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# TIPPERARY YEARBOOK



## TIOBRAID ÁRANN

**ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR  
CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1992**

**BACK ROW (l.-r.):** Bridget Philips (Selector), Marita Tobin, Siobhán Cusack, Meadh Stokes, Jovita Delaney, Ailish Delaney, Claire Madden, Cora Kennedy, Ann Gleeson, Marion Graham (Co. Secretary), Ann Gleeson, Orla Hogan, John Kennedy (Coach). **FRONT ROW (l.-r.):** Martin Kennedy (Selector), Michelle Kennedy, Joan Tobin, Kaiffe Moloney, Sinead Nealon, Triona Bonnar (Captain), Deirdre Hughes, Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Regina O'Meara, Helen O'Leary, Noelle Kennedy, Angela Ryan.

## COISTE CAMÓGAIOCHTA THIOBRAID ÁRANN

**T**HE year 1992 – the most successful year for Camogie in Tipperary – commenced on December 12th, 1991, with our Annual General Meeting held in Sarsfield's Sports Complex. With sixteen clubs out of a possible twenty-three present, it could be considered as a fairly successful meeting.

**Officers elected:** *Chairperson*, Eamonn De Brún; *Vice-Chairman*, Liam Ó hÓgáin; *Secretary*, Marion Graham; *Treasurer and Registrar*, Bridget Philips; *P.R.O.*, Anne Moloney.

**Fixtures committee:** Conor Ryan, Eileen Guerin, Julia O'Dwyer, Sally Duggan, Marion Graham.

**U-16 coach**, Conor Ryan; **Selectors**, Marion Graham, Conor Ryan and John Devitt.

**U-18 coach**, Liam Hogan; **Selectors**, Padraig Mullins, Liam Hogan and John Devitt.

**Junior coach**, John Kennedy; **Selectors**, Bridget Philips, John Kennedy, Martin Kennedy.

**Development committee:** Geraldine Ryan Meagher, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan, Martin Bourke, Paddy Corrigan.

### County Champions and Runners-up

Competition	Winners	Runners-up
U-12 'A'	Toomevara	Drom-Inch/Borrisilcigh
U-12 'B'	Knockavilla	Moycarkey-Borris
U-14 'A'	Drom/Inch	Thurles
U-14 'B'	Moycarkey/Borris	Kilruane/McDonagh's
U-16 'A'	Cashel	Fethard
U-16 'B'	Knockavilla/Donaskeigh	Holycross/Ballycahill
U-18	Not Completed	
John Hogan Cup League	Cashel	Shannon Rovers
Jimmy Carroll Cup League	Roscrea	Clonmel
Ann Frazer Cup League	Cashel	Toomevara
Junior Championship		
Intermediate Championship	Clonmel	Roscrea
Senior Championship	Toomevara	Cashel





# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

## ALL-IRELAND MINOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1992

BACK ROW (l-r.): Marlon Graham (Selector), Joanne Horgan, Ann Barry, Caroline Buckley, Dearbhla Quigley, Ann Barry, Michelle Bourke, Clodagh Dunne, Ciara Gaynor, Shiela Coyne, Catherine Bourke, Suzanne Kelly, Conor Ryan (Coach). FRONT ROW (l-r.): Aileen Delaney, Miriam Maxwell, Michelle Bullfin, Alison Lawlor, Áine Ryan (Mascot), Ciara Burns (Captain), Mandy Quigley, Edel Keane, Susan Kinally, Theresa Brophy, Maria Ryan.



# TIPPERARY YEARBOOK

## ALL-IRELAND MINOR VICTORY

**T**HE winning of the Minor All-Ireland final will be regarded as another great step in camogie in Tipperary. This great victory will have a big influence on our younger girls who are playing camogie in the county.

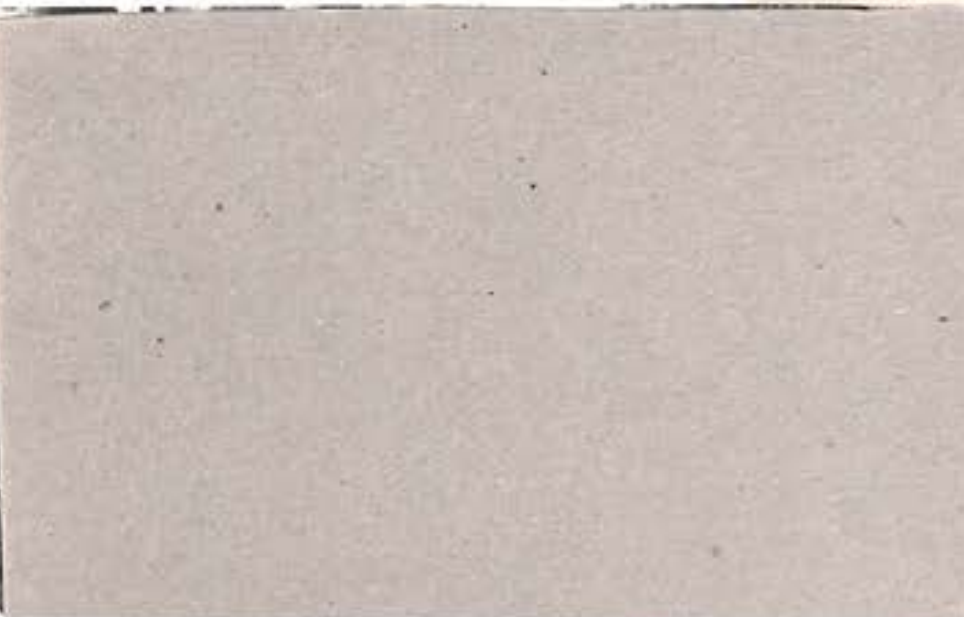
It was obvious from our first challenge game against Wexford on 21st April, 1992, that there was great potential in this panel of players. From there on, this panel's appetite for the game grew with each successive encounter on the camogie pitch.

On Wednesday, 6th May, 1992, we had our first encounter in the championship and this was against the Banner County with Tipp running out easy winners in the end. We then went on to face a stiff encounter with Limerick on 15th May with Tipperary coming out winners again in the end.

The Munster final was our next major match, with Cork our opponents, on 1st July. This was where we expected a stiff challenge from the red and white lassies who were adamant to main the title won in Cork last year. But, with home advantage, the more skilful and fitter Tipp girls who ran out easy winners with the score Tipp 5-7 to Cork 3-4.

We were pitted against Galway in the All-Ireland semi-finals in Mullagh on July 12th. This was a tough encounter which ended in a draw. The replay was fixed for 19th July in Holycross. Galway, with their tales up, came into this replay with fire but that flame was burned out with the Tipp girls taking control from as early as the seventh minute, with Ciara Gaynor getting the first of her three goals and two points. She was supported by the great goal-keeping of Michelle Bulfin and skills of Suzanne Kelly, Aileen Delaney, Sile Coyne and Joanne Horgan.

In the backs, the brilliant control and skill of Theresa Brophy and Catherine Bourke and the very hard-working Alison Lawlor who provided a centrefield that were never in trouble during the game. Marie Ryan, Mandy Quigley and Ciara Burns who played a captain's part rounded



*Ciara Burns being presented with the Minor All-Ireland Cup by Uachtarán Cumann Camógaiocht na nGael, Brídín Uí Mhádógáin.*

off this Tipperary performance in the All-Ireland semi-final with a score of 7-9 to Galway's 4-3.

We now had qualified for the All-Ireland final against our old rivals Kilkenny on 26th July in Holycross. This game we were determined to win. We had trained very hard and every session was taken seriously with 100% commitment. We concentrated on stamina and playing as a team that wanted to win. We could see from the players' response to the training that everyone was happy and we were not going to Holycross just to be another team.

All was now in order for our clash with the All-Ireland champions. The game turned out to be a cracker, with camogie being played at the highest level. This was a battling performance from the Tipp girls so ably led by Ciara Burns from Burgess, the only survivor from the 1990 side, with a personal tally of 1-6. Tipp's goalie and defence stood firm all through, with Aileen, Joanne and Sile very prominent and the towering performance of Suzanne at centre-back, led to our great first-half

display with Tipperary leading by 10 points.

The second half started with Tipp hungry for success, helped by Mandy sending over a delightful point in the second minute. Tipperary's momentum increased as Marie Ryan got through for her second goal. This score certainly eased the pressure and Kilkenny could find no way back, with Tipp's overall balance and greater sense of urgency in their play. This was a performance of great courage and will to win from a great panel of girls. From goalkeeper to full-forward, from substitutes that were used and those that weren't, because during the year they all played their part. Yes, Tipperary had beaten Kilkenny for the second All-Ireland title. Tipperary 4-9; Kilkenny 1-3.

Tipp were expertly tutored for this All-Ireland by coach Conor Ryan and selectors Marion Graham and John Devitt. Credit must also go to County Board officers, the clubs who sent players for trials and especially to the parents of players who brought them to training and matches. The preparation of this team was a mammoth task and had to be of the highest calibre to win back this crown. When Ciara Burns was presented with the Cup, the cheers could be heard the length and breadth of the county. Thanks, girls, for the dedication and hard work during the year.

**Team** - Michelle Bulfin (Cashel), Sile Coyne (Burgess), Aileen Delaney (Toomevara), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Joanne Horgan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh), Alison Lawlor (Portroe), Theresa Brophy (Burgess), Catherine Bourke (Shannon Rovers), Marie Ryan (Toomevara), Ciara Burns [captain] (Burgess), Mandy Quigley (Roscrea), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane).

**Subs** - Susan Kinally (Kilruane), Clodagh Dunne (Gortnahoe-Glengool), Ann Barry (Cashel), Caroline Buckley (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh), Miriam Maxwell (Toomevara), Dearbhla Quigley (Thurles), Ann Barry (Thurles), Edel Keane (Cashel), Michelle Bourke (Cashel).



*Ciara Burns leads Tipperary in the pre All-Ireland Final parade at Holycross.*



# County Camogie Board Affairs

**A**S I sit down to write this piece, we have come almost to the end of another year's affairs within the county. Whilst in the past there were some glad tidings to report, this year exceeds all others due to a wonderful year our camogie players gave us at inter-county level, and not forgetting the contribution made by all our players within the county. But it is at county level I will dwell, since I would be hoping all clubs would avail of the space available in the Yearbook to promote and advise their followers of activities within the clubs.

Over a number of years now, great strides have been made within the county and, due to concentration on youth, dividends have been made which have resulted in good success, starting with the All-Ireland success of two years ago when Liam Hogan, John Devitt and Martin Kennedy guided that team through its successful campaign. That was to be a very important breakthrough, as it generated a great interest among the younger players. Our good run at Junior that year was also a contributory factor in the growth of the game in the county.

Good runs by both squads in 1991 yielded no success, but having had the Junior All-Ireland plundered from under our noses by Down made the players resolve not to fail again for the third year. Equally, I would say, John and Biddy with Martin Kennedy joining the selection committee this year were adamant that, where they failed to deliver on the previous two years, nothing would stand in their way in '92.

At Convention this year there was difficulty in securing people to act on committees but, thankfully, those who accepted positions worked extremely hard and were rewarded with the ultimate success.

At Minor level, Conor Ryan was appointed trainer and was ably assisted by Marian Graham. It is to their credit that with a panel which showed no great promise early on in the year they moulded them into Munster and All-Ireland champions, giving us some great moments along the way, ones which will not be easily forgotten.

John Kennedy was reappointed as Junior trainer and Biddy Phillips and Martin Kennedy were appointed to assist. It is well known that this panel had plenty of ability and promise. But to get them to lift their heads after the previous two years would take some doing. Early in the year it looked as if

our fears might be correct. But all credit to the selectors, they cajoled and coaxed the squad into a supreme effort which was rewarded on the third Sunday in September when that historic first adult All-Ireland was achieved.

Our U-18s were handicapped to a large extent by the good run of the Junior team and as a number were involved it was difficult for those in charge to get properly organised. But due credit to coach Liam Hogan and his fellow selectors, Padraig Mullins and John Devitt, they delivered against great odds. In future, we must attempt to organise so that all committees would be happy with time available to them.

While it has been an extremely good year for us on the playing field, I have to say that off the field we have to be honest and say that we would be far from happy with some of the happenings which have brought no great credit to our Association.

Abuse of officials is one area where I have to say we are very unhappy. Our referees are the most vital part of our body, without them we can have no games. To the people throughout our clubs, I say, you know the very serious situation with our shortage of officials. You tell us in the making of fixtures that the travelling official is unacceptable. I know the pitfalls which can occur, but when we get neutrals, all our supporters can do is fire abuse - left, right and centre - at them. I had to take a stand during the year which gave me no great pleasure but, I believe, in the interest of camogie within the county it was necessary. I also know I made few friends with my decisions. I would ask clubs to look and see what is taking place before their eyes and consider that maybe these unpleasant decisions were necessary and unavoidable.

## INSURANCE

This is one area where again we would be far from satisfied. We are regularly subjected to criticism with regard to injuries and expense incurred by our young ladies and young girls. The County Board has gone to great lengths to provide an Insurance Scheme to ease the burden on individuals and clubs in the event of injuries. Our secretary, Marion Graham, and treasurer Biddy Phillips put a lot of work into this area and their response to it would have to be very disappointing to both.

The risks being taken by clubs not availing of this scheme are very large and hopefully will not be regretted later. The importance of insurance has been im-

pressed on club officials at many County Board meetings and no responsibility will be accepted in the event of serious injuries occurring.

I have no wish to be the Devil's Advocate, but having had personal experience of not being insured, I realize the very real importance of it. Clubs should also impress on their players the necessity of wearing helmets, as any steps taken to avoid injuries, especially facial, should be availed of.

## FIXTURES

Another area we would not be happy with. The Fixtures Committee appointed at Convention early this year did some great work but, because of non-fulfilment of fixtures, they felt it necessary to resign during the year, which was a great pity. I would ask clubs to please co-operate in getting fixtures fulfilled. I know all clubs face problems with unavailability of players at times but that excuse, and holidays, should be no reason for not fulfilling fixtures. Co-operation is what we all seek and hopefully that will be forthcoming.

## VENUES

During the year we had reason to seek the assistance of G.A.A. clubs for many fixtures. On behalf of the Board, and on my own behalf, I express our sincere thanks for the co-operation. It was a pleasure to deal with Liam O'Gorman of Holycross, John Harkins, Drom/Inch; Kathleen Hughes of Toomevara and Phil Lowry in Drombane. We look forward to continued co-operation.

## OUR SPONSORS - THANK YOU

On behalf of Tipperary teams and officials, I wish to extend a sincere 'thank you' to all who contributed to our appeal for sponsorship. The cost involved in reaching this stage of the championship is immense and we are always grateful for any assistance. A special thank you to our major sponsors: Tom Egan, Horse & Jockey Inn; the four Divisional Boards; Munster Council; all the G.A.A. clubs who contributed; Tipperary G.A.A. Members' Draw Committee; Tipperary Supporters' Club; Tipperary Dublin Association; all the companies and individuals who gave sponsorship to the players; Toronto Piling, Belfast; O'Neill's, Dublin; Ballet International, Dublin. To Cashel U.D.C. for affording the Junior team a civic reception; Mr. Deegan, The Rectory House Hotel, Dundrum, for a lovely reception on November 13. To everybody who helped us, financially or otherwise, a sincere 'thank you.'



# The Long Road to Croke Park

By MARTIN KENNEDY

**S**EPTEMBER 20th, 1991, venue Croke Park, less than a minute to full time, Tipperary one point ahead, then devastation, a goal for Down! Full-time whistle. Defeat for the second year in a row in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final. Could a team ever recover from such disappointment? Of course they could and of course they did.

Two league wins before Christmas over Offaly and Cork helped morale somewhat. A break for a couple of months and a resumption of county training in Thurles on February 9th.

The AGM held some weeks before saw one change in the selection committee. John Kennedy was re-elected trainer/selector. Also re-elected was Biddy Phillips. Martin Kennedy, Clonmel, replaced Bernie O'Dowd who had been a loyal servant to Tipp camogie for many years.

A few training sessions and a friendly against Down, which we narrowly lost, and things were taking shape. The retirement of Geraldine Ryan-Meagher and the non-availability of Ann Keeshan made changes inevitable.

The addition to the panel of Ann Marie Fitzgerald (Cashel), Marita Tobin (do.), Angela Ryan (do.), Regina O'Meara, Siobhan Cusack, Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara) and Michelle Kennedy (Clonmel) gave great strength in depth and made sure nobody could feel that their place on the team was assured.

Our first competitive game was on March 15th versus Limerick who were training hard with Phil Bennis in charge. A great start to Tipp with goals from Deirdre Hughes (2), Michelle Kennedy (2) and Anne Gleeson (1) saw us win 5-7 to 0-2.

Next, on a sunny Sunday in May, we went to Bunclogh and beat Wexford 1-12 to 1-4. Our next victims were Kilkenny nine days later on a score of 3-12 to 3-3. This game saw a superlative display from Deirdre Hughes at full-forward who scored 0-9 from play.

Twelve days later we beat Waterford 4-14 to 1-9. We were now in the League semi-final and Sunday, 7th June, found us in Portaferry, Co. Down, where with an under-strength team, we went down by six points to our hosts. We were now out of the League and a win in this League final by our old rivals, Limerick, over Down by a margin of 13 points gave us food for thought.

We started our championship campaign with an easy win over Waterford on July 4th in Thurles by 6-14 to 1-6. We now faced Limerick in the Munster final in Limerick on July 25th. There was a lot of talk about Limerick who were now being trained by Eamonn Cregan. Rumours of morale being low in the Tipperary camp were rife. As far as the team and mentors were concerned, there was only one way



to dispel all those rumours: Tipperary 2-17, Limerick 1-7. There was the answer!

Helen O'Leary had taken over in goal from Ann Keeshan and was doing well. Our backs were like a rock - A. M. Fitzgerald, Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy and Claire Madden never put a foot wrong.

At midfield the tireless running of M. Stokes, the solid work of K. Moloney and S. Nealon made sure a plentiful supply of ball went to our forward line of J. Tobin, J. Delaney, T. Bonnar and Deirdre Hughes.

The two most significant developments of the team were probably the shifting of Deirdre Hughes from wing-forward to full-forward from where she destroyed every backline she came up against. The selectors' opinion was that the nearer Deirdre could operate to goal the more dangerous she was to any defence. The way our backs and midfield were playing ensured a plentiful supply of ball to the full-forward position to employ this tactic.

The second very important development was the moving of Sinéad Nealon from defence to an attacking midfield role where her free-taking was to prove invaluable.

As the All-Ireland final would subsequently prove, these two moves meant an awful lot to our success.

Sunday, 9th August, venue Ruislip, London, saw Tipperary beat London 1-12 to 2-3. Probably our one display that was not very good. The travelling, the heat, the accommodation crisis, the worry over John O'Leary's moral well-being (a joke), would Martin Kennedy arrive safely from New York with the Budweiser contract (another joke) - all the above conspired against a good display, but a win is a win.

August 23rd - Tipperary 4-7, Kilkenny 1-7, at Ballyragget. So, after a lot of training and hard work, we were back at Croke Park on Sunday, September 27th, to face Galway. Confidence was high, defeat would not be tolerated. Whereas last year the team had come from behind in nearly all their matches, this year the plan was to get an early lead, build on it and hold on. This worked in all our matches and was also going to work in the final.

The brilliant Deirdre Hughes at full-forward scoring 3-4 from play, the unerring free-taking and pointing from play of Sinéad Nealon (0-9) were the two outstanding performances on the day. But this was not a two-girl team. This All-Ireland was won by 21 girls who had trained hard in wet and cold conditions since 9th February with one idea in mind - to bring Tipperary its first adult All-Ireland camogie title in 60 years of trying. Score: Tipperary 6-13; Galway 2-7.

Full panel was: E. Delaney (Templemore); A. M. Fitzgerald, K. Moloney, T. Bonnar, J. Delaney, H. O'Leary, M. Tobin, A. Ryan (all Cashel); Joan Tobin (formerly Cashel, now Armagh); R. O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Anne Gleeson, Noelle Kennedy, Siobhan Cusack (all Toomevara); Meadh Stokes, Michelle Kennedy (St. Mary's, Clonmel); Sinéad Nealon, Orla Hogan (Burgess); Anne Gleeson (Holycross); Claire Madden (Portroe). Trainer: John Kennedy (Toomevara); selectors: Biddy Phillips (Thurles), Martin Kennedy (Clonmel).

A special word of thanks to Marion Graham who works tirelessly as County Secretary, Eamonn Browne who is an ever-supporting County Chairman and our P.R.O. Anne Moloney. Also thanks to all the clubs who bussed their supporters to Croke Park on that memorable day.



# A GREAT YEAR FOR CASHEL



Kaiffe Moloney, Cashel, being presented with the Cidona Sports Star award trophy by Mr. Brendan McGuinness.



**JOHN HOGAN CUP WINNERS 1992**

Back (left to right) - N. Heffernan, J. Fittelle (trainer), T. Baggary, M. O'Riordan, N. Maher, K. Perdue, P. Bulfin, L. Eakin, C. Graham, J. Devitt, Brendan Murphy (trainer). Front - C. Troy, P. Bonnar, S. Murphy, A. Quinlan, M. Quinlan, N. Tobin, M. Bulfin.



**CASHEL - ANN FRASER CUP WINNERS 1992**

Back - M. Bulfin, A. Barry, T. Bonnar, J. Butler, B. Ryan, M. Tobin, J. Keating, R. Nash, J. O'Dwyer. Front - E. Keane, P. Fitzgerald, N. O'Dwyer, K. Moloney, J. Delaney, N. Bonnar, A. M. Fitzgerald, H. O'Leary.



**CASHEL - U-16 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1992**

Back (left to right) - V. O'Byrne, A. Heffernan, A. Wallace, E. Keane, L. Keane, M. Lacey, P. O'Neill, E. Lonergan, M. Ryan, S. Touby, M. Tobin, L. O'Sullivan, M. Quinlan, A. O'Dwyer, S. O'Brien. Front (left to right) - B. Kelly (trainer), E. Hayden, O. Hayden, E. Tobin, P. Fitzgerald, M. Bulfin, M. Bulfin, S. Nash, A. Barry, D. Cullen, Carol Moloney (captain). At back - D. Barry, Jim Hayden, G. McDermott.



# TOOMEVARA CAMOGIE 1992

**T**HE club has a lot to look back on in 1992 with its huge success and also the achievements of our inter-county teams. It was the year the Senior girls finally beat Cashel in the county final and ended all the disappointments of the last few years.

Once again, the U-21s set the pace earlier in the year with coaches Eileen and Noelle Kennedy working very hard. They won an historic sixth county title in a row at the expense of Drom/Inch in the final. The U-13½ Community Games team also won out their fourth county title in a row and eventually reached the Munster final. They went down narrowly to a strong Cork side played in Cahir. The U-14s played only three games in all, winning, drawing and eventually being knocked out by Thurles. Our U-16s showed great potential but on county semi-final day against Cashel, they just never got going and were defeated. The U-18 championship has not been completed at the time of writing.

## SENIORS WIN FIRST COUNTY TITLE

The Senior girls finally got their reward for all their efforts and the defeats of the past few years were wiped away with a fantastic victory over Cashel in the final. They had earlier been beaten by Cashel in the Ann Fraser Cup as well as the first round of the championship. This, however, was just the spur they needed to work determinedly towards the county final. In between, there was a victory in Limerick in which we defeated Clare county champions, Shannon, in the final. Things were shaping up for a great game and things went right on the day for Toomevara as they were victorious by one point.

September 13th, 1992, Toomevara were crowned new Senior county champions to end the Cashel six-year reign.

In their first year representing Tipperary, the Toome girls were not found wanting against the might Glen Rovers' girls in the Munster Club Championship.



County Chairman Eamonn Browne presenting the Senior Cup to Toomevara captain Deirdre Hughes.

Indeed, they were unlucky not to win this tie, having a goal disallowed and a free being awarded instead in the closing moments. Congrats to the girls, however, on their historic county final win.

As regards other achievements for the club, Madeline Hayes captained St. Mary's, Nenagh, to the Junior Colleges' All-Ireland victory as a number of other club members on the team.

On the county scene, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Aileen Delaney and Miriam Maxwell were part of the All-Ireland Minor winning side. Noelle Kennedy on the victorious U-18 team.

Cora Kennedy, Regina O'Meara, Anne Gleeson, Deirdre Hughes, Siobhan Cusack and Noelle were part of the historic Junior All-Ireland winning side with coach John Kennedy also being from Toome. Well done also to Cora Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes who played with Munster in the Gael Linn final.

The club would like to thank all sponsors, officers, supporters, parents and everyone involved in the club for their help during the year and we look forward to an even better year in 1993.



TOOMEVARA - SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1992

Back row (left to right) - Regina O'Meara, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, John Kennedy (coach), Miriam Maxwell, Audrey Ryan, Bridget Phelan, Anne Bergin, Madeline Hayes, Julie Browne, Cora Kennedy. Front - Siobhan Cusack, Aileen Delaney, Fiona Stead, Deirdre Hughes (captain), Nora Dwan, Marie Ryan, Anne Gleeson, Mary Stapleton. (Missing from photo: Breda Kennedy).



County Board Chairman Eamonn Browne presenting the U-12 Shield to the Toomevara captain, Sarah Boland.

## Successful year for Toomevara Camogie



SIX IN A ROW

Toomevara - U-12 County Champions 1992



## St. Bernadette's Camogie Club, Roscrea 1992 Intermediate League Champions

By BETTY RYAN

**I**T began inspirationally. We were reminded by our trainer, Jerry Kirwan, at the start of the year that "success is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration." We had a duty, therefore, to go forward in 1992 and defend our title.

A new competition was introduced by the County Board in the Intermediate grade this year - the Intermediate League. To commemorate the occasion of his 25 years in camogie, our Chairman, Jimmy Carroll, donated the cup for this competition to the Board.

There was a unanimous opinion among the team that our club name was going to be the first one on this Cup. With this aim in mind, the panel came together in February to start preparing for the League. We had comprehensive victories over Portroe on 5th April, Moycarkey on 18th April and Borrisokane on 21st April and thus earned a place in the league final against St. Mary's, Clonmel. This match was played on 26th April in Ballycahill and proved to be a tough test for us. It took us most of the first half to settle. Weather conditions were deplorable. It was a bitterly cold day with hailstones showering down. Exchanges were feverishly contested, and we had to call on all our craft and experience to hold off the tenacious challenge of Clonmel. We emerged victorious with five points to spare.

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship was run off on a league basis. The opening game was a classic played on 28th July. Borrisokane were our opponents. It was a keenly contested match played in Ardcroney.



Marion Graham (County Secretary) presents the League Cup to team captain Mary Moloney.

Borrisokane proved that they were no pushover, and with a bit of luck might have dethroned us. We eventually held on for a one-point victory.

In our second match we had a facile victory over a disappointing Moycarkey team. We strolled to a twelve-point victory with some excellent individual displays. This game was played on 16th August in Thurles.

Our next game had Portroe as our opponents on 14th September. This game saw our glorious run come to an end in Borrisokane. From the throw-in Portroe got down to the serious business of overhauling us. County player Claire Madden went on a scoring blitz aided by the experienced Mary Sheehy. After a very poor opening half we found ourselves down nine points at the interval. We slowly clawed our way back in the second half after a reshuffling of players and were extremely unlucky to find ourselves just

two points adrift at full-time despite having had 2-1 disallowed during the match.

We were now in a situation that we had to defeat St. Mary's, Clonmel, to remain in the competition. With this in mind, our back-room team of Pat Delaney, Jerry Kirwan, Jimmy Carroll and Bernie Feehan set about rebuilding the team spirit. We face Clonmel on 11th October in Ballycahill with all players totally committed to prove themselves.

It was a game which rarely reached great heights. Our defence was well on top throughout, and our forwards were hungry for the ball. This reflected in a lethargic second half and a final score: St. Bernadette's 3-4, St. Mary's 0-4.

We were then forced to have another showdown with Portroe to decide St. Mary's opponents in the final - Clonmel having received a bye to same. Our backroom team were again called into action to rouse the team to greater heights.

This game was certainly the match of the year. It was played in Toomevara on 1st November. Both teams found scores hard to come by. Our backs conceded little but the accuracy of Mary Sheehy, Portroe's sharpshooter, from frees gave cause for worry. At the interval we were four points ahead.

We emerged into the second half expecting and receiving strong pressure. Portroe rearranged their forces and made their changes. Their backs allowed no leeway to our forwards. We were down two points with three minutes remaining. The experienced Rosie Ryan crossed a great ball and Nicola Kennedy took the worried look off our faces by sinking the ball in the net. Mary Sheehy equalised from a free just on full time to take the game to extra time.

We needed little urging to put our shoulders to the wheel. Good goalkeeping and a stubborn defence kept us from falling behind. Portroe seemed to tire. Emma Carroll, Breda Moloney, Aileen Delaney, Rosie Ryan and Yvonne Kirwan pressed forward relentlessly and we were rewarded with a great goal from Rosie Ryan who grabbed the ball from a forest of hurleys and crashed it to the net. This sealed the issue and we finally emerged winners on a scoreline of 3-9 to 2-9.

This was our finest hour in this year's championship and the final whistle was greeted with great joy. It was the most entertaining and exciting game of camogie played within the county this year. The scene was now set for the county final which was fixed for 15th November.



ST. BERNADETTE'S, ROSCREA - 1992 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
Front row (left to right) - Breda Moloney, Emma Carroll, Nicola Kennedy, Mandy Quigley, Rosie Ryan, Marita King. Back row (left to right) - Ann Keeshan, Betty Ryan, Brid Treacy, Aileen Delaney, Mary Moloney (capt.), Geraldine Bourke. (Missing from photograph) - Lisa Carroll and Patricia McNamara.



## MOYCARKEY-BORRIS CAMOGIE

**T**HE 1992 season provided encouraging signs that the juvenile members of the club are heirs apparent to the mantle of success that has clothed the adult teams of the club in the past few years.

Having been relatively weak in the under-age sector in the past, it was decided to take advantage of the new championship system and to enter the 'B' competitions in the under-age championship.

The time, energy and patience invested in the coaching of young players from as early as March returned good dividends as the season progressed.

The U-12 team will have benefited greatly in terms of match practice and experience gained as they battled their way to their county final appearance. En route they defeated Templemore, Holycross and Gortnahoe. Knockavilla Kickhams provided the opposition in the final which was held in the Ragg G.A.A. Grounds. On the evening, Moycarkey went down to a considerably stronger team.

The U-14 team went one step further than the U-12s when they achieved an historic first ever under-age county championship for the club. En route to their title they recorded decisive victories over Roscrea, Templemore and Holycross. The actual final played against Kilruane McDonagh's in Ballycahill G.A.A. field was of a very high standard. Indeed, to the casual observer it provided ample evidence



MOYCARKEY-BORRIS - Under-14 County Final B Winners

of the healthy state of camogie in County Tipperary at present.

Trailing by a goal at the interval, Moycarkey fought back bravely on resumption. After Catherine Stapleton levelled the score, Moycarkey applied themselves to the game with renewed vigour. Debbie Quigley's goal dashed Kilruane's hopes of a comeback.

"One crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name," would aptly describe the game and the joyous post-match scenes when Catherine Harrington raised the cup.

The panel was: S. Davy, C. Harrington, P. Coman, C. Fahy, B. Coman, M. Ryan, T. Quigley, M. Corcoran, C. Darmody, D. O'Connell, D. Quigley, C. Stapleton, M. Quirke, B. Ryan, S. McKenna, M. Delaney, J. Kearney, A. Barrett, L. Ryan, M. O'Donoghue, M. Fennelly, A. Harrington.

This same team went on to further success when they defeated Drangan in the

final of the Ballingarry tournament. There is every reason to be optimistic regarding the future of these juveniles, possessing such an indomitable spirit so necessary in the heat of championship fare in higher grades in the not-too-distant future.

Moycarkey-Borris entered a very young U-16 team in the championship but were unsuccessful in their bid to emulate the achievements of the U-14s. The Intermediate team never really found the form that distinguished them so admirably two years ago when they won both league and championship titles and will be hoping for a revival of spirit in the 1993 season.

Overall, 1992 was a year of growth and progress for the Moycarkey-Borris club, providing a firm foundation on which to base potential success in 1993.

To all the players, coaches and supporters - Go neiri an bóthar libh.



The Drom-Inch U-14 camogie team which reached the final of the Féile na nGael competition in Galway. Back row (left to right) - Cath McGrath, Yvonne Long, Gillian Mortimer, Jane Ryan, Alice Darcy, Julie Delaney, Deirdre O'Connor, Caroline O'Connor, Eileen Ryan. Front row - Joanna Kinane, Maria Ryan, Catherine Hennessey, Mary Looey, Jacqueline O'Connor, Marka Harkin, Maureen Egan, Jennifer Hicks. (Missing from photo: Joanna Ryan).



# St. Mary's Secondary School Nenagh

**B**y winning three All-Ireland titles in just over a year, St. Mary's have established themselves as one of the major forces in schools' camogie in the country.

In 1991 we won our first All-Ireland Junior (U-15) title. This was a major honour and achievement for the school as it was our first major title since camogie was started in the school in the early 'Eighties. This 1991 team was a very strong and skilful one and won most of their matches with somewhat to spare.

However, for this year's 1992 team we were only able to call on the services of four of the 1991 team plus a few of the substitutes, as the rest were over the age limit. So at the start of the campaign few gave us a chance of regaining our Munster and All-Ireland titles. However, after very impressive displays against Scariff B, Cashel, Charleville and Scariff A we found ourselves in the Munster final against Middleton. This match was played in McDonagh Park and on a day when the team did not show its true potential we could be considered lucky to hold out for a draw. In the replay in Middleton the St. Mary's girls gave a brilliant display of camogie and won the match by six clear goals.

In the All-Ireland semi-final we overcame St. Mary's, Roscommon, and so we were through to the final against Magherafelt from Derry. We could have won it the first day in Tullamore but the Derry girls caught us with a late goal. We then had to make the long journey to Carrickmacross for the replay but our huge number of supporters helped us to a fantastic four-point victory. So, St. Mary's Nenagh regained their All-Ireland title against all the odds after nine very tough matches including two replays.

A few weeks later St. Mary's tasted success again, this time in the All-Ireland seven-a-side (U-16) championship.

We had a very strong panel of players for this competition with the pick of two All-Ireland winning teams available to us. We won the Munster final by overcoming teams from Scariff, Charleville, Cashel, Shannon and Middleton. This competition was run on a blitz basis - all run off on the one day. The following Saturday we again emerged victorious. Eight teams - two from each Province - took part. Unfortunately, our senior camogie players were narrowly beaten in the Munster semi-final by the eventual winners, St. Patrick's from Cork. However, our seniors made up for this by winning the Munster senior league.

Overall it has been a year of huge success for camogie in St. Mary's with the school winning five cups in all - three Munster and two All-Irelands. With most of our talented young players available to



**ST. MARY'S, NENAGH - Junior All-Ireland Champions 1992**

Front row (left to right) - Sinéad Kennedy, Ciara Burns, Antoinette Troy, Madeline Hayes (captain), Tara Young, Marie Ryan, Deirdre Kirby, Karen Coen, Siobhán Malone. Back row (left to right) - Ger Dullea (trainer), Deirdre Keogh, Catherine Slattery, Roisin Hackett, Susan Kenneally, Sara Bergin, Ciara Gaynor, Sara Madden, Suzanne Kelly, Sile Kyne, Hilda Mounsey, Mary Slattery, Geraldine Burke (trainer).

us over the next few years the future for camogie in St. Mary's is very bright. Our burning ambition is to win a Munster and All-Ireland senior title and hopefully we will do just that over the next few years.

Finally, the school hopes to have a new camogie field developed very shortly and we would like to express our thanks to the Trustees of the school for making their land available to us.



**St. Mary's, Nenagh, Secondary School - Munster and All-Ireland Seven-a-side Champions**  
Front (left to right) - Ciara Gaynor, Ciara Burns, Elizabeth Kennedy (captain), Marie Ryan, Susan Kenneally. Back (left to right) - Madeline Hayes, Noelle Kennedy, Aine Hogan, Alison Lalor, Suzanne Kelly, Sile Kyne.



# Schools' camogie goes from strength to strength

By MARTIN QUIRKE (Secretary)

IT is only two years since the secondary schools' camogie competitions were begun and in that short time camogie has made great progress. This progress can be seen in that for the third year of competition we have fifteen different schools involved, with St. Joseph's of Borrisoleigh the latest newcomer.

Progress can also be seen by looking through this account of the past year. Ballingarry and Fethard have contributed their own account of the year's activities. In Ballingarry great credit is due to Mr. Fergal Daly for his dedication and time. In Fethard, likewise, Mr. Dinny Burke is doing fantastic work for the promotion of camogie.

The high standard of camogie in the county and at schools level can be seen when one looks at the success of St. Mary's of Nenagh. Here Mr. Ger Dullea and Ms. Geraldine Burke are doing trojan

work and are reaping the rewards they justly deserve.

I would like to thank Mr. Colm Flaherty for presenting a beautiful cup in memory of Colm's mother, a life-long promoter of camogie. Also, thanks to the Presentation Convent, Ballingarry, for presenting a shield for the under-16 competition. This is also a magnificent trophy of which, I hope, its face will carry the names of many schools well into the next century.

To conclude my introduction to this article on Tipperary Schools' Camogie I would like to thank all the managements that allowed camogie in their schools and to the teachers who promote the game.

These are the people who gave of their time so that the girls get a chance to develop and express their skills. The community at large owe these people a debt of gratitude. Keep up the good work.

## Fethard Secondary School Camogie 1992

Camogie was first introduced into the school in February, 1992, but the girls had been playing for about four years at club level. School camogie gave them the opportunity to play together more often, in this respect the league games were a great advantage.

Having lost to Ballingarry in our first game, we managed to get into a play-off with the same opposition in March. A terrific game in Littleton saw us lead all through the second half, only to lose by a goal in the dying seconds of the game. The consolation was that Ballingarry went on to win the championship.

In May, the schools' committee held an under-14 blitz in Thurles. At ten-a-side, each team had four games and the top team in each group qualified for the final. We were lucky enough to get through our league games and a terrific final against Borrisokane resulted. Borrisokane goaled to go ahead and then a spate of goals put us seven points up. Borrisokane goaled again and spent the last few minutes on the attack, vainly searching for scores.

Fethard held out and the delighted team became first holders of the beautiful Kitty O'Flaherty Cup, which was presented by the O'Flaherty family of Cahir in memory of their mother, Kitty, a legendary figure in camogie circles before her untimely death.

All in all, a very enjoyable year in camogie circles in Fethard school.



FETHARD U-14 TEAM - WINNERS OF COUNTY SCHOOLS 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Back row (left to right) - Olivia Phelan, Shona Coen, Ann Marie Kenny, Lee Ann Burke, Carmel O'Dwyer. Middle row (left to right) - Denis Burke (trainer), Ailish Sheehan, Gwen Cooke, Bernice Horan, Annette McCarthy, Colm O'Flaherty (donor of trophy). Front row (left to right) - Verona Holohan, Deirdre O'Meara, Caroline Fitzgerald (capt.), Lisa McCormack, Leona Holohan.



The popularity of Camogie in Clare was again highlighted by the keen interest displayed by clubs and players alike who took part in underage and adult competitions in a very successful season just ended.

The keen rivalry and enthusiasm of the participants was most noticeable at underage level where there was a marked improvement in playing standards, while the presentation of teams, uniformly dressed, showed a marked improvement on previous years.

One of the most enthusiastic and energetic underage teams to hit the scene in recent times was undoubtedly Clooney, who were reformed in 1991 after a lapse of a number of years.

Their U-12 'B' team's display in the championship was refreshing; they prouced a style and skill in their games that matched anything that had gone before. They were crowned deserving champions when they overcame the strong challenge of highly rated Newmarket in a nerve tingling final.

But Newmarket, too, had their hours of glory when their well trained U-16 'A' side and U-18 'B' team won championships in their respective grades for the first time, thus bringing much honour and credit to this exuberant and go-ahead club.

Tulla are another club who deserve special mention, who, after experiencing many lean years in the doldrums, came to the fore in no uncertain fashion by completing the league and championship 'double' for the very first time.

Pride of place in the senior grade must belong to progressive Shannon club, Wolfe Tones, who hit the headlines again with another brilliant year in which four titles came their way. Their senior team not only retained the championship title, their fifth altogether, in a classy final against gallant Bodyke, but completed a unique 'double' by adding the league title as well.

As for the U-14 'A' championship, it came as no surprise when Wolfe Tones, who have monopolised this competition in recent years, took the honours again in 1992.

To round off an excellent season, the Shannon girls' U-18 'A' team were also successful in retaining their championship title, when they overcame a promising Truagh side in a final replay.

Kilkishen, who in recent years have been making rapid strides in promoting camogie at juvenile level, had their rewards in the U-14 'B' championship where their talented players were tops. The club's greatest triumph was, without doubt, the winning of the Intermediate championship. Here their excellently trained and skilful side proved too powerful for courageous Éire Óg.

The ever-improving St. Joseph's (Doora-Barefield) featured amongst the

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title winners by capturing the Intermediate league at the expense of Feakle.

Éire Óg also enjoyed a successful season with their U-16 'B' team taking championship honours in their grade when they defeated Wolfe Tones in an entertaining encounter.

Ruan-Cusacks continue to go from strength to strength and the tremendous work and dedication of their mentors was richly rewarded when their ambitious young girls took the U-14 'C' title with a merited win over St. Joseph's.

Sixmilebridge U-12 'A' team completed a good season at the end of which they emerged victorious over Truagh. The 'Bridge club also represented Clare in the Community Games, at Mosney. As likewise did Wolfe Tones in the Féile na nGael festival in Galway, where talented St. Flannan's Inagh player, Aine Kenneally, won the Féile Skills title.

While it is true to say that Clare's fortunes on the Inter-County scene didn't meet with the desired success, with no silverware of any description to show for their efforts, there is, however, a groundswell of popular opinion within the county that the tide is about to turn in the Banner county's favour, especially, if one were to judge from the all-round improvement of standards, particularly in the minor grades.

Despite the fact that the senior team were well beaten in National League and All-Ireland championship matches, Clare's performance against Down in the semi-final of the newly inaugurated All-Ireland Intermediate championship in which the Northerners scored a one-point win, saw a vast improvement.

The creditable displays of the U-18 team in the Munster championship, with a victory over a highly rated Cork in a semi-final replay and the subsequent high-ranking performance against Tipperary in a thrilling final certainly gives rise for optimism for the future.

Clare minors, although defeated in the first round of the Munster championship by Tipperary, who, incidentally, went on to capture All-Ireland

honours, showed great promise and with the majority of the panel available again for selection next year, Clare must fancy its chances of making a breakthrough at this level.

Officers of the Board were as follows: President, Rev. Fr. Seamus O'Dea; Chairperson, Kitty McNicholas; Hon. Secretary, Bridie Hehir; Joint Treasurers, Noeleen Sexton, Mary McFadden; Registrar, Vera Hennessy; Munster Council Delegate, Mary Hanley; Congress Delegate, Kitty McNicholas.

U-14 A	Wolfe Tones
U-14 B	Kilkishen
U-14 C	Ruan/Cusacks
U-16 A	Newmarket
U-16 B	Éire Óg
U-18 A	Wolfe Tones
U-18 B	Newmarket
Junior	Tulla
Intermediate	Kilkishen
Senior	Wolfe Tones
Junior League	Tulla
Intermediate	St. Joseph's
Senior	Wolfe Tones
Community Games Reps.	Sixmilebridge
Féile na nGael	Wolfe Tones
Féile Skills Comp. Winner	Olive Kenneally (St. Flannan's)

## Previous County Senior Championship Holders Since 1968

1968	Éire Óg
1969	Éire Óg
1970	Éire Óg
1971	Éire Óg
1972	Éire Óg
1973	Éire Óg
1974	Éire Óg
1975	Éire Óg
1976	Wolfe Tones
1977	Éire Óg
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1979	Wolfe Tones
1980	Éire Óg
1981	Éire Óg
1982	Wolfe Tones
1983	Sixmilebridge
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1987	Sixmilebridge
1988	Sixmilebridge
1989	Sixmilebridge
1990	Sixmilebridge
1991	Wolfe Tones
1992	Wolfe Tones



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Training began as far back as February for many of the Club members but such dedication paid off through one of the most successful years in the history of the Club.

The U-12 team, with players as young as 9 years old, began slowly, but by the end of the competition - under the leadership of the Manager, Áine Ní Cormaic - were in very close contention for a place in the County semi-final.

In perhaps one of the best U-12 games witnessed in a long time, they travelled to Sixmilebridge to play a strong side. It was the general heart of this team that had to be admired. After defending for most of the opening half they dominated the second, giving an excellent display for such an age group, but were bitterly disappointed when the final whistle blew and found themselves having to make an exit from the competition. An example of the commitment within the panel was evident when 3 weeks later they were back to take part in a Street League, which is still being held.

Like every other year, we fielded two U-14 teams and, because of the standard, it was difficult to choose from a very large panel of girls. The U-14 (B) were in a very tough group and have to be congratulated for their commitment, even when things did not go their way. Although they made an early exit from the competition, they did the club proud with the performances.

Another Féile qualification for the U-14 "A" panel and a County Championship. Who could have asked for more? Starting with the Championship back in May, they had a very long season.

## Wolfe Tones Camogie Club

Although the championship is important, at the head of everybody's mind this year was a trip to Galway for Féile '92. Again this year a Blitz was to be held to decide the representatives from Clare. The Shannon girls were not to be denied. Winning the competition convincingly they now had to train hard through bad conditions for the high level of competition which they were to come up against in Galway. The standard this year was very high, but the Shannon girls tried hard and, most importantly, had a great weekend even though they did not bring back the title.

The Championship was still going on after the Féile and all interests were focused on whether the Shannon girls could win the Cup eight years running. They were not to be denied. After a great game in Bodyke, the captain, Laura O'Shea, lifted the cup, finishing off a long but enjoyable season where, no

doubt, all will be back again next year.

The U-16's were hot favourites to lift the trophy this year after the absence of the championship in 1991. Under the leadership of Tara Magee, a very strong panel of players began training in April. Having no major difficulties in their opening matches, winning each of them convincingly, confidence was high for captain, Clodagh Lennon, to be bringing the cup back to Shannon this year. Their final step was at Cusack Park against a very talented Newmarket side who were not underestimated. Shannon never really settled and found themselves trailing at the interval. It was a night when nobody got going, although they tried. A long season might have been catching up on them. But full credit to the Newmarket side, a club that is to be reckoned with in the future.

Wolfe Tones fielded an U-16 "B" team which was made up of the majority of the winning U-14 team. This was a very young team but reached the final, in which they were beaten by Éire Óg.

The Minor Competition is still going on with Shannon meeting Truagh for the second time after drawing with them in Bodyke. A very exciting game in prospect for Newmarket when, hopefully, Debbie McDonagh will be lifting the cup.

Still on an U-18 note, we have a large number of players playing in the Munster Final in two weeks time against Tipperary. A great achievement for Clare camogie, which has proved that it is a force to be reckoned with for the future.

Again this year the Senior competition was full of controversy. Training



• Wolfe Tones, Shannon U-14 "A" County Champions. (This team also represented Clare in this year's Féile na nGael competition). Front Row (l-r): Fiona Wehrley, Lisa O'Reilly, Valerie Coneely, Sharon Carley, Kath. Kerr, Geraldine Kissane, Laura O'Shea and Joanne Casey. Back Row (l-r): Martina O'Meara, Caitriona Walshe, Carol Keane, Caroline Rouine, Betsy Shanahan, Una Madigan, Patricia Moloney, and Larienna McGrath. The club has won this competition for the 8th successive year.



CLARE

YEAR BOOK



# Coláiste Phobal na Scairbhe

## Scariff Community College, Co. Clare

### SCARIFF COMMUNITY COLLEGE - CREATING AND CEMENTING HIGH STANDARDS

Even though no new trophies adorn the College's sideboard, reasonable success has been accomplished by the teams during the past year. Despite our relative small numbers in Harty and Dean Ryan terms - 250 boys - we can pride ourselves in our achievements.

It would be fair to say that the team was disappointed at losing the Dean Ryan Semi-Final to Limerick C.B.S. in November, 1991. We were confident of retaining the title and with some luck would have achieved this aim.

When the draws for the Harty and Dean Ryan championship were made for 1992, the challenge was taken up with gusto. The first round of Harty against Thurles C.B.S. was eagerly looked forward to but unfortunately many difficulties side-tracked this issue. The standard and quality of our team was high but the lack of sensitivity by Bord na nÓg Iomaint in not having competitions completed before the Colleges' competitions commence, definitely minimised the preparations of Mr. John S. Kelly and P. J. Mason. It was the clash of the Dean Ryan champions of 1990 and 1991 and after a fantastic game of high standard hurling played in the true traditions of the Harty Cup, Scariff were edged out by 2-9 to 2-6. There were so many fine performers on the day that one could not but wonder what the result might have been if the team had trained together more. Clubs in the surrounding catchment area surely must acknowledge the benefits of playing Harty hurling in one of the treasured competitions of Colleges' hurling. Clubs, of course, would wish to be part of such a positive request to such an extent that all players who are students of Scariff Community College and their parents who may also be organisers of underage in the various clubs would work to achieve a Harty success for East Clare. It is rather unfortunate when clubs lack total sensitivity to the educational process involved and insist on the young hurlers following a narrower club line and often influence the players from training with the college in order to concentrate on late unfinished underage competitions.

Our involvement in the Dean Ryan Cup - Munster Junior A hurling was a clash with St. Colman's, Fermoy, in the first round. Two good games had to be played in order to gain a victor. In the

first game Scariff fought back well in the second half at Emly to lead by four points with two minutes remaining but Colman's had the last say with a point and a goal on the final whistle to equalise. The replay was equally a fantastic game. Scariff were again leading and controlling affairs but Colman's again came with a late burst and edged out Scariff to progress. They were to go on to beat Limerick C.B.S. and Thurles C.B.S. and will now contest the final on December 2nd. Hopefully Scariff Community College will have better luck next year.

At Under-15 Munster Colleges we have decided to compete in Corn an Phlarsaigh U-15 'B' in recent years. Ultimate success was achieved in 1991 against a very good Abbey C.B.S. team from Tipperary Town in Croom, but last May we had to give best to Nenagh C.B.S. again in the final. So in all phases of Munster Colleges' hurling we are progressing favourably and who knows but that Harty success may be achieved despite our small numbers and the proper attitude from clubs in our catchment area.

#### Camogie

Despite our lack of Munster titles steady progress continues to be made in camogie in the college. In the senior championship last year we had a fantastic game with St. Pat's of Cork before going down by two points. This was an enriching game for its standard of camogie and St. Pat's progressed to beat St. Mary's, Nenagh, and St. Mary's, Middleton to win the Munster Final easily.

This year we are hoping for better luck and at the moment hopes are high of achieving a Munster Final success.

After a hard earned victory over St. Colman's Community School, Shannon, we now play St. Pat's Comprehensive, Shannon, in the Munster semi-final. St. Mary's, Charleville, are already through to the final.

Last May many exhilarating moments were shared by the girls from Scariff College competing in the U-16 seven-a-side competition. Together with St. Mary's, Nenagh, they qualified to represent Munster in the All-Ireland competition at Charleville an unforgettable semi-final focussed on Scariff and Charleville. Two periods of extra time had to be played before Scariff emerged successful but had to give best to St. Mary's, Nenagh, in the final.

Interestingly enough both schools were to contest the National Final in Dublin. Both schools were successful in all their qualifying games. Again the verdict went to Nenagh after a titanic struggle. All girls are to be complimented on their performances and their coach Mr. Jack Treacy.

In the Munster Junior competition there was little success after the high points of the two previous years when we contested the Munster Final twice, winning it in 1990. On the Clare Schools scene we retained the Clare Junior competition - The O'Brien Shield. We reached the final of the first year competition but we were beaten by Coláiste Mhuire in the final, played in Cusack Park.

In the Munster 1st year blitz a spirited team of girls reached the final but were edged out by a very strong St. Mary's, Charleville team. Surely evidence that there is talent in the college to maintain its continuous high standards for further success in the future.

John A. Sexton (P.R.O.)



Scariff Community College - All-Ireland seven-a-side finalists in Belfield, May 1992 (camogie). Front row: Marian Baker, Carol Costelloe, Olive O'Driscoll, Annette Lynch, Fiona Sampson. Back row: Christine Dillon, Edel Tuohy, Sinead Wiley, Yvonne Hogan, Oola Slattery, Angela Hogan, Collette Walsh.



# Brave effort fails to secure O'Duffy cup

THE WEXFORD dream of bringing the O'Duffy Cup back to the Model County for the first time since 1975 was brought crashing to the ground in Croke Park on September 27th by a superior Cork team.

In the end, apart from an all too brief period at the start of the match when it looked as if Wexford were good enough to take the All-Ireland Senior camogie title, Cork lived up to their reputation and dominated the game in every sector of the field.

It was a brave effort by the Slaneysiders, but they could have no excuses in the final analysis even though the final scoreline of 1-20 to 2-6 didn't do their gallant efforts justice.

Wexford had cast away all of their pre-match nerves to go into a 0-3 to 0-2 lead after seven minutes with points from Geraldine Codd (2) and Ann Reddy, and they were given a timely boost shortly afterwards when Máire Codd dispatched a cross from Reddy to the back of the net.

Courageous captain, Catherine Murphy, consolidated the lead with a point from a free, and it took a brave save from the Cork goalkeeper to deny Máire Codd her second goal as Wexford continued to mount tremendous pressure.

The Munster representatives had been strangely subdued in those early exchanges, but they showed what they were truly capable of by wiping out Wexford's lead in the space of six minutes with four points on the trot.

Still the Model County girls maintained their pressure, and an Ann Reddy point gave them renewed heart. However, the game began to take a turn for the worst from a Wexford point of view when Cork midfielder Fiona O'Driscoll



MEETING MARY...Wexford's Tina Fitzhenry exchanges pleasantries with President Mary Robinson before the All-Ireland Senior camogie final, watched by a relaxed team captain, Catherine Murphy. Terri Butler is in a more pensive mood in the background.

**Cork lived up to their reputation and dominated the game in every sector of the field**

made no mistake with a blistering goal after she had worked her way into a favourable position.

Geraldine Codd pulled a point back, but with two more points from Cork's Colette O'Mahony, it was a dispirited Wexford side which went into the dressing-rooms trailing by 1-10 to 1-6 after a dream start.

The Slaneysiders never settled in the second half, and they were a completely demoralised bunch as Cork grew stronger and stronger as the game wore on. The only score they could muster was a goal courtesy of Geraldine Codd after a low Catherine Murphy free was misjudged by the Leesiders' defence, and they were powerless to prevent the oppo-

sition from scoring superb points from a variety of angles.

Although the final scoreline of 1-20 to 2-6 told its own story, the gap between the two sides was never as great as the result would indicate. Cork didn't have matters their own way, and 15 of their scores came from frees, many of which were dubiously awarded by the Dublin referee who didn't approve of Wexford's tenacious style.

It was a gallant effort by the Slaneysiders, and trainer Elsie Cody deserves the utmost praise for her work with the panel. It's an essentially young formation, and their day will surely come.

Wexford should learn from

the experiences of playing against Cork, and return next year determined to go all the way on the national scene. The talent is certainly there, and it is only a matter of nurturing it along before the breakthrough finally comes.

**WEXFORD:** Terri Butler (Buffers Alley); Tina Fitzhenry (Duffry Rovers); Jean O'Leary (Buffers Alley); Catherine Murphy (Rathnure, capt., 0-1); Deirdre Hearne (St. Ibar's); Máire Codd (St. Martin's, 1-0); Stella Sinnott (Buffers Alley); Paula Rankin (Buncloody); Anne-Marie O'Connor (Buffers Alley); Ann Reddy (Rathnure, 0-2); Geraldine Codd (Rathnure, 0-3); Angie Hearne (St. Ibar's). Subs. - Mary Hayden (Rathnure) for D. Hearne, Claire Cullen (St. Ibar's) for O'Connor, Eileen Dillon (Rathnure) for A. Hearne, also Marion O'Leary (Oylegate), Ursula O'Connor (Oylegate), Geraldine Wynne (Buffers Alley), Tina Farrell (Oylegate), Paula Sinnott (Buffers Alley).





Wexford Senior camogie team, National League finalists. Back row (l to r): Terri Butler, Paula Sinnott, Geraldine Wynne, Máire Codd, Tina Fitzhenry, Paula Rankin, Marion O'Leary, Deirdre Hearne, Claire Cullen. Front row (l to r): Geraldine Codd, Ann Reddy, Catherine Murphy (capt.), Anne-Marie O'Connor, Geraldine O'Grady, Jean O'Leary, Ursula O'Connor, Stella Sinnott.

# National League title eludes us once more

THE dismay on the faces of the Wexford senior camogie players after they had lost the All-Ireland league final was painful to see. They were dismayed because the promise and vitality they had showed against the same Cork team earlier in the league was almost totally missing. As one spectator put it after the game, they were not really at the races, and ran in a very poor second to Cork in a two-horse race.

Wexford had surprised Cork in their last meeting, and they were determined not to be caught napping the second time. In the final the sharpness and ball hunger were missing from the Wexford girls, who spent too much of the game reacting to Cork instead of taking the play to them. From the start Cork looked faster, sharper, keener and much more eager and they made our side seem slow and ponderous throughout.

By half-time, Cork had built up a 2-10 to 0-6 lead, and looked to be in total control. Catherine Murphy had kept Wexford in the game, inspiring her team, but Sandy Fitzgibbon, the Cork captain, had

been simply brilliant, while Collette O'Mahoney and Fiona O'Driscoll up front had carved paths through the Wexford defence with consummate ease.

Some of Cork's scores, their points from play especially, were so simple they were splendid. Their second goal, scored in the 33rd minute, was heart-breaking for Wexford as it illustrated the gulf that was separating the teams. Diana O'Driscoll collected from a sideline cut, swerved, turned, sprinted for the goal and blasted a rasper by the unsupported Terrie Butler.

Wexford were not without their moments, even though they were few and far between. Early in the half, Catherine Murphy, the captain, had burst through the Cork defence to hand-pass the sliotar to Ann Reddy beyond midfield, and Ann had dummied, swerved, turned and pointed beautifully. A few minutes later Ann-Marie O'Connor had pounced on a rebound after the Cork goalie, Kathleen Costine, made another brilliant save off an Ann Reddy bullet, immediately after Cork scored their first goal, and even though Wexford didn't score from this a move it showed that even when they were 1-9 to 0-6 behind, they would not hang their heads and give up.

But the scoreline of 2-10 to 0-6 was a true reflection of the state of play in the first half and it had been entertaining, if

painful, from a Wexford point of view. The second half got off to a slower start than the first and again Cork were the first to score, a point in the sixth minute, and this sparked, if not a resurgence in Wexford, at least a spell of play in which they matched Cork and showed a little of their true potential. Some positional switches also began to have an affect, Jean O'Leary coming more into the game once she was moved to midfield.

Midway through the half it seemed as if Wexford might even begin to make inroads into the Cork lead, but over-elaborate play up front saw them squander scoring chances. The forwards were in a quandry also, should they go for goals and maybe snatch the game from Cork or pick off points to make their eventual defeat look more respectable. They seemed to opt for the former, and Kathleen Costine was tested to her limits. It seems incredible that given Sunday's performance, she was the goalie who allowed Wexford built up such a lead when they met in the early stages of the league. She seemed inspired in the final, and even managed to deny Ann Reddy what seemed a sure goal in the first minute of extra-time. Ann had had a shot saved, but ran on to the rebound, and was sweeping it one-handed across the line, only to have the Cork goalie appear out of nowhere and clear the ball.



## *Camogie Roll of Honour 1992*

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
Primary Clubs Blitz	Bunclody	Buffers Alley
Primary Schools Blitz	Rathnure	St. Martin's
U-12 Championship	St. Ibar's	Rathnure
U-14 'B' Championship	Oulart-The Ballagh	St. Martin's
U-14 'A' Championship	Bunclody	Marshalstown
U-14 League	Bunclody	Buffers Alley
Slaney Festival 'A'	Bunclody	Monageer-Boolavogue
Slaney Festival 'B'	Oulart-The Ballagh	St. Martin's
U-16 'A' Championship	Monageer-Boolavogue	St. Ibar's
U-16 'B' Championship	Rathnure	St. Martin's
U-16 League	Monageer-Boolavogue	Bunclody
U-18 Championship	Monageer-Boolavogue	Oulart-The Ballagh
Junior 'A' Championship	Monageer-Boolavogue	Bunclody
Junior 'B' Championship	Marshalstown	St. Martin's
Junior League	Monageer-Boolavogue	Bunclody
Senior Championship	Rathnure	Buffers Alley
Senior League	Rathnure	Buffers Alley



# Meet the Wexford Senior camogie panel

**CATHERINE MURPHY:** Defender. Club: Rathnure; Age: 23. Has been on Wexford teams since she was 13 years of age. Captained her club, Rathnure, to Senior championship success last year.

She has won county Senior league and championship medals, and was on the Gael Linn teams in '85, '87, '89 and '91. Catherine also picked up her first Leinster championship medal last year.

Her hobbies include music and most sports. Occupation: Insurance Clerk.

**TERRI BUTLER:** Goalkeeper. Club: Buffers Alley; Age: 28. Terri holds all the club honours it is possible to win, from Under-14 up to and including Junior, Intermediate and Senior, as well as All-Ireland club championship medals.

She has also won All-Ireland 7-a-side medals with Buffers Alley. Terri has two Leinster Junior medals and collected a Leinster Senior championship medal last year as well as a Gael Linn winners' medal with Leinster.

Her involvement with her own club includes being trainer of the Buffers Alley under-age teams. A sister of the famous Henry, Mick, Fr. Jim and Pierie Butler, her sister, Ann, is also a well-known camogie player.

Her hobbies are squash, darts and greyhound racing. Occupation: Hospital Domestic.

**TINA FITZHENRY:** Defender. Club: Duffry Rovers; Age: 27. One of the famous Fitzhenrys of Curraduff. Like her brother, Seamus, she holds a Powers Sport Star Award. She captained Leinster to Gael Linn success in 1985, and also won Gael Linn medals in '84 and '86.

Her hobbies include most sports. Occupation: Secretary.

**ANN REDDY:** Midfield. Club: Rathnure; Age: 27. Ann holds four Gael Linn awards, and on the club scene she holds honours at Primary School, Under-14, Under-16, Senior league and championship level.

She has numerous under-age awards both at club and county level including a Leinster championship Under-16 medal. Ann was on the team which beat Kilkenny in the Leinster championship last year, and holds five Gael Linn awards.

**ANGIE HEARNE:** Forward. Club: St. Ibar's; Age: 25. Angie holds almost every under-age medal that it's possible to win. She made her Senior county debut in 1990.

She also plays Gaelic football for which she holds two All-Star awards, and was once a member of the Irish national soccer panel. She collected her first Leinster Senior championship medal last year.

Her hobbies include most sports. Occupation: Sales Assistant.

**PAULA RANKIN:** Midfield. Club: Buncloody; Age: 23. Paula attended school in the famous F.C.J. Convent in Buncloody, and holds three Leinster Colleges medals ('85, '86, '87) as well as two Purcell Cup medals ('88 and '91) with Thomond College.

She has made four combined colleges appearances. At club level she holds Junior championship and league medals. She also collected a Leinster championship medal against Kilkenny last year.

Her hobbies include swimming, hockey, tennis, basketball and most other sports. Occupation: Student of Sports & Science.

**STELLA SINNOTT:** Midfield. Club: Buffers Alley; Age: 27. Stella holds ten Co. Senior medals, six Leinster club medals and four All-Ireland club medals, as well as two inter-provincial Senior medals won with the Leinster Gael Linn team.

Stella, believe it or not, played inter-county Senior before club Senior. She was a member of the first Buffers Alley team to win the All-Ireland club championship, and has been on all of their successful sides since.

Like her younger sister, Paula, she has represented Leinster in hockey.

Her hobbies include hockey, tennis and squash. Occupation: Staff Nurse.



*Wexford captain Catherine Murphy keeps a watchful eye on her colleague Claire Cullen as he rounds her Cork opponent and heads for goal in the All-Ireland Senior camogie final.*

## ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS 1992

**EILEEN DILLON:** Midfield. Club: Rathnure; Age: 33. One of the famous Kehoe clan of Clonleigh, Eileen, who got married since her last All-Ireland appearance in 1990, will now has the added spur of baby Amy, and husband, Billy, cheering her on.

She captained the Wexford Junior team that were defeated in the All-Ireland in '77, but had the consolation of collecting a Powers Sports Star Award the same year. She holds six Senior championship medals, three with Cloughbawn and three with Rathnure. She also holds Gael Linn medals and Co. Senior league medals. Occupation: Secretary.

**DEIRDRE HEARNE:** Defender. Club: St. Ibar's; Age: 22. Deirdre captained Wexford's Under-16's to Leinster glory in 1986, and collected a provincial Senior championship medal last year.

She holds countless under-age championship titles, and has also been selected on the Gael Linn panel which won the title last year.

Her commitment to camogie in Wexford is such that she was a selector on the Co. Under-14 panel which won the Leinster championship earlier this year, their first title since 1981.

Her hobbies include swimming, reading and going to parties. Occupation: Accounts Clerk.

**JEAN O'LEARY:** Defender. Club: Buffers Alley; Age: 30. Jean holds numerous Senior championship and league medals with Buffers Alley, as well as Leinster and All-Ireland club championship medals. She was awarded the Golden Goal award in the All-Ireland seven-a-side in 1988.

Her hobbies include squash, badminton and soccer. Occupation: Barmaid.



**CLAIRE CULLEN:** Midfield. Club: St. Ibar's; Age 22. Claire made her Senior inter-county debut in 1990, and holds Under-16 Leinster medals won in '85 and '86.

She was on the Wexford side that defeated Kilkenny in the Leinster championship last year.

Her hobbies include football, hockey and soccer. Occupation: Computer Operator.

**ANNE-MARIE O'CONNOR:** Forward. Club: Buffers Alley; Age 22. Anne-Marie was a member of the Wexford Under-16 team that lost the All-Ireland final to Galway in 1986.

Another F.C.J. past pupil, she has won six Co. Senior medals with Buffers Alley, and three Leinster Senior colleges ('87, '88, '89) awards.

Anne-Marie was on the Wexford Senior championship team which beat Kilkenny in the Leinster final last year.

Her hobbies include squash and water sports, especially canoeing. Occupation: Fourth Year Student of Computer Applications in D.C.U.

**GERALDINE CODD:** Forward. Club: Rathnure. A niece of Martin, who collected All-Ireland Senior hurling medals in '55 and '56, and a cousin of Ann Reddy, Geraldine captained Waterford Regional Technical College to a famous All-Ireland Senior colleges championship and league double this year, and was also on the team which won the colleges championship in 1990.

She was on the Co. Under-16 team that captured Leinster medals in '85 and '86, losing out to Galway in the All-Ireland final of '86.

Her hobbies include ladies football, squash, swimming and dancing. Occupation: Student in Waterford Regional Technical College.

**MAIRE CODD:** Midfield. Club: St. Martin's; Age 21. Eight years ago, when she was only 13, Máire came on as a substitute for St. Martin's in the Junior championship final and was instrumental in their victory.

She also collected a Junior league medal that year, and holds numerous under-age honours. Máire is a daughter of Kit, one of the famous Kehoe sisters, who holds three All-Ireland Senior medals. Indeed, her mother was on the last Wexford team to win an All-Ireland in 1975, and she is a niece of team-mate Eileen Dillon.

Her hobbies include hockey, racquetball and cycling. Occupation: Receptionist/Secretary.

**PAULA SINNOTT:** Defender. Club: Buffers Alley; Age 23. Paula, younger sister of Stella, holds primary schools, Under-14, Under-16 and five Senior championship medals with Buffers Alley, having played on their Senior team since she was 16.

She has played for Wexford at Under-14, Under-16 and Senior level, and represented Leinster in hockey. She was also selected for the Irish schoolgirls' hockey squad.

Her hobbies are camogie and hockey. Occupation: Accounts Clerk.

**GERALDINE WYNNE:** Defender. Club: Buffers Alley; Age 36. Geraldine has one Junior championship medal and 14 Senior championship titles. She won Leinster Junior championship

medals in '72, '73, '76 and '77, and was on the Wexford Junior teams which lost the All-Ireland finals of '72 and '77.

Last year she collected her first Leinster Senior championship medal, and she won two Leinster Colleges medals, the first in '72 with Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy, who defeated St. Mary's, Mountmellick, in the final.

The following year she was on the Mountmellick team and they went through Leinster to win out the All-Ireland Colleges championship. She also has won two inter-provincial medals, a Senior and a Junior Gael Linn.

Her hobbies include tennis and squash. Occupation: Telecom Eireann employee.

**URSULA O'CONNOR:** Defender. Club: Oylegate; Age 24. Ursula was one of the Wexford players who collected a Leinster Senior championship medal by defeating Kilkenny last year. At club level, she holds many under-age awards plus a Junior championship medal for 1987 and a Junior league medal for 1991.

She was on the victorious Leinster Gael Linn panel last year. Occupation: Stud Farm employee.

**TINA FARRELL:** Goalkeeper. Club: Oylegate; Age 21. Tina, like her clubmates Ursula O'Connor and Marion O'Leary, holds many under-age honours including primary schools and Under-14 championship medals.

She collected a Leinster Under-16 medal in 1986, and was on the Wexford team that lost out to Galway in the All-Ireland final of that year. Tina holds a Junior championship medal for '87 and collected Junior league honours in '91.

Occupation: Transport Management student in College of Commerce, Rathmines.

**MARION O'LEARY:** Defender. Club: Oylegate; Age 22. Marion's under-age medals include primary schools honours for 1983 and Under-14 championship the following year. She won a Junior championship medal with Oylegate in '87 and added a Junior league medal last year.

She collected a Leinster Senior championship medal in 1991, and was also on the Gael Linn Junior panel. At Colleges level, she captained Waterford Regional College to the All-Ireland Freshers title in 1988, and won two Purcell Cup medals, one in '90 and the other this year.

Her hobbies include most sports, including Gaelic football and soccer. Occupation: Student in Waterford Regional Technical College.

**MARY HAYDEN:** Defender. Club: Rathnure; Age 33. Mary hadn't played competitive camogie for around eight years, until she rejoined the Rathnure club in 1988. Before her long holiday from the game she had won numerous under-age honours with the club, and since returning has collected Junior championship and three Senior championship medals.

She was called into the Wexford panel for the All-Ireland league final earlier this year.

Her hobbies include swimming, reading and all sports. Occupation: Housewife and part-time Nurse.



**CALM BEFORE THE STORM...** Wexford trainer Elsie Cody (centre) has some words of advice for Claire Cullen, Eileen Dillon, Angie Hearne and Anne-Marie O'Connor before the All-Ireland Senior camogie final.





Rathnure, Leinster Senior Club camogie champions. Back row (l to r): Bernie Higgins, Mary Fleming, Brigid Howlin, Lillian Doyle, Tish Dreehan. Front row (l to r): Anna-Mai White, Catherine Murphy, Mary Hayden (capt.), Ann Reddy, Eileen Dillon, Norma Carty, Geraldine Codd.



Determination is etched all over the face of Rathnure's Bernie Higgins as she races through the Lisdowney defence en route for the goal which decided the outcome of the Leinster Senior Club championship final.





*Rathnure, Co. Senior league champions. Back row (l to r): Teddy O'Connor (trainer), Bernie Murphy, Norma Carty, Eilish Somers, Bernie Higgins, Sinead Quigley, Brigid Howlin. Front row (l to r): Geraldine Codd, Ann Reddy, Ann Barron, Mary Hayden (capt.), Catherine Murphy, Eileen Dillon, Lilian Doyle.*

## Eileen's goal put Rathnure on course for league glory

THE LEAGUE final saw Rathnure chasing the elusive double and winning through on a 1-6 to 0-6 scoreline against Buffers Alley despite being somewhat understrength.

Last year's title went to the Monamolin crew by default, but this time around Rathnure fielded and added the league to the championship title they had won earlier.

The game did not produce vintage camogie, but it was nevertheless entertaining fare. The half-time score of 0-3 to 0-1 in favour of Rathnure was a good reflection of the trend of the play.

Ann Reddy had opened the scoring in the fifth minute, with Geraldine Codd adding two more points from '30's in the 13th and 17th minutes. Anne-Marie O'Connor opened Buffers Alley's account with five minutes to go to half-time, pulling them back to within two points of their rivals.

It was Anne-Marie again who opened the scoring after the interval, with a fine point, quickly followed by the score of the game from Geraldine Wynne. She had been awarded a free on Rathnure's 30 metre line, and had no hesitation in sending it straight over the bar to equalise the game.

For five minutes it looked as if the Alley might go ahead,



*A delighted Rathnure captain, Mary Hayden, receives the Aidan Murphy Memorial Cup from Co. Chairman, John Furlong, after the Senior league final.*

but an Eileen Dillon goal put paid to that hope. Rathnure came alive after this, and Ger-

aldine Codd, Brigid Howlin and Catherine Murphy sent over points to stretch the lead

to 1-6 to 0-3.

Anne-Marie O'Connor brought the Alley back into the game, scoring three delightful points from play in the 18th, 20th and 23rd minutes. But even at this stage Rathnure never looked worried, and with Bernie Higgins making a surprise appearance between the posts, they didn't concede a goal to their old rivals.

**BUFFERS ALLEY:** Terri Butler, Geraldine Wynne, Michelle Kavanagh, Eithne Sinnott, Stella Sinnott, Jean O'Leary, Liz Murphy, Catherine Sinnott (capt.), Pauline Hall, Melanie Dunne, Yvonne Donohoe, Anne-Marie O'Connor. Subs. - Mairead Murphy, Kathleen O'Brien, Sonia Donohoe, Carol Sinnott.

**RATHNURE:** Bernie Higgins, Catherine Murphy, Mary Hayden, Ann Reddy, Eileen Dillon, Geraldine Codd, Norma Carty, Mary Hayden (capt.), Lilian Doyle, Ann Barron, Eilish Somers, Brigid Howlin. Subs. - Bernie Murphy, Sinead Quigley, Marguerite Somers, Anne Shore.



# Senior players on hand to cheer Rathnure Under-16's to victory

RATHNURE'S SENIOR team had claimed their championship title a week before their Under-16's took on St. Martin's in the 'B' final, and with most of the Senior squad on hand to advise and cheer them, Rathnure couldn't help but win.

Even with their captain, Maedhbh Doyle, sidelined through injury, they still managed to extend a two goal half-time lead to win by four goals (5-2 to 1-2).

It was heart-breaking stuff for the gallant St. Martin's girls, as they had already been runners-up in three competitions earlier in the year. After coming second in the Slaney Festival, the Primary School Blitz, and the Under-14 'B' Championship, they had hoped that they would take home one under-age title at least.

For 15 minutes the game was anyone's, and then Caroline O'Leary banged home a goal to give Rathnure the lead. Try as they might they could not extend it, and their Piercestown rivals never stopped trying to level the scores.

Clare McCormack, Tina Bergin and Aine Codd for St. Martin's tried to set up scoring chances for their forwards, but even though Aine blasted shots at the Rathnure goalie time and time again, they never quite managed to score.

Then five minutes later, Joleen Codd connected on a cross from Aoife O'Connor to put Rathnure another goal ahead. And still St. Martin's did not give up. For the last five minutes of the first half, the girls in maroon laid siege to the Rathnure goal, but Kathleen Gorman at centre-back and Rachel Rogan in the corner cleared attack after attack.

Mary Mooney, who starred at full-back for the Co. Under-14 team in their Leinster final victory, collected these clearances at midfield to help ease the pressure.

Coming out for the second half, St. Martin's attacked from the start and Aine Codd was unlucky when her ground shot went inches wide seconds after the re-start. But once again it was Rathnure who



NICE TO MEET YOU, MARY... Wexford's Angie Hearn meets President Mary Robinson before the All-Ireland Senior camogie final, watched by a smiling Geraldine Codd.

scored first, with Caroline O'Leary finding the net once again, quickly followed by a point from Mary Mooney.

However, Aine Codd showed that St. Martin's weren't finished yet, sending over a fine point almost from the puck-out.

But Rathnure were coming more and more into the game at midfield, and Michelle O'Leary in particular began to dominate this area of the field. Theresa Westnott and herself were lifting and striking at every opportunity and with Aoife O'Connor catching balls like a veteran, another score was visibly on the cards.

She caught a lovely pass eleven minutes into the half, and smashed it to the back of the net, to extend the lead to four goals. Joleen Codd added a point soon after and then Caroline O'Leary found the net once more and it looked as if the game was surely over.

Rathnure were 5-2 to 0-1 ahead at this stage, but St.

Martin's never stopped trying. Clare McCormack, Aine Codd, Tina Bergin and Sharon Dempsey attempted time and time again to penetrate the Rathnure defence, and with three minutes to go their persistence was rewarded with another point from Aine Codd.

Then with only 15 seconds remaining on the clock, Aine ran on to a loose ball in front of the goal, and smashed it to the back of the net for a consolation major that St. Martin's richly deserved.

Rathnure were worthy winners, but St. Martin's deserved more scores for all their efforts. In presenting the Keogh Cup to Rathnure after the game, Aodhagan Swords, Vice-Chairman of the Co. Board, complimented both teams on their sportsmanship and on the excellent behaviour of all concerned, players and supporters alike.

He commiserated with St. Martin's on being runners-up and congratulated Rathnure

on winning the championship. Finally, he said that it was wonderful to see so many Senior and Junior players from both club and county teams at the game supporting and encouraging the younger players.

**RATHNURE:** Linda Nolan, Karen Codd, Deirdre Freeman, Rachel Hogan, Kathleen Gorman, Mary Mooney, Lorraine O'Leary, Michelle O'Leary, Caroline O'Leary, Theresa Westnott, Aoife O'Connor, Joleen Codd. Subs. - Pauline Breen, Breda Westnott, Clare O'Connor, Elizabeth Wickham, Maedhbh Doyle.

**ST. MARTIN'S:** Jenny Power, Eilish Ryan, Alma Radford, Vicki Waters, Sharon Whelan, Clare McCormack, Tina Bergin, Aine Codd, Sharon Dempsey, Nicola Butler, Majella Sane, Mairead McLeigh. Subs. - Ciara Power, Tara Kehoe, Jennifer Corish, Maria Handrick, Joanne Power.





Rathnure, Co. Senior camogie champions. Back row (l to r): Anne Shore, Ann English, Marguerite Somers, Tish Dreehan, Mary Hayden, Lillian Doyle, Bernie Higgins, Ann Reddy, Sínead Quigley, Brigid Howlin, Ann Barron. Front row (l to r): Eileen Dillon, Mary Greene, Mag Doherty, Anna-Mai White, Catherine Murphy, Geraldine Codd, Norma Carty, Mary Fleming, Elizabeth O'Leary, Teddy O'Connor (trainer).

## Rathnure complete the two-in-a-row

ALTHOUGH THE Senior championship final was not the classic it had promised to be, Rathnure will cherish their 2-3 to 0-3 triumph over Buffers Alley for a long time to come. Even though they have won three out of the last four deciders, they had never beaten their arch rivals in a final.

Four years ago they made a little piece of history, winning their first-ever title in the club's 21-year history by beating St. Ibar's. The following year the Alley regained the title they had held for so long, only to see Rathnure again claim it in 1991 with a convincing win over Oulart.

And so, this year's emphatic victory will be treasured for a long time, because they have finally overcome the jinx.

Rathnure led by 2-3 to 0-1 at half-time, having played with the benefit of the strong wind in the first 30 minutes, and they must have been a little anxious facing into it on the turnover. Geraldine Codd had opened their account with a point early in play but they had missed what looked like certain goals before this score.

Bernie Higgins, who had been uncertain of her place in the team due to persistent injury, played wonderfully intelligent camogie and caused problems from early on. She was flattering the Alley even if they did not appreciate it, imitating the style of forward play they had developed to perfection down through the years.

When she found her path to goal blocked, she simply pas-

### Beating arch-rivals Buffers Alley made success all the sweeter

sed the ball out to her own midfield, and this was highlighting the cracks in the Alley defence that Oulart had been unable to exploit in the semi-final.

It was fitting that Bernie should find the net first, and shortly afterwards she delivered a delicate pass to Lillian Doyle who promptly added the second goal. Rathnure should have been much further ahead at the interval, and it was their insistence on going for goals when scoreable points were available that was mostly to blame.

Nevertheless, by the end of the game they were able to afford the luxury of 11 wides, compared to a mere one for the Alley.

Anne-Marie O'Connor, who starred up front for the losers, scored their first point, but a midfield free converted by Catherine Murphy cancelled this out. Geraldine Codd fin-

ished the first half scoring with a converted '30 just before the interval.

The Alley had the wind in their backs in the second half, and they still had a chance of rescuing the game. But Catherine Murphy came into her own for Rathnure, while the loss of Paula Sinnott put a severe dent in the ambitions of the Monamolin girls.

They denied Rathnure a score in the second half, but could only manage two points themselves, one from play and the other a converted '30, both scored by Anne-Marie O'Connor.

Geraldine Wynne starred in the Alley defence, and couldn't be faulted for the defeat. She challenged and tackled, caught and cleared. Even Eileen Dillon, who came on as a substitute in the second half, could not find any way past her. Bernie Higgins was continuing to attack, but Gera-

dine never allowed these forward movements to bear fruit.

Her excellent defensive work was mirrored at the other end of the field by Catherine Murphy for Rathnure, and she, combining with Mary Hayden, stymied attack after attack. Jean O'Leary fought hard to penetrate the defence without any reward.

**RATHNURE:** Mary Fleming, Catherine Murphy (0-1), Margaret Doherty, Tish Dreehan, Mary Hayden, Anna-Mai White, Mary Greene, Ann Reddy, Lillian Doyle (1-0), Norma Carty, Geraldine Codd (0-2), Bernie Higgins (1-0). Subs. - Elizabeth O'Leary, Brigid Howlin, Ann Barron, Anne Shore, Eilish Somers, Marguerite Somers, Sínead Quigley, Eileen Dillon, Ann English.

**BUFFERS ALLEY:** Terri Butler, Paula Sinnott, Geraldine Wynne, Eithne Sinnott, Catherine Sinnott, Liz Murphy, Jean O'Leary, Marita O'Neill, Michelle Kavanagh, Pauline Hall, Anne-Marie O'Connor (0-3). Subs. - Kathleen O'Brien, Yvonne Donohoe, Sonia Donohoe, Melanie Dunne, Fidelma Curran, Mairead Murphy.





**WEXFORD - All-Ireland Senior camogie finalists 1992**

Back row (l to r): Geraldine Wynne, Mary Hayden, Terri Butler, Paula Rankin, Deirdre Hearne, Ann Reddy, Angie Hearne, Tina Farrell, Claire Cullen, Paula Sinnott. Front row (l to r): Marion O'Leary, Anne-Marie O'Connor, Tina Fitzhenry, Jean O'Leary, Catherine Murphy (capt.), Stella Sinnott, Máire Codd, Geraldine Codd, Eileen Dillon, Ursula O'Connor.

## Missed chances proved costly for Co. Minors

**JUST BEFORE** half-time in the Leinster Minor championship semi-final played in brilliant sunshine in Silver Park in Stillorgan, a Dublin player collapsed from sheer exhaustion.

Wexford led by five points to three at this stage, and except for a few minutes at the start of the game, they had been in control throughout and were forcing Dublin to fight hard for survival. A week earlier, they had annihilated Wicklow in the quarter-final by 6-6 to 1-2.

At the interval it seemed as though it was only a matter of time before Dublin collapsed, and Wexford would soon be through to the Leinster final. The mid-field line-up of Orla Hernan, Vera Bolger and Barbara Sludds had run rings around the opposition, and centre-forward Aileen Gordon had supplied her colleagues with a steady stream of scoreable chances.

They failed to put away most of these, and indeed only two points of the Wexford half-time tally came from play, from Vera Bolger and Aileen Gordon respectively. Several chances had been missed and in the final analysis, this was what lost the game for Wexford.

From the re-start the Slaneysiders attacked, showing more confidence than ever before. However, first blood went to Dublin with a goal in the second minute.

This was the boost that the rattled Metropolitans needed to restore confidence, and even though Aileen Gordon scored a fine goal in reply two minutes later, the game was already slipping from Wexford's grasp.

Dublin began to absorb the pressure, and Aileen's second goal, a beautifully judged lob three minutes later, failed to put them out of their stride.

Leading by 2-5 to 1-3 at this stage, the Wexford girls didn't relax, but at

### ANN ON THE ATTACK



*Ann Reddy sends a dangerous shot goalwards in the National League final against Cork in Bellefield last June.*

the same time they were unable to press home their attacks with the same determination as before.

Wexford didn't score again, and the frustration this caused was to prove fatal. Eventually Dublin found a chink

in the defence to forge a goal in the 20th minute. As they gained in confidence, the Wexford girls who had controlled the game for so long seemed to panic.

This was the main reason why Dublin were able to find the net so soon afterwards, to gain a one-point lead. Still our Minors fought to regain control, but the panic was spreading, forcing errors that allowed Dublin to snatch a point a minute later. This gave them a 3-4 to 2-5 lead which they held to the finish.

Wexford launched attack after attack in the dying minutes of the game, but they found a wall of Dublin defenders facing them and never managed to penetrate it. In the final analysis all that denied Wexford their place in the final was the fact they failed to take simple chances both from play and placed balls.

**WEXFORD:** Teresa Jordan (Marshallstown), Niamh Hearne (St. Ibar's), Vicki Waters (St. Martin's), Terri Fortune (St. Senan's), Avis Nolan (Monageer-Booleavogue), Vera Bolger (Oulart-The Ballagh), Orla Hernan (Monageer-Booleavogue, capt.), Barbara Sludds (Oylegate), Aileen Gordon (St. Ibar's), Leah Atkinson (Buncloody), Caitriona Kinsella (Marshallstown), Mary Kehoe (Marshallstown). Subs. - Brenda Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Elaine Murphy (Monageer-Booleavogue), Majella Sane (St. Martin's), Tina Redmond (Buncloody), Michelle Murphy (St. Senan's), Tina Gordon (St. Ibar's), Elaine Murphy (Buncloody), Eilish Ryan (St. Martin's), Joanne Peedergast (Oulart-The Ballagh).



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# Camogie in Galway

Camogie in Galway continues to prosper with St. Raphael's continuing on their record breaking success eight All-Ireland Senior Colleges Camogie title. Mullagh captured the Premier Pan Celtic title for the second time and after relinquishing their All-Ireland Club title at semi final stage in the county but went on to win the prestigious Seven a side Premier title at Kilmacud Crokes annual tournament at the eve of All-Ireland Final Day.

The county teams had a good run with the senior team featuring poorly in the league losing to Kildare away before drawing level with Dublin when they needed victory to qualify for the final stages. In the senior championship Galway had sweet revenge over Kildare and went on to play Wexford in the All-Ireland Semi Final at Loughrea.

The strong Wexford girls were full of determination but a Sharon Glynn point and Imelda Hobbins goal had Galway four points up after four minutes. Wexford got back into the game but Galway led 1-5 to 1-3 at the break. In the second half Wexford went ahead but a late rally inspired by substitute Sheila Coen and Sharon Glynn saw Galway stage a dramatic fightback but Wexford held on to win by 2-11 to 1-11.

In the junior championship Galway had to work hard before they eventually overcame Roscommon in the Connacht Final at Mullagh. In the All-Ireland Semi Final at Loughrea Galway had all the luck when they shocked Armagh with early goals by Cora Curley and Olivia Broderick and never relinquished the lead.

Facing a fancied Tipperary side who were playing in the third consecutive All-Ireland Junior Final, having lost to Kildare and Down in previous years Galway's second team had a daunting test to try and overcome Tipperary's first team. The Munster side got into a 2-3 to 0-2 lead



By FRANK KEARNEY

but 1-1 from Olivia Broderick and Emer Hardiman points had Galway in a 2-6 to 1-5 deficit at half time. Just before the break Galway lost star full forward Hardiman with a nasty eye injury which proved to be a huge loss and Tipperary went on to a convincing victory to capture their first every All-Ireland junior title.

Galway minor team after routing Roscommon in the Connacht final played Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi final at Mullagh. Playing against the breeze Tipp led by 1-7 to 1-1 at the break with Mary Stephens getting the Galway major. Two second half goals by Ann Hardiman and Galway went two points up with three minutes remaining. Teresa Brophy goaled for Tipperary to give them the lead but Brenda Daniels pointed a last minute free to give Galway a well deserved draw. Tipperary convincingly defeated the Galway girls in the replay and subsequently went on to win the All-Ireland.

In the Ashbourne Inter Varsities competition University College Galway defeated Maynooth in their opening game but lost to the holders Queen's University, Belfast, in the semi final.

Pride of place in camogie in Galway continues with the girls of St.

Raphael's College, Loughrea, who won the All-Ireland Colleges Senior title for an unprecedented eighth successive year. Great credit is due to Cyril Farrell and Sr. Catherine for their hard work and efforts. During 1992 they had to call on all their reserves to overcome Portumna Community College in the Connacht Final. In the end they ran out winners on a scoreline of St. Raphael's Loughrea 2-6 Portumna Community College 2-1.

The Raphael's girls qualified for the final with a merited 3-5 to 1-4 victory over St. Patrick's, Cork in the semi final at Loughrea. St. Brigid's, Callan who defeated the Loughrea girls at junior level two years earlier were to provide a real threat to the title holders in the final.

With Claire Lynch in a rampant mood Raphael's were never going to let Callan settle. She goaled in the ninth and tenth minute and Ann Hardiman added a third goal to leave Raphael's in a commanding 3-5 to 1-2 lead at the break. In the final quarter Claire Lynch and Ann Hardiman had two goals each and shattered the Kilkenny dream with Lynch having a personal tally of 4-5 and only three points coming from frees.

As the Raphael's senior success story continued their junior team reached the Connacht Final but lost to Mercy Convent, Roscommon.

On the vocational schools front St. Brigid's of Loughrea continue to dominate the county and defeated New Inn in the county final. The Loughrea school went on to reach the Premier Final defeating Johnstown Vocational School Kilkenny at semi final stage.

The hope of another All-Ireland success was shattered when the gallant girls from St. Brigid's Vocational School failed to make it a Loughrea double losing to Roscrea Vocation School in the All-Ireland final.

For the second successive year the Pan Celtic Camogie Festival was



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staged by Salthill Camogie Club. The following are the winner and runners-up

	Winners	Runners-up
Under 16 A	Inis Cara (Cork)	Mullagh (Galway)
Under 16 B	Cappataglie (Galway)	Lismore (Waterford)
Senior A	Mullagh (Galway)	St. Monica's (Dublin)

On the eve of the All Ireland Camogie Final Day Mullagh Camogie Club travelled to the All Ireland Seven a side at Kilmacud Crokes. Playing without several players who were involved with the Galway Junior team the following day, Mullagh pulled off a surprise result by taking the National title defeating Marino of Dublin in the final.

In Féile na nGael sixteen Galway clubs participated and hosted teams from all over Ireland. There was a great festive spirit and while Mountbellew lost the Davison 4 final to Westmeath, Davitt's captured the Division 2 title defeating Dublin in the final. Further success is anticipated in Féile '93.

On the domestic scene the following is a list of winners and runners-up in county competitions:

	Winners	Runners-up
Under 10	St. Colman's	Mountbellew
Under 12	Pearse's	St. Colman's
Under 13	St. Colman's	Pearse's
Under 14	St. Colman's	Kinvara
Under 16 A	Pearse's	Davitt's (not played)
Under 16 B	St. Thomas	Cois Fharraige
Junior B	Cois Fharraige	Ballindereen
Junior A	Craughwell	St. Colman's
(Craughwell also won the Connacht Junior title)		
Intermediate	Sarsfield's	Pearse's
Senior	Pearse's	Davitt's

Pearse's defeated St. Mary's Glenamaddy in their opening championship game which left a clash with Mullagh in the County Semi Final at Ballinasloe. For the second time the in season the All Ireland club champions had no answer to the young Pearse's outfit and the Mullagh girls had to relinquish a second All Ireland title dream.

Last year's Intermediate champions Davitt's qualified for the Galway senior final. Pearse's showing a touch of class Pearse's led comfortably by 3-3 to 0-5 at the break

but Davitt's hit back with a late challenge to force a fully deserved draw with the final score Pearse's 4-6 Davitt's 2-12.

The replay served up another thrilling encounter and in the end the Pearse's girls captured their first ever Galway Senior Camogie title captained by Catherine O'Grady-Donnellan who was a member of the Galway team that won the All-Ireland Junior camogie title in 1972.

Pearse's received a shattering blow on the eve of the Connacht final when their star young player Sharon Glynn was suspended by the Central Council for a period of six months. Despite the loss of Sharon Pearse's were very unlucky to lose by two points in the All Ireland semi-final against Rathnure of Wexford.

During the year camogie lost former President Maire Ní Cheallachain from Cork who was a good friend of Galway camogie and Nora Greaney-Conlon who had given many years service to Galway camogie as a player and administrator.

In August, all associated with Galway camogie were shocked and saddened with the unexpected and untimely death of secretary of Galway Camogie Board Mr. Gerry Flannery of Davitt's club. A diligent worker Gerry will be sadly missed in Galway circles. An dheis laimh Dé go raibh so.



St. Brigid's Vocational School, Senior Camogie Team who defeated New Inn in the County Final. They then went on to defeat Johnstown in the All-Ireland Semi-Final and narrowly failed to Roscrea in the All-Ireland Final. The team are, row, back row, left to right: Sinead Brien, Mary Mitchell, Joan Kelly, Fiona Ryan, Mary Boyle, Sandra Horan, Gretta Murray, Olivia Coen, Aisling Lowry, Teresa Finnerty.



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# PEARSES MARCH TO COUNTY FINAL GLORY

The inside story from outside the wire

By SEAN WALSH

The year began in the February and march mud and showers . . . the training was hard and the crowds turning out were big. Two trophies were put on the sideboard early on with the League Final and St. Cilleen tournament victories—with Sarsfields once, and All-Ireland champions Mullagh twice, being on the receiving end. The appetite was whetted. "They might not be too bad after all this year", we quietly thought. The return of the prodigal Ann Ryan to her roots, coupled with the arrival of Geraldine Heavey strengthened the squad, where the emphasis was on youth and skill, with the Féile starlets of 1988 blending with the craft and experience of the more seasoned crew. Ballymacward and Gurteen were expectant.

Michael Kennedy as manager—a successful one he later reminded us, mind you!—had Frank 'Good Newbridge' Harkin working them hard in training, but the acid test was coming with the championship quarter final with Glenamaddy around the corner . . . It was successfully completed, with Ann Ryan, Sharon Glynn and the defence to the fore. "Glan beaten and the hay saved", we cried, but while our wonderful climate made the latter hard to achieve, the former was attained at a price, with the loss through injury, for the entire campaign, of the commanding centre-back Julie Glynn. We wish her well for 1993.

And so back to training and training and . . . then Ballinasloe on a wet "Summer" evening for the semi-final clash with Mullagh. The tension was high and the action was fierce—with even the texture of the dentures being fully tested on the sideline! It was the

evening that Martina Haverly buzzed and buzzed along with Ryan, the 'hamstrung' Glynn, the no nonsense Tracy Laheen, and the commanding Catherine Donnellan, Mullagh were finally stung. "Do you know . . . weren't they only mighty!"

Along came the final and with it the new socks, and the Radio and the build up, and the excitement and . . . Davitt's. Played in Turloughmore before a big crowd — "Where were ye all in Glenamaddy" us diehards muttered!—and it ended in a draw . . . after a seven point half time lead and lucky they were in the end to draw in the face of an all out Davitt's second half revival. With Martina Harkin emerging from her father's legendary shadow (well, he calls himself a pure legend anyway!), Ryan drawn to the net like a magnet, Ann Earls defending well and Captain Donnellan leading the way, it could have been won . . . but so too it could have been lost, so "We'll see ye all again next Saturday, sure".

With Heavey's shoulder causing trouble, Maura Farrell was in, and with Mike, Frank, and Colette Kennedy burning the midnight oil, back they went to Turlough with a few shrewd positional switches and another bucketful of hope and prayer. Half time arrives . . . seven points up . . . "Em . . . seems familiar", and with the excellent Bridget Kilgannon gone off with a head injury. But worry not.

Shirley Hynes and Paula Naughton came in to hold the fort, and with Sharon sparkling, Ryan a jewel, the Hannon's majestic, Aggie Burke in control, Laheen courageous Harkin in top gear, the cup it was won! Yahoo! Mary and Delia delighted . . . Glantane and the bonfires . . . Gurteen and what

a night! And as for Petie Glynn—sure, the twinkle in the eye said it all!

Onto Oran in the Connacht Final played in Ballymacward. Picture the scene the day before—Petie's tracksuits were presented and Sharon was ousted for six months!—there is something radically wrong somewhere, but she'll be back. Minus one of it's leading lights, the team was subdued and they just got by the committed Roscommon challenge with the Hannon's—Ursula with two fine points and Carmel with two cracking goals—leading the way, along with the superb Harkin.

Two Cups won and still back to training and training . . . even the husband of the year contestants were beginning to wonder at it all! Now, the All-Ireland semi-final—would it be Tara of London or Rathnure of Wexford? Either would be a trip, but Aggie as Treasurer, Ann as chairperson and Helen Hillary as secretary were worried—a worry that was only finally lifted by Rathnure's progression to the semi.

And so onto the game and the performance of the year in Wexford. The long, long journey completed . . . a dry pitch . . . but no Shirley Hynes (hand in plaster) or no Sharon, thus the introduction of the experienced Carol Hynes . . . but the home team's victory was cruelly achieved in the final three minutes when they scored 1-2 to overturn a three point deficit. "How did it happen", we wondered. But what a display, with Donnellan being tenacious, Earls and Heavey solid and sound, Kilgannon outstanding and the returned Carol Hynes a revelation. Harkin, Hannon, Ryan and Helen Geraghty gave it everything.

It was a game and more importantly a year that proved the strength of the squad, the necessity of the hard training regime, and the fact that dreams can be turned into reality with the injection of belief, confidence and no little commitment. Yes, 1992 will be remembered!



## Camogie Féile Winners '92

Davitts Féile team brought honour and glory to both club and county when they proved too good for all-comers during Féile na nGael held in Galway this year.

Despite being in the same group as hot favourites Marino of Dublin, this young team showed great spirit and provided great entertainment for their followers during the week-end.

Davitts hosted Clare champions, Shannon who provided good opposition on the opening evening. They beat Mullagh easily on Saturday morning but were up against Marino at noon and were well beaten. However having qualified as runners-up of the group they had an easy win over Offaly champions in the afternoon in New Inn.

Marino qualified as group winners and met Down champions in the semi final at the same venue. This proved a very tough and hard fought game with Marino have a narrow victory.

The stage was then set for Marino

to take their All-Ireland title, having easily disposed of Davitts earlier in the day, they felt very confident. This was not to be as Davitts produced the performance of their young lives and came through after some heart-stopping moments as worthy though narrow winners.

Among the panel of 16 there are four sets of sisters including one set of twins, Breda and Bernadette Burke. Other sisters, Gretta and Thérèse Maher, Sarah and Theresa Roche, and Esther and Michelle Maher.

The other teams in Davitts performed well during the year also with under 10's, under 12's and under 13's reaching semi final and final stages. The under 14 league final has yet to be played against Pearses.

### Davitts and camogies loss GERRY FLANNERY R.I.P.



While Davitts club enjoyed considerable success on the playing fields in 1992, they suffered a tragic loss with the sudden and untimely death of their long standing chairman Gerry Flannery.

Gerry's work rate within the club and at county level where he was County Secretary was tremendous. He will be sadly missed by all his colleagues.

To his wife, Mary, son Morgan, daughters Michelle, Anne-Marie, Orla, Geraldine and Emer we extend our deepest sympathy.

A cup dedicated to the memory of Gerry Flannery has been donated on Davitts behalf courtesy of Bank of Ireland, Portumna, it will be played for at junior level in Co. Galway.



Davitts under 14 team. Back row, left to right: Gretta Maher, Orla Flannery, Teresa Roche, Michelle Maher, Ester Maher, Caroline Egan, Bernadette Burke, Breda Burke, E. Coughlan. Front row, left to right: Emer Finn, A.M. Burke, Lorraine Broderick, Sarah Roche, Lisa Fahy, F. Gohery, Thérèse Maher.



## — AFTER THE 8-IN-A-ROW DREAM DIED . . .

**'Cats'  
didn't  
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from  
the  
outside**

By: John Knox (Kilkenny People)

It was bound to happen some time, and after a fair run, there were few complaints. Great champions they had been . . . proud, dignified, sporting, skilful and utterly dedicated as well.

It was the latter quality, on top of an insatiable appetite for the game, that kept ushing back the 'finished by' date. Seven senior All-Ireland wins on-the-trot. It was some going, by some bunch of talented ladies.

"Don't think we are finished, we will be back", were the fighting words from one who shared and was always central in the glory days, one Angela Downey-Browne.

In August, always threatening Cork at last got the better of the team that had knocked them down so many times during the 'eighties. In their own Ballinlough, the Leesiders ended the run of the Kilkenny senior camogie team. Seven wins together were enough, the Leesiders deemed. There would not be an eight.

On a 2-11 to 1-8 scoreline, the Leesiders ended the bid for yet another All-Ireland success. The semi-final by the Lee did as most close observers of the game had predicted it would, it provided the All-Ireland champions.

If anyone was going to pull Kilkenny down, perhaps it was only right that it should be Cork. They had been beaten by the Noresiders more times in finals than anyone else. The years 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1991 ended with dark finals for the Munster girls. They, more than most, had suffered. There had to be some sort of justice in the way things turned out.

### Didn't work

Kilkenny's parting was defiant. Everyone gave what they had to give. It just didn't work out. Angela Downey-Browne, only seven weeks after giving birth to her first baby, Katie — she weighing-in at 7 lbs. 15 ozs. on June 30 — was there on the field, as defiant as the best of them.

Going into the game, Kilkenny knew they were up against it. Cork had already beaten them twice during the National League. The visitors were on top during the opening quarter, but they couldn't get scores. During this period the game, and title, were lost.

The selectors turned to Angela Downey-Browne to try and perform a rescue act. She had travelled as a reserve. Because of the birth of Katie, her training had been severely interrupted. But when call came, she answered it willingly.

"It was funny when I look back on it", Angela mused months later. "On the sideline I could see everything, and what the forwards should have been doing. Going onto the field and trying to do it myself was a different matter".

Noreside officials admitted afterwards, that by the time they turned to Angela, Cork were well settled in a good stride. The home team went in for the break 0-6 to 0-4 in front.

### Run ended

Claire Jones was a late starter in the game too. Kilkenny were still very much in the hunt until 10 minutes from the finish, when just two points divided the sides. In the space of a few minutes, the



Kilkenny's Deirdre Malone, Collette O'Mahoney (Cork) and Biddy O'Sullivan.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



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winners shot 2-1. That ended the run for Kilkenny, who had been champions since 1985.

Later Angela Downey-Browne and a few of the other Kilkenny players went to the All-Ireland final. Sitting in the stand looking on at the action was an eerie experience, bearing in mind their track record. It was enough to make them want more success.

"Even now, before the year has ended, the girls are already looking forward to next season", Angela assured. "The break, a bit of time in the background, won't do us any harm".

In late November some members of the camogie squad had already booked St. Canice's Community hall for a spot of training. Nothing terribly serious. Just a few sessions to keep people together, and keep spirits high.

Angela and her twin sister, Ann, who have been part of the Kilkenny team since around 1972, gave a commitment to continue. So too had another long server, Bridie McGarry. Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone and others had no intention of stepping off the inter-county stage either.

"It was not a nice feeling being a spectator at the All-Ireland final this year", Angela recalled. "There is no substitute for playing, for being involved fully. I have no intention of stepping down".

## Mad about game

Still as hungry as ever, even after sharing in Kilkenny's 11 senior wins, and into their third decade - 'seventies, 'eighties, and now 'nineties - as senior players.

The young girls who joined the team in recent years are as mad about the game as the twins. Marina Downey, Bridget Mullally, Sinead and Treacy Millea, Jillian Dillon and others, have the skill and commitment to help bring the O'Duffy Cup back to Nore side again.

The rest of the camogie world had better be warned. The 'Cats' were pushed out the door in 1992, and they didn't like it.

Prior to the Cork match, Kilkenny dished out a 9-20 to 0-5 hammering to Clare in the championship.

The Kilkenny team against Cork was: Marie Fitzpatrick (Graigue/Ballycallan); Bibby O'Sullivan (Tullagher); Una Murphy (Tullagher); Bridie McGarry (Dicksboro); Deirdre Malone (Graigue/Ballycallan); Treacy Millea (Graigue/Ballycallan); Ann Downey (Lisdowney); Jillian Dillon (Freshford); Marina Downey (Lisdowney); Breda Holmes (Tullaroan); Sinead Millea (Graigue/Ballycallan); Bridget Mullally (Glenmore).

Subs: Claire Jones (Lisdowney); Angela Downey-Browne (Lisdowney); Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney); Frances Rothwell (Graigue/Ballycallan).

## Youth given its fling in League

The National Camogie League brought no joy to the Kilkenny seniors, but the ladies are hopeful that when the Leinster championship is eventually completed they will have something to sing about.

The ladies, who over the past decade or so made winning more than a habit, a way of life really, bowed out in the semi-final of the League against Cork, the side that eventually ended their seven year unbeaten run in the championship.

Not so long ago Kilkenny put five wins together in the League. During the past two seasons they have been less serious about the competition than during the glory days, and instead of going flat out for the title, decided to 'let youth have its fling'.

One of the rising stars who most definitely grew up, in the camogie sense, during the last winter was free scoring forward, Bridget Mullally. The immensely talented Glenmore girl has been on the senior team a while, but during the League this season she showed a maturity about her game that would suggest she will become a big, big name in the not too distant future.

Young Mullally climbed to the highest point as a county minor. She has sampled the big time with the seniors. There was that edge about her game this year that suggested she will be a powerful performer in the immediate and long range future.



Race for possession! Cork v Kilkenny semi-final - Sandie Fitzgibbon and Angela Downey-Browne.

Kilkenny scored wins over Wexford and Clare in the League, but then lost to Cork. The latter then fell, against the odds, to Wexford, so there was a three way tie at the top. In their wisdom, someone ordained that there should be a toss-up to sort things out instead of a play-off. In the toss, Wexford fared best, and won passage through to the final.

The Noreiders and Leesiders were left to fight it out in the semi-final. This they did in Lisdowney, and the Munster girls gained the verdict.

A campaign in which Kilkenny were less than full blooded ended thus. After so many glory days in the past, it was hard to get excited about another during some of the worst days of the year.

Kilkenny had a 'go'. Things didn't work out. No one shed any tears. Some of the younger crew members showed promise. That made the venture worthwhile.

Among those who played with Kilkenny during the League were: Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan); Bridie McGarry (Dicksboro); Deirdre Malone (St. Brigid's); Una Murphy (Tullagher); Francis Rothwell (St. Brigid's); Jillian Dillon (Freshford); Ann Downey (Lisdowney); Marina Downey (Lisdowney); Sinead Millea (St. Brigid's); Bridget Mullally (Glenmore); Esther Kennedy (Freshford); Mary McGrath (Ballycallan); Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney); Biddy O'Sullivan (Tullagher); Treacy Millea (St. Brigid's); Joan Aylward (Glenmore).

Subsequently, Kilkenny played Dublin in the Leinster championship. The Dubs were wiped out. The return to action of Breda Holmes made a huge difference. This competition has yet to be finished. Kilkenny are hopeful of success.



## First Leinster Junior Title in 32 years



Junior County Team beaten in All-Ireland Semi-Final. Back Row (left to right): D. Dowling, H. Butler, M. Hickey, S. Costello, D. Lannen, K. Dunphy, J. Aylward, S. Dooley (Capt.), M. Comerford, M. Maher. Front Row (left to right): E. Kennedy, M. McGrath, P. Dowling, A. M. Hughes, H. McGrath, M. Costello, I. Kennedy, J. Sweeney.

THE County's Junior Camogie team opened their championship campaign with a home win over Offaly. This victory was hard earned as the team's preparations had been restricted but was none the less well deserved.

A surprisingly resilient Meath team were defeated away in the second round. This result qualified the team for the Leinster final which was played in Nowlan Park.

Here the Kilkenny Junior Camogie team created a little bit of history as they won the Leinster Junior Camogie championship for the first time in 32 years, having fortunately reserved their best display for this match.

Kilkenny won the inaugural junior championship in 1959 (this was Kilkenny's first intercounty camogie final win) and retained the title the following year but had not won it since, although they had reached the final in 1977, 1983 and 1991.

Kilkenny, having elected to play against the breeze in the first half, got off to a sluggish start and went in at the interval trailing Carlow by one point on a scoreline of Carlow 0-6, Kilkenny 0-5.

At this stage Kilkenny were having difficulties dealing with Carlow's strongest line in midfield where the accuracy of Valerie Crean from frees was dominating the match. The best score of the first half came from the same player when she floated the sliotar over the bar from a sideline cut approximately 30m from the endline.

Shortly after the restart, Kilkenny came much more into the game and quickly levelled with a point from a free. Carlow

were then rocked by two goals within the space of a few minutes but recovered by virtue of their excellent free-taking to come back within a single point of Kilkenny. For some time after this, the game remained delicately poised, with the sides exchanging a pointed free each, until Kilkenny eventually drew clear with three unanswered points which gave them a comfortable four point cushion during the closing stages.

Eight of Carlow's twelve points came from frees which is both testimony to the freetaking skill of Carlow's Valerie Crean and an indictment of the number of fouls committed by Kilkenny.

As for Kilkenny, Helen McGrath dealt effectively with the little that came her way, the game marked a welcome return to form for both Paula Dowling and Margaret Hickey; Esther Kennedy and Joan Aylward performed efficiently as wing-backs; Sinead Costelloe was excellent at all times and gains the unique distinction of being the first Kilkenny camogie player to win both junior and minor Leinster medals in the same year.

Kay Dunphy and Marie Maher both had their hands full dealing with their more experienced opposite numbers, but coped admirably.

Mary McGrath contributed two points to Kilkenny's final tally and also laid off one beautiful pass to Imelda Kennedy who unfortunately hand passed wide with only the goalie to beat. However Imelda finished as top scorer with 1-5 to her credit and displayed many skilful touches during the game. Although Margaret Comerford

did not get her name on the scoreboard, she worked hard to break the ball for the other forwards. Ann-Marie Hughes came on as a substitute in the second half and scored a delightful point from play.

As for the evergreen Maura Costelloe, who is one of the rare number of player-managers in camogie, she displayed a hunger and determination which her younger compatriots would do well to emulate. She also gained the unusual distinction of winning her third Provincial medal twenty years after winning her second!

### Leinster Junior Camogie Championship Final - Kilkenny 2-10, Carlow 0-12.

**Kilkenny Team:** Helen McGrath, Paula Dowling, Esther Kennedy, Sinead Costelloe (0-1), Gill Freshford, Joan Aylward (Glenmore), Margaret Hickey (Freshford), Kay Dunphy (Craigue/Ballycallan), Marie Maher (0-1) (Tullaroan), Mary McGrath (0-2), (Craigue/Ballycallan); Maura Costelloe (1-0), (Freshford), Margaret Comerford (Craigue/Ballycallan), Imelda Kennedy (1-5 0-4 frees, 0-1, 30m free) (Freshford); Ann-Marie Hughes (0-1), (Lisdowney), Slobhan Dooley (Capt.), (Dicksboro), Janet Sweeney (Tullaroan), Hilda Butler (Freshford), Elizabeth Dowling (Clara), Delores Lanigan (Tullagher).

Tipperary, however proved to be too strong in the All-Ireland semi-final but some comfort can be taken from the fact that Kilkenny came closer to the eventual All-Ireland champs than any of their other opponents.

One of the principal reasons for this year's success was the strong team spirit and hopes are high among the panel that the lessons learned this year can be used to achieve an even greater degree of success next year.



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Linda Mellenick, Frances Rothwell, Biddy O'Sullivan and Helen Holmes - Kilkenny v Cork in semi-final.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

## COLLEGES CAMOGIE

THE ST. BRIGID'S college, Callan senior camogie team had their sights set on a place in the All-Ireland final which had eluded them for 17 years. The last time they contested the final was back in 1975, when the Downey twins donned the St. Brigid's colours.

The Callan girls scored convincing wins in the preliminary rounds against Thomastown, Kilkenny vocational school and St. Louis, Dundalk. The quarter-final against Presentation Kilkenny was an uphill struggle. Eventually they pulled away in the second half. The final score was 3-3 to 0-4. Scorers: S. Millea (2-2), M. Comerford (1-1).

The opposition in the semi-final was provided by F.C.J. Bunclody. Again, Callan made hard work of winning. They got through by 1-6 to 0-4. Scorers: B. Maher (1-0), S. Millea (0-4), T. Millea, O. O'Sullivan (0-1 each).

The Loreto, Kilkenny faced St. Brigid's in the Leinster final. Watched by a massive crowd of over 1,500 in Bennettsbridge, this game had everything - skill, full-blooded exchanges and most of all, rivalry. This was a great team performance, commanded by centreback T. Millea and Aine Comerford, who made brilliant saves in the winners' goal. Up front M. Comerford and S. Millea notched the scores. The final score was 1-7 to 1-4. Scorers: S. Millea (0-7), M. Comerford (1-0).



St. Brigid's: Back Row (left to right): O. O'Sullivan, A. Dunphy, A. O'Carroll, F. Holohan, M. A. Cleere, A. Comerford, N. Rice, E. Walsh, C. Campion, E. A. Maloney. Front Row (left to right): M. Maher, B. Maher, J. Sweeney, M. Comerford, C. Kehoe, T. Millea (Capt.), S. Millea, M. Brennan.

The All-Ireland semi-final was played in Portmore, Armagh against A.C.H.E. The match was played in dreadful conditions. Callan pulled out all the stops, and ran out convincing winners (3-4 to 1-4). Once again, A. Comerford was coolness personified in goal. O. O'Sullivan lorded it at midfield, ably assisted by M. Maher. The backs played well as a unit. Up front B. Maher and S. Millea shared the scoring. Scorers: B. Maher 2-0, S. Millea 1-4.

The scene was set for the All-Ireland

final in Tullamore. The day was not Brigid's. They were beaten by 7-7 to 2-4 by a truly superlative St. Raphael's, Loughrea. Despite the valiant efforts of the backs, in particular M. Brennan and C. Kehoe, Callan were unable to hold flying full forward C. Lynch, who finished with a personal tally of 4-4. This performance goes to prove why Raphael's have won the title for the past seven years.

Nevertheless, this was a great year for Callan.



## TULLOGHER CAMOGIE CLUB

SATURDAY, 26th September, 1992, was a memorable date for the girls from the Tullagher Camogie Club. Displaying great skill and determination, the Tullagher team recorded an outstanding victory in the inaugural final of the Plate competition. At the All-Ireland Seven-a-side Tournament played at the Kilmacud Crokes ground, Stillorgan. The players – Elaine Nolan, Ety Phelan, Biddy O'Sullivan, Bridget Ryan, Catherine Murphy, Breda Murphy, Dolores Lanigan, Eileen O'Gorman and captain Una Murphy – were each presented with a beautiful piece of Dublin Crystal.



**TULLOGHER – Winners of the All-Ireland Seven-a-side Plate**  
 Front – Eileen O'Gorman, Bridget Ryan, Una Murphy, Loretta Phelan.  
 Back – Brenda Murphy, Elaine Nolan, Biddy O'Sullivan, Catherine Murphy, Dolores Lanigan.



Pictured at the National Irish Banks Camogie 'Player of the Year 1991' award presentation were (l. to r.): Sheila Wallace, Árd Rúnaí, Ann Downey, Jo Golden and Bean Uí Mhaolagáin, President of the Camogie Association.

## Bad end, but otherwise enjoyable

THOMASTOWN Vocational School won the 1992 Leinster Vocational Schools junior camogie championship. They defeated Ballyhale, Kilkenny and Borris on the way to the semi-final.

The semi-final against Johnstown was the hardest match during the Leinster campaign. On paper, Johnstown appeared a superior team as they included a number of players with inter-county experience. Home advantage probably helped Thomastown, who won by 6-3 to 2-4. Patricia Dalton and Olivia Donnelly were outstanding for Johnstown, while Thomastown had stars in Jennifer Walsh, Yvonne Malone and Therese White.

The Leinster final against Oldcastle, Co. Meath, was played in atrocious weather in Tullamore. Thomastown adapted much better to the blizzard conditions, and ran out easy winners on a score of 8-3 to 0-1. Brenda Murphy was the star. She scored five goals. Others who shone were Deirdre Lanigan, Georgina Foley and Michelle Power. The Leinster trophy was proudly accepted by captain Dolores Lanigan.

The All-Ireland campaign began in Borrisokane, where Thomastown and Loughrea played a thrilling draw. Two days later, in another outstanding match, Thomastown won the replay in Durrow by a single point. Great thanks are due Florence Lanigan, Olivia Hayden and Louise Walsh.

The great run finally came to an end in the All-Ireland final when Thomastown were defeated by a superb Roscrea team (1-9 to 2-1). Thomastown were best served by Mary Norris and captain Dolores Lanigan, who got all the scores. It was a disappointing end, but it was an enjoyable year.



**THOMASTOWN – Leinster V.S. Junior Camogie Champions, 1992**  
 Back row – Catherine Kenny, Shirley Walpole, Pauline Grace, Sandra Kenny, Deirdre Lanigan, Liz Dempsey, Florence Lanigan, Brenda Murphy, Elaine Dunne, Valerie Minogue, Catherine Naddy. Middle row – Olivia Burke, Michelle Power, Olivia Hayden, Therese White, Yvonne Malone, Dolores Lanigan, Mary Norris, Jennifer Walsh, Georgina Foley, Lisa Fennelly. Front row – Mary Doyle, Sharon Ireland, Valerie Doyle, Joanne Donohue.



# KILKENNY YEARBOOK

## TULLAROAN

1992 proved to be a very successful year for Tullaroan Camogie Club. Under the guidance of Ann Grace and Jackie O'Dea, the Under-14 team won the county final, beating Ballycallan in convincing style. No doubt the highlight of the year was the victory of the Junior team over the Blacks and Whites in the Junior County Final. This was a great win for a team who only formed in 1991 and under the guidance of player/trainer Breda Maher, the team hope to make a big impact on the senior championship in 1993.

### TULLAROAN - Under-14 Camogie Roinn 'B' Champions

Back row: Ann Grace (Trainer), Mary Ellen Olive Hennessy, Cathriona O'Dea, Jackie Cleere, Jackie O'Dea (Trainer), Rose Walsh. Front row: Paula Doherty, Fiona Coogan, Deirdre Maher, Martina Maher, Donagh Hennessy, Margaret O'Dea, Olivia Maher. (Captains were Olive Hennessy and Martina Maher).



### TULLAROAN - Junior Camogie Champions 1992

Back row: Ann Hennessy, Breda Holmes, Michelle Coogan, Ciara Holmes, Grace Walsh, Marie Ann Cleere, Caroline Campion, Bernie DOheny, Cathriona O'Dea, Suzanne Mullally, Joanne Sweeney. Front row: Ann Grace, Ann Marie Coogan, Jannette Sweeney, Marie Maher, Breda Maher (Captain and Team Trainer), Brenda Maher, Claire Hennessy, Martina Maher.



## Three for Leinster

Three Kilkenny girls were picked on the Leinster Junior Camogie team defeated by Connacht. They were Mary McGrath (Ballycallan), Maura Costello and Paula Dowling (Freshford).

## Six in Gael Linn Final

Six Kilkenny girls played for Leinster in the Senior Gael Linn Final against Munster. From left: Ann Downey, Jillian Dillon, Una Murphy, Angela Downey, Bridget Mullally and Marina Downey (Captain).





# THIRD TIME LUCK, YOU MUST BE JOKING

By: JOHN KNOX "Kilkenny People"

THE cliché could be rolled out that there was third time luck and all that involved! A load of poppycock! Skill had a lot to do with it. Determination too. And there was tremendous character shown as well as highly talented St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) were toppled.

Ever improving Lisdowney were the history makers on the Kilkenny senior camogie scene this season. In the county final they scored a deserved, but hard-earned 5-9 to 3-4 win over St. Brigid's. It was their first.

It was the winners third appearance in the decider. Twice they tasted defeat. This time they got everything right, and claimed the title. Years of hard work and dedicated service to the cause by people in the background like Billy Fogarty, John Phelan and Noel Barnaville at last ended with history.

Lisdowney camogie club was founded 12 years ago, and it has made a big impact on the local scene. Numerous titles have been harvested along the way, but senior county final defeats against then mighty St. Paul's in 1990

and St. Brigid's in 1991 left some wondering how far off was the big success.

In the semi-finals St. Brigid's had a handy enough 2-7 to 1-2 win over Tullogher. In the second semi, Lisdowney saw off St. Lachtain's (4-9 to 3-3). A repeat of the '91 showdown, when there was nothing in it up to the closing 10 minutes before Sinead Millea rattled home two goals to tilt the balance for Brigid's, conjured up images of another epic encounter.



LISDOWNEY - SENIOR COUNTY CAMOGIE WINNERS 1992  
Back row (l. to r.) C. Glendon, A. Downey, C. Jones, A. Downey, B. Wall, O. Donnelly, B. Barnaville (captain). Front row (l. to r.) L. Fogarty, M. Downey, V. Wall, Paul Hindle, C. Dunne, A. M. Hughes  
(Photo: Tom Brett)



## Respect

The 9-point win scored at Nowlan Park was unexpected, because Lisdowney had the utmost of respect for the opposition, that boasted proven performers in the Millea sisters, Sinead and Treacy, Marie Fitzpatrick, Frances Rothwell, Deirdre Malone, Orla Ryall, Mary McGrath, Margaret Comerford and Catherine Kehoe, to name a few.

Brigid's fought bravely all the way, and once the arrears were down to a none too healthy three points. But try as they might, the losers couldn't break down the Lisdowney defence, in which Brigid Barnaville was unbeatable and an inspiring figure, and Brigid Wall hit the kind of glittering form that comes only rarely to the best of players.

On top of that, that ageless campaigner, Angela Downey turned on the style as well. Only 10 weeks after giving birth to her first baby, she was racing around full of mischief. Her tally of 4-1 highlights the huge influence she had on proceedings.

Lisdowney had the title within their grasp at half-time when they led by 2-6 to 1-3. Within seconds of the change,

Angela Downey crashed home another goal to put a mountain like task in front of Brigid's.

Big and all as the task was, Brigid's tackled it with relish. To their credit, they produced probably their best camogie when they needed to most. Margaret Comerford and Kay Dunphy put their names on goals to leave them there with a shout with less than 10 minutes gone in the half (3-8 to 3-4).

In sharp contrast to the way the final had finished the previous year, Lisdowney stepped on the gas this time. Their high octane drive to victory saw them zip away from the opposition, courtesy of goals from Lizzie Fogarty and Angela Downey.

## Many heroines

The winners celebrated wildly afterwards. There were many heroines. The defence as a unit was disciplined and tight. Brigid Wall and Caroline Glendon stood full-blooded behind the powerful Brigid Barnaville. Catherine Dunne was composed in the corner, and 'keeper Veronica Wall marshalled the defence well.

In midfield, Marina Downey, Ann Downey and Olivia Donnelly faced talented opposition, and they didn't give an inch. Up front Angela Downey was the main woman, but she had able performers in Lizzie Fogarty, Claire Jones and Ann-Marie Hughes.

**Scorers:** Lisdowney: Angela Downey (4-1); Marina Downey (0-4); Lizzie Fogarty (1-1); Ann-Marie Hughes (0-2); Claire Jones (0-1). St. Brigid's: Margaret Comerford (1-1); Treacy Millea, Kay Dunphy (1-0 each); Sinead Millea (0-3).

**Lisdowney panel:** Veronica Wall, Caroline Glendon, Catherine Dunne, Brigid Wall, Brigid Barnaville, Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Olivia Donnelly, Angela Downey, Lizzie Fogarty, Ann-Marie Hughes, Claire Jones, Catherine O'Loughlin, Áine Dunne, Brigid Sharkey, Deirdre Delaney, Fionnula Grey, Cora Mackey.

**St. Brigid's panel:** Marie Fitzpatrick, Philomena Byrne, Catherine Kehoe, Deirdre Malone, Frances Rothwell, Treacy Millea, Kay Dunphy, Olive O'Sullivan, Sinead Millea, Mary McGrath, Margaret Comerford, Orla Ryall, Margaret Hanley, Breda Cahill, Aidling Byrne, Carmel Trant.

# Leinster camogie title for Kilkenny minors

**K**ILKENNY, the defending All-Ireland champions in this grade, opened their defence with facile wins over Offaly and Meath.

However, the Leinster final, in which they faced Dublin, proved to be a real cliff-hanger with Kilkenny scoring the winning goal in the dying moments of the game, having come from being a point behind with time running out. The final scoreline read: Kilkenny 4-6, Dublin 3-6.

This was Kilkenny's fifth Leinster minor title in a row and was regarded as an upset given that the Dublin U-14 team had defeated Kilkenny in the corresponding final two years previously.

Further partial cardiac arrest followed for the team's mentors in the All-Ireland semi-final against Antrim when a replay was only secured after Kilkenny scored an equalising point in the last minute of the game.

A true reflection of the two teams' abilities became apparent in the replay in Nowlan Park when Kilkenny emerged very comfortable winners.

Tipperary provided the opposition in the All-Ireland and although Tipperary deserved their title win, the final scoreline did not do justice to the merits of the Kilkenny team.

Despite their ultimate defeat, great credit is due to the entire panel for their achievement in reaching a fifth successive All-Ireland against some very worthy opponents, for their



**KILKENNY - Leinster Minor Camogie Champions 1992**

**Back row -** Eavan Dowling (Clara), Pauline Hogan (Dicksboro), Sinéad Costelloe (Freshford), [captain], Margaret Kavanagh (Freshford), Niamh Phelan (Clara), Fran Shore (Castlecomer), Louise Slevin (Castlecomer), Michelle Fennelly (Carrickshock), Aisling Byrne (Graigue-Ballycallan), Deirdre O'Sullivan (Graigue-Ballycallan), Caroline Atkins (Mullinavat), Fiona Connery (Freshford). **Front row -** Sandra Gleeson (Castlecomer), Cora Mackey (Lisdowney), Ann Hickey (Clara), Caitrona Carey (Clara), Kathleen Ryan (Freshford), Ann Sunderland (Dicksboro), Deirdre Phelan (James Stephens), Ann-Marie Trait (Dicksboro).

unwillingness to accept defeat when it appeared inevitable and for their commitment and dedication during a period which for some included the Junior Certificate exams.



## Rower-Inistioge 5-2 Clara 0-1

THE Rower-Inistioge girls captured their second Under-13 Camogie Primary Schools Championship, in only three years, when they had a convincing victory over Clara in this Roinn B final, played at a sunny and well attended Thomastown recently.

Having defeated Clara by a somewhat similar score, in an earlier round played in the Rower Park, they displayed great courage and skill, to fully avenge last years narrow defeat in the replayed county semi-final. This was a sweet victory for the Rower-Inistioge girls, eight of whom had played in last years semi-final.

### Unbeaten this year

The Rower has scored earlier, championship wins over Mooncoin and Tullaroan, both away, to qualify for this final. In fact they were undefeated this year, after playing approximately ten games. This victory was an outstanding team success, as our girls displayed teamwork, fitness and dedication, qualities so vital in order to attain success. Great credit is due to former Kilkenny All-Ireland camogie star Noreen Tierney (trainer) and selectors Mary Lyng, Mary Cottrell and Benny Holohan for their efforts to achieve this success.

### Captain shows way with vital goal

Straight from the throw-in, the Rower girls went into attack, but Clara defied their efforts to score. Then in about the eight minute, after some good chances had been missed, it was centreforward and captain, Mairead Holohan led by example, she opened the scoring, when she sent a good ground stroke from twenty yards to the back of the Clara net. This goal steadied the Rower girls. With their defence ably led by Linda Cottrell and Miriam Lyster dominating at centrefield, Clara were now under severe pressure. The Rower-Inistioge had their second goal, when a ball broke just outside the square,

# Rower-Inistioge are Kilkenny U-13 Camogie Champion

and corner forward Lina Minogue was in like a flash to slam the ball to the net to leave the half-time score:

Rower-Inistioge 2-0; Clara 0-0

### Rower-Inistioge take control in second half

Clara tried hard in the early stages of the second half to get back into the game

but the Rower girls held firm, and would not yield. Miriam Lyster was now playing brilliantly at centrefield and she scored the third goal. After this goal Clara began to lose heart; when Miriam Lyster added another 1-2 from frees the Rower girls were now in a strong position. Máiread Galavan completed the scoring with a good goal as the Rower entered the final minutes. Clara's only reply was a point scored also in the final minutes. Final score: Rower-Inistioge 5-2 to Clara 0-1.

Becky Dempsey made many five saves throughout the game. Máiread Kelly was a tower of strength at full back making many fine clearances. Ann Bolger and Ann Barron formed a solid full back line. Linda Cottrell at centre-back played

brilliantly while Miriam Lyster had another brilliant game scoring 2-2 and was the best player on view. Máiread Galavan and Siobhán White formed an impressive midfield partnership. Máiread Holohan played a captain's part at centre-forward scoring the first vital goal. Lizzie Cahill, Deirdre Brennan and Linda Minogue were always dangerous.



ROWER-INISTIOGE - PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS - ROINN B - 1992  
Back row: Nora Barron, Anita Mooney, Aoife Murphy, Mairead Kelly, Linda Cottrell, Anne Bolger, Máiread Galavan, Miriam Lyster, Anne Barron, Sarah Barron, Mary McDonald, Heather Vigors. Front row: Catriona Holohan, Michelle Flood, Elizabeth Cahill, Máiread Holohan (captain), Becky Dempsey, Deirdre Brennan, Siobhán White, Linda Minogue, Elaine McCarthy.

## Like Father, like Daughter!

From left to right: Sinead Millea, Joe Millea, Tracy Millea, Pa Dillon, Jillian Dillon, Angela Downey, Shem Downey and Ann Downey.

How many Senior All-Ireland medals do the above group hold in total?  
- Answer: 32.





# St. Brigid's (Ballycallan)

FOR the first time in many years there was no All-Ireland or any county medal won during the year. The Under-21 team with victories over Tullogher and Clara, have qualified for the semi-final but are not expected to overcome the winners of the St. Lachtain's v Lisdowney game. It is unacceptable that at the time of writing (mid-November), no arrangements have been made to play the Lisdowney v St. Lachtain's game. Surely with the county team out of the All-Ireland championship race since the middle of August, there is no excuse why all the local championships could not have been completed by the end of October. The sooner the Camogie Board adhere to their fixtures the better for everyone.

The St. Brigid's senior camogie team won all their games in the league section and qualified to play Tullogher in the semi-final, a game they won by 2-7 to 1-2. Lisdowney however, proved too good for them in the county final. Played on a terrible evening of rain and wind, St. Brigid's did not make use of the elements in the first half and were behind at the interval.

Goals by Margaret Comerford and Kay Dunphy early in the second half narrowed the gap to a goal, 3-7 to 3-4. Lisdowney however showed their superiority in the closing stages by adding a further 2-2 to run out convincing winners by 5-9 to 3-4.

Lisdowney also defeated the Under-18 team by 3-6 to 3-1. The winners laid the foundation of victory in the first half, narrowed the gap to two points, but Lisdowney came away for the clinching goal right on the stroke of full time. St. Brigid's had beaten Mullinavat in the first round.

The Minor team lost out to Dicksboro and James Stephen's. The Primary School team also failed to qualify for the final although later in the year they won the Ballingarry tournament.

The Under-14 team beat Castlecomer and James Stephens in the Roinn B championship but were beaten by Tullaroan. This gave them a semi-final place against Castlecomer whom they defeated again to qualify for the county final against Tullaroan. This game took place in Callan and was a good contest. St. Brigid's, thanks to a fine midfield display by Ann Marie Ryall, some good goalkeeping by Aoife Neary and with Ellen Hanley doing well in defence and

Pauline Comerford also prominent, the side had a lot of the play but could not score. Tullaroan led at the interval by 2-0 to 0-1, helped mainly by a sharper set of forwards. The highlight of the second half was a great goal by Ann Marie Ryall but Tullaroan added two further goals to run out winners by 4-0 to 1-2.

The team was: Aoife Neary, Ellen Hanley, Bernadette Marnell Mary Hearn, Andrew Murphy, Lynn Holden, Ann Marie Ryall, Mary Purcell, Deirdre Treacy, Sonya Ronan, Patricia Delaney, Pauline Comerford. Subs: Fiona Walsh and Ellen Murphy.

A number of club members - Tracey Millea, Sinead Millea, Aine Comerford, Olive O'Sullivan, Catherine Keogh and Margaret Comerford, were members of the St. Brigid's College (Callan) team which won the Leinster Colleges Senior Camogie Final but were beaten by St. Raphael's (Loughrea) in the All-Ireland Final which was played in Tullamore. Tracey Millea captained the team.

Deirdre Malone captained the Kilkenny senior camogie team which lost out after seven years as champions when they were beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final: Marie Fitzpatrick, Tracey Millea and Sinead Millea were



BALLYCALLAN SENIOR COUNTY CAMOGIE FINALISTS - 1992

Back row (l. to r.) K. Dunphy, O. O'Sullivan, M. Comerford, O. Ryall, D. Malone, F. Rothwell, T. Millea. Front row (l. to r.) P. Byrne, M. McGrath, C. Keogh, M. Fitzpatrick, S. Millea.

(Pic: Tom Brett)



## "FLO-JO" TO LEAD THE 'CATS'

**N**EXT year there will be a new captain of the Kilkenny senior camogie team. Marina Downey has been nominated by her club, Lisdowney, the county champions.

This is what the 23-year-old Avonmore employee has dreamed of since she first caught a camán in her hand. She didn't always think it would come true. At one time she couldn't even visualise her club participating in the senior championship, let alone winning it.

She looked back fondly to the days when Mary Moylan and John Phelan transported 16 or 18 girls to matches. They would celebrate on the way home if they were lucky enough to score. In 1982 she won the Féile na nGael skills competition in Kilkenny and was fourth in the national finals. Later she represented the county at under-14 and under-16 level. By that time her club started winning championships. She has now bagged medals at under-18, under-21, junior and senior level.

To date Marina has captained the Kilkenny junior team and has been on the senior side for the past five years. She won four Leinster, four All-Ireland and three National League medals. She won one Gael Linn inter-provincial with Leinster. She was captain of this year's team which lost to Munster.

**Name:** MARINA DOWNEY

**Date of Birth:** 28-5-1969.

**Club:** Lisdowney.

**Occupation:** Clerical worker in Avonmore.

**Achievements:** Four All-Ireland senior medals, three League medals, two Gael Linn medals, one senior club championship medal, numerous under-age medals.

**Greatest disappointment with county team:** Being substituted and losing to Cork in this year's All-Ireland semi-final.

**Most memorable game:** 1991 All-Ireland Final against Cork.

**Favourite food:** Chicken, salads, chips, mayonnaise.

**Likes:** Sports, music, dancing, socialising.

**Dislikes:** Not enough publicity given to ladies' sports.

**Person she would most like to meet:** Axel Rose.

Marina is a versatile player, known for her speed, fast pick-up and ability to shoot scores from acute angles, left or right. She has distinguished herself as a midfielder or forward. Senior team trainer Tom Ryan refers to Marina as "Flo Jo" because of those attributes and her ability to lose her marker.



All were seen in Croke Park in 1991 when Marina, oozing confidence, had her finest hour in the Black and Amber. She tore the hearts out of Cork and Joe McGrath with her menacing runs up the left flank. She laid off the balls at the right moment and set up her colleagues for numerous scores.

Let's hope Kilkenny and Marina will grace Croke Park in 1993. Hopefully, Marina will make history and become the first Lisdowney camogie club woman to climb the Hogan Stand steps to receive the O'Duffy Cup.

For her development as a player Marina Downey pays tribute to many people — John Phelan, Tom Ryan and Noel Barnaville in recent years; Jimmy and Billy Fogarty all throughout her career; her grandmother, whose love for the game never ceases; her mother, Carmel, who has been behind her from the start; her family and friends for their continued support.

At present, Marina is chairperson and joint P.R.O. of Lisdowney camogie club, where she has been involved in an official capacity for the last seven years. No doubt, all her leadership qualities will be of immense value during 1993. Marina has experienced the two sides of camogie. Win or lose, Kilkenny will have a worthy captain in Marina Downey.

### PLAYER PROFILE

## Marie Peggy Fitzpatrick

**Name:** MARIE PEGGY FITZPATRICK

**Date of birth:** 5-4-1967.

**Club:** Ballycallan.

**Occupation:** Secretary to Mr. John O'Shea, M.D. Iverk Products.

**Achievements:** Seven senior All-Irelands, four League medals, one junior Gael Linn, four senior Gael Linn, All-Ireland skills 1980.

**Greatest disappointment with county team:** Losing All-Ireland semi-final to Cork this year, 1992.

**Most memorable game:** 1990 All-Ireland final.

**Favourite food:** Steak, chicken, strawberry cheese cake, all fruit and veg.

**Likes:** Swimming, squash, training, eating out.

**Dislikes:** Walking, running, someone hitting the ball too hard at her, alcohol, dieting.

**Person she would most like to meet:** Tom Cruise.

**Wishes for '93:** (1) Win League, Leinster and All-Ireland '93; (2) play full-forward against Cork for about 15 minutes (providing it was the same as last year); (3) run the Dublin City Marathon.







## SHY BUT STRONG LEADER

**A**FTER a season in virtual obscurity as far as the Kilkenny senior camogie team was concerned, talented Ballycallan girl Deirdre Malone is hoping to lead her charges to victory in the final game this year.

The Leinster final still has to be played. Hopes are high Kilkenny can salvage something from what has been the leanest year for senior camogie in some time.

From her earliest days with Kilkenny, there was always the hope that the shy Ballycallan girl would mature into a good

player. Nobody envisaged she would quickly become a major influence in the development of the game in Kilkenny. Her name has become synonymous with camogie.

Deirdre has applied herself to the game diligently. This year she has played some of her finest games in the Kilkenny colours. In some ways it was a peculiar year for the ladies. A case of so near and yet so far. They were involved in some thrilling games, but rarely did individuals shine.

Deirdre's job wasn't made easy by the absence of Angela Downey. But Deirdre will do everything in her power to capture the Leinster crown that Kilkenny lost last year.

**Name:** DEIRDRE MALONE

**Date of Birth:** 26-6-1965.

**Club:** Ballycallan.

**Occupation:** Self-employed.

**Achievements:** Eight All-Ireland senior medals, five League medals, two Gael Linn medals, one senior county league medal, one senior county championship medal, numerous under-age championship medals.

**Greatest disappointment with county team:** Losing to Cork this year in semi-final.

**Most memorable game:** 1988 All-Ireland Final against Cork.

**Favourite food:** Salads and chicken.

**Likes:** Sports, crafts, music.

**Dislikes:** People who give opinions on girls playing camogie and have never been to a camogie match... and beans!

**Person she would most like to meet:** Andre Agassi.

**Wishes for 1993:** Kilkenny to win both camogie and hurling finals in 1993.

## LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL – Colleges' Camogie 7-a-side Leinster Champions 1992



The Loreto Secondary School gained a small measure of compensation for their defeats in the Leinster Colleges Camogie Senior and Junior Finals when their 7-a-side team defeated Castlecomer C.S., Presentation S.S. and Thomastown V.S. to win their first title in this grade.



also on the team while Frances Rothwell was a substitute.

Three club members – Mary McGrath, Kay Dunphy and Margaret Comerford were on the Kilkenny Junior team which won Leinster honours for the first time since 1960. They were beaten by Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final. Mary McGrath was later selected on the Leinster Gael Linn Junior Camogie team. They lost the semi-final to Connacht in Turloughmore by two points.

Ashling Byrne and Deirdre O'Sullivan were members of the Kilkenny minor camogie panel which won the Leinster title and beat Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final after the sides had drawn in Casement Park, Belfast. Kilkenny lost out to Tipperary in the All-Ireland Final which was played in Holycross.

Ann Marie Ryall and Pauline Comerford were members of the Kilkenny Under-14 camogie team which defeated Offaly but lost to Wexford and Dublin.

The senior camogie team took part in the Kilmacud-Crokes 7-a-side tournament on the eve of the All-Ireland Senior camogie final. They defeated Clane (Kildare) and St. Ibar's (Wexford) but lost out to Na Fianna (Dublin) by one point (3-1 to 2-3) after they had protested that they scored a goal which was not flagged. The umpire in question was unsure. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable day and if the full team had been available, it was not beyond their capabilities to win the event. Roll on 1993.

The club suffered a sad loss when their No. 1 supporter 'Granny' Comerford died suddenly. She had attended a camogie game in Shipton but passed away suddenly later that night. She never missed a game at any level. May she rest in peace. Another sad bereavement was the death of Jack Lyons. Jack was another great supporter. His daughter Bernadette played with the club for a few years. His wife Mona is also a wonderful supporter. The club was grieved by the death of such a staunch supporter. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Breda Cahill on her marriage during the year. We hope to welcome back Breda to our playing ranks during 1993.

## FIRST WIN FOR URLINGFORD



**EMERALDS, URLINGFORD – Camogie County Champions 1992**

**Back row (left to right)** – Elaine Fox, Claire Doyle, Audrey Butler, Angela Fogarty (captain), Marie Darcy, Maura Brennan, Henry O'Grady (trainer). **Front row (left to right)** – Chrissy Hughes, Sheila Doyle, Eileen Healy, Aoife Coughlan, Kay Lyng, Catherine Breen.

**F**RIDAY, 26th June, will long be remembered in Uurlingford as the date when the school camogie team won their first Roinn C county title. In the final the opponents were Piltown. Earlier Galmoy, O'Loughlin's, Gaelscoil, St. Canice's and Lisdowney were beaten.

The match was played in Dicksboro. Both teams earlier went to St. James's Park, only to discover that the venue was unavailable. Uurlingford were quickly into their stride and from early on it was evident they had the stronger side. A point from Audrey Butler was followed goals from Angela Fogarty (2), Catherine Breen and Chrissy Hughes. Another point from Angela Fogarty left Uurlingford winners by 4-2 to 0-1.

There were ecstatic scenes at the end of the game when the trophy was presented to winning captain Angela Fogarty. Great credit for the victory must go to team coach Henry O'Grady who did trojan work for camogie in Uurlingford.

**Panel of players** – Angela Fogarty, Marie Darcy, Audrey Butler, Claire Doyle, Christina Hughes, Eileen Healy, Aoife Coughlan, Maura Brennan, Elaine Fox, Sheila Doyle, Catherine Breen, Kay Lyng, Elaine Bowden, Brenda Cleere, Jean Costello, Dolores Lanigan, Aoife Phelan, Suzanne Stapleton, Tina Breen, Sarah O'Gorman.

## A YEAR OF PROGRESS

GLENMORE Camogie club has been up and running since 1989. The club has done well since then. They reached the junior county final, and this year the semi-final. All was not lost. They made up for it all in the year's junior B championship by beating the Ballyhale Shamrocks. It was a great win, and will be remembered by everyone.

The players have been improving each year. Maybe in the future the club can add some more players to the county team. At the moment Glenmore have two excellent players, Joan Aylward and Bridget Mullally, playing their part.

In the junior B championship, Glenmore beat Carrickshock, Clara and Shamrocks in the final.

**Players on Junior B team:** M. Doherty, B. Murphy (capt.), K. Phelan, M. Hanrahan, J. Aylward, E. Drohan, M.H. Doherty, M. Murphy, B. Mullally, V. Boyle, C. Dollard, A. Garvey. **Subs:** A. Boyle, C. Hennessy, M. Walsh, S. Hennessy, E. Doherty.

The minor players are still young, and are gradually making their way up the ladder. One of the club players jetted off to America to work. She was wished the best of Luck. Marie Emmet was also part of the team.

The trainers were Paddy Murphy and Willie Mullally. Selectors were Maureen Murphy and P.J. O'Connor.



**Back Row (l-r):** A. Walsh, E. Drohan, K. Phelan, B. Mullally, J. Aylward, M. Doherty, S. Boyle, M. Hanrahan, E. Doherty, A. Boyle, C. Hennessy. **Front Row:** C. Dollard, M. Murphy, A. Garvey, B. Murphy (capt.), M.H. Doherty, V. Boyle, C. Dollard, H. Murphy (Mascot).



## St. Lachtain's Camogie Club

**H**AVING won all the Roinn A under-age titles in 1991, the year of the "clean-sweep", St. Lachtain's were obviously under more pressure than usual to retain their titles this year. Of those five titles, three have already been retained, one has been lost, while the fifth – the under-21 – is still to be decided.

The Scoil Lachtain team set the scene for the year by holding on to the Primary Schools' Roinn A championship when they beat Mullinavat in the final by 5-2 to 0-0. They also won the Seven-a-side competition for the second year in a row, beating Clara in the final by 3-2 to 0-1. Arising from that, Scoil Lachtain had the unique distinction of having four girls qualify for the mini-sevens exhibition games held in Páirc an Chrócaigh on the day of the All-Ireland semi-finals and All-Ireland Final day itself.

Our Under-14s were unbeaten in local competition since 1987. Once again they progressed to the Co. Final where they met Clara. A close, exciting game saw Lady Luck at last favouring Clara who held out for a well-deserved one goal victory.

A week previously St. Lachtain's used up all their luck when the Under-16s retained their title for the fourth year in a row by beating Clara 1-2 to 0-2 in their final. This game was noted for an incredible exhibition of goalkeeping by Kathleen Ryan.

The Under-18s won their fifth title in a row when they had a comprehensive victory over Lisdowney by 5-7 to 1-2.

The Under-21s are still involved in the championship. The Seniors reached the

► Emma Fitzpatrick, Mary Carmel Ryan, Mairead Costelloe and Claire Dermody represented Scoil Lachtain in the mini-sevens exhibition games in Croke Park on All-Ireland semi-final and All-Ireland Final Day.



County semi-final but failed to fulfil their potential and went out to neighbours Lisdowney.

Once again St. Lachtain's provided the captain of the Co. Minor camogie team. Sinéad Costelloe had the honour of leading Kilkenny to their fifth All-Ireland final in a row. This time there was no joy, however, as Tipperary inflicted a heavy defeat by 4-9 to 1-3. Also representing Freshford were Kathleen Ryan, Margaret Kavanagh, Fiona Connery and Patricia Dalton. Kathleen Ryan

saved Kilkenny from a more embarrassing defeat that day with another marvellous goal-keeping display.

Kilkenny Juniors embarked on the Leinster championship campaign as complete underdogs. Kilkenny hadn't won the trophy since 1960. With club representatives Maura Costelloe and Sheila Dowling at the helm as team-trainers, they put in a great amount of work and brought back the Leinster junior championship for the first time in 32 years. St. Lachtain's had eight on the panel: Helen



**SCOIL LACHTAIN, FRESHFORD – Primary Schools' Roinn 'A' Camogie Champions 1992**

Back row: Pauline Butler, Marie Fitzpatrick, Pamela Byrne, Julie Ryan, Kelly Long, Claire Dermody, Claire Burke, Emma Fitzpatrick. Front row: Breda Wall, Orla Mullin, Mairead Costelloe, Mary Carmel Ryan (Captain), Sheila Dalton, Emma Watson, Sinéad Shortt, Ann Marie Delaney.