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Offaly are through to the last eight in the National Junior League after they went on a scoring spree against Limerick at Lusmagh.

The first ten minutes of the game was competitive enough. From then on the winners stamped their authority on proceedings to run out winners on a score of 6-14 to 1-0.

Scorers: Offaly: Maggie Lynch 4-3, Audrey Hennessy 1-2, Michelle Davis 1-1, Edel Corcoran 0-4, Majella Bergin and Elaine Dermody 0-2 each.

Limerick: Deirdre Fitzpatrick 1-0

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath

All-Ireland Junior Champions Galway have finished their National Junior League campaign with full points after a convincing win over Clare at Whitegate. The winners now go into the quarter-finals where they are rated among the favourites.

Final score: Galway 3-13 Clare 0-2

Scorers: Galway: Aoife Lynskey 2-2, Eileen Earls 1-3, Coleen Crowe 0-5, Michelle Glynn 0-3.

Clare: Ann O'Brien and Emer Murphy 0-1 each.

Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary

National Junior League: Derry 1-5 Antrim 0-5

Scorers: Derry: Claire Mulholland 1-0, Martina Mulholland 0-2, Cathy Mulholland, Aideen Tohill and Aileen O'Kane 0-1 each.

Antrim: Ann McKee 0-3, Kerri O'Neill 0-2.

Referee: Majella Boyle, Fermanagh

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SEMI-FINALS

All-Ireland senior Colleges Champions, St Mary's Charleville easily disposed of St Patrick's Maghera, 2-14 to 0-1 in this senior semi-final played at Newtownshandrum. Eileen O'Brien was once again their scoring ace accounting for 2-9 of her sides total. Charleville, who are chasing their 4th All-Ireland senior title on the trot now meet Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy, in a repeat of last years final on April 19th.

Colaiste Bride accounted for Portumna Community College 2-9 to 1-6 at Belfield.

St Mary's Charleville scorers: Eileen O'Brien 2-9, Caoimhe Harrington 0-3, Niamh Bowles and Jordana Dolan 0-1 each.

St Patrick's, Maghera: Paula McAtamney 0-1.

Senior B Semi-Finals:

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

Scorers: Clonakilty: Geraldine Collins 1-6, M Maloney 2-1, E Folet 1-0, S O'Leary 0-1.

Ballymena: Mary Ellen McErlean 1-1, Fay O'Doherty 1-0 Kilcormack VS 6-5 Mercy, Roscommon 0-6

Scorers: Kilcormack: Edel Corcoran 2-5, Karen Nugent 3-0, Mary Lyons 1-0.



Susan Malone presents the Player of the Purcell Shield Award to Blaithe McIvor of St. Mary's Belfast



Vera Sheehan receives the Player of the Purcell Cup Award from Susan Malone, after her displays for Limerick IT

Mercy: Fiona Connell 0-4, Ann Marie Healy and Martha McNamera 0-1 each.

Junior B Semi-Final re-play: Loreto, Mullingar 1-4, St Cuan's Castleblayney 0-1.

On Sunday next the National senior league continues with three games down for decision. Armagh will host Antrim while league champions Cork have home venue against Clare, and Limerick travel to Wexford.

In the Junior grade Cavan cross swords with Armagh as curtain raiser to the senior event. Cork will show their hospitality to Waterford while Down travel to Derry.

The Annual Congress takes place this weekend in the Anner Hotel, Thurles. There are very few motions. Cork are proposing that for 1999 the fifteen a side series be for Inter-County matches only.

Connacht Council are tabling a motion that the 15 players aside continue for the year 2000.

Spirited Dubs take point off champs



MAIRE UÍ SCOLAI

DUBLIN, with a display that overflowed with spirit, held the All-Ireland finalists, Galway, in an entertaining National Senior League duel at Paire Naomh Uinsinn on Sunday, 1-8 each.

Dublin now have an excellent chance of progressing to the play-offs, following their earlier win against Armagh. Their next two games are away, in Down on April 18th and Antrim on April 25.

The Dubs, who worked their socks off, led for the entire second half until Galway's Collette Nevin pointed a late, late equaliser. Dublin were ahead at the break, 1-5 to 0-3, thanks to a goal from Louise Lynch.

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By NIAL SCULLY

The hosts had telling contributions from goalkeeper, Síle NicCoitir, a very secure defence, the mid-field duo of Louise O'Hara and Fiona Ni Chorcraín, and the guile of ace attacker, Louise Lynch.

SCORERS: Dublin: Lynch 1-4, O'Hara 0-2, F Ni Chorcraín, C Gray 0-1 each. Galway: Maher 1-5, B Daniels, V Curran, C Nevin 0-1 each. Dublin: Síle Coitir, A McCluskey, V Trehy, G Noonan, A Gray, D O'Leary, E Talbot, F Ni Chorcraín, L O'Hara, I Kirwan, E Branigan, D Smitty, L Lynch, C Gray, S Elliott.

Meanwhile, the annual Congress takes place in Thurles next weekend where Maire Uí Scolai will be seeking to become the first Dub-

lin person to secure the position of National PRO.

These are important times for the Camogie Association and much lively debate is promised on issues like the 15-a-side, the Development plan, and sponsorship.

With Louise Dale scoring 2-1, Loreto Crumlin recorded a hard-earned Dublin Colleges Senior A quarter-final victory over the holders, St. Mac Dara's CC, 3-5 to 2-6.

RESULTS

Sen B: Naomh Mearnóg 1-0; St. Vincent's 0-3. Inter: Cuola 2-2; Clonsilla 1-1. Jun A: Ballyboden St. Enda's 2-1; Margaret's/Ardle 0-0. St. Peregrine's 6-4; St. Jude's 0-1. Jun B: Raheny 6-1; St. Mark's 1-1. Na Fionna 2-1; St. Vincent's 0-0. U16: Raheny 4-0; Naomh Buid 2-1. U15: Naomh Mearnóg 8-0; St. Peregrine's 1-0. U14: Ballyboden St. Enda's 7-2; Naomh Fionnabara

National Congress for Tipperary

FOR the first time in the history of Cumann Camogíochta na nGael Congress will be hosted in the Premier County.

This is a great honour to all the people who give of their time to camogie in Tipperary and shows the growing influence of Tipperary in the world of camogie.

From Friday, March 26th delegates from every corner of Ireland and London will start to descend on the Anner Hotel, Thurles to commence Chomhdháil Bhliantúil which officially opens on Saturday morning March 27th. County Camogie Chairman Mr. Noel Hennessey will preside over the opening ceremony.

Present at the ceremony will be Phyllis Breslin, President of Camogie Association, members of Ard-Chomhairle, delegates plus special guests, Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Minister Michael Smith, Mr. Michael Lowry, T.D., Ms. Mae Quinn, Mr. Paul O'Neill, Chairman Tipperary G.A.A. Board, Mr. Tommy Barrett, Runai, Tipperary County board.

Mr. Noel Hennessey states that he is greatly honoured to be involved with such distinguished people and wishes to thank all who helped to make Congress in Tipperary possible. He especially mentions the tireless work and commitment of County Secretary Marion Graham, who carried the major work load and all sponsorship and donations to make Congress visit to Tipperary a memorable one.

Noel Hennessey hopes Congress will be a successful one and while many important items will be discussed, he hopes that the Tipperary motions on finance would be fully supported and form a progressive new chapter in camogie and once again

put Tipperary to the fore.

DOUBLE TRIUMPH FOR TIPPERARY

On Sunday last in a wind and rain swept Templederg Tipperary's Senior and Junior camogie teams had double wins over Clare in the National Leagues.

The Junior team commenced operations with a very one sided defeat of Clare. Coach and selectors, Sheila Delaney, Bernie O'Dowd and Marion Graham will not have learned a lot from this game, but must be pleased with the new members of their panel. Commitment was certainly not in question as Tipperary started in top gear from the throw in and the half time score was Tipperary 3-10 to Clare 0-0, proven this in the second half Tipperary eased the foot of the pedal, but still added a further 2-4 to Clare's 1-0 to bring the final score off Tipperary 5-14, Clare 1-0.

While Tipperary were never under pressure some fine performances were given by Norma Coffey, Noellette O'Dwyer, Louise Ryan, Alice Dean, Julia Delaney, backed up by a fine team performance.

Tipperary team: Louise Ryan, Jane Ryan, Philomena Fogarty, Noellette O'Dwyer, Meabh Corcoran, Mary Looby, Dearbhla Quigley, Alice Deane, Julia Delaney, Siobhan Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Norma Coffey, Orla Fleming, Joan Stakelum, Muireann O'Donoghue, Joanne Horgan, Angela McDermott, Sheena Howard.

The Senior's had a lot more to contend with the Clare Seniors who fielded a very strong physical team which best suited conditions. With a very strong wind at their backs, Clare put severe pressure on the Tipperary girls, but some fine defending by the Tipperary backs kept Tip-

perary in the game and limited Clare to a first half score of 1-5. The Tipperary forwards who saw very little of the ball in the first half made full use of what they got and notched up five great points to leave the score at the interval Clare 1-5, Tipperary 0-5, with Noelle Kennedy, Niamh Harkin, Helen Kiely and Eimear McDonnell getting their names on the score board.

In the second half Tipperary were slow to make use of the strong wind but in the 14th to the 20th minute all changed, Emily Hayden, Eimear McDonnell and Noelle Kennedy started to win some fine balls. Three long deliveries were batted down from the Clare goalie and were smashed to the back of the net by Tipperary full forward Cathriona Hennessey and indeed a hard shot from the same player a few minutes later was only partly saved and was drove to the net by a vigilant Helen Kiely. This allowed Tipperary to control the remainder of the game and while two goals were conceded Tipperary were never in trouble.

Tipperary's management team of Biddy Philips, Jim Madden and Timmy Moloney must be pleased with the progress of this team, with some fine performances by Clare Madden, Suzanne Kelly, Ciara Gaynor, Eimear McDonnell, Emily Hayden, Cathriona Hennessey and Noelle Kennedy.

Tipperary team: Maria Harkin, Una O'Dwyer, Clare Madden, Sinead Nealon, Suzanne Kelly, Ciara Gaynor, Angela McDermott (0-1), Meabh Stokes (0-1), Eimear McDonnell (0-1), Noelle Kennedy (0-4), Emily Hayden, Helen Kiely (1-1), Cathriona Hennessey (3-0), Niamh Harkin (0-1).



Catherine Corkery who captained the Cork minor camogie team to All-Ireland victory photographed at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Aghinagh G.A.A. Club.

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The draw for the Cork County Championships for 1999 were held at Peirc Uí Chaoimh last night.

Senior County Championship: (A) Cloughduv v Muskerry; (B) Newtownshandrum v Carbery; (C) Fr. O'Neill's v Seandun; (D) Glen Rovers v Inniscarra; (E) Carrigrohoun v Bishopscourt; (F) B v C; G. Barryroe v A; Semi Finals: E v D; G v F; **Senior 'B' Championship:** (A) Watergrasshill v St. Finbarr's; (B) Valley Rovers v Eire Og; (C) Aghabullogue v Courcey Rovers; (D) Brian Dillon's v A; E. Kilbrittain v Newcestown; Semi Finals: B v C; E v D; **Junior 'A' Championship:** (A) Millford v Ballinhassig; (B) St. Vincent's v Castlemagner; (C) Douglas v 'A'; (D) B v Sarsfields; (E) Ballygarvan v Killeagh; (F) Tracton v Glen Rovers; Semi Finals: F v E; C v D.

President reports on 'uplifting year'

CAMOGIE President, Phyllis Breslin, in addressing the annual Congress, stated that "1998 was a very eventful and uplifting year for the association."

Phyllis, from the St. Brigid's Club in Blanchardstown, included among her highlights, the live television coverage of the All-Ireland final for the first time, the appearance of the first camogie annual since 1976, and excellent publications from Cork's Mary Moran.

It was the first time the Congress took place in Tipperary, and much lively debate centred on the 15-a-side topic, which Dublin backed strongly.

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The Dublin delegation comprised of Pamela Howard, Aine Derham, Carmel Gray and Maire Uí Scoilá, who all contributed to the Congress in an impressive fashion.

Motions passed included the introduction of an Under-16 "B" All-Ireland Championship next year for weaker counties, and the increase from 12p to 14p-a-mile for inter-county referees.

In the election for National PRO, Westmeath's PJ Fulham retained his position, defeating Dublin's

Maire Uí Scoilá by 41 votes to 27.

Life Presidency was conferred on one of the game's great servants, Down's Sighe Ní an Ullaigh, 83, who was presented with a handsome copper book containing the camogie crest.

Next year's Congress will be held in Ulster. It's a rule change year, and the central issue to be decided will be the proposed introduction of the 15-a-side structure as opposed to the 12-a-side.

There will be no fixtures in Dublin next weekend due to Easter Sunday.

Yet, there should be some worthy action on the Mobhi Road

tonight when Na Flanna host Good Counsel in a highly-competitive Senior A contest (8.45).

Raheny maestro, Jimmy Keogh, guided his Raheny side to a sparkling Senior A victory over Thomas Davis last Sunday, 2-1 to 0-0.

Following last year's exploits in Senior B, Raheny have announced their presence on the big stage with a bang.

RESULTS

Sen A: Raheny 2-1; Thomas Davis 0-0; Sen B: Ballyboden St. Enda's 2-1; St. Mark's 0-0; Naomh Mairéad 2-1; St. Jude's 2-0; St. Vincent's 2-4; Kilmacud Crokes 0-3; Jun A: Ballyboden St. Enda's 5-1; Naomh Mairéad 1-1; St. Margaret's/Acra 2-3; Uíléigh 1-3.

Camogie president welcomes TV coverage

NATIONAL camogie president Phyllis Breslin, has welcomed RTE's live coverage of the All-Ireland finals.

Speaking at the annual congress in Tipperary she also spoke about sponsorship for the competitions and assured delegates that Ard-Chomhairle are in negotiations for the season ahead.

She also reported that in the company of the Ard Runai, she had travelled to Inverness in Scotland for the Shinty/Hurling tournament and negotiations were now underway for a similar competition in camogie.

In a comprehensive report to Congress, Ard Runai Sheila Wallace, reported on a busy year gone by. Her report invoked lively discussion on all aspects of activities, amongst which was one in relation to the Association's involvement within the National Sport Anti-Doping Programme. Central Council, having met with the Development Officer of An Chomhairle Spóirt, stressed the importance of the Association's support for an anti-doping policy.

Reports were discussed from all provincial councils with a

special welcome being extended to the delegates from London attending Congress for the first time.

Congress adjourned briefly to pay tribute to long-standing administrator, Sheila McNulty, from St. Peter's Camogie and GAA Club, Warrenpoint, Co. Down, who has given three-quarters of a century of service to camogie and on this, the 50th anniversary of her having held the position of National President, Congress conferred the honour of Life President on Sheila.

This was a unique honour conferred for the first time ever on a member of the Association to pay tribute to her long service.

Amongst the motions passed at Convention were the setting up of a Minor B Championship to be organised at provincial level. A motion from Connacht that a test series of 15-a-side be continued for the year 2000 was also carried.

There was one election at Congress, when outgoing PRO, P J Fulham from Offaly, held off the challenge of Maura Scully, Dublin, to retain his position.

Double delight for Cork seniors and juniors

Cork 0-12
Clare 1-3

CORK continued to top section two of the Senior Camogie National League when they recorded a fine victory over Clare at rain-swept Watergrasshill yesterday.

Linda Mellerick got the home side's opening score three minutes into the game and they settled quickly and proceeded to dictate matters for the open-

ing half with further points from Sinead O'Callaghan, Caoimhe Harrington, Mary O'Connor, Lyn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll (two apiece), to which Clare could only reply with one from Catherine O'Loughlin, to leave Cork in a comfortable 0-8 to 0-1 at the interval.

Twenty-two minutes into the game Lyn Dunlea, with three further points, had Cork ahead 0-11 to 0-1. Clare rallied with Catherine O'Loughlin convert-

ing a free in the 23rd minute, and the same player had a gem of a goal a minute later when she planted the ball past the butt of the upright from an acute angle.

Deirdre Murphy added a point but it was left to Lyn Dunlea's free to bring proceedings to a close.

Cork: Lyn Dunlea 0-6 (five from frees); F O'Driscoll 0-2 (from frees); S O'Callaghan, C Harrington, M O'Connor, L Mellerick 0-1 each.
Clare: C O'Loughlin 1-2 (two frees); D Murphy 0-1.

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as they overcome Clare and Waterford

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SENIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP — Quarter-final (at Tymon North: Loretto, Dublin 3-5 (L. Dale 2-1, E. Reid 1-1, L. Byrne 0-2, L. Cahill 0-1); St. Macdara's Community College, Templeogue 2-6 (A. Kelly 0-5, F. O'Friel, R. Brehony 1-0 each, S. Wayne 0-1).

JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP — First round (at Mobhi Rd: Blakesown CS 5-2, Scoil Chaitreona 0).

CORK: C. Keohane, E. Duggan, M. Finn, P. O'Connor, S. Dunlea, M. Burke, U. Troy, L. Mellerick, V. Harris, L. Dunlea, T. Doyle, S. O'Callaghan, M. O'Connor, C. Harrington, F. O'Driscoll.
CLARE: P. O'Brien, C. Duggan, S. McMahon, S. Daly, C. Halley, M. Collins, G. O'Grady, M. McMahon, N. Cummins, C. O'Loughlin, D. Murphy, E. Minogue, E. Archer, S. O'Brien, M. Twomey.

Cork 5-14
Waterford 0-0

THE Cork Juniors ensured completion of their programme top of the

league when they recorded a comprehensive victory over a depleted Waterford side, who could only manage to field 13 players at Ballynoe yesterday afternoon.

Stronger in all sectors, Cork opened with a Sinead Cahalane goal and led at the interval 4-5 to no score. With further scores, they won convincingly.

Cork: C. Harte 0-12 (six from frees, 2 from 45s); U. O'Donoghue 2-1, S. Cahalane 1-1, E. Harte and M. Corkery 1-0 each.

Courcey Rovers 3-3
Cloughduv 2-2

Courcey Rovers took the under 16A county championship title for the first time in the club's history when they had a fine victory over holders, Cloughduv, at Newcestown yesterday.

Trailing 1-2 to 0-2 at half time, two goals from inter-county player, Rachel Maloney, and one from Clare Murphy, gave the Ballinaspittle girls the title.

Courcey Rovers are camogie queens

COURCEY Rovers were crowned Cork County Under-16 Camogie champions when they defeated Cloughduv in the final played at Newcestown on Sunday morning last.

Cloughduv had the aid of the strong wind in the opening half and led at the interval by 1-2 to 0-2.

When Cloughduv had a

further goal early in the second-half things did not look good for Courceys but a Claire Murphy goal brought them right back into the game.

When their star player Rachel Moloney burst through for a goal 10 minutes from the end it put the South East side a point in front.

But their supporters had to endure some agonising moments in the time left before victory was assured.

Rachel Moloney had another goal with time almost up and Courceys were champions winning 3-3 to 2-2 scoreline.

Season tickets for all games under the jurisdiction of the South East Jun-

ior Board are now available.

These tickets, which represent great value, are now available with a husband and wife ticket priced at £30, an individual ticket for £20 and a Student/OAP ticket for £10.

As tickets are limited, early booking is very advisable.

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Junior A League semi-final: Ballygarvan 4-6, Watergrasshill 1-1. Pan Celtic Camogie Tournament, Senior A final: Bishopscourt (Cork) 2-2, Burgess (Tipperary) 0-3. Senior B final: Courcey Rovers (Cork) 2-5, St. Finbarrs (Cork) 1-3. Under 16 A final: Milford (Cork) 5-5, Kinvara (Galway) 0-3.

Cork should have too much strength in depth for Wexford

by Mary Newman

CORK Seniors travel to Ennis-corthy tomorrow in confident mood as they sit prettily on top of section two of the senior Camogie national league, following victories over Tipperary, Kilkenny and Clare.

However, they face the Wexford side desperately struggling to gain their opening points and so far they have lost out to Tipperary and Limerick.

A win would guarantee Cork a semi-final place irrespective of the result of their final game against Limerick.

Cork have adapted well to the 15-a-side and while the team is presently without the services of Denise Cronin, out through illness, newcomers Mary Burke, Paula O'Connor, Steph-

anie Dunlea and Caoimhe Harrington have fitted in exceptionally well.

Wexford have been finding the going hard so far at 15-a-side level, with many of their juniors playing senior for the first year, they are somewhat in a transition period.

Home venue may spur them on but on paper it will take a mighty effort to stop the champions taking full points. With the sides down to meet again on July 3 in the championship, Sunday's game should be an interesting one.

The curtain comes down on the County U18 championship this afternoon, when Aghabullogue and Newtownshandrum meet at Banteer.

This game has all the ingredients of a thriller. With reigning

champions Aghabullogue fielding no less than 10 of the side that won the title last season, they will be hoping to hold off the challenge of a strong Newtownshandrum team. Since returning from Limerick to play in competitions under the auspices of the Cork County Board, Newtownshandrum have proven to be a great asset to the county, with several of their players having made it to the intercounty teams.

Several of tomorrow's side are pupils or past pupils of the very successful St. Mary's Charleville who have enjoyed tremendous success at College's level. Players of the calibre of Cork senior Caoimhe Harrington, Niamh Bowles and Kim Hickey will prove handful for Aghabullogue.

Aghabullogue are kingpins again

AGHABULLOGUE made it back to back U-18 Cork County Camogie Championship titles when in a tough fought encounter they defeated a fancied Newtownshandrum side 4-1 to 1-4 at Rathpeacon yesterday.

Scores for Aghabullogue: S. Buckley 2-0, L. Murphy 1-1, M. Noonan 1-1. Newtownshandrum: T. O'Callaghan 1-0, C. Harrington 0-1 (0-1 free), A. Kelleher, N. Bowles 0-1 each.

AGHABULLOGUE: S. Crowley, M. Twomey, A. Ennaguess, T. Murphy, S. Buckley, D. Twomey, L. Ronan, J. Twomey, M.B. Ennaguess, M. Noonan, S. Buckley, L. Murphy.

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: O. Browne, C. Manton, S. O'Regan, C. Giltinan, S. Reidy, H. Curtin, N. Bowles, A. Kelleher, T. O'Callaghan, B. Keane, C. Harrington, U. Harrington. Sub: S. Herlihy for H. Curtin.

Referee: P. Downey (Inisicarral).
Result: U-18 B League SF: Milford 0-5, Eire Og 0-4.

Cork net seven goals in demolishing Wexford's challenge

Cork 7-15
Wexford 1-3

A TOP CLASS performance from a superb Cork side saw them totally outclass and out-score Wexford in their Senior Camogie National League game at Bellfield GAA Grounds Ennis-corthy yesterday.

In a game which was played in continuous rain Cork's Linda Mellerick had the game's opening score two minutes into the contest with a well-taken point.

Three minutes later Rosemary Breen levelled for Wexford. However this was to be their only score of the first half as they were swamped by a wave of Cork scores.

Leading 1-4 to 0-1 the winners got the opening goal ten minutes into the game when the unmarked Fiona O'Driscoll, operating at full forward, finished to the net following a superb move from Caoimhe Harrington.

With the Cork defence and centre field in total control it ensured a plentiful supply to

the inside forwards and by the 15th minute further goals from Lynn Dunlea and O'Driscoll had stretched the Leesiders lead and now popping over points with ease, they led 4-12 to 0-1 at the interval.

Cork's Lynn Dunlea scored a fourth goal a minute from half time.

Wexford did have a goal one minute into the second half when Esme Murphy evaded the Cork defence and flicked tight to the net.

However it mattered little as Cork were in total control and

continued to dominate as much as in the opening half. With further goals from O'Driscoll, Miriam Deasy and substitute Una O'Donoghue they ran out convincing winners and irrespective of the result of their last game versus Limerick they can look forward to a semi final spot as they continue the defence of their title.

Scores: Cork: F O'Driscoll 3-3, L. Dunlea 1-6 (0-3 frees), M O'Connor, U O'Donoghue, M Deasy 1-1, S O'Callaghan 0-2, L Mellerick 0-1. Wexford: E Murphy 1-0, K Kelly, R Breen, O Rankin 0-1.

CORK: C. Keohane, M. Burke, E. Duggan, M.

Finn, S. Dunlea, P. O'Connor, V. Harris; L. Mellerick, U. Troy, M. O'Connor, C. Harrington, S. O'Callaghan; L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll, M. Deasy. Subs: I. O'Donoghue for C. Harrington, L. O'Sullivan for L. Dunlea, S. Hayes for U. Troy.

WEXFORD: L. Byrne, H. Jacob, E. Carroll, E. Roche, M. Stafford, S. Carr, N. Lambert, E. Guigley, R. Breen, K. Kelly, O. Rankin, E. O'Connor, M. Murphy, M. Kelly, E. Murphy. Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

● The U18 Championship final which did not take place on Saturday due to weather conditions will now take place between Newtownshandrum and Aghabullogue today at Rathpeacon GAA Grounds at 12 noon.

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By P.J. FULHAM

St Mary's Charleville dethroned the champions Seamount Kinvara, Galway in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final played at Mary Immaculate College. It was a lively encounter played in excellent conditions. The first half was very keenly contested and at the break St Mary's led by 0-5 to 0-3. Goals by Emer O'Friel and Una O'Halloran in the second half put St. Mary's on the path to victory.

Final score:
St. Mary's Charleville2-8
Seamount Kinvara0-6
Scorers: St. Mary's: Niamh Bowles 0-5, Emer O'Friel 1-1, Una O'Halloran 1-0, Marie Watson and Alison White 0-1 each.
Seamount: Pamela Hobbins 0-4, Orla Curtin 0-2

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis secured the first ever All-Ireland Colleges Junior 'B' title when they defeated a gallant Loreto, Mullingar side at Ballinasloe. Colaiste Mhuire were much the stronger side and dictated matters throughout.

Final score:
Colaiste Mhuire2-10
Loreto, Mullingar1-2
Scorers: Colaiste Mhuire: Denise Lynch and Marie O'Halloran 0-4 each, Aoife Keenan and Aisling Kelleher 1-0 each, Sharon O'Loughlin 0-2.
Loreto: Aileen Martin 1-0, Patricia Smith 0-2
Referee: Noeleen Cormican, Galway

Galway, All-Ireland senior championship finalists of last season were lucky to share the spoils with Dublin in a National senior league tie at St Vincents Park.

Dublin showed great determination and took the game to their opponents from the start. A Louise Lynch goal gave them a cushion of 1-5 to 0-3 at the break. Galway piled on the pressure in the final half and despite a goal by Therese Maher the home side kept their nose in front until almost on the final whistle Galway's Brenda Daniels fired over the equaliser.



Antrim camogie star Ann McKee

Final score:
Galway1-8
Dublin1-8
Scorers: Galway: Therese Maher 1-5, Brenda Daniels, Veronica Curtin and Colette Nevin 0-1 each.
Dublin: Louise Lynch 1-4, Irene Kirwan 0-2, Carmel Gray and Fiona Ni Chorcaraín 0-1 each.
Referee: John Pender, Kildare

National Senior League:
Down3-8
Antrim1-5
Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-5, Claire McGrath 1-1, Edel Mason and Cathy Mulholland 0-1 each.
Antrim: Ann McKee 0-4, Carla Doherty 1-1

National Senior League:
Tipperary4-9
Clare3-6

National Junior League:
Tipperary5-14
Clare1-0
Scorers: Tipperary: Norma Coffey 2-5, Joan Staklen 1-4, Orla Flemming 1-1, Joanna Ryan 1-0, Siobhan Ryan and Alice Deane 0-2 each.
Clare: Kay Walshe 1-0

The Leinster Minor 'B' Championship is underway and were the first underage Inter County matches to be played 15 players aside on the full size GAA pitch.

Results:
Wicklow4-2
Meath2-6
Scorers: Wicklow: Karen Furlong 2-0, Lyndsey Walsh and Ann Marie Doran 1-0 each, Michelle Birmingham 0-2.
Meath: Sara Jane Mulvaney and Alison Morgan 1-1 each, Elizabeth 0-3, Gillian Foley 0-1.

Laois5-6
Kildare2-2
Scorers: Laois: Ciara O'Loughlin 4-0, Lisa Clancy 1-0, Louise Maloney 0-3, Denise Quigley 0-2, Anita Dooley 0-1.
Kildare: Regina O'Gorman and Pauleen Callaghan 1-1 each.

Westmeath2-6
Offaly1-2
Scorers: Westmeath: Aisling Conaty 2-0, Pamela Greville 0-4, Roberta Harris and Clodagh O'Neill 0-1 each.
Offaly: Jeanette Feighrey 1-0, Sophia Moyles 0-2.

Unbeaten Dubs stroll into Junior League 'quarters'



BILLY'S belles enjoyed a Stradone stroll as they progressed to the quarter-final of the National Junior League last Sunday afternoon, beating Cavan 4-7 to 1-5.

Dublin had too much experience and craft for a game Cavan side who trailed 1-5 to 1-2 at half time. Dublin now have a 100 per cent record from their four matches, which also included wins against Monaghan, Armagh and Kildare.

Mentors, Billy Maloney and Gerry Quinn, have assembled a very useful team, reviving memories of when the Dubs won the National Junior League in 1987. Ballyboden's Eimear Ring scored Dublin's opening goal, followed by two goals from her club-mate, Sile Nic Coitir, who proved a treasured substitution.

Good Counsel's Orla Connolly struck the other Dublin goal as the visitors dominated the second period, establishing their authority all over the park.

CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

Dublin, due to the Bank Holiday weekend, were far from full strength, but they found a real star in Shauna Keogh of Good Counsel, who made her debut at this level when introduced in the second half.

Na Fianna's Tara Duane also impressed, while the talented Sinead Elliott, who was booked, scored three fine points from play.

SCORERS: Dublin: S Nic Coitir 2-0, O Connolly, E Ring 1-0 each, S Elliott 0-3, I Kirwan (2), E Branigan 0-2 each, Cavan: R Mulligan 1-0, M Brady 0-2, E Brennan, M Prior, J Harris 0-1 each.
Dublin: L Ryan, C Murphy, R Keane, G Flynn, S Byrne, E Mulcahy, A McCloskey, E Talbot, P Malcolmon, I Kirwan, E Branigan, S Elliott, E Ring, O Connolly, R Kelly, Subs: S Nic Coitir for Kelly, S Keogh for Malcolmon, T Duane for Ring.

Meanwhile the annual Pan Celtic Tournament takes place in Tralee next weekend, with Good Counsel and Erin's Isle hoping to

go one better than last year's splendid achievement by St. Vincent's in reaching the Senior "A" final.

In the U-16 event, the capital's representatives are Counsel and Naomh Mearnog. On the Saturday alone, some 75 matches will take place in various venues throughout Tralee.

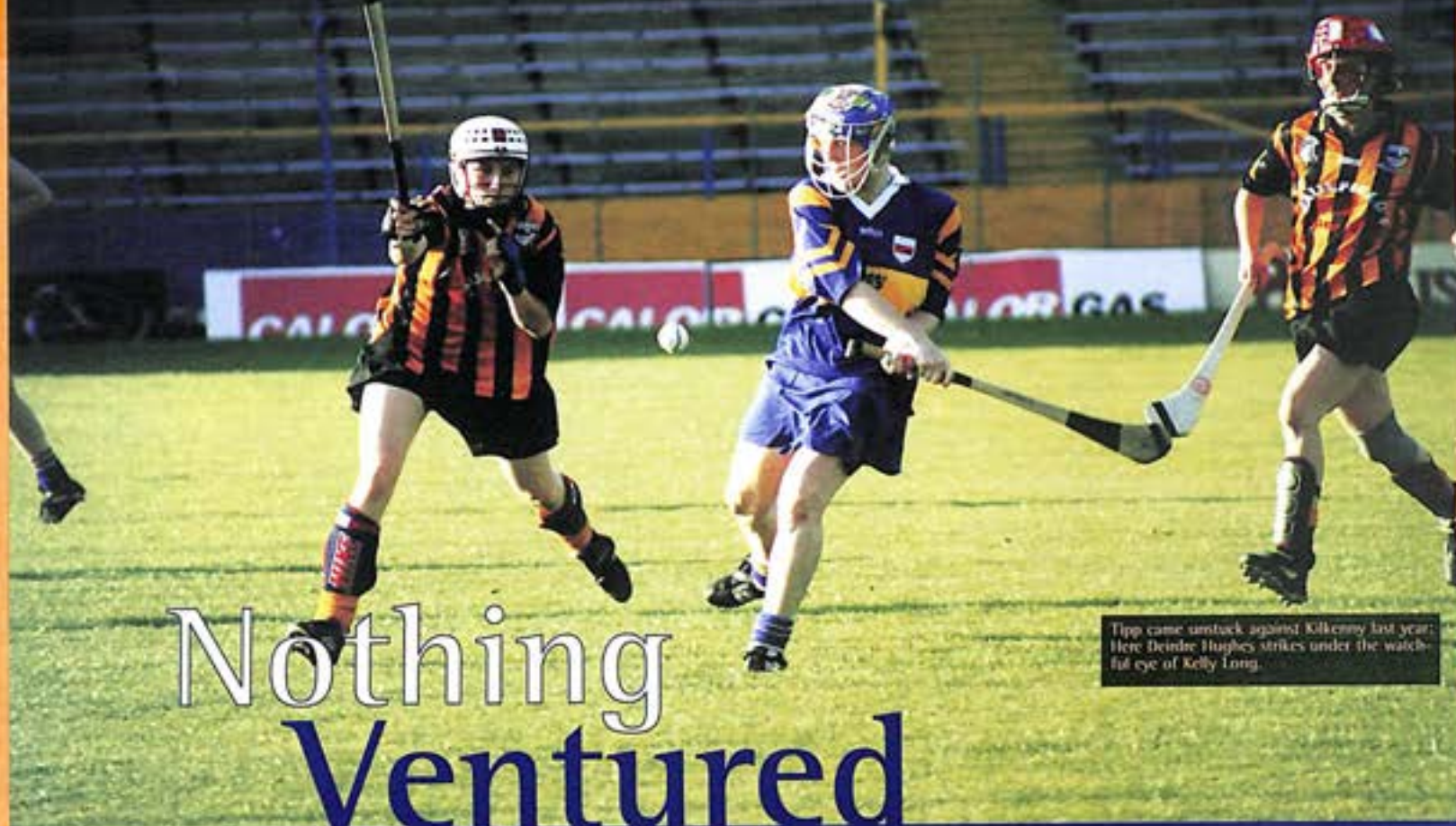
FIXTURES

TONIGHT (6.45): Sen A: Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v Celtic, Pearse Park: Crumlin v Ballyboden St. Enda's, Fingles: Erin's Isle v Thomas Davis, St. Anne's: Raheny v Na Fianna.

THURSDAY (6.45): Jun A: Kiltippen: Thomas Davis v St. Jude's, Jun B: Liffey Park: Liffey Gaels v Commercial, Fingles: Erin's Isle v St. Vincent's, John Paul Park: N. Flanbarra v St. Mark's, Griffin Park: Lucan Swiftfields v O'Dwyer's, St. Anne's Park: Raheny v Na Fianna.

SUNDAY: Sen B (11.0): Cherryfield: Ballyboden St. Enda's v St. Anne's, Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v St. Vincent's, Silver Park: Kilmacud Crokes v St. Jude's, Portmarnock: N. Mearnog v Skerries Harps, Palmerstown: N. Padraig v O'Toole's, Jun A (11.0): Navan Road: Plunkett's v Crumlin, Cherryfield: Ballyboden St. Enda's v Thomas Davis, Liffey Park: Liffey Gaels v St. Peregrine's, St. Margaret's: St. Margaret's v St. Jude's.

Not only is camogie on the way up - so too is Tipperary according to Ciara Gaynor. Therese O'Callaghan meets a woman with a famous name and a hunger for success.



Nothing Ventured

Tipperary came unstuck against Kilkenny last year. Here Deirdre Hughes strikes under the watchful eye of Kelly Long.

THIS girl's name is long associated with sport, even long before she was born. So, it was inevitable that Ciara Gaynor would follow in her father's footsteps, and readily admits to having played camogie for as long as she can remember - starting against her dad at home in the front yard. In her second season with the Tipperary Senior team, she lined out at centre-back in their opening League encounter this year, a position that now demands the No. 6 jersey. She claims "it is great that camogie has come up to 15-a-side. Everything about it is a positive move now that we are playing on a full size pitch. It also means that venues should be easier found for games". The Kilruane McDonagh's club player feels that acquiring venues has been a major problem for the Association, and the knock-on effect has been the lack of support when matches have had to be played at out-of-the-way locations.

"It's always hard heading back to the muck and hard slog of winter training, especially when you are always put up alongside my good friend Meabh Stokes. I don't know if Biddy does it to make me go faster or for me to slow her down!!" the witty sentiments of a girl, who on a more serious note says she will be disappointed if Tipperary do not take an All Ireland Senior Title within the next year or two.

I purposely ask about refereeing having

recently witnessed Ciara very annoyed over decisions made at a game that she was attending. She laughs, but doesn't take the bait. "Refereeing is the toughest job in camogie. They definitely have improved over the last few years, but I feel in the interest of the game it is imperative that neutral referees be appointed at all times."

But on reflection she remains affirmative that not alone is our national game on the way up - so too are Tipperary. "We came very close to the final last year and I feel with a little bit of luck we could have been serious contenders for the O'Duffy Cup. Unfortunately things didn't work out, and the absence of Deirdre Hughes was a great loss on the day. Also the team was deprived of Suzanne Kelly who had been out too through injury for much of the season". The match in question was the All Ireland Senior semi-final which saw Galway go through by the skin of their teeth, and left a bewildered munster side licking their wounds.

The year 1999 sees the Blue and Gold drawn against Clare in the first round of the Championship, and the pivotal defender believes that the winners of this game will have a great say in Croke Park come September. In the modern era, Tipperary has never won a Senior National League not to

mention an All Ireland Senior Championship. Their Junior side did contest last year's All Ireland Final, and with the County's recent success at Minor level healthy competition is expected between the girls for inclusion on the first team. Ciara too has been successful at Colleges, Minor and Intermediate level, actually so too have most of her inter-county team mates. The next step is automatically an All Ireland Senior Title - will this be the year that Tipperary proves themselves?

By Easter, Ciara expects to be out on Phase 2 of her Garda training and "could end up anywhere". Not an issue, except when it comes to travelling home two/three nights a week to continue her loyalty to her native county. "Something should be done to make it easier for the girls" says the young Garda recruit. And be assured players all over the country will find themselves in similar situations as the season progresses. Many girls train with the 'opposition', but in doing so are missing out in the great camaraderie that is nurtured from the early stages of a panel of players working together for the same goal. The team that play together stay together!

Ciara Gaynor has come a long way from playing with her father in the front yard of her house, but one thing hasn't changed - she has yet to get the better of the renowned Len Gaynor!!

Camogie title for Courceys

Courcey Rovers won their first senior 'B' camogie title at the International Pann Celtic Festival camogie competition over last week-end. Playing in their second season at this grade they had victories over Limerick and Galway teams to make it to the semi-final played at the Tralee sports complex pitch. The semi-final, played late on Saturday evening was a very evenly fought match against Killeady, Co. Limerick. Playing against the wind in the first half, Courcey Rovers were down one point. Top scorer Rachel Moloney scored two of the first half points from play while Killeady scored a goal and a point in this half. With the wind in the second half Courcey Rovers came into their own as the mid-fielders and forwards worked as a team resulting in some brilliant scoring from Rachel Moloney. Aine O'Regan worked really hard as did Rosemarie Moloney and the centre back Sarah Hayes. Carol Hannon and Cora Murphy defended well throughout. Claire Murphy crossed some great ball across the square while Samantha Quinn did likewise on the other side. Mairead O'Donoghue and Therese Moloney played very well too. The final was played in Austin Stacks Park, Tralee on Sunday afternoon. Courcey Rovers' opponents were St. Finbarr's of Cork. This was a tough game with Courcey Rovers playing against the wind in the first half. Within three minutes of play Rachel Moloney scored for Courcey Rovers while the back line were under some pressure early on in the game resulting in a goal being scored. The back line tightened up after this though we saw some excellent defending by Carol Hannon, Sinead O'Regan, Jennifer Murphy and Sarah Hayes. Sarah's strength in the half back line took Courcey Rovers out of danger on many occasions. The last five minutes of this half was very reflective of the never-say-die attitude of this Courcey Rovers side who gave it everything. We saw some positive work in defence by Carol Hannon, Cora Murphy and Marion O'Donovan. This resulted in a ball being sent to the forwards where Mary Murphy, incidentally playing most of the time in the back line, scored a brilliant goal giving Courcey Rovers the lead 1-4 to 1-1. Goalie Joanne Hayes had a great save in the opening minutes of the second half. We soon saw Claire Murphy doing one of her solo runs forward, score a great point from play. This was soon followed by another point from play by Rachel. Noelle Collins scored the second goal of this game for Courcey Rovers. Mary Murphy scored the final point of the second half. While St. Finbarr's scored two points in this half they threatened to make a comeback even late on in the second half but luckily for Courcey Rovers they had a good lead. Final score was Courcey Rovers 2-8, St. Finbarr's 1-3. The winning Courcey Rovers team and panel who received a beautiful presentation of medals and tournament trophy were led by captain Carol Hannon. Her team mates were Joanne Hayes, Mary Murphy, Sinead O'Regan, Cora Murphy, Sarah Hayes, Jennifer Murphy, Rosemarie Moloney, Marion O'Donovan, Claire Murphy, Mairead O'Donoghue, Noelle Collins, Rachel Moloney, Aine O'Regan, Samantha Quinn, Olivia Murphy, Claire Murphy, Michelle Kiely, Noreen Quinn, Therese Moloney. The total complement entered in the senior 'B' section was as follows: Killeady, Limerick; Ballingassig, Cork; Salthill, Galway; Crotta O'Neills, Kerry; Castlegar, Galway; Ballyagran, Limerick; Ruan, Clare; Bruff, Limerick; Athenry, Galway; St. Finbarr's, Cork; Tullamore, Offaly and Courcey Rovers, Cork.

PLAYER AWARD

Congratulations to Aine O'Regan who was awarded the 'Player of the Final' in Tralee. Her award was presented to her following the game by John O'Sullivan of the Munster Bar, Tralee, sponsor of the award. Aine was joined by her team mates and mentors as she proudly accepted this well deserved award. Captain Carol Hannon thanked trainer Raymond Moloney as well as team selectors for all their hard work. Special thanks was given to the club officers for putting all the

effort into organising the trip. Perhaps the running of the Pan Celtic festival of camogie may help the game's promotion in the county. Mary Power, chief co-ordinator of the competition tells us she is looking for more ideas for the Millennium as Tralee are once again hosting the event next year. It was a great bonus to win out the competition, having entered it for the first time. The week-end was enjoyed by all the players. Hopefully this will augur better things to come for Courcey Rovers who will play championship in May.

MARCH 1999

Bord na Gaeilge

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil was held in Anner Hotel, Thurles on March 27th and 28th. Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael acknowledged the unique contribution of Sighle McNulty to the Association in a very meaningful way by declaring her Honourary Life Uachtarán of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael. This was a very appropriate occasion on which to honour Sighle as it was the fiftieth anniversary of her election as Uachtarán. Sighle Nic an Ultaigh first took office in 1925 as Rúnaí of her club, the Betsy Gray Club, Warrenpoint, An Dún. She went on to become Cathaoirleach of Coiste an Dúin, represented her county at Comhairle Uladh, became Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Uladh in 1947, has been a member of Ardchomhairle and has attended An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil on an almost continuous basis since that time.

During 1948, Sighle was instrumental in reuniting the Association in the aftermath of some difficulties, was elected Uachtarán in 1949 and, when her three year term was completed in 1952 An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil re-elected her for an additional year, thus extending the stipulated three year term. She was elected as Ard Rúnaí in 1953, a position to which she was re-elected until 1975 when she decided to step down from office.

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil of that year approved the establishment of sub-committees at Ardchomhairle level and subsequently, Sighle was appointed to the Finance (now Management) Committee and as Cathaoirleach of the Administration Committee. She had, prior to this, been appointed as Cathaoirleach of Comhairle na mBunscoileanna on its establishment in 1974. Sighle, in her capacity as Trustee of the Association for several years, continues to be a member of Ardchomhairle and of the Management Committee. Whatever position she had held or holds, Sighle's contribution to the Association has been and is on inestimable value.

Sighle has been a member of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as well as of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael almost all of her life and has already attended in excess of two hundred hurling, football and camogie senior finals as well as the Congress of both Associations on a continuous basis for more than sixty years. She is a member of the St. Peter's, Warrenpoint, football and camogie club in Warrenpoint and is the author of the Down GAA History "O'Shiol go Bláth."

This came as a complete surprise to Sighle. Many tributes were made to her after which a beautiful Memento was presented by An t-Uachtarán Fileas Ni Bhreaslain.



Sighle Nic an Ultaigh is declared Uachtarán lena saol of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael by Uachtarán Fileas Ni Bhreaslain



Seated: Sighle Nic an Ultaigh (Life Uachtarán) and Fileas Ni Bhreaslain (Uachtarán). Standing: Seosaimhin Nic Uallabrich and Sile de Bhaillies (Ard Rúnaí)

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

On Saturday next the All-Ireland Senior A and Senior B Colleges finals take place. In Senior B Sacred Heart, Clonakilty take on Kilcormac Vocational School. The All-Ireland B Championship was introduced for the first time this season. It has proved to be successful and brought new schools into the limelight. Sacred Heart, Clonakilty won the Munster Senior B Championship by defeating Borrisokane Community, Presentation/Patrician Fethard, St. Josephs, Tulla and St. Mary's, Macroom. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Clonakilty overcame St. Louis, Ballymena by 4-8 to 2-1. The Sacred Heart side contains a number of girls who have played for Cork: Geraldine Casey played in goal for them in the All-Ireland Intermediate final against Down last September; Rosarii Holland, Jennifer O'Leary and Adelle Foley all won All-Ireland minor medals in 1998 while Ger Collins won a Munster intermediate medal.

Kilcormac Vocational School was established in 1971. They participated in Vocational Schools competitions for many years winning both Leinster junior and senior titles. They played in the All-Ireland Colleges Sevens last year when they had some very skilful players on view.

They were held to a draw in the Leinster Colleges Senior B final this year by St. Brigid's, Callan but made no mistake in the replay when they had an impressive 4-11 to 2-7 win. They were at home to Mercy, Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final and brushed aside the Roscommon challenge, scoring 6-5 to the visitors 0-6.

Elaine Dermody, Nollaig Mahon, Elaine Gleeson, Karen Nugent and Michelle Corcoran are their best players. This is a very good side and will pose huge problems for Clonakilty.

Sacred Heart, Clonakilty: Geraldine Casey, Mary Sheehy, Anne-Marie Fleming, Karen McCarthy, Rosarii Holland, Eimear O'Donovan, Isla Dineen, Adelle Foley, Geraldine Collins (Capt), Jennifer O'Leary, Helen Keohane and Marie Moloney.

Kilcormac: Elaine Gleeson (Capt), Michelle Murphy, Sinead Colgan, Nollaig Mahon, Lisa Nugent, Elaine Dermody, Michelle Corcoran, Marie Craven, Edel Corcoran, Emer Carroll, Karen Nugent and Mary Lyons.

Senior A: Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy v St. Mary's Charleville. In the Senior A final, Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy play St. Mary's, Charleville in what is a repeat of last season's decider when Charleville won by 1-11 to 1-4. Both teams have lost six players since then. Sinead O'Callaghan and Laura Leslie are two big names missing from the Charleville side, whereas Colaiste Bride are without Michelle O'Leary and Rosemary Breen, both of whom have played senior for Wexford.

Enniscorthy believe that they field a strong side this year. In Helena Jacobs, Bernie Holohan, Claire O'Connor, Elaine Holohan and Jenny Codd they have quality players. They defeated Ballyhale Vocational School 0-6 to 0-1 in the Leinster final and were at home to Portumna College in the All-Ireland semi-final when they had six points to spare at the finish, 2-9 to

1-6.

St. Mary's Charleville have not lost a Colleges Senior Championship match since the 1995 All-Ireland final. Dairde Sheehan, Vera Sheehan and Sinead O'Callaghan have lead the North Cork school to All-Ireland glory in the meantime.

As always, St. Mary's put a skilful and well prepared team on the field. In goal, young Aoife Sheehan, the reigning All-Ireland Feile Skills champion, is quick and agile. The backline of Noelle O'Riordan, Kathryn Leslie, Caroline Giltinane and Caragh Manton is very effective. St. Mary's have only conceded one goal in four championship outings.

Cork senior and captain of the school team, Caoimhe Harrington, All-Ireland minor medalist, Niamh Bowles and Sarah Reidy should win their share of ball in midfield.

Eileen O'Brien, winner of *The Examiner/Aer Lingus* Youth Sports Award, is a match winner in the attack. Aine Kelleher has come on a lot since last year and can play effectively in several positions. On the subs bench Charleville have several of the players who won All-Ireland Colleges junior medals a few weeks ago (Alison White, Eimear O'Friel, Christina O'Gorman, Siobhan Lenihan and Marie Watson).

St. Mary's have won the All-Ireland Colleges senior and junior titles on a number of occasions but up to now have not been able to claim both titles in the same season. Will this be their year?

Enniscorthy: Ursula Jacob, Helena Jacob, Sandra Murphy, Bernie Holohan, Niamh O'Connor, Patricia Breen, Claire O'Connor, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Codd, Elaine Holohan, Gretta Heffernan and Angeline Westcott.

St. Mary's: Aoife Sheehan, Noelle O'Riordan, Kathryn Leslie, Caroline Giltinane, Caragh Manton, Sarah Reidy, Caoimhe Harrington (Capt), Niamh Bowles, Jordana Dolan, Eileen O'Brien, Lisa Moloney and Aine Kelleher.

Fixtures

All-Ireland Colleges Finals

Saturday April 17th at McDonagh Park, Nenagh

Senior B - Sacred Heart, Clonakilty v Kilcormac v 2pm

Senior A - Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy v St. Mary's, Charleville 3.15pm



Charleville captain
Caoimhe Harrington



Sacred Heart captain
Geraldine Collins

St Mary's hot on the trail of a double at Nenagh

by Brendan Larkin

ST MARY'S CONVENT, Charleville will be hot on the trail of an elusive double when they play Colaiste Bríd (Enniscorthy) in the All-Ireland colleges' senior camogie championship final at Nenagh tomorrow.

Already winners of this year's junior title, the North Cork girls will start favourites to retain their senior crown in a final which is a repeat of last year.

Three St Mary's players, Niamh Bowles, Aoife Sheehan and Aine Kelleher are chasing their second All-Ireland medal having been on the junior team.

This is the North Cork convent's fifth appearance in-a-row in the senior final and it is all down to the excellent work by clubs in the convent's area, said joint coach Vincent Harrington.

"Clubs like Milford and Newtownshandrum in Cork, Brurea and Granagh-Ballingarry in Limerick, are all strongholds of camogie and we benefit enormously from that.

"Because of our success over the years, parents tend to send their children to our school, particularly those families with a

Colaiste Bríd will be desperately keen to make amends for last year's defeat

GAA background. "While we put a huge emphasis on Camogie in the convent, Basketball is also played and we have enjoyed some success on that front also," he said.

Tomorrow's final is a repeat of last year which the Cork girls won after a marvellous contest at The Ragg. Both schools will include six players from that final, and it promises to be another cracking contest.

St Mary's have never won the double before although they have been in both finals in the one year, on a number of occasions.

"Prior to this year both All-Ireland finals were played together, which in our case, meant two games for a number of players.

"We either won the junior or the senior under those circum-

stances, but this year is the first year they have been separated and we are now in with a great chance of creating a bit of history by becoming the first school to complete the double," added Harrington.

On their way to tomorrow's final, St Mary's defeated Coachford College, Shannon Comprehensive and St Mary's (Nenagh) to retain their Munster title, and then went on to beat Ulster champions Maghera in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Over in the Model County, there is huge activity on the colleges' front this weekend with four schools involved in All-Ireland finals, Good Counsel (senior "A" football), Bunclody (senior "B" football), Enniscorthy CBS (senior "B" hurling) and Colaiste Bríd (senior "A" camogie).

Colaiste Bríd will be desperately keen to make amends for last year's final defeat at the hands of the Cork girls, but team coach Elva Moriarty is well aware of the experience and tradition of St Mary's.

"Camogie is at all time high in Cork with the County teams enjoying phenomenal success. That



Vincent Harrington: success down to clubs.

success has filtered right down to the schools and there is nothing like winning.

"We have lost a number of our stars of last year but we will have a very good side that, if we get stuck in right from the start, could upset the champions.

"This is only our second time in the final and it would be a marvellous achievement if we were to win the title," she said.

Colaiste Bríd will look to Helena Jacob, daughter of the great Mick, who starred with the Wexford seniors in the 1970s, Claire O'Connor, the Houlihan twins Elaine and Bernie, Sarah Russell, Fiona Murphy and the Carley sisters, Bridget and Sarah, to see them through. However, it will take a huge effort to dethrone the champions.

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Colaiste Bríde look for revenge against Charleville

Colaiste Bríde will be all out for a spot of revenge on Saturday when they travel to re-enact last year's All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final against four in-a-row chasers St. Mary's of Charleville, at Nenagh, county Tipperary.

The Cork outfit came back from quickly falling behind to an early Jennifer Codd goal and a point from Elaine Holohan in their last meeting to break Enniscorthy hearts with a 1-11 to 1-4 win.

This season Colaiste Bríde admirably put that disappointment behind them to qualify with some assurance for what is only their second-ever All-Ireland final.

Coach Elva Moriarty beams with delight when noting that five of last year's starting line-up remain while enthusing that new additions complete a team capable of bringing the

big prize back to Wexford for the first-time since FCJ Buncloody annexed same in 1993.

The survivors include in defence Helena Jacob (Oulart The Ballagh), Sandra Murphy of Monageer-Boolavogue, and Rathnure's Bernie Holohan and captain Claire O'Connor, all of whom come with good CVs.

Jennifer Codd (Duffry Rovers) and Bernie Holohan's twin Elaine should also benefit from last year's experience.

Certainly this season those players have helped spearhead Colaiste Bríde's determined push for outright glory.

"We have some very young players as well as some more mature ones, and some of those have already played in an All-Ireland Club final," the coach enthuses.

"It would be nice to get the start we got last year. It's unlikely, but I still believe our girls have what it takes.

"They are a lot fitter this year and without doubt the team is better balanced than last year's," Elva adds.

"I can definitely say that we are 100% more determined to make-up for last year's disappointment, something I hope they will have learned from."

Moriarty is confident that if Colaiste Bríde repeat their

performance of last month's 1-9 to 1-6 semi-final win over Portumna Community School of Galway that their place on the All-Ireland roll of honour should be confirmed.

"However, we did have a number of wides that day and that's something that we must try to move from our game.

"But once our girls settle they can express themselves. We have a very strong set of backs and it is very important that they keep the Charleville forwards fairly quiet."

Colaiste Bríde's budding champions sacrificed their Easter Holiday to train on six occasions over that period.

John Codd of Duffry Rovers lent his time to

preparations. "He helped out with skills and tactics," Elva explains.

"On Saturday we had a final practice match against the county junior and senior teams, and afterwards the girls took it easy.

"Tom Dempsey has talked to the girls before most of their games, telling them how to get motivated and prepare and he will be chatting with them again on Thursday.

"We are taking it easy this week," the coach says, before being pressed for a prediction: "It will be very close; I can see only a couple of points in it at the end.

"I just hope that a new name will be inscribed on the Cup after Saturday."



Elaine Holohan has been a consistently outstanding forward for club, county and school and will spearhead Colaiste Bríde's quest for a first-ever All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship title in Saturday's final clash with holders, St. Mary's of Charleville, at Nenagh, county Tipperary. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

Scene is set for thriller as Charleville take on Enniscorthy in camogie showdown

keeper Elaine Gleeson and on their form to date could pose huge problems for the Clon side. However in saying that, the incentive to put their names on the cup in the inaugural year of the competition could be just the incentive the Cork side need.

Offaly travel to Cork to contest the quarter-final of the junior national league and having reached the quarter-final stages for the last three years, they will be hoping to go a step further than in previous years.

In their campaign to date, the Offaly girls only suffered one defeat at the hands of Galway. And having taken the scalp of All-Ireland junior runners-up Tipperary, they will be confident of upsetting a Cork side who came through their section unbeaten, recording victories over Carlow, Wexford, Kilkenny and Waterford.

Having come so close last year, losing the National League final to Down, Cork are anxious to make amends.

For three of the Offaly panel, it's a busy weekend. Nollaig Mahon, Michelle and Edel Corcoran will line out with the Kilcorran Vocational School in the post primary B All-Ireland championship final today as will Cork goalkeeper Ger Casey, who lines out in opposition to them with the Clonakilty side.

Carra clubs and with Rosalie Holand, Jennifer O'Leary and Edel Foley having won All-Ireland minor medals with Cork in 1998 and goalie Ger Casey being a member of the county intermediate side, this Sacred Heart side is a very experienced one. They are coached by Liam Nash and are captained by junior inter-county player Ger Collins. However, they will face a tough task against Kilcorran Vocational School who have run up huge scorelines in their outings to date. In their semi-final outing they brushed aside the challenge of Mercy Roscommon on an impressive 6-5 to 0-6 scoreline. They are captained by their goal-

keeper St. Mary's will be anxious to make it a double. In recent years Presentation Athenry and Loughrea have been the only school sides to have done it but such is St. Mary's skill and determination that by Saturday evening another name could be added to that roll of honour.

Sacred Heart Clonakilty having won the Munster B championship defeating Borrisokane Community College, Patrician Fethard, St. Joseph's Tulla and St. Mary's Macroom went on to overcome St. Louis Ballymena in the All-Ireland semi-final. The side is made up of players who play their club camogie with the Barryroe, Kilbrittain and Innish-

ship game since 1995 and they are the only school other than St. Rachel's Loughrea to have taken three-in-a-row of All-Ireland College's titles. They are a very experienced side, with All-Ireland Feile na nGael skill champion Aoife Sheehan in goal. Their back line of Catherine Leslie, Caroline Giltenan, Noelle O'Riordan and Cara Manton has only conceded one goal in four championship outings.

Cork senior Caoimhe Harrington captains the side and will line out at centre field where she will be partnered by All-Ireland minor medalist Niamh Bowles and Sarah Reidy.

Having already taken the jun-

GRANAGH

CARDS

There were two winning pairs with 9 games who shared £200 - Mrs Nellie Murphy and Mrs K. Cagney, Rachel Houlihan and Sean Blake. Table prizes of £16 were won by Bridie Roche and Donie Culhane, Maureen O'Shea and Denis O'Keeffe, Mrs Dowling and Paddy Lyons. Raffle winners: £50 Eileen Daffy, £30 Michael Murphy, £10 each to Martha Neville, Nell Culhane, John O'Brien and Mike O'Dwyer.

CAMOGIE

Results
Granagh/Ballingarry...2-20
Ahane...0-1
Granagh/Ballingarry had a comprehensive victory over Ahane in Ahane last Friday evening. The girls were more experienced and outclassed a determined Ahane team. Edwina Boyle and Amy Mulcahy made their championship debut and accounted very well for themselves. All the girls put in 100% and every girl played her part. Team lined out as follows: Eileen O'Brien, Joanne Treacy, Catherine Leslie, Patsy McKenna, Edwina Boyle, Bernice O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Kay Burke (captain), Bernice Chawke, Deirdre Sheehan 2-7, Caroline O'Connor, Vera Sheehan 0-7, Breda O'Brien 0-4, Sile Treacy, Mairead Tuohy 0-2. Subs used: Amy McCarthy and Aoife Sheehan.

Under 12
Granagh/Ballingarry...4-0
Croagh/Kilfinny...1-0
Granagh/Ballingarry continued on their winning ways last Thursday night when they defeated Croagh in the second game. Croagh got off to a great start when they scored first, but then Granagh/Ballingarry got into their stride and ran out worthy winners on a scoreline of Granagh/Ballingarry 4-0, Croagh/Kilfinny 1-0.

All the scores came from the stickwork of the talented Fiona Morrissey but she was ably assisted by Lisa Kelly, Fiona Chawke, Emma Kelly and Elaine Potter. Team lined out as follows: Mairead Caulfield, Emma Kelly, Ann Marie O'Keeffe, Elaine Potter, Fiona Chawke, Lisa Kelly, Michelle McCarthy, Rosie Costello, Muireann O'Connor, Siobhan Kennedy, Fiona Morrissey, Niamh Chawke. Subs used: Aina Smith, Grace Lynch and Val O'Dea.

Under 14
Granagh/Ballingarry...5-1
Galbally...0-0
Granagh/Ballingarry, County Champions 98, started their campaign with a win last Sunday evening in Galbally. This was a very wet and windy evening, terrible conditions to play in but the girls in black and white coped admirably. Granagh/Ballingarry opened their account with two quick goals by ten year old Fiona Morrissey to leave the half time score Granagh/Ballingarry 2-0 to Galbally 0-0.

In the second half, Granagh/Ballingarry played extremely well and more scores came from Carol Hickey with 2 splendid goals and then Christine O'Shea scored 1-1 in the space of five minutes. All the girls played well especially Fiona Geary, Joanne Clifford, Carol Hickey, Christine O'Shea, Fiona Morrissey, Fiona Chawke and Karen Potter.

Team lined out as follows: Rosie Costelloe, Caroline Geary, Fiona Hickey, Leona Boyle, Fiona Chawke, Joanne Clifford, Fiona Geary, Carol Hickey, Sarah Cagney, Lisa Kelly, Hazel Lenihan, Christine O'Shea, Elaine Potter, Karen Potter and Fiona Morrissey. Subs used: Eibhlín O'Dea, Ann Marie O'Keeffe and Michelle McCarthy.

Best Of Luck

The Club would like to wish the best of luck to St. Marys Charleville Senior Camogie team who play Enniscorthy of Wexford in the All Ireland Senior Camogie College Final which is on in Nenagh on Saturday next April 18th. Time not yet known.

The club has five players on the panel namely Aoife Sheehan, Catherine Leslie, Eileen O'Brien, Sandra O'Halloran and Catherine O'Connell. St. Marys are going for the double as their junior counterparts won the All Ireland a few weeks previous, so best of luck girls and to the rest of the team and

LIMERICK COUNTY CAMOGIE BOARD

CATWALK COOL FOR COUNTY CAMOGIE

This Wednesday is the night of the Board's Fashion Show. It is on in the Dunraven Arms. Tickets are available through your local camogie club or at the door. They are £5 each. A great night is guaranteed, and we hope to see you there dressed to the nines.

Post Primary Schools All Ireland Senior Championship Final
St. Marys, Charleville v Brigidines, Enniscorthy
This is on in Nenagh on Saturday next, 3p.m. Eileen O'Brien (Granagh/Ballingarry), Examiner National Junior Player of '99 is a key member of the St Marys team which is drawn from the Camogie Clubs of Granagh/Ballingarry, Ballyagran, Milford and Newtownshandrum. With St. Marys, the Alma Mater to many of Limerick's top players there will be big support from the County for the Cork school.

League Round 3
Limerick v Kilkenny
The cats are at M.I.C.E. on Sunday at 2.30p.m. and if form and tradition are anything to go by the girls in green will be well tested.

Last time out, two weeks ago, we were taken to the cleaners by Tipperary. We could be in for another lung bursting difficult sixty minutes.

Inter. Co Under 16 Munster A Championship Semi Final
Limerick v Cork
Kilmallock, Friday 23rd is a must for Limerick Camogie followers as the spirited and enthusiastic County Minors

take on their Cork counterparts. The rebels are supreme hurling artists, skilled from the cradle and Limerick will have to play exceptionally well to come out on top. However they played with great heart against Tipperary and they will not be easily beaten.

Pan Celtic 99

This was played at the weekend in Tralee. Killeedy, Bruff and Ballyagran (Senior B), Newcastlewest and Adare (Under 16 B) took part. Bruff, Ballyagran and Adare did not survive the preliminaries. Killeedy were defeated 1-1 to 1-7 by eventual winners Courcy Rovers, Ballinspittle in the semi final while Newcastlewest reached the Under 16 B Final, losing 0-1 to 2-0 to Good Counsel from Dublin. Great matches, rough weather, a very enjoyable Saturday and Sunday

Results

Co. Senior Championship Cup Round 2 - Granagh/Ballingarry 3-20, Ahane 0-1; Ballyagran 4-12, Newcastlewest 0-2; Killeedy 2-5, Croagh/Kilfinny 0-1.
Under 14 A Round - Granagh/Ballingarry 5-1, Galbally 0-0.
Under 12 - Desmond Gaels, Adare 0-0, Kilmallock 18-0;

Feenagh/Kilmeedy 5-1, Na Piarasigh 4-0; Blackrock 13-0, Knockaderry 1-0; Granagh/Ballingarry 4-0, Croagh/Kilfinny 1-0; Black Abbey, Adare 3-0; Crecora 1-0.

Fixtures

Senior Championship Round 3 - Friday April 16th at 7.00pm.
- Granagh/Ballingarry v Newcastlewest; Ballyagran v Ahane; Bruff v Croagh.
First named team has venue. Visitors supply the ref.
Junior League Round 3 - Friday April 16th at 7.00pm.
Galbally v Adare; Feenagh/Kilmeedy v Mungret; Patrickswell v Milford; Murroe/Boher v Bruff.
First named team has venue. Visitors supply the ref.
Under 14 A Co. League.
Under 12 Co. League Round 2 - Thursday April 15th at 7.00pm.
- Kilmallock v Blackrock; Feenagh/Kilmeedy v Murroe/Boher; Ballyagran v Desmond Gaels, Adare; Na Piarasigh v Knockaderry; Abbey Sarsfields v Newcastlewest; Granagh/Ballingarry v Black Abbey, Adare; Patrickswell v St. Patrick's; Croagh/Kilfinny v Killeedy.
First named team has venue. Visitors supply the ref.

MILFORD

Juvenile Fixture
Thursday April 15th - U/14
Hurling League, Fermoy v Milford tonight in Doneraile at 6.45pm.

CAMOGIE

Pan Celtic Festival
Milford U/16A Camogie team travelled to Tralee last Saturday for the Pan Celtic Festival. This festival consisted of a full week of social and sporting activities. On Saturday camogie teams from all over the country met at different pitches around Tralee and matches were run off in a blitz form. Milford's first match was against Wolfe Tones of Shannon and Milford won on a scoreline of 6-7 to 1-1. The next match was against Templemore of Tipperary. This was a very close match but Milford came out winners by 3 points - the final score was 1-4 to 1-1 in favour of Milford.

In the other section Kinvara from Galway were successful, so it was Milford v Kinvara for the final on Sunday. A good convoy of cars with players and supporter left Milford on Sunday morning for Austin Stacks G.A.A. Park in Tralee where the final was timed for 12.45pm. Kinvara had nine of their team which lost to St. Mary's Convent in Charleville in the Junior Colleges final in March, so we knew we had to be at our best if we were to be successful. Deirdre O'Reilly, our captain, won the toss and decided to play with the strong wind.

The team settled quickly - Deirdre Hayes and Deirdre O'Reilly at centre field supplied plenty of ball to the forwards. The six forwards Eimear O'Friel, Regina Curtin, Maria and Emer Watson, Imelda Sexton and Julia Hickey had 5 goals and 5 points struck over in the first half.

In the second half it was down to the backs and goalie to take the blunt of the Kinvara attack. Elizabeth Lenihan was superb

in goals and kept a clean sheet. The back line of Elaine Savage, Sharon Lenihan, Selena O'Regan, Kathy Brosnan, Christina O'Gorman and Aoife Dillon were brilliant and just conceded 3 points.

The subs used were Niamh Curtin, Christina Kirwin, Elaine O'Riordan, Aileen Healy and the remainder of the panel were Patricia O'Riordan, Anna Geary and Lisa Healy. The final score was Milford 5-5 to Kinvara's 0-3. After the match and amidst great scenes of jubilation, Deirdre O'Reilly was presented with the winning trophy and medals were presented to the players. A special thank you to all our supporters and drivers who travelled to Tralee at the weekend.

Fixtures

Milford U/16's went through to the 1998 League Final when they beat Eire Og in a very closely contested match in Ovens on Good Friday. They now meet Douglas in the final on May 5th.

Victory Social

Our victory social on Easter Sunday was a great success, Mary Newman McCarthy P.R.O. for the Cork Camogie Board presented the County medals to the Junior and U/16 teams.

We would like to thank her for making the long trip to Milford. Thank you also to all those who gave spot prizes, and to Mike and Ita O'Mahony for the use of their Lounge.

Best Of Luck

The best of luck to St. Mary's Senior Camogie team, Charleville, who play the All Ireland Senior Colleges final in Nenagh next Saturday at 3.15pm against Enniscorthy. As St. Mary's have already won the All Ireland Junior final, it would be a great achievement for the school, Mr Vincent Harrington and Miss Anne Maria O'Keeffe to bring off the "Double". The best of luck to the team and our local girls who are on the panel.

All-Ireland Colleges Finals

Kilcormac Vocational School will enter the annals of Offaly camogie history when they take the field on Saturday next in the All-Ireland Senior B Colleges final against Cork school, Sacred Heart of Clonakilty. Kilcormac were certainly impressive in the semi-final against Mercy School, Roscommon and equally so in the Leinster Vocational Schools final against Ballyhale. The panel of players have been together over a number of years and have thus worked well as a team. They are not without skill and indeed many of them have represented their county not only at underage level but already have made the breakthrough to Junior level and will represent their county in the National League quarter-finals on the following day. Under the guidance of Joe Tully and Honour Kinsella they achieved much success particularly having regard to the relatively small pool of players available to the school compared to most schools participating in Colleges camogie.

The venue for the match is Nenagh and the throw-in by Tipperary referee Biddy Philips is timed for 2 p.m.

All Offaly camogie followers are urged to come along and support them. They are wished every success by the Camogie Board

Cork girls are off on the All-Ireland trail

Charleville and Clon schools take the stage

TWO Co Cork schools will be bidding for All-Ireland camogie glory in Nenagh tomorrow, when the colleges' season comes to a close.

St. Mary's, Charleville, are hell bent on retaining their "A" title, when they renew rivalry with St. Brid's, Enniscorthy, in a repeat of last season's decider.

This season a "B" competition was introduced for the first time and Sacred Heart Clonakilty managed to reach the final against Leinster side Kilcormac VS.

The "A" final has all the makings of a classic with the Wexford side believing they have a stronger side than last year, when they lost on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-4.

They can call on senior inter-county player Helen Jacob to lead their quest for a first title with Claire O'Connor, Jenny Codd and Bernie Holohan providing strong back-up.

But St. Brid's will have it all to do as the back room team of Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe have prepared St. Mary's well yet again.

The North Cork girls haven't lost a senior championship game since 1995 and will look to Aoife Sheehan, Noelle O'Riordan, Katherine Lesley, Caroline Giltinane and Cara Menton to shore up the defence.

The ace in the pack is Eileen O'Brien, a match winner in attack, as St. Mary's bid to complete the senior-junior double



Eileen O'Brien, in action against Colaiste Brid's Claire O'Connor, is the ace in St Mary's pack.

By ECHO REPORTER

The Clonakilty girls won the Munster title by beating Borrisokane CS, Presentation/Patrician, Fethard, St. Joseph's, Tulla, and St. Mary's Macroom. In the All-Ireland semi-final they defeated Ballymena's St.

Louis by 4-8 to 2-1.

The side is made up of players from Barryroe, Kilbrittain and Inniscarra clubs.

St. Mary's, Charleville - A. Sheehan, N. O'Riordan, K. Lesley, C. Giltinane, C. Manton, S. Reidy, C. Harrington, N. Bowles, J. Dolan, E. O'Brien, L. Maloney, A. Kelleher, A. White, E. O'Friel, C. O'Gorman, S. Line-

han, M. Watson.

Sacred Heart Clonakilty - G. Casey, M. Sheehy, AM Fleming, K. McCarthy, R. Holland, E. O'Donovan, I. Dineen, A. Foley, G. Collins, J. O'Leary, H. Keohane, M. Maloney, E. McCarthy, F. Collins, V. Hennessy, E. Harrington, F. Keohane, L. O'Flynn, R. O'Donovan, E. Collins.

DO YOU KNOW . . .

- That Geraldine Casey, who plays in goal for Sacred Heart, Clonakilty today, has represented her country at hockey.
- That Maria Watson of St. Mary's Charleville is a daughter of Anne Sheehy who won all All-Ireland Junior Championship medal with Limerick and All-Ireland Club Championship with Croagh-Kilfinny.
- That Sharon O'Loughlin, who captained Colaiste Muire to win the inaugural All-Ireland Junior B Championship a few weeks ago, is a sister of Ger "The Sparrow" O'Loughlin, holder of All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals with Clare.
- That sisters Ursula and Helena Jacob of Colaiste Bride are daughters of Mick Jacobs who won an All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal with Wexford in 1968 and was honoured with All-Star Awards on three occasions.
- That Helen and Fiona Keohane of Sacred Heart, Clonakilty are sisters of Cora Keohane, the Cork Senior Goalkeeper.
- That St. Mary's Charleville players Siobhan Lenihan and Ciara O'Shea have won All-Ireland medals in Athletics and have worn the Irish Singlet.
- That Claire and Niamh O'Connor of Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy are daughters of former Wexford hurler, Teddy O'Connor.
- That Liam Nash, coach of Sacred Heart, Clonakilty is the well known broadcaster of gaelic games and racing expert.
- That Mary Lyons of Kilcormac Vocational School is a grand-daughter of Peter Lyons who captained Offaly in the 1926 and 1928 Leinster Finals. His inter-county career spanned from 1915 to 1937.
- That Kilcormac Captain, Elaine Gleeson won the All-Ireland Poc Fada at the Community Games.
- That Colaiste Bride have two sets of twins on their panel - Bernie and Elaine Holohan, Sarah and Brigid Carley.

All-Ireland Colleges Sevens

1987 St. Marys, Charleville	4-0 to 1-4	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1988 St. Marys, Charleville	3-6 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1989 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	6-10 to 1-5	St. Patricks, Keady
1990 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	1-4 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1991 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-6 to 0-3	St. Brigids, Callan
1992 St. Marys, Nenagh	5-5 to 3-0	Scariff Community College
1993 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-1	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1994 St. Marys, Charleville	12-8 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1995 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1996 St. Marys, Charleville	5-4 to 0-2	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1997 St. Marys, Charleville	7-5 to 1-3	St. Patricks, Cork
1998 St. Marys, Charleville	3-8 to 2-7	St. Marys, Nenagh

1999 All-Ireland Colleges Championships

Senior B Semi-finals:

Kilcormac Vocational School	6-5	Mercy, Roscommon	0-6
Sacred Heart, Clonakilty	4-8	St. Louis, Ballymena	2-1

Senior A Semi-finals:

Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy	2-9	Portumna Community	1-6
St. Marys, Charleville	2-14	St. Patricks, Maghera	0-1

Today's Referees

AINÉ DERHAM is a most experienced referee. She has been in charge of All-Ireland Finals at every level.

Anne has served on the National Referees Committee and is Dublin's representative on Leinster Council.

BIDDY PHILLIPS has refereed All-Ireland Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Finals. She is always very willing to help out at Colleges level.

A member of Thurles Sarsfields Club, she is Treasurer of the Tipperary Co. Board and Coach to the Tipperary Senior Team.

APRIL 1999

Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna sa Chamógaíocht



McDonagh Park
Nenagh

17 Aibreán 1999

Sóisear: 2.00 p.m.

Sinsear: 3.15 p.m.

Máire Ní Shéáin

Rúnaí

Luach 50p

TEACHTAIREACHT ÓN UACHTARÁN

Is breá ar fad liom é fíor-chaoín fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taitheamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Imreoirí den chéad scoth a bheidh ar an bpáirc, agus táimid ag tnúth le sár-chluichí idir Coláiste Bríde Enniscorthy agus St. Mary's Charleville and Kilcormac Vocational School and Clonakilty.

The Senior 'A' Final will see a repeat of the 1998 final in which St. Mary's Charleville took their third successive title at the expense of Colaiste Bríde Enniscorthy. No doubt Colaiste Bríde will be endeavouring to make amends and put their names in the annals of history by taking their first Senior title. In this, the 31st year of All-Ireland Colleges Championships, it is appropriate that it is marked with the introduction of a 'B' competition at both Senior and Junior levels. This has already generated huge interest where the Junior honours were taken last month by Colaiste Mhuire Ennis. My congratulations to them and the Junior 'A' winners Charleville.

Today we have Kilcormac Vocational School and Sacred Heart Clonakilty contesting for the honour of taking the first title in the Senior 'B' competition and judging by the performances in the semi-finals this game should display the best in camogie skills.

Without the support of teachers and management of schools the game could not develop and I wish to acknowledge the time and effort given by many to the promotion of our game.

I would like to record our appreciation of the assistance received from Nenagh GAA club and Marion Graham, secretary of the Tipperary Camogie Board in facilitating the finals here today. My thanks to fellow officers for their assistance during the year and may I extend special words of praise to Mary Moran on her publication "A resounding Success - Thirty Years of All-Ireland Colleges Camogie".

Gabhaim buíochas freisin leis na réiteoirí Biddy Phillips agus Aine Derham.

Miriam Uí Cheallacháin
Uachtarán

CLÁR AN LAE

SINSEAR B

2.00 p.m.

SACRED HEART, CLONAKILTY

(Scoil An Chroí Naofa, Cloich na Coillte)

V

KILCORMAC VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

(An Ceard Scoil, Cill Chormaic)

Réiteoir: BIDDY PHILLIPS, Tipperary

SINSEAR A

3.15 p.m.

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

(Scoil Naomh Muire, Ráth Luirc)

V

COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

(Inis Córthaidh)

Réiteoir: ÁINE DERHAM, Dublin

TODAY'S FINALISTS

KILCORMAC VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

This is Kilcormac's first appearance in an All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Final. The school itself was established in 1971 and St. Virgilius was active in organising Camogie for the girls. Much success was achieved in local school competitions and many of their past pupils contributed greatly to Offaly teams over the years.

Kilcormac's big breakthrough came in 1996 when they won Leinster titles at both Senior and Junior level in the Vocational Schools Competitions with extremely young teams. They are the first team from Offaly to win a Colleges Grade A Leinster title when their 7 aside team proved successful in 1998. With only 170 girls on roll and no transition year, Kilcormac opted for the B grade this season. They earned their Leinster title by defeating St. Brigid's, Callan in a replayed final and progressed to overcome Mercy, Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final. Kilcormac are indebted for much of their success to their local clubs, Druncullen, Kinnitty and Kilcormac/Killoughey, their Principal, Mr John Keane and their trainers, Honor Kinsella and Joe Tully.

SACRED HEART SECONDARY SCHOOL, CLONAKILTY

Sacred Heart, Clonakilty lies in football country. It is significant that there is no member of the panel from the town. The School's emergence as a power in Colleges Camogie is strongly linked to the success of the Barryroe Club who won the Cork Senior B Championship in 1998.

Sacred Heart tasted success for the first time at Munster level in 1998. They won the Munster Intermediate Championship and League. They were promoted to the Senior B grade this season and have been doing very well. They overcame St. Mary's, Macroom in the Munster decider and St. Louis, Ballymena in the All-Ireland semi-final. They are coached by well-known G.A.A. broadcaster Liam Nash. Their most noted past pupil from a camogie point of view is Cora Keohane, the present Cork Senior goalkeeper.

COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

The school has an impressive record since the game was introduced in the Sixties by St. Mary Critchley. The school won the Purcell Cup in Croke Park in 1971. Senior success was achieved in 1972 when Coláiste Bríde defeated old rivals Mountmellick in the Leinster Final. However, they were defeated by St. Louis, Kilkeel in the All-Ireland semi-final. They retained their Leinster crown but failed in the penultimate match in the following season.

Coláiste Bríde contested last year's All-Ireland Post Primary School Senior Final against the same opposition as today. They led in the early stages and put up an excellent performance. The feeling is that today's side is a stronger one and confidence is high that they can realise their dream of lifting Corn Sceilge.

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

St. Mary's make their 7th successive appearance at All-Ireland Colleges Finals Day. They have a very impressive record since Camogie was introduced to the school in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles, St. Mary's have won 32 Munster Colleges titles.

St. Mary's have 16 All-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. In 1986 they collected their first All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship title and retained their crown in 1987. They won the title again in 1994 and 1995 and picked up their fifth Junior title a month ago. They have enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland Sevens claiming the title on eight occasions. This year, St. Mary's are going for their fourth All-Ireland Senior title in a row. Much of the credit for their success going to the dedication and coaching ability of Vincent Harrington and Ann-Marie O'Keefe.

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SENIOR A SCOIL NAOMH MUIRE, RATHLUIRC ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE Navy and Blue

(1) Aoife Sheehan A. Ni Shiocháin		
(2) Noelle O'Riordan N. Ni Riordáin		
(3) Kathryn Leslie C. Ni Lisigh	(4) Caroline Giltenane C. Ni Ghiollasheandáin	(5) Caragh Manton C. Ni Mhantáin
(6) Sarah Reidy S. Ni Riada	(7) Caoimhe Harrington (Captain) C. Nic Arrachtáin	(8) Niamh Bowles N. Ni Bhaoill
(9) Jordana Dolan J. Ni Dholáin	(10) Eileen O'Brien E. Ni Bhriáin	(11) Lisa Moloney L. Ni Mhaolchatha
(12) Aine Kelleher A. Ni Cheileachair		
Subs: 13 Alison White 19 Marie Watson		
14 Siobhan Lenihan 20 Sandra O'Halloran		
15 Gemma Ronayne 21 Claire Browne		
16 Eimear O'Friel 22 Denise O'Connor		
17 Christina O'Gorman 23 Aoife Dillon		
18 Keara O'Shea 24 Catherine O'Connell		

SENIOR COLÁISTE BRÍDE ENNISCORTHY

(1) Ursula Jacob U. Iacób		
(2) Helena Jacob H. Iacób		
(3) Sandra Murphy S. Ni Mhúrchú	(4) Bernie Holohan B. Ni Uallacháin	(5) Niamh O'Connor N. Ni Chonchubháir
(6) Caoimhe Fitzpatrick C. Nic Giolla Phádraig	(7) Claire O'Connor (Captain) C. Ni Chonchubháir	(8) Patricia Breen P. Ni Bhraoin
(9) Jennifer Codd J. Ni Chóid	(10) Elaine Holohan E. Ni Uallacháin	(11) Gretta Heffernan G. Ni Iffernáin
(12) Angeline Westnott A. Ni Westnott		
Subs: 13 Patricia Quigley 19 Grace Kelly		
14 Laura Murphy 20 Sarah Carley		
15 Aisling Moran 21 Fiona Murphy		
16 Brigid Carley 22 Breda Bolger		
17 Carol Redmond 23 Sharon Farrington		
18 Catherine O'Loughlin 24 Sarah Russell		
25 Elaine Morris		

Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Aoife Sheehan (Granagh) Played in goal on this year's Junior winning team. Is Current All-Ireland Feile Skills champion and is sister of Vera and Deirdre who captained the seniors of 1996 and 1997.

Kathryn Leslie (Granagh) A tenacious defender who won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal in 1998. played full back on Junior team of last year.

Noelle O'Riordan (Milford) Captained her Club to win All-Ireland Community Games in 1996. Played in last year's 7 aside winning team.

Caragh Manton (Newtown) A very reliable defender. Played corner back on last year's winning Senior team.

Caroline Giltenane (Newtown) A very good defender. Played with Cork Intermediate team of 1998 which contested the All-Ireland Final. Won All-Ireland Colleges Senior medal in 1998.

Sarah Reidy (Newtown) Plays centre-field with both club and school. Played on 7 aside team of 1997.

Caoimhe Harrington (Newtown) Captains the team today. Has won every Colleges medal. Has 2 Junior, 3 Sevens and 3 Senior All-Irelands. Won All-Ireland Senior with Cork in 1998.

Niamh Bowles (Newtown) Played in midfield on this year's Junior team. In 1998 won All-Ireland Senior and Sevens with School and All-Ireland Minor with Cork.

Lisa Moloney (Ballyagran) Played in goal in 1996 and 1997. Holds 2 Junior, 1 Sevens and 3 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals.

Aine Kelleher (Newtown) Played centre back on this year's winning Junior team. In 1998, she won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork.

Eileen O'Brien (Granagh) One of the top forwards in the country. Holds 14 All-Ireland camogie medals. Honoured with Examiner National Youth Award in 1999.

Jordana Dolan (Ballyagran) A very good forward who scored a crucial goal in last year's All-Ireland Colleges final against the same opposition.

Alison White (Ballyagran) A versatile player who captained this year's winning Junior team.

Siobhan Lenihan (Milford) Holds All-Ireland camogie Sevens and Athletic medals.

Gemma Ronayne (Ballyagran) Played centreback on Junior team defeated by Holy Rosary in 1997.

Emer O'Friel (Milford) Has All-Ireland Colleges Junior and Community Games medals.

Christina O'Gorman (Milford) Won All-Ireland Colleges Junior and Community Games medals.

Clara O'Shea (Granagh) Won All-Ireland Feile na nGael and All-Ireland Colleges Junior medals.

Maria Watson (Milford) Left forward on winning Junior team. Holds Community Games medals.

Sandra O'Halloran (Granagh) Holds All-Ireland Feile Div 2 medal. Played in 1997 Junior final.

Claire Browne (Newtown) A very good forward who won Munster Colleges Junior in 1998.

Marie Cullinane (Ballyagran) Plays in attack. Was corner forward in All-Ireland Junior of 1997.

Aoife Dillon (Milford) Played on winning Junior team and holds Community Games medals.

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Ursula Jacob (Oulart/Ballagh) Sister of full-back, Helena, she is the youngest member of the side. Holds All-Ireland Feile. U12, U14 and U16 club medals and has represented Wexford at U14 level.

Helena Jacob (Oulart/Ballagh) is an excellent full-back who plays on Wexford Junior and Senior panels. Holds 2 Leinster U14, 2 Leinster Senior Colleges and Minor Colleges Football medals.

Sandra Murphy (Monageer/Boolavogue) was a member of last year's panel. Has Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor and Wexford League and Championship medals at Junior and Underage levels.

Bernie Holohan (Rathnure) has won an All-Ireland Club Championship, Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Wexford and Leinster underage medals. She is a very stylish defender.

Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure) is a younger sister of the captain. She was a panel member in 1998. Has All-Ireland Feile runners-up, Leinster U14 and numerous underage medals with her club.

Patricia Breen (Monageer/Boolavogue) This is her second All-Ireland Colleges Final. She has numerous county underage titles and Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor medals.

Claire O'Connor (Captain) (Rathnure) has won All-Ireland Club Championship and Minor medals. She is a talented player who figures on both Wexford Senior and Junior sides.

Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown) is a skilful player who has 2 Leinster medals, county Intermediate League and Leinster Colleges medals.

Jennifer Codd (Duffry Rovers) is playing in her second All-Ireland Colleges Senior Final. She has Leinster Colleges Senior and Minor, Schools' Skills Award and Leinster U14, U16 and U18 medals.

Elaine Holohan (Rathnure) is twin-sister of Bernie. She is winner of All-Ireland Club Championship, Wexford and Leinster Championship and Leinster Colleges Senior and Junior medals.

Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate/Glenbrien) has numerous medals including Leinster Colleges Rackard League 1997 and Wexford Championship medals 1997 and 1998.

Angeline Westnott (Rathnure) captained Wexford's U16 team in Leinster Final. She has Leinster U14 Championship, Leinster Schools and numerous underage medals.

Patricia Quigley (Oylegate/Glenbrien) holds 2 Leinster Colleges Senior, Rackard League and U14B Championship medals.

Laura Murphy (Rathnure) has All-Ireland Feile runners-up and underage Championship medals.

Aisling Moran (Duffry Rovers) has U12, U14 and U16 Championship medals with her club.

Brigid Carley (Rapparees) holds 2 Wexford U14, 2 Junior and Feile runners-up medals.

Sarah Carley (Rapparees) Twin sister of Brigid and holds the same collection of medals.

Grace Kelly (Oylegate/Glenbrien) has Wexford Intermediate, 2 Leinster Coll and Co. football medals.

Breda Bolger (Oulart/Ballagh) holds 2 Leinster Colleges Senior, U16 League & U14 Champ. medals.

Fiona Murphy (Monageer/Boolavogue) has 2 Leinster Colleges Senior and 1 Minor medals.

Carol Redmond (Rapparees) has 2 Wexford U14, 2 Junior and Feile runners-up medals.

Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer) has U14 Wexford and Leinster Colleges Senior medals.

Sharon Farrington (Monageer/Boolavogue) has U14, U16, I.N.T.O. Leinster Colleges medals.

Sarah Russell (Rapparees) has 2 Wexford U14, 2 Junior and Feile runners-up medals.

Elaine Morris (Marshallstown) has Leinster Senior Colleges medal.

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SENIOR A FINALISTS – St. Mary's, Charleville



SENIOR A FINALISTS – Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy

SENIOR B FINALISTS



SENIOR B FINALISTS – Sacred Heart, Clonakilty



SENIOR B FINALISTS – Kilcormac Vocational School

SENIOR B
KILCORMAC VOCATIONAL SCHOOL*Black and Amber*

(1)

Michelle Murphy
M. Ní Mhúrcú

(2)

Nollaig Mahon
N. Ní Mhathúna

(3)

Sinead Colgan
S. Ní Choigáin

(4)

Lisa Nugent
L. Ní Nuagáin

(5)

Elaine Dermody
E. Ní Dhiarmaigh

(6)

Marie Craven
M. Ní Chraobháin

(7)

Elaine Gleeson (Captain)
E. Ní Glasáin

(8)

Michelle Corcoran
M. Ní Chorcáin

(9)

Edel Corcoran
E. Ní Chorcáin

(10)

Emer Carroll
E. Ní Chearúil

(11)

Karen Nugent
C. Ní Nuagáin

(12)

Mary Lyons
M. Ní Liatháin

Subs: 13 Maggie McIntyre 17 Elaine Mahon
14 Sarah-Ann Bennett 18 Ruth Leonard
15 Edel Watkins 19 Orla Dermody
16 Ann-Maria Guinan 20 Fiona Stephens

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Elaine Gleeson (Kilcormac/Killoughey) Captain Has represented Offaly at U14, U16 and U18 level. Holds 6 county medals, Leinster Sevens, 2 Leinster U16 and 3 Leinster Senior medals (V.S.)

Michelle Murphy (Drumcullen) Has an All-Ireland Feile na nGael, 3 Leinster V.S., Leinster Sevens and many underage medals with her club.

Sinead Colgan (Drumcullen) has made appearances at Croke Park in Mini-Sevens. Holds All-Ireland Feile na nGael, U14 Leinster, 4 Leinster V.S. and 2 Offaly Senior Championship medals with club.

Nollaig Mahon (Kilcormac/Killoughey) is a member of the Junior County panel. Has Leinster Sevens, 3 Leinster V.S. and various underage club championship medals.

Lisa Nugent (Drumcullen) She has an All-Ireland Feile na nGael, Offaly U14, Leinster Sevens, 6 Leinster V.S. and several club underage medals.

Elaine Dermody (Drumcullen) has made three appearances in Croke Park in Mini-Sevens. Holds Feile na nGael All-Ireland, Leinster Sevens, 4 Leinster V.S. and 2 Offaly Senior Championship medals.

Michelle Corcoran (Drumcullen) played in the Mini-Sevens at Croke Park on three occasions. Has All-Ireland Feile na nGael, U14 Leinster, Leinster Sevens, Leinster V.S. and Senior Champ. medals.

Marie Craven (Kilcormac/Killoughey) has 2 Leinster Senior V.S., 1 Leinster Junior V.S. and Club Junior and U16 medals.

Edel Corcoran (Drumcullen) played at Croke Park in the Mini-Sevens on 3 occasions. She holds 3 Offaly Senior Championship, All-Ireland Feile na nGael, Leinster Sevens and 4 Leinster V.S. medals.

Emer Carroll (Kilcormac/Killoughey) holds Leinster Sevens, 3 Leinster V.S. and Offaly U14, U16 and Junior medals.

Karen Nugent (Drumcullen) made 3 appearances in Croke Park. Has won All-Ireland Feile, Leinster Sevens, 3 Leinster V.S. 2 Offaly Senior Championship and Leinster U14 medals.

Mary Lyons (Drumcullen) has played in Croke Park in Mini-Sevens. Holds All-Ireland Feile, Leinster Sevens, 3 Leinster V.S., Leinster U14 and underage medals with her club.

Maggie McIntyre (Kilcormac/Killoughey) has represented Offaly at U14 and minor levels. Holds 4 Junior Championship, 2 Leinster Sevens, 6 Leinster V.S. and various underage medals.

Sarah-Ann Bennett (Kilcormac/Killoughey) has Leinster Schools Senior, Offaly Junior and U16 medals with club.

Edel Watkins (Drumcullen) has made an appearance in Croke Park. She has an All-Ireland Feile, 3 Leinster V.S. and numerous underage medals with her club.

Ann-Maria Guinan (Kilcormac/Killoughey) holds 3 Leinster V.S., Offaly U16 and Junior medals.

Elaine Mahon (Kilcormac/Killoughey) has 3 Leinster V.S., Offaly U16, U16 and U18 Co. Schools.

Ruth Leonard (Kilcormac/Killoughey) has 2 Leinster V.S. and Offaly U16 and Junior medals.

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Geraldine Casey (Inniscarra) Medals: Cork Senior B Club Champ., Munster Inter. Champ with Cork, Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Mary Sheehy (Barryroe) Medals: Cork Feile, Cork Inter-Divisional Blitz, First Year, Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Ann-Marie Fleming (Barryroe) Cork Senior B Club Champ. and U16B Champ. & League. Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Karen McCarthy (Barryroe) Cork Senior B Club Champ. U16B Champ. & League and Inter-Divisional Blitz, Munster Colleges Senior B Champ, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior.

Rosarie Holland (Barryroe) All-Ireland and Munster Minor medals with Cork; Cork Senior B Club Champ. Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Eimear O'Donovan (Barryroe) Cork Senior B Club Champ., U18A Champ and U16B Champ & League. Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Isla Dineen (Barryroe) Cork Senior B. Club Champ. Inter-Divisional Blitz and U16B Champ & League. Munster Colleges Senior B Champ., Intermediate and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Adelle Foley (Kilbrittain) All-Ireland and Munster Minor with Cork. Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Geraldine Collins (Barryroe) Captain Cork Senior B Champ., U18A Champ and U16B Champ and League with club, Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Champ.

Jennifer O'Leary (Barryroe) All-Ireland and Munster Minor medals with Cork, Cork Senior B Club Champ. Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Helen Keohane (Barryroe) Cork Senior B Club champ. U18A Champ and U16B Champ and League. Munster Colleges Senior B Champ. Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Marie Moloney (Barryroe) Medals: Sciath na Scoil, I.N.T.O. Cork Feile, Cork Inter-Divisional Blitz, Munster Colleges Senior B Championship and Intermediate league.

Fiona Collins (Barryroe) Cork U18A and U16B Champs. Munster Colleges Senior B, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Ella Harrington (Kilbrittain) Sciath na Scoil, Munster Colleges Senior B Champ, Intermediate League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Eileen Carroll (Barryroe) Sciath na Scoil, Cork Feile, I.N.T.O and Cork Inter-Divisional Blitz.

Vicki Hennessy (Ballinascairthy) 1st Year Champ. Munster Senior B & Intermediate & Cork Colleges.

Rachel O'Donovan (Newcestown) 1st Year Champ. Munster Senior B & Inter. & Cork Colleges Sen.

Eimear McCarthy (Barryroe) Cork Feile, 1st Year Champ. Cork Inter-Divisional Blitz, Munster Colleges Senior B Champ. and Inter League and Cork Colleges Senior Championship.

Fiona Keohane (Barryroe) Cork Feile, Sciath na Scoil, I.N.T.O. and 1st Year Champ.

Lisa Flynn (Ballinascairthy) Sciath na Scoil and I.N.T.O.

Eileen Collins (Barryroe) U16B Championship and League with club.

SENIOR B SACRED HEART Clonakilty Red and Green

(1)

Geraldine Casey
G. Ni Chathasaigh

(2)

Mary Sheehy
M. Ni Shithigh

(3)

Ann-Marie Fleming
A. Phléimeann

(4)

Karen McCarthy
C. Ni Charthaigh

(5)

Rosarie Holland
R. Ni Aoldin

(6)

Eimear O'Donovan
E. Ni Dhonnabháin

(7)

Isla Dineen
E. Ni Dhuinnín

(8)

Adelle Foley
A. Ni Fhoghlú

(9)

Fiona Collins
F. Ni Choileáin

(10)

Marie Moloney
M. Ni Mhaolomhnaigh

(11)

Jennifer O'Leary
S. Ni Laoire

(12)

Geraldine Collins (Captain)
G. Ni Choileáin

Subs:	13 Helen Keohane	17 Eimear McCarthy
	14 Ella Harrington	18 Rachel O'Donovan
	15 Eileen Carroll	19 Fiona Keohane
	16 Vicki Hennessy	20 Lisa Flynn
		21 Eileen Collins

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR A

St. Mary's Charleville 2 - 8 Seamount, Kinvara 0-6

St. Mary's Charleville: Aoife Sheehan, Laura O'Brien, Christine O'Gorman, Aine Kelleher, Aoife Dillon, Deirdre Hayes, Niamh Bowles, Edwina Boyce, Eimear O'Friel, Alison White (Captain), Maria Watson and Una Harrington.

Seamount, Kinvara: Sharon Kavanagh, Linda Flaherty, Collette O'Connor, Roisin O'Connor, Michelle Quinn, Siobhan Huban, Claire Linnane, Clodagh McMahon, Pamela Huban, Lisa Bourke, Linda Gill and Orla Curtin (Captain).

JUNIOR B

Coláiste Muire, Ennis 2-10 Loreto, Mullingar 1-2

Coláiste Muire: Paula McCarthy, Ruth O'Gorman, Jane Scanlon, Mairead Keane, Aoife Ryan, Marie Lynch, Martha Courtney, Denise Lynch, Marie O'Halloran, Marie Whelan, Sharon O'Loughlin (Captain) and Aislinn Kelleher.

Loreto, Mullingar: Doreen O'Driscoll, Aisling Conaty, Sinead Kilmurry, Eileen O'Driscoll (Captain), Patricia Smith, Dina Loughlin, Clodagh O'Neill, Niamh Barry, Sinead Sullivan, Roberta Harris, Aileen Martin and Elizabeth Hannon.

All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1969	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Aloysius, Cork	3-2 to 1-2	Mary Tallis
1970	Pres. Kilkenny	Sacred Heart, Newry	2-3 to 1-1	Liz Neary
1971	Sacred Heart, Newry	Pres. Mountmellick	3-2 to 2-1	Anne McCone
1972	Pres. Oranmore	St. Louise, Kilkeel	6-1 to 4-4	Marie Murphy
1973	Pres. Mountmellick	Pres. Athenry	4-2 to 1-2	Carmel Cottrell
1974	Pres. Athenry	St. Louise, Kilkeel	3-1 to 1-0	Midge Poniard
1975	Pres. Athenry	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Poniard
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 0-2	Jacinta O'Brien
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 1-3	Cora Hennessy
1978	Pres. Athenry	Loreto, Coleraine	2-3 to 2-2	Anne Poniard
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	3-3 to 1-3	Majella Hallinan
1980	North Pres. Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	4-7 to 1-1	Imelda Cronin
1981	St. Patricks, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	1-3 to 0-5	Ann O'Mahony
1982	St. Patricks, Shannon	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-7 to 1-4	Caroline O'Meara
1983	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	2-6 to 2-1	Adele Campbell
1984	Maryfield, Dublin	North Pres. Cork	2-5 to 0-5	Roisin Brady
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Cork	4-7 to 3-3	Deirdre Costello
1986	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	F.C.J. Bunclody	3-5 to 0-4	Angela Cooney
1987	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Marys, Charleville	3-8 to 0-4	Brid Stratford
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	F.C.J. Bunclody	2-13 to 1-5	Imelda Hobbins
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Keady	5-9 to 2-10	Triona Dolphin
1990	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	3-11 to 2-0	Imelda Maher
1991	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Vocational, Thomastown	3-6 to 0-0	Siobhan Keane
1992	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Brigids, Callan	7-7 to 2-4	Pamela Nevin
1993	St. Brigids, Callan	St. Marys, Charleville	3-7 to 1-2	Sinead Millea
1994	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Patricks, Maghera	1-10 to 1-2	Noelle Kennedy
1995	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Marys, Charleville	3-4 to 2-4	Deirdre Phelan
1996	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-15 to 3-3	Deirdre Sheehan
1997	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-16 to 4-2	Vera Sheehan
1998	St. Mary's, Charleville	Coláiste Bride	1-11 to 1-4	Sinead O'Callaghan

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St. Mary's, Charleville celebrate after their victory over Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy, in the All-Ireland Colleges senior 'A' camogie final at Nenagh. Picture: Denis Minihane

O'Brien stars as Charleville girls again clinch title

St Mary's (Charleville) 3-10
Colaiste Bride (Enniscorthy) 0-5.

by Tom Higgins

A SUPERB display by Eileen O'Brien helped St Mary's, Charleville to a comprehensive win over Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland Senior A camogie Championship final at McDonagh Park, Nenagh, on Saturday, to give the Cork side their fourth title in a row.

The school had already won the All-Ireland junior title which made it a great year for them.

The sides had met in the decider 12 months ago, Charleville winning 1-11 to 1-4, and Charleville confirmed their superiority on this occasion after a poor game.

However, few can blame the players for this. When the game started, the weather was quite pleasant, but just before a goal-post was blown down in the 9th minute, which necessitated a six-minute delay, the heavens opened and the cold wind and driving rain made conditions very difficult for the players.

It was a great credit to the players therefore to keep going, and indeed they even managed to produce some patches of good camogie.

The winners played with the wind in the opening half and thanks to some excellent scores from O'Brien, from play and frees, they led by 2-8 to 0-3 at the interval.

So bad were the conditions that the sides managed only a point apiece in the first 21 minutes of the second-half.

Three minutes from the end, however, Jordana Dolan set up captain Caoimhe Harrington for a goal which put the icing on the cake.

"I have played in four All-Irelands and this was the best."

"Being captain was a bonus and I am very proud of the girls," said captain Caoimhe Harrington.

Eileen O'Brien commented: "It was very tough out there. When the hail came our hands were numb and it made it difficult for both sides. It was great to win."

Anne Marie O'Keeffe, joint trainer of the side, was very happy. "It was an incredible change from the first game, because the conditions were absolutely brilliant then. But the weather changed for our game which did not make it conducive for good camogie."

"But our girls settled into the game and did not lose their concentration. It was really brilliant."

Vincent Hanley, the other trainer, said: "The weather was good for the first ten minutes but after it started raining. It was a dogfight — and we won it. I am absolutely thrilled for the girls."

Coach John Codd, from Colaiste Bride, said he had no excuses: "The best team won. We out hurred completely. We lost five or six strong players from last year's side. It is hard to bring on new blood. The girls gave 110% and we cannot blame them. Charleville are an excellent side and we knew we were up against it."

Scorers for St. Mary's: E. O'Brien 1-7 (0-4 frees, C. Harrington 1-1), J. Dolan 1-0; A. Kelleher 0-2. Colaiste Bride: E. Holohan 0-4 (frees), H. Jacob 0-1. ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE: A. Sheehan; N. O'Riordan; K. Leslie; G. Gilheane; C. Manton; S. Reidy; C. Harrington (captain); N. Bowles; J. Dolan; E. O'Brien; A. White; A. Kelleher. COLAISTE BRIDE, ENNISCORTHY: U. Jacob; S. Murphy; B. Holohan; N. O'Connor; C. Fitzpatrick; C. O'Connor (captain); P. Breen; J. Codd; E. Holohan; G. Heffernan; A. Westcott. Subs: P. Quigley for P. Breen; L. Murphy for C. Fitzpatrick; G. Kelly for A. Westcott. Referee: A. Derham (Dublin).

■ ST MARY'S, Charleville, captured the All Ireland Colleges camogie crown in fine style in wintry-like conditions at Nenagh yesterday.

St Mary's raced into a four-point lead after only two minutes with Eileen O'Brien crashing the sliotar to the back of the Enniscorthy net and then adding a well-taken point to set the tone for a game in which the Charleville students dominated throughout.

The ninth minute of the first half saw a very bizarre incident occur with the match being held up for five minutes after the gale-force conditions caused the goalposts to collapse.

Following the resumption of the game, Charleville again

imposed their dominance and went in at the break leading by 2-8 to 0-3 with the majority of Charleville scores coming from the ever-magical Eileen O'Brien. The Enniscorthy points were all converted by able free-taker Elaine Holohan.

The second half was a lack-lustre affair with the Wexford students battling admirably against a much stronger Charleville outfit. A pointed free by Eileen O'Brien in the 9th minute and a goal by Caoimhe Harrington in the 14th minute sealed the game for Charleville.

The All Ireland Colleges 'B' final was a much more exciting affair, with Sacred Heart Clonakilty defeating Kilcormac Vocational School on a scoreline of 3-13 to 2-5.



Victorious captains Caoimhe Harrington, St. Mary's, Charleville (left) and Geraldine Collins, SH, Clonakilty.

Clonakilty worthy winners of inaugural Schools' title

Sacred Heart (Clonakilty) 3-13
Kilcormac V.C (Offaly) 2-5

by Tom Higgins

SACRED Heart, Clonakilty made their own bit of history in the opening game at McDonagh Park, Nenagh on Saturday when they captured the inaugural Schools' Senior B camogie title with a well-deserved win over Kilcormac V.C. from Offaly.

"It is a great day for the Sacred Heart Secondary School and I am delighted for the girls and for the coach Liam Nash," said principal Sr. Eilish McGrath after her schools success.

The Clon girls played with a very strong wind in the opening half and although they got off to a great start with 1-2 in the opening three minutes they found scores hard to come by, once Kilcormac settled.

At the interval they led by 1-6 to 0-3 and facing into the wind this lead did not look sufficient.

However, thanks to some sterling displays by Geraldine Casey in goal, Karen McCarthy at centre-back and forward Jennifer O'Leary, who was the star of the game, they really took the match by the scruff of the neck in the second-half.

After some tremendous play by captain Elaine Gleeson and Edel Corcoran, who always looked dangerous when in possession, Kilcormac had cut the deficit to four points, 1-8 to 1-4 after five minutes of the second period.

But a goal from a 25 yard free by Geraldine Collins put the Cork side back in the driving seat and they never looked in trouble afterwards.

In fact it was only a late goal by Elaine Dermody shortly before the

end that put a more respectable complexion on the scoreboard.

Coach Liam Nash said "We played with the wind in the first-half and I did not think we had sufficient in hand at the break. Their centre forward and full-forward we giving us a lot of trouble but we played one of the forwards in the defence in the second-half and it seem to cut off a lot of the ball. We got two lucky breaks from frees and this was the deciding factor in the game."

Scores: Sacred Heart: G. Collins 2-5, J. O'Leary 1-5, M. Moloney 0-2, L. Dineen 0-1, Kilcormac: E. Corcoran 1-4, E. Dermody 1-0, K. Nugent 0-1. SACRED HEART: G. Casey; M. Sheehy; A. M. Flannery; K. McCarthy; R. Holland; E. O'Donovan; L. Dineen; A. Foley; F. Collins; M. Moloney; J. O'Leary; G. Collins (captain). KILCORMAC V.S. M. Murphy; N. Mahon; S. Cogan; L. Nugent; E. Dermody; M. Craven; E. Gleeson (captain); M. Corcoran; E. Corcoran; E. Carroll; K. Nugent; M. Lyons. Sub: M. Moloney for E. Carroll (15th minute). Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary)

Magnificent All-Ireland four-timer for Charleville's camogie stars

ST MARYS 3-10
ENNISCORTHY 0-5

ST Mary's Charleville cruised to an emphatic victory over Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland senior "A" camogie championship final at McDonagh Park, Nenagh on Saturday to give the Cork students their fourth title in a row.

The same two sides had met in the corresponding fixture 12 months ago, Charleville winning 1-11 to 1-4 and Charleville again confirmed their dominance in colleges camogie after a lacklustre game played in atrocious conditions.

After nine minutes a very bizarre incident occurred when the gale force conditions caused the goal posts to collapse, which necessitated a five minute delay.

Up to this St Mary's had immediately imposed their dominance over the Wexford students with Eileen O'Brien crashing the slot to the net and adding a point, all in the first three minutes.

O'Brien, with a personal tally of 1-7 from the game, was indomitable and along with Caoimhe Harrington provided the main bulk of the scores for St Mary's.

St Marys played with the wind in the first half and thanks to the accurate free-taking of O'Brien and a first half goal from Jordanna Dolan, St Mary's went in at the interval leading com-

By James Hayden

fortably by 2-8 to 0-3, with all Enniscorthy's scores coming from frees by Elaine Holohan.

The second half was merely a formality for the St Mary's students as the Enniscorthy challenge withered. The conditions allowed for only two points to be scored in the first 21 minutes of the half, one apiece.

Three minutes from the end, however, Jordanna Dolan delightfully set up captain Caoimhe Harrington for a goal which sealed victory for the Charleville side.

Charleville captain, Caoimhe Harrington said: "I have played in four All-Ireland's and this was the best ever. Being captain was an extra bonus and I am very proud of the team."

Star player Eileen O'Brien said it was very tough. "When the hail came down it made our hands numb and made it difficult for both sides," she added.

Anne Marie O'Keefe, joint trainer of the side was ecstatic. "It was an incredible change from the first game, because of the rapid change in conditions. It did not make it conducive for good camogie."

Vincent Manley, the other joint trainer said "The weather was very good for the first ten minutes but then the freak conditions oc-



Caoimhe Harrington, captain of St Mary's Charleville, receives the All-Ireland senior A camogie championship cup from Miriam O'Callaghan, PBO of Colleges Council after her side defeated Enniscorthy in the final at Nenagh on Saturday.

curred. It was then a dog-fight, and I am absolutely thrilled for the girls."

SCORERS: St Mary's Charleville — E O'Brien (1-7, 4 frees), C Harrington (1-1), J Dolan (1-0), A

Kelleher (0-2).

Colaiste Bride — E Holohan (0-4 frees), H Jacob (0-1).

TEAMS: St Mary's Charleville — A Sheehan, N O'Riordan, K Les-

lie, G Giltenane, C Manton, S Reidy, C Harrington (capt), N Bowles, J Dolan, E O'Brien, A White, A Kelleher.

Colaiste Bride Ennis-

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Subs: P Quigley, Breen, L Murphy, Fitzpatrick, G Kelly, A Westnott.

Referee: Aine Dwyer (Dublin).

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St Mary's complete All-Ireland double

ST Mary's School, Charleville landed the elusive School All-Ireland camogie double, when their senior side added to the junior title by accounting for Leinster champions, Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy at Nenagh last Saturday.

The Wexford girls put up a spirited yet futile challenge, which St Mary's brushed aside on a 3-10 to 0-5 scoreline.

Co Limerick star Eileen O'Brien set Charleville on the road to victory, when she had 1-1 inside four minutes of the game starting, and she finished the game with a personal tally of 1-6.

Colaiste Bride had no answer to the powerful play of the Cork side, and further scores from Caoimhe Harrington 1-1, Jordanna Dolan 1-0, and A Kelleher sealed victory

for Charleville.

The school was celebrating their historic win over the week end, for not alone did they win the All Ireland double, they became the first school in Cork to do so.

All in Charleville and in the girls home clubs areas extend to them heartiest congratulations on their magnificent achievement.

All-Ireland camogie win for Clon girls



St Mary Charleville make it four in a row All-Ireland titles.

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St Mary's Charleville celebrate their All-Ireland success.

Picture: Denis Minihane.

Outstanding St Marys go into camogie record book

St Marys
Colaiste Bride3-10
0-5

By BRENDAN LARKIN

ST Marys Convent, Charleville completed an historic double at the weekend by winning the senior All-Ireland schools camogie title to add to the junior title they won a couple of weeks previous.

This final played at Nenagh on Saturday was a repeat of last year's decider, and Colaiste Bride (Enniscorthy) who lost over half of their 1998 team, were always playing second fiddle to a very experienced St Marys side.

The North Cork school were going for a record fourth senior title in a row and there was never any doubt about the outcome after star player Eileen O'Brien opened the scoring in the fifth minute.

In conditions more akin to water polo Marys played the more accomplished camogie and led 2-8 to 0-3 at the interval.

With the conditions deteriorating by the minute, scores were scarce for most of the second half, and it

wasn't until two minutes from time St Marys got their third goal when team captain Caoimhe Harrington finished Jordana Dolan's cross to the net.

Joint Marys coach Vincent Harrington said today that this latest win gives the convent their 17th All-Ireland title since they first took to playing camogie in 1981.

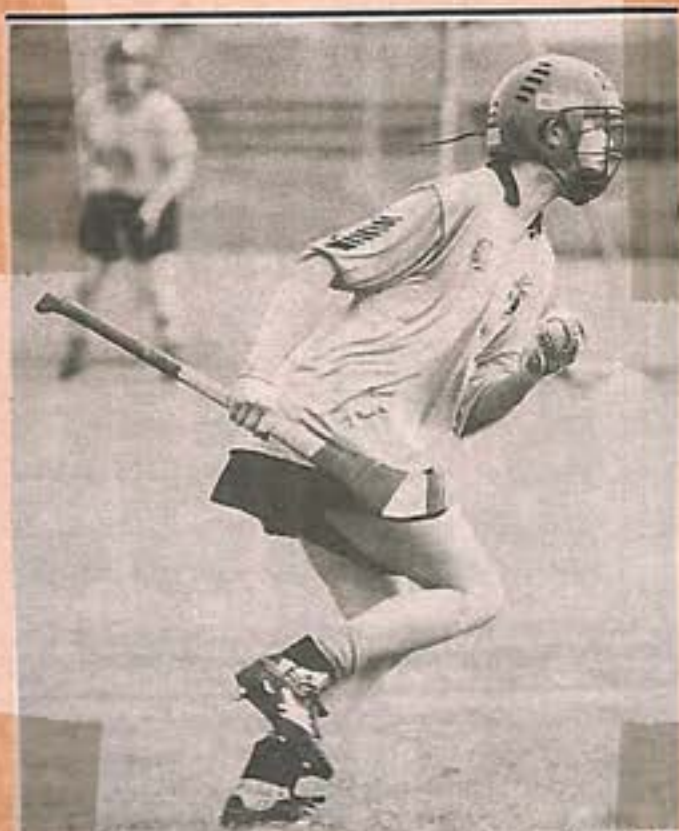
"We are now the leading convent in Ireland at camogie which is great.

Brilliant

"There was never much doubt about the outcome of this final once we got into our stride.

"It is brilliant to have completed the double for the first time and it ensures the future growth of the game in the convent", he said.

St Marys have now won four senior, five junior and eight 7-a-side All-Ireland titles, six of them in a row in the last 15 years which must constitute something of a record.



Eileen O'Brien, with the sliothar in hand, races through to get St. Marys opening score which put them on their way to a fourth consecutive All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship title plus her own fifteenth All Ireland Camogie medal and she is still only 16 years of age.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE

St. Marys, Charleville captain, Caoimhe Harrington weaves her way through the Enniscorthy defence to score her sides third goal during the closing stages of the All Ireland Final Colleges Senior Camogie Championship Final which was played at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.

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All-Ireland colleges senior camogie championship final

Coláiste Bride girls had no answer to Cork champions

DAVID MEDCALF
in Nenagh

St. Mary's, Charleville (Cork) 3-10, Coláiste Bride (Ennis-corthy) 0-5: the Ennis-corthy supporters sang 'we are the girls of Wexford' undaunted to the bitter end, but this was a day when the North Corks ruled supreme in the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final at Nenagh on Saturday.

Last year, Charleville completed a hat-trick of camogie All-Ireland championships with a seven point win over Coláiste Bride. On Saturday, the re-match - possibly the last game of the 12-a-side era - produced an even more lopsided scoreline.

A frightening gulf of 14 points separated Cork and Wexford at the end of a blustery day in McDonagh Park where the rain came laced with sleet.

The gusts of wind backing the reigning champs in the first half were so strong that they upended the goal at the clubhouse end. But nothing was going to blow Charleville off course as they led 2-8 to 0-3 at the interval and then shaded the second half.

It is sobering to consider that the Leinster champions, who beat the best of Galway on their way to the All-Ireland decider, managed just one point from play all afternoon. Even that solitary score did not come from a forward but from full back Helena Jacob in a late rally upfield.

Captain Claire O'Connor elected to play into the gale after winning the toss but it was a strategy which quickly backfired. It took less than 90 seconds for Charleville's star attacker Eileen O'Brien to gain possession wide right and spank an immaculate searing shot past Ursula Jacob and into the net.

When the elements toppled the goal with just nine minutes played, the holders already had 1-4 on the

board, to a couple of Elaine Holohan frees. The unexpected time-out while repairs were carried out was an opportunity to sort out tactics but Coláiste Bride never really came to terms with O'Brien.

No less than four different players tried to hold her during the first half. Niamh O'Connor was followed in turn on marking duty by Sandra Murphy and then Bernie Holohan who was nursing an injury when the classy Limerick senior set up goal number two.

Eventually, it was captain Claire O'Connor who imposed some sort of control on the brilliant O'Brien.

There were flashes of defiance from Coláiste Bride, with Elaine Holohan darting past the much bigger opposition to set up the first half attacks. Patricia Breen kept the ball moving in the right direction. Angeline Westnott put a shot on target and Jennifer Codd looked in no way over-awed by the occasion.

Holohan added her third free before the interval but the challengers were still eleven points adrift as they collected their thoughts at the break. To make matters worse, the sleety wind dropped considerably as they plotted an impossible comeback.

Another freed point after Westnott was flattened close to the Charleville square was encouraging but no flow of Coláiste Bride scores followed. It was over 20 minutes later before Helena Jacob sneaked forward to hoist a late consolation point flag.

In the meantime, the winners did not rest on their laurels. Cork senior Caoimhe Harrington, switched from mid-field to full forward after taking a knock, picked off her side's third goal, firing low past Ursula Jacob.

Further damage was inflicted by free-taker O'Brien who landed the last point of the match

from fully 60 yards, despite the breeze.

Patricia Quigley and Grace Kelly were sent on to provide some variety and the losers maintained their work rate to the end but there was no way back.

Coláiste Bride: Ursula Jacob, Helena Jacob (0-1), Sandra Murphy, Bernie Holohan, Niamh O'Connor, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Claire O'Connor (Capt.), Patricia Breen, Jennifer Codd, Elaine Holohan (0-4 frees), Gretta Heffernan, Angeline Westnott. Subs. - Patricia Quigley for Breen, 30 mins.; Grace Kelly for Westnott 40 mins.

St. Mary's: Aoife Sheehan, Noelle O'Riordan, Kathryn Leslie, Caroline Giltenane, Caragh Manton, Sarah Reidy, Caoimhe Harrington (Capt., 1-1), Niamh Bowles, Jordana Dolan (1-0), Eileen O'Brien (1-4, 0-4 frees), Alison White, Aine Kelleher (0-3).

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).



■ Some of the excited supporters of Coláiste Bride at Nenagh on Saturday.



■ Mentor John Codd tries to offer some consolation to his distraught charges after Coláiste Bride were again beaten in the All-Ireland final.



■ Jenny Codd gets in her shot for Coláiste Bride as Noelle O'Riordan tries to block her.



■ The Coláiste Bride team beaten by St. Mary's from Charleville in the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie final.

BIG MATCH STATISTICS

COLAISTE BRIDE

	GOALS	PTS	WIDES	FREES	55s
FIRST HALF	0	3	1	5	0
SECOND HALF	0	2	4	7	1
TOTAL	0	5	5	12	1

ST. MARY'S

	GOALS	PTS	WIDES	FREES	55s
FIRST HALF	2	8	4	5	0
SECOND HALF	1	2	1	8	1
TOTAL	3	10	5	13	1

Class Mary too good

DRAINED breathless, ing on the p the rain, C Bride Claire O'Connor summed up the experience of run over by four-in-a-row champions from Mary's of Charleville: 'They a class act. We not have tried harder.'

COMMENT

As the Ennis-corthy supporters ferred comfort their shattered oines, Claire's ther, Teddy, was similar mind to daughter: 'We not good enough opined the R nature man, then the wind down when it behind us in second half.'

'We were good enough' oed John C Duffy Rowen helped prepare team for the in McDonagh 'Eileen O went to town That is her All-Ireland'

Team man, vice-pra Jimmy Guis whose job was capture the day the final on camcorder, top his equipment smiled wryly: 'This will be a horror eo, no doubt about it.' His consolation was that the school first years still have a Leinster football quarter-final look forward to.

Coach Elva Mo larty pointed to a poor start as a source of so many woes: 'We didn't play at all in the first half. In the second half, we were strong enough and we played 150% the end. But Charleville had played out there today were earning the ninth All-Ireland medals. They a very classy.'

Apart from Eileen O'Brien who is the lynchpin the Limerick senior attack, Caoimhe Harrington is a regular with the conquering Coláiste seniors.

It was no disgrace for Coláiste Bride to lose and if the team was well beaten, at least principal Tom Sheridan identified one aspect of the game which the Co. Wexford representatives won down: 'The supporters were brilliant.'

FOUR IN A ROW ALL IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE TITLES FOR ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE



Referee Aine Derham pictured with the captains, Caoimhe Harrington (St. Marys Charleville) and Claire O'Connor (Colaiste Bride Enniscorthy) prior to the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Final, at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.



ONE IN - ALL IN

St. Marys Charleville team members celebrate after retaining the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship title at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.



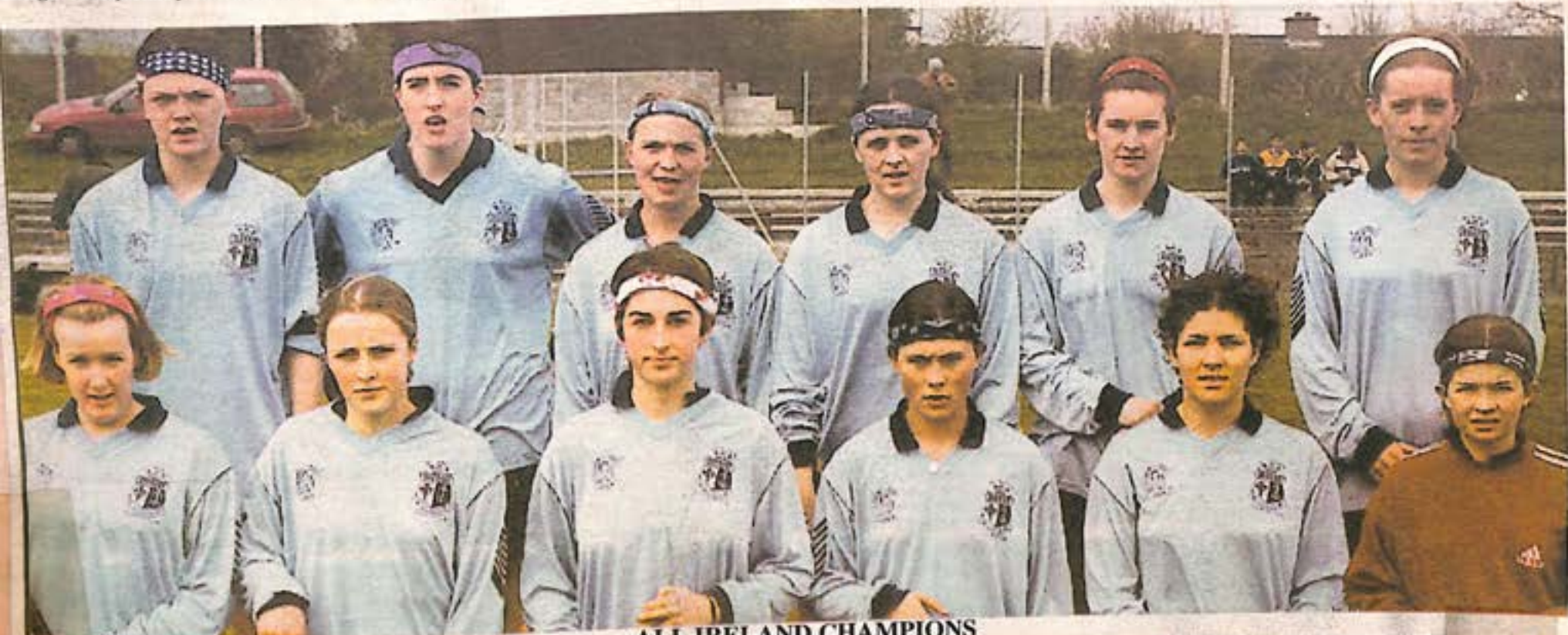
IT IS OURS ONCE AGAIN

Team captain Caoimhe Harrington proudly displays the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship Trophy, after she had led St. Mary's Charleville to yet another victory at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.



IT'S MY BIRTHDAY, SHALL WE DANCE

"Never mind the camogie, because it is time to start celebrating". That seemed to be the message from Aine Kelleher and Jordana Dolan, two of the St. Mary's Charleville players during the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship Final at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.



ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

St. Marys Charleville Camogie team, which retained the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship title at McDonagh Park, Nenagh, when defeating Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy. Front Row L/R: Jordana Dolan, Alison White, Aine Kelleher, Niamh Bowles, Caoimhe Harrington (captain), Aoife Sheehan. Back Row L/R: Eileen O'Brien, Kathryn Leslie, Noelle O'Riordan, Sarah Reidy, Caragh Manton and Caroline Giltenane.

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ALL IRELAND COLLEGES CAMOGIE

NO LET UP FOR ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Mike Hanley Reports

St. Mary's Charleville.....3-10
Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy.....0-5
"What's Another Year", made Johnny Logan famous but for St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville and in particular its camogie players, another year makes no difference as they keep on winning. At McDonagh G.A.A. Park, Nenagh, it was the same old story on Saturday last, as St. Mary's annexed the final championship of the 20th century with a convincing All Ireland Colleges Senior Championship victory over Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy.

Early in the day, the Charleville side made their intentions known after Sr. Margaret had paraded the length of the field dispensing her bottle of Easter water and seeking God's blessing for her girls in blue.

Sr. Margaret was not alone with her prayers as she was ably assisted by Sr. Martina who was kept busy on her rosary beads. It would appear that their prayers were well and truly answered as the Charleville girls, inspired by the brilliant Eileen O'Brien from Granagh raced into an early lead. O'Brien, who earlier this year picked up the National Youth Sportstar Award as well as West Limerick Bord na nOg and Senior G.A.A. awards, was quick off the mark and had an early goal. Subsequently, she added on seven points from play and frees.

In bitterly cold, wet and windy conditions which saw the town end goalposts flattened to the ground after just nine minutes of play, Charleville stamped their authority on the game.

Team captain Caoimhe Harrington as well as Niamh Bowles and Sarah Reidy all from Newtownshandrum were outstanding at midfield and kept up a steady supply to the forwards where Jordana Dolan, Eileen O'Brien, Alison White, all Limerick players as well as Aine Kelleher were industrious, with Dolan scoring a goal.

All during the driving rain and hailstones, St. Mary's never relented and enjoyed an interval lead of 2-8 to 0-3.

Scores were scarce during the second period, but Charleville never appeared to be in trouble. Urged on by their dedicated supporters and

words of sideline encouragement from Ann Marie O'Keeffe, Vincent Harrington and Mike O'Brien, St. Mary's never once wilted. Their captain Caoimhe Harrington capped off a great performance when in the closing minutes she weaved her way through the Enniscorthy defence to put the issue well beyond doubt when she scored a brilliant goal.

Aoife Sheehan when tested on one or two occasions displayed skill and panache between the posts. Kathryn Leslie, Caroline Giltenane and Caragh Manton were most reliable in defence as was Noelle O'Riordan from Milford at full back.

It was a memorable victory for the Charleville girls who while winning the fourth consecutive senior championship title were also completing a long awaited double as St. Mary's are also the holders of the Junior All Ireland title.

It was a proud Caoimhe Harrington who went to the podium on Saturday last to receive the All Ireland Colleges trophy so that she could bring it back to St. Mary's on Monday morning.

St. Mary's-Aoife Sheehan, Noelle O'Riordan, Kathryn Leslie, Caroline Giltenane, Caragh Manton, Sarah Reidy, Caoimhe Harrington (captain) 1-1, Niamh Bowles, Jordana Dolan 1-0, Eileen O'Brien, Alison White, Aine Kelleher (0-2), Subs-Lisa Moloney, Siobhán Lenihan, Gemma Ronayne, Eimear O'Friel, Christina O'Gorman, Keara O'Shea, Marie Watson, Sandra O'Halloran, Claire Browne, Denise O'Connor, Aoife Dillon, Catherine O'Connell, Marie Cullinane.



Jordana Dolan, Aine Kelleher and Alison White pictured having a serious discussion during the All Ireland Camogie Final.



IT'S ALL OVER NOW

St. Marys, Charleville Senior Camogie team mentors express their delight after their team had retained the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship title at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.



Jordana Dolan from Ballyagran, in action with St. Marys, Charleville during the All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship Final at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

DUBLIN have progressed to the National Junior League semi-final following their handsome 3-17 to 1-4 win over Down in Ballyholland last Sunday, writes Niall Scully.

The Dubs will now have home advantage against Wexford on May 2 for a place in the final of a competition they last won in 1987.

Sile Nic Ciotáir was the star-of-the-show, scoring 2-3, while the experienced Irene Kirwan contributed six points in a game that saw Dublin goalkeeper, Lisa Ryan, make some valuable early saves.

Dublin scorers: S Nic Ciotáir 2-3, I Kirwan 0-6, E Ring 1-2, L O'Hara, E Talbot 0-2 each, E Brennan, F Ni Chorcáin 0-1 each.

Alas, the Dublin Seniors didn't enjoy the same fortune against Down at the same venue, suffering their first defeat in the competition, 3-6 to 1-4.

Dublin scorers: L O'Hara 1-1, I Kirwan 0-2, E Brennan 0-1.

21 teams took part in the very successful Coca-Cola Dublin Féile na nGael event, with the three finals taking place at Pairc Uí Mhurchu on Sunday.

Div 1: Ballyboden St. Enda's 1-2 (C Lucy 1-1, J Cummins 0-1); N. Mearnog 0-2 (F Rooney, N Taylor 0-1 each); Div 2: St. Peregrine's 4-2 (B Coleman 2-0, A O'Hara, L Lee 1-0 each, E Foley, F Connell 0-1 each); Raheny 2-0 (C Flannery, C Finnegan 1-0 each); Div 3: St. Mark's 3-0 (K Nugent 3-0); Lucan Sarsfields 0-0.

Next Friday, for the first time, a Combined Dublin Colleges team takes part in the Leinster Senior Colleges semi-final, facing St. Brigid's, Leix, at the Mountrath school (2.0).

Also on Friday, Dublin meet Down in two Cumann na mBunscoil games at Faughs, beginning at noon.

Next Saturday, the Dublin U-14s travel to Kilkenny for a Leinster Championship duel at Jenkinstown (2.0), a repeat of last year's final, in which the Cats took the cream.

RESULTS: Inter: N. Bríde 3-10; Kilmacud Crokes 0-0. Jun A: St. Peregrine's 6-4; Thomas Davis 1-1. Jun B: St. Vincent's 3-3; Naomh Fionnbarrá 1-1. U12: Na Fianna 2-0; St. Jude's 1-0. U11 C'ship: Erin's Isle 4-0; Craobh Chiaráin 0-0. N. Bríde 1-0; St. Peregrine's 0-0. St. Jude's 6-0; Trinity Gaels 0-0.

CAMOGIE

JUNIOR LEAGUE QUARTER-FINALS

WEXFORD 3-6 GALWAY 2-5

IMPRESSIVE Wexford came from behind at half-time to book their place in the National Junior League semi-finals at Buncody yesterday. Galway led by 2-0 to 1-2 at half-time thanks to two goals from Sandra Tannon. Rosemary Breen netted Wexford's first half goal, and further goals from Ita Kelly and Aoife O'Connor put Wexford in control.

Wexford: R Breen 1-3, A O'Connor 1-1, I Kelly 1-0, E Houlahan 0-2. Galway: S Tannon 2-1, B Daniels 0-2, O Curtin, E Keams 0-1 each.

DUBLIN 3-17 DOWN 1-4

RAMPANT Dublin had a huge victory over reigning Junior League champions Down at Ballyholland. They led by 1-7 to 0-3 at the break.

Dublin: S Nic Ciotáir 2-3, E Ring 1-2, I Kirwan 0-6, L O'Hara, E Talbot 0-2 each, E Brennan, F Ni Chorcáin 0-1 each. Down: L Mason 1-0, B Gallagher, B Collier, M Murray, K Fagan 0-1 each.

DERRY 2-6 ARMAGH 3-3

MARY BLACK scored a point with just 30 seconds remaining to earn Armagh a draw with Derry at Leopardstown.

Derry: M Mulholland 1-2, A O'Kane 1-0, M O'Kane 0-3, A Toohill 0-1. Armagh: C Curry 2-0, P McEvoy 1-0, M Black 0-2, M Murray 0-1.

CORK 6-19 OFFALY 2-9

GLASSY Cork went on a scoring spree in this Junior League quarter-final at Delaney Park.

Cork: R Moloney 3-5, S O'Callaghan 1-6, M Corkery 1-1, O O'Sullivan and S Hayes 0-3 each, U Donoghue 1-0, S Molloy 0-1. Offaly: C Byrne 1-5, M Lynch 1-1, E Corcoran, M Davis, M Bergh 0-1 each.

NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE

Down 3-6, Dublin 1-4, Kilkenny 0-12, Limerick 2-5.



Aghabullogue camogie under 18 panel. Front from left — Louise Murphy, Ann Ennequess, Deirdre Twomey, Siobhán Buckley, Mary Twomey, Joan Twomey and Mary Buckley. Back row from left — Patricia Murphy, Marjorie Twomey, Linda Ronan, Mary Bridget Ennequess, Catherine O'Leary, Sheila Marie Crowley, Sinead Buckley, Katie Crowley and Marie Noonan.

Sacred Heart win All-Ireland camogie title

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Sacred Heart
Clonakilty 3-13
Kilcormac V.S. . . . 2-5

PRE-MATCH speculation as to the outcome of this All-Ireland Colleges senior 'B' camogie final was confused.

Firstly, it was the inaugural year of this particular competition and secondly it was impossible to gauge the relative standards in the different provinces. What unfolded was a game of the highest standard best illustrated by the fact that it compared more than favourably with the standard in the 'A' final which followed it.

Clonakilty, as they had done all season, played with the help of the strong breeze in the opening half and this decision seemed vindicated when they led by 1-3 to 0-1 after ten minutes. However, Kilcormac settled down to play some tremendous camogie in the second quarter and, only some brilliant defending by Karen McCarthy and Anne Marie Fleming, in particular, and one great save by goalkeeper Ger Casey which resulted in a 13m free and a Kilcormac point, kept Clonakilty in the game.



A jubilant Clonakilty team after their great victory over Kilcormac, Co. Offaly, in the All-Ireland senior B championship at Nenagh last Saturday.

OMINOUS

By the half time whistle Clon had scored 1-6 to Kilcormac's 0-3 but there were ominous signs during that first half for Clonakilty that trouble loomed when they would have to face the ever-strengthening wind in the second half.

Readjustments were necessary to curb the threat of Kilcormac's best forwards, Elaine Gleeson and Edel Corcoran and Clonakilty started the second half with centre fielders Isla Dineen and Adelle Foley playing virtual defensive roles and this had the effect of cutting off the supply of ball to the Kilcormac forwards.

However, Clon were rocked by an early goal and a point from Elaine Gleeson to leave just a few points between the

teams with the Leinster champions in full flight eight minutes into the second half.

A fine Jennifer O'Leary point steadied Clonakilty and then, with twelve minutes remaining, came the game's turning point: a free to Clonakilty on the 30 metre line was driven to the net by Ger Collins and this had the twin effect of lifting Clon and killing the momentum built by Kilcormac at the start of the second half.

A run by Jennifer O'Leary, reminiscent of Ryan Giggs goal for Man. United against Arsenal, resulted in a brilliant Clon point, followed almost immediately by a second Ger Collins goal, again from a 30 m free.

This really quenched the Kilcormac challenge and the vocal Clon following roared their way through the last five minutes safe in the knowledge that the Mary Moran Cup would have its first resting place at Sacred Heart, Clonakilty.

When the All-Ireland senior 'B' camogie champions arrived back in Clonakilty on Saturday night, the significance of their victory quickly dawned on them.

BONFIRES

Bonfires blazed at Convent Hill and at Faxbridge. The Sacred Heart girls paid a quick visit to Mercy Convent where they were congratulated by the Sisters.

Then it was 'the lap of honour' in the cars and buses through the town. Clonakilty GAA officers, Chairman Seamus O'Brien and Padraig Sheehy, had everything arranged. The Gardaí provided an escort and as the team and supporters travelled through the town at around 11 p.m. it could have been the daytime.

People cheered along the streets and many waved flags from their homes. Hopefully, the town will experience many

victorious homecomings during the year.

Then it was back to the GAA pavilion where chairman Seamus O'Brien and many club members formally welcomed the team. There were many words of praise for the girls and for coach, Liam Nash, who has fostered camogie over the years.

Both school principal, Sr. Eilis and Liam Nash thanked Clonakilty GAA for the use of their pitch and singled out Larry O'Sullivan who was always on hand to help out.

Mr O'Brien announced that in his capacity as Chairman of Clonakilty U.D.C., he would receive the team at Halla an Bhaile for a civic reception during the week.

Then it was time to relax and enjoy the hospitality. The girls, with their captain, Geraldine Collins, still clutching the cup, were all invited to the disco that followed. A perfect end to a perfect day.

Another tremendous camogie victory for Aghabullogue

ON Easter Monday, the Aghabullogue U18 Camogie team won the 1998 U18 Championship for the second year in a row.

Aghabullogue defeated a very determined Newtownshandrum side after a very hard fought but entertaining encounter which was played in Rathpeacon.

Aghabullogue got off to a great start with a splendid goal from Siobhan Buckley and shortly afterwards Siobhan again broke

through the Newtownshandrum defence to score the second goal of the game.

Newtownshandrum clawed their way back into the game with some good scores from both play and frees. Aghabullogue's Louise Murphy ensured that the teams were level at half time with a score line of Aghabullogue 2-1 to Newtownshandrum 1-4.

Both teams were put through their paces in the second half, as they both fought hard to score

but the defences held strong and displayed some tremendous camogie skill. Eventually Aghabullogue's Marie Noonan got a goal, and from there on Aghabullogue were well on top.

A second goal resulted in a brilliant strike from Louise Murphy with no response from the Newtownshandrum side. The game ended and Aghabullogue came out convincing winners by two goals. Final score Aghabullogue 4-1 to

Newtownshandrum 1-4.

Best on the day for Aghabullogue were Anne Ennequess, Marjorie Twomey, Sinead Buckley, Joan Twomey, Linda Ronan and Siobhan Buckley.

The majority of this U18 team have had a lot of success down through the years winning the following:

T w o U 1 8 championships; two U16 championships; two U14 leagues; one U14 league and represented Cork in three Féile na nGael's.



Linda Ronan, Aghabullogue captain, lifts the under 18 camogie trophy after her side defeated Newtownshandrum on Easter Monday.

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Lynn Dunlea (Cork), Olivia Broderick (Galway) ... heading for international competition?



Sheila Wallace ... discussion on Internationals.

THE QUEST FOR AN INTERNATIONAL OUTLET

With Hurling-Shinty internationals at under-21 and senior level between Ireland and Scotland under Compromise Rules now annual fixtures on the Gaelic Games calendar, it is perhaps not so surprising that the Camogie Association is moving to broaden the horizons of the sister game on this international front.

Camogie President Phyllis Breslin and General Secretary Sheila Wallace visited Inverness in Scotland last month to explore the possibilities of establishing links with Ladies Shinty officials. They were encouraged by the enthusiastic response they received from the Scottish Ladies members.

"It is early days yet but the Scottish girls like ourselves were very keen to advance the cause of games between our two Associations", says Phyllis Breslin.

The Camogie officials hope to build on the contacts over the coming months.

However, although Shinty is a long-established and very popular male sport, especially in the Highlands of Scotland, the ladies game is really only beginning to get off the ground.

Ladies Shinty competitions in fact are only a couple of years old. There are ten teams and these compete in a League. Clubs have long distances to travel but solid progress is being made.

The contacts between the Camogie Association and the Ladies Shinty officials were initiated by Sean O'Leary, Games Manager of the G.A.A. Discussions she had

with Sheila Wallace led directly to this visit of the top two officials to Scotland with the party for the Hurling-Shinty internationals at under-21 and senior.

"When we first considered these contacts with Scotland we thought it might be a good move to send our Gael-Linn Cup (interprovincial championship) winners to Scotland for a game with the locals. However, from what we learned from our visit the Scottish game is not yet up to that standard, so we will have to wait a little before deciding on a particular fixture," says Phyllis Breslin.

The Camogie officials offered to return to Scotland in the next few months to review matters further and this offer was accepted.

"We also suggested that the Scots visit Ireland in September for the All-Ireland junior and senior camogie finals at Croke Park and possibly field a team in the Glenabryn All-Ireland Sevens in Dublin on the eve of the deciders.

"We would have to get permission from Glenabryn for a Scottish Shinty team to compete in the All-Ireland Sevens, but I don't think that would raise any real problems. The visitors could then attend our junior and senior All-Ireland finals at Croke Park the following afternoon" commented the Camogie President.

That is certainly a sound suggestion as not many in Scotland have actually attended a camogie game.

The All-Ireland Sevens tournament has gone from success to success down the

years and is now one of the highlights of the annual programme.

A visit to Dublin for the event would enable the Scottish enthusiasts to meet with players and officials from all over the country and learn at first hand of the efforts being put in to the successful promotion of our national women's game.

The All-Ireland junior and senior finals the following afternoon would give the visitors a further valuable insight into the skills of sport.

Members of the Ladies Shinty Association attended the Hurling-Shinty under-21 and senior internationals at Inverness last month and were very impressed by the games under the Compromise Rules.

On the evidence of the strides made in Hurling and Shinty in forging out the international series of games there is no reason why Camogie and Ladies Shinty officers can not come up with an attractive game involving both codes.

It will naturally enough take time, but at least a beginning has been made.

Phyllis Breslin says that there appears to be great interest in Ladies Shinty at schools and adult level.

However, a real problem for Ladies Shinty and for other sports is that when children move on to Senior School no sports are catered for and many understandably drop out of their particular game.

National junior camogie league quarter final

Wexford dig deep to record great victory over Galway

Wexford 3-6 Galway 2-5
This may have been the match that Wexford did not want but the Model juniors showed plenty of appetite for the fray and recorded a refreshing victory over Galway in the national league quarter final on Sunday at Bunclogh.

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With four of their players involved in the schools All-Ireland final the day before, Wexford surely had a good case for a postponement. The powers-that-be in Croke

Park decided otherwise and, when Galway took the lead with a goal at the G.A.A. grounds in Bunclogh, it appeared that defeat was on the cards.

The visitors won the junior championship last year and set a cracking pace for the match. But this only brought out the best in the home side, not least Monagheer's Rose Mary Breen who started the match at full forward. From that position, she propelled Wexford into the lead with a point and a smartly taken goal.

Galway's Sandra Tannon retrieved Galway's position with a further goal past blameless stand-in keeper Annette Sinnott who deputised for the absent Linda Byrne. As a result, Noel Byrne's side were behind 1-2 to 2-2 at the half time whistle.

Ita Kelly sparked the Wexford revival with a three-pointer and Rose Breen, now out at centre forward, rattled off points. The new full forward was Aoife O'Connor who made the most of the switch to

collect 1-1. Galway mounted waves of attack in the closing stages but, with Claire O'Connor, Helena Jacob and, above all, Tina Bergin outstanding, they were firmly rebuffed.

The semi final is scheduled for May 2, and Wexford have been drawn away against Dublin whom they are also due to meet in the Leinster championship.

Wexford: Annette Sinnott; Helena Jacob, Orla Gahan, Bernie Holohan; Tina Bergin, Claire O'Connor, Michelle Jordan; Joan Redmond,

Ciara Scallan; Michelle O'Leary, Aoife O'Connor, Elaine Holohan; Ita Kelly, Rose Mary Breen, Eilish Kavanagh. Subs: Noelle Doran for Gahan; Noelleen Lambert for Michelle O'Leary.

While the juniors were enjoying a famous victory at Bunclogh on Sunday, the Wexford senior camogie team were unable to field a side against Clare in the national league. The failure to fulfill the away fixture is likely to draw a fine from the authorities. Jack O'Brien's side have yet to record a win in the N.C.L. and they have one game left to play, against Tipperary.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

CLARE TOO STRONG FOR KILKENNY

Clare were in top scoring form when they got the better of Kilkenny to collect their first brace of points in this national senior league tie played at Ballyline. The Banner County took the game to their opponents from the start. Goals by Sylvia O'Brien, Erica Minogue and Ann Keane gave them a cushion of 3-5 to 1-0 at the break, with Kilkenny's goal coming from Margaret Commerford. The second half was more competitive with scores hard to come by.

Final Score: Clare 3-6 Kilkenny 1-4

Scorers Clare: Sylvia O'Brien, Erica Minogue and Ann Keane 1-0 each, Deirdre Murphy 0-2, Sinead O'Brien, Catherine O'Loughlin, Noelle Comyn and Sinead McMahon 0-1 each.

Kilkenny: Margaret Commerford 1-0, Brigid Mullaly 0-2, Marina Downey and Kelly Long 0-1 each.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork

All-Ireland senior championship finalists Galway gained a valuable two points when they brushed aside a challenge from Down in this senior league encounter at Glass Drummond.

The winners led 3-8 to 1-4 at the break. Final score: Galway 4-11 Down 1-10.

Scorers: Galway: Therese Maher 0-8, Veronica Curtin and Paula Nevin 2-1 each, Michelle Glynn 0-1.

Down: Mairin McAleenan 0-5, Coleen Hynds 0-4, Ciara Cunningham 1-0, Valerie Hynds 0-1.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Other senior league results:

Armagh 2-4 Antrim 2-1

Cork 7-15 Waterford 1-3

Limerick 4-10 Waterford 1-10

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS:

Armagh 6-10 Cavan 3-0

Scorers: Armagh: Mary Black 4-6, Colleen Convey

2-0, Karen Kelly 0-3, Olive McGeown 0-1.

Cavan: Majella Prior 2-0, Marie Prior 1-0

Down 1-4 Antrim 0-6

Scorers: Down: Hillary O'Reilly 1-1, Bridgeen Sands 0-3.

Antrim: Ciara McGinley 0-3, Roisin Duffin, Kerri O'Neill and Jane Adams 0-1 each.

Armagh: 1-11 Kildare 0-6. *Galway star*

Scorers: Armagh: Mary Black 0-6, Cathiona Curry 1-2, Bernie McBride 0-2, Olive McGeown 0-1.

Kildare: Aisling Treacy 0-1

Dublin 4-7 Cavan 1-5

Scorers: Dublin: Sile Ni Coitir 2-0, Orla Connolly and Emer Ring 1-0 each, Sinead Elliott 0-3, Emer

Branagan and Irene Kirwan 0-2 each.

Cavan: Rosie Mulligan 1-0, Marie Brady 0-2, Emeir Brennan, Majella Prior and Joan Harris 0-1 each.

Wexford 5-15 Carlow 0-5

Scorers: Wexford: Rosemary Breen 2-1, Michelle O'Leary and Ita Kelly 1-3 each, Elaine Holohan 0-5, Ailish Kavanagh 1-0, Aoife O'Connor 0-2, Gretta Heffernan 0-1.

Carlow: Mary Coady 0-5

Cork 5-14 Waterford 0-0

Derry 6-10 Down 0-0

PAN CELTIC:

The Pan Celtic Tournament was held in Tralee and was a huge success. It was divided into four categories, Under 16 A and B, Senior A and B.

Results:

Senior A: Bishopstown, Cork 2-2 Burgess, Tipperary 0-3

Senior B: Courcy Rovers, Cork 2-8 St Finbarr's Cork 1-3

Under 16A: Milford, Cork 8-5 Kinvara, Galway 0-3

Under 16B: Good Council, Dublin 2-0, Newcastlewest, Limerick 0-1.



At Camogie Congress are (from left): Brigid Carney and Breda McKenna (Meath) and Ann Harrington (Louth)



Limerick delegates relax during Camogie Congress (from left): Therese Welsh, Kathleen Coffey and Bernie O'Dea

Rampant Cork dispose of Offaly

Cork 6-19
Offaly 2-9

CORK had little trouble in disposing of Offaly in a one-sided Junior National Camogie League quarter-final at Delanys, yesterday, and in the process set up a trip North where they will meet the winners of the Derry and Armagh clash which ended all square.

Offaly led three minutes into the game when Catherine Byrne converted a 45-metre free. This was quickly followed by a Maggie Lynch goal after Cork keeper, Ger Casey had brought off a tremendous save from Byrne. Rachel Moloney availed of an error in the Offaly goalmouth to open the Cork account with a

well-taken goal and when three minutes later Sinéad Cahalane did likewise Cork were in the driving seat.

On top at midfield the Cork full-forward line got tremendous supply and how they used it. With Cahalane, Moloney and Una O'Donoghue in scoring form, Cork picked off scores at will and led 5-7 to 1-6 at the break, having played with wind advantage.

However, the second half totally belonged to Cork and how they availed of their possession adding a further 1-11 to their total, the goal coming nine minutes from full-time from Marie Corkery. And such was Cork's dominance that they managed to hold Offaly until four minutes from full-time when

Catherine Byrne's 30-metre free deceived the Cork defence to end in the net. They did add on two further points but it mattered little on a day when Cork dictated matters throughout.

Scorers — Cork: R. Moloney 3-5 (0-4 frees), S. Cahalane 1-6, M. Corkery 1-1, S. Hayes 0-3, (0-2 frees), U. O'Donoghue 1-0, O. O'Sullivan 0-3, S. Morley 0-1.
Offaly: C. Byrne 1-5 (all frees), M. Lynch 1-1, M. Bergin, E. Corcoran and M. Davis 0-1 each.

CORK: G. Casey, M. Harrington, A. Buckley, E. Dineen, S. Buckley, R. Cahalane, L. O'Connell, S. Morley, H. Walsh, Capt. M. Corkery, O. O'Sullivan, S. Hayes, U. O'Donoghue, S. Cahalane, R. Moloney. Subs: C. Healy, Val O'Sullivan and R. Holland for E. Dineen, U. O'Donoghue and S. Morley.

OFFALY: C. Kelly, B. Nugent, C. Corcoran, J. Kelly, N. Mahon, E. Kinsella, C. Carroll, M. Bergin, C. Byrne, E. Dermody, A. Hennessy, M. Davis, E. Corcoran, M. Lynch (Capt.), S. Daly.

Subs: A. Kelly and O. Carey for B. Nugent and C. Carroll.

Referee: Rosemary Kelisher (Limerick).

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Limerick confident of dethroning Cork

ALL-IRELAND Minor Camogie champions Cork put their titles on the line when they meet Limerick in the Munster Minor Championship semi-final this evening at Kilmallock with a 7pm throw-in.

The Limerick girls, having had the advantage of an opening-round game when they defeated a fancied Tipperary side by a four-point winning margin, are now confident of upsetting the champions.

They are a very experienced side with players from the St Mary's Charleville senior and junior col-

leges teams, who took All-Ireland titles in both grades recently. All-Ireland Feile na nGael Skills champion Aoife Sheehan, Alison White and Edwina Boyce are all members of the team. All-Ireland club champions Grenagh Ballingarry have four representatives on the panel and such is the strength of camogie within the county that 14 clubs are represented on the panel.

And following their victory over Tipperary, coach John O'Connor is confidently looking forward to going a step further and trying to bridge a

16-year gap since the county last won a Munster Minor title. However, they know they will not have it easy from Cork whose team will include eight survivors from last year's victorious panel and having taken the county's first All-Ireland title in 13 years Cork will not relinquish their title easily. Whilst the team has yet to be announced it is sure to include the experienced Emer Dillon, Suzanne Deasy, Niamh Bowles and Jennifer O'Leary. But without the advantage of an opening-round game the selec-

tors are going into the game cautiously and have put in a rigorous training schedule to ensure the panel are on top on the night.

Cork panel: Niamh Bowles, Aine Kelleher (Newtownshandrum), Marie Watson, Christine O'Gorman (Milford); Susan Deasy, Colette Desmond (Newcestown); Aoife Murray, Sinead Corkery, Orla McCarthy, Orla O'Callaghan, Joanne O'Callaghan (Cloughduv); Emer Dillon, Catriona Kelly (Ballygarvan); Gemma O'Connor (St Finbarrs); Joan Twomey (Aghabullogue); Jennifer O'Leary, Karen McCarthy (Barryroe); Kelly Newman (Glen Rovers); Elizabeth Hayes (Inniscarra); Roisin Corcoran (Fr. O'Neills); Clodagh Crowley (Eire Ogi); Gina O'Sullivan (Bishopstown); Niamh Murphy (Carrigaline); Sarah O'Donovan (Valley Rovers); Samantha Quinn (Courcy Rovers).

Cork minors far too classy

IT was a rout at Kilmallock last night as Cork opened their defence of their All Ireland minor camogie crown against Limerick.

At half-time the visitors, who were in scintillating form in front of goal, were 2-5 to 0-0 ahead.

And in the second half they capitalised on their 11 point advantage, quickly getting back into scoring mode right from the start.

The form of the champions, rock solid in all departments, bodes ill for other opponents in the competition.

Right from the back-line through midfield and to the forwards there wasn't a weak link in the team.

However, the side isn't getting carried away with the result. They know that Limerick are still only finding their feet at this level and that there will be tougher ties ahead in the next few weeks.

Marie Watson and Sarah O'Donovan scored the first-half goals which proved so decisive for the winners.

Cork: A. Murray, C. O'Gorman, J. Twomey, S. Beary, J. O'Sullivan, N. Bowles, A. Kelleher, J. O'Callaghan, M. Watson (2-0), C. Kelly (0-1), J. O'Leary, S. O'Donovan (2-1), E. Dillon (0-4), G. O'Connor (0-1). Subs: N. Murphy for O. McCarthy, K. Newman for J. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy for G. O'Connor.

Limerick: M. Leahy, A. Creed, E. Murphy, A. Walsh, E. Boyce, A. O'Connell, M. Flury, M. Nash, G. McNamara, B. Cleary, A. White (0-1), A. Sheehan, N. Barry, M. Condon, A. O'Brien. Subs: E. Collins for A. Walsh.

Referee: Patricia O'Grady (Clare).

Cork girls run riot in first defence

ALL-IRELAND minor camogie champions Cork opened the defence of their title with a crushing 4-7 to 0-2 Munster championship victory over Limerick at Kilmallock last night.

Aided by the strong wind, Cork settled with a first-minute Sarah O'Donovan point. Three unanswered points from Gemma O'Connor, Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly put Cork in a comfortable position on 15 minutes and goals from Marie Watson and O'Donovan left the Cork girls with a 2-5 to 0-0 interval lead.

O'Donovan stretched the lead with a third goal four minutes into the second half and Cork were coasting.

Alison White opened the Limerick account five minutes into the half with a well-taken point but it mattered little.

A further Cork goal from Marie Watson and two points from Emer Dillon had Cork safely through before Aine O'Connell had the final say with a Limerick point.

Scorers: Cork: S. O'Donovan 2-1, M. Watson 2-0, E. Dillon 0-4 (0-1 4-5, 0-1 free), G. O'Connor, C. Kelly 0-1 each.

Limerick: A. White, A. O'Connell 0-1 each. Cork: A. Murray, C. O'Gorman, J. Twomey, S. Beary, J. O'Sullivan, A. Kelleher, J. O'Callaghan, N. Bowles, A. O'Connell, M. Watson, C. Kelly, J. O'Leary, S. O'Donovan, E. Dillon, G. O'Connor, Subs: N. Murphy for O. McCarthy, K. Newman for J. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy for G. O'Connor.

Limerick: M. Leahy, A. Creed, E. Murphy, A. Walsh, E. Boyce, A. O'Connell, M. Flury, M. Nash, G. McNamara, B. Cleary, A. White, A. Sheehan, N. Barry, M. Condon, A. O'Brien. Subs: E. Collins for A. Walsh.

Referee: Patricia O'Grady (Clare).

Limerick out to restore pride

WITH qualification guaranteed the result of Cork's senior camogie league clash against Limerick tomorrow will serve to determine semi-final pairings.

For Limerick, pride will be at stake having lost out by the minimum to Kilkenny last weekend and suffered an earlier defeat by Tipperary. However, they did record a comprehensive victory over Wexford and will now be hoping to round off their league campaign in a similar fashion.

However, the Cork selectors must be pleased with their charges' displays to date recording fine victories over Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford and Clare and a win tomorrow would round off their section nicely.

Whilst the league is used in preparation for the Championship, counties have always made a big effort and none so more than defending title holders Cork. The 15-a-side game has given the selectors a

chance to look at some of the fringe players on the panel and has also given the players a chance to stake a claim for places.

With confidence rising with every game the side has taken on a settled look. The ever-reliable Cora Keohane will again be expected to guard the goal with her usual confidence whilst the defence will welcome back Denise Cronin after a two-game absence through illness.

However, Mary Burke who has impressed to date, will be absent due to a hand injury picked up in a club game.

The attack is sure to feature Lynn Dunlea, Mags Finn and Sinead O'Callaghan, who have all impressed so far.

Limerick will be without Ida Quade who has retired from inter-county camogie but Pauline McCarthy, Vera Sheehan and St Mary's, Charleville star Eileen O'Brien will all be in the Limerick side as they strive to knock the champions off course.

Cork finish top of group

Cork	4-12
Limerick	2-3

CORK completed their Senior camogie programme top of their group with a comprehensive victory over Limerick at a wet and damp Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Saturday evening.

Opening the scoring after five minutes, the winners had three points without reply before Michelle Casey finished a Pauline McCarthy free to level matters with eleven minutes gone. However, of an exciting contest vanished four minutes later when first Una O'Donoghue and then Fiona O'Driscoll goalied for Cork to put them in control. A further O'Donoghue goal plus points from Sarah Hayes, Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda O'Sullivan gave Cork a 3-7 to 1-1 interval lead.

In the second half Cork picked off five points. Limerick had a goal with seven minutes remaining. But it mattered little with the Leesiders adding a Trisha Doyle goal on the full time whistle to run out convincing winners and book their semi final outing with Down next weekend.

Scorers, Cork: F. O'Driscoll 1-5 (0-3 from frees), U. O'Donoghue 2-0, T. Doyle 1-0, Sinead O'Callaghan, L. O'Sullivan 0-2, U. Troy, S. Hayes 0-1 each, M. O'Connor 0-1 from free.

Scorers, Limerick: E. O'Brien 1-2 (0-1 from free), V. Sheehan 1-1.

Cork: L. Nolan, E. Duggan, V. Harris, M. Finn, U. Troy, P. O'Connor, S. Dunlea, T. Doyle, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, U. O'Donoghue, F. O'Driscoll, S. O'Callaghan, L. O'Sullivan, M. Deasy.

Limerick: E. Reale, M. Sheehan, B. O'Brien, R. Collins, P. Cronin, M. Loneragan, L. Leonard, E. Sheehan, K. Burke, V. Sheehan, M. Casey, E. O'Brien, P. McCarthy, C. Hayes, M. Kelly.

Referee: P. O'Grady, Clare.



St Finbarr's Camogie Club members provided a guard of honour for their team mate Marie O'Sullivan, Earlwood Estate, Cork, following her marriage to Mark Moloney, Model Farm Road, at the Lough Church.

Picture: Michael English.



The Charleville camogie team that defeated Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland senior A championship final at Nenagh.

Pic: John Long.

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All-conquering camogie side bring more joy to Charleville

THE ALL-CONQUERING girls of St Mary's Secondary School recorded a four-in-a-row All Ireland Senior B Championship success when they overcame Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy in the final at a windswept and rain-lashed McDonagh in Nenagh.

St Mary's had met Colaiste Bride a year ago in the final and had beaten them by 1-11 to 1-4 but, last week's encounter was more convincing, albeit one-sided. The quality of the camogie played was affected by the atrocious weather conditions. The final score was St Mary's, 3-10, Colaiste Bride, 0-5.

There was a short delay after the game started when one set of goal posts were blown down with the gale force winds. The Colaiste Bride girls scurried off to the dressing rooms but the St Mary's team opted to stay on the field and

they huddled together to maintain concentration until the umpires erected the goal posts again.

St Mary's had a dream start to the game when star player Eileen O'Brien snatched a goal after two minutes with a pass from a sideline cut by captain Caoimhe Harrington. Eileen was on the score board two minutes later with a well-taken point from 20 yards.

After the opposition responded with two points,

Aine Kelleher came back and scored a free point from a pass by Eileen O'Brien while captain Caoimhe Harrington added another point after a surging run from midfield. St Mary's kept pegging up the scores and Jordana Dolan got the other goal of the half to leave the St Mary's leading by 2-8 to 0-3 at the interval.

When the teams restarted, Caoimhe Harrington got the other goal of the game after ten minutes

that left the winners ahead by 3-9 to 0-4. Another injury-time point by Eileen O'Brien brought her personal tally to 1-7 and finished the game.

After the game, St Mary's captain Caoimhe Harrington accepted the All Ireland Senior A Championship cup from Camogie Board president, Miriam O'Callaghan.

The team is trained by Vincent Harrington, who teaches Spanish, Anne Marie O'Keeffe, a Maths teacher and Fr Tim Hazelwood. This trio also trained the school's junior side which won the Junior All Ireland title a few weeks ago. Three of Saturday's players — Alison White, Niamh Bowles and Aoife Sheehan — also played for the juniors.

The senior team played Maghera in the All-Ireland semi-final, Nenagh in the Munster final and Shannon in the pro-

vincial semi-final.

Six of the winning team are from the Newtown Camogie Club, where the senior players are trained by Seamus Kelleher. The club won the Senior B title two years ago, but were beaten in the Senior A semi-final by Bishopstown this year.

St Mary's team: Aoife Sheeran, Granagh; Noelle O'Riordan, Milford; Kathryn Leslie, Granagh; Caroline Giltinane, Newtown; Caragh Manton, Newtown; Sarah Reidy, Newtown; Caoimhe Harrington (capt), Newtown; Niamh Bowles, Newtown; Jordana Dolan, Ballylagan; Eileen O'Brien, Granagh; Aine Kelleher, Newtown; Alison White, Ballylagan.

St Mary's scorers: Eileen O'Brien 1-7 (4 frees); Caoimhe Harrington 1-1; Jordana Dolan 1-0; Aine Kelleher 0-2.

Senan Hogan's Club of the Week

Ten students applauded for sporting achievements at awards ceremony

THE 16th annual presentation of the Guinness/Jury's/UCC Sports Star Awards took place at a function in Jury's Hotel last night.

The awards were first introduced in 1984 by UCC, with Guinness Ireland Group as sponsors. Guinness have been associated with the event since. Jury's came on board in 1990, an obvious development since the event has been held in Jury's.

The awards honour the ten students who were prominent in the previous 12 months in their chosen sports.

Guest of honour at the function was the President of the Irish Rugby Football Union, Noel Murphy, who assisted Professor Gerry Wrixon, president of UCC with the presentation of the awards.

Sport plays a significant role at UCC, which accumulated a significant series of successes, both at intervarsity and domestic level this year. Notable was the college's first victories in the Wylie Cup (Rowing) and the European Students Rugby Cup.

Award Winners

John Browne (Cork) Hurling: Dentistry two. Outstanding displays for UCC and the Cork Senior Hurling side.

Eugene Coakley (Skibbereen) Rowing: Civil Engineering three. Member of the UCC Wylie Cup winning crew. Rowed in Senior World Championships last September. Current Scholarship holder.

Tony Healy (Cork) Handball: M.Dip Applied Science, Intervarsity & World Colleges Champion 1999. Recently won both Irish senior doubles and singles title, beating the legendary Duxie Walsh in both.

Johanna Hyland (Cork) Ladies Hockey: Arts three. Captain of senior ladies hockey side. Munster and under-21 international. Current scholarship holder.

Eleanor Laphorne (Cork) Squash: Arts three. Competed in world championships in Germany. Munster ladies champion. Selected for European championship in May. Current scholarship holder.

Anthony Lynch (Cork) Gaelic Football: Commerce three. UCC's most consistent player throughout season. Outstanding display for Cork in National League. Member of Munster Railway Cup side.

Sinead O'Callaghan (Cork) Camogie: Business one. All-Ireland senior schools and senior All-Ireland medals. Prolific scorer with UCC during the season. Current scholarship holder.

Michael O'Driscoll (Cork) Rugby: Commerce three. Irish under-21, Irish universities and Munster senior team member. Played on UCC side which won the European students' cup. Current scholarship holder.

Peter Stringer (Cork) Rugby: Science three. Under-21, Irish universities and Munster senior team member. Played on UCC European students' cup winning side. Jury's January sports award winner. Current scholarship holder.

Aoife Walsh (Cork) Table Tennis: B. Comm Euro. Member of the UCC side which won the intervarsities title. Won under-21 Irish championship. Member of the Munster senior and under-21 squads. Ranked second in doubles in Ireland. Current scholarship holder.

Minors bravery just not enough

Limerick0-2
Cork4-9

CAMOGIE

WHILE the scoreline at the final whistle of this Munster minor championship is an accurate indication of the Cork teams overall superiority (it would have been much more but for the heroics and skill of Na Piar-saigh's Margaret Leahy in goal), it gives no picture of the huge and sustained effort by a gutsy and committed Limerick team at Kilmallock on Friday evening last.

In the end they had to give best to a Cork XV who hurled with skill, pace, accuracy and cohesion, but Limerick gained many admirers with their committed, determined, wholehearted hurling.

Limerick played into the wind in the first half and got stuck in from the throw in. They chased and harassed for all they were worth, and inspired by the outstanding play of Margaret Leahy in goal (certainly the games M.V.P.), the brilliant Aine O'Connell captain (Killeedy) at centre-back, and the outstanding Alison White (Ballyagran) at centre forward, they were well in touch 0-0 to 0-5 at 24 minutes. However, in the final six of the half, Cork got through for 2-1.

While Limerick trailed 0-0 to 2-6 at half time it wasn't an impossible lead and hopes were high that Limerick could peg it back, when they had the wind.

Cork showed their true character and ability in the second half. Facing the strong wind and the determined home team, they hurled powerfully and skilfully, strong and direct, quick in defence, elusive and cohesive in attack. Indeed but for the continued doggedness of the Limerick girls in general and the continued brilliance of Aine and goalkeeper Margaret in particular, their score would have been much higher! In the end Cork were comprehensive and impressive winners, Limerick courageous and spirited opponents.

Cork play Clare in the final.

Limerick: Margaret Leahy (Na Piar-saigh), Aisling Creed (Black-rock), Esther Murphy (Feenagh/Killeedy), Aisling Walsh (Feenagh/Killeedy), Edwina Boyce (Granagh/Ballingarry), Aine O'Connell captain (Killeedy), Marie Fleury (Ahane), Meadhbh Nash (Newcastlewest), Grace McNamara (Adare), Bernie Cleary (Galbally), Alison White (Ballyagran), Aoife Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry), Noreen Barry (Killeedy).

Maired Condrion (Granagh/Ballingarry), Ashling O'Brien (Black-rock), Subs: Ruth Stapleton (Kilmallock), Anna Cleary (Blackrock), Moire Dooley (Bruff), Nora Collins (Milford), Sarah O'Connell (Newcastlewest), Marguerite Freeny (Kilmallock), Eileen Collins (Milford), Louise Coleman (Feenagh/Killeedy), Amy McCarthy (Granagh/Ballingarry), Grainne Quilligan (Na Piar-saigh), Michelle Herbert (Newcastlewest), Claire Ryan (Crecora), Aoife Kennedy (Adare).

Coach: John O'Connor. **Selectors:** Kathleen Coffey, Carmel Murphy, Margaret Harty, Liaison Officer: Madge Fleury.

Senior National league round four. Fixed for M.I.C.E. on Sunday last this game fell foul of the weather and ground conditions and was postponed. That leaves Limerick with a backlog of two games, with round one v Clare (in Clare) also to be re-scheduled.

The various county leagues and championships continued during the week. It was a rest week for the seniors (county championship) and juniors (county league) but there was action at U/14A and U/12. The weather caused a number of postponements, some results are not in but the following are accounted for: Under 12 county league round four: Killeedy 2-1, Abbey Sarsfields 0-0, Murroe/Boher 7-0, Desmond Gaels, Adare 0-0, Black Abbey, Adare 3-2, St Patrick's 0-0.

Wexford 3-6 Galway 2-5

Wexford are thought to be the semi-final of the National Junior League when they got the upperhand on Galway in this quarter-final tie played at Bunclody. After a closely contested first half, two goals by Galway's Sandra Tannian gave her side a 2-0 to 1-2 lead at the break with Wexford's goal coming from Rosemary Breen. Second half goals by Aoife O'Connor and Ita Kelly gave Wexford a great boost while Galway's Brenda Daniels and Orla Curtin notched up some well taken points, but were unable to match the winners.

Scorers - Wexford: Rosemary Breen (1-3); Aoife O'Connor (1-1); Ita Kelly (1-0); Elaine Holohan (0-2); **Galway:** Sandra Tannian (2-1); Brenda Daniels (0-2); Orla Curtin and Elaine Kearns (0-1 each). **Referee:** John Pender (Kildare).

Dublin 3-17 Down 1-4

Dublin had an overwhelming victory over league champions Down at Ballyholland where the winners led 1-7 to 0-3 at the break. Dublin put in a great second half with seven of their team notching up scores. Down had little answer to it. **Scorers - Dublin:** Sile Ni Choisir (2-3); Emer Ring (1-2); Irene Kirwan (0-6); Louise O'Hara and Eve Tolbott (0-2 each); Emer Branagan and Fiona Ni Chorcoran (0-1 each).

Down: Louise Mason 1-0, Brenda Gallagher, Brigeen Coulter, Michelle Murray and Kitty Fagan (0-1 each).

Derry 2-6 Armagh 3-3

Derry and Armagh must meet again after finishing level at Draperstown. Derry led 3-1 to 0-1 at the break, however, Armagh fought back and with thirty seconds remaining Mary Black sent over the equaliser for the Orchard County.

Scorers - Derry: Martina Mulholland (1-2); Aileen O'Kane (1-0); Mary O'Kane (0-3); Aileen Tobill (0-1). **Armagh:** Caitriona Curry (2-0); Patricia McEvoy (1-0); Mary Black (0-2); Michelle Murray (0-1).

Cork 6-19 Offaly 2-9

Cork went on a scoring spree in the fourth quarter-final at Delaney's Park. They led 5-7 to 1-6 at the break.

Scorers - Cork: Rachel Moloney (3-5); Sinead O'Callaghan (1-6); Marie Corkery (1-1); Orla Sullivan and Sarah Hayes (0-3 each); Una O'Donoghue (1-0), Susan Morley (0-1).

Offaly: Catherine Byrne (1-5); Maggie Lynch (1-1); Edel Corcoran, Michelle Davis and Majella Bergin (0-1 each).

National Senior League Results

Down 3-8 Dublin 1-4

Scorers - Down: Cathy Mulholland (1-1); Mairin McAleenan (0-5); Joan Henderson and Claire McGrath (1-0 each); Valerie Hynds and Jennifer Braniff (0-1 each). **Dublin:** Louise O'Hara 1-1, Irene Kirwan 0-2, Emer Branigan (0-1).

Kilkenny 0-12 Limerick 2-5

St. Mary's Charleville win fourth successive All-Ireland Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy 0-5

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Bord na Gaeilge

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

St. Mary's, Charleville secured their fourth successive All-Ireland Senior Colleges Title when they defeated a gallant Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy side at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.

The bad weather did not dampen the spirits of the Munster side who dictated matters throughout. Eileen O'Brien was once again inspirational getting up 1-7 of her teams total.

Scorers: St Mary's: Eileen O'Brien (1-7); Caoimhe Harrington (1-1); Jordana Dolan (1-0); Aine Kelleher (0-2). **Colaiste Bride:** Elaine Holohan (0-4); Helena Jacob (0-1).

Clonakilty claim first All-Ireland B Crown

Sacred Heart Clonakilty 3-13 Kilcormac VS 2-5

It was a great day for Munster when Sacred Heart, Clonakilty secured the first ever All-Ireland Senior B Colleges Crown at the expense of Kilcormac VS.

Fifth Annual Castleblayney Sevens

Nine teams from seven Ulster counties took part in the Castleblayney Sevens. In the final Liatroim Fontenoy's (Down) defeated Castletara (Cavan) 5-13 to 0-1.

Fontenoy's have only been beaten once in the tournaments five year history in the 1996 final by Derrynoose.

Midfielder Bernie Kelly received the Player of the Tournament Award, 23 years after she captained Liatroim Fontenoy's to the first Down Senior Championship title.

Ulster minor league: Antrim 12-9, Tyrone 0-0

Dublin Feile na Gael

Div.1: Ballyboden/St. Enda's 1-2; Naomh Mearnog 0-2

Div. 2: St Peregrines 4-2; Raheny 2-0

Div. 3: St Mark's 3-0; Lucan Sarsfields 0-0

Next Sunday the semi-finals of the National Junior League takes place. Dublin will host Wexford in what promises to be a closely contested affair and Cork, last year's beaten finalists, travel to either Derry or Armagh. The Leesiders will be going all out to reach the final but neither Ulster county will give up easily.

The Leinster Junior Championship commences. Westmeath travel to take on Louth, and Laois host Carlow.



St. Mary's Charleville who claimed their fourth successive All-Ireland Senior Colleges Title

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Gaelic Games Officer Mary O'Connor outside the Limerick Institute of Technology.

Crecora girls make history

CRECORA are making great progress at camogie...

They are now in the record books as the first Irish camogie team to have played shinty in Scotland under the compromise rules.

The Crecora girls played three matches in total, against Dunadd, Tarbert and Oban, and were winners each time.

Such was their popularity that a number of the Tarbert girls travelled 50 miles to Oban to support them in their final outing.

Throughout the entire visit to the Highlands, the Crecora group were shown wonderful hospitality.

The trip would not have taken place without the enthusiasm and dedication of Tina Keyes, who has been associated with camogie in the parish for many years.

During the inclement weather, she switched the field training to indoor at St. Endas and adapted the training to suit the shinty format.



Mary Walsh makes the inaugural presentation of the Paddy O'Dwyer cup to Alan O'Callaghan, captain of the Na Píarsaigh under 14 hurlers. The late Paddy O'Dwyer was a member of Pallaskenry GAA club and gave tremendous service to Bord na nOg.

The trip to Scotland was co-ordinated by Victor and Geraldine McSweeney, chairperson and treasurer, respectively.



The Crecora camogie club which visited Scotland.

Cork minors take on Clare in Munster final

THE defence of their title continues this weekend for the minor camogie players of Cork when they play Clare in the Munster final in Ballyanly on Monday at 3pm.

Following on their victory over a fancied Limerick side who had earlier defeated Tipperary, Cork will now be installed as favourites to take the county's 17th provincial minor title.

The team is a strong one,

built around the survivors from last season's All-Ireland winning side and is captained by Niamh Bowles from the Newtownshandrum club.

However, the Cork girls will not underestimate a Clare side hungry for victory and anxious to become the first minor team to take a provincial title back to Clare.

In their opening game they

defeated Waterford on a 7-7 to 0-4 scoreline.

The side is captained by Denise Lynch who starred with Colaiste Mhuire in their All-Ireland Junior B colleges victory.

Jane Scanlon, a sister of inter-county senior Bernard, lines out at centre-forward.

The counties last met in the opening round last year when Cork recorded a comprehensive victory.

Cork panel: Aoife Murray, Aine Kelleher, Niamh Bowles, Christine O'Gorman, Jean O'Sullivan, Gemma O'Connor, Emer Dillon, Catriona Kelly, Susan Deasy, Marie Watson, Sarah O'Donovan, Joan Twomey, Jennifer O'Leary, Joanne O'Callaghan, Colette Desmond, Niamh Murphy, Kelly Newman, Karen McCarthy, Elizabeth Hayes, Roisin Corcoran, Orla McCarthy.

Clodagh Crowley, Orla O'Callaghan, Sinead Corkery, Samantha Quinn.

Clare panel: Valerie Hogan, Melissa O'Connell, Aileen Kilmartin, Marie Hehir, Michelle Dinan, Denise Lynch (C), Audrey Shanahan, Aoife Ryan, Nora Murphy, Laura Linnane, June Scanlon, Nicole Walsh, Claire McMahon, Lorraine O'Loughlin, Aishling Kelleher, Marie O'Halloran.

Corcaigh

- 1 Aoife Murray (Cloughduv)
- 2 Christine O Gorman (Milford)
- 3 Joan Twomey (Aghabullogue)
- 4 Susanne Deasy (Newcestown)
- 5 Jean O'Sullivan (Bishopstown)
- 6 Aine Kelleher (Newtownshandrum)
- 7 Joanne O'Callaghan (Cloughduv)
- 8 Niamh Bowles (Newtownshandrum)(C)
- 9 Orla McCarthy Cloughduv)
- 10 Marie Watson (Milford)
- 11 Caitriona Kelly (Ballygarvan)
- 12 Jennifer O'Leary (Barryroe)
- 13 Sarah O'Donovan (Valley Rovers)
- 14 Eimear Dillon (Ballygarvan)
- 15 Gemma O'Connor (St Finbarrs)
- 16 Karen McCarthy (Barryroe)
- 17 Niamh Murphy (Carrigaline)
- 18 Kelly Newman (Glen Rovers)
- 19 Elizabeth Hayes (Inniscarra)
- 20 Samantha Quinn (Courcey Rovers)
- 21 Sinead Corkery (Cloughduv)
- 22 Orla O'Callaghan (Cloughduv)
- 23 Roisin Corcoran (Fr O'Neill's)
- 24 Collette Desmond (Newcestown)
- 25 Clodagh Crowley (Eire Og)

Trainer: John Cronin

Selectors: John Cronin, Kathaleen Healy, John Quinn

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- 1 Valerie Hogan (Tulla)
- 2 Melissa O'Connell (Kilkishen)
- 3 Aileen Kilmartin (Newmarket On Fergus)
- 4 Marie Hehir (Wolfe Tones)
- 5 Michelle Dinan (Tulla)
- 6 Denise Lynch (Kilmaley)(C)
- 7 Audrey Shanahan (Wolfe Tones)
- 8 Aoife Ryan (Newmarket On Fergus)
- 9 Nora Murphy (Kilkishen)
- 10 Laura Linnane (Wolfe Tones)
- 11 June Scanlon (Clarecastle)
- 12 Nicola Walsh (Clooney)
- 13 Claire McMahon (Kilmaley)
- 14 Lorraine O'Loughlin (Tulla)
- 15 Aisling Kelleher (Corofin)
- 16 Marie O'Halloran ((Kilnamana)
- 17 Marie Lynch (Clarecastle)
- 18 Mairead Elliot (Wolfe Tones)

Trainer: Des Hackett

Selectors: Des Hackett, Martin Elliott

Cork girls crush Clare to retain Munster minor title

Cork 7-17 Clare 1-5

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork retained their Munster minor camogie crown and in the process created their own piece of history by becoming the first Cork team to take a championship title at 15-a-side when they overcame Clare at Ballyanly yesterday.

Cork began strongly with a Marie Watson point and a Catriona Kelly goal three minutes later.

They had stretched their lead by points from Orla McCarthy and Catriona Kelly (2) before Lorraine O'Loughlin opened the Clare account with a well struck point.

With the Cork centre field well on top of their opponents, a steady supply was ensured for the forwards.

Cork increased their lead when Catriona Kelly goaled in the 18th minute but it was replied to instantly when Clare's best forward on view Lorraine O'Loughlin rounded her marker and finished superbly to the net.

However, any hopes of a revival from Clare were quickly quashed by the su-

perb Jennifer O'Leary goal just one minute later.

Laura Linnane converted a Clare free but points from Gemma O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary (2) and Emer Dillon and a Marie Watson goal gave Cork a comfortable 4-8 to 1-2 advantage going into the half-time break.

Cork's superiority was evident again throughout the second half and despite the best efforts of the Clare defence they could not stem the tide.

Cork now go on to meet the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final on August 1.

Scorers: Cork: C. Kelly 2-6 (0-1 free), J. O'Leary, E. Dillon 1-3 each, M. Watson 1-2, G. O'Connor 1-1, N. Murphy 1-0, K. McCarthy, O. McCarthy 0-1 each. Clare: L. O'Loughlin 1-1, L. Linnane 0-3, (0-2 free, 0-1 45), A. Kelleher 0-1.

CORK: A. Murray, J. Twomey, S. Deasy, J. O'Sullivan, A. Kelleher, J. O'Callaghan, N. Bowles (captain), O. McCarthy, M. Watson, C. Kelly, J. O'Leary, E. Dillon, G. O'Connor, K. McCarthy, S. Corkery. Substitutes: N. Murphy for S. Deasy, S. Quinn for K. McCarthy, K. Newman for J. O'Sullivan.

CLARE: R. Lynch, M. O'Connell, A. Kilmartin, M. Hehir, M. Dinan, D. Lynch (captain), A. Shanahan, A. Ryan, N. Murphy, L. Linnane, J. Scanlon, N. Walsh, C. McMahon, L. O'Loughlin, A. Kelleher. Substitutes: M. O'Halloran for M. Hehir.

Referee: J. Morrissey (Tipperary).



Clare keeper Valerie Hogan clears from Cork's Catriona Kelly in the Munster camogie final.

Picture: Eddie O'Hara

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Cork retain title with top display

THE strength of underage camogie in Cork was clearly evident in Ballyanly last night where the Leesiders inflicted a heavy defeat on Clare in the Munster minor final.

This was the first final with 15 players-a-side, and Cork who are the defending All-Ireland champions, created their own bit of history by becoming the first team to win a championship under the net format.

There was never any doubt about the outcome after Catriona Kelly had Cork's first goal registered by as early as the third minute.

Miss Kelly was to emerge top scorer for the defending champions with 2-6 of her side's 7-17.

By BRENDAN LARKIN

Further goals by Catriona Kelly, Jennifer O'Leary and Marie Watson had Cork comfortably in front at the break, 4-8 to 1-2, and while Clare battled gamely in the second half, they never threatened a revival to trouble Cork.

Unfortunately for the Rebels, they must now wait three months to play the All-Ireland semi-final, against the Ulster champions.

On the basis of last night's result, though, the champions look like the team to beat once more this year.



Cork's Orla McCarthy breaks from Clare's Aoife Ryan during the Munster minor camogie final at Ballyanly Co. Cork yesterday. Picture: Eddie O'Hare.

Camogie's Annual Congress have had a lot to look back on. But as Therese O'Callaghan reports, the sport faces more exciting challenges in the years ahead.

Cheers and Crossroads



Cork fans celebrate at the All Ireland final. Attendances and TV audience are the highest ever for camogie.

BISHOPSTOWN CAMOGIE CLUB

Cork Seniors: THE Club would like to congratulate our club members Vivienne Harris (Cork Captain 1999), Eithne Duggan, Trish Doyle, Sinead O'Callaghan and Clara who are on the Cork Senior panel through to the National League semi-final and also Cork Senior selector Cllr. Pat Murray.

Cork Juniors: The Club would also like to congratulate our club members sheenagh Morely, Ruth Calahan, aine Buckley, clara Healy and Cork coach Cllr. Pat Murray on being involved with the Cork team who have reached the Junior all-Ireland semi-final.

Cork Minors: We would like to congratulate club member Jean O'Sullivan on being on this year's minor team who are through to the Munster final.

Pan Celtic: Our Senior team, captained by Aine White recently won the Senior A final at this prestigious weekend tournament in Tralee recently, beating Burgess (Tipperary) in the final. Also, congratulations to our gallant U-16 team who reached the knockout stages of their competition.

Underage Coaching: Every Saturday morning 10.30am to 12 noon for girls aged 6yrs to 14yrs. Beginners welcome.

Bernard Olden: The Club would like to wish senior manager Bernard Olden all the best in his forthcoming management degree examinations.

1999 Club Officers: Irene Higgins (President); Phil Duggan (Chairperson); Nicola Falvey (Vice-Chairperson); Mary Falvey (Secretary); Mary O'Hea (Treasurer); Cllr. Pat Murray (PRO); Sheila McCarthy (Registrar).

1999 Senior Selectors: Bernard Olden, Conor Kenny, Pat Harris and Liz O'Neil.

Among the new departures last year that Camogie has had to celebrate at its annual congress were such as

- live coverage by RTE of the All Ireland Senior Final
- the launch of the Bord na Gaelle Senior Championship in Aras an Uachtarán
- the staging of both Senior All Ireland semi-finals together
- the inclusion of the Mini-games on Munster Hurling Finals day
- a press launch to publicise the report of An Coiste Forbartha
- the publication of "Camogie Abu", the first annual since 1976

Progress can also be measured by the introduction this season of the fifteen-a-side test series. This formation has obvious advantages in terms of the use of Cumann Luthchleas Gael pitches and increasing player participation.

The largest female sporting organisation in the country may take pride in the progress made during almost a hundred years in existence. It has long been apparent that the pitch dimensions needed to be increased at many levels of competition. So far, the fifteen-a-side does not appear to be causing problems at inter-county level, but clubs in some areas seem to be experiencing difficulties with pitches and in finding additional players. But Árd-rúnai Sheila Wallace reports

that retaining this new format is the best option for the game as a whole during the coming years, "we must overcome these obstacles and plan in advance for change."

A real effort must be made during the coming year, particularly at club level, to give this new departure a chance and to be in a position to adapt easily to change should it decided to retain the fifteen-a-side game.

Also, beginning in the year 2000, an All Ireland Minor B Championship will commence. This is welcome news for counties who have not recently featured in the A grade, and will be played in line with the existing Minor championship.

Camogie Congress in Thurles last month heard that Ardcómhairle is currently seeking major sponsorship of all of its competitions. If sufficient funding were then available, Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael would join with Cumann Luthchleas Gael in the Ireland/Scotland International annual Tournament and have Camogie/Shinty matches in conjunction with Hurling/Shinty matches. Cumann Luthchleas Gael has supported this proposal.

Ardcómhairle has further agreed that the team would be selected from the players who participate in the Gael Linn Interprovincial Senior competition.

Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael also decided that the unique contribution of

Sighle Nic an Ultaigh to the Association should be acknowledged in some way. Sighle first took office in 1925 as secretary of her club, the Betsy Gray Club, Warrenpoint, County Down. She then went on to become Chairperson of the Down County Board, and in 1947 progressed to the chair of Ulster Council. She has been a member of Ardcómhairle, and has attended Congress on an almost continuous basis since that time. 1949 saw her become Uachtarán, and when her three year term was complete in 1952, she was re-elected for an additional year, thus extending the stipulated three year term.

She was elected as Ardrúnai in 1953, a position to which she served up to 1975, when she decided to step down from office. Sighle has also been a member of Cumann Luthchleas Gael all of her days, and has already attended in excess of two hundred Hurling, Football and Camogie Senior Finals. She is now a member of the St. Peter's Hurling and Camogie Club in Warrenpoint, and is the author of the Down G.A.A History, "O Shíol go Bláth".

As Congress 1999, marked Sighle's fiftieth anniversary of her election as Uachtarán, it was felt that it would be an appropriate occasion on which to honour her. Thus, she was declared the first ever Life President on Saturday, 27 March, 1999.

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CAMOGIE BREAKS THE MOULD

Camogie's Comhairle Uladh is breaking new ground in order to give worthwhile competition to clubs in the south of the province.

It has knocked down county borders to bring together 9 clubs, all of whom were becoming disillusioned with either the standard of competition within their own counties or with the amount of travel involved.

There are 3 clubs from Monaghan, and 2 each from Tyrone, Fermanagh and south Donegal.

In the Monaghan and Fermanagh cases, these clubs form the bulk of camogie activity within their respective counties.

Not so long ago, Teemore looked capable of challenging the big clubs in east Ulster, even managing to win underage provincial honours in the colours of Fermanagh, but the movement of those players into Further Education and the

work-force took the girls further from home and lack of competitive action in the county led to a drop of interest.

In Monaghan, as the Ladies' Football grew to a position where they are regular challengers for All-Ireland Senior titles, camogie development suffered and the number of clubs functioning at senior level declined.

Geography was the main consideration in both Tyrone and Donegal, with the main camogie action centred in other "remoter" areas of the county in recent decades.

The new leagues will run each Saturday (again bucking tradition) in April, May and June and should help to provide real competitive camogie action for clubs in the "poorer" parts of Ulster.

The mid-Ulster league however is only an experiment, as Tom Monaghan, cathairleach Comhairle Uladh, acknowledged at its launch recently.

"The strength of Gaelic Games traditionally has been the club unit within the county league set up and that will be our aspiration for every county. That is where our Development Committees will seek to operate."

"However we recognise that the traditional structures in certain areas are weak and need special measures in the short term. That is why we have taken - in Gaelic Games terms - such a dramatic step to consolidate what we currently have."

"If we managed to get under - age development structures

in place at each of the counties involved, and bring those through to adult level, hopefully we can look forward to the time when we do not need a cross-county club league."

When the mid-Ulster was first mooted, there was an indication that more clubs were interested, but 9 have thrown their caps into the ring and all 9 should benefit from the new set-up.

FIRST ROUND FIXTURES

Saturday 17th April 1999

Monaghan Harps v Truagh

Castleblayney v Tattyreagh

Brookborough v Eskra

Ballyshannon v Bundoran

Teemore bye

Submitted by

Seamus Mac Giolla Fhinnein

Tattyreagh Camogie Club - members of the new league.



Cork will face a tough test from Down

by Mary Newman

CORK'S camogie followers face a choice of being at two venues for National League semi-finals this weekend when tonight the senior team contest the semi-final in Cork against Down and the Junior side make the journey north to play Derry in the Junior National League semi-final tomorrow morning.

It's a headache scenario for the selectors as several of the junior team players have also been lining out with the senior side throughout the League.

However, the fixture clash comes about because of an objection involving the Derry-Armagh quarter final game which was replayed last weekend.

Down pose a big threat to the defending champions this evening.

They are in a young emerging side who took last year's Junior National

League title in tremendous fashion when they defeated Cork.

On that occasion they popped over an impressive 20 points, 16 from play. They went on to defeat Cork in the Intermediate All-Ireland final by a four point margin and have now emerged from Section One of the '99 Senior league, as runners-up to Galway.

With a July 10 Championship game with Dublin ahead, the Down backroom team have expressed satisfaction at their excellent National League run to date.

Their main strength lies in their forward division where Maureen McAleenan, Joan Henderson and Jennifer Branniff have been operating very effectively.

Cork selectors have not yet named the team, but definitely out of the

reckoning is Mary Burke who sustained a hand injury recently, Caoimhe Harrington who has exams while the impressive Una O'Donoghue, Sarah Hayes, Ciara Healy and Rachel Moloney are all travelling with the junior side and therefore not available.

However, the team will be along expected lines with Cora Keohane guarding the goal, Mags Finn, Eithne Duggan and Denise Cronin should form the full-back line, fronted by Stephanie Dunlea, Vivian Harris, Trish Doyle or Paula O'Connor. The mid-field pairing should see Linda Mellerick partnering Ursula Troy while up front Sinead O'Callaghan, Mary O'Connor, Linda O'Sullivan, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll and Miriam Deasy are all experienced forwards.

On their path to the semi-final Cork had comprehensive victories over

Clare, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford and Limerick. However, the team has not as yet this year got a stiff test.

However, that could be provided by a Down side enthusiastic to stamp their authority on the Senior grade.

The Junior team travel to Derry seeking to reach their second National League final in a row.

Following last season's disappointment the selectors are putting in an enormous effort to make amends and take the title.

Last year's Minors, Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney have blended in well with the more experienced players.

However, Derry had a good victory over Armagh last weekend and will be tough to defeat on home ground.

On the Cork front games continue throughout the week in the Senior, Junior and Under Age leagues.

LIATROIM FONTENOYS



Liatroim Fontenoy's Camogie Team.

they were to collect the Junior and Intermediate League and Championship and become a threat at Senior club level.

St. Brigid's of Newry had won the 1975 Ulster club title but Liatroim defeated them in the

1977 county final to start their 3 Senior titles-in-succession. While a young An Ríocht side interrupted Liatroim's run with 4-in-a-row of county titles, the Fontenoy's girls bounced back to lift the 1984 Ulster title and

dominate camogie in Down since.

Apart from 1988 and 1990, Liatroim Fontenoy's has won every Down championship since 1984, appeared in 5 successive Ulster Finals and won a further



3 provincial crowns. When Down won the 1991 All-Ireland Junior title, 11 Fontenoy's picked up medals, while 6 shared in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship and League successes of last year.

Cork through and now meet Tipperary

Cork 3-13
Down 1-5

NATIONAL League holders Cork advanced to the senior camogie final, where they will meet Munster rival Tipperary, after they had a comfortable victory over Down at St Finbarrs on Saturday evening.

The visitors were forced to start the game with only 13 players as two of their player were held up in traffic and referee John Morrissey, having allowed 15 minutes extra, decided to get play underway at 7pm.

Backed by the strong wind Down started in determined fashion and led 0-4 to 0-2 17 minutes into the game.

Cork, playing their extra players in defence, began to settle and a Fiona O'Driscoll goal in the 18th minute gave her side a lead they were never to relinquish.

With their numbers now at 15, Down

stayed with their opponents and made them work hard for possession. Lynn Dunlea pointed a Cork free 19 minutes into the contest and further points from Mary O'Connor Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll (2) had stretched the Cork lead before Coleen Hynes pointed a Down free.

With the Cork forward division on top the Down defence were forced into fouling and when Lynn Dunlea surprised the Down defence with a 25 metre free to the net Cork looked comfortable. However, Down replied from the puck out with a Cathy Mulholland goal.

Turning to play with the wind behind them Cork led 2-7 to 1-5 and any hope of a Down comeback were quickly squashed after only two minutes when Lynn Dunlea finished Denise Cronin long delivery superbly to the net.

With the Cork defence dictating matters Down found the going hard and

such was Cork's dominance that the visitors failed to score in the second half. Points from Vivienne Harris Fiona O'Driscoll, Mary O'Connor Lynn Dunlea (2) Linda Mellerick saw the holders run out convincing winners and set up and all Munster National League Final which will be held on May 22 in Cork.

CORK: C Keohane; S Dunlea; E Duggan; M Finn; P O'Connor; D Cronin; V (0-1); L Mellerick (0-1); U Troy; M O'Connor (0-2); S O'Callaghan; L O'Sullivan; L Dunlea (2-6 1-6 from free); F O'Driscoll (1-3 0-2 from free); M Deasy. Sub: T Doyle for M Deasy.

DOWN: T McGowan; D Savage; D Greenan; A Morgan; C McGovern; E Mason; P Greene; J Hinchion; J Branniffe; V Hynes; M MacAleenan (0-2 from free); A Fearn; C Mulholland (1-1); C McGrath (0-1); C Hynes 0-1 from free.

Referee: John Morrissey Tipperary.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

A series of good hair days is on the cards for camogie players thanks to a new sponsorship deal announced between Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael and Schwarzkopf (Irl) Ltd, one of the country's leading haircare brands.

The announcement was made at Croke Park on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at a function attended by: Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Dr. Jim McDaid; Mr. Joe McDonagh, GAA President; Phyllis Breslin, Uachtarán, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael; Mr. David Wright, General Manager (Irl) Schwarzkopf Professional; and representatives of various sporting organisations and bodies throughout the country.

The camogie tournament, the Gael Linn Inter-provincial Championship, takes place at a Dublin venue (to be decided) on June 19.

"We decided to make an award to the Player of the Tournament, both at junior and senior levels for this tournament," explains Mr. Wright. "The award will take the form of a trophy (a replica of the Gael Linn cup) plus a cheque for £1,000 to be used by the player's club."

Mr. Wright said that his company, which is one of the largest haircare companies in the world, currently operating in 100 countries, is delighted to be associated with the competitions.

"Sponsorship within local communities is an area Schwarzkopf specifically targets ensuring that, in particular, organisations which are supported by many of our customers benefit."

Ms. Sile Wallace, General Secretary of Cumann



Spotted recently at Camogie Congress in Thurles were (left to right): Neil and Margaret O'Connell (Antrim delegates), Anne O'Brien and Gretta Carley (Wexford delegates)

Camógaíochta na nGael commented: "The sponsorship is a huge boost to our competitions which have been running since 1956 in the case of the senior event and 1975 in the case of the junior. The fact that the money will go to the club should provide added interest for them."



Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy ... All-Ireland colleges finalists

CAMOGIE

Senior National League (semi final) - Cork 3-13 Down 1-5; Tipperary 3-14 Galway 3-7;
Junior semi final - Derry 3-8 Cork 1-10;
Junior A League Final 1998 - Ballygarvan 0-9 Glen Rovers 1-3;
JBL SF98 - Millford 7-11 Bishopstown 0-0
USTA SF 1998 - Cloughduv 4-6 Newtownshandrum 1-3;
U16B F 1998 - Millford 4-11 Douglas 1-5
SL - Barryroe 4-8 Kilbrittain 1-5; Fr O'Neills 4-11 Brian Dillon 1-5;
JA League - Millford 1-13 St Vincents 1-0; Ballinhassig 4-6 Tracton 3-2;
U14 League - Carrigrohane 7-0 Eire Og 1-0; Douglas 1-2 Na Piansaigh 1-0;
U12 League - Glen Rovers 6-0 Elms Own 0-0;
Munster Colleges JB LF - Presentation Ballyphane 3-3 Loreto Youghal 1-3
Junior B League Final - Millford 2-5 Carrigrohane 0-4.

Derry	3-8
Cork	1-10

IN a heart breaking finish last year's finalists Cork failed to make it the closing stages of this year's Junior National

in decider

league when they suffered defeat at the hands of Derry in Swatragh yesterday. Ciara Healy gave Cork the dream start when she finished to the net following a block down from goal-keeper Aileen Crilly. With play swinging from end to end Cork held a slender one point lead 19 minutes into the game when goalie Geraldine Casey, having brought off a tremendous double save, saw Karen Rafferty finish to the net to give Derry a 1-5 to 1-4 lead.

Sarah Hayes levelled matters with a 24 minutes free and then, much to Cork's dismay, a long range Sarah Hayes goal was disallowed by the referee who deemed a square ball.

Orla O'Sullivan's 29th minute point gave Cork 1-6 to 1-5 half-time lead. Keeping up the pressure Cork opened the second-half with a superb Sarah Hayes point from 50 yards two minutes into the half. Three minutes later Sinead Cahalane won possession, and

leaving the Derry defence flat footed she pointed to stretch the Cork advantage 1-8 to 1-5. Then came the lifeline Derry needed when Aileen Tohill goal to level matters. Exchanging points the sides were deadlocked with six minutes left on the clock, Sarah Hayes put Cork ahead with a long range free but back came Derry with two pointed frees from Martina Mullholland. Cork pressed for the equaliser but it failed to come and when Ann O'Loughlin's shot finished in the net off the post, Derry were through.

CORK: G. Casey; E. Dineen; A. Buckley; L. O'Connell; J. Hannon; R. Cahalane; R. Holland; H. Walsh; S. Hayes (0-7 from frees); R. Moloney; S. Cahalane (0-1); D. O'Sullivan 0-2; U. O'Donoghue; C. Healy 1-0; V. O'Sullivan; Subs: G. Collins for V. O'Sullivan; E. O'Herlihy for J. Hannon.
DERRY: A. Crilly; C. Scullin; G. Maguire; T. McKenna; K. McDonnell; S. Convery; C. Doherty; A. O'Laughlin 1-0; M. Mullholland (0-3 from frees); S. McCaul; M. O'Kane 0-1; A. O'Kane 0-1; C. McNicholl 0-1; A. Tohill 1-1; K. Rafferty 1-0; Sub: B. Agnew 0-1 for A. O'Kane; M. McAuley for K. McDonnell.

Referee calls early halt as tensions rise in Marino

SUNDAY'S Leinster Junior Camogie Championship clash between Dublin and Wexford was abandoned at Pairc Naomh Uisíonn by referee, John Pender.

A minute was left in extra time with Dublin holding a two-point advantage, 2-10 to 2-8.

As Wexford pressed, a controversial incident happened in front of the Dublin goal.

CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

It led to people encroaching on the pitch, but order was quickly restored. Kildare official, Pender, consulted with an umpire and decided to throw-in the ball.

Yet tempers remained high at this point, so referee, Pender, in the highly-charged atmosphere, thought the best solution was to abandon the game.

His report will go to the Leinster Council, who will rule on the matter.

Only last week, the teams had played out a thrilling National Junior League semi-final, with Wexford just pipping the Dubs in a contest that also extended to extra time.

SPORTING

And prior to Sunday's incident, the tie was another memorable and sporting encounter.

● McNamara's Band are singing the happiest tune in Dublin Colleges camogie.

For the second time in their history, Loreto High School Beaufort in Rathfarnham have been crowned Senior Colleges champs.

Renowned as a hockey stronghold, the Beaufort Belles were a credit to the superb coaching and encouragement of their trainer, Anne McNamara.

They produced a tremendous display to beat Loreto Crumlin in the final at O'Toole Park, winning by 4-5 to 1-3, to collect their first crown since 1996, foiling Crumlin of the League and Championship double.

COMMAND

Right from the throw-in, Beaufort were in command, leading at half time by 3-4 to 0-1, thanks to goals from Elaine Hickey and two from Jane Walker.

Joanne O'Sullivan extended their lead with another goal three minutes into the second period before Crumlin rallied with a Melissa Burgess goal and some admirable industry by Edel Reid.

The handsome trophy was presented to the Beaufort captain, Sorcha Timmins, by legendary Dublin Colleges official, Maire Breathnach.

● Elsewhere, the Dublin minors were beaten by Kilkenny in Ballyhale on Sunday, despite leading by 2-2 to 1-1 at half time.

FINAL

But Kilkenny made good use of the second-half wind to secure their place in the Leinster final on May 23 with a scoreline of 3-3, 2-2.

Tomorrow, Manor House, Raheny contest their first-ever Intermediate Leinster Colleges final when they tackle Banagher LSU at the Carlow Hurling ground, 5.0.

● Next Saturday, Skerries Harps make history by hosting their first-Inter-County fixture as Dublin meet Kilkenny in the U-14 Leinster Championship, with the young Dubs seeking revenge following an earlier defeat to the Cats.

Derry advanced to the National Junior League semi-final with a convincing win over Armagh in their quarter final replay at Swatragh.

Derry were much the stronger and better balanced side with seven of their players putting their names on the scoreboard. Although Armagh opened the scoring Derry soon took control and led 2-4 to 0-4 at the break with the goals coming from Aileen Tohill and Claire McNicholl. Derry continued their dominance in the second half but in the last quarter Armagh piled on the pressure and were rewarded with two goals by Patricia McEvoy and Caitriona Curry.

Final Score: Derry 4-9 Armagh 2-4

Scorers: Derry: Martina Mulholland 1-3, Claire McNicholl 1-1, Aileen O'Kane and Aileen Tohill 1-0 each, Karen Rafferty 0-3, Mary O'Kane and Shauna McCaul 0-1 each.

Armagh: Patricia McEvoy and Caitriona Curry 1-0 each, Mary Black 0-2, Bernie McBride and Olive McGeown 0-1 each.

Derry team: Aileen Crilly, Claire Scullion, Grainne Maguire, Aula McKenna, Kathy McDonald, Claire Doherty, Siobhan Convery, Martina Mulholland, Anne O'Loughlin, Aileen O'Kane, Mary O'Kane, Shauna McCaul, Claire McNicholl, Aileen Tohill, Karen Rafferty. Sub: Bernie Agnew for M O'Kane

Armagh Team: Sinead Hamill, Marie Rafferty, Colette Byrnes, Joan Rice, Brenda Rice, Geraldine Haughey, Ellen Tomany, Mary Black, Olive McGeown, Karen Kelly, Bernie McBride, Pauleen Fahy, Caitriona Curry, Patricia McEvoy, Deirdre Conolly.

Derry now host Cork in the semi-final.

Wexford reached the National Junior League final for the first time ever when they edged out Dublin in a thrilling semi-final that went to extra time at Ballyboden. This was a ding dong battle full of fire power from start to finish.

Dublin's Irene Kirwan was in great scoring form notching off 0-10 of her teams total, while Elaine Holohan was Wexford's scoring ace with nine points to her credit. Dublin led 1-6 to 1-4 at the break. The sides were level three times during normal time. However, Dublin led by a single point approaching the full time whistle when Wexford's Rosemary Breen pointed to put the game into extra time. The score Wexford 2-9 Dublin 2-9.

So evenly matched were the sides that they were locked again at the break in extra time 2-11 each. The winners broke away in the final half to pick off four points to Dublin's one.

Final score: Wexford 2-15 Dublin 2-12

Scorers: Wexford: Elaine Holohan 0-9, Noeleen Lambert 1-3, Ita Kelly 1-0, Rosemary Breen 0-2, Michelle O'Leary 0-1.

Dublin: Irene Kirwan 0-10, Louise O'Hara and Orla Connolly 1-0 each, Eve Tolbott and Gillian McCloskey 0-1 each.

Referee: John Pender, Kildare

National Senior League Results:
Down 2-9 Armagh 1-8

By P.J. FULHAM

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 1-3, Claire McGrath 1-0, Coleen Hynds 0-3, Deirdre Savage 0-2, Edel Mason 0-1.
Armagh: Mary Black 1-3, Pauleen Fahy 0-2, Bernie McBride, Karen Kelly and Patricia McEvoy 0-1 each.
Antrim 1-7 Dublin 1-7 ... Tipperary 8-11 Wexford 0-7.

Laois won their fourth Leinster Minor B Championship when they accounted for Westmeath in the final played at Mountmellick. Although Westmeath got the first goal Laois netted four quick goals to leave the half time score Laois 4-0 Westmeath 1-2.

The champions sent over six successive points. Westmeath got a consolation goal at the end of the match.

Final score: Laois 4-6 Westmeath 2-2

Scorers: Laois: Eilis Dowling 2-2, Denise Quigley and Grace Weston 1-2 each.

Westmeath: Pamela Greville 1-2, Aisling Conaty 1-0, Leinster Junior Championship: Louth 1-8 Westmeath 1-5

Scorers: Louth: Majella Gorman 1-0, Caroline Lynch and Donna Crehan 0-3 each, Tina Quigley 0-2.

Westmeath: Clodagh O'Neill 1-0, Anette Heffernan 0-3, Mary Henry 0-2.

Referee: Jimmy Donnolly, Kildare

Leinster Under 14 Championship: Dublin 1-3 Wexford 0-3

Kilkenny 3-2 Dublin 0-1

Wicklow 3-3 Offaly 2-2

On Sunday next the National Junior League final takes place. Wexford will face either Cork or Derry. Cork are the beaten finalists of last year and came through the same division as Wexford will full points while Wexford just dropped two points to the 'Rebel County.'

Derry are a good young side. If they reach the final, like Wexford it will be their first.

EILEEN O'BRIEN

CAMOGIE

Nominated by: St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville, Granagh/Ballingarry Camogie Club, Granagh/Ballingarry G.A.A.

At the end of 1998 Eileen had amassed no fewer than 14 All-Ireland medals and has increased this tally by at least one already this year with her school St. Mary's, Charleville. Two of these National Awards were won with the Limerick County team, eight with her school, one Community Games and two Feile na nGael with her club Granagh/Ballingarry with which she also won a Senior All-Ireland Club medal.

In 1998 Eileen continued to win major awards. With her club she has won Under 18 and Senior County titles. This was followed by a third successive Munster Senior Club Victory. Granagh/Ballingarry then went on to win the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship. Eileen scored a magnificent 11 points in the final. With her school, St. Mary's Charleville, she also won the Munster and All-Ireland Senior Colleges Championships and the All-Ireland 7-a-side title for the fourth time.

Eileen, a great player and a prolific scorer with her school, club and country, was honoured with the Examiner National Junior Sports Star Award for 1998, and also a West Limerick G.A.A. Under 16 award. Tonight she receives her second Co. Limerick V.E.C. Sports Award - having previously won in 1996, and there is no doubt that her exploits on the Camogie field in 1998 make her a very deserving recipient of the Award. One of her nominations for the award ends with this sentence: She is a true sports person in attitude and example with the most unassuming of personalities and she is now considered as being one of the finest exponents of camogie in the Country!

Won camogie league title

MAY 1999

The Coursey Rovers U 16 camogie team captured the U 16 'A' league title against a forceful Cloughduv side at Newcestown on Tuesday last. Coursey Rovers players at mid-field and forwards worked hard at this stage. Rachel Moloney scored the first point of the game. This was soon followed by another point by Cloughduv's Orla O'Callaghan. The Coursey Rovers defence in Marion O'Donovan, Maura O'Regan cleared some fast moving balls out the field which eventually reached a hard-working Rachel Moloney who drove the ball to the back of the net. Midfielder Eileen O'Leary intercepted a good pass from centre back Sarah Hayes which was passed to Rachel Moloney who scored the next point. Some fast moving forward movements from the Cloughduv players resulted in another goal and a point while Rachel Moloney scored three more points from frees for her side. The half time score stood at a nailbiting 1-5 to 1-4 for Coursey Rovers. This was the final everyone knew would happen but with competitive players on both sides, it was anyone's guess what would be the outcome. This game, refereed by another of camogie's loyal servants in Finbarr O'Callaghan of Newcestown certainly had tension written all over it by half time. With Rachel Moloney still finding some energy somewhere following the long trip to the All-Ireland junior camogie semi-final at the week-end we saw her forge forward once again to score another point. However, Cloughduv's forwards hit a purple patch here and went a point

ahead. It wasn't long before Coursey Rovers played gallantly and got many a ball from deep in the back line. It was here we witnessed the skill of Sarah Hayes (another lady who made the long trip to Derry), Aine O'Regan and Marion O'Donovan. A ball passed on via Sarah was intercepted well by U 14 player Noelle Collins to put Coursey Rovers a goal ahead. This was the straw Coursey Rovers needed to really prove that they are the best team at this level in Cork. Sarah Hayes, Aine O'Regan and Rachel Moloney scored the last three points for Coursey Rovers to make it 3-10 to 1-9. This ends a campaign for Coursey Rovers who have had a wonderful year at this grade. They already captured the Cork county U 16 'A' championship. Also at this grade three players won All-Ireland minor camogie medals while many more won county interdivisional medals with the Carrigdhoun team.

CELEBRATIONS

There was a very welcome meal and celebrations for the team back in Ballinadee that evening. Special congratulations were issued to team trainer Raymond Moloney and fellow selectors J.J. Hayes and John Quinn by joint chairperson Patsy Downing. Patsy thanked all the players for their commitment and all the parents for their encouragement and help. She thanked the Corcoran family and club treasurer, Margaret Cahalane and her band of helpers for putting on a lovely spread. A very enjoyable get-together was had by all concerned. The victorious side included Jennifer Murphy,

Maura O'Regan, Cathy Collins, Marion O'Donovan, Sarah Hayes, Eileen O'Leary, Samantha Quinn, Michelle Kiely, Aine O'Regan, Noelle Collins, Rachel Moloney, Claire Murphy. Subs: Ellis Nyhan, Lisa Marie Walsh, Marie Murphy, Tara O'Driscoll, Sarah Louise Ryan.

MILFORD

CAMOGIE

Cork Senior League: Eire Og 2-4, Valley Rovers 0-1; Newtownshandrum 0-10, St. Finbarrs 1-4; Junior B League: St. Finbarrs 1-6, Sliabh Rua 1-1; Bishopstown 5-2, Valley Rovers 0-0; Mayfield 1-7, Carrigrohilly 2-2; Carrigaline 2-10, Ballincollig 0-0. U18A League final '98: Coursey Rovers 3-10, Cloughduv 1-9; U18B League Mayfield 5-2, Carrigrohilly 1-0; Eire Og 5-2, Valley Rovers 1-0; Charleville 6-3, Buttevant 1-1; Ballincollig 4-0, Ballinora 0-1; Killeagh 2-2, Dungourney 0-0; Carrigaline 6-4, Ballincollig 0-0; Aghabullogue 5-0, Glen Rovers 0-0; U12 League, Ballygarvan 5-1, Ballinhassig 2-0; St. Finbarrs 4-0, Ballincollig 0-0; Castlelyons 3-0, Rock Bawn 2-0; Ballinhassig 7-0, Coursey Rovers 0-1; Newtownshandrum 4-0, Charleville 0-0; Milford 7-2, Mallow 2-0; Dungourney 5-0, Fr. O'Neill's 0-0; Iniscarra 4-4, Cloughduv 0-0; Na Piarasigh 2-0, Aghabullogue 1-3; Ballinhassig 4-1, Carrigaline 3-0.

Noelle O'Riordan (capt), Elaine Savage, Sharon Linchan, Aoife Dillon, Deirdre O'Reilly, Deirdre Hayes, Regina Curtin, Emer O'Friel, Siobhan Linchan, Maria Watson, Imelda Sexton. Subs: Cathy Brosnan, Christina Kirwin, Selena O'Regan, Aileen Healy, Julia Hickey. Noelle O'Riordan, captain, was presented with the winning plaque by Sheila Golden.

On Thursday night the U/12 team played Mallow on our first outing of the year where we collected our first two points.

On Friday night the Junior B Camogie team played the semi final of the 1998 League v Bishopstown. The girls had a very convincing win, Milford 7-11 to Bishopstown no score.

1998 Co. Final - On Sunday night in Grenagh in very wet and windy conditions, Milford played Carrigaline in the 1998 Co. Junior B League Final. Milford played against the elements in the first half and were down two points at half time. The girls came out in the second half and played great camogie in atrocious conditions and ran out convincing winners on a scoreline of Milford 2-5 to Carrigaline 0-4.

Team: Bridget Geary, Noelle O'Riordan, Elaine Savage, Sharon Lenihan, Aoife Dillon, Deirdre Reilly, Deirdre Hayes, Regina Curtin, Eimear O'Friel, Siobhan Lenihan, Maria Watson, Elizabeth Lenihan, Lelia Long, Imelda Sexton, Anne Maria O'Reilly, Christina Kirwin, Kathy Brosnan, Selena O'Regan, Julia Hickey. Lelia Long captain, accepted the winning trophy.

This concluded a great 1998 camogie year, winning six county titles, e.g. under 12, under 14 A, under 16 B Championship and League, Junior B Championship and League.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us during the week and all the parents who took players to the matches.

Congrats - Congratulations to our National School and teacher Mrs. Thompson for winning the I.N.T.O. Mini Sevens for a record three years in a row in Blackrock last Thursday.

Team: Eileen Curtin, Elaine O'Riordan, Sinead Carroll, Anna Geary, Emer Watson, Sarah Sexton, Aine Watson, Michelle Roche, Maria Broderick and Amanda Hehir. Congratulations again to St. Marys, Charleville on winning yet another All Ireland Camogie title. On Saturday last in Dublin the "Sevens" team won a record 7 titles in a row. Local girls on the team were Noelle O'Riordan, Eimear O'Friel, Deirdre Hayes and Maria Watson.

It has been a great year for St. Mary's Secondary School, Mr. Vincent Harrington and Miss Anne Maria O'Keefe for bringing All Ireland Senior Junior and "Sevens" titles to Charleville.

FIXTURES
TUESDAY 11TH: Milford v Sarsfield in Junior A League.
THURSDAY 13TH: U/12 v Buttevant.

CELTIC ROSS SPORTS STAR



Liam Nash, second from right, trainer of the Sacred Heart Secondary School, Clonakilty, camogie team which won the All-Ireland Colleges 'B' title, receiving the Celtic Ross West Cork Sports Star award for April from Mary Ryan, hotel leisure centre manager. Also included are Con Downing, left, *Southern Star*, and Paudie Palmer, County Sound, judges.

(Photo: George Maguire)

CAMOGIE

The last week was a very busy week on the playing field with matches every night.

On Tuesday night, the Junior A Camogie team made a winning start to this competition when they had an easy victory over St. Vincents. Score was Milford 1-13, St. Vincents 1-0.

On Wednesday night we played the 1998 County U/16 B League Final. Our opponents were Douglas and this match was played in Grenagh and here we had an easy victory on the score 4-11 to 1-5. The team lined out as follows: Elizabeth Linehan,



Sraithchomórta na Sóisear Corn de Búrca An Cluiche Ceannais

ÓCÁID STAIRIÚIL

Is í seo an chéad uair ariamh do Dhoire agus do Loch Garman an Cluiche Ceannais de Shraithchomórta na Sóisear a bhaint amach. Not only is this the first appearance by both teams in the National Junior League Final, it is also their first meeting in a Final at any level. For the third year in a row, a new name will be inscribed on Corn de Búrca. Aontroim won its first Junior League title in 1997, An Dún its first in 1998, and, now, Doire nó Loch Garman will win its first title in 1999.

Sár-imreoirí atá ag an dá chontae seo. Doire reached the All-Ireland Junior Championship Semi-Final and the Minor Championship Final in 1998 and have a skilful, experienced panel. Loch Garman, also has a talented panel which includes four All-Ireland Minor Championship medal winners of 1995.

Is trua nach féidir leis an dá fhoireann an corn a bhreith leo.

Sraithchomórta na Sinsear - Senior National League An Cluiche Ceannais

Tiobraid Árann v Corcaigh
Semple Stadium, Dúrlas Éile,
An Satharn, 22/05/1999, 5.00 i.n.

Buiochta

Cabhtar buiochta leis an gCoiste Camógaíochta agus le Coiste Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Loch Garman, an ucht na socrúithe a dainneadh ar son an Ardchomhairle i leith an Chluiche Ceannais.

Na Cluichí Leathcheannais 1999

Loch Garman 2-15
Áth Cliath 2-12
(after extra time)

Doire 3-08
Corcaigh 1-10

Na Buaiteoirí 1980 - 1998

Ardmhacha (4)
1980, '88, '93, '94
Áth Cliath (4)
1982, '83, '84, '87

Cill Dara (3)
1986, '89, '90
Luimneach (3)
1991, '92, '96

An Ghaillimh (2)
1985, '95

An Cabhán (1)
1981

Aontroim (1)
1997

An Dún (1)
1998



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Sraithchomórta na Sóisear Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann

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Aileen Crilly
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Clare Scullion
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Gráinne Maguire
Swatragh | 4
Póilín Ní Cionaoith
Paula McKenny
Swatragh |
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Siobhán Ní Ainmhire
Siobhán Convery
Lavey | 6
Clár Ní Dhochartaigh
Clare Doherty
Slaughtneil | 7
Cáit Ní Dhónaill
Cathy McDonald
Swatragh | |
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Áine Ní Lochlainn
Anna O'Loughlin
Swatragh | 9
Martina Ní Mhaolchallann
Martina Mulholland
Lavey | 10
Shauna Ní Camhaoil
Shauna McCaul
Dungiven | 11
Eibhlín Ní Chatháin
Aileen O'Kane
Slaughtneil |
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Clár Ní Niocaill
Clare McNicholl
Swatragh | 13
Eibhlín Ní Thuathail
Aileen Tohill
Swatragh | 14
Karen Ní Raifeartaigh
Karen Rafferty
Bellaghy | |

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| 16 Orla Ní Dhúnaigh | Orla Downey | Lavey |
| 17 Briainín Ní Ghnín | Bernie Agnew | Castledawson |
| 18 Eimhear Ní Laoithe | Eimhear Lee | Bellaghy |
| 19 Nuala Ní Raing | Nuala Rankin | Greenlough |
| 20 Máire Ní Amhalai | Maura McAuley | Castledawson |

Loch Garman

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Linda Ní Bhroin
Linda Byrne
Buncloody | 2
Eibhlín Iacób
Helena Jacob
Oulart-Ballagh | 3
Nollaig Ní Dheoráin
Noelle Doran
Buffers Alley | 4
Briainín Ní Uallacháin
Bernie Holohan
Rathnure |
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Eilís Ní Aidicín
Ailish Atkinson
Oulart-Ballagh | 6
Clár Ní Chonchubhair
Clare O'Connor
Rathnure | 7
Tina Ní Bheirgin
Tina Bergin
St. Martin's | |
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Aoife Ní Chonchubhair
Aoife O'Connor
Rathnure | 9
Michelle Ní Laoire
Michelle O'Leary
Rathnure | 10
Noilín Laimbeart
Noeleen Lambert
St. Martin's | 11
Róis Máire Ní Bhraoin
Rose Mary Breen
Monageer-Boalavogue |
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Íde Ní Cheallaigh
Ita Kelly
Buncloody | 13
Eibhlín Ní Choigligh
Evelyn Quigley
Rathnure | 14
Eilís Chaomhánach
Eilish Kavanagh
Buffer's Alley | |

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| 17 Michelle Ní Shiurtáin | Michelle Jordan | Oylegate-Glenbrien |
| 18 Ciara Ní Scealáin | Ciara Scallan | Oulart-Ballagh |
| 19 Siobhán Ní Réamonn | Joan Redmond | Buncloody |
| 20 Sinéad Ní Choigligh | Sinéad Quigley | Rathnure |



The Wexford team beaten by Derry in the National Junior Camogie league final.

National Junior League Camogie Final

Derry dash Wexford hopes and take title

COLM LAMBERT

in Gorey

Derry 3-7, Wexford 0-7. Wexford hopes of taking the National Junior League Camogie title for the first time ever were dashed in Gorey on Sunday afternoon, when they were beaten by three clear goals by a talented Derry team.

The Derry team proved themselves superior in most departments over the course of the hour, and laid the foundation for their eventual victory in the third quarter of the second half, when they stretched their one-point interval lead into one of five points.

Wexford still had chances to get back into the game at this stage, but shot too many wides whenever they did get into scoring positions, and instead no further scores followed until Derry made sure the cup was theirs by rattling in a third goal after 52 minutes of play.

There was no indication of how the game would eventually turn out in its opening stages, when Wexford roared into a lead after just 17 seconds thanks to Elaine Holohan, who started in the right-corner forward position after the veteran Elish Kavanagh was a late withdrawal from the team.

Wexford were two up after eight minutes thanks to a fine point from Rathnure's Aoife O'Connor, but saw their lead wiped out just a minute later when Derry scored their first goal. Shauna McCaul sent a low ball across the Wexford square which deceived keeper Linda Byrne at her near post, and full-forward Aileen Tohill was on hand to touch it over the line.

The scores were level at 0-4 to 1-1 after 20 minutes when Derry's

Shauna McCaul and Wexford's Noeleen Lambert and Rose Mary Breen all scored points, before Derry took the lead again. Aileen Tohill and Karen Rafferty both pointed from close range, before Lambert scored from a free for Wexford to leave her side behind by just one point at the break (0-5 to 1-3).

Wexford began the new period as the brighter of the two teams, but were hit with a real hammer blow just five minutes in when Derry goaled again. The talented Martina Mulholland sent in a long free, which was batted to the net from the far side of the goal by the unmarked Shauna McCaul.

Ciara Scallan, Mary O'Kane, Aoife O'Connor and Martina Mulholland all exchanged points during the next five minutes, which left Derry ahead by 2-6 to 0-7 with just under 20 minutes left to play.

Wexford tried their best to claw back at the lead over the next ten minutes, and were unlucky not to put a few scores on the board. Nor was free-taker Noeleen Lambert having a good day, as she saw four of her efforts from placed balls soar wide.

The team mentors strangely elected not to make any changes at this point of the game although it was clear that some tinkering with the line-up was needed, and instead could only watch as Derry ended the game as a contest with their final goal. Mulholland again sent in a long ball which Linda Byrne failed to deal with, and two in-rushing Derry forwards were on hand to bundle the ball over the line. Karen Rafferty got the final touch.

Wexford continued to battle away and Rose Mary Breen had a goal attempt well saved, but instead it was Derry's Mary O'Kane who played a real captain's part by slotting over the final point of the game on 59 minutes to leave her side 3-7 to 0-7 ahead at the finish.

Wexford: Linda Byrne (Buncloody), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Noelle Dornan (Bunclody), Bernice Holohan (Rathnure), Ailish Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Clare O'Connor (Rathnure), Tina Bergin (St Martins), Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure, 0-1), Ciara Scallan (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-1), Noeleen Lambert (St Martin's, 0-2), Rose Mary Breen (Monageer-Booleavogue, 0-1), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure, 0-1), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure, 0-1), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Ita Kelly (Buncloody). Subs: Elish Kavanagh (Bunclody), Michelle Jordan (Oylegate-Glenbrien) for Dornan, both 56 minutes; also Annette Sinnott (Oulart-The Ballagh), Joan Redmond (Buncloody) and Siobhán Quigley (Rathnure).

Derry: Aileen Crilly, Clare Scullion, Grainne Maguire, Paula McKenny, Siobhán Convery, Clare Doherty, Cathy McDonald, Anna O'Loughlin, Martina Mulholland (0-1), Shauna McCaul (1-1), Mary O'Kane (0-3), Aileen O'Kane, Clare McNicholl, Aileen Tohill (1-1), Karen Rafferty (1-1). Subs: Bernice Agnew for O'Loughlin (48 mins), Catherine Pickering for Mulholland (56 mins), also Orla Downey, Nuala Rankin, Maura McCauley, Roisin McCluskey and Clare O'Kane.

Referee: Colm O'Dowd (Limerick)

Senior status for Holycross girls

On Saturday evening last Holycross - Ballycahill intermediate players added a new chapter to the club's history when we, for the first time ever, won an intermediate county final.

From start to finish every player showed determination, commitment and will to win. After being defeated in two previous intermediate county finals we were determined to get a bite at victory this year.

Throughout the game there were superb scores, outstanding defending and magnificent hurling skills which our opponents could not match. Those superb scores came from Siobhán Ryan, Rose Stakelum, Margaret O'Gorman and Joan Stakelum. Portroe were never going to be easy opposition but we were ahead throughout the match and this was a great advantage in the last five minutes when Portroe piled on the pressure. This was certainly no place for the faint-hearted especially with only a goal in it and less than five minutes left, but it was our tremendous commitment that steered the cup in our direction.

There were scenes of euphoria and jubilation

when our captain Noelle lifted the cup. This win secures our place in the senior championship next year. Final score: 4-4 to 2-7.

Team: Louise Ryan, Mary Flanagan, Edel Shanahan, Mai O'Gorman, Mary B. Gleeson, Noelle Dwyer, captain, Anne Gleeson, Brid Kilbane, Rena Fogarty, Siobhán Maher, Siobhán Ryan (1-3), Linda Ryan, Margaret O'Gorman (2-0), Joan Stakelum (0-1), Rose Stakelum (1-0), Maura Fanning, Natalie Butler, Anne-Marie Barrett, Ann-Marie Hayes, Joanne O'Gorman, Danielle Feehan, Theresa Kilbane, Margaret Fanning, Maggie Cullagh and Paula Ryan.

All panel members would like to say a special thanks to Peggy, Paddy and Phil who put in so much hard work at training with us and Margaret Stakelum who always had the field ready for training. A special thanks to everyone who gave sponsorship: Kevin Ryan, Seamus Mackey, Pat Ely, Pat O'Dwyer, Michael Lowry and also to the GAA for their kind generosity.

Under 12 and under 14 training this Saturday in Holycross at 11.30.

Our girls in action

SOME of the top players from camogie clubs in the hinterland of Nenagh will be in action with Tipperary in the senior national league final clash against holders Cork in Semple Stadium this Sunday.

Toomevara Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes along with Eimear McDonnell of Burgess all got their names on the scoreboard during Tipperary's recent semi-final win over Galway. McDonnell may have mixed feelings about meeting the Rebels. Her mother is from Cork and her uncle is former Cork football goalkeeper and coach Billy Morgan.

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COUNTY TITLE FOR CAMOGIE TEAM



Noel Hennessey, chairman of the Co. Tipperary Camogie Board, presenting the county senior cup to Maebh Stokes, captain of the victorious Cashel team.

(Photo: Michael McDonnell, Cashel)

The senior team of Cashel Camogie Club put two county finals back to back on Saturday last at Dr. Morris Park, Thurles with a score of Cashel 3-8, Toomevara 1-5. This game had the ingredients for a titanic struggle but Toomevara never rose their game.

The Cashel backs like Jovita Delaney, Michelle Kennedy, Anne-Marie Fitzgerald, Sile Nash and the younger pair of Una O'Dwyer and Marie O'Dwyer kept Toomevara flying at bay.

The centre-field pairing of

Emily Hayden and captain Maebh Stokes were in control all the way through giving a great supply of the ball to the Cashel forward line

comprised of young players including Libby Twomey 0-1, Ann Barry 0-1, Denise Manton 0-1, Norma Coffey 0-1, Philomena Fogarty 0-3 and Helen Campion 3-1. Subs introduced in the final

were Jackie Keating for Norma Coffey injured, Michelle Ryan for Sile Nash who also had to retire with an injury. Other panelists for the senior team were Marie Tobin, Maura Tar-

rant, Kaiffe Moloney and Geraldine Hickey who were all congratulated on their fine victory.

Cashel camogie club's training continues every Saturday morning at 12 noon for u-12's and u-14's at Cashel Community School.

The club hopes to run a bus to Semple Stadium on Saturday 22nd to see Tipperary take on Cork in the national senior league final. A number of Cashel girls are on this team and local support will be very much appreciated.



The Cashel camogie team and mentors who beat Toomevara in the county senior camogie final in Dr. Morris Park, Thurles on Saturday evening last: front, left to right: Julia O'Dwyer, Geraldine Hickey, Theresa Burke, Libby Twomey, Denise Manton, Emily Hayden, Helen Campion, Una O'Dwyer, Philomena Fogarty, Jackie Keating, Paula Bulfin. Back, left to right: Kaiffe O'Connell, Timmy Moloney, Maura Tarrant, Sile Nash, Marie Gerald O'Dwyer, Michelle Ryan, Ann Barry, Norma Coffey, Maebh Stokes (captain), Michelle Kennedy, Marie Tobin, Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Jovita Delaney, Martin Kennedy, Ann Moloney, Martin Browne.

(Photo: Michael McDonnell, Cashel)

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Tipperary had the upperhand on last year's League and Senior Championship finalists Galway, in the National Senior League semi-final played at Semple Stadium.

The game lived up to all expectations, played with plenty of flair and determination by both sides.

The first half was a ding dong battle. Niamh Harkin netted two goals for Tipperary while Therese Maher and Caroline Murray banged home a goal each for Galway, leaving the half time score, Galway 2-6 Tipperary 2-5.

In the second half Tipperary took an early lead and from then on Galway were playing catch up. Final score: Tipperary 3-14 Galway 3-7

Scorers: Tipperary - Noelle Kennedy 0-8, Niamh Harkin 2-0, Emer McDonnell 1-0, Deirdre Hughes and Caitriona Hennessy 0-2 each, Angela McDermott and Maeve Stokes 0-1 each.

Galway - Therese Maher and Caroline Murray 1-1 each, Collette Nevin 0-4, Helen Ryan 1-0, Elaine Kearnes 0-1.

Tipperary - Nora Dwan, Maire Harkin, Una O'Dwyer, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Suzanne Kelly, Therese Brophy, Maeve Stokes, Emily Hayden, Emer McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Angela McDermott, Caitriona Hennessy, Deirdre Hughes, Niamh Harkin.

Galway - Olivia Coen, Marie Fahy, Olivia Broderick, Fiona Healy, Martina Haverty, Tracey Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Aine Hillary, Fiona Ryan, Therese Maher, Caroline Murray, Elaine Kearnes, Collette Nevin, Veronica Curtin, Sandra Tannian. Subs - Helen Ryan for Elaine Kearnes, Ann Hardiman for Collette Nevin for C Nevin.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

In the other semi-final, Cork had a convincing win over Down at St Finbarrs Ground in Cork. At the end of the first half Down were still in the game when Cork led 2-7 to 1-5.

The Rebel County showed their superiority in the second half proved too much for the Mourne Girls.

Final score - Cork 3-13 Down 1-5

Scorers: Cork - Lynn Dunlea 2-6, Fiona O'Driscoll 1-3, Mary O'Connor 0-2, Vivienne Harris and Linda Mellerick 0-1 each.

Down - Cathy Mulholland 1-1, Mairin McAleenan 0-2, Claire McGrath and Coleen Hynds 0-1 each.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary.

Senior League Final

On Saturday next, Cork and Tipperary clash in the National Senior League final. This will be the first time for two Munster counties to meet in the decider. Both teams came from the same division and when they met in the preliminary round, Cork had a 2-5 to 0-5 victory. This was Tipperary's only defeat in the competition. They each accounted for Kilkenny, Wexford, Clare and Limerick.

Cork are seeking their fifth title on the trot and must feel quietly confident when they gave up home venue, which I must say was very sporting.

Tipperary reached the All-Ireland senior championship semi-final last season and put up a great show against Galway.

The Premier County won the inaugural senior league in 1977. They have made two appearances since. In 1980 and more recently in 1994 against Galway. Apart from their defeat in that final, the nineties has been good to them, winning two All-Ireland minor titles in 1992 and '93, All-Ireland junior in '92 and intermediate in 1997.

However, they face a torrid test of character against the Leesiders who have only been defeated once since 1994, that was the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship final of 1996.

They can field players of the calibre of Linda Mellerick, who gave a star performance in the All-Ireland last year. Lyn Dunlea is one of the sharpest forwards in the game.

Vivienne Harris, Fiona O'Driscoll, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Stephanie Dunlea and Cora Keohane are all wholehearted players.

Tipperary can look to Noelle Kennedy, an excellent freetaker, Maeve Stokes (captain), Deirdre Hughes, Caitriona Hennessy, Sinead Nealon, Therese Brophy and Emily Hayden to secure victory. However, Tom Notts charge will be hard to overcome.

The game will take place on Saturday at Semple Stadium, Thurles at 5pm. RTE will televise the final and it will be shown on The Sunday Game.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Cork chase five in a row

by Tom Higgins

CORK face Tipperary at Semple Stadium tomorrow (5.00) in search of their fifth National senior camogie league title in a row.

This will be an unique occasion as this is the first time that a major camogie game will be played as a curtain raiser to an important GAA match when Tipperary face Kerry in the first round of the MSH Championship.

When Cork achieved four-in-a-row 12 months ago they had 12 on the team but this year the rules have been changed and, as in all GAA games, each side will field 15-a-side. The game is also being played on a full size pitch.

Cork go into the game as favourites, but Tipperary have improved immensely over the past few years and with home support will not be easily overcome.

Cork have a few injury worries. Denise Cronin, a key player at centre-back, is suffering from tonsillitis, while Sinead O'Callaghan injured her back in training.

Cork have trained hard for the game and travel with confidence. The side will probably be on the same lines as that which accounted for Down in the semi-final two weeks ago. Cora Keohane will be in goal, fronted by Stephanie Dunlea, Eithne Duggan and Mags Finn. The half back line will consist of Patricia O'Connor, Denise Cronin, if she is fit, and captain Vivienne Harris. Linda Mellerick and Ursula Troy will operate at midfield while Mary O'Connor, Sinead O'Callaghan and Linda O'Sullivan could be the half forwards. Ace free taker Lyn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll and Miriam Deasy will form the full-forward line.

Tipperary have a very strong panel whose average age is only 20. They lost to Cork in the opening round of the League campaign but since then have shown immense improvement beating Kilkenny, Clare, Wexford and Limerick on their way to the final.

With the likes of Susan Kelly, Cashel's Maeve Stokes, who captains the side, Noelle Kennedy and the ever dangerous Deirdre Hughes in the side, as well as seasoned campaigners like Ciara Gaynor and Sinead Nealon to call on, Tipperary will really put it up to their more fancied rivals.



The Cork side that claimed the All-Ireland crown and is going for a fifth league crown on the trot

An Réiteoir

Réiteoir críochnaithe atá in Aine Derham agus i sean-chleachtaithe ar Chluichí Ceannais ag gach leibhéal den Chumann. Aine has refereed All-Ireland Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Minor, Gael Linn Interprovincial and Club Finals and is one of the most experienced Referees in the Association. Imríonn sí le Cumann Celtic, Áth Cliath.

Ionadaí: Caitriona Mhic Alastair, Aontroim.



Aine Derham
Áth Cliath

Na Captaein

Sean-chleachtaithe atá Vivienne ar a bheith páirteach i gCluichí Ceannais. She is the holder of three All-Ireland Senior Championship medals and won the R.T.E. "Player of the Match" award in the 1997 All-Ireland Final.

D'imir sí le foireann na Mumhan i gcomórtas Ghael linn. Vivienne has won Inter-Provincial and National League medals as well as Munster Championship Senior and Minor medals. To add to that collection, she also holds County Championship Senior A and B medals.

Bhuidh sí Comórtas na Scileanna i bhféile na nGael i 1992. Is ón gclabhan atá an chamógáil aicís agus í ag imirt le Cruic na Gaoithe agus gan inti ach giseach óg.



Vivienne Harris
Captaen Corcaigh

Gan amhras, bheadh an-áthas ar Mhádhbha an Corn AIB a bhreith arís go dtí a club lei chun cur leis an gcom eile a buadh le déanaí. Caiseal has recently won the County Senior Championship, a title which it also won in 1998.

As well as her two Senior medals, Mhádhbha previously won County Intermediate and Junior Championship medals with Naomh Mhuire. Tá stór de bhoinn Idirchontae chomh maith aici. Mhádhbha has also won All-Ireland Intermediate and Junior Championship, Munster and Interprovincial Championship medals.

Imríonn a deartháir, Liam, iománaíocht le Tio-braid Árann agus is Cathaoirleach at Chumann Chill Sióiláin, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, é a hathair, Billy.



Maedhbha Stóic
Captaen Tio-braid Árann

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Going for five-in-a-row: The Cork team who face Tipperary in the league final in Thurles on Sunday

Rebels to take camogie title

Cork and Tipperary go head to head on Saturday evening to decide the destination of the Senior Camogie National league.

Tipp determined to stop them

By ECHO REPORTER

Following their hurler's victory on Sunday last the ladies from the premier county will be going all out to make it a double.

The game itself will be an historic occasion as it's being staged as a curtain raiser to the Munster hurling championship game between Tipperary and Kerry.

Earlier this year the sides met in the opening round of the league in Cork. On a pitch which was not the best for camogie on a bleak February afternoon the home side ran out winners 2-5 to 0-5 with two goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick securing victory.

On the day conditions and both sides playing their first game at fifteen a side, had a bear-

ing. However this result does not reflect fairly on a Tipperary side who are now determined for victory.

Having come through their section as runners up to Cork they faced Galway in their semi-final outing and reversed the result of last seasons championship encounter with a 3-14 to 3-7 victory.

Experience

The team is built around the counties experienced players and in particular Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy who will pose a huge threat to the Cork defence, but Cork are not All Ireland and National league champions for nothing. They are appearing in their fourteenth National league final. The county are joint leaders on the honours list with

Kilkenny on eight titles apiece.

Through the campaign the selectors have been introducing players to the team with last years minors, Una O'Donoghue, Sarah Hayes, Clara Healy and Rachel Maloney all fitting in well.

Whilst the team will not be announced until Thursday night it will be expected to be along the usual lines with Cora Keohane, Denise Cronin, Mags Finn, Eithne Duggan, Linda Mellerick Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea.

The Cork team is captained by Vivienne Harris from the Bishops-town club. She is also an accomplished kick boxer and has represented Ireland in the sport. She was the All Ireland Féile na n-Gael All Ireland winner in 1992.

She started her camogie with Mary's on The Hill, Knock-naheeney.

The Cork side is coached by Tom Nott who has had marvellous success with Cork camogie teams over a long number of years, while selectors with the side are Angela Sheehan, Watergrasshill, Rose Mackey-Keane, Glen Rovers, and Pat Murray, Bishopstown.

Tipperary girls hungry for League success

(By Rose Mannion, Co. P.R.O.)

THE major talking point not only in Tipperary this week but further afield is who is going to win the National Senior League camogie final, which has been switched to Semple Stadium as a curtain-raiser to the Tipperary - Kerry Munster championship match.

The Premier County take on the Leesiders at 5 p.m., having qualified for this final by beating Limerick, Clare, Kilkenny, Wexford and a tremendous win over Galway in the semi-final, but Cork have already beaten them on the way. However, their win over Galway in the semi-final was a real boost to their confidence, as they now realise they are up there with the best and are as good as what's there.

Thurles coach Biddy Phillips is relishing the thought of Saturday's encounter and said: "The league has worked out well for us this year. Even though we lost by five points to Cork in the first round there's fierce appetite in the camp to snatch this title. We're treating the league as a kind of a championship, so meeting Cork is going to be a real test to see what we're made of for the championship. This meeting with Cork is a big test."

"I'm very confident about this young team. They are all blending in so well



Siobhan Ryan

together with senior players like of Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Maibh Stokes and youngsters Emily Hayden, Eimear McDonnell, Una Dwyer and Catriona Hennessy all getting together," she added.

Biddy thinks that Cork are beatable and a lot of the counties are now beginning to fear Tipperary. "While we're probably lacking a small bit in experience at senior level, and still have a great deal to learn, but win or lose the girls are going to give it their best."

Biddy's two selectors are Tim Maloney (Cashel) and Jim Madden (Portroe).

The change of venue is a fantastic boost for camogie.

It is however a major stride to witness such an important game as the national

league final taking place as a curtain-raiser to yet another important hurling championship match, so let's hope we will see lots more of this in the future.

ON THE CLUB SCENE

Six clubs pitted their skill and strength last Saturday in Dr. Morris Park in three county finals.

In the senior final Cashel took the honours for the second year in a row when they beat Toomevara on a scoreline of Cashel 3-7 to Toomevara's 1-5.

In the intermediate final between Holycross and Portroe, Holycross had their wish to become a senior club in time for the millennium granted when they beat Portroe on a scoreline of Holycross 4-4, Portroe 2-7.

In the junior A final, Fethard recorded a victory of 3-10 over Clonoulty's 1-6 to clinch that title so plenty of celebrations down Fethard way over the weekend.

Teachtaireacht ó Uachtarán Chumann Camógaióchta na nGael



Is mór ar fad ag Cumann Camógaióchta na nGael é an Cluiche Ceannais de Shriath-chomórtas Náisiúnta na Síneair a bheith ar siúl in éineacht le Craobhchomórtas Iománaíochta na Mumhan. Táimid go mór faoi chomaoín ag Comhairle na Mumhan, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, a thugann tacaíocht don Chamógaiócht i gcónaí.

It is indeed heartwarming that camogie players have been given the opportunity to join with the hurlers on the occasion of our National Senior League Final and their Munster Championship match. I wish the hurlers of Ciarraí and Tiobraid Árann every success as they set out on the long road of the Munster and All-Ireland campaign.

Cuirim fáilte roimh na foirne camógaióchta. Cuirim fáilte roimh na foirne camógaióchta. Cuirim fáilte roimh na foirne camógaióchta.

ward to an exciting game between two highly-skilled teams. We are indebted to Coiste Corcaí and to their players and mentors who have conceded home venue for this Final and, also, to muintir Thioibraid Árann who have undertaken to respond in like terms on a future occasion. Go maire a leithéid de spórtáireacht i bhfad.

Fearaim fíor-chaoín fáilte roimh R.T.E. a bhí sásta ón tús a bheith i láthair ag an gcluiche, pé ionad sa tír ina mbéadh séar siúl. Our national station plays a major role in the promotion of our Gaelic games and, on behalf of Cumann Camógaióchta na nGael, I thank R.T.E. and the media in general for their interest and support.

Go raibh an-lá go deo againn uilig ar an ócáid stairiúil seo.

Fileas Ní Bhreasláin, Uachtarán

THE CAMOGIE FINAL



Ar chúl (ó chlé) — U. Ní Throithigh, L. Ní Mhaolghairic, L. Ní Nualláin, D. Ní Chróinin, S. Ní Cheallacháin, M. Dhriseach, L. Ní Shuilleabháin, P. Ní Chonchubhair, T. Ní Dhuill, L. Bhreatnach. **Chon tosaigh (ó chlé) —** M. Ní Fhinn, M. Ní Chonchubhair, E. Ní Dhuagáin, V. Ní Earchai (Captaen), C. Ní Eilí, M. de Burca, L. Ní Dhoinnléibhe, E. Ní Dhrisceoil. **Imreoirí eile:** R. Ní Mhaolseoláin, C. Ní Cheocháin, S. Ní Aodha, U. Ní Dhoanachú, S. Ní Dhoinnléibhe.

CORCAIGH

Dathanna: Dearg agus Bán

1
Córa Ní Cheocháin
Cora Keohane
Ballyroe

2
Stiofáinín Ní Dhoinnléibhe
Stephanie Dunlea
Cloughdubh

5
Paula Ní Chonchubhair
Paula O'Connor
Newtownshandrum

8
Linda Ní Mhaolghairic
Linda Mellerick
Glen Rovers

10
Máire Ní Chonchubhair
Mary O'Connor
Granagh-Ballingarry

13
Sorcha Ní Aodha
Sarah Hayes
Courcy Rovers

3
Eithne Ní Dhuagáin
Eithne Duggan
Bishopstown

6
Denise Ní Chróinin
Denis Cronin
Glen Rovers

11
Sinéad Ní Cheallacháin
Sinéad O'Callaghan
Ballygram

14
Lynn Ní Dhoinnléibhe
Lynn Dunlea
Cloughdubh

4
Máiread Ní Fhinn
Mags Finn
Fr. O'Neill's

7
Béibhinn Ní Earchai
Vivienne Harris (captain)
Bishopstown

9
Ursula Ní Throithigh
Ursula Troy
Newtownshandrum

12
Una Ní Dhoanachú
Una O'Donoghue
Cloughdubh

15
Fiona Ní Dhrisceoil
Fiona O'Driscoll
Fr. O'Neill's

Ionadaithe: 16. **Miriam Dhriseach** Miriam Deasy, Kiltbritain; 17. **Linda Ní Shuilleabháin** Linda O'Sullivan, Ballinhassig; 18. **Leona Ní Nualláin** Leona Nolan, Anniscree; 19. **Máire de Burca** Mary Burke, Glen Rovers; 20. **Pádraicín Ní Dhuill** Irish Doyle, Bishopstown.
Coch: Tom Nott, Na Piarasigh. **Selectors:** Rose Mackey Keane, Glen Rovers; Angela Sheehan (nee Higgins), Watergrasshill.



Ar chúl (ó chlé) — J. Ní Dhubhláine, N. Ní Earcáin, C. Ní Mhadáin, L. Ní Chadhlá, S. Ní Cheallaigh, N. Ní Dúain, N. Ní Chinnéide, D. Ní Aodha, S. Ní Riain, L. Ní Riain, Brid Mhír Philip (Raghnáir). **Chon tosaigh (ó chlé) —** M. Ní Earcáin, E. Ní Ealbedin, L. Chaimpion, S. Ní Nialláin, M. Stoc (Captaen), C. Ní Aonghusa, F. Ní Fhógartaigh, Ú Ní Dhubháir, E. Ní Dhónaill, A. Ní Dhiarmada.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Dathanna: Gorm agus Omra

1
Nóra Ní Dhúain
Nora Dwan
Toomevara

2
Máire Ní Earcáin
Marie Harkin
Drom/Inch

5
Treasa Ní Bhróithe
Therese Brophy
Burgess

8
Meadhbh Stóc
Meadhbh Stokes (captain)
Cashel

10
Eimhear Ní Dhónaill
Eimear McDonnell
Burgess

13
Caitriona Ní Aonghusa
Cathriona Hennessy
Drom/Inch

3
Úna Ní Dhuibhir
Una Dwyer
Cashel

6
Suzanne Ní Cheallaigh
Suzanne Kelly
Toomevara

11
Nollaigh Ní Chinnéide
Noelle Kennedy
Toomevara

14
Deirdre Ní Aodha
Deirdre Hughes
Toomevara

4
Ciara Nig Fhionnbhair
Ciara Gaynor
Kilruane McDonagh

7
Sinéad Ní Nialláin
Sinéad Nealon
Burgess

9
Eimile Ní Eideáin
Emily Hayden
Cashel

12
Aingeal Ní Dhiarmada
Angie McDermott
Knockavilla

15
Niamh Ní Earcáin
Niamh Harkin
Drom/Inch

Ionadaithe: 16. **Louise Ní Riain** Louise Ryan, Holycross; 17. **Filimín Ní Fhógartaigh** Philly Fogarty, Cashel; 18. **Lean Ní Chadhlá** Helen Kieley, Drom/Inch; 19. **Jovita Ní Dhubhláine** Jovita Delaney, Cashel; 20. **Clár Ní Mhadáin** Claire Madden, Portroe; 21. **Leán Chaimpion** Helen Compion, Cashel; 22. **Siobhán Ní Riain** Siobhán Ryan, Holycross.

Coch: Biddy Philips, Thurlis Sansfields. **Selectors:** Timmy Moloney, Cashel; Jim Madden, Portroe.