biting thriller at CIT

Ballinhassig supporters captured their breath when the same player managed to block a Stephanie Beausang clearance to the net and now only a point separated the sides.

The drama wasn't over. With Deirdre Coomey more to the fore, Jayne O'Leary blasted inches wide. Play flew from end to end. Kate Murphy pointed on fifty three minutes before amazingly Collins struck for her fourth goal of the night. In a goalmouth scramble she looked to get the final touch and Ballinhassig led by one, having been seven down.

Their joy was short-lived after Hannah Looney pounced on a Jessica O'Shea delivery to brush the sliothar past Linda Griffin.

With the intensity palpable both sets of players gave it everything. O'Shea was crucial in those dying minutes. Killeagh stretched their lead to three but with almost nine minutes of injury time played there remained time for Ballinhassig to rescue the game. They pulled back two but crucially lost possession with 68 minutes gone on the clock and with it their last opportunity.

Killeagh were through. In what was the game of the championship to date Killeagh march on to the semi-finals with confidence after a great display. Equally Ballinhassig



Killeagh's Angela Walsh shoots for goal as Ballinhassig's Hayley Cullinane closes in during their Senior Camogie Championship semi-final clash in CIT.

Picture: David Keane

can hold their heads high in what has been, albeit a disappointing night for them, overall an excellent campaign.

**Scorers for Killeagh:** A Walsh 2-2, H Looney 1-3, K Murphy 1-3 (0-1 '45), J O'Shea and N O'Donovan 0-2 each.

**Ballinhassig:** C Collins 4-2, E O'Sullivan 0-5 (0-3 f, 0-2 '45), E Jordan 0-2 (f), N Sheehan and O Murray 0-1 each.

**KILLEAGH:** S Beausang; A Walsh, M Smiddy, E Benaim; A Walsh, M O'Connor, N O'Keefe; J O'Shea, L Treacy; A Walsh, N O'Donovan, E Kelly; H Looney, K Murphy, L McEvoy.

**Subs:** G Cunningham for E Kelly (hvt), N O'Farrell for M Smiddy (43), A M Walsh for A Walsh (45), A Walsh for N O'Donovan (50), B Stack for G Cunningham (59).

**BALLINHASSIG:** L Griffin; K Coleman, M Reardon, E O'Donovan; A Coleman, E O'Sullivan, H Cullinane; D Coomey, E Jordan; O Murray, J O'Leary, C Butler; N Sheehan, C Collins, L O'Leary.

**Subs:** R Moynihan for L O'Leary (hvt), S Scully for J O'Leary (44), C O'Leary for K Coleman (52).

**Referee:** Mick Sheehan (Liscarroll).

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LINDA MELLERICK

## CAMOGIE

IT'S a busy weekend ahead as both the senior A and B championships enter their latter stages.

The Senior A quarter-finals continue with St Catherine's and Douglas battling it out at Castle Road while at the same time Cloughduv and Ballincollig lock horns in Coachford.

Preceding and following the senior game in Castle Road is the Senior B semi-final between Glen Rovers and Valley Rovers and Eire Óg v Kilbrittain/Timoleague.

It took Douglas 25 years to win the junior A championship back in 2005 but they then quickly moved up the ladder, taking the senior B title in 2007 and their first senior A title in 2008. They took the A title again in 2011.

Between 2000-2009 St Catherine's came from junior B to become a senior A county winning side. It was an incredible journey.

St Catherine's reached their second county final in 2012 but suffered a heavy defeat to Milford. Douglas will go into Saturday's game as favourites.

It is hard to see St Catherine's holding Katrina Mackey, Julia White, Aine and Aileen O'Donovan, the O'Regan's Amanda and Louise and the excellent Pam Mackey in defence.

Finola Neville is St Catherine's main threat up front, ably assisted by Deirdre Twomey, and one would expect that Pamela Mackey will be placed on the lively forward. Orna Neville, Carolyn Motherway, Fiona and Orla Cotter will push all the way. One would expect Douglas to advance due to their strong scoring power but you can never write off St Catherine's.

Cloughduv suffered a heavy defeat in the preliminary round of the championship to Douglas: 5-23 to 1-6.

The former were heavily depleted however, fielding without the services of Aoife Murray, Catriona Foley and Katherine Corkery with Joanne O'Callaghan only entering the fray at half time. Those were serious players to be without so the margin of defeat doesn't reflect the typical Cloughduv side. Their back door tie with Barryroe proved a tighter affair with Cloughduv showing great character to push home a one point victory. Ciara O'Leary was Cloughduv's shining light that evening and Cloughduv will need Ciara again and their household names to stand out and drive them into the last four.

Ballincollig, after a first round defeat to Inniscarra, enjoyed a comprehensive defeat of Courcy Rovers in round 2. Rovers were seriously weakened due to injury and Collig will face a much

# Neville is star for Catherine's



St Catherine's Finola Neville, in action against Ballinhassig, will face Douglas in tomorrow evening's Evening Echo Senior A quarter-final.

sterner test tomorrow. Sinead O'Sullivan is very competent between the posts for the west cork outfit; Linda Dorgan is in strong form alongside Denise Cronin and Sam Coomey. There should be some good battles in this game. It's a hard one to call.

The four remaining clubs in the B championship have all impressed in their paths to the last four.

League winners Glen Rovers take on Valley Rovers. Glen Came through their group as winners defeating Ballygarvan, Eire Óg and Aghabullogue whilst Valley Rovers were runners-up in their group defeating Clonakilty, Mallow and Fr O'Neill's.

They lost out to Kilbrittain/Timoleague in a closely contested game where two points separated the sides at the full time whistle.

Valley Rovers have a number of young players coming through the

ranks. Liz Bugler captains the team with fine players in Gillian Harrington, Elma O'Mahony, Susan O'Leary and Orla Deasy.

The Glen lost out narrowly in the 2011 final and failed to emerge from their group last season. This year has been a good one for them to date. They, like Valley Rovers, have put in a huge amount of work at under age and the hard work is not going unrewarded. Winning the Minor A championship title last season was a huge boost and several of their current senior players were members of this side.

Denise Luby, Karen O'Connell and Sinead O'Halloran are experienced performers whilst younger players Lauren Callanan, Leanne O'Sullivan and Kelly Fitzgerald are excellent players coming through the ranks. They are without Cork minor star Aisling Wallace with a hand injury and she is a huge loss to

the side.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague will be hoping to continue their good progress and make it to the final. They are steadily building up their senior team on the foundations of minor and U16 successes in recent years.

They had to pull out all the stops to record a draw with Mallow in their opening game and followed with wins over Clonakilty, Fr O'Neill's and Valley Rovers to secure their place in the semi-final. Siobhan Sexton, Emer O'Sullivan, Lisa Maloney and Miriam Deasy are formidable performers and they will provide huge opposition to Eire Óg as they battle for their place in the final.

Eire Óg will be hoping 2013 is their year having lost out previously to Rockbawn and Killeagh. In their opening game they overcame Aghabullogue before going down to Glen Rovers in a nip and tuck contest.

Their last game in the group against Ballygarvan was in effect a quarter-final as who ever won out progressed as runners up and they showed their renowned championship spirit as they dominated from the throw in and went on to win out on a 1-13 to 0-8 score line.

They have huge strength in depth; Elaine Scally, Claire Meaney, Maeve Ellen Desmond and Siobhan Hutchinson have been to the fore in this campaign for them and with that Ballygarvan game under their belt last weekend they are coming into this semi-final clash with the right tempo.

## FIXTURES

### TOMORROW

Evening Echo Senior B semi-final: Glen v Valley Rovers, Castle Road 12.30pm

Evening Echo Senior A quarter-final: St Catherine's v Douglas, Castle Road 3.15pm

Evening Echo Senior B semi-final Eire Óg v Kilbrittain/Timoleague, Castle Road, 6pm

Evening Echo Senior A quarter-final: Cloughduv v Ballincollig, Coachford 3.30pm



Anna Geary is presented with the Senior Division One National league trophy by Aileen Lawlor President of the Camogie Association



Cost Cutters Hall of Fame Recipients Fiona O'Driscoll, Lynn Dunlea-O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick and Irene O'Keeffe



Comfortable  
win for Glen in  
a battle of the  
two Rovers

SENIOR B CAMOGIE

By Finbarr McCarthy

Glen Rovers 3-8  
Valley Rovers 0-5

GLEN ROVERS eased into the final of the *Evening Echo* Senior B County Camogie Championship with a comfortable win over Valley Rovers on Saturday, who to their credit, battled gamely to the end.

On a perfect afternoon for camogie, the winners started brightly and inside seven minutes had three points on the board, two from Sinead O'Halloran with Nicole O'Brien adding the third.

Valleys eventually opened their account with Lisa Lynch pointed free in the 14th minute but their best efforts were snuffed out by the quality of the Glen defence. In this regard, Lauren Callanan, Leanne O'Sullivan and Karen O'Connell were superb.

O'Halloran from play and Lynch from a free traded points before the game's first goal arrived in the 29th minute.

Emma Hennebry, who worked tirelessly on the 40, found O'Halloran with an inch-perfect pass. It was matched by the finish and it sent Glen Rovers into a deserved 1-4 to 0-2 lead at half-time.

Glen extended their advantage within four minutes of the restart when full-forward Denise Luby grabbed a second goal from a good Hennebry delivery.

Lisa Lynch had her and her side's third point again from a free, but they were dealt a hammer blow in the 44th minute when Lydia Cunningham drilled in a third Glen goal quickly followed by a Luby point and at 3-5 to 0-3 it was effectively game over.

Valleys battled away — especially Ena Coughlan, Aoife Cummins and Liz Bugler — but the goal they needed never arrived, even a penalty by Lynch was stopped by Glen goalkeeper Kaylynn Lee.

Elimear O'Regan and Mary Ann Hawkes did get points but these were cancelled out by two from Luby and another by Aisling O'Keeffe and long before the finish Glen's place in the final against either Éire Óg or Kilbrittan/Timoleague was secure.

**Scorers for Glen Rovers:** S O'Halloran 1-3, D Luby 1-3 (0-2 45), L Cunningham 1-0, A O'Keeffe, N O'Brien 0-1 each.

**Valley Rovers:** L Lynch 0-3 f, E O'Regan, M A Hawkes 0-1 each.

**Glen Rovers:** K Lee; S Busted, L O'Sullivan, A Gilton; K Falvey, L Callanan, K O'Connell (c); L Cunningham, K Fitzgerald; S Fahy, E Hennebry, A O'Keeffe; S O'Halloran, D Luby, N O'Brien.

**Subs:** J Hosford for S Fahy (h-t), A Walsh for E Hennebry (45), N Gowen for S O'Halloran (in) (55).

**VALLEY ROVERS:** G Harrington; AM Murphy, J Hawkes, E Coughlan; L Murphy, S O'Leary, C Deasy; E O'Regan, A Cummins, L Bugler; E O'Mahony, M A Hawkes; E Palmer, L Lynch, O Deasy.

**Subs:** E Forde for O Deasy (42), E Cummins for E Palmer (52).

**Referee:** Peter Downey (Iniscarra).

# Douglas ease past Saints challenge



LINDA MELLERICK

## CAMOGIE

Douglas 2-15  
St Catherine's 0-8

DOUGLAS booked their *Evening Echo* senior county championship semi-final spot with a convincing win over St Catherine's in Castle Road last Saturday.

In a game which has closely contested for the opening quarter Douglas began to pull away and once play opened up and Julia White entered the fray close to half time Douglas had just too much flair up front for St Catherine's to cope with.

Lining out without the services of Finola Neville, who damaged her cruciate recently and awaits an October operation, it was going to be difficult for Catherine's. Neville has had a great season and her firepower, particularly in the opening quarter when Catherine's enjoyed good possession, was sorely missed.

Neville's presence possibly wouldn't have changed the outcome but the gap would have been far closer than 13 points.

Alicia Cremin goalied after six minutes for the city side after a great move involving Emma Kavanagh and Sinead Duggan saw the latter deliver a great ball inside which bounced perfectly for Cremin, who calmly hand passed to the net.

A great point by Joanne O'Keeffe had Catherine's level 10 minutes in.

Play became bunched around the middle and this suited Catherine's. Carolyn Motherway was doing well for Catherine's at centre-back yet equally centre-forward Amanda O'Regan was roaming and delivering good ball inside.



The clash of the ash under a dropping ball in the Douglas v St Catherine's at Castle Road.

Picture: Larry Cummins

Frees and 45s dominated the scoring for the next 15 minutes with Douglas converting three. With Douglas managing to get a grip at midfield, winning the majority of St Catherine's puck-outs, the wind at their backs and play starting to open up, they led at the break 1-7 to 0-3.

Another impressive move on 39 minutes involving Louise O'Regan and Pam Mackey saw Amanda O'Regan's delivery dip under the bar to deceive Vanessa O'Donnell, who

had a good hour in the St Catherine's goal. The gap was now 10.

This wasn't a one-sided game with Catherine's pushing yet Jessica Kavanagh and the Douglas defence were having a solid afternoon and there was little way through.

Douglas will advance with confidence to a semi-final meeting against All-Ireland champions, Milford.

**Scorers for Douglas:** A O'Regan 1-3 (0-1 f), K Mackey 0-5 (0-3 f, 0-1 45), J White 0-3, A Cremin 1-0, P Mackey 0-2, E Kavanagh, A O'Donovan 0-1 each.

**St Catherine's:** O Cotter 0-4 f, R O'Callaghan, J O'Keeffe, M Tobin, D Twomey 0-1 each.

**DOUGLAS:** J Kavanagh; R Sheehan, L O'Regan, E Jordan; S Duggan, M Mulrooney, A Curtin; P Mackey, E Kavanagh; K Mackey, A O'Regan, S Fahy; A Cremin, C Lynch, A O'Donovan. **Subs:** J White and J Leo for S Fahy and C Lynch (27), T McCarthy for A O'Donovan (55), C Nason for R Sheehan (59).

**ST CATHERINE'S:** V O'Connell; F Cotter, N Mulcahy, Y O'Neill; M O'Keeffe, C Motherway, M O'Regan; O Cotter, O Neville; R O'Callaghan, E Ronayne, J O'Keeffe; A Mangin, M Tobin, A Fitzgerald. **Subs:** E O'Brien and D Twomey for A Fitzgerald and A Mangin (h-t), D Mulcahy for M Tobin (48), M Mulcahy for C Motherway (54), R McDonald for O Neville (59).

**Referee:** John O'Leary (Mallow).



Julia White, Douglas tries for a point.

Picture: Larry Cummins

## Mackey was magic

WITH five points to her credit and crucial involvement in many of Douglas's other scores, Katrina Mackey had every reason to be happy with her side's advancement to the semi-final last Saturday.

"Yeah it was a good win. We've been waiting a few weeks for the game so it was good to finally have it and get a good result."

How did she feel the game played out?

"It was pretty bunched in the first half," she acknowledged, "it didn't spread out, all the play was down the middle. At half-time we spoke about that, to put the play out the wings

### REACTION

By Linda Mellerick

and use our pace more and that really worked better for us in the second half."

Bringing on Julia (White) was a big plus?

"Oh yeah with Julia's pace and skill it certainly made a huge difference. There was some great teamwork in the second half. We've been working on that in the last few weeks in training and it's good that it came together."

Next up is Milford in the semi. "That'll be tough but we'll work hard for the next few weeks and it's all on the day."

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Joan O'Flynn is camogie's new Ard Stiúrthóir.

## Joan becomes third full-time Ard Stiúrthóir

JOAN O'FLYNN has been appointed as the new Ard Stiúrthóir of the Camogie Association. The Cork native becomes the Association's third full-time one following Sheila Wallace and Sinéad O'Connor. O'Flynn takes over from Mary O'Connor who has been acting Ard Stiúrthóir for the past 15 months and who will now resume her role as director of camogie development. President of the Camogie Association Aileen Lawlor said: "We are delighted to confirm the appointment of Joan O'Flynn and I look forward to working with her. She has served camogie with distinction over many years and I know she will bring the same passion and energy to her new role." Joan O'Flynn is a former president of the Camogie Association. She was educated at St Mary's Midleton, UCC and UCD graduating with a Master's Degree in Equality Studies. She has previously worked for Combat Poverty and with the Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs.



At the Catwalk For Cancer Fashion Show were Tracey Sheehan, Glanmire, and Mairéad Donovan, Ballincollig. Picture: Jim Coughlan

## Ulster chairwoman Woods joins shortlist running for president

**CAMOGIE:** Ulster camogie chairwoman Kathleen Woods has thrown her name in for the camogie presidency following a nomination from St Mochua's Derrynoose.

"Camogie is our legacy, inherited from those who made our association great," she said. "Like all of the camogie family I have spent a lifetime of involvement in this amazing game."

# Camogie chief relishing task

by Eoghan Cormican

Newly-appointed Ard Stiúrthóir of the Camogie Association, Joan O'Flynn, is relishing the opportunity to once more play a leading role in advancing the profile of the game.

The Cork woman served as president from 2009-2012 and yesterday became the Association's third full-time Ard Stiúrthóir following in the footsteps of Sheila Wallace and Sinéad O'Connor.

"What tempted me to return to the fray is that the position of Ard Stiúrthóir is a very unique role in Irish sport," she said.

"The one thing that inspired me, and I learned this during my term as

president, is the massive work that goes on at club, county, provincial and national level. I have a chance now to continue supporting that and keep driving camogie forward.

"The game has been going from strength to strength, but there is more to do and challenges out there."

The attendance of 15,063 at the recent All-Ireland camogie finals is indicative of the game's relatively small support base. This will be one of the first issues tackled by O'Flynn.

"There could have been more at the final and the way to grow that is to nurture a fan base at club level up. I think it is unrealistic to expect 40,000 at the All-Ireland final when the work is not going in at club level. We need

to build support for the game to increase attendances. We can improve on that 15,000 figure and with the support of Liberty Insurance we can prioritise that in the coming years."

O'Flynn is in favour of merging forces with the LGFA, but noted that support at all levels is required.

"During my tenure as president we commenced a process called the 'One Club' model which was to facilitate a process whereby clubs at local level could be administered as single units. That was growing the idea of increasing integration from the grassroots up. It is a journey where people must be on board at every stage of its development so that if it does come to fruition everyone is behind it."

## Camogie

## Mary Newman

It was a busy weekend as county championship titles were annexed and places booked in championship semi-finals.

Enniskeane banished the hurt of losing last year's final when they overcame Watergrasshill to capture the Evening Echo Junior A Championship title. The West Cork club captured the crown on a 0-12 to 1-4 scoreline, ensuring they will compete at intermediate level next year.

Youghal and St Vincent's battled it out for the Evening Echo Junior B title and it was the former who prevailed on a 1-9 to 1-6 scoreline in a closely contested game. Charleville made it a double as they added the Evening Echo Junior C title to the league title won earlier in the year as they defeated Millstreet in the final.

Ballincollig advanced to the last four in the Evening Echo Senior Championship as they edged out Cloughduv 1-7 to 0-5. Douglas secured their semi-final spot by overcoming St Catherine's, while Killeagh had a point to spare over Ballinhassig in a cracking contest. The semi-finals see Douglas play Milford and Killeagh against Ballincollig.

Eire Óg and Ballygarvan battled it out for a semi-final spot in the Evening Echo Senior B championship in Ballinlough. Eire Óg made all the early running to open up a good half-time lead. Ballygarvan battled back and put the Eire Óg defence under huge pressure. But the Eire Óg outfit rallied and ran out 1-13 to 0-8 victors, booking

their semi-final spot against Kilbrittain/Timoleague.

Eire Óg set the pace of the game as they raced into an early lead but a determined Kilbrittain/Timoleague side worked hard and took the lead. Eire Óg introduced Eimear Scally and she proceeded to have a big impact on the game as her side rallied to grab a draw, 2-6 to 0-12. So the final berth is still up for grabs as they it all over again.

Glen Rovers secured their place in the final as they overcame Valley Rovers. Sinéad O'Halloran and Denise Luby struck 1-3 each while Aisling O'Keeffe, Lydia Cunningham, Emma Henneberry, and Karen O'Connell were all to the fore for the Glen girls.

Tracton will meet Carrigaline in the Evening Echo Intermediate final after they defeated Newtownshandrum when the sides met in a replay after it finished level first time out. Carrigaline booked their place in the final as they defeated Blackrock 1-7 to 0-6.

It promises to be an interesting few weeks as the season comes to its conclusion and the games to look forward to are as follows.

### Evening Echo Senior Championship — Semi Finals

Killeagh v Ballincollig  
Douglas v Milford

### Evening Echo Senior B Championship — Final

Glen Rovers v Eire Óg or Kilbrittain/Timoleague

### Evening Echo Intermediate Championship — Final

Tracton v Carrigaline

## Camogie semi-finals

THE *Evening Echo* county senior camogie semi-finals also take place this weekend, which means it will be a hectic few days for the Killeagh contingent that also play for Inch Rovers.

Angela Walsh and co will face Ballincollig in the first semi-final tomorrow night at 7.30pm in CIT. It's Ballincollig's second semi in three years and last time they lost to divisional team Imokilly, before Killeagh won the senior B, after a replay.

Killeagh also defeated the Collig in a Junior A final six years ago. Denise Cronin, Leah Weste and Lynda Dorgan are Ballincollig's key players.

On Sunday at 12.30pm in Mallow All-Ireland champions Milford face Douglas.





Courcey Rovers, who were defeated by Ballygarvan in the SE U13 A Camogie final in Ballygarvan recently.

Picture: Howard Crowdy



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## CAMOGIE

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The Cork-native becomes the Association's third full-time Ard Stiúrthóir following Sheila Wallace and Sinéad O'Connor. Joan takes over from Mary O'Connor who has been acting Ard Stiúrthóir for the past fifteen months and who will now resume her role as Director of Camogie Development.

Joan is the daughter of GAA administrator Seamus Ó Floinn. She is a graduate of UCC (BA 1983) and UCD (Masters in Equality Studies (1998)).

Her playing career stretched across three counties. She played with her native club Fr O'Neill's from Ladysbridge/Ballymacoda parish when they won their first Cork county championship, with London when they resumed inter-county camogie in 1987 and Celbridge Co Kildare where she returned to live in 1994 and played on their first Kildare championship winning team.

She was chair, secretary and PRO for County Kildare Camogie Board, a member of Leinster Council, and chair of the National Strategic Plan committee for six years. She was a member of the Management Committee for three years before she defeated Antrim's Catherine O'Hara in a vote at Congress 2009 in Athlone to become Camogie's first president-elect.

A strategic review of the Association undertaken during Liz Howard's presidency led to a new six year National Development Plan,

'Our Game Our Passion 2010-2015', which Joan embraced and drove with great enthusiasm.

This was launched at Annual Congress in Newbridge in March 2010, with the aim of increasing affiliation from 540 clubs to 750, the membership base by 40% and attendance levels to 60,000 at the annual All-Ireland Camogie Finals.

While the attendance levels are still way off that mark there is a significant increase in the number of clubs and membership nationwide.

A new Constitution for the Association was developed and ratified at a special Congress in Croke Park in May 2010. Camogie teams were also given greater access to inter-county grounds and camogie allied itself with a campaign to increase the coverage of women's sport across all media.

The Camogie Association's first Player Welfare Committee was established in 2009 and its first Inter County Referees Assessment Programme was established in 2010. First steps to establish underage camogie internationally (particu-

larly in Britain and US) commenced in 2010. A new All Ireland Intermediate Club Championship was inaugurated that same year. Rules enacted included allowing two points for a sideline cut and increasing subs from five to eight in all league games, the changing of the Gael Linn Cup to a two year cycle. After a debate, the ban on camogie players wearing shorts was retained.

Joan's brother Denis was a referee and is PRO of his native club and her Presidency coincided with another East Cork native Christy Cooney's tenure as GAA President.

Joan worked in London as Policy and Information Worker for a charity working with vulnerable young Irish emigrants, worked for Combat Poverty Agency (1994-2009) as Head of Communications and also spent time as a Programme Manager before becoming a civil servant in the Department of Community Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs.

She was editor of the quarterly journal Action on Poverty Today for fifteen years; editor of Poverty Policy and Practice Combat Poverty

1986-2009 Institute of Public Administration (2009); Rich and Poor, Perspectives on Tackling Inequality in Ireland Oak Tree Press (2001) and author of many other social policy titles and articles.

Her history of camogie in Kildare, *Soaring Slottars*, was published in 2004.

Without doubt Joan's appointment is a huge plus for Camogie. Passionate, driven, energetic and pleasant she clearly adds strength at national level which filters down to clubs nationwide. Joan covered miles during her tenure as President, visiting the most rural parts of our countryside to promote Camogie.

When her presidency ended it was met with disappointment. It must be said however that current President Aileen Lawlor is an able replacement. The fact that the Camogie Association have managed to retain Joan's services in this capacity is a job well done.

On a separate and final note; best of luck to both the hurlers and ladies footballers this weekend. Hopefully it'll be a great couple of days for us.



Joan O'Flynn is the new Ard Stiúrthóir of the Camogie Association.

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Ballygarvan, who defeated Courcey Rovers in the SE U13 A Camogie final in Ballygarvan recently.

Picture: Howard Crowley

## Camogie club notes and news

### ST FINBARR'S

**Minors:** A superb and complete team performance saw our Minors run out comfortable winners over a strong Brian Dillon's side in the Minor B League Final played last Sunday in Castle Road.

Having been beaten by Dillon's earlier in the League our girls knew that it would take a big effort if they were to capture the title.

To their credit they started strong and their work rate for the entire 60 minutes was phenomenal. Our defence was rock solid and their intelligent distribution of the ball ensured our midfielders and forwards had an ample supply of chances, most of which they converted.

This panel are a fantastic bunch of girls who, under the guidance of Michael Ryan, work hard and improve with every outing. Such was the display last Sunday that it is impossible to imagine that it was this team's first win of any kind in any competition, hopefully it won't be their last! Barra Naofa Abú!

**Panel:** Gemma Conway, Sinead McCann, Jessica Keating (C), Kayleigh Mullins, Carole Ryan, Stephanie Punch, Meabh Cahalane, Erin Ryan, Alison Leisk, Clara Keating, Katie Crowley, Keava McCarthy, Niamh McGreevy, Emma O'Donovan, Aisling Shannon, Lorraine Sweeney, Aoife Hallahan, Orlagh McCarthy. **Scorers:** Niamh McGreevy 1-2, Keava McCarthy 0-7, Katie Crowley 0-6, Meabh Cahalane 0-3, Erin Ryan 0-2, Carole Ryan 0-1.

### BRIAN DILLON'S

**Underage:** The U12s travelled to play two matches under Go Games Rules.

First, we went to Tracton and the match was very close. Anna Myers scored 1-1 and Eve O'Connor scored 1-0. Hannah Roche played exceptionally well. We also travelled to play Valley Rovers.

Again a very exciting match, Kelly Ronan and Abbey Hornbrook were superb U12s. Na Piarasigh were the visitors to the Tank Field in the league and what a cracker of a match. There was nothing between the teams with great skill on show from both sides.

We were two points down until Kate O'Connell popped up with a late goal to win by a single point. Other goal scorers for us were Anna Myers, Molly Garvin and Shauna O'Mahony. Olivia Gibson in goal was outstanding.

U16s played Blarney at the Tank in the quarter final of the league we were dominant from the start and won well at the end. The final score was 7-11 to 2-3. Jessica Aghbaloga was unstoppable on the night scoring 4-2 from play. Rachel Carroll was also exceptional at wing forward.

The U8s took part in the final round of Go Games at Castle Road. We played Castle-martyr and competed very well. Our Under10s had 22 players attended at Castle Road and we put out two teams. We played both Bishopstown and Ballygarvan and it is noted the player's skills have improved steadily. The U13s recently travelled to play St Finbarr's and won a cracking game 6-1 to 4-0.

Goal scorers for Dillon's included Katie O'Brien, Shauna O'Mahony and Aoife O'Callaghan. Molly Garvin was superb in midfield. We played Bishopstown at the Tank. Dillon's were outstanding on the night and were comprehensive winners 6-3 to 0-2. Shauna O'Mahony scored a hat trick of goals, Anna Myers 1-1, Kate O'Connell 2-1 and Molly Garvin 0-1.

Following Cork's U16B All-Ireland success against Waterford, the team, mentors and families returned to Brian Dillon's after the

match for a reception. Niamh O'Leary of Dillon's was the Cork captain. Essie O'Connell also of Dillon's was a sub on the day.

Cork had a great win 4-8 to 2-10. The club house was full of red and white bunting with plenty of food and refreshments for all. A large crowd was in attendance and the players were individually introduced by chairperson Mary O'Sullivan. Niamh is the first Dillon's captain of an All-Ireland winning team and it is a great achievement for her personality and for our club. Many congratulations to Niamh and Essie who are a credit to Brian Dillon's Camogie Club.

Mallow were the visitors in the U14B league quarter final, with the aid of a strong wind, Mallow were 3-5 to no score at half time. However, Dillon's dug deep and worked really hard to get back in to the game. Two goals from Shauna O'Mahony and one from Kate O'Connell made it very exciting.

Mallow held out to win 4-6 to 3-0. Lucy Burke and Shannon McHale were solid in defence and Stephanie Mangan was unstoppable in midfield.

### KILLEAGH

Castle Road was the venue for our U16 league semi-final last against Courcey Rovers. In the words of our president it was "heart testing stuff." Course's opened the scoring with a point, Hannah Looney quickly replied to this with two points.

Course's replied again, Sinead Landers grabbed a goal and Hannah Looney had point number three, despite having our fair share of the play the ball did not seem to be going between the posts for us.

Fresh from her All-Ireland success Chloe Sigerson broke the cycle with a point some fantastic saves by Clara Motherway made sure the pressure from the Courcey backs was not resulting in scores.

Sinead Landers had point number five. Cour had their third to leave the half-time score 1-5 to 0-3 in our favour.

The second half began and Courcey Rovers hit a purple patch within 10 minutes they had the game level and the pressure was on us, the back line of Emma Tracey, Ava Burns and Niamh O'Farrell stood tall. Clara Barry and Amy Benaim upped their game and yet again the ever dependable Hannah Looney put us two points up. Courcey Rovers then brought it back to one but Hannah Looney put a point over the bar. Courcey had two points and we were level yet again.

The clock was ticking fast Leah McEvoy scored a 45 and Courcey levelled again. The tension on the sideline was unreal Hannah came to the rescue with the winning point as the whistle blew the final score was 1-10 to 1-9. A league final beckons as well as championship against Kilbrittan/Timoleague.

Congratulations to Chloe Sigerson on being part of the Cork U16 B team that beat Waterford in the All-Ireland Final and well done to Martin Daly for helping out with this team. Well done to all the girls who did so well in

their Leaving Cert and good luck to you all in your chosen pathways.

### BRIDE ROVERS

**U16:** We successfully negotiated a difficult opening round away to Banteer in championship last Saturday with a three point win over the home side.

There was never more than a point between the sides until the closing stages when Siobhán O'Sullivan poached a priceless goal to seal our victory. Full time score Bride Rovers 1-5 Banteer 0-5.

**Scorers:** Meg Kelleher 0-1, Laura Quirk 0-2, Grace Culloty 0-1, Emma Roche 0-1, Siobhán O'Sullivan 1-0. See [www.briderovers.ie](http://www.briderovers.ie) for all club news/events

### YOUGHAL

**U16:** Blackrock got off to a good start scoring the first point it took us a little bit of time to settle in but the girls did well but Blackrock took off on a scoring spree scoring 2-2 before we found our feet.

We managed to win the puck and the ball was worked up to Shauna O'Connell who scored a lovely point. Shauna added four points to leave the half time score of Blackrock 3-3, Youghal 0-5. We started the second half well with a lovely point from Catriona O'Keefe but Blackrock added 3-1 but we didn't give up and Clara Crowley and Aoife McCarthy both scored goals leaving a full time score of Blackrock 6-4 Youghal 2-6.

**Team:** Aoife Geary, Clodagh O'Keefe, Amerah Hickey Goggin, Amy Herlihy, Chloe Landers, Eimear Farrell, Niamh Kelly, Louise Dempsey, Catriona O'Keefe (0-1), Sophie Monaghan (C), Aoife McCarthy (1-0), Erin Glavin, Clara Crowley (1-0), Cassie O'Brien, Shauna O'Connell (0-5), Niamh Roche, Aoife O'Neill, Sarah Keane, Clara Flavin, Ellen O'Brien, Clara O'Brien.

Thanks to all the girls for their commitment throughout the year and to the parents for all their help.

Our U8s took part in the Go Games gala finals at Castle Road, the Go Games gala day is the reward for teams that have completed all their Go Games during the year we played Glen Rovers, Castlemartyr, Dungourney and Mallow.

Every opposing mentor we played commented on the skills, attitude and behaviour of our girls who are a credit to their parents/ family and club and are all stars. The team that travelled were: Sorcha Kilgannon, Jane Savage, Eimear O'Regan, Alex Cashman, Emma Delaney, Amy O'Connell, Apibhe Daly, Raina Landers, Ruby Rose Bullard, Ruby Kennedy, Aoife Long, Maeve Kelly, Jessica Kelly, Lorna Cooper and Rachel Murray. Missing on the day was Caoimhe Delaney.

The girls were presented with pink or red camogie t-shirts for playing on the day. Many thanks to all the parents and supporters that travelled on the day, we made new contacts with other clubs that are willing to play us in challenge games over the next few months.

### DUNGOURNEY

The Go Games Gala Finals took place in Castle Road Blackrock. Our U8 teams played their finals on Saturday August 31 against Youghal and Rockban. Our U10 team played their finals on Sunday 1st September against Cloughduv and Glen Rovers.

All our girls played with great skill and commitment and really enjoyed the games. They were all presented with camogie t-shirts from the Cork Camogie County Board.

Our Thanks to all our Girls who are real Camogie Stars, their Trainers and especially all the Parents who travelled up for the Finals.

**Results:** U12 GO Games League Dungourney 1-1 St Catherine's 1-0

U14 B League Quarter Final Dungourney 3-6 Enniskeane 3-4

U15 A Semi-Final Dungourney 7-6 St Catherine's 3-4

U15 A Plate Final Dungourney 0-9 Fr O'Neil's 2-4

### GLEN ROVERS

It's been a hectic fortnight for our under age and adult teams at all levels.

**Senior:** Well done to our senior team who qualified for the Senior B County final with a 3-8 to 0-5 win over Valley Rovers, goals from Denise Luby Sinead O'Halloran Lydia Cunningham helped us gain the upper hand and its all systems go now for October 13 when we will meet Eire Og or Kilbrittan / Timoleague who drew in their semi final meeting.

**Junior:** Despite a might effort our junior team lost out to a strong Youghal side in our semi final outing Youghal went on to be crowned champions as they defeated St Vincent's in the final.

Well done to our juniors who enjoyed a great year and they can look ahead with confidence to next season.

**Underage:** Our U15 team recorded a draw when they travelled to play Na Piarasigh in the Seandun championship and with one game to go against Bishopstown it is still all to play for.

Our U13 team had to play two games in twenty four hours and it was two out of two as they continued to be undefeated in the Seandun championship with good victories over Douglas and Blackrock just one game remaining before the closing date and that is against St Vincent's.

**Good luck:** Best of luck to the Cork hurlers and to our clubs representatives who are involved Patrick Stephen, Seanie and Mark as Cork go to Croke Park to finish the job and bring the title home.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lisa O'Riordan who has been chosen by her school to represent them in Croke Park at half time in the exhibition game it's a great occasion for Lisa and her family and we wish them a great day.

**Thanks:** Thanks to St Aidan's for inviting us to be part of their health day and to Susan Collins who manned the Glen Rovers stand with the lads from the boys under age section.

**Underage training:** Sunday morning training for U8s up to and including U12s at 12 noon, training also on Tuesday at 5.45pm we look forward to everybody returning. U13, 14, 15 and 16 training Monday and Wednesday at 6pm, Senior Minor and Juniors Monday and Wednesday 7.15pm.

New members always welcome.

Compiled by Mary Newman

## Killeagh to have edge on Collig

### CAMOGIE

By Mary Newman

### TONIGHT

Evening Echo Senior Championship semi-final: Ballincollig v Killeagh, CIT, 7.30pm.

KILLEAGH have worked hard to re-establish themselves at senior having won the B title in 2010. Once one of the powerhouses in camogie, it would be a dream come true to reach the final.

Ballincollig have played senior grade since winning the B in 2009 and they are aiming to reach their first senior final. This season they are coached by former Blackrock hurler Ray Delaney and they've beaten Courceys and Cloughduv since losing in round one to Inniscarra.

They are without injured keeper Aisleen Sheehan, but Sinead O'Sullivan is a fine replacement and players like captain Lynda Dorgan, Cork seniors Denise Cronin and Leah Weste, Elaine Casey, and Jessica Hennigan are excellent performers.

Killeagh beat St Finbarr's in round one before going on to meet Ballincollig in the quarters where they had to call on all their experience before fashioning a one-point win. Mary O'Connor continues to be one of their top performers while Angela Walsh was again to the fore, grabbing vital goals as her side advanced.

Hannah Looney, Laura Treacy and Leah McEvoy are the backbone of the team, with Ann Marie Walsh, Noelle O'Donovan and Brid Stack also available.

Killeagh may just shade it.

### SUNDAY

Evening Echo Senior Championship semi-final: Milford v Douglas, Mallow, 12.30pm

All-Ireland champions Milford have breezed into the last four, but they face a Douglas team who won't fear them.

This year the city side are under the management of Phillip Kavanagh. Finbarr O'Donovan and ex-Piarasigh hurler Gearóid Daly. They beat Barryroe in round one before defeating St Catherine's in the quarter-finals but they will be under no illusions about the task ahead.

Douglas have been deploying Amanda O'Regan at centre-forward and with Anna Geary at centre-back for Milford, that should be a crucial joust. Douglas could switch O'Regan back to counter Milford attackers Maire O'Neill and Marie Watson.

Douglas' Muiread Mulrooney and Sinead Duggan are key players while Julia White and the Mackeys are capable of doing huge damage.

Word is Milford demolished Killimer from Galway in a friendly last weekend. Rebecca Finn, Katie Galvin, Maria Walsh and Elaine O'Riordan will not allow the Douglas attack room while up front the Watsons and O'Neill led a strong attack. Milford are worthy favourites, but Douglas are in with a real shout.

● In the intermediate championship final Tracton meet Carrigaline tomorrow in Castle Road at 2pm, while Eire Og face Kilbrittan in the senior B semi-final replay on Sunday at 4pm.

● Previews in tomorrow's Echo.

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# Galway unhappy with nine nominations

Camogie

by Eoghan Cormican

Galway boss Tony Ward claimed his side were shortchanged by the selectors of the camogie All Stars. All-Ireland champions Galway received just nine nominations, one less than defeated finalists and semi-finalists Kilkenny and Cork respectively.

The Tribeswomen had five points to spare over Kilkenny in last month's decider, but it is the Cats who scored higher on the list of 45 nominees. League champions Cork also won 10 nominations — including dual stars Angela Walsh and Brieghe Corkery — despite failing to reach the final.

"I don't know do the nominations go on the overall picture of the year or one game," said Ward.

"Lorraine Ryan has been nominated in the full-back line and that is probably getting her set for not giving her one. She was in the half-back line all year and had a great year. Only three forwards is very few for an All-Ireland winning forward division, and just one midfielder."

Galway centre-back and All-Ireland final player of the match Therese Maher remains in the hunt for a fifth accolade, while Kate Kelly is on course for a seventh All Star award.

The Model County were rewarded with just three nominations despite battling their way to the All-Ireland semi-final, not to mention their league final appearance in May.

Offaly picked up five nominations, though the greatest surprise was the seven nominations handed to Clare who managed only one championship victory this summer.

## Camogie All Star Nominees

### Goalkeepers

Mags D'Arcy (Wexford), Susan Earner (Galway), Aoife Murray (Cork)

### Full backs

Heather Cooney (Galway), Sarah Dervan (Galway), Jacqui Frisby (Kilkenny), Pamela Mackey (Cork), Marion O'Brien (Clare), Carol O'Leary (Clare), Mairéad Power (Kilkenny), Lorraine Ryan (Galway), Maria Walsh (Cork)

### Half backs

Elaine Aylward (Kilkenny), Denise Cronin (Cork), Anna Geary (Cork), Edwina Keane (Kilkenny), Therese Maher (Galway), Chloe Morey (Clare), Michaela Morkan (Offaly), Grainne McNicholl (Derry), Niamh O'Dea (Clare)

### Midfield

Naomi Carroll (Clare), Ann Dalton (Kilkenny), Siobhan Flannery (Offaly), Niamh Kilkenny (Galway), Jennifer O'Leary (Cork), Claire Phelan (Kilkenny)

### Half forwards

Brieghe Corkery (Cork), Aisling Dunphy (Kilkenny), Lorraine Keane (Offaly), Kate Kelly (Wexford), Emma Kilkenny (Galway), Deirdre Murphy (Clare), Niamh McGrath (Galway), Katie Power (Kilkenny), Angela Walsh (Cork)

### Full forwards

Elaine Dermody (Offaly), Shelly Farrell (Kilkenny), Tina Hannon (Offaly), Ursula Jacob (Wexford), Katriona Mackey (Cork), Claire McMahon (Clare), Aoife Neary (Kilkenny), Ailish O'Reilly (Galway), Julia White (Cork)

# Ten Cork players nominated for All-Stars

CAMOGIE

CORK wing-back Denise Cronin has followed in the footsteps of her brother, hurling captain Patrick, by being nominated for an All-Star award.

The Rebels, who were league champions but lost the All-Ireland semi-final to Kilkenny, received 10 nominees for the awards, which will be held at Citywest on November 2.

Interestingly, All-Ireland champions Galway only got nine nominations, one less than Cork and

Kilkenny which will raise some eyebrows.

Goalkeeper Aoife Murray is in line for another All-Star while captain Anna Geary, Cronin, Pamela Mackey and Maria Walsh are in the mix in defence.

Dual stars Brieghe Corkery and Angela Walsh are nominated in the forward line, along with Katriona Mackey and Julia White who all put

in sterling performances during the championship.

Jennifer O'Leary, who retired this year after moving to Armagh to take up a teaching role, is shortlisted in midfield.

Geary, Cronin, the Walshs, the Mackeys and White are all involved in the Evening Echo county semi-finals this weekend.

Ballincollig take on Killeagh at 7.30pm in CIT tonight, while it's Milford-Douglas in Mallow at 12.30pm

on Sunday.

## CORK'S ALL-STAR NOMINEES

Goalkeeper: Aoife Murray.

Full-backs: Pamela Mackey, Maria Walsh.

Half-backs: Denise Cronin, Anna Geary.

Midfield: Jennifer O'Leary.

Half-forwards: Brieghe Corkery, Angela Walsh.

Full-forwards: Katriona Mackey and Julia White.

See P47 for previews.



## THE LATE MARY CROWLEY O'LEARY

Cork Camogie said goodbye to one of its most popular characters recently. Mary O'Leary perhaps better known in camogie circles under her maiden name of Mary Crowley passed to her heavenly reward. Friendly and helpful Mary got on with everyone which was a great asset in her years as Secretary of the Cork Camogie Board.

Mary started her playing career with St. Finbarr's camogie club and late, she joined the South Presentation Past Pupils club where she enjoyed much success. With Mary as captain, South Pres won the Cork County senior championship for the first time in 1969. The team went on to win a hat-trick of titles with Mary as a key member of their defence.

Mary led out the Cork team in the 1969 All-Ireland junior final in Croke Park but, unfortunately, they were narrowly defeated by Derry. She won Munster club and junior championship medals. Mary was a busy and sought-after referee and she also turned her talents to camogie administration. The game progressed on all fronts during her time as Secretary of the Cork Camogie Board. Her willingness to listen and do what she could to sort out any problem made her very popular with the club delegates. Mary chaired the Cork Camogie Board in 1967.

Mary's ability was recognised further a field and she was elected firstly as vice-chairperson of Munster Council and, later, as chairperson. The latter post gave Mary a seat on Central Council and the role of vice-president of the Camogie Association. She used her knowledge of the game as a selector of Cork and Munster teams.

Mary married Michael O'Leary and settled in the Coachford area. She adapted easily to country life and immersed herself in the many activities of the area. She retained her interest in camogie affairs and kept in contact with her many friends in the game.

May the good grant her eternal rest



# Ballincollig lay down gauntlet

By Eoghan Cormican

Camogie

The view in Cork camogie circles is that this one will be an annihilation, a procession.

Frank Flannery's Milford had 25-points to spare over St Catherine's in last year's county decider, before landing Munster and All-Ireland titles in the ensuing months.

The champions have

returned with ease to the showpiece event and consequently, are widely expected to see-off first time finalists Ballincollig at Castle Road tomorrow (3:45pm).

Though full of praise for Milford, Ballincollig manager Ray Delaney, having left Blackrock's hurlers to take the camogie reins out the road this summer, says the champions should brace themselves for one hell of a challenge

"Without a shadow of a doubt, I can honestly say Milford are the best team, male or female, that I have come across in the last five or six years," he admitted.

"Their workrate. Their willingness, or unwillingness to stop working is unreal. Their skill levels are unbelievable."

"In the early 2000s we had a team in Blackrock and they just had it. Unfortunately for everyone else in Cork camogie at the

moment, Milford have it.

"For the outsiders looking in they will say we have done well to get to a county final. For us, you just can't be happy getting there. I would praise Milford to the last but I can guarantee you they are going to get a game on Sunday. We are not going down to make up the numbers."

"We had a very bad start to the year, losing to Inniscarra. Every night in training we keep

referencing that game, that we let ourselves down. We were ready for that match, but it just didn't go right for us and we don't want that feeling again."

In the first-half against Killeagh in the semi-final we had played well, but their two goals had given them the upper

hand. We just felt we didn't want to go back to where we were with Inniscarra. We finished very strongly and won."



**Barbara O'Connell**

talks to Mary Weste ahead of Ballincollig's first senior camogie final



# Mary is the life and soul

**O**NE life. One club. A phrase made famous by one of our banks when they were sponsoring the All-Ireland club GAA championships.

No phrase could be more apt when describing Mary Weste. Known throughout the county as 'Mrs Ballincollig' in camogie circles, for her years of service and dedication to the club, she has overseen her club go from the whipping girls of the sport to potential senior county champions. On Sunday, Ballincollig take on reigning Cork, Munster and All-Ireland champions Milford, and she can't wait for the final which is the club's first final appearance. "This is a huge occasion for the club, with it being our first ever senior county final," said Mary Weste.

"The buzz at the moment is fantastic. It's hard to believe we are in the final after getting off to a bad start against Inniscarra, however, it shows the spirit of these bunch of girls."

Ballincollig, who have not gone beyond the back door in the past two years, have surpassed all expectations to reach this year's county senior final. However, Weste believes it has come down to a lot of hard work and learning something from every game.

"The team got off to a bad start losing to Inniscarra, so it's unbelievable to think that we have reached the final. However, the girls really picked themselves up from that loss and have shown massive progress since."

The majority of the Ballincollig squad have come up through the ranks together, so have they been building up to this moment for the past number of years?

"Well, we have always tried to improve and increase our numbers each year, but at times it has been difficult."

"The likes of Dave Collins and Gareth Irish have done trojan work over the years with the current bunch of girls."

"We're lucky in the sense that a lot of this team would have come up to U18's playing together, winning the junior A title against Clonakilty."

"They then went up to senior B and won it in their first year which was a huge achievement."

The big turning point for the club was back in 2007 when Muskerry beat the Barrs in the county final. With many of the Ballincollig girls on the squad, it certainly gave the girls self-belief and proved to themselves that it was possible to compete at this level.

"Muskerry's county final win in 2007 was certainly another feather in their cap."

"It brought the girls up another grade and made them aware of what they could achieve."

"It showed them what they could



Selector Mary Weste with her daughters Leah and Louise (left) and (right) cousin Sarah Buckley after Muskerry's victory over St Finbarrs in the 2007 senior county final. That victory inspired Ballincollig to build towards reaching a county final of their own. Picture: Larry Cummins

aspire to. Since then we have had a few tough years.

"The team fell apart number wise due to girls travelling etc, but this year numbers were up again which was great."

"This year we had a junior team also, so there were about 40 players between both teams, which was great as it made training that bit more competitive."

"We are now back down to a 23 player panel for the senior squad."

"This reduction is due to people travelling in the summer, injuries, and we also had a few girls emigrate."

"As recent as last week, one of our players, Aoife Cotter, went to Florida on an eight-month contract, which is so unfortunate for her to miss out on her first county senior final, by just a week."

"However, we know she will be

shouting us on from over there, on Sunday."

Mary, who has been involved with Ballincollig club since it started almost 40 years ago has taken on so many roles throughout the club, such as selector, coach and committee member.

Her work has not gone unnoticed and she is very much appreciated by everyone at the club.

"The amount of work Mary does behind the scenes is phenomenal," senior star Denise Cronin said.

"She's always down the club making sandwiches or dinners after matches. She's a very caring, helpful and approachable person."

"Whenever you have a problem, Mary is always there to help."

"Camogie really is her life. Her daughter Louise and husband Tom also put a lot of work into the club and this week they have put a lot of

work into organising signs to be put up around the place for the county final."

"Mary is also very proud of her daughter Leah, who plays an integral part in our team."

"They're a real GAA family, and all of us are very appreciative of all her support throughout the years," Cronin added.

Looking ahead to Sunday's final, no doubt it will be a huge task for Ballincollig, who will be up against the All-Ireland champions.

However, Weste states that it is certainly not taking too much away from the excitement of the girls as they look forward to competing in their first ever senior county final. "We know they've beaten everybody else in Ireland, as included in the league final. However, for us going in as total underdogs might work to our advantage."

"The girls are under no pressure, and hopefully they can go in and enjoy it."

"Saying that, I would imagine that the girls will go into Sunday's final with the attitude they have going into every game, showing respect to Milford, but will certainly show no fear."

"They did beat us well in the league final however, but we gave them a good start allowing them to dominate and score a few early goals. Hopefully on Sunday, if we can prevent this from happening, then I think it will certainly give us a chance to stay in the game."

"All we can hope for from our girls, when they are up against the best team in the country, is that we can perform to the best of our ability, and give a good account of ourselves and who knows what can happen on the day."

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# Evening Echo

## SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

Ballincollig

v

Milford

3.00 pm.

Referee: Cathal Egan

## SENIOR B CAMOGIE FINAL

Eire Og

v

Glen Rovers

€2

2.00 pm. Referee: John O'Leary

Sunday 13th October 2013 Camogie Pitch, Castle Road



*Is cuis mhor athais dom faillte a chur romhaibh go leir go Pairc Cumann Camogaíochta Chontae Chorcaí, ar ocaid Cluiche Cheannais Camogaíochta Sinsear agus Sinsear B 2013. Ta suil agam go mbeidh la iontach again agus cluichi den scoth a imirt so staid iontach seo.*

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all present here today to the Cork Camogie Grounds for our eagerly awaited Senior and Senior B Championship Finals for 2013.

I extend a very special Cead Mile Failte to the Players, Management and Supporters of Milford, Ballincollig, Glen Rovers and Eire Og.

Today's finals promise to be exciting encounters with four clubs hoping for silverware. It has been an exciting championship for each Club and I hope that each player performs to the best of their ability and the games reflect the endless hours of training and commitment that they have put in over the last number of months.

The Cork Senior Camogie Final is a very special event in the Camogie Calendar in the County. This year's decider brings together two great clubs Milford and Ballincollig. Milford won the Punch Shoe Care Cup for the first time last season and subsequently went on to win Munster and All Ireland Club honours and no doubt the North Cork girls will leave no stone unturned to make it back to back honours while Ballincollig will be contesting their first ever senior final which is a just reward for a club who has done huge work promoting Camogie and for the many volunteers who were involved down through the years.

Glen Rovers and Eire Og contest the Senior B Final. This game promises to be an intriguing encounter between two clubs who are steeped in the tradition of our game. Glen Rovers and Eire Og enjoyed a lot of success at senior level in the past and over the past number years have been going through a re building process. No doubt neither side will lack hunger or motivation to regain senior status.

Our Referees for today's games are Cathal Egan Glen Rovers who will take charge of the Senior Final while John O'Leary Mallow will referee the Senior B Final. I wish both Referees and their Officials well.

On behalf of the County Board, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all clubs, players, mentors and officials who took part in all championships in 2013 and I would like to acknowledge the great voluntary work being done by numerous and committed individuals in all clubs throughout the county.

A special word of thanks to the Evening Echo who have generously sponsored our Championships this year and who are also the sponsors of the Player of the Match in the Senior Final. I would also like to acknowledge Gerald McCarthy, Gifts and Awards who have kindly sponsored the Player of the Match in the Senior B Final.

Sincere thanks to the Senior and Juvenile Camogie Board Officers and GPC members who work tirelessly all year promoting our game and for their role in today's finals. Finally I wish all involved on this great occasion every success on what I know will be another great sporting day to saviour and remember - Enjoy the game and may Camogie be the real winner.

*Maire Ni Charthaigh, Cathaoirleach*



## Meet the Captains

### ELAINE O'RIORDAN, MILFORD CAPTAIN



Elaine created history in 2012 as she led Milford to their first senior county championship title going on to add Munster and All Ireland honours as her sides blazed a trail of glory. A hugely experienced campaigner and is playing in her fifth senior county final and has won county titles with Milford at every age group from Under 12 to Senior county championship medals. She was a recipient of the Rochestown Park Hotel 196th monthly sports award following a superb year for her self and her club in 2012.

A hugely experienced defender and determined team leader she has three All Ireland senior medals for both camogie and football whilst also amongst her array of honours are Under 16 and Senior Pan-Celtic championship titles and she also holds a Kilmacud 7s All Ireland medal won in 2005. Elaine captained Cork to success in Under 16 All Ireland final in 2002. She also has enjoyed success at Munster and All Ireland levels with St Mary's Secondary School, Charleville. Elaine is employed as Sales Manager with Ballyhass Lakes. Having put three heartbreaking county final defeats behind them to win out last season the Milford captain is determined to make it back to back titles and add to her impressive haul of honours this year.

### LINDA DORGAN, BALLINCOLLIG CAPTAIN



Linda Dorgan in her first year as captain of Ballincollig and helped guided the team with her hard work, commitment and dedication to camogie. Linda has been a success story since she took up camogie at the age of 14 in her home parish of Grenagh and she made her mark on the adult inter county scene as she first came to prominence at 18 winning All Ireland honours with the Cork Intermediate team she was the winner of a senior All Ireland Medal in 2008, and this added to previous Senior B, Intermediate, Senior and Intermediate Munster titles. So she will be looking to add to her Senior County Medal won with Muskerry in 2007 as she leads out her club side today Sunday.

Linda despite her busy training and work schedule as a personal trainer, always finds time to give back to camogie and particularly the underage section and she will be found on the pitch with many of the underage teams and last Sunday was no exception as she put the Under 8's through their paces as they learn the skills of camogie.

### KAREN O'CONNELL, GLEN ROVERS CAPTAIN



A product of the clubs under age nursery Karen has lined out with at all levels with Glen Rovers since the age of seven, a former pupil in Scoil Oilibheir Dublin Hill where she played Scith Na Scoil she went on to St Patrick's where she won honours with the school team. Karen is joined on the Glen Rovers panel by her sister Edel. Her Father Dave is a well know referee and was a Cork minor selector this year, Karen holds under age honours with the club as well as Senior B league medals and she led Glen Rovers this year to the league title when they defeated Clonakilty The holder of Munster Junior honours with Cork she lined out at under 16 and minor levels with the county. Currently studying physical therapy Karen is employed in Lifestyle Sports and she is hoping today that she and her club can banish the disappointment of losing the 2011 final to Ballinhassig and go on to take the title.

### MARGARET O'HERLIHY, EIRE OG CAPTAIN



Margaret O'Herlihy has been playing Camogie since she was eight winning three Sciath na Scoil medals with Ovens National School, she has playing with Eire Og at underage level and played at senior level since she was 13. Her sister Ellen is a former player with the club and both lined out many times on the same team. Her achievements include six Muskerry medals with the club at underage, A senior county championship medal won with Muskerry when they defeated, Under 16 and minor county championship Cork and Munster College Intermediate titles. Margaret captained Cork Under 16 team in 2005 and won a Senior All Ireland medal with Cork in 2008.

Ironically Margaret grandmother and grandfather both played with Glen Rovers her grandmother was a member of the clubs first team in 1934 whilst her grandfather played on the first Glen Rovers team to win a senior county title. Having lost out in the finals of 2008 09 and 2010 she is hoping today is her clubs day.



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Éire Óg captain Margaret O'Herlihy with Glen Rovers captain Karen O'Connell and the trophy they will be contesting for tomorrow.

## Fascinating contest in store as little to choose between these finalists

**OLD RIVALS** Glen Rovers and Éire Óg come face to face tomorrow in Castle Road as the Evening Echo Senior B championship precedes the senior decider.

For many years the clubs were keen rivals in the senior grade, but in recent years both have been in the process of rebuilding their clubs following on some tremendous years of success.

Who will forget the glory days of the 80s for Éire Óg while Glen dominated the late 80s and 90s. As so often happens, lean times inevitable followed for both clubs but now with a huge work having gone in both are hoping to make a return to a stage they graced with glory.

The huge pride in the jersey in both camps is very evident and the commitment shown by their players to succeed has been very evident since the beginning of this championship.

They are no strangers to each other having both come from the same section of the round robin series of the championship in a group where Glen Rovers finished as winners with Éire Óg as runners up.

When the sides met in the series Glen Rovers carved out a hard-fought victory just two goals between the teams at the end.

The sides also met in the league semi final with victory going to the city girls but here both sides were under strength.

Down through the years Glen Rovers and Éire Óg have enjoyed many a battle at Senior and Senior B level Éire Óg will be determined to overturn the two previous result of their meeting this season and take a title that has eluded them on three occasions.

They have had to endure the heartbreak of contesting and losing three final in 2008 they lost out to Rockbawn in 2009 Ballincollig were victors whilst in 2010 Killeagh got the better of them all going on to win promotion as Éire Óg continued their quest for the title and promotion.

Glen Rovers lost out in the final of 2011 to Ballinhassig and they, like their rivals, have a huge desire to end that heartbreak of losing out and finally make this their year.

Both clubs have put in huge work at under age level and it is a huge credit to them both to be battling it out for the title league and championship honours at U16 and minor level have come to Éire Óg their minor team being crowned Minor B champions last season. Equally so Glen Rovers who have enjoyed several U16 successes before going on to capture the Minor A championship crown in 2012.

Éire Óg's Ciara McKenna is the only

### SENIOR B FINAL

By Mary Newman

player on the field who holds a Senior B county championship medal won in 2000 when Éire Óg took their one Senior B title.

Glen Rovers stalwarts such as Aileen Gilton have given huge service to the club since under age level and would dearly love to get her hand on a championship medal.

In their path to the final Éire Óg lost out in their opening round game to Glen Rovers but rallied superbly to defeat Aghabullogue before confidently over coming a fancied Ballygarvan side. They had to go to a replay to overcome Kilbrittain/Timoleague in their semi-final but they showed great character in doing so. Marie Gleeson, Ciara McKenna, Maeve Corkery, Erin Corkery and Aoife Hennessy are excellent performers and will not be found wanting.

Glen Rovers having overcome Ballygarvan in round one battled hard to record a victory over Éire Óg and then went on to defeat Aghabullogue, they book their final spot as they defeated Valley Rovers in a tough battle. Captain Karen O'Connell, Sinead O'Halloran, Denise Luby, Lydia Cunningham were to the fore as they advanced.

The younger brigade in both clubs have been hugely impressive with Eimear Scally lining out for the first time with the side in the drawn game a huge asset to a side that have strong young players in Maeve Ellen Desmond, Katie McCarthy, Ruth Murphy. Glen Rovers youngsters are equal to the challenge Cork U16 player Kelly Falvey, in her first year at senior level, joins Lauren Callanan, Leeann O'Sullivan and Kaylynn Lee as the Glen go in search of glory.

Éire Óg equally will be minus Siobhan Hutchinson who recently broke a finger whilst Orla Meaney is sidelined with a cruciate ligament injury.

For one Éire Óg player it will be a day of mixed emotions captain Margaret O'Herlihy who have given trojan service to Éire Óg is the granddaughter of former Glen Rovers greats the late Rita Hegarty and Batna Barrett. Margaret will be hoping to put one over on a club that her grand parents gave tremendous service to.

Both back room teams are determined to take the title and win promotion, its been close in all their clashes to date and this one should be no exception, it will come down to wants it most.

# Ballincollig



## CAMOGIE

**THE** spirit of Ballincollig, which has done them tremendous service this past number of months, will unfortunately not see them over the line when they play in their first senior A county final tomorrow.

To date it has been a great and commendable season for them. However they, even though they should not and won't believe it, enter the Lion's den that is Castle Road to face All-Ireland club champions Milford.

There is no club team at present in the senior A local championship capable of beating Milford. Of course any team is capable on any given day of defeating another and Milford will in time be defeated. But that time isn't now... because they're still hungry, as one would expect them to be.

They have a long way to go yet to become one of the great club teams, to be spoken of in the same breath as Glen Rovers, Lisdowney (formerly St Paul's) of Kilkenny, Pearces of Galway and Limerick's Granagh-Ballingarry. But Milford certainly have the talent and strength in depth to do so.

The ball is in their court as to what they achieve.

Tomorrow they will retain their second county title and begin the defence of their Munster and All Ireland crowns.

It is a picture too difficult to see, that Ballincollig will stop them in their tracks.

Few would have given Ballincollig the second final spot last July at the commencement of the championship. They pushed even further back the pecking order after they suffered an opening round defeat to Inniscarra.

Yet they regrouped and despite the fact that Courcey Rovers were heavily depleted of key players in their second round back door route Ballincollig's overall superiority and spread of scorers impressed to record a strong victory.

It was a difficult one to call when Ballincollig took on Cloughduv in the quarter final with the former's spirit and commitment taking them through in a keenly fought contest.

A greater challenge faced the west cork side in the semi-final as they faced east cork club Killeagh. Trailing five points at the break it is to Ballincollig's credit that they held Killeagh to just two second half points after succumbing 2-4 to them in the opening 30 minutes.

Milford's for and against re-

## CAMOGIE FIXTURES

### TODAY

**Evening Echo Intermediate County Final Replay:** Tracton v Carrigaline Castle Road 2pm.

### TOMORROW

**Evening Echo Senior B Championship Final:** Glen Rovers v Éire Óg 12.30 Castle Road.

**Evening Echo Senior County Final:** Milford v Ballincollig 3.45pm Castle Road.

**Milford captain Elaine O'Riordan lifts the AIB All Ireland Senior Club Championship trophy earlier in the year. The North Cork side are raging favourites to retain their county title tomorrow.**



# face uphill task

Ballincollig's Denise Cronin takes on Killeagh's Laura Tracey during the Evening Echo Cork senior camogie championship semi-final. Trailing five points at the break, Ballincollig held Killeagh to just two second-half points.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare



## Paths to final

### MILFORD

First round: Milford 6-29

Courcey Rovers 0-5

Q-Final: Milford 2-17 In-

niscarra 0-3

Semi-final: Milford 5-12

Douglas 3-7

### BALLINCOLLIG

First round: Inniscarra

4-6 Ballincollig 2-6

Second round: Ballin-

collig 3-13 Courcey

Rovers 1-4

Q-Final: Ballincollig 1-8

Cloughduv 0-4

Semi-final: Ballincollig

0-14 Killeagh 2-6

cord speaks for itself, 13-58 for and conceding 3-15 from just 3 games is dauntingly impressive.

Those three goals conceded came in the final 10 minutes of their semi-final win which only put respectability on the board from Douglas's point of view such was the gap up to then. Seven of the 15 points conceded throughout the championship came from placed balls.

Marie O'Neill is once again having a great season with 7-16 her personal tally. What a shame it is that she won't make herself available for Cork.

Backboned by the ever dependable, tigerish Elaine O'Riordan in defence and Cork senior players Maria Walsh, Anna Geary and Aisling Thompson, Milford's power starts from the back and is in abundance throughout every line of the field as they move forward.

Aine, Marie and Emer Watson do significant damage in every game and with Deirdre O'Reilly and O'Neill flanking them up front one can understand why the opposition struggle to hold such a vast array of talent.

Milford took their fair share of heartbreak before claiming their first senior title last year. As the

year progressed, under the guidance of Frank Flannery and James McGrath their confidence, fitness and standard of hurling improved massively.

With the monkey finally off their back Milford are a different team and with the pain of so many defeats still very fresh in their mind that is a lethal combination.

Ballincollig's keeper Sinead O'Sullivan is having a very good season, as is Elaine Casey, Denise Cronin, Sam Coomey and Linda Dorgan. Ballincollig deserve their place in the final. One hopes they do themselves justice and put up a great fight. For their sake I hope they don't receive the same fate that befell St Catherine's in last year's final. After such a great year, after reaching the final, no team deserves a humiliating defeat like that. For them personally it would take the gloss off what they have achieved, great highs but then a cruel low. Ballincollig's squad and management team have done themselves and their club proud and that won't change regardless of tomorrow's outcome.

The senior A final takes place in castle road at 3.45pm, following the senior B final between Glen Rovers and Elre Og at 12.30.



Milford and Ballincollig captains Elaine O'Riordan and Linda Dorgan.

## CLUB NOTES

### BRIDE ROVERS

MINOR: Our minor camogie panel continued their great form with a win over Castletyons in the Minor D championship where it finished Bride Rovers 4-8, Castletyons 0-2.

We have now qualified for a county semi-final which is scheduled to be played over the weekend.

U16 CAMOGIE: Our intended quarter-final opponents Buttevant, withdrew from the competition last week so we are now qualified for the U16C semi-final against either Ballinascorthy or Sliabh Rua. That match is tentatively scheduled for 19/20 October.

LEUKAEMIA ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER: Our Club is proud to support the very worthy cause of the Leukaemia Association next Saturday night at 9.30pm at O'Cooleain's Bar in Rathcoormac.

A number of brave individuals, including our own Meeks Carr who has been to the forefront of this charitable event, will be undergoing head shaves and waxing so please turn out in great numbers and offer your support.

See [www.briderovers.ie](http://www.briderovers.ie) for all club news/events

### DUNGOURNEY

U12 GO GAMES: Our U12 team played against St Catherine's in the Gala County Go Game final day in Ballincollig.

All of our girls played with great skill and determination in what was a very entertaining game played at a hectic pace by both teams. With a large crowd of spectators and supporters cheering and encouraging both teams it was like an All-Ireland final.

The two teams were very evenly matched but our girls won out in the end with a full time score of 3-5 to 2-2.

Congratulations to all our girls and our thanks to all the parents and trainers who helped out throughout the year.

Team: Eimear Hennessy, Aoibhe O'Brien, Megan O'Keefe (c), Katelyn O'Riordan, Catherine Walsh, Laura Crowley, Kate Gravina, Ellen Nally, Aisling Doocoy, Clidna Casey, Sinead O'Sullivan, Eatin Hickey, Coimhe Bane, Lauryn Coetigan.

Scorers: C Walsh 0-2, K Gravina 1-1, E Nally 2-0, C Casey 0-2

RESULTS: U14 B Shield Semi Final Dungourney 5-6 Sliabh Rua 6-4

U16 C Quarter Final Dungourney 2-8 Ballinora 3-1

FIXTURES: U16 C County League Final Saturday 12th September 4pm in Sarsfields

Best of Luck to all our girls in the Final

### YOUGHAL

The season may be over for the juniors but the minors are just starting their journey in championship, we played Newcestown in the first round of the minor D championship on home ground.

We started well with Shannen Bulman Joyce scoring two points our back line were working well and linking well with the half forward line and the mid field players. Shannen added a goal before Erin Galvin added a point.

Newcestown answered this by working the ball down the field and winning a free which resulted in a great point. This was followed by a point from a free from Shannen, Leah Broderick got on the score board adding a point before Newcestown pointed another free.

Our girls quickly put it to the backs of their minds and worked the ball well up the field, again Shannen found the back of the net, to leave a half time score of Youghal 2-7 Newcestown 0-2.

We hit a few second half wide's and Newcestown took over scoring two goals. Shannen Bulman Joyce hit two points but again Newcestown found the back of the net.

We were not done yet Leah Broderick and Aoife McCarthy both added goals to leave the final score Youghal 4-8, Newcestown 3-2.

Team: Shannen Watson, Niamh Roche, Louise Dempsey, Niamh Crowley, Amerah H Goggin, Chealla Dalton, Chloe Landers, Leah Broderick, Ailish Finn, Aoife McCarthy, Emily Roche, Jane Walsh, Kayleigh Arthur, Shannen B Joyce, Erin Galvin, Clodagh O'Keefe, Sophie Monaghan, Cassie O'Brien, Clara Flavin

### GLEN ROVERS

COUNTY FINAL: Bags are packed and were ready to go with all roads leading to Castle Road tomorrow where our senior team play in the Evening Echo Senior B county championship final against Elre Og at 12.30pm.

It has been a long journey since February and everybody has put in a huge effort to reach the final we are hoping to see big support from all sections of the club as we go in search of our first title at this level.

The pitch is past Blackrock Castle on the left hand side or for those coming via the tunnel go up the slip road and pass the entrance to Mahon Point shopping centre and take a right hand turn at the traffic lights to turn out onto the Skehard Road pass Mahon church and take a left onto the main road by Ballinure GAA pitch follow the green railing and take a right turn pitch will be visible from here. Parent get your girls down to the game in their club colours and shout on our team, your young girls are the players of the future so bring them along and get behind and support their club.

THANKS: A huge thanks to Blackpool Shopping Centre and their manager John Hartnett to Joe Coughlan who has always been of huge support through many a year and to Jo and Michael White from Salon 33 Ballyvolane and Patrick St who all came on board with sponsorship for the girls as they contest the county final tomorrow.

We are hugely grateful to the support from these people in our community and ask everybody to give them your support.

Finally go for it girls. Best of luck.



# Milford



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Rebecca Finn



Katie Galvin



Maria Walsh



Lisa Healy



Elaine O'Riordan  
Captain



Anna Geary



Aine Watson



Orlaith O'Mahony



Ashling Thompson



Emer Watson



Deirdre O'Reilly



Sinead O'Flynn



Marie O'Neill



Maura Flanagan



Maria Watson

16 Rebecca Duggan  
17 Deirdre Hayes  
18 Louise O'Flynn  
19 Aideen O'Flynn  
20 Eimear O'Friel

21 Nicole O'Connor  
22 Christine O'Connor  
23 Grainne Fitzgibbon  
24 Aisling Dillon  
25 Sarah Sexton

26 Katie Dillane  
27 Nicola Browne  
28 Jacqueline Browne

Manager: James McGrath Selector: Sean McAuliffe, Mary Roche

# Ballincollig



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Sinead O'Sullivan



Adele Kiely



Edel Murphy



Leah Weste



Elaine Casey



Kate O'Donoghue



Claire Ryan



Jess Hennigan



Sarah Buckley



Maria O'Donoghue



Linda Dorgan (C)



Denise Cronin



Alison Coughlan



Sam Coomey



Patricia Buttmer

16 Aishling Hennigan  
17 Fiona O'Brien  
18 Chloe Hennigan

19 Orla Ni Chathasaigh  
20 Orlaith Jennings  
21 Sinead Barry

22 Ashley Lovett  
23 Cliona Irish

Coach: Ray Delaney, Selectors Mary Weste, Pat Murphy, Finbarr Bradley

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# Milford turn on the magic



Cork Camogie Senior final  
MILFORD ..... 5-17  
BALLINCOLLIG ..... 0-7

Stephen Barry  
Castle Road

Milford became the first team to capture back-to-back Cork senior camogie titles since Cloughduv in 2002 with a 25-point hammering of Ballincollig yesterday.

Ballincollig, playing in their first final, sought to become the seventh first-time winners of the senior crown in the past 11 years, but the Cork, Munster and All-Ireland champions had virtually sealed victory as early as first-half injury time, when they reeled off a pair of goals, from Orlaith O'Mahony and Maria Watson, to stretch the interval-gap to 10 points.

"The way the championship has gone this year, a lot of the teams have played nine or 10 against us in the backs," said captain and player-of-the-match Elaine O'Riordan, "so I've ended up being the free-player sweeping at the back. It's the way the games are going against us, but we're learning to deal with it so it's grand."

The much feared North Cork side found their way around Ballincollig's seven-player defence as early as the fourth minute with a Deirdre O'Reilly goal.

Ballincollig stuck doggedly



CHAMPIONS: The Milford team celebrate after beating Ballincollig in yesterday's Cork Senior Camogie Championship final at Castle Road.

to their task, blocking and harrying Milford and reducing the deficit to three. However Milford's late run of 2-1 punctured

Ballincollig's dreams. Maura Flanagan added a fourth goal early in the final period as the game became somewhat ill-tempered.

However Milford saw out the storm and the floodgates opened for them in the final quarter, adding 1-10 without reply.

"It was a really special one to win and it means more than last year's win in a way," said two-time winning captain O'Riordan.

"A lot of teams find the second-year syndrome hard to overcome, especially after such a great year last year, but as you can see, the hunger is still there within the team."

A further sign of the changing of the guard in Cork camogie came in the Senior B final where the county's oldest and most successful club, Glen Rovers, took their first title at that grade.

Led at centre-back by Lauren Callanan, they built up a seven-point half-time lead over Eire Og. Erin Corkery scored 1-1 to renew the Westerners hopes but Denise Luby and Sinead O'Halloran sealed the 1-13 to 2-7 victory.

Scorers for Milford: M Watson, L O'Flynn (1-3 each), E Watson (0-5, 11, 1 pen), D O'Reilly (1-1), M O'Neill (0-4), O O'Mahony, M Flanagan (1-0 each), S O'Flynn (0-1).

Scorers for Ballincollig: D Cronin (0-5, 3fs, 1 45), L Dorgan, M O'Donoghue (0-1 each).

MILFORD: R Finn; M Walsh, L Healy; E O'Riordan; K Galvin, A Geary, A Watson; A Thompson, O O'Mahony; E Watson, D O'Reilly, S O'Flynn; M O'Neill, M Flanagan, M Watson.

Subs: L O'Flynn for O'Flynn (42), D Hayes for Healy and A O'Flynn for Thompson (52), E O'Friel for E Watson (58), N O'Connor.

BALLINCOLLIG: S O'Sullivan; A Kiely, E Murphy, L Weste, S Buckley; E Casey, K O'Donoghue, C Ryan; D Cronin, J Hennigan; M O'Donoghue, L Dorgan, P Buttmer, A Coughlan, S Coomey.

Subs: C Hennigan for Dorgan (37), S Barry for Ryan (58).

Referee: C Egan (Glen Rovers).



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## SENIOR CAMOGIE

By Linda Mellerick

Milford 5-17  
Ballincollig 0-7

MILFORD retained their senior A county camogie championship title yesterday, and rubber-stamped their current stranglehold on the Cork championship, with a comprehensive victory over Ballincollig.

The concern before the game was that this would be a one-sided affair; not in disrespect to Ballincollig but more admiration for a star-studded Milford outfit.

The first 30 minutes was anything but as Ballincollig threw the kitchen sink at the champions. But an injury to Linda Dorgan and four nightmarish minutes just before the break which saw Milford strike 2-1 rattled Ballincollig deeply and they never recovered.

Once Milford got into their stride, once they managed to break down Ballincollig's seventh defender, their fluency and style was a class apart. Finding each other with relative ease as the game wore on the scores mounted up as it became a case of running down the clock.

With Sarah Buckley falling back from midfield in between both lines of defence from the throw in play was crowded yet Deirdre O'Reilly still managed to find a way though after great interplay to net after three minutes.

As Emer Watson struck her eighth-minute penalty over the bar to lead 1-3 to 0-2 Milford were in a comfortable starting position.

Yet Ballincollig's work-ethic and commitment throughout the pitch, particularly in defence, stemmed the Milford tide and play levelled out.

With Milford slowing down the supply in, it played into Ballincollig's hands and Sarah Buckley swept up. However, if you deploy a sweeper then it affords the opposition to do the same and Elaine O'Riordan at the other end of the field enjoyed the freedom and pushed Ballincollig back time and again putting them back under pressure in defence.

Denise Cronin pointed a 45 before the hard working Deirdre O'Reilly and Emer Watson (f) gave Milford a five point lead with 22 gone on the clock. Denise Cronin responded with two (one free) as Ballincollig proved more than up for the challenge.

It all went wrong from there. Linda Dorgan, who was causing problems when on the ball, gathered possession out around the 40. Bearing down on goal at great speed, chased by two Milford defenders she reached the edge of the danger area before being stopped flat with a heavy challenge by Maria Walsh.

Walsh received a yellow card for her troubles but Dorgan never recovered despite lasting until the 38th minute.

Further trouble hit Ballincollig on 30 minutes when a seemingly harmless Orlaith O'Mahony strike looked to be a comfortable take for Sinead O'Sullivan but it defied her.

A great Maria O'Neill point and a brilliant piece of inter-play in injury-time involving O'Neill, the excellent Deirdre O'Reilly and Maria Watson saw the latter gather the high dropping ball and tap past O'Sullivan to give Milford a 10-point advantage even they seemed relieved to have.

The fight died from Ballincollig once Maura Flanagan struck Milford's fourth goal within six minutes of the restart. From there on there was just one team in this final.



County champions Milford with team captain Elaine O'Riordan and the winning panel.

Picture: Larry Cummins

# Outstanding Milford claim county glory

McGrath is delighted with resilience his side showed

## REACTION

"ABSOLUTELY thrilled" was how Milford manager James McGrath expressed his emotions after the game.

"It was hard to come back up after a six-day turnaround, but the girls kept fresh during the week and were really looking forward to it and we're delighted to come away with the win."

The half time score didn't do justice to the battle out the field?

"Yeah Ballincollig tried very hard, came up with a plan of seven at the back and we found it very hard to break them down."

"I suppose we got a bit fortunate with the second goal and that relieved a bit of pressure for us and we were able to flow a bit better after that."

"The girls love running off each other's shoulder and when we're able to get a flow up front with great players running one off the other we find it easy enough to open up teams when we get that bit of fluency to our game."

"But credit our backs, I thought our backs were magnificent today; we never looked like conceding a goal. It was a good all round performance."

Referring to the difficulty of choosing a player of the match, James responded: "We've been saying all year that it takes 11 or 12 of us to get over the line and if three or four aren't really performing but you can stop the other team from playing it'll get you back into the game again."

"Our subs were excellent, I mean Louise O'Flynn... to come on and score 1-3."

Has it been hard to keep the girls motivated?

"Ah sure no, they've had the taste of success now and they know what it's like to lose so they want to keep winning now."

With the Munster semi-final pencilled down for next Saturday against Burgess Duharra will there be quiet celebrations tonight?

"The girls were long enough losing so they have to celebrate it to a degree but we'll meet again tomorrow night and have a recovery session and we'll kick on then to represent Cork next Saturday evening."



Leah Weste, Ballincollig and Louise O'Flynn, Milford in action in the county final.

Picture: Larry Cummins

## Story of the game

### PLAYER OF THE MATCH

DIFFICULT to pick one. The honour went to captain Elaine O'Riordan, who played an intelligent sweeper's role and went head first into every hard tackle.

### TURNING POINT

THE injury to Linda Dorgan was a defining moment, and also an additional four minutes, which saw Milford shoot 2-1 just before the break.

### SCORE OF THE MATCH

MARIA WATSON'S goal just before half time while Louise O'Flynn's wonderful second-half strike and some trademark beauties from Marie O'Neill were all impressive.

### REFEREE WATCH

IN A tough, hard game Cathal Egan kept the game flowing as best he could, played the advantage rule well and added to a great first half.

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Subs: C Hennigan for L Dorgan (inj 38), S Barry for C Ryan (57).

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).