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# UCC and UL ladies toast unique double

**ASHBOURNE CUP** weekend is an unique one in the camogie calendar and Ashbourne 2002 will go down in the record books as one of the most successful in recent times.

The gods looked down favourably on the Leaside organisers of the prestigious event and, unlike in previous years, the weather was fine and everything went like clock-work, thanks in no small way to the efforts of the hosts CIT.

Celebrations went on well into the late hours as UCC and UL celebrated a unique Munster double, with the Ashbourne Cup and Duracht

By **MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY**  
Camogie correspondent

Shield finding homes in the Mardyke and Limerick respectively.

The trend for victory was set by the Limerick ladies when they totally outclassed Athlone IT to take the Shield in the opening game in Ballinlough.

But the glory of the day was without doubt the Ashbourne Cup and here John Considine's charges made no mistake in taking their 30th title.

Last year, as hot favourites, they crashed out to WIT in the semi final.

But this time out, with 14 players who have graced the



UL captain Fiona Corcoran and team mates celebrate after winning the Duracht Shield at Ballinlough. Picture: Gerard McCarthy

inter-county stage with Cork, Tipperary and Limerick, there was no talk of defeat.

Considine summed it up: "Any team with five inter county forwards are always going to be hot favourites but you still have to produce the goods."

"We took every game as it came and worked hard in between."

"Having won it in 2000 we were favourites last year but lost out, so this time out we were determined to make amends," he added.

For Considine, now three years at the helm with UCC, it brought a fitting end to a week when he was named as

Cork GAA personality of the month.

Captain Sinead O'Callaghan, in accepting the trophy, paid tribute to the UCC backroom team of Considine, Rose Desmond and Seamus Coffey and to her team mates who made the victory possible.

UL's victory was also one which they will savour for a long time.

Last season they suffered the heartbreak of losing the cup final to WIT and a determined effort was made to atone.

In stepped Br. Philip Ryan to take charge of the training, assisted by Marion Nev-

ille, and the buzz was back.

Heartbreak again was the Limerick ladies' lot when they crashed out of the cup to UCC at the quarter final stage, but picking themselves up, they vowed to take the Duracht Shield.

Captain Fiona Ni Corcoran in her acceptance speech summed it up.

"We promised ourselves that we would do ourselves justice and win the shield and it a great day for camogie in UL."

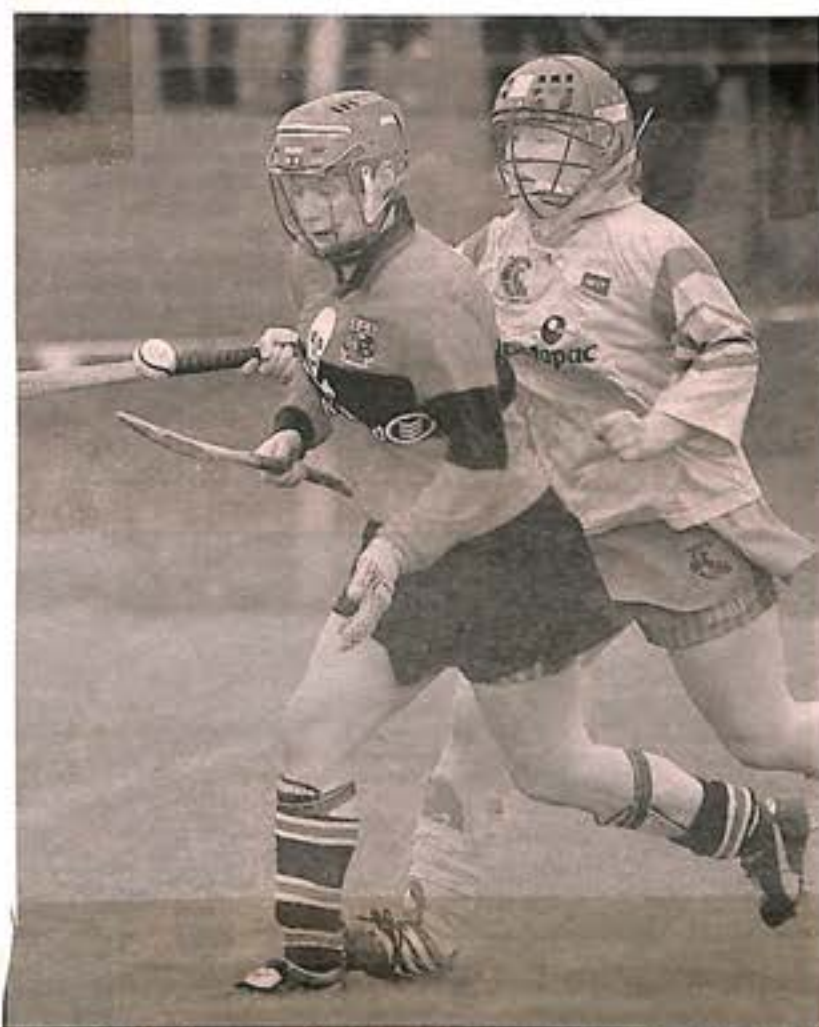
Br. Ryan, smiling through the presentation, told *Grassroots*: "We put the defeat by UCC behind us, worked hard and today they came good."

Indeed Br. Ryan, himself now working in Blarney Street in Cork, had to make the long journey back to Limerick to train the side, but not content to rest on his laurels, he announced that he has big plans for the season ahead.

"I am looking forward to the year ahead and as I am now working in Cork I will be involved with Glen Rovers hurlers this season and I am really excited as to the challenges that it poses."

To both UCC and UL we say congratulations and a big well done to Miriam Deasy and her CIT committee.

● See also page 17.



UCC's Emer McDonald in the Ashbourne Cup final against WIT. McDonald was crowned player of the tournament as UCC went on to win. Picture: G McCarthy

## UCC avenge WIT defeat with victory in cup

UCC  
WIT

1-11  
1-4

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

Ashbourne Cup

TIME moves on and things change. The wait is over, and so is the anguish and pain of last year's defeat.

Yesterday the tables were turned at the Ballinlough GAA grounds as UCC celebrated a famous victory over their great rivals Waterford Institute of Technology in this season's Ashbourne Cup decider.

With 13 out of the starting 15 having senior inter-county experience, UCC were under severe pressure to deliver the goods.

Clearly struggling to control her emotions after she accepted the silverware, captain Sinead O'Callaghan admitted: "It is an unbelievable feeling. We had to make up for last year's defeat to WIT. But, it was not just about avenging that loss, it was also about winning this season's Ashbourne Cup."

This was a crunch game for both teams, but the prolific scoring of Emer McDonnell was the big difference between the sides.

Crowned 'Player of the Tournament,' the supply was terrific for the Tipp player who danced around the back-lines on both days causing all kinds of consternation.

The final was a tough game though, and when referee Bernie Nugent

deemed that goalkeeper, Ger Casey had stepped over the line when she brilliantly collected a high lob; it hung on a knife-edge with the scores all-square entering the final 10 minutes.

"However, as if spurred on by the decision, from here on in it was all UCC with Criona Harte, Una O'Donoghue, Elaine Burke, Sinead O'Callaghan, McDonnell and goal scorer Siobhan Sexton in assertive mood.

Rachel Moloney and Maedhbh Nash did handsome justice to their midfield positions, while behind them Sarah Hayes, Sinead Buckley and Rosarie Holland regularly dropped deep to help them out.

Joanne O'Callaghan, Una O'Dwyer and Linda O'Connell, despite having their hands full with the likes of Kate Kelly, Jackie O'Connor and Mary Wyer, performed a top-class job. No doubting, UCC well and truly earned their accolade and at times with erratic shooting made very hard work of capturing their 29th Ashbourne win.

A sentiment echoed by elated coach John Considine: "Certainly, if we took our scores we would have run away with it. But, I am delighted to have come out on top, especially for all the players after last year's result."



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Sinead Holland of UL on the ball against Athlone IT in the Ashbourne Shield final at Ballinlough.

Picture: Gerard McCarthy

# Cats on prowl as Cork defend title

**CORK** open their Senior National League campaign and the defence of their title with a trip to Kilkenny on Sunday next, when the James Stephens ground is the venue with a 1.30pm start.

The old rivals will be anxious to get their campaigns off to a winning start and Kilkenny have a new face at the helm, with former great Ann Downey taking over the coaching role.

The holder of 12 senior All Ireland medals Ann Downey is looking forward to the challenge ahead. "It's something new for me and I am really looking forward to getting involved."

"Last year we lost out to Tipperary in the All Ireland final and the team is a young one, if I can help them improve and progress them I will have achieved something."

For the Cork coach Pa Finn the season ahead poses a huge challenge now in his second year at the helm, he is determined to take his charges a step further this year and reach Croke Park.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

"We will be putting in a huge effort for the championship and the league will help us get a settled panel together. We intend looking at several players through the campaign and hopefully getting organised."

Pa is joined by Rose Desmond on the selection committee but as yet county champions Cloughduv have not named their representative to joint Mr Finn and Rose Desmond.

"Hopefully by next week we will have a full selection committee working and then we can begin to plan ahead. I am looking forward to the year ahead and hope that on Sunday we will get it off to a winning start."

The side will not be named until before the game but definitely out through injury and illness are defenders Mary O'Connor and Denise Cronin, while Fiona O'Driscoll is presently not available. Into the side will probably come de-

fenders Joanne O'Callaghan and Jill Hannon while Emer Dillon, a member of last years Junior side is also expected to be part of the Cork line out.

Elaine Burke, Una O'Donoghue, Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea, Vivienne Harris and Linda Mellerick are talented performers who will be determined to get Cork's campaign off to a winning start.

They will face a Kilkenny side who report no retirements and a determined buzz about the camp.

Sinead Millea, Lizzie Lyng, Catriona Ryan, Aoife Neary and Brigid Mullally will be amongst the more prominent names on the side. Gillian Dillon-Maher who will not line out on Sunday is determined to be part of the line out this season. With places on both teams up for grabs it promises an interesting clash.

● Clubs are reminded that the first meeting of the Juvenile county Board will take place on Friday March 3rd, the venue for the Meeting is the Garda club in Penrose Wharf at 8pm.

## UCC pick up their 30th cup honour

UCC 1-11  
WIT 1-4

HOLDERS WIT lost their Ashbourne crown to a star studded UCC at Ballinlough on Sunday last.

On Saturday UCC had the easier of passages when they experienced little difficulty in disposing of UCD. In the second semi final WIT were hard pressed to defeat NUI Galway.

A close opening half saw UCC lead 0-5 to 0-3 at the break and having played against the strong wind, they were in a good position. Through that opening half the main threat to UCC came from Kate Kelly and Catherine Corkery up front, but with Joanne O'Callaghan, Rosalie Holland and Sarah Hayes superb, the UCC defence held firm. From the re-start UCC stretched their advantage with an Emer McDonnell point but WIT replied with a score from Kato Kelly.

Criona Harte edged UCC further ahead before a remarkable decision by referee Bernie Nugent saw WIT draw level. A lobbing shot from Jackie O'Connor was safely handled by Ger Casey in the UCC goal but she was deemed to have handled under the crossbar and the umpires were instructed to raise the green flag.

Rather than inspiring WIT, the goal helped UCC raise their game. Three points from Criona Harte, Emer McDonnell and Rachel Moloney again put daylight between the sides and now UCC applied the pressure. Captain Sinead O'Callaghan took on the WIT defence and spotting Siobhan Sexton on the edge of the square, passed to the waiting corner forward who dispatched an unstoppable shot to the net.

With seven minutes remaining Emer McDonnell knocked over a point to put seven between the sides and ensure UCC their 30th title.

UL 4-11  
Athlone IT 0-7

University of Limerick made it a Munster double when they took the Ashbourne Duracht Shield at the expense of Athlone IT. On Saturday UL had to withstand the challenge of a determined CIT before booking their final spot, while Athlone had an easy victory over St Mary's Belfast. Opting to play against the strong wind, University of Limerick made all the running and led 3-4 to 0-5 at half time after goals from Aoife Lane (2) and goalkeeper Louise Ryan, who came down field to strike two penalties.

Ten minutes into the second half UL captain Fiona Ni Chorraine put the result beyond doubt when she finished to the net.

## Results/ fixtures

**RESULTS**  
Ashbourne Cup semi-finals: UCC 4-10, UCD 2-1; WIT 2-10, NUI Galway 2-8; Final: UCC 1-11, WIT 1-4.  
Shield semi-finals: UL 2-7, WIT 1-6; Athlone IT 3-12, St. Mary's Belfast 1-2; Shield Final: UL 4-11, Athlone IT 0-7.

**U18:** St. Finbarr's 1-4, Douglas 1-1.  
**FIXTURES**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24**  
Senior National League division one: Cork v Kilkenny, James Stephens 1.30pm.  
Ballinlough Under 11: Indoor Tournament: Riverstick Community Centre starting 10.30am.

## Ballinhassig tournament a great success

EIGHT Under-12 teams enjoyed a great day's camogie on Sunday at the Riverstick Community Centre as Ballinhassig Camogie Club hosted an indoor invitation tournament.

Ballinhassig A and B were joined by Blackrock, Courcey Rovers, Ballincollig, Ballinora, Carrigaline and Glen Rovers in two groups of four as they battled it out for semi final spots.

Ten games of eight minutes-a-side were played at hectic pace before the four strongest teams Ballinhassig A, Glen Rovers, Ballin-

sig B and Ballinora emerged to contest the semi finals of the shield.

The game between the Ballinhassig sides was hotly contested, the A team with fine performances from Sinead O'Callaghan, Katie McCarthy and Maeve Fleming had to battle hard before emerging victorious against a tough B side that had fine performances from Jessie Desmond and Niamh O'Connor.

The second semi final saw Ballinora grab an early lead with a goal, but Glen Rovers responded to level matters, however the strength of the Ballinora girls was evident and

with good performances from Aoife McGrath and Alison Lane, booked their place in the final.

The semi finals of the plate saw Ballincollig advance at the expense of Courcey Rovers after grabbing the winning goal with second remaining.

Blackrock had two goals to spare over Carrigaline to make it through to the final.

So the stage was set and the plate final was an exciting one with Blackrock emerging winners with Aine Murray, Roisin de Facite and Casey Howick all prominent.

Two very tired, but determined teams lined up for the main event as Ballinhassig A and Ballinora vied for honours.

Sinead O'Callaghan had two early Ballinhassig goals to give them the lead, this was stretched further with goals from Ashling Cadogan and Jennifer Harrington and captain Katie McCarthy.

Ballinora battled to get into the game and had great performances from Lisa O'Shea, Deirdre Cronin, Jennifer Martin and Liz Hayes but on the day the stronger Ballinhassig took the honours.



# Kilkenny-Cork clash eagerly awaited by fans

ACTION begins on the inter-county scene next weekend when the Senior and Junior National leagues resume. For the Cork seniors it's a trip to Kilkenny where they will face a side that will be playing their first game under new coach Ann Downey.

On Sunday next they play hosts to League champions Cork and that in itself will be a big game.

Cork have done little in way of preparation for the opening game, coach Pa Finn having had a full year in the job will be a lot more confident as he faces the year ahead and hopes will be high that come September the O'Duffy cup could be returning Leeside.

Rose Desmond from Bishopstown

and UCC again joins PA Finn as selector while they await county senior champions Cloughduv to name their representative.

The side will be expected to field along the usual lines with Stephanie Dunlea, Linda Mellerick, Ger Casey, Elaine Burke, Denise Cronin and Vivienne Harris all taking up key positions. Mary O'Connor is out injured and will be a loss to the side. Cloughduv as county champions have yet to name their representative to be captained the side, but it's expected to be finalised in the coming week.

The Ashbourne Cup competition which was superbly hosted by CIT, rests in UCC after the Cork students turned in a tremendous display defeating WIT.



Emer McDonald on the attack, being chased by WIT's defender Anne Marie Young. Picture: Des Barry

In the Shield competition UL totally outclassed Athlone IT.

On the local front St Finbarr's recorded a 1-4 to 1-1 victory over Douglas in the Under 18 B championship to set up a semi-final meeting with St Catherine's.

Out in Riverstick community Centre Ballinhassig camogie club hosted a very successful Under 12 invitation tournament. Action began at 10 am and after some exciting contests Ballinhassig A defeated Ballinora in the Cup final, in the

Plate final Blackrock were victors over Ballincollig.

PRO Con Cotrell has asked us to remind all participants that on Sunday next it's the turn of the Under 11's when Carrigaline, Blackrock, Courcy Rovers, Ballincollig, Glen Rovers, Ballinora and Ballinhassig again battle it out.

A Mass will be offered in remembrance of the late President Lillie O'Sullivan at St Finbarr's GAA club on Saturday next at 8pm. All are invited to attend.

## Mary's continue winning streak

by Mike McGrath

CONGRATULATIONS to the Junior camogie players of St Mary's school who notched up their sixth Munster Junior Championship in a row when they had a facile win over old rivals Nenagh in the final at the Co Limerick venue of Feenagh.

The locals played with the strong breeze in the first half and quickly imposed their will on the game. They were two goals up within five minutes of the start and thereafter snuffed out the challenge of the Tipperary girls who offered little resistance and managed only one point in the opening half to Charleville's 3-8.

The Nenagh girls tried to make amends but could not break the domination of St Mary's who continued to pile on the scores against the wind. The final tally was 6-13 to 0-1.

**Scorers** - St Mary's, Charleville: W Watson 2-4; S McAuliffe 1-4 (3 frees); T Shanahan 1-1; A. Geary 1-0; E. O'Riordan 0-3.

**Team:** N Murphy, F Chawke, F Geary, J White, S O'Mahony, E Waters, L Healy, A Geary, S Brosnan, M Coleman, E O'Riordan, S McAuliffe, T Shanahan, E Watson (captain), C O'Shea; subs: F Morrissey, M Walsh, S Carroll, M Broderick, E Curtin were used for E Watson, A Geary, S McAuliffe, S O'Mahony, and T Shanahan.

## Loreto girls vying for Munster title



by Davina Hickey

The Loreto Secondary School junior camogie team will be vying for victory this weekend when they make their way to Thurles to battle it out for their first Munster title.

The U16 team is made up of students ranging

from first to fifth year and having beaten Cashel in the semi-final of the championship they are hopeful of a Provincial title.

The girls have been involved in intense training in the run up to Saturday's game and are determined to fly the Fermoy flag high no matter what the outcome.

• ABOVE: Loreto, Fermoy junior camogie team, with trainer, Ger Holland, who will be going for Munster glory this weekend. (Dy-d)

## LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL CAMOGIE Munster camogie title for Loreto

The girls of Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy won the Munster Junior Camogie championship final with an emphatic 5-8 to 0-2 win over Presentation Convent, Thurles last Saturday.

The game, which was played in Thurles demonstrated that the recent run of form from this fine team could not be derailed even by very difficult weather conditions. The Fermoy girls dominated from the start and goals from Denise Twomey and Ciara O'Driscoll set the tempo for a great first half, which saw them 2-4 to 0-

1 at the interval. In the second half Loreto were unrelenting as they pressed forward and goals from Denise Twomey, Marie O'Neill and Noreen O'Farrell ensured that the final result was never really in doubt.

In what was a fine team performance it would be invidious to pick out any individual performances, and the girls can look forward with a great deal of confidence to their All Ireland semi final meeting with the Ulster champions.

Cocher Jer Holland has done magnificent work with this panel and no

doubt has his eyes set on All Ireland glory.

**Scorers:** Denise Twomey 2-4, Marie O'Neill 1-2, Ciara O'Driscoll 1-0, Noreen O'Farrell 1-0, Noreen Mulcahy 0-2.

**Team:** Valerie McCormack, Laura Cronin, Marie Twomey, Helena O'Neill, Claire O'Farrell, Noreen Mulcahy, Tracey Barry, Marie O'Neill (Captain), Michelle McTeer, Mairead Finn, Denise Twomey, Ciara Lynch, Ciara O'Driscoll, Tricia Carroll, Noreen O'Farrell. Subs used: Deirdre Twomey and Elaine O'Leary.

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## ST CATHERINE'S CAMOGIE CLUB

### Girls in semi-final of 2001 U18 championship

Following their win against Killeagh last week the girls are now into the semi-final of this competition. Training continues on Sunday mornings at Ballynoe pitch.

Congratulations to Loreto Junior Camogie team who won the Munster Colleges Final in Thurles on Saturday, February 9th. They easily accounted for Presentation, Thurles, on a score-line of 5-8 to 0-2.

Included on the starting line-up were Marie Twomey, Noreen Mulcahy, Tracy Barry and Denise Twomey. Orla Cotter did not figure due to a recent hand injury.

On the panel we also had Deirdre Mulcahy, Aoife O'Brien and Orna Neville together with Aileen Hogan and Deirdre Twomey who were both introduced in the closing stages of the game.

All our players made a big contribution to this victory with Denise scoring 1-4 from her centre forward position and Noreen having the proverbial blinder at centre-back where her lengthy clearances in the second half were a feature of the game. She also contributed 0-2 from placed balls. Marie Twomey was rock-solid at full back and Tracy Barry was a most effective defender throughout.

They are now in the All-Ireland Semi-Final playing the Ulster Champions.

**WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED.**

Congratulations also to Faith Noonan who played corner-back with the Carlow I.T. Team which defeated Cork Colleges of Further Education to win the Purcell Cup at the weekend.

U-12 Indoor Camogie Training continues on Saturday afternoons at 3pm in Corina Complex new members are always welcome.



# MIXED LUCK FOR COLAISTE BRIDE



Substitute 'keeper' Fidelma Hogan comes to Colaiste Bride's rescue against Loreto during last Thursday's Leinster Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final at Carlow. The Enniscorthy school gained revenge in the junior showpiece on Sunday. (Pic: Karl McDonough).

## Seniors miss out as Loreto hold on

LORETO KILKENNY — 3-5  
COLAISTE BRIDE — 1-8  
Ronan Fagan

WHILE LORETO retained their Leinster Schools senior 'A' camogie championship title for the first time ever, last Thursday afternoon's final in Carlow was one Colaiste Bride could have won.

The Enniscorthy girls, challenging for their first outright success since completing back-to-back titles in 1999, enjoyed periods of dominance at the start of either half, but ultimately they paid the price for failing to capitalise fully upon such an advantage.

While after 13 minutes they led 0-3 to 0-1, in truth Colaiste Bride had allowed a number of gilt edged scoring opportunities go begging, and they wouldn't have been flattered to have been a further four points clear at that stage.

By half-time they were trailing by double-scores (2-2 to 0-4) after the Kilkenny side, backboned by players from the Freshford club, grabbed a couple of fortuitous goals.

Despite those setbacks, the Colaiste Bride girls kept their spirits high on a near idyllic day, and gave their supporters plenty to enthuse about as they set about Loreto with plenty of menace on the resumption.

They had it back to 2-2 to 0-6 after 33 minutes, but for a time after Aoife Fitzpatrick struck goal number three for Loreto, there was not the same purpose about the Enniscorthy performance.

However, during the closing quarter, they lifted themselves, and after an Una Leacy goal narrowed the deficit to 3-5 to 1-8 in the final minute, Colaiste Bride were unfortunate not to have nicked a draw, when a '45 from Ursula Jacob caused panic around the Loreto square in the third minute of injury-time.

Something which

would have hindered Colaiste Bride's push for a place in the last-four of the All-Ireland series was the fact that largely the same group of players had been involved in an energy sapping tie in the Leinster Schools ladies senior football championship, which went to extra-time, the previous afternoon.

On Friday, their play was bright and snappy during the opening quarter, but the demands of 24 hours earlier took their toll as the Kilkenny side raised their challenge.

While Deirdre Delaney gave Loreto the first taste of the lead with a point after just 12 seconds, Colaiste Bride were largely on the offensive in the minutes immediately following, and with a couple of points from the impressive Ursula Jacob (including a free) and a great score by Jacqui Codd, the Enniscorthy side held a 0-3 to 0-1 lead entering the second quarter.

However, Loreto took a huge leap towards holding onto the silverware between the 17th and 19th minutes, during which Breda Kavanagh and Aoife Fitzpatrick each grabbed goals, after some poor defensive work by the Enniscorthy side, to fire the black-and-amber 2-2 to 0-3 clear.

Colaiste Bride laid siege to the Loreto goal in the closing stages of the half, but while Ursula Jacob added a third personal point via a free, they hit three bad wides before the interval.

They knew they didn't deserve to be four points in arrears at the break, and resumed with plenty of vigour, and gained encouragement courtesy of early points by Louise Codd, and free-taker Jacob.

The aforementioned Aoife Fitzpatrick arrested her side's decline on the scoresheet with a shot from 30 metres in the 34th minute that found its way to the net, to put Loreto ahead by 3-2 to 0-6.

While a Caitríona Cormack point increased



Members of the Colaiste Bride camogie team pictured with Jim Maher of the Riverside Park Hotel and the Leinster Schools junior trophy, along with Elva Moriarity and Jim Giunan. (Pic: Jim Campbell).

Colaiste Bride's deficit, the challengers nearly received the perfect shot in the arm in the 42nd minute, when Ciara O'Connor and Jacqui Codd combined, only for the latter to see her shot on goal parried at the expense of a '45, which Ursula Jacob pointed, making it 3-3 to 0-7.

Colaiste Bride fluffed a number of additional scores, while Loreto stretched 3-5 to 0-7 ahead eleven minutes from time.

The Enniscorthy girls, to their credit, never relented. Wing-back Niamh O'Connor struck a 58th minute point, while moments later Una Leacy, who worked extremely hard throughout, displayed her predatory skills when netting to

narrow the margin to three points. Unfortunately Colaiste Bride were denied a draw after the Loreto defence eventually dealt with Ursula Jacob's shot from a '45.

**Loreto Kilkenny** - Grace Dermody, Margaret Byrne, Fiona Dowling, Lisa Quigley, Danielle Minogue, Mairead Lawler, Aine Fahey, Caitríona Cormack (capt., 0-2), Eileen Fitzpatrick, Deirdre Delaney (0-2), Aoife Fitzpatrick (2-0), Kay Gaffney, Breda Kavanagh (1-0), Catherine Kavanagh (0-1), Sinead Corrigan.

**Sub:** Elaine O'Neill for B. Kavanagh.  
**Colaiste Bride** - Claire Sinnott (Oulart-The Ballagh), Karen Murphy (Cloughbawn), Aisling Hogan (Rathnure), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boalavogue).

Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure, 0-1), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown), Bronagh Furlong (Duffry Rovers), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Laura Murphy (Rathnure, capt.), Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-5), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers, 0-1), Jacqui Codd (Duffry Rovers, 0-1), Ciara O'Connor (Rathnure), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh, 1-0).

**Subs:** Fidelma Hogan (Rathnure) for Sinnott; Sarah Darcy (Monageer-Boalavogue) for Murphy; Linda Codd (Duffry Rovers), Michelle Frayne (Rathnure), Patricia Quigley (Oylegate), Anne-Marie Foley (Duffry Rovers), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boalavogue).

**Referee** - Jack O'Brien (Burrer's Alley).

## Juniors make up for disappointment

COLAISTE BRIDE — 6-5  
LORETO KILKENNY — 1-1

THE DEFENDING Leinster Schools junior 'A' camogie champions, Colaiste Bride had a comprehensive win over a tenacious Loreto outfit in Sunday's final at Carlow.

The disappointment at having lost to Loreto the previous Thursday in the senior final was eased somewhat as the junior outfit made it three-in-a-row for the Enniscorthy school.

Seven players and two of the subs were attempting to put the disappointment of the senior final loss behind them, and to their credit they helped lead the junior team to victory.

In the tenth minute, Danielle Minogue of Kilkenny pointed an excellent free from midfield.

At this stage, Kilkenny appeared to be the stronger and quicker of the two, with the Colaiste Bride backs experiencing difficulties in getting into the game.

During this time, Tracy Breen was substituted for Sarah Jane Leacy. Tracy is a newcomer to the Colaiste Bride panel, but her input around the half-back line was outstanding, while Katie Reddy also played well.

While play was pretty even down the middle of the field - with some brave battling by midfielders Brona Furlong and captain Deirdre Codd for Colaiste Bride - the Enniscorthy outfit was given a lift when Una Leacy pointed in the 12th minute after Anna Murphy was fouled.

From that moment, Enniscorthy gained and maintained control of the game, with Sarah Darcy, Emma Moran, Louise Codd and Anna Murphy pressing non-stop.

The Enniscorthy spirits were lifted further in the 20th minute when Una Leacy kicked the ball into corner-forward Sarah Murphy, for the Monageer-Boalavogue player to strike a goal.

Deirdre Codd was unfortunate to send a 45 metre free wide in the 25th minute, but this was then followed by a point from 21 metres out by Una Leacy just before the half-time whistle.

Although Colaiste Bride were leading 1-2 to 0-1 they had nothing to be complacent about.

Kilkenny looked the quicker and more determined in the first 20 minutes, with the Enniscorthy backs of Ruth Walsh, Jacqui Codd and Elaine Dempsey finding their feet in the last ten minutes of the half.

Sarah Darcy hand-passed to Una Leacy, who with vigour found the top corner of the net. The Colaiste Bride girls were now displaying through some excellent combination play.

A poor puck-out by the Kilkenny side was caught and pointed by the skilful Una Leacy shortly afterwards.

Seven minutes into the second-half, and with

Enniscorthy winning more and more of the play, the dedicated Deirdre Codd sent a long ball into Una Leacy, who fired it to the back of the net for the second time within the space of three minutes.

Louise Codd again came storming through with a solo burst in the 13th minute, and again the ball was in the Kilkenny net.

Kilkenny defenders Aine Fahy and Danielle Minogue were now displaying greater defiance, making it difficult for the Enniscorthy side.

In the 52nd minute, Claire Sinnott made a great save from a high dropping ball off an Aine Connery shot, much to Colaiste Bride's relief.

The Kilkenny forwards looked very dangerous, but their threat was cleared time and time again by excellent full-back Jacqui Codd.

A superb puck-out by Codd was collected by Una Leacy, who passed to Louise Codd for the Duffry Rovers star to score her second goal of the day. Enniscorthy were now leading 5-3, and the Kilkenny heads were beginning to bow.

Una Leacy added to the tally with a point from a 45 metre free, but with quick play from the resultant puck-out, Tara O'Halloran of Kilkenny showed excellent determination when finding the net from the ground.

However, Colaiste Bride were now showing the skill which was evident when they won the All-Ireland junior final two years ago, and while Deirdre Codd added another point to the scoresheet, the final say went to Una Leacy, who found the net from a 45 metre free to end the game with an impressive scoreline of 6-5 to 1-1.

The delighted junior panel will now meet the Connacht champions on March 2nd, at a Wexford venue.

Delighted captain Deirdre Codd was presented with the Leinster cup, which now takes its place in the school for its third year running.

**Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy** - Claire Sinnott (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boalavogue), Jacqui Codd (Duffry Rovers), Katie Reddy (Rathnure), Elaine Dempsey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Olivia Murphy (Monageer-Boalavogue), Sharon Kehoe (Oulart-The Ballagh), Bronagh Furlong (Duffry Rovers), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers, capt.), Sarah Darcy (Monageer-Boalavogue), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers), Anna Murphy (Monageer-Boalavogue), Sarah Murphy (Rathnure), Emma Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh).

**Subs:** Willina Carr (Rathnure), Tracy Breen and Aileen Doyle (Rapparees), Fiona Jordan (Marshallstown), Sarah Jane Leacy (Monageer-Boalavogue), Anne Marie Foley (Duffry Rovers).

**Loreto Kilkenny** - Sinead Walsh, Marie Anderson, Lisa Quigley, Amy Hennessy, Catherine Neary, Danielle Minogue (capt.), Aine Fahey, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Aine Connery, Aisling Kealy, Elaine O'Neill, Fiona Phelan, Julia Fitzpatrick, Noelle Corrigan, Jean Delaney.



# Camogie Report

By SEAMUS MASSEY

**D**espite the delayed start to the season because of Foot & Mouth this year has been a very good year for Dublin Camogie. We completed all our leagues, open cups and championships on time. We had a good inter-county season and a very successful inaugural Players Presentation Night. We look forward to completing the year with our Annual Convention on Saturday December 15th in St. Jude's Clubhouse.

## MINOR BOARD

The Minor Board, Chairman Donal Regan (Ballyboden St. Endas), Rúnaí Máire O'Toole (Naomh Pádraig) and Registrar Patricia Seery (Ballyboden St. Endas) catered for over 2000 players on 106 juvenile teams from 34 clubs. The leagues, blitzes and championships were excellently run. We congratulate all our young players and encourage them to enjoy the game and to improve their skills. We strongly urge all club officials and mentors to put a much greater emphasis on skill, enjoyment and sportsmanship. We must set the highest example for our young players to encourage them and their families to continue to play camogie. Congratulations to this year's league and championship and féile winners.

## ADULT SECTION

The adult section catered for over 700 players on 44 teams from 30 clubs. They took part in Leagues and Championships. This year we introduced an Open Cup competition to give worthwhile games to club players who were not involved in the inter county scene. This proved to be a very good competition. Again as with our juvenile players we strongly urge all Club Officials and Mentors to put greater emphasis on skill, speed, enjoyment and sportsmanship.

In the Senior A Championship final played at Parnell Park, Ballyboden St. Enda's proved too strong for Good Counsel on the day. The other four championship finals were played in O'Toole Park on 30th September and these finals proved to be very competitive with Naomh Fionnbarra and Erin's Isle claiming their first titles of the year. Ballyboden St. Endas added the Intermediate crown to the Clubs list of honours. St. Jude's retained the Senior B Championship and look forward to competing at the highest level.

The following Dublin players played a significant part in the Leinster team which took part in the Gael-Linn inter provincial tournament held in St. Anne's, Boharnabreena in October. Sinead Elliott (Crumlin), Síle Nic Coitir (Ballyboden St. Endas), Emer Branigan (St. Vincent's), Veronica Trehy (Na Fianna) Shauna Keogh (Good Counsel) and Louise O'Hara (Erin's Isle).

Louise O'Hara received the Leinster Player of the tournament to add to her Dublin Senior Inter county player of the year award.

## INTER COUNTY SCENE

Our U-14 County Team was managed by Tom Hayes (St. John's), Bernie Corrigan (Ballyboden St. Endas) and John Kilkenny (St. Thomas's). Our U-16 team was managed by



Senior County Player of the Year . . . Seamus Massey, Chairman, County Board; Louise O'Hara, Erin's Isle and Marie O'Brien, Runai County Board.



Senior 'A' Player of the Year . . . Sheila Wallace, Ard Runai, Cumann Camúgaíochta na nGael; Síle Nic Coitir, Ballyboden St. Enda's and Marie O'Brien, Runai County Board.



Senior 'B' Player of the Year . . . Sheila Wallace, Ard Runai Cumann Camúgaíochta na nGael, Christine Nester, O'Toole's and Marie O'Brien, Runai County Board.

## Féile na nGael

### WINNERS

Ballyboden St. Endas  
Na Fianna  
Naomh Pádraig

### RUNNERS UP

St. John's  
St. Oliver Plunkett's  
St. Peregrine's

## Championships

### WINNERS

Ballyboden St. Endas  
St. Vincent's  
Erin's Isle  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
St. Vincent's  
St. Vincent's

### RUNNERS UP

Naomh Fionnbarra  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
Thomas Davis  
St. Peregrine's  
Ballyboden St. Endas

## Leagues

### WINNERS

St. Vincent's  
Ballyboden St. Endas "B"  
St. Oliver Plunkett's  
St. Vincent's  
Skerries Harps  
Raheny  
St. Vincent's  
Skerries Harps  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
St. Oliver Plunkett's  
St. Vincent's  
St. Vincent's

### RUNNERS UP

Naomh Fionnbarra  
Good Counsel  
Whitehall  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
St. John's/Na Fianna  
Good Counsel/Ballyboden  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
Naomh Fionnbarra  
St. John's  
St. Mark's  
Not completed  
Ballyboden St. Endas

Division 1  
Division 2  
Division 3

Under 11  
Under 12  
Under 13  
Under 14  
Under 15  
Under 16

Under 11 North  
Under 11 South  
Under 11 Division 2  
Under 12 Division 1  
Under 12 Division 2  
Under 12 Division 3  
Under 13 Division 1  
Under 13 Division 2  
Under 14 Division 1  
Under 14 Division 2  
Under 15 Division 1  
Under 16 Division 1

## Championship

### WINNERS

Ballyboden St. Endas  
St. Jude's  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
Erin's Isle  
Naomh Fionnbarra

### RUNNERS UP

Good Counsel  
O'Toole's  
Naomh Pádraig  
Raheny  
St. Vincents

## League

### WINNERS

Ballyboden St. Endas  
St. Vincents  
Skerries Harps  
Skerries Harps  
St. Vincents

### RUNNERS UP

Good Counsel  
St. Peregrines  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
Lucan Sarsfields  
Naomh Fionnbarra

## Open Cup

### WINNERS

Good Counsel  
Naomh Brid  
Ballyboden St. Endas  
Skerries Harps  
St. Vincents

### RUNNERS UP

Ballyboden St. Endas  
Thomas Davis  
St. Annes  
Round Towers  
Naomh Fionnbarra

Senior A  
Senior B  
Inter County  
Junior A  
Junior B

Senior A  
Senior B  
Inter County  
Junior A  
Junior B

Senior A  
Senior B  
Inter County  
Junior A  
Junior B



# Dublin Senior Camogie Team



*Dublin Senior Camogie Team 2001 . . . Back, from left: Ruth Lyons, Louise O'Hara, Emer Branigan, Sinéad Elliott, Shanna Keogh, Orla Smith, Sinéad Caulfield, Ann McCluskey, Veronica Trehy, Sandra Martin, Siobhan Madden, Siobhan Dwyer, Gillian McCluskey. Front: Ann Walsh, Sinéad McNeela, Sonja Byrne, Miriam Carthy, Eimear Ring, Fionna Hughes, Catherine Boyle, Denise Smith, Sile Nic Coitir, Sarah Crosbie, Irene Kirwan, Joyce Donnelly.*

# Dublin Junior Camogie Team



*Dublin Junior Camogie Team 2001 . . . Back, from left: Siobhan Barcoe, Eadaoin Mulcahy, Aileen Ni Thuathail, Fiona Bernard, Siobhan Bernard, Naoise Ryan, Roisin Keaney, Michelle Coleman, Sharon Hilliard, Paula Carroll, Jenny Ward. Front: Lisa Ryan, Siobhan Peel, Aoife Hayes, Fiona Hughes (captain), Niamh Farren, Elaine Duncan, Siobhan Treacy, Eimear O'Leary, Eimear Ring, Elizabeth Buckley, Julie Bannon, Siobhan Young.*



*Ballyboden St. Enda's Senior A Championship, back row: John Kirwan, manager, Maeve Gaynor, Gráinne McNeela, Joan McNamara, Mairéad Cronin, Iris Kirwan (medic), Niamh Smith, Orla Smith, Fiona Ni Chorcáin, Roisin Keaney, Darrelle Dolan, Elaine Hickey, Gemma Browne, Sarah Crosbie, Grainne Ni Chorcáin, Dearbhla Reilly, Siobhan O'Dwyer, Ann McCormack. Front: Liz O'Neill, selector, Sorcha Farrelly, Ciara Blair, Sinéad McNeela, Eimear Ring, Fiona Hughes, Irene Kirwan (c), Sile Nic Coitir, Ciara Lucey, Joanne O'Sullivan, Eamonn O'Sullivan, selector, Ciara Conway, selector. Mascots: Andrew Hughes and Cuan MacCoitir.*



*Ballyboden St. Enda's Intermediate Championship, back row, 1. to 12: Carol Fitzmaurice, Sarah Pope, Catherine Shields, Aoife Hughes, Helen McNamara, Edel McAuliffe, Aoife Scallan, Caroline Kavanagh, Anna Cummins, Ann McCormack, Louise O'Regan, Jane Hogan, Emer Naughton, Niamh Smith. Front: Elaine Hughes, Maeve Gaynor, Fiona Ni Shuilleabháin, Ciara Lucey, Dearbhla Reilly, Sarah Dowling, Ceira Nic Coitir (c), Aisling Farrelly, Roisin Mullins, Paula Maguire, Ciara Scallan, Anne Hogan.*



# DAUNTING

# START FOR DOWNEY

## Camogie

ANN Downey, former camogie star and new coach to the Kilkenny senior team, couldn't have a tougher start to her new career as she sees her side take on Cork in the opening game of the National Camogie League at Larchfield on Sunday (1.30 p.m. throw in).

Ann holds no fear of Cork - she saw them off six times in All-Ireland senior camogie finals - but will watch with interest how her new charges recover after their All-Ireland final defeat at the hands of Tipperary. Most of the Kilkenny team will be available, so Sunday could be a real pointer to the fortunes of the camogie team for the coming year.

Ann has Neilly O'Connor,

Tom Doherty and Alan Geoghegan to assist her on Sunday and a good vocal following would be of great help, especially with the newer faces to camogie at top level.

## St Brigid's

The annual meeting of St. Brigid's Camogie Club was held recently in the club rooms, Kilmashagh. There was a small attendance at the meeting, due to a large number of players being involved in college games that day.

Chairman Billy Neary was disappointed that the club hadn't won silverware in 2001, but said he hoped that this would change this year.

The primary school team reached the county final and the chairman thanked the

teachers who helped the team. He also congratulated Katie Dunphy on her recent marriage, Tracy Milles on her engagement, and Laura Sweeney and Orla Ryall on the birth of their baby sons.

Billy thanked Josie Ronan and Margaret Comerford for their help throughout the year and the committee for all their fundraising. He also thanked the women who baked and helped out at the whist drives and the Anna Conda Pub, who sponsored skirts and jerseys.

Billy wished all the players from the club well in the Ashbourne Cup. Bronagh Neary, Ursula Walton, Ann-Marie Young and Carmel Breen playing with Waterford I.T. and Aoife Neary with Limerick University.

CLab winners during the year were Bronagh Neary, who won a Leinster under-18 medal; Therese Muldowney, Leinster minor; Kay Ryall, Elaine Murphy and Amy Hennessy who won Leinster under-14 medals with Kilkenny.

Pat Brennan was thanked for training the seniors, juniors, under-21 and under-18. Elaine and Andrea Murphy trained the under-16s and under-14s. Billy congratulated St. Brigid's College Callan on winning the All-Ireland Colleges final.

Margaret Comerford produced the balance sheet, which showed that the club is in a good financial position.

No players will be able to play any matches unless they have paid their membership, as they will not be covered by

insurance. Fees are: adults €20, students €10 and under-14 €5.

Elected were: patrons, Fr. Phelan, Fr. McGree; presidents, Nicholas Teehan, Stasia Teehan, and Billy Malone; chairman, Billy Neary; vice-chairwoman, Joan Purcell; secretary, Josie Ronan; treasurer, Margaret Comerford; P.R.O., Orla Ryall.

Committee - Billy Malone, Kathy Cody, Breda Ryall, Helen Milles, Joan Teehan, Galatia Ryall, Michael Muldowney, Deirdre Prendergill, Tracy Milles, Jackie Hanley, Phil Cashin.

Under-14 and under-16 trainer and selectors: Elaine Murphy, Andrea Murphy, Pauline Comerford, Martina Comerford.

Trainer and selectors for the

senior, under-21 and under-18 teams will be selected at a players' meeting on Friday in the clubrooms at 8.30 p.m.

The club will hold a table quiz in the Pound on Friday at 9 p.m.

## O'Loughlin's

There was a very good attendance at the O'Loughlin's camogie club meeting. Chairman Gerry Buckley thanked all who were involved with the club throughout the year. A minute's silence was observed before the meeting for all the deceased relatives of the club members.

The success of the club's teams was noted. The under-12 team, managed by Liam Dunne and Mick Barcoe got to the county final and were narrowly defeated, while the under-16

side got to the county semi-final. The club was represented on the under-14 county team by Lisa Dunne, Jean Delaney and Eimear Rodgers.

Elected were: chairman, Gerry Buckley; vice-chairman, Pat Stapleton; secretary, Mary Deegan; treasurer, Penny Kavanagh; P.R.O., Karen Pierce.

Committee: Pauline Dwyer, Anne Murphy, Liam Dunne, Annette Barry, Bridget Mulholland, Paddy Rodgers, Karen Galvin.

Co. Board delegates: Mick Barcoe, Gerry Buckley.

Trainers: Under-10, Karen Pierce, Olive Foley; under-12, under-14, Liam Dunne, Mick Barcoe; under-16 and under-18, Gerry Buckley and Pat Stapleton.

## Cork camogie will miss Fiona's leadership skills

WHEN the Cork camogie team roll out this Sunday for their first game of the new season, one very familiar face will be missing from the starting 15. Fiona O'Driscoll has decided to take a break from inter-county action this year.

The good news, though, is that she has not ruled out a possible return to the inter-county scene in 2003. But one thing for sure, her leadership qualities will sorely be missed in a relatively young forward line.

Having played alongside Fiona for five years, I can safely say that her skill and accuracy were a joy to watch. She could turn on a sixpence and had the vision to leave any back for dead, once in possession.

When Fiona joined the Cork senior team in 1992 she was a physical education student at Thomond College.

And in her first year at the top level she helped the Leesiders to their first All Ireland title since 1983, scoring 1-3 in the All Ireland final against Wexford. Further glory followed in '93, '95, '97 and '98, which leaves the star Fr O'Neill's player with five All-Ireland medals.

She is one of an elite band of players holding an Ashbourne medal - achieved with UL in 1995. And it was no surprise to see her enjoying the various contests last weekend, which surely must have brought back many memorable moments.



ON THE CAMOGIE SCENE

## CAMOGIE VIEW

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Fiona has also served as President of the third-level colleges and is currently involved with the newly created Cork Minor Camogie Board.

While we will not see her in the familiar Red and White jersey for the immediate future we can still enjoy watching her creativity and vision with the Ballymacoda side.

There was also news at the week-

end of a step-down on Shannon-side. Brother Philip Ryan, who managed UL to Ashbourne Shield success last Sunday, will no longer act as boss to the Limerick senior camogie team.

The Cork based cleric has taken over as manager of the Glen Rovers senior hurling team for the coming season. With the U21 team winning the County in 2001 he can look forward to the challenge of continuing the fame with the club's first team.

Meanwhile, all inter-county camogie referees are invited to Croke Park on Saturday to attend a seminar, which will be hosted by some of the top officials in the country.

Dickie Murphy of Wexford will be amongst the speakers to address the attendance, while Aine Derham, one of the country's foremost referees who has officiated at all levels of the Association, will relate her experiences while on the playing field.

Speaking of which, reminds me, that Aoife Woods who took charge of the Ashbourne Cup semi-final between WIT and NUIG, and the Shield final involving AIT and UL, must be congratulated on her top-class performance last weekend.

The young lady from Armagh, although only refereeing at National level since 1997, was continuously up with the game and acted with integrity at all times.

## Eager Dubs face Down double helping

THERE's a fresh pep in Dublin's step these days as they continue their efforts to climb back towards camogie's summit.

On Sunday, the first step of that journey begins when they tackle Down in the National Senior League in Portlarnock, (3.0).

It's part of a double-header at the splendid Naomh Mearnóg venue as the Dublin Juniors are also in action against their Down counterparts, (1.30).

Dublin's prospects in the Senior assignment are not helped by the absence of their Ballyboden St. Enda's contingent, who are away in Paris on a club trip.

The Dublin management of PJ Donohue, Mary McKeon and Paul Crosbie also has to plot without the talent of Crumlin's Sinead Elliot, who was injured in a recent challenge game.

But the successful trials held by the county have provided the Dubs with an upsurge of young players who are keen to represent the county.

And it's that kind of enthusiasm that suggests that Dublin are about to enjoy more prosperous times.

"It goes without saying that we will

## CAMOGIE BY NIAL SCULLY

miss the Boden players and Sinead Elliot, but we are delighted with the response we have had to the trials," states Dublin selector, Paul Crosbie.

"We have some new exciting talent in the ranks now, which includes quite a number of 18-year-olds, and the spirit is very encouraging in the camp," reports Paul.

Several of the newcomers will be in action on Sunday, and the Senior and Junior players will be selected from the following names: Sinead Caulfield, Gemma Flynn, Sylvia Hanks (Crumlin), Eimear Brannigan, Sonya Byrne, Aoife Cullen, Denise Smith (St. Vincent's); Louise O'Hara, Ann McCluskey, Gillian McCluskey, Julie Draper, Dawn Barry (Erin's Isle); Shauna Keogh, Karen Blood, Aisling Kennedy, Maire Byrne, Elizabeth McGuinness (Good Counsel); Veronica Trehy, Mary Nevin, Rachel Quinn (Na Fianna); Niamh Taylor, Fiona Bernard, Catriona Power (Naomh Mearnóg); Joyce

Donnelly, Sharon Hilliard, Siobhan Barcoe (St. Peregrine's); Siobhan Young, Paula Malcolmson, Jenny Ward (Thomas Davis); Eadaoin Mulcahy (Raheny); Beatrice Casserly, Mary O'Reilly (Naomh Fionnbarra); Lorraine O'Connell (O'Toole's); Aoife Hayes (Kilmacud Crokes); Niamh Adams (St. Brigid's); Jennifer Heavy (Clan na Gael/Fontenoy).

Meanwhile, the Open Cup tournament also commence on Sunday. This competition is confined to players who are not on the county panels, and it's an historic first day for St. Jude's, who made their debut in senior ranks.

## FIXTURES

### OPEN CUP

SUNDAY: Sen A: (11.0): St. Anne's Park: Raheny v St. Jude's. Paic Naomh Uilslonn: St. Vincent's v Crumlin. (1.0): Finglas: Erin's Isle v Naomh Mearnóg. Galtymore Road: Good Counsel v Na Fianna. Sen B: (11.0): Blunden Drive: O'Toole's v Portlarnock. Skerries: Skerries Harps v St. Peregrine's. Silver Park: Kilmacud Crokes v Naomh Bred. (3.0): Kilipper Road: Thomas Davis v St. Vincent's. Intermediate: (11.0): Clonsilla: Round Towers v Naomh Mearnóg. Palmerstown: Naomh Padraig v Craobh Chiarain. Tymon Park: Celtic v Cuala. Ringsend: Clan Na Gael v Naomh Fionnbarra. (1.0): Paic Naomh Uilslonn: St. Vincent's v St. Anne's. (3.0): Finglas: Erin's Isle v St. Mark's.

## Cork going for Eight in a row

Despite the fact that C'ship glory has eluded them in the last three years, Cork have been the dominant team in the National Camogie League, and on Sunday they begin their bid for an eight successive title with a trip to Kilkenny now under the guidance of former star Ann Downey.

Pa Finn is still guiding Cork's fortunes and he will hope to go on to bigger things this season following the loss after a re-play to Tipperary in the C'ship semi-final last August.

Preparation has been limited because of the activity at Colleges level, but the majority of the panel were involved in the Ashbourne Cup so match fitness will not be a problem.

Mary O'Connor will be an absentee through injury, but certain to be included are regulars Linda Mellerick, Viv Harris, Una O'Donoghue and Sarah Hayes.

Kilkenny have hit a valley period and the performance's of their Minor and Junior teams of recent years would suggest they are still a bit behind, but Ann Downey relished playing against Cork, and she will instill that spirit into her team for Sunday, and while they might not win, it will not be as easy as it was in Cork last year, which was without doubt a bad day for Kilkenny Camogie, Cork then to start with a win.

Last weekend was a big one for Camogie on Leeside with C.I.T. hosting the Ashbourne Cup, which was won for the thirtieth time by U.C.C. who had among their backroom team former Minor Hurling Coach John Considine.

It was a convincing win in the end for College and with fourteen inter-county players in their starting line up, they justified their favourites tag.

Congratulations also to host club C.I.T. and in particular Sports Officer Miriam Deasy and her colleagues who did a wonderful job in organising the event, and the use of the splendid Ballinlough Grounds for the Finals on Sunday gave the competition the status it deserved, and it even stopped raining.

Mention of Camogie, congratulations to Board Registrar Kay Dunne who celebrated in style recently with a big birthday bash that had in attendance many of her former playing colleagues from her South Pres days, and the Association's President Pat Rafferty.



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Pictured at the Ballinhassig camogie blitz in Riverstick were winners Sinead Tuohy of Ballinhassig, Patti O'Keeffe of Carrigaline, Ann Marie O'Connor of Ballinora and Denise Luby of Glen Rovers, with sponsor John Walsh.

Picture: Howard Crowdy

## Juniors to open their campaign against Wexford

ON Sunday next the Cork junior side will open their league campaign against Wexford in the first game of a double bill. Amongst the players who impressed with the side last season are Nora Ahern, Catriona Kelly and Ger Collins and they are sure to again figure prominently as Cork begin the defence of their title. Wexford will be doubly engaged as their senior team open their league campaign also against Cork.

Kate Kelly, who was so impressive with WIT in their recent Ashbourne Cup campaign, will be to the fore on a side that has good campaigners in Aine Codd, Ursula Jacob and Michelle O'Leary.

Cork will be looking to build on the success of their opening round game against Kilkenny. In that outing Emer Dillon at centre-back and Caoimh Harrington at full-forward showed well. Harrington in particular did well grabbing 2-1 and showing she could have a role to play in Cork's championship plan while Emer Dillon also showed well.

The selectors will be trying several new players throughout their league campaign in an effort to unearth new talent and while that is a good approach they will also be hoping that experienced campaigners such as Linda Mellerick, Stephanie Dunlea, Mary O'Connor and Denise Cronin will all figure prominently as the season progresses. On last Sunday's form Cork should have enough power to take both points but should not underestimate the challenge of a Wexford side who are working hard behind the scenes in an effort to resurrect the glory days.

The All-Ireland junior colleges semi-finals at A and B level take centre stage next weekend as St Mary's Charleville meet St Mary's Magherafelt. Loretto Fermoy have a meeting with Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle in the B semi-final.

In their path to Saturday's clash All-Ireland champions St Mary's Charleville had a big victory over St Mary's Nenagh and on that performance will go in as favourites to advance.

They have excellent performers in Lisa Healy, Anna Geary, Tina Shanahan and Mary Coleman and look to have all the credentials to retain their title.

In their semi-final outing Loretto had a good victory over Presentation Thurles to take their first title.

The side coached by Ger Holland can call on Cork minors Denise Twomey and Marie O'Neill while they have excellent performers in Noreen Mulcahy, Clara Lynch and Tracy Barry.

## Fixtures

**SATURDAY MARCH 2**  
All Ireland Junior A Colleges Semi Final: St Mary's Charleville v St Mary's Magherafelt, Fenagh 11.30am.  
All Ireland Junior B Colleges Semi Final: Loretto Fermoy v Cross and Passion Ballycastle, Fermoy 11.30am.

**SUNDAY MARCH 3**  
Senior And Junior National Leagues: Cork v Wexford at Cork venue TBA. Junior 1.30pm; senior 3pm.  
Under 18 B Championship: Bishopstown v Youghal at Bishopstown 12 noon.  
Junior A League Douglas v Glen Rovers at Douglas 10.45am.

# Cats fall as Cork notch up first win

CORK made the trip to Kilkenny a winning one as they opened their National League campaign and the defence of their senior title in style with a 2-10 to 1-5 victory over Kilkenny on Sunday last.

By MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

Kilkenny forwards, and despite playing against the wind enjoyed ample possession.

Three points in a row from Criona Harte (2) and Rachel Moloney restored Cork's lead and now hurling with confidence they dictated matters. Sinead Millea and Criona Harte swapped points before the half time break to leave Cork ahead 1-7 to 1-4.

On the turn over Caoimhe Harrington again made her presence felt when she pounced for her second goal inside two minutes and, now aided by the wind, Cork kept the pressure on Kilkenny.

Vivienne Harris and Criona Harte added points before Sinead Millea had Kilkenny's only score of the second half. Rachel Moloney who had a good hour pointed a late free to bring proceedings to a close and ensure the points were secured.

Captain Una O'Donoghue expressed satisfaction at her side's performance.

"Today we had a lot of new younger players and they showed great determination. They all performed well and it's great to get our league campaign off to a winning start. Conditions were hard but we got a good competitive game and we

look forward to meeting Wexford next weekend"

Coach Pa Finn was happy with his side's display. "We included several new players today and they performed well. We will continue to do that as the league progresses and were happy with the result of today's game"

In other Div 1 national league games, Galway had a 1-10 to 2-4 victory over All Ireland champions Tipperary when the sides met in the Ragg. On Saturday evening last at St Finbarr's club Fr Damien O'Mahony celebrated a mass in memory of the county board's late president Lillie O'Sullivan.

The mass was attended by members of Lillie's family with her daughter Mairead and grandchildren all playing active roles in the readings and prayers.

Members of the Ballincollig club, where Lillie was a member, also attended, as did many of her old friends Fr O'Mahony, a brother of former inter county senior player Colette, spoke of Lillie's involvement and love of camogie and in doing so he also paid tribute to the many workers involved in a voluntary capacity promoting the game.

Later in the evening, county chairperson Sheila Golden presided over an informal function as the county under 18 and 16 teams were presented with their Munster championship medals.

## Camogie committee to hold meeting

ON Friday evening next the newly elected Cumann Camogiochta na nOg will hold its inaugural meeting at the Glen Rovers Hurling club at 8pm.

The committee was set up late last year in response to a motion passed at convention and its functions are the organising of under 18 camogie in Cork. Competitions from under 12 to 16 will be catered

for and its main function will be to ease the huge work load that is presently there for the county board.

The chairman is Pat O'Riordan from Ballygarvan, Mairead Uí Maholleoin from Blackrock is vice chairperson, FR O'Neill is treasurer, Con Hayes and Tim Buckley Inis-carra will act as secretary and PRO respectively while Senior Cork

Inter county player Fiona O'Driscoll is the registrar cum child welfare officer. The inaugural meeting will deal with the grading of the teams for the year ahead and the draws for the various sections of the leagues which the board hope to commence late March.

Clubs are reminded to send their delegate to the meetings which will be held on the first Friday of each

month at venues to be announced.

The Imokilly division have organised a referees course which will be held on Monday next March 4th at the Middleton GAA Club starting at 8pm.

Margaret Hyde tells us that the course is open to clubs from outside the division and hopes that everybody will avail of the opportunity to send people along.



# Camogie National League Fixtures for 2002

Feb, 24th; -

## Div. 1 A & B

Kilkenny v Cork in Kilkenny  
Tipperary v Galway in Tipperary  
Dublin v Down in Dublin  
Limerick v Antrim (Tipp. venue)  
Clare v Derry in Mullingar

## Div. 2A, B, C, & D

Carlow v Kildare in Carlow  
Tipperary v Galway in Tipperary  
Dublin v Down in Dublin  
Roscommon v Meath in Roscommon  
Wicklow v Cavan in Wicklow  
Laois v Tyrone in Mullingar  
Louth v Waterford in Louth

March 3rd; -

## Div. 1 A & B

Tipperary v Kilkenny in Tipperary  
Cork v Wexford in Cork  
Limerick v Dublin in Limerick  
Down v Derry in Down

## Div. 2A, B, C & D

Armagh v Carlow in Armagh  
Cork v Wexford in Cork  
Kildare v Roscommon in Kildare  
Down v Derry in Down  
Antrim v Offaly in Antrim  
Laois v Cavan in Laois  
Waterford v Wicklow in Waterford  
Tyrone v Louth in Tyrone

## Div. 1A & B

Galway v Wexford in Galway  
Cork v Tipperary  
Derry v Antrim in Derry  
Down v Limerick in Mullingar

Clare v Dublin

## Div. 2 A, B, C, & D

Galway v Wexford in Galway  
Cork v Tipperary in Cork  
Derry v Antrim in Derry  
Meath v Armagh in Meath  
Carlow v Roscommon in Carlow  
Cavan v Tyrone in Cavan  
Wicklow v Louth in Wicklow  
Waterford v Laois in Waterford

Congress Mar. 22nd/23rd in  
Clarinbridge, Galway.

Sunday March 24th

## Div. 1A & B

Kilkenny v Galway in Kilkenny  
Wexford v Tipperary in Wexford  
Antrim v Clare in Mullingar  
Limerick v Derry in Mullingar

## Div. 2A, B, C & D

Meath v Carlow in Meath  
Wexford v Tipperary in Wexford  
Armagh v Kildare in Armagh  
Laois v Wicklow in Laois  
Cavan v Waterford  
Offaly v Dublin in Offaly

Sun. Mar. 31st; -

## Div. 1 A & B

Antrim v Dublin in Antrim  
Limerick v Clare in Limerick

## Div. 2A, B, C & D

Antrim v Dublin in Antrim  
Kildare v Meath in Kildare  
Down v Offaly in Down  
Roscommon v Armagh in Roscommon

Cavan v Louth in Cavan  
Tyrone v Waterford in Mullingar  
Wexford v Kilkenny in Wexford  
Galway v Cork in Galway  
Down v Clare in Dublin

## Div. 2 A, B, C & D

Wicklow v Tyrone in Wicklow  
Galway v Cork in Galway  
Offaly v Derry in Derry  
Louth v Laois in Louth

April 14th; -

## Div. 1A & B

Dublin v Derry in Dublin  
Down v Antrim in Down

## Div. 2, A, B, C & D

Dublin v Derry in Dublin  
Down v Antrim in Down

April 20/22nd

Pan Celtic Tournament in  
Kilkenny

April 21st Play Offs

## Div. 2C and 2D

Ext. Time in event of draw  
April 28th; -  
Nat. League semi-finals, play offs  
of lower divs

May 5th; -

Replays of semi-finals if AFT. EXT.  
time it was a draw.  
Semi-finals of Div. 2, A, B, C, & D

May 19th

National League Finals.

## SENIOR CAMOGIE

Portumna Community School 4-2,  
Mercy Woodford 1-6. Portumna  
Community School emerged  
victorious in this Connacht "A"  
Semi Final played last week in  
Kilreekil.

In a tight and tense encounter,  
scores were level at half time at  
1-1 to 0-4 with a Maeve Moran  
point and a Doinne Moran goal  
from a free. Scores were again at a  
premium in the second half but  
Portumna's ability to get goals at  
vital times ensured that, even  
though not at their freescoring best,  
they would progress to their fourth  
consecutive Senior "A" Semi  
Final.

The second half scores came  
from Susan Keane 1-1, Rachel  
O'Brien 1-0 and Brenda Hanney 1-0.

Portumna Community School  
now face the winners from St.  
Brigid's and Seamount.

roll of success this year as they  
captured the Junior B and  
Senior B Connacht Titles  
within a week of each other.

The Junior Team over came  
New Inn Vocational School in  
their final with a scoreline of  
2-7 to 1-3. Scores on the day  
came from Eileen Glynn,  
Catriona Cormican, Eilish  
Ryan and Clodagh Glynn.

The Senior team had a great  
victory over Athenry  
Vocational School to complete  
the double. The score on the  
day was 3-8 to 2-2. Scores on  
the day came from captain  
Ann Marie Hayes 1-4 Catriona  
Cormican 1-3 Lisa Larkin 1  
goal and Clodagh Glynn 1  
point.

Both teams are now through  
to All Ireland semi finals. The  
Junior All Ireland semi finals  
is on Saturday Saturday 2nd  
March away to Leinster, while  
the Seniors will have home  
venue and will again place the  
winner from Leinster on March  
9th.

Senior Panel: Adrienne  
Cormican, Ann Marie Keogh,  
Aine Tierney, Edel Kelly,  
Celine Donnelly, Aoife  
Doherty, Jacinta McHugh,  
Clodagh Glynn, Michelle  
O'Neill, Eilish Ryan, Ann-  
Marie Hynes, (Captain) Rosie  
Greaney, Catriona Cormican,  
Lisa Larkin, Sharon Donnelly,  
Eileen Glynn, Ciara Cormican,  
Elaine Caulfield, Miriam  
Lynch, Darina Cooke, Emma  
Treanor.

Junior Panel: Adrienne  
Cormican, Siobhan Kelly,  
Anna Gilchreest, Marian Kelly,  
Maria Madden, Celine  
Donnelly, Jacinta McHugh,  
Michelle O'Neill, Clodagh  
Glynn, Aine Kelly, Eilish  
Ryan, (Captain) Catriona  
Cormican, Eileen Glynn, Ciara  
Cormican, Regina Curley,  
Lorraine Conavan, Emer  
Cormican Gillian Gormally.

Trainer for both team is  
Mary O'Higgins.

## Under 10 blitz

Ballinasloe Under 10  
Premier League team took part



## Camogie

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Division One: Cork 2-10 (C Harrington 2-1, C  
Harte 0-6, R Moloney 0-2, V Harris 0-1) Kilkenny  
1-5 (C Doherty 1-0, S Milles 0-3, E Alward and  
N Sutton 0-1 each).

Galway 1-10 (B Kenna 1-0, S Glynn, T Maher  
0-3 each, C Murray 0-2, A Hilary, C Curtin 0-1  
each) Tipperary 2-4 (N Kennedy 1-4, E Mc Don-  
nell 1-0)

Dublin 1-5 (J Donnelly 1-1, L O'Hara, K Blood  
0-2 each) Down 0-4 (C Mc Gouty 0-4)

Antrim v Limerick called off  
Division 2: Louth 1-2 (Y Quigley 1-0, C Mc  
Gee, L Mc Mullin 0-1 each) Waterford 1-2 (K  
Aheane 1-0, M O'Brien, M Pratt 0-1 each)

Kildare 0-2 (R Gorman 2-1, B Mc Sweeney,  
A Wynne, N Easley, M Easley 1-0 each, G Browne  
0-1) Carlow 2-3 (M Cody, A O'Neill 1-0 each, V  
Crean 0-2, C Crooke 0-1)

Galway 5-8 (C Conroy, A Hayes 2-0 each, S  
Keane 1-4, S Murphy 0-2, M Finnerty, B Hanney  
0-1 each) Tipperary 1-3 (F Loughane 1-0, A  
Forde, G Kinnane, A Mulcahy 0-1 each)

Dublin 2-2 (J Heavey 1-2, M O'Reilly 1-0)  
Down 0-0.

## Derry win at a canter

WITH a number of National Camogie  
League games postponed yester-  
day, the focus switched to the per-  
formance of the Ulster sides.

Derry had a more comfortable victory  
over Down than the 0-9 to 1-3 score-line sug-  
gests, although it took them a while to take  
control after Jennifer Braniff goalied from an  
early penalty.

However, Derry's young guns eventually  
wore down the home side's resistance and  
will now be looking forward to the visit of  
Antrim next Sunday.

In the Division Two clash between the  
counties, Derry doubled up winning by 2-6  
to 0-3, with a goal in each half from Andrina  
O'Kane.

Also in Division Two, Armagh opened their  
campaign under new manager Ursula  
McGivern with a splendid 5-12 to 0-5 victory

against visiting Carlow.

At half-time only a Collette McKeever goal  
separated the sides (1-3 to 0-3), but the  
home side pulled away comfortably during  
the second half with goals from Joan Rice  
(2), Michelle Murray and Donna McCusker.

## SCORERS

Derry senior scorers: A Kealey 0-3, K McAuley 0-2,  
M Comer 0-1, G McGoldrick 0-1, M O'Kane 0-1, D Burke  
0-1.

Down seniors: J Braniff 1-1, C McGouty 0-1, F Carr 0-1.

Derry juniors: A O'Kane 2-0, G McGoldrick 0-2, P Bell  
0-2, C Gormley 0-1, M McAuley 0-1.

Down juniors: G Coulter 0-2, M Gilmore 0-1.

Armagh scorers: J Rice 2-0, M Murray 1-2, C  
McKeever 1-2, D McCusker 1-0, C Conway 0-2,  
C Byrnes 0-2, D McGahan 0-2, M Murray 0-1, S Gray  
0-1.

Carlow: V Crean 0-2, O O'Neill 0-3.

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## Scoil Mhuire celebrates

The camogie teams in Scoil  
Mhuire Ballinasloe are on a



# Champs look good

RITA MORAN, manager of the St Mary's Magherafelt camogie team, says St Mary's Charleville are a class act and will be hard opposition to pin down in tomorrow's All-Ireland Junior A college's semi-final in Feenagh.

Her admiration and respect for the north Cork school has been well documented on the playing field to date with the Northern girls being trashed when the sides met in last season's decider.

"We were well beaten last year, but the foot-and-mouth disease did not help our preparations as we received a bye into the All-Ireland final when Kilkenny would not travel up to play us in the semi-final.

However, there is still a huge gap between our standard and that of Charleville. No team will touch them at the moment, they are absolutely superb with great stick work and enormous pace."

Moran will travel south with her team today, and will overnight in Limerick ahead of tomorrow's clash which will see the Munster champions go in search of back-to-back titles.

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

## Camogie

In their provincial victory, despite the atrocious underfoot conditions, they accounted for a Shannon side with relative ease.

Goals that day from Aoife Sheehan, Maria Watson and Anna Geary sent them on their way. Tomorrow, they should advance to yet another All-Ireland final.

Meanwhile in Fermoy, Loreto should receive a much sterner test when they face Cross and Passion College from Ballycastle in the All-Ireland Junior B semi-final. In this grade there is more even competition.

However it could well be a historic day for the Loreto School as they have the talent to reach their first All-Ireland final in the modern day game.

To facilitate the Northern teams return journey, both games have an 11.30am start.

## Easy win for girls

The cork senior camogie team got their bid for an eight successive league title off to the best possible start with an east win over old rivals Kilkenny on Sunday last.

It was a relatively young side that did duty, and were captained for the first time by Cloughduv's Una o Donoghue, a player with a keen eye for goal and will be a vital cog in Cork's efforts to dethrone Tipperary come C'ship time.

Caoimhe Harrington, Emer Dillon, Viv Harris and Sarah Hayes also impressed and Cork should collect

another two points on Sunday when they have Wexford as visitors, and it could be a nice double as the Juniors are also in action and on recent form should like the Seniors make a winning start.

In colleges action St Mary's Charleville will have home advantage on Saturday in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final against Ulster Champions St Mary's Magherafelt and with a very strong team look good to reach another Final, Feenagh is the venue with an 11.30 start.

Loreto Fermoy play in the 'B' semi-final, and even with home advantage, face a much tougher test against Cross and Passion from Ballycastle, however they were impressive winners in Munster and a continuation of that form could see them complete a North Cork double, this also has an 11.30 start, both to facilitate the Ulster teams on their long journey home.

Caoimhe Harrington made a welcome return to the Cork jersey scoring two splendid goals while Criona Harte made a handsome contribution of six points from the corner.

So, it is a positive start for the Cork girls and with little or no collective preparation to date they can look forward to their next game on Sunday at home to Wexford.

## Glory for young Cork seniors

By Therese O'Callaghan

Camogie Correspondent

Cork 2-10  
Kilkenny 1-5

MANAGER Pa Finn knows there are areas where the Cork senior camogie team needs to tighten up after a championship display in 2001 which was only good in parts.

Yesterday at the James Stephen's grounds in Kilkenny, he made his first move towards preparing for compensation, when a mainly youthful side returned their first pair of points in this season's opening round of the National League.

Forced to field without Fiona O'Driscoll who has taken some time out from the game, Denise Cronin, Mary O'Connor, Linda Mellerick and the Dunlea sisters Stephanie and Lynn, the Cork boss and his co-selectors Rose Desmond and Kathleen Healy looked towards many of the players who excelled at recent inter-varsity matches.

They also gave debuts to St Finbar's Gemma O'Connor at corner forward and centre back Emer Dillon from Ballygarvan.

"We have decided to use several players in the league," said Finn.

"And it doesn't stop at the present panel.

"We will travel to matches over the next couple of months and if players impress they will be added to the squad.

"I am very happy with today's display. They all played well. Despite the terrible ground conditions we were well on top and were able to grind out a comfortable win," he added.

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## Camogie

All-Ireland junior champions St Mary's, Charleville are back in this season's final after a comfortable 6-9 to 3-1 victory over St Mary's, Magherafelt - the team they beat in last year's final - in Feenagh, Co Limerick.

The Munster champions were stronger overall and led by 4-6 to 2-1 at the break, their captain Emer Watson the target player in attack.

In the B semi-final, Cross and Passion, Ballycastle were well beaten 5-11 to 0-11 by Loreto, Fermoy for whom Denise Twoomey was in excellent form.

She scored one of the early goals, and was instrumental in most of the Cork side's scores.

**St Mary's, Charleville:**  
E Watson 3-2, S Mc Auliffe 1-3, T Shanahan 1-2, M Coleman 1-0, E O'Riordan 0-2

**St Mary's, Magherafelt:**  
B McLernon 1-0, D O'Kane 1-0, E Wilkinson 1-0, K McAuley 0-1

**Loreto:**  
P Carroll 2-0, D Twoomey 1-5, N O'Farrell 1-2, C O'Driscoll 1-0, N Mulcahy 0-3, M O'Neill 0-1

**Ballycastle:**  
C McGowan 0-1

## Looking forward to first All-Ireland semi-final

# Pres. on cloud nine

HISTORY WILL be made next weekend when the Presentation Convent (Wexford) feature in an All-Ireland camogie semi-final for the first time.

This singular honour falls to the school's Junior team who upset the formbook in Mullinavat on Saturday last when they defeated St. Brigid's of Callan (holders) by 3-3 to 2-4 in the Leinster 'B' championship final.

It was a spirited showing by the Wexford girls, particularly in the last 15 minutes when they defended superbly to fend off wave upon wave of attacks from the Kilkenny side who were determined not to relinquish their title.

Brid Gordon from

Blackwater - a niece of Martin Storey - scored the first Presentation goal to get their challenge off to an ideal start.

Louise Ahern (Faythe Harriers) kicked home the second major, and a third goal from late arrival Janice Carr (St. Ibar's) kept the Pres. in the driving seat.

Team captain Jenna Murphy (St. Ibar's) chipped in with two first-half points, leaving the challengers ahead at the break by 3-2 to 2-1.

Therese Murphy of Faythe Harriers was responsible for their one and only point in the second period, but superb defending saw them emerge as deserved winners on a 3-3 to 2-4 scoreline.

While the Pres. have won the Leinster Junior title in the past, this is the first year where they will progress to an All-Ireland series.

They are due to meet the Connacht champions at a home venue on Saturday next, with Pairc Charman or Power Park among the possible locations.

However, moves are afoot to change the game to Friday to avoid a clash with the school's tour to Germany.

Team mentors Tina Killackey and Pat Murphy (Faythe Harriers) were delighted with the spirit shown by the girls who will approach the All-Ireland semi-final with nothing to lose. They were following in the footsteps of Colaiste

Bride from Enniscorthy who won the Leinster Junior 'A' title for the third year running recently.

**Presentation:** Oibhe Rafferty (Glynn-Barntown); Miriam Hanrahan (Faythe Harriers); Geraldine Walker (Faythe Harriers); Leanne Hanrahan (Faythe Harriers); Lisa Quill (St. Ibar's); Katie O'Brien (Blackwater); Nicola Savage (Oylegate); Kim Walker (Faythe Harriers); Jenna Murphy (St. Ibar's, capt., 0-2); Tanya Healy (Faythe Harriers); Therese Murphy (Faythe Harriers, 0-1); Tracey Browne (St. Martin's); Brid Gordon (Blackwater, 1-0); Deirdre McMahon (St. Ibar's); Louise Ahern (Faythe Harriers, 1-0). Subs. - Janice Carr (St. Ibar's, 1-0) for McMahon, McMahon for Quill.



■ The successful Presentation Convent (Wexford) camogie team with mentor Tina Killackey (left) and school principal Marion Heeney (right). One of the goalscorers in the final, Janice Carr, is missing from this picture.

## Wexford's double league date with Cork

WEXFORD TRAVEL to Cork this weekend to face the defending National League champions in their opening games of the camogie campaign. The Junior tie is at 1 p.m., followed by the Senior at 2.30 p.m., with the venue to be decided.

After outgoing manager, Dan Quigley (Rathnure), decided to step down, the Senior reins have been taken up by Margaret Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Peggie Kelly (St. Ibar's), Pat Sheil (St. Ibar's), and Barney Holohan (Rathnure), whose daughters, Bernie and Lennie, are key figures on the team.

Cork opened the defence of their league title with victory over Kilkenny in James Stephens on Sunday last (2-10 to 1-5).

**Panel:** Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Aine Codd (St. Martin's), Lennie Holohan

(Rathnure), Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sandra Carr (St. Ibar's), Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure), Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's), Clare O'Connor (Rathnure), Bridget Curran (St. Ibar's), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boalavogue), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Ashling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Jenny Codd (Duffry Rovers), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Tina Bergin (St. Martin's).

The Wexford Junior side also face defending champions Cork in their opening game and have the same management team at the helm this year, namely Tommy Roche (Marshallstown), Larry Dunne (Monageer-Boalavogue) and Kevin Murphy (Ferns).

**Panel:** Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Caro-

line Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Josie Dwyer (Ferns), Fiona Cullen (St. Ibar's), Oonagh Carroll (Blackwater), Greta Heffernan (Oylegate), Martina Murray (Ferns), Sinead Quigley (Rathnure), Eileen Hanrick (Buncloody), Michelle Jordan (Oylegate), Ornagh Cullen (St. Ibar's), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Anne Cousins (Buncloody), Ciara Howard (Faythe Harriers), Tracy McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh), Assumpta Carty (Our Lady's Island-St. Fintan's), Karen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Marian Hanrick (Buncloody), Niamh O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Mary Walsh (Blackwater), Aoife Barron (Glynn-Barntown), Margaret Darcy (St. Martin's), Mary Rose Ryan (Glynn-Barntown), Colleen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Annette Moroney (Glynn-Barntown), Tanya Stamp (Oulart-The Ballagh), Leonie Furlong (Glynn-Barntown), Lisa Dwyer (Ferns), Laura Byrne (Faythe Harriers), Theresa Doran (Buncloody), Vicki Walsh (Faythe Harriers), Tina Bergin (St. Martin's).



## Galway camogie double

# New manager Kennedy's reign off to a flying start with win over Tipperary

Galway 1-10 :: Tipperary 2-4

GALWAY got off to a perfect start in the National Camogie League when they produced a determined display to cast aside All-Ireland champions Tipperary at The Ragg on Sunday last. The conditions were far from ideal and with the junior game between the same counties preceding the senior encounter, the pitch was heavy by the end of an absorbing hour.

Driving rain belted down at the Tipperary venue, but that did not deter the committed Galway side against the home squad. This was the first game for the Galway team under the management of Michael Kennedy and they will be pleased at securing the points from this outing.

Galway are pitted in a difficult group for the league and to capture two points against Tipperary will prove a major boost to the team for the games that follow against Cork, Kilkenny and Wexford. Tipperary were without several of the senior team that captured the All Ireland title last season, but included many of the junior side which also captured the All Ireland junior title.

Tipperary's Noelle Kennedy was first to score with a point but after eight minutes Galway's Therese Maher equalised. Corner forward Veronica Curtin put Galway ahead with a snap-shot but a minute later Tipperary had Galway rattled with a well finished goal by Emer McDonnell.

Lady luck deserted Galway when Therese Maher burst through the Tipperary defence and found Veronica Curtin who blasted the ball towards the goal but saw her effort come back off the cross bar. Midway through the opening half Noelle Kennedy stretched the home side's lead, but Galway dug deep.

After Maher gathered a Tracy Laheen long free and set up Curtin for a point, Caroline Murray and Therese Maher had Galway back on level terms with three successive points in as many minutes. They then lost the highly influential Therese Maher with a hand injury as Sandra Tannian was introduced.

It took the Galway girls some minutes before they gathered their composure after losing Maher, but the defence stood solid before Sharon Glynn gave Galway the lead six minutes from the break. That score gave Galway a one point advantage at the break, 0-6 Tipperary 1-2.

Galway got off to a tonic start in the second half when lively corner forward Breda Kerins broke through for a well finished goal in the opening minute. It was a dream start for the Ardahan girl who was making her debut in a Galway senior jersey. That goal set up the Galway side on the road to victory as Aine Hillary followed with a fine point.

But Tipperary fought back. Noelle Kennedy, who has been one of Tipperary's outstanding players over recent years, broke through and won a penalty which she duly converted. Almost immediately, she added a point to leave just the minimum between the sides. Further points, however, from Caroline Murray and a brace of

freed from Sharon Glynn left Galway in control.

**Galway:** O Coen; A Broderick, O Broderick, P Nevin; M Haverly, T Laheen, M Harkin; A Hardiman, A Hillary (0-1); C Murray (0-2), T Maher (0-2), C Hannon; V Curtin (0-2), S Glynn (0-3), B Kerins (1-0). Subs: S Tannian for Maher, F Healy for A Broderick, T Maher for Laheen.

**Tipperary:** L Ryan; S Howard, U O'Dwyer, C Madden; N Harkin, S Kelly, P Bullin; E Hayden, J Delaney; P Fogarty, N Kennedy (1-4), J Ryan; J O'Holleran, E McDonnell (1-0), C Grogan.

Galway 5-10 :: Tipperary 1-3

The Galway junior camogie team coasted to victory in the National League in the opening game at The Ragg. Tipperary were fielding their third team and there was a huge gulf in standard between the teams. The influential Shauna Murphy set up Lorraine Lally for the opening score and Susan Keane quickly followed with a free.

However Tipperary struck back to level before Keane added another Galway free. Galway, who were commanding the game were rocked, when Fiona Loughane was afforded the freedom to burst through the defence and score a goal at will after Aileen Forde had pointed.

This was the wake up call for Galway who stamped their authority on the game and Lorraine Lally, Susan Keane, Shauna Murphy and Breda Hanney added unanswered points before the break as Galway led by 0-7 to 1-3.

The second half was just two minutes old when Susan Keane scored a Galway goal. The winners tagged on points at will and substitutes Claire Conroy and Ann Marie Hayes added two goals each near the end. Tipperary failed to score following their first half goal.

**Galway:** S Eamer; S Callanan, L Burns, H Huban; L Flynn, A Doherty, K Huban; S Murphy (0-1), E Tannian; S Keane (1-6), E Pierce, B Hanney (0-1); R Lally, M Finnerty, L Lally (0-2). Subs: P Brett for Doherty, C Conroy (2-0) for Finnerty, D Burke for R Lally, A M Hayes (2-0) for L Lally.

**Camogie fixtures:** On the domestic scene 2002 Club League Matches will commence next Sunday March 3rd with the first named team having home venues.

**Senior League:** Pearses v Mullagh, referee N Cornican, Kinvara v Athenry, referee M Bindon, Davitts v Shamrocks, referee D Mitchell, Craughwell v Castlegar, referee M McCormack.

**Intermediate League:** St Thomas' v Clarenbridge, Referee G Sheehan, Ardahan v Sarsfields, referee M Finn, Cappataggle v Kitulla/Killmordaly, referee S O'Neill, Mountbellew/Moylough v Eyrecourt, Referee S O'Neill.

**Junior A League:** Ahascragh v Kilconieron, referee P Ryan, Ballinderreen v Portumna, referee T Murphy, Killimor v Ballinasloe, Referee M Garvey, Salthill v St Colman's, referee G Kearney.

## ST. MARY'S REACH ANOTHER ALL IRELAND JUNIOR A FINAL

On Saturday last in ideal conditions in Feenagh, St. Mary's Charleville overcame a very spirited performance by St. Mary's Magherafelt to win All Ireland semi-final and are now aiming for their 7th All Ireland Junior title. The opposition on April 20th will be old rivals Enniscorthy who overcame Portumna in their semi-final victory 1-16 to 2-8.

While the scoreline suggests a comprehensive victory for the Charleville side there were stages in the game, particularly in the first half when they allowed the opposition to dominate. In fact Magherafelt had the upper hand and led by 2-1 to 1-1 mid-way through the half after a 2 goal blitz from Elisha Wilkinson and Donna O'Kane inside 3 minutes.

It was then that the Charleville side began to apply themselves with Edwina Waters at centre back and midfielder Anna Geary dominating. But it was really up front where Charleville posed the greatest threat with Sinead McAuliffe 1-3 and Emer Watson 3-1, particularly dangerous, and Elaine O'Riordan at centre forward was having her best game to date, scoring 2 fantastic points from play.

This left the half time score Magherafelt 2-1, Charleville 4-6.

On the changeover it was Charleville who surged ahead again with another fantastic effort from Mary Coleman resulting in a great goal. This in effect put the final result beyond doubt but having said this both sides continued to play in a very competitive and spirited manner with Magherafelt's K. Lavery adding another goal for her side and Charleville's Tina Shanahan contributing 1-2 from the full forward position.

On the day the most consistent line for the winning side was the half forward line of Elaine O'Riordan, Mary Coleman and Christine O'Shea. The trio worked tirelessly for the entire game and provided the inside forwards with quality possession, with the corner forwards

in particular having the upperhand on their opponents showing fantastic skill and getting marvellous scores.

For the final St. Mary's will be very wary of opponents Colaiste Brid Enniscorthy and know they will have to be more consistent for the entire game if they are to be in with a chance of victory. But they are bound to relish the opportunity to avenge the last meeting of 2000 which ended in victory for the Wexford School.

Further activity on the camogie front sees St. Mary's Senior team travel to Mahera to take on the Ulster champions for a place in the All Ireland Senior Final on Saturday next. This team includes 6 members of the victorious U16 panel and has prepared very well for Saturday's game.

## ST MARY'S CAMOGIE

By Aisling Carroll

Last Saturday our junior camogie team passed yet another hurdle to get them into this year's All Ireland final. It was a tough test for these fantastic players but with excellent work they came out on top with a score of 6-9 to 3-1. Captain Emer Watson had as always a scoring feast, scoring 3-3 of the final score. Elaine O'Riordan at centre forward marked Magherafelt's best player Karen McAuley; this girl was twice Elaine's size but this didn't matter to Elaine who out-hurled her at every opportunity. Anna Geary, our second youngest player, showed great skill, this girl wasn't going to let the shot pass her too often. The first half of the match saw our hearts in our mouths. With Magherafelt on top by two points we were battling to come back but when we got in front we stayed ahead. At half time

the score was 4-6 to 2-1 and there was no going back for us. Sinead McAuliffe worked tirelessly throughout the game, notching up brilliant individual scores. Edwina Waters shored up the middle, cutting out all Magherafelt attacks. Edwina was ably assisted by Sarah O'Mahony and Fiona Chawke. Tina Shanahan, Newtown's only player on this team, excelled in the second half when she found herself with extra space at full forward. All this team played brilliantly, each player had a big input into this win.

**Team:** N. Murphy, F. Chawke, F. Geary, J. White, S. O'Mahony, E. Waters, L. Healy, A. Geary, S. Brosnan, M. Coleman, E. O'Riordan, C. O'Shea, E. Watson, T. Shanahan, S. McAuliffe. We wish the Seniors good luck this weekend in the All Ireland semi-final against Maghera in Maghera.

## Charleville must raise their game

St Mary's Charleville 6-9  
St Mary's Magherafelt 3-1

A 17-point victory and yet coach, Vincent Harrington is not entirely pleased with Saturday's win in the All Ireland Junior A college's semi-final at Feenagh.

The reason being is that this school has set unbelievably high standards for themselves bringing the game to new heights. Therefore, when his side concedes three goals, two in the space of two minutes, Harrington says that they would not win an All Ireland with that display.

"We would not survive against Enniscorthy playing that way. Our firing power is up front. Watson, McAuliffe, Geary and O'Riordan pulled us through but our backs will have to be more resilient."

What was worrying for the Charleville management was the way that they went out of this game midway through the opening half.

However, in typical fashion outstanding captain, Emer Watson scored to steer her side 11 points clear at the break.

As a result, Charleville can now look forward to the challenge of putting back-to-back All Ireland titles together when they meet Colaiste Bride on April 20.

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## Young Cork outfit score good win over Kilkenny

Cork 2-10  
Kilkenny 1-5

A YOUNG Cork camogie side turned in a determined performance to get their league campaign off to a winning start at James Stephens Grounds in Kilkenny yesterday. Cork gained the upper hand when full-forward, Caoimhe Harrington, first timed to the net after five minutes.

The sides had twice exchanged points before Catherine Doherty had it all square when she finished well following good play by Sinead Millea and Lizzy Ling.

With senior debutante Emer Dillon at centre-back and Caoimhe Harrington up front impressing, Cork kept the pressure on Kilkenny and three points without replystretched their lead before Sinead Millea and Criona Harte swapped points to leave Cork ahead 1-7 to 1-4 at the interval.

Inside two minutes of the restart, Caoimhe Harrington got her side's second goal and with Vivienne Harris and Harte pointing, Cork extended the lead. Sinead Millea and Rachel Maloney then exchanged points, but in truth, Cork always looked sharper.

**Scorers, Cork:** C. Harrington 2-1, C. Harte 0-6 (0-4), R. Maloney 0-2 (0-1), V. Harris 0-1, Kilkenny: S. Millea 0-3, C. Doherty 1-0, N. Sutton, E. Alward 0-1 each. **CORK:** G. Casey, J. O'Callaghan, E. Duggan, S. Buckley, P. O'Connor, E. Dillon, S. Hayes, V. Harris, R. Maloney, C. Corkery, U. O'Donoghue (capt), E. Burke, G. O'Connor, C. Harrington, C. Harte. Subs: R. Holland for J. O'Callaghan, N. Ahern for V. Harris, C. Keohane for G. Casey, A. Murray for C. Harte. **KILKENNY:** M. Holland, F. Dowling, M. Costelloe, E. Connery, E. Kennedy (capt), M. Lawlor, P. Comerford, M. Downey, E. Alward, L. Ling, S. Millea, N. Sutton, C. Doherty, A. Neary, M. O'Connor. Subs: K. Long for S. Dowling, P. Millea for P. Comerford, A. Fitzpatrick for M. Downey. Referee: Jack O'Brien (Wexford).

Galway 1-10  
Tipperary 2-4

ALL-IRELAND champions, Tipper-

ary, gave way to a stronger Galway side in their opening game at The Ragg, Tipperary.

An Emer McDonnell goal 10 minutes into the contest helped settle the home side, but with Therese Maher, Caroline Murray, Sharon Glynn, all picking off points, Galway led 0-6 to 1-2 at the interval.

Breda Kerins extended the Galway lead inside a minute of the restart. But Tipp responded with a Noelle Kennedy goal. With both sides battling hard, Galway added points from Therese Maher, Veronica Curtin and Sharon Glynn to wrap up victory.

**Scorers, Galway:** T. Maher 0-3, S. Glynn 0-3, B. Kerins 1-0, C. Murray 0-2, V. Curtin 0-1, A. Hillary 0-1. **Tipperary:** N. Kennedy 1-4, E. McDonnell 1-0.

**GALWAY:** O. Coen, A. Broderick, O. Broderick, P. Nevin, M. Haverly, T. Laheen, M. Harkin, A. Hardiman, A. Hillary, C. Murray, T. Maher, C. Hannon, B. Curtin, S. Glynn, B. Kerins. **TIPPERARY:** L. Ryan, S. Howard, O. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, N. Harkin, S. Kelly, Bullin, E. Hayden, J. Delaney, J. Ryan, N. Kennedy, P. Fogarty, P. O'Holleran, E. McDonnell, C. Grogan.



# Impressive win puts St Mary's on course to retain Junior A title

St Mary's (Charleville)  
St Mary's (Magherafelt)

6-9  
3-1

## Cork girls justify favourites tag

by Tom Higgins

ST MARY'S (Charleville) look on course to retain their All-Ireland Junior A camogie title following an impressive win over St Mary's (Magherafelt) at Feenagh, Co. Limerick on Saturday.

The Cork side were hot favourites following their big win in the Munster final, and they had 1-2 on the board in the opening seven minutes and looked to be cruising.

But, the northerners hit a purple patch between the 13th and 15th minutes to take the lead. In the 45th minute Elisha Wilkinson connected with a Katie McCauley free to steer past keeper Natalie Murphy and, a minute later, following a melee in the Charleville goalmouth, Donna O'Kane whipped the ball to the net. A point by McAuley left two points between the sides half way through the opening half: 2-1 to 1-2.

But, the Charleville girls responded by upping the tempo. With Edwina Waters gaining control at centreback and Anna Geary and Sharon Brosnan in command in midfield, the Charleville forwards got a better supply and made it count.

Emer Watson scored the Cork side's second goal in the 24th minute to leave it 2-5 to 2-1 and they finished the half strongly with goals from Sinead McAuliffe and Watson to leave it 4-6 to 2-1 at the break.

The game was over as a contest three minutes into the second half when Mary Coleman scored her side's fifth goal. Kate Lavery had a goal for the losers in the 40th minute, but the Northerners failed to breach a very strong Charleville defence afterwards.

For the winners Fiona Geary had an excellent game at full-back. Edwina Waters was prominent at centre halfback, supported by Sarah O'Mahony. Anna Geary played well in midfield. Elaine O'Riordan, who was her side's best player, Sinead McAuliffe and the captain Emer Watson showed up well in attack.

For Magherafelt, in defence McAuley, Jacinta Conway and Margaret Kelly tried hard, while Geraldine Mulholland, Brona McLeron and Elisha Wilkinson were best in attack.

Scorers: Charleville E. Watson 3-1, S. McAuliffe 1-3, T. Shanahan 1-1, M. Coleman 1-0, T. Shanahan 0-3, E. O'Riordan 0-1, Magherafelt C. McAuley 1-1, E. Wilkinson 1-0, K. Lavery 1-0.

ST. MARY'S (Charleville): N. Murphy, F. Geary, J. White, S. O'Mahony, E. Waters, L. Healy, A. Geary, S. Brosnan, M. Coleman, E. O'Riordan, S. McAuliffe, T. Shanahan, E. Watson (capt), C. O'Shea. Subs: M. Walsh for J. White (56th minute); S. Carroll for L. Healy (57th minute); M. Broderick for S. Brosnan (60th minute).

ST. MARY'S (Magherafelt): S. Henry, G. Lynch, J. Conway, E. Mitchell, M. Kelly, K. McAuley, L. Mooney, C. Dougan, J. McVey, K. Lavery, G. Mulholland, B. McLeron, D. McIver, D. O'Kane, E. Wilkinson. Subs: A. Grant for G. Lynch (25th minute); E. Kelly for D. O'Kane (45th minute); L. O'Kane for K. Lavery (56th minute). Referee: Ms. R. Kelleher (Limerick).

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## LORETO FERMOY

1. Valerie McCormack	15/2/86	Kilworth
2. Laura Cronin	13/11/86	Watergrasshill
3. Maire Twomey	26/8/86	St. Catherine's
4. Helena O'Neill	7/1/88	Watergrasshill
5. Claire O'Farrell	9/7/87	Watergrasshill
6. Noreen Mulcahy	26/2/86	St. Catherine's
7. Tracy Barry	11/8/86	St. Catherine's
8. Marie O'Neill (C)	28/12/86	Watergrasshill
9. Michelle McAteer	27/7/88	Watergrasshill
10. Mairead Finn	19/10/87	Ballyduff
11. Denise Twomey	10/5/86	St. Catherine's
12. Ciara Lynch	18/9/88	Kilworth
13. Ciara O'Driscoll	11/1/86	Castlelyons
14. Tisha Carroll	5/4/86	Castlelyons
15. Noreen O'Farrell	9/1/87	Watergrasshill

### Subs:

16. Aoife Gardner	14/2/87	Watergrasshill
17. Orala Cotter	27/7/88	St. Catherine's
18. Elaine O'Leary	13/9/86	Watergrasshill
19. Deirdre Mulcahy	7/8/88	St. Catherine's
20. Aileen Hogan	18/10/88	St. Catherine's
21. Deirdre Twomey	2/3/89	St. Catherine's
22. Aoife O'Brien	21/5/88	St. Catherine's
23. Orna Neville	6/9/88	St. Catherine's
24. Paula O'Brien	21/7/88	Tallow
25. Sarah Russell	4/5/87	Kilworth

### Coach

Mr. Jer Holland

Loreto, Fermoy  
Cross and Passion

5-11  
0-1

by Mary Newman

LORETO, FERMOY ensured Cork would be doubly represented at the All-Ireland Junior Colleges weekend after totally outclassing Cross and Passion, Ballycastle in the Junior B semi-final at Fermoy on Saturday.

As early as the 6th minute Loreto had stamped their authority with early goals from Ciara O'Driscoll and

Denise Twomey. Up front Loreto enjoyed ample supply from their hard working centrefield pairing of Marie O'Neill and Michelle McAteer and further goals from Denise Twomey and Noreen O'Farrell gave them a comfortable lead.

From the restart Loreto again applied the pressure and picking off 4 points with ease and then stretched their lead further before Tricia Carroll grabbed their 5th goal with three minutes remaining.

The second semi-final ended in a

draw on the scoreline Presentation, Wexford 3-9, Mercy, Ballinasloe 4-6

Scorers for Loreto: D. Twomey 1-5, T. Carroll 2-0, N. O'Farrell 1-2, C. O'Driscoll 1-0, N. Mulcahy 0-3, M. O'Neill 0-1.

Cross and Passion: C. McGowan 0-1.

FERMOY: D. McCormack, L. Cronin, M. Twomey, H. O'Neill, C. O'Farrell, N. Mulcahy, T. Barry, M. O'Neill (Capt), M. McAteer, N. Finn, D. Twomey, C. Lynch, C. O'Driscoll, T. Carroll, N. O'Farrell. Subs: O. Neville for T. Barry and A. Hogan for M. Finn.

CROSS AND PASSION: E. Carey, A. Hogan, L. O'Neill, B. McFadden, K. Maybin, S. O'Kane, T. McMullen, C. McShane, C. McGowan, M. McLoughlin, C. McLeron, C. McPeake, U. McLain, J. Duncan, C. Duffell. Subs: B. Donnelly for A. O'Hagan, T. McAtee for C. McPeake.

Referee: T. Shoshan Mayfield.

## Top class display from Loreto

## Hogan's goal decisive for Coachford

Coachford College  
Presentation, Bandon

2-5  
1-5

COACHFORD College captured the Cork County Senior B camogie cup for the second time in three years in a thrilling final.

The winner's Mary Buckley opened the scoring with a point and added four to her tally before the final whistle.

Colette Desmond, equalised after ten minutes before Buckley added two more. Bandon then had two and it was all square at the interval.

## Buckley proved inspirational

Mary Buckley was again inspirational for Coachford, as her sideline puck after ten minutes was doubled to the net by Christine Hogan.

This score lifted the Muskerry side and, with Twomey, Christine Cosgrave and Ennaguess battling well, Cork minor Margaret McCarthy finished a good move to the net to put six points between the sides.

Desmond led the Bandon comeback with three frees but Buckley kept her side in front with further points. The Bandon freetaker then hammered home a goal but even she could not rescue the game.

COACHFORD: E. O'Keefe, R. Crowley (C), M. Healy, M. O'Leary, N. O'Connell, J. Twomey, M. Ennaguess, M. O'Regan, C. Murphy, C. Cosgrave, M. Buckley (0-5, 2 frees), E. Healy, C. Hogan (1-0), E. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy (1-0). Subs: C. Hogan, A. O'Mahony, O. McSweeney.

BANDON: A. Holland, G. Horgan, J. Hurley, M. Nyhan, A. Coughlan, C. Nyhan, M. Baron, A. Coughlan (C), E. O'Sullivan (0-1), C. Desmond (1-2 from frees, 0-2 '45), O. Coughlan, A. Crowley, L. Holland, M. O'Sullivan, T. O'Donovan. Subs: S. O'Donovan, C. Dessy, R. Dessy, E. Crowley.

## Loreto Fermoy are back in the big time

ST MARY'S Charleville and Loreto, Fermoy, compete in the All-Ireland junior A and B semi-finals next Saturday.

While it is almost customary for the Rath Luirc side to be involved in the post primary games, such is their tremendous record in the competition, Loreto of Fermoy have returned to the big time after a lapse of almost 30 years.

In 1972 they contested the Munster senior final against the then kingpins of camogie, St Aloysius.

St Als, as they were better known, were riding on the crest of a wave, winning their fifth title in a row, so in a sense the North Cork team were un-

fortunate to have met such an all-conquering city side.

With players of the calibre of Val Fitzpatrick and Marion O'Leary to contend with, Loreto had to be happy with second place.

The North Cork side went on to produce a number of stars of their own.

Marion Sweeney and Angela Higgins went on to win 10 All-Ireland senior medals between them, and both served in managerial roles with Cork during the '90s.

How many stars will be in the making in Fermoy on Saturday when Loreto meet Cross and Passion from Ballycastle? The bulk of the Cork side will



### CAMOGIE VIEW

BY THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES ACTION TOPS THE BILL

be made up from neighbouring clubs, Watergrasshill and St Catherine's.

Both of these clubs featured prominently in the Junior A championship last year, with Watergrasshill putting up one hell of a fight against champions Ballinhassig in the final.

Marie O'Neill, who showed up well that day, will again be one of the leading lights in the Fermoy challenge.

Her clubmates include her sister, Helena, cousins Noreen and Clare O'Farrell, Laura Cronin, Michelle McAteer and Aoife Gardiner.

St Catherine's are well represented too.

The highly rated Denise Twomey will play alongside Noreen Mulcahy, Marie Twomey and Tracey Barry; all of whom hail from the Conna club.

One lady who was unfortunate to miss out in the Munster final is Orla Cotter. She picked up an injury before that game, but will be hoping that she can play her part in this historic game for the Loreto girls.

Castlelyons, a relatively new

club, mark their involvement mainly through Ciara O'Driscoll and Patrice Carroll.

And what's more you don't have to be involved as a toddler to play camogie. Valerie McCormack and Marie Finn are two players who have not been nurtured since an early age.

Neither is affiliated to a camogie club, but are up there with the best of them when it comes to skill and motivation.

Credit for this must be given to manager, Jer Holland, who himself is no stranger to the big time. The Fr O'Neill's and Imokilly player has been instrumental in bringing the school this far.



# Coláiste Bríde are back to where they belong

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COLAISTE BRIDE — 1-16  
PORTUMNA CS — 2-8  
Ronan Fagan

WHILE EXTERNAL forces last year derailed their push for successive All-Irelands, Coláiste Bríde's junior 'A' camogie stylists are back to where they rightfully belong - in the final - at the expense of Portumna Community School.

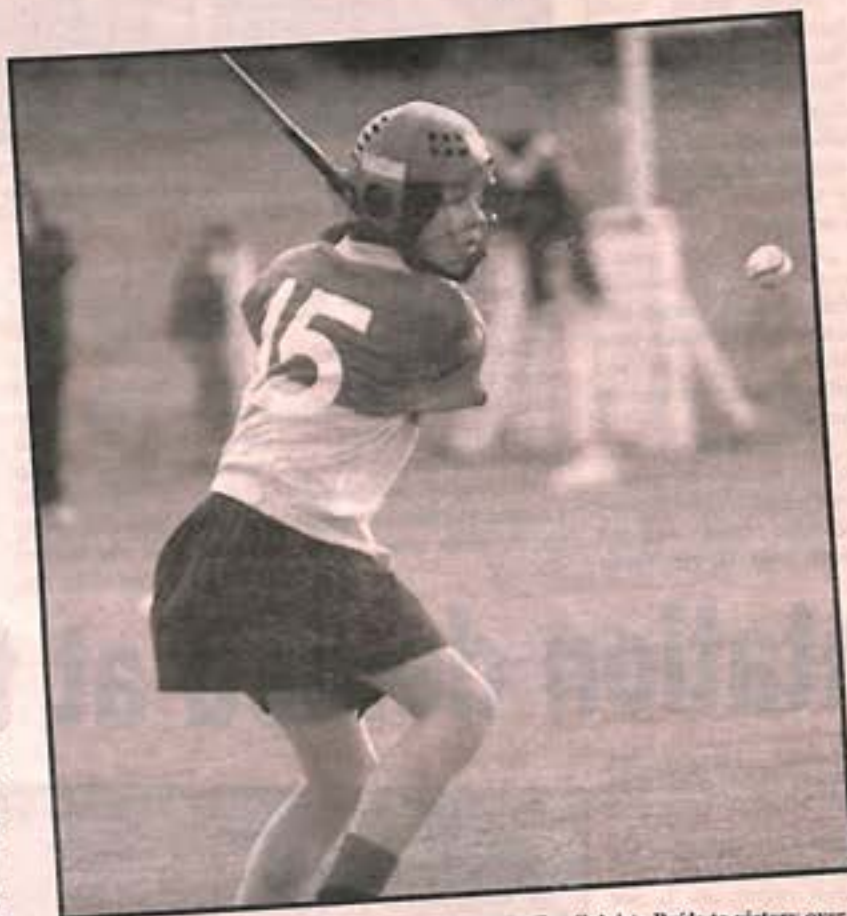
In Saturday's semi-final, at the Shamrocks grounds in Enniscorthy, Coláiste Bríde were much greater value for their victory than the scoreline might suggest. They were easily the better side, an assertion which rings all the more true when noting the ineffectiveness of the Portumna attack in comparison to that of Coláiste Bríde.

Indeed, the Connacht standard bearers relied almost totally on a midfielder - Susan Keane - for their scores, and of her personal salvo of 1-7, the points were all from frees (the products of uncharacteristically nervy Coláiste Bríde defending), with the goal even resulting from a penalty.

It is true that Una Leacy, one of the leading stars in Oulart-The Ballagh's remarkable achievements at the national Féile, hammered over 0-10 of Coláiste Bríde's tally, and nine of those came by the way of frees, but the winners were by far the more creative unit upfront, where they displayed a greater ability to exploit situations.

The defence cannot afford to be so generous again, and especially when it is St. Mary's of Charleville who they are coming up against in the April 20th decider.

The Cork girls are the defending champions, an honour they gained rather dubiously, in an effort to guard against the spread of Foot and Mouth disease in Ireland last year, the camogie authorities decided



Sharpshooter Una Leacy drills over a point to help fire Coláiste Bríde to victory over Portumna Community School in Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' camogie championship semi-final in Enniscorthy. (Pic: Conor Nolan).

to end Coláiste Bríde's run just days before they were scheduled to meet the Ulster winners in the semi-finals.

But never willing to let the dream die, Coláiste Bríde, through the guidance and unyielding dedication of coach Elva Moriarty, are again within touching distance of greatness.

Despite hurling into a strong wind on an otherwise benign day, Coláiste Bríde made a cracking start on Saturday, with Una Leacy popping over a free, Sarah Darcy added a further point from play, moments before corner-forward Emma Moran made it 1-2 to 0-0 when goaling in the fifth minute.

Slowly, but surely, Portumna were breaking

their opponents' stranglehold, and while Keane kept the visitors in touch with a couple of pointed frees, the Slaneysiders were 1-5 to 0-2 ahead in the 18th minute courtesy of further finishes by Leacy (from both a '45 and a free) and Louise Codd, who constantly posed a threat around the middle.

But as the Coláiste Bríde defence began to lose some of its earlier brilliance, the opposition began to pile on the pressure and the scores, to leap in-front by 2-3 to 1-5 after 23 minutes, as Keane slotted away a 19th minute penalty while adding a point, before Rachael O'Brien, their left wing-forward, rattled the net for a second time.

However, Una Leacy

(free) and Sarah Darcy edged Coláiste Bríde back ahead, by 1-7 to 2-3 at the break, by which stage they could have enjoyed an unassailable lead had the defence performed with authority.

Portumna resumed with plenty of enthusiasm, and Keane pointed a '45 after two minutes.

But, much of their endeavours proved to be in vain, while Coláiste Bríde pulled 1-11 to 2-4 clear as Una Leacy (from three frees) capitalised on her colleagues' pressure-play, while team mate Deirdre Codd also notched a point.

Portumna kept their fight alive through to the bitter end, but they could never get their noses in-front again, and they were

trailing by 2-7 to 1-12 in the 51st minute, with Una Leacy's eight personal point keeping Coláiste Bríde marginally ahead at that moment.

The home side - sporting Wexford jerseys owing to a clash of colours - made their passage somewhat comfortable, when out-shooting Portumna by 0-4 to 0-1 in the closing stages, with Bronagh Furlong joining their list of scorers, while Louise Codd added her second score of the day, and Una Leacy sandwiched a Susan Keane pointed free with two of her own.

Is the Cup coming home? Well, Coláiste Bríde have the material, but against Charleville, they will pay a much bigger price for whatever errors they make than was the case on Saturday, and so a tidier all-round performance is a must.

**Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy** - Claire Sinnott (Oulart-The Ballagh), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boolevogue), Jacqui Codd (Duffry Rovers), Anne-Marie Foley (Duffry Rovers), Tracy Breen (Rapparees), Olivia Murphy (Monageer-Boolevogue), Elaine Dempsey (Oulart-The Ballagh), Bronagh Furlong (Duffry Rovers, 0-1), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers, capt., 0-1), Sarah Darcy (Monageer-Boolevogue, 0-2), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers, 0-2), Anna Murphy (Monageer-Boolevogue), Emma Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh, 1-0), Sarah Murphy (Rathnure), Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-10, 6 frees, 3 '45s).

**Subs:** Katie Reddy and Willina Carr (Rathnure), Aileen Doyle (Rapparees), Sharon Kehoe (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sarah Jane Leacy (Monageer-Boolevogue), Fiona Jordan (Marshallstown).

**Portumna Community School, Galway** - Laura Gibbons, Miriam Hynes, Aine Whyte, Mairead Mooney, Julie Breen, Triana Byrne, Sarah Kieley, Susan Keane (1-7, 1-0 penalty, 6 frees, 1 '45), Sharon Keady, Maria Rooney, Maeve Moran (0-1), Rachael O'Brien (1-0), Yvonne Donnelly, Brenda Hanney, Denise Mooney.

**Sub:** Fiona Gilchrist for M. Mooney.

**Referee** - Matty Curran (Carlow).

## Newcomers on board with juniors

John Furlong

THE WEXFORD junior camogie team travel to meet a Galway outfit on Sunday which was victorious in their opener against Tipperary (5-8 to 1-3).

The Wexford management team of Tommy Roche, Larry Dunne and Kevin Murphy have named a panel of over 30 players, with some new faces to the scene included, namely Ciara Howard, Karen Atkinson, Aoife Barron, Margaret Darcy, Mary Rose Ryan, Tanya Stamp and Therese Doran to name just a few.

**Wexford junior camogie:** Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Caroline Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's), Fiona Cullen (St. Ibar's), Oonagh Carroll (Blackwater), Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate), Martina Murray (Ferns St. Aidan's), Sinead Quigley (Rathnure), Eileen Hendrick (Buncloody), Michelle Jordan (Oylegate), Ornagh Cullen (St. Ibar's), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Anne Cousins (Buncloody), Ciara Howard (Faythe Harriers), Tracey McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh), Assumpta Carty (Our Lady's Island/St. Fintan's), Karen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Marion Hanrick (Buncloody), Niamh O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Aoife Barron (Glynn-Barntown), Margaret Darcy (St. Martin's), Mary-Rose Ryan (Glynn-Barntown), Colleen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Annette Moroney (Glynn-Barntown), Tanya Stamp (Oulart-The Ballagh), Leonie Furlong (Glynn-Barntown), Lisa Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's), Laura Byrne (Faythe Harriers), Therese Doran (Buncloody), Vicki Walsh (Faythe Harriers), Tina Bergin (St. Martin's).

# Presentation denied at the death

PRES WEXFORD — 3-9  
MERCY BALLINASLOE — 4-6  
Ronan Fagan

WITH NORMAL time up, the Presentation girls were almost there, leading by 3-9 to 4-5 in Saturday afternoon's gripping All-Ireland Schools junior 'B' camogie championship semi-final at Páirc Charman.

The addition of four minutes injury-time, however, was heartedly welcomed by their opponents from the West, who plundered a point deep into the additional time to level, and thus make the return journey all the more enjoyable.

The Presentation selectors were left to question where all the injury-time had come from, but after a heartwarming display by the Wexford hopefuls, the Presentation can travel to Galway for the rematch knowing they have what it takes to reach the All-Ireland.

Loreto Fermoy are already there, following their 5-11 to 0-1 win over Cross-and-Passion (Antrim) on Saturday, but the identity of the Cork side's opponents is not expected to be known for a few weeks yet, as members of the Presentation outfit are embarking to foreign shores on school holidays.

As a result, they will have plenty of time to mull over their performance, and to principally pinpoint methods of how to make sure it is curtains for Ballinasloe next day round.

Brid Gordon, the excellent Blackwater player, gave Presentation Wexford an early one point lead, before the Mercy struck back with a poorly conceded major.

The visitors were again blessed with some good fortune a while later when they netted their second goal, to make it 2-0 to 1-2, with Therese Murphy having rattled the net for



Presentation Wexford full-forward Deirdre McMahon clashes with the Ballinasloe full-back, as the sides battle it out during Saturday's drawn All-Ireland Schools junior 'B' camogie championship semi-final at Páirc Charman. (Pic: Jim Campbell).

the Presentation, while team mate Jenna Murphy hit their second point.

Tanya Healy, one of the seven Faythe Harriers stars sprinkled throughout the line-up, boosted the

Wexford side's bid for qualification when she kicked to the Ballinasloe net from 15 metres out.

While Ballinasloe kept themselves in touch with a point, Healy replied with a

similar score to keep the Presentation on course to hit the break with the lead.

But the concession of 1-2 in the dying stages of the half turned the game on its head, and left Ballinasloe

holding the initiative at half-time (3-3 to 2-3).

The Mercy resumed in equally devastating fashion, and led by 4-5 to 2-3 within 12 minutes of the second-half, having shot points either side of their fourth goal.

Faced by such great adversity, the Presentation girls displayed tremendous guts and determination, and they were soon back to within two points of Ballinasloe, largely through the finishing powers of Brid Gordon, and Jenna Murphy, who recovered brilliantly having been laid low by illness to put in a storming display from midfield.

Gordon, a niece of Martin Storey, put the Presentation on the verge of victory, when her shot from some 35 metres out went all the way to the net.

To most in the large attendance, it seemed the game was only a short way from its conclusion.

In actual fact, there was actually plenty of time for Ballinasloe to try and rescue their hopes,

something they eventually did when landing the 15th point of the day.

Along with the aforementioned Jenna Murphy, the Presentation were well represented in a fine overall performance by Geraldine Walker at full-back and Katie O'Brien at centre-back, as well as Kim Walker in midfield, and attackers Tanya Healy, Therese Murphy and the outstanding Brid Gordon.

**Presentation Wexford** - Ailbhe Rafferty (Glynn-Barntown), Leanne Hanrahan (Faythe Harriers), Geraldine Walker (Faythe Harriers), Miriam Hanrahan (Faythe Harriers), Nicola Savage (Oylegate-Glenbrien), Katie O'Brien (Blackwater), Janice Carr (St. Ibar's), Jenna Murphy (St. Ibar's, 0-4), Kim Walker (Faythe Harriers), Tanya Healy (Faythe Harriers, 1-2), Therese Murphy (Faythe Harriers, 1-0), Tracey Browne (St. Martin's), Louise Ahearne (Faythe Harriers), Deirdre McMahon (St. Ibar's), Brid Gordon (Blackwater, 1-3).

**Sub:** Lisa Quill (St. Ibar's) for Ahearne.





St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville, winners of last Saturday's All Ireland Camogie Junior A semi final in Feenagh.

Photo by: W. Casey.



■ Presentation Convent (Wexford) midfielder Jenna Murphy - who had an outstanding game despite being ill throughout the week - in action against Mercy (Ballinasloe) in the All-Ireland Junior 'B' camogie semi-final in Pairc Charman on Saturday last. Jenna scored six points as the Pres. played out a thrilling 3-9 to 4-6 draw. The replay will be held in Co. Galway in a fortnight's time. A full report on the drawn game will be included in next week's edition.

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SCOIL Mhuire, Ballinasloe, Junior B Connacht camogie champions. Front row, left to right: Catriona Cormican, Lorraine Canavan, Clodagh Glynn, Eilish Ryan (captain), Maria Madden, Emer Cormican. 2nd row: Eileen Glynn, Clara Cormican, Adrienne Cormican, Anna Gilchrist, Aine Kelly, Gillian Gonnally. Back row: Michelle O'Neill, Siobhan Kelly, Jacinta McHugh, Mary O'Higgins (trainer), Celine Donnelly, Marian Kelly, Regina Curley.



Coláiste Bride's junior camogie stars celebrate following Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland 'A' championship semi-final victory over Portumna Community School at the Shamrocks grounds in Enniscorthy.



SCOIL Mhuire, Ballinasloe, Connacht Senior B camogie champions. Front row, left to right: Catriona Cormican, Eileen Glynn, Sharon Donnelly, Clodagh Glynn. Second row: Clara Cormican, Marian Kelly, Adrienne Cormican, Anna Gilchrist, Miriam Lynch. Third row: Mary O'Higgins (trainer), Jacinta McHugh, Lisa Larkin, Aine Tierney, Celine Donnelly, Ann-Marie Keogh, Ann-Marie Hayes (captain). Back row: Elaine Caulfield, Michelle O'Neill, Edel Kelly, Rosie Greaney, Aoife Doherty, Eilish Ryan, Darina Cooke.



# The reigning All-Ireland junior camogie champs cruise into yet another final spot

ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE ..... 6-9  
ST MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT (DERRY) ..... 3-1

REIGNING All Ireland Junior Camogie champions, St Mary's Charleville are through to this year's final following their good win over St Mary's Magherafelt (Derry) on Saturday last in Feenagh.

The winners who entered the game as firm favourites were in good form for most of the hour. The Derry side with two goals in the opening quarter gave cause for slight concern briefly.

Emer Watson opened the scoring for Charleville with a third minute goal which was followed by points for the impressive Elaine O'Riordan for the North Cork side in the fifth and seventh minutes.

Magherafelt had their first score in the 11th minute when a free by impressive Catherine McAuley was finished to the net by Alisha Wilkinson. Donna O'Kane then followed that goal with another three-pointer for the Ulster side that edged them ahead by 2-0 to 1-2.

Gradually though the North Cork side got their game together now knowing they were under pressure. Some fine play by their midfielders Ann Geary and Sharon Brosnan ensured the North Cork forwards got plenty of supply.

Sinead McAuliffe and Emer Watson pointed with Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan then setting Emer Watson up for a brilliant point on the run to edge Charleville ahead by 1-5 to 2-0.

In the 21st minute Catherine McAuley pointed a free and then in the 23rd minute good work by Mary Coleman and Sinead McAuliffe led to another fine goal by Emer Watson.

Sinead McAuliffe then added another point after a fine solo run while further Charleville pressure led to a superb goal from Sinead McAuliffe after good work by Mary Coleman and Emer Watson to give the victors an almost unassailable 3-6 to 2-1 lead.

In the dying moments of the first half Emer Watson scored for the third time a score which gave St Mary's, Charleville an interval lead of 11 points, 4-6 to 2-1.

Charleville picked up where they let off at start to the second half with an early goal from Mary Coleman while Tina Shanahan added a point that put them ahead 5-7 to 2-1 after 40 minutes play.

Magherafelt, to their credit, battled back hard but found the Charleville defence to be very tight. Alisha Wilkinson and Kate Laverty combined well for the latter to goal in the 44th minute to make it 5-7 to 3-1.

There was no way back for Magherafelt as it was Tina Shanahan who added a goal and a point by the 50th minute that had them well in control, 6-8 to 3-1, by the time Sinead McAuliffe tapped over the game's final point late in the game.

In the end the better balanced and more clinical St Mary's, Charleville side emerged deserving winners.

**Scorers — St Mary's, Charleville:** Emer Watson 3-2, Sinead McAuliffe 1-3, Tina Shanahan 1-2, Mary Coleman 1-0, Elaine O'Riordan 0-2.

**St Mary's, Magherafelt:** Alisha Wilkinson, Donna O'Kane and Kate Laverty 1-0 each, Catherine McAuley 0-1 free.

**Teams — St Mary's, Charleville:** Natasha Murphy (Kilmallock); Fiona Chawke (Granagh-Ballingarry); Fiona Geary (Ballyagran); Janice White (do.); Sarah O'Mahony (do.); Edwina Waters (Ballyhea); Lisa Healy (Milford); Anna Geary (do.); Sharon Brosnan (Bruree); Mary Coleman (Ballyhea); Elaine O'Riordan (Milford); Sinead McAuliffe (Ballyagran); Tina Shanahan (Ballyhea); Emer Watson (Captain (Milford); Christine O'Shea (Granagh-Ballingarry). **Subs:** Michelle Walsh (Ballyhea) for Janice White; Marie Broderick (Milford) for Sharon Brosnan; Sinead Carroll (Milford) for Lisa Healy.

**St Mary's, Magherafelt:** Shauna Henry; Geraldine Lynch; Jacinta Conway; Emer Mitchell; Margaret Kelly; Catherine McAuley; Lisa Mooney; Claire Dougan; Julie McVey; Kate Laverty; Geraldine Mulholland; Bruno McLernon; Deval McIvor; Donna O'Kane; Alisha Wilkinson. **Subs:** Emer Kelly for Derval McIvor; Laura O'Kane for Kate Laverty; Angela Grant for Geraldine Lynch.

**Referee:** Rose Kelleher (Limerick).

## SCOIL POL MAKE HISTORY

In spite of not being rated in the top four at the start of the Limerick Senior Colleges camogie championship, Scoil Pól defied all the odds by winning the Career Decisions Perpetual Trophy for the first time ever in Feenagh last Sunday.

The game began at a frantic rate. From the outset, SMI Newcastle West took the game to Scoil Pól. Maria McGrath, SMI opened the scoring with a point from play in the opening minutes. Noreen Barry stretched their lead with a green flag in the seventh minute of play. Aisling O'Connell opened Scoil Pól's account with a minor in the 12th minute. Marie Corkery added to the SMI tally with a point before Aoife Roche scored another point for Scoil Pól. SMI had a commanding lead approaching half-time after they hit the net yet again.

Whatever happened in the Scoil Pól dug-out at half time, we saw a transformed team emerge after the break. Contesting every ball from the throw-in, it was obvious that defeat was not in the minds of the Scoil Pól players.

With a dominant Mairéad Sheedy at centre field, Scoil Pól went forward in droves. This resulted in Aoife Roche raising a green flag after an excellent move by Eimear Barrett. Carol O'Riordan did well to regain possession from the SMI puck out and set up Mairéad Sheedy for an excellent point.

SMI replied with a point, which was their one and only score in the second half, thanks mainly to wonderful defending by backs, Emma Clery, Bridget Curran, Carol O'Riordan, Oonagh O'Sullivan and Aisling Creed and Yvonne Hanrahan could rest easy for the rest of the game.

Some shrewd positional switches in the forward line helped Elaine Magner and Pamela Fitzgerald come more into the game. With 13 minutes remaining Ann Clery and Debbie Ryan took command and used their opportunities wisely to deliver the ball into the SMI square. A goalmouth melee followed, where the girls ensured that the sliotar crossed the line. Stunned by this score, SMI and their followers were staring defeat in the eye - not so with Scoil Pól. The long hours of training were now paying dividends. With five minutes left on the clock Aoife Roche struck again and rattled the SMI net with a piledriver for a second time.

The stand erupted as the green flag was hoisted, the players took strength from their loyal supporters. All the players, including Sandra O'Connell and Katie Sheedy who had joined the action in the closing minutes, played a vital role in this fantastic victory, as did Mary Casey, Aoife Hennessy, Sara Barron, Niamh Hennessy and Julie Fox. As the final whistle sounded tremendous scenes of celebration engulfed the whole stadium. There were tears of joy as the trophy was presented to Aisling Creed by Miriam Magner, sponsor of the competition.

### Champions clash in camogie

It's really a case of champions all in the National Camogie Leagues this Sunday, when Cork dual winners take on Tipperary who collected both Senior and Junior All-Ireland titles last season.

Cork had an easy win over Kilkenny in the first round while an under-strength Tipperary lost to Galway, and another defeat may well end their League ambitions for this season, not that troubled them in the last three years.

Any clash between these two counties are competitive and this should be no exception, Cork are intent on using the campaign to try and unearth enough talent to end Tipp's reign as Champions but will still no want to lose this one, and with Viv Harris, Joanne O'Callaghan, Rachel Moloney and Una O'Donoghue showing up well the last day a home win looks on the cards.

Tipperary will probably be a bit stronger on Sunday and in Deirdre Hughes, Emer McDonnell and Ciara Gaynor they have top quality players who would like nothing better than to record a rare league win over their keen rivals, but it is unlikely to happen on Sunday.

It is a similar story in the Junior game, Cork are having their first outing and will be something of an unknown quality and with Tipp having a more settled side, they should take the spoils in this clash and not leave Leeside empty handed.

A good day for the colleges last Saturday with both Charleville and Fermoy making it to All-Ireland Junior Finals, and this Saturday the Seniors from St Mary's should make it a double when they go North in their last four clash with their namesakes from Maghera, and with a strong team look set for another final.

## Storey the new county camogie team trainer

ALL-IRELAND winning 1996 hurling captain, Martin Storey, is the new trainer of the Wexford Senior camogie team.

His appointment should give the Seniors and Juniors a welcome lift as they make the long trip west to face Galway in the National Leagues on Sunday next. The Junior tie at 1 p.m. is followed by the Senior at 2.30 p.m.

Wexford were due to play Cork last weekend but the pitch at the Mardyke was waterlogged and the games were postponed on Friday evening.

They last played Galway in the National League semi-final in October and were defeated by three points (1-13 to 2-6).

**The squad is:** Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Aine Codd (St. Martin's), Lennie Holohan (Rathnure), Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sandra Carr (St. Ibar's), Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure), Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's), Clare O'Connor (Rathnure), Bridget Curran (St. Ibar's), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boilavogue), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Ashling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Jenny Codd (Duffry Rovers), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Tina Bergin (St. Martin's).

**The Junior panel is:** Una Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Caroline Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Josie Dwyer (Ferna), Fiona Cullen (St. Ibar's), Oonagh Carroll (Blackwater), Gretta Hefernan (Oylegate), Martina Murphy (Ferna), Sinead Quigley (Rathnure), Eileen Handrick (Buncloody), Michelle Jordan (Oylegate), Ornagh Cullen (St. Ibar's), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Anne Cousins (Buncloody), Ciara Howard (Faythe Harriers), Tracey McCormack (Oulart-The Ballagh), Assumpta Carty (Our Lady's Island/St. Fintan's), Karen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Marian Hanrick (Buncloody), Niamh O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Mary Walsh (Blackwater), Aoife Barron (Glynn-Barnetown), Margaret Darcy (St. Martin's), Mary Rose Ryan (Glynn-Barnetown), Colleen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Annette Moroney (Glynn-Barnetown), Tanya Stamp (Oulart-The Ballagh), Leonie Furlong (Glynn-Barnetown), Lisa Dwyer (Ferna), Laura Byrne (Faythe Harriers), Therese Doran (Buncloody), Vicki Walsh (Faythe Harriers), Tina Bergin (St. Martin's).

## Coachford take county camogie crown

by Mary Newman

COACHFORD Community College, with good performances from Ciara Murphy, Mary Buckley and Joan Twomey ensured their side were crowned Cork colleges Senior B champions on Friday last. An even opening half saw the sides level at the break, on the resumption Coachford grabbed a vital goal thanks to Christine Hogan and extended it thanks to a second goal from Margaret McCarthy. Bandon responded with a Colette Desmond point and with the sides trading

scores Coachford maintained their lead. Bandon battled hard and when Colette Desmond blasted a free to the net just a goal separated the sides, with both sides under pressure the Coachford defence held firm and denied Bandon the chance of the equaliser. For Coachford captain Roseanne Crowley, Emma Healy and Edel O'Sullivan impressed while for Bandon Colette Desmond, Orla Coughlan and Celine Nyahm tried to the finish.

On Saturday next St Mary's Charleville make the long journey north to contest the All Ireland semi-

final where they will meet St Mary's Maghera.

● Dual All Ireland champions Tipperary are in town next weekend as the teams attempt to get their campaigns back on track.

Locally, the Under 18 championship will continue when Inniscarra and Barryroe meet in Inniscarra on Sunday. Also on Sunday Erins Own meet Clonakilty while Bishopstown, fresh from their victory over Youghal last weekend, take on Kilbrittain.

● The Cork Minor selectors, mindful of their Munster champi-

onship date with either Waterford or Limerick on April 13, have organised a trial game for players from the Seandun, Carrighdoun and Carbery divisions on Saturday next, March 16, at Courcy Rovers grounds Ballinaspittle at 11 am.

● Fr O'Neills club are anxious to remind all camogie clubs that they are holding a long puck competition on Monday, March 18. The event is confined to camogie players and entries are being accepted by events co-ordinator Mary Kenefick or Fiona O'Driscoll or Carrie Higgins.





Sheila Burns and Catriona Foley, Rockbán Camogie Club, receive their All-Ireland medals from Mary Buglar at the club's camogie dinner dance.

## St Mary's will face a tough test in semi-final

ON SATURDAY next, St Mary's Charleville make the long journey north to contest the All-Ireland senior A semi-final, where they will meet St Mary's Magheragh.

Magheragh the holders of eight Ulster titles had to go to a replay before qualifying for next weekend's decider.

Amongst the stars of their line out are Derry minors Aileen Mullan and Claire McCloy. Others who have impressed in their campaign include Oonagh Mullan, and captain Kay Doherty.

In their path to Saturday match Charleville scored a comfortable victory over St Patrick's, Shannon to take another Munster title.

The famous north Cork Academy can boast a host of talented inter-county players amongst them Emer and Marie Watson, Anna Geary, Sinead McAuliffe and captain Lisa Kelleher.

On present form anything other than a Charleville victory will be a major surprise.

Dual National League and All-Ireland champions Tipperary are in town next weekend as the Senior and Junior teams put the disappointment of last weekend's cancellations behind them and get their National League campaigns back on track.

The Cork seniors, who made an impressive start to their campaign with a victory over Kilkenny, face a Tipperary side, who have already dropped opening round points to Galway. Next weekend they will be anxious to get back on winning track.

The junior side will have their first outing in the league and indications are that the selectors have also included new faces in their panel including Youghal Siobhan Downing, Ballinhas-sig's Deirdre Fleming and Mairead Holland, Marlon Jaego Tracton, Breege Corkery Cloughdub, Sinead Kelly Glen Rovers and Emma Green Carrigline.

Locally, the under-18 championship will continue with Barryroe meeting Inniscarra on Sunday. Erins Own meet Clonakilty away, Bishopstown had a victory over Youghal last weekend and will meet Kilbrittan this weekend as competitions continue.

The Cork Minor Selectors have asked that the clubs take note of a trial game, which they have organised for players from the Seandun, Carrighdoun and Carbery divisions on Saturday next March 16th at Courcy Rovers grounds Ballinaspittle at 11 am.

## FIXTURES

**SATURDAY MARCH 9**  
All Ireland Senior Colleges Semi Final: St Marys Charleville V St Marys Magheragh; Magheragh 11.30am  
CORK MINOR TRIALS FOR SEANDUN, CARRIGH-DOUN AND CARBERY DIVISION AT COURCY ROVERS PITCH BALLINASPITTLE 11AM  
**SUNDAY MARCH 10**  
Senior And Junior National Leagues: Cork v Tipperary cork venue to be arranged 1.30 and 3 pm.  
Under 18 A Championship: Inniscarra V Barryroe, Inniscarra noon  
Under 18B Championship: Kilbrittan V Bishopstown at Kilbrittan; Erin's Own V Clonakilty at Clonakilty.

# Innovation gets a broad welcome

THE first meeting of the committee elected to guide the playing fortunes of players under-12 to 16 years was hosted by the Glen Rovers Club at their complex on Friday evening last.

Delegates representing clubs from city and county were welcomed by the committee's chairman Pat O'Riordan who in his address to delegates gave an outline of the work that has taken place since the committee were elected last year.

On the agenda for the evening was the under-16 competitions with the committee putting forward for ratification new gradings and competitions.

The proposed introduction of a third grade was welcomed by delegates, while the proposal to run a special 12 a side competition for clubs not in a position to field 15 players was also welcomed.

After much debate delegates agreed to adopt the committee's grading proposals for the league competition with a review to be held before the commencement of championships as several delegates had expressed reservation at the grading of several clubs B grade.

Many of the delegates were disappointed that

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

only five clubs in total will play A grade with many of the opinion that at least another three clubs are strong enough to participate at this level.

For the coming season the following grades and formats will apply to under-16 A. Five teams in one section will play a double round league. The top two coming through to contest the final.

Under-16 B grade is now divided into three sections with the top two coming through in each, two of the teams will be draws to go directly to the semi-finals with the remaining four playing in the quarter-finals.

Under-16 C is a new grade and it will be divided into two groups with two coming forward from each to contest the semi-finals.

Last season the introduction of a twelve a side competition at under-14 grade proved a great success and the new committee with the approval of the clubs have introduced a special under-16 twelve aside.

Nine clubs will participate on a single round basis, with the top two coming out to contest the

final.

It is hoped that games will begin within the next week with that four games to be completed before the competitions takes a break for exams.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on the first Friday in April 8th at a venue which will be notified to the clubs.

the grades and sections are as follows;

A grade: Milford, Inniscarra, Ballyhea, Carrigaline, Ballinhassig

b grade group 1: Ballygarvan, Brian Dillons, Glen Rovers, Killeagh, Rockbawn, St Finbarrs, Sliabh Rua

b grade group 2: Eire Og, Aghbullogue, Ballincollig, Cloughdub, Douglas, Na Piarasigh, St Catherine's.

b grade group 3: Enniskillen, Clonakilty, Courcy Rovers, Kilbrittan, Newcestown, Valley Rovers, Barryroe.

c grade group 1: Blackrock, Fr o Neills, Bandon, Mayfield, Ballinora, Youghal.

c grade group 2: Newtownshandrum, Grenagh, Kildorrey, Watergrasshill, Mallow, Butervant, Kilshanig, Blarney

12 a side; Cobh, Sarsfields, Ballinascarty, Erins Own, St Vincents, St Fanahans, Dungourney, Tracton, Castlyons

## Double delight for north Cork schools

VICTORIES for St Marys Charleville and Loretto Fermoy ensures Cork will be represented on the double in the All-Ireland Junior A and B post Primary finals on April 20.

Defending champions St Mary swept aside St Marys Magherafelt by 6-9 to 3-1 in the semi-final.

The Charleville side led by 4-6 to 2-1 at the interval and a fifth goal from Mary Coleman three minutes into the second half effectively sealed victory.

The winners will meet Colaiste Bríde Enniscorthy who had a 1-16 to 2-8 victory over Portumna Commu-

nity College.

Loretto Fermoy brushed aside Cross And Passion Ballycastle, advancing on a 5-11 to 0-1 scoreline.

Denise Twomey's point after just thirty seconds of play set the trend as Fermoy turned in a class display to qualify for the All-Ireland Post Primary Junior B final.

Goals from Ciara O Driscoll, Denise Twomey, Trisha Carroll and Noreen Farrell followed as Loretto dominated in all sectors.

The winners held a commanding 4-4 to 0-1 lead at half-time, despite playing against the wind.

With Noreen Mulcahy in com-

manding form at centre back, Fermoy continued to dominate on the turnover.

Cross and Passion, to their credit, never gave up. Full-back Laura O'Neill and goalkeeper Emma Carey performed well while up front scorer Clara McGowan tried hard.

Loretto however never took the foot off the pedal and picking off points with ease had further extended their lead before Trisha Carroll's goal two minutes from full time.

They now await the winners of the Presentation Wexford and

Mercy Ballinasloe clash which ended all square last Saturday.

Teams

Loretto Fermoy: V McCormick, I Cronin, M Twomey, H O'Neill, C O'Farrell, N Mulcahy, T Barry, M O'Neill, M McAteer, M Finn, D Twomey, C Lynch, C O'Driscoll, T Carroll, N O'Farrell.

Substitutes: O Neville for T Barry, A Hogan for M Finn.

Cross And Passion: A Carey, A O'Hagan, I Neill, B McFadden, K Maybin, S O'Kane, T McMullen, C McShane, C McGowan, M McLoughlin, C McLernon, C McPeake, U McEr-lain, J'Duncan, C Dallatre.



# Vincent is the driving force behind St Mary's

SINCE Vincent Harrington joined the teaching staff at St Mary's, Charleville, 18 years ago, there has been no time to stop.

The school has won an incredible 21 All Ireland titles since 1986.

We managed seven counties-in-a-row with the Glen back in the 90s. Nemo Rangers are the kingpins in football at the moment.

St Mary's School is something else.

Because of his modest nature, Vincent will not agree to take all of the credit for this massive roll of honour.

But, if you take the time to closely

look at one week in the life of the Mid Cork man, you will soon realise how dedicated he is to the job of coach to the various camogie teams in the school.

Last Saturday the Junior A team won the All-Ireland semi-final. On Monday he took some time out to support the school's basketball team who won the All-Ireland D competition in Tallaght.

Training as usual for the rest of the week. On Friday morning he will embark on a trip to Ballybay in Monaghan.



NO STOPPING ST MARY'S GIRLS

## VIEW FROM THE GROUND

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

And after an overnight stay will drive another 60 miles to Lavey where the Senior A camogie team will play Maghera in the All-Ireland semi-final.

After the noon game, the party will

face the long journey home, tired but hopefully successful.

Vincent, though, is quick to point out that camogie was well underway in St Mary's prior to his arrival.

Fr Liam Kelleher was the chaplain in Dromina at the time and having seen the potential in the players, he along with Sr Margaret, set the ball rolling.

When Anne Marie O'Keefe became a member of staff in 1993 the final piece of the jigsaw was put in place.

Six All-Ireland junior titles, five All-Ireland senior wins, and 10 All-Ireland College's Sevens is the proud record of this North Cork School.

They are very fortunate in Charleville to have their own school field, which means they can train with little disruption.

Thriving clubs in the locality and the wonderful support of parents has also eased the pressure. All of these factors contribute but it is obvious that there is a great passion and commitment driving these players who have a desire to succeed.

## St Mary's march on

St Pats's, Maghera.....1-1  
St Mary's, Charleville...4-6

EMER Watson struck the first of her two goals six minutes into the All-Ireland Schools' senior semi-final at Lavey to end Maghera's bid for All-Ireland glory and keep holders St Mary's, Charleville on course for a Junior/Senior All-Ireland double for the third time in four seasons.

Maghera had to field without captain Kathy Doherty (broken collar-bone) and play-maker Oonagh Mullan (broken wrist), but performed well - particularly Ceara Cushnahan, Paula McGuigan and Aileen Mullan - but at this level if you're not firing on all cylinders, Charleville will take advantage.

The visitors led by 2-6 to Breige McNicholl's goal at half-time, but only added two further scores during a second half in which Maghera fought heroically.

St Mary's, Charleville scorers: Emer Watson 2-2, Imelda Sexton 1-0, Emer O'Friel 1-0, Aoife Sheehan 0-4, Elaine O'Riordan 0-1.

St Patrick's, Maghera scorers: Breige McNicholl 1-0, Ceara Cushnahan 0-1.

## Loreto lose out in semi

Loreto, Coleraine.....0-5  
Our Lady of Mercy.....1-5

DERRY Senior player Grainne McGoldrick dominated this All-Ireland B semi-final, but Loreto, Coleraine simply could not build up enough scores to take them through to a first final in 24 years.

In fairness though, Elaine Aylward - the Waterford central defender - was not far behind her and she marshalled her defence to contain McGoldrick to 5 points.

Loreto dominated the first half, yet trailed by 2-2 to 0-2 at the break, both Waterford goals coming on the break, the first handpassed to the net by Ciara Phelan, and the second on the stroke of half time from Aine Lyng.

Again after the break, Loreto worked hard but a break-through goal never materialised and Elaine Aylward's superb performance was supplemented by sound defence from her cousins Claire and Brid, the goalie.

Goalkeeper Ciara McKinley did very well for Loreto, as did Emma McIlvar and Ursula Hasson, but they lacked the killer instinct in front of goals to assist the efforts of Grainne McGoldrick.

Mercy: Aine Lyng and Ciara Phelan 1-1 each, Emer O'Keefe and Emily Dermody 0-1 each.

Loreto: Grainne McGoldrick 0-5.

## Watson stars in St Mary's win

St Mary's, Charleville 4-7  
St Patrick's, Maghera 1-1

MAKING it look easy, holders St Mary's Charleville qualified for another All-Ireland Post Primary Senior A final, with a solid display in Lavey, Co Derry, last Saturday.

With wind advantage, Charleville settled quickly, Aoife Sheehan giving them an early lead with a pointed free. Then Anna Geary combined with Maria Watson for Emer Watson to finish to the net for the game's opening goal.

Three points in a row from Sheehan stretched the Charleville advantage and Imelda Sexton pounced with a ground shot to the net.

St Pat's fought hard. Clare Cushnahan sent a 45 metres free to the net and Cailin O'Neill and Breide McNicholl worked well but found the Charleville defence hard to pass.

Charleville finished the half stronger with two Emer Watson points to put them ahead 2-6 to 1-0.

On the restart St Pat's, with wind advantage, put the Charleville defence under pressure. But at the other end the Charleville forwards used the ball well and with Elaine O'Riordan and Aoife Sheehan pointing they retained their advantage. Ciara Cushnahan added a point for St Pat's but Charleville killed off their challenge with goals inside two minutes from Emer Watson and Emer O'Friel to book their final spot.

Scorers for St Mary's, Charleville: E. Watson 2-2, A. Sheehan 0-4 (0-1 45) I. Sexton 1-0, E. O'Friel 1-0, E. O'Riordan 0-1.

For St Patrick's, Maghera: C. Cushnahan 1-1 (1-0 45), ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE: E. Lenihan, A. O'Brien, A. McCarthy, A. Dillon, C. O'Gorman, A. Kelleher, S. Lenihan, A. Geary, E. O'Riordan, A. Sheehan, E. O'Friel, I. Sexton, E. Watson, S. McAuliffe, M. Watson. Sub: C. Noonan for I. Sexton (In.)

ST PATRICK'S, MAGHERA: E. O'Doherty, J. O'Kane, C. McManus, E. Connery, A. Mullan, T. McGuigan, C. Cushnahan, A. Ward, C. O'Neill, C. McCloy, B. McNicholl, D. McMasters, B. Kidd, U. Kealy, J. Kelly. Weather conditions once again forced the postponement of the senior and junior national league fixtures between Cork and Tipperary.

## Emer is tops in sporting circles

By MAEVE CURTIN

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SHE is a force to be reckoned with on the playing field - Emer Dillon, aged 18, has the ability to turn her hand to both hockey and camogie at the highest level.

She has been nominated for a Garda Youth Achievement Award, co-sponsored by the *Evening Echo* and to be presented on Friday night, for her dedication to sport.

Managing both games with flair and grace, Emer plays at club level, county level, provincial, national and international level and still finds time to train an U-10 camogie team.

While playing hockey with Harlequins, she was a member of the Munster League and Cup winning team and European Cup winning team in Vienna in 2001.

Playing with Munster at the 2002 Inter-provincials in Belfast recently, Emer was the only schoolgirl on the Munster team and was voted player of the tournament. She played for Ireland under-16 against Belgium, Scotland, Germany and Wales and was player of the match against Germany. At under-18 level last year, she played with Ireland against Italy.



EMER DILLON: Nominated for her dedication to sport, especially hockey and camogie.

Her achievements in camogie include three All-Ireland medals with Cork and six Munster medals.

Emer was voted player of the match in the All-Ireland Minor final of 1999 and again in the All-Ireland Intermediate final of 2000.

Playing with Ballygarvan Camogie Club since the age of eight, she played in every age group right up to senior level. In 1995, when Ballygarvan won an historic three county titles, Emer was a vital member of all three teams.

## Historic juvenile meeting

by Mary Newman

CORK Camogie will hold a historic meeting on Friday when the county's newly elected juvenile board hold their first board meeting at Glen Rovers Hurling club at 8pm.

Following a motion passed at convention 2000 procedures were set in motion to get things up and running. Last October a committee was put in place and the idea will initially run for a two year period when it will be looked at again with a view to making it a permanent arrangement.

The committee will cater for the needs of the ever growing numbers who now play the game from under 12 to under 16 level in the city and county. Clubs will be particularly interested in seeing the new formats which the officers may come up with for league competitions which they hope to start earlier in the season.

Secretary Con Hayes tells us that it hoped to start the Under 16 competitions late March with Under 14 following on in April. Weather condition will play a huge part in ensuring earlier than usual starts to all competitions as the conditions of grounds in March are not always suitable to hurling.

The board will be known as Cumann Camogiochta na N-Og and has Ballygarvan's Pat O'Riordan as its first chairman, Mairead Uí Mhaolduin, Blackrock, is vicechairperson, Con Hayes Inniscarra secretary, Lesley Ahern Fr O'Neill's treasurer, Tim Buckley Inniscarra PRO, with former Inter-county senior player Fiona O'Driscoll, Fr O'Neill's, acting in the dual role of registrar and child liaison officer.

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Ballincollig captain Denise Cronin and Blarney captain Alice O'Brien shake hands with referee Eithne Duggan before their Muskerry U13 B final.

# Mary's too strong for Maghera side

St Mary's Charleville  
St Patrick's Maghera

4-7  
1-1

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY  
Camogie correspondent

**SENIOR A All-Ireland Post Primary Champions St Mary's Charleville, remain on course for another colleges title, after powering their way to this season's final.**

Taking the long journey North to Lavey in their stride, they once again turned in a power packed display and firmly installed themselves as favourites to retain their title.

A sharp cross wind made conditions hard for both sides in the opening quarter of the game and was made harder by a deluge of hail, sleet and snow, which fell continuously in the opening ten minutes.

With Charleville enjoying the advantages of the wind, Aoife Sheehan gave the St Marys girls the game's opening score with a pointed free, which inside ten minutes had been extended when Anna Geary combined with Marie Watson who set up sister Emer to finish to the net.

With Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan holding the balance at midfield Charleville continued to put the St Patrick's defence under pressure.

Three Anna Geary points saw a struggling St Patrick's fall further into arrears before Imelda Sexton finished smartly to the net to further stretch the Charleville lead.

To their credit St Patrick's worked hard and kept the Charleville defence on their toes, Clara Cushman opened their scoring with a forth five metres free, which went directly to the net but it was Charleville who finished the half stronger with Emer Watson adding two points to her sides tally to leave them ahead 2-56 to 0-1 at the break.

From the restart St Patrick's aided by the wind upped their game and put the Charleville defence under pressure but to their credit they weathered the storm with Aoife Dillon, Aine Kelleher and Amy McCarthy dealing smartly with the attack.

Charleville goalkeeper, Elizabeth Linehan was called on to bring off several saves in the Charleville goal but did so confidently.

At the other end the Charleville forwards worked hard to win possession and were rewarded with two goals within two minutes of each other, Emer Watson grabbing the first and Emer O'Friel the second.

Elaine O'Riordan and Clare Cushman swapped points but by now Charleville were well on their way to another All-Ireland final on April 13.

On the National League scene it was a case of

another wash-out, with both game falling foul to the weather, the junior selectors have re-arranged their game for Monday next at a Cork venue at 2pm, while the senior game will be re-fixed at a later date.

Cork minor selectors continue their search for talent when they hold their second trials on Saturday next at a venue to be announced later in the week.

Clubs from the Avondhu, Muskerry and Imokilly are reminded that the players to be in attendance for 11am.

● The thoughts of recently crowned Munster Post Primary Junior B champions Loretto Fermoy turn to Cork competition when they contest the Cork Junior B championship final against Coachford on Friday next. So far the season has been a dream one for the Loretto girls and with an All-Ireland final looming on April 20 every game is preparation for same.

Loretto took the Cork colleges B title back in 1998 and the following year went on to take the intermediate. They looked a formidable outfit in their All Ireland semi outing when they brushed aside the challenge posed by Ballycastle with ease. Denise Twomey, Noreen Mulcahy, Noreen O'Farrell and Clara O'Driscoll are but four of a strong all round side.

With the title up for grabs it could go either way but one has to fancy the Loretto girls to add another title to their growing collection.

## O'Leary sets up Barryroe for a place in semi final

DESPITE the appalling weather on Sunday, the under 18 championship games down for decision were completed and credit must go to the players who braved the elements. In the A championship Barryroe made it to a semi final meeting with Newcestown after beating Inniscarra.

Aided by the wind in the opening half, Inniscarra took the lead thanks to a Margaret Cosgrave goal but Barryroe replied with a point from Jennifer O'Leary. In the second half it was O'Leary who grabbed the lead for Barryroe, and with their noses in front, they worked hard and further goals from Marie Moloney and Louise Gannon were enough to seal victory. For Inniscarra Elizabeth Hayes, Michelle O'Regan and Rena Buckley impressed, while for Barryroe Karen McCarthy and Isla Dineen were to the fore.

Clonakilty held the advantage throughout their meeting with Erin's Own in Clonakilty in the B championship.

Leading at the break 4-5 to no score, Clon were comfortably positioned and Erin's Own found the going hard against a strong Clonakilty defence.

For Clon Hazel O'Regan, Nicola O'Donovan, Cliona O'Regan and Jane Lowney impressed, while for a young Erin's Own side Edel O'Carroll, Catriona Keohane, Emma Troy and Helena Waterman tried to the finish and gave a spirited performance all through.

Kilbrittain made their journey to Bishopstown a winning one when they brushed aside the challenge of the home side with ease.

Kilbrittain led at break 2-7 to no score and in the second half they continued to hold the upper hand to run out comfortable winners.

Among those to impress for Kilbrittain were scorers Catriona Deasy, Maebh O'Sullivan, Julie O'Regan and Marion Murphy.

For Bishopstown Maria Monahan, Jean O'Sullivan and Doireann Murray tried hard. In the under 16 league play off Buttevant had a 3-1 to no score victory over Kildorrery.

● Youth will have its fling this afternoon when the Sciath na Scol indoor camogie and hurling semi finals and finals take place at the Neptune Stadium.

Months of hard work by teachers in the national schools will come to fruition as the young stars of the future battle it out.

For the winning semi finalists there is the final to be played but, not forgotten are the defeated semi finalists who will play a plate final as a curtain raiser to the main event. The schools qualified for the camogie semi finals are Millford, St Catherine's (Bishopstown), Cloughroe and Ballygarvan.

Draws for the pairings will be made at the venue with the time schedule as follows: semi finals 3pm and 3.15pm; plate final 4.30pm and final 4.45pm.

## Results/ fixtures

### RESULTS

U18 Championship: Barryroe 3-1 Inniscarra 1-0, Kilbrittain 4-10 Bishopstown 0-5, Clonakilty 8-8 Erin's Own 1-0.

### FIXTURES

SATURDAY MARCH 16  
Under 16 League 2001: Ballinahassig v Millard 12 noon.  
SUNDAY MARCH 17  
Under 16 League 2001: Carrigrohane v Inniscarra Carrigrohane 1pm.

MONDAY MARCH 18  
Junior National League: Cork v Tipperary at Cork venue TBA 2pm.  
Under 18 B Championship: Kilbrittain v Clonakilty venue and time TBA.

## Long puck event to pull in the crowds

THE Fr O'Neill's camogie club in the village of Ballymacoda will be packed to capacity on March 18 as the ladies come out in force for their inaugural long puck camogie competition.

An organising committee made up of former inter county senior and vibrant club official Fiona O'Driscoll, long serving club player Mary Kenefick who also served on All Ireland winning Cork junior

sides and club officer Carrie Higgins have worked hard since the idea was put together.

"We put a lot of thought into the event and decided that bank holiday Monday would give people a chance to enjoy the weekend and still participate."

The event represents an opportunity for players from all grades of clubs to come together and enjoy participation on a different level.

The club are hoping that it will become a permanent event on the camogie calendar and are anxious that the inaugural one is a success.

Teams will consist of three players be it past, present or up and coming and the only stipulation is that participation is confined entirely to camogie players. All will test their striking abilities along a route which will start in Ballymacoda village at 1.45pm.

Event co-ordinator Mary Kenefick said: "We are hoping that clubs will enter into the spirit of the event and come along and enjoy the day out. We guarantee great craic and plenty of good prizes."

The day's activities will get under way at 1.45pm and proceed along from there.

The theme of the event is "Have You Got The Biggest Hitters In Town?"



# St Mary's continue the winning habit with double victory on the court

WINNING All-Ireland titles is becoming a habit for St Mary's School, Charleville, following their victory in the All-Ireland League Senior 'D' Basketball Final, which was played at the National Basketball Stadium in Tallaght, Dublin.

In addition to this win, the school's Junior and Senior Camogie teams have also qualified to contest the All-Ireland Junior 'A' and Senior Schools All-Ireland Championships within the past week.

The Juniors led the way with their defeat of Ulster champions, Meagherafelt, on a scoreline of 6-8 to 3-1 in the semi-final, which was played

at Feenagh, Co Limerick last week.

At the weekend the school's Senior team made it a double when they too accounted for the Ulster Senior Champions Meagherafelt by 4-7 to 1-1 to qualify for their final against the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland final.

The junior game was far from one-sided as the Meagherafelt girls led by 2-1 to 1-1 mid-way through the first half, following good scores from Elisha Wilkinson and Dona O'Kane. However, these were to be their only scores of the half and things looked ominous when the locals upped the tempo of their play.

The Charleville side clicked into gear, tightening their defensive and midfield play and these measures, combined with scores from Sinead McAuliffe (1-3) and Emer Watson (3-1), left them leading at halftime by 4-6 to 2-1.

The Charleville dominance continued after the break and a great goal from Mary Coleman finished the game as a contest.

However, the game was played in spirited manner, with Meagherafelt failing to capitulate and their efforts were rewarded with a goal from K Lavery to give them a final tally of 3-1 for the game.

Full forward Tina Shanahan

completed the scoring for Charleville with her total of 1-2 to give St Mary's victory by the above scoreline and passage to the All-Ireland final, in which they will take on the Leinster champions, Colaiste Brid, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford.

The locals will be approaching this game with caution and would need to play consistently for the duration of the game if they are to avenge their defeat of last year against the same opposition.

On the other hand the school's senior team will be bidding to retain their All-Ireland senior title against opposition from Leinster, yet to be decided.

# Scoil Mhuire girls advance

**HISTORY** was made last Thursday in Duggan Park, Ballinasloe when the Scoil Mhuire junior camogie team qualified for the All-Ireland junior B final by defeating the Presentation Secondary School from Wexford.

This encounter was the second time the two teams had met as their first encounter when Scoil Mhuire travelled to Wexford ended in a draw.

Scoil Mhuire made no mistake this time around and opened the scoring with a great point from Clodagh Glynn. At the interval the score was 1-9 to 2-1 with Scoil Mhuire leading by five points.

The second half was a tense one with Wexford scoring

another goal and two points and the final scoreline was 1-11 to Scoil Mhuire and 3-2 to Wexford.

Scores on the day for Scoil Mhuire came from Ciara Cormican 1-1, Catriona Cormican 0-2, Aine Kelly 0-1, Clodagh Glynn 0-3 and captain Eilish Ryan 0-4.

Scoil Mhuire now play Fermoy in the All-Ireland final on April 20.

**Scoil Mhuire:** Adrienne Cormican, Siobhán Kelly, Anna Gilchrist, Marion Kelly, Maria Madden, Celine Donnelly, Jacinta McHugh, Clodagh Glynn, Michelle O'Neill, Aine Kelly, Eilish Ryan, Catriona Cormican, Eileen Glynn, Lorraine Canavan, Clara Cormican. Subs: Regina Curley, Emer Cormican, Gillian Gormally.

# Missed chances cost Waterford dearly

WATERFORD'S inability to take their chances cost them dearly in this National League Camogie fixture played at Mount Sion grounds on Sunday last. Played in very difficult conditions with a swirling wind and occasional hail making good flowing camogie high impossible.

From the throw-in, Laois pressed for an early advantage but were met with determined resistance by a resolute Waterford defence with Kate Marie Ahearne at centre back outstanding. With both teams producing a very high standard of committed camogie the game remained scoreless until the 13th minute when Therese Keenan pointed to put Laois ahead.

With Waterford gaining the upperhand in mid-field and putting constant pressure on the Laois goal, it was the inability of the forwards to convert their chances for the second successive game that became an increasing worry. However,

in the 22nd minute, Kate Marie Ahearne came forward to drive a 30 metre free to the Laois net to leave Waterford leading at half time 1-0 to 0-1.

Playing into the wind in the second period, Waterford dominated the opening 10 minutes missing a number of good chances.

Again against the run of play, after 16 minutes, Laois reduced the deficit when Therese Keenan pointed a free. Laois pressed forward trying to salvage something from this game only to find the Waterford rearguard putting up heroic defence until the 23rd minute when Eilis Dowling scored a goal from an obvious square ball position.

With Waterford now committed to attack, Therese Keenan pointed to increase Laois's lead and in the final minute Louise Mahoney got the visitors final point from 30 metres to complete the scoring.

# Mercy Girls reach All-Ireland U18 final

LAST weekend, Our Lady of Mercy under 18 Camogie team became the first Waterford school ever to reach an All-Ireland camogie final, having defeated Loretto, Coleraine, in the Intermediate Schools' semi-final.

The game began at a blistering pace with the Mercy defence having to withstand a lot of early pressure which ended with Loretto's player of the day, Grainne McGoldrick, opening the scoring with a 45.

On 20 minutes a long ball in from the brilliant Mercy centre back, Elaine Aylward, found Ciara Phelan inside the full back, and she duly put the ball in the Loretto net. With two minutes remaining before half-time, Gaultier's Ann Lyng smashed the sliotar to the net with a goal worthy of Croke Park, giving the Waterford side a 2-2 to 0-2 interval lead.

Aine Lyng stretched the Mercy lead 10 minutes into the second half with a magnificent individual point against the run of play. Loretto were to dominate the second half but a combination of

excellent defending and some poor finishing by their forwards meant the Mercy lead was maintained.

Sustained pressure did, however, result in 2 points from the hurley of McGoldrick. During this period the Mercy back six gave yet another virtuoso display of defence. The final Mercy score began when the magnificent Claire Aylward found Darmody who was brought down on the 50. Darmody took the resulting free herself which was plucked out of the air by Phelan who turned with the grace of a ballet dancer and slotted the ball between the posts.

With six points between the teams, Loretto's only scorer, Grainne McGoldrick, finally got the final point of the day.

There were great scenes of excitement when the final whistle blew with the Mercy obviously very relieved to have won this game having made the long trek north. The final score was Mercy Waterford 2-4, Loretto, Coleraine 0-5.



Pictured at the launch of Supermac's Sponsorship of Galway County Camogie were, from left, Sharon Glynn, senior player, Una McDonagh, Supermac's, Mike Kennedy, Senior Galway Manager, and Martina Haverly, senior player

## CAMOGIE

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Div 1: Tipperary 4-7 (E Hayden 2-1, C Gaynor, O Hughes 1-0 each, N Kennedy 0-3, P Fogarty 0-2, L Young 0-1) Wexford 2-6 (K Kelly 1-1, M Heurne 1-0, A Codd 0-3, T Bergin, L Holohan 0-1 each).  
Galway 1-13 (M Harkin 1-0, A Connolly 0-3, A Hilary, L Kavanagh, S Glynn, T Maher 0-2 each, C Murray, D Gilligan 0-1 each).  
Kilkenny 0-7 (S Milla 0-5, P Comerford, M O'Connor 0-1 each).  
Div 2: Offaly 2-13 (M Davis 2-6, S Carroll 0-2, M Bergin, A Hennessy, E Dermody, M Molloy, J Feighery 0-1 each) Dublin 1-4 (S Hanks 1-0, N Taylor 0-03, C Lucey 0-01).  
Armagh 0-8 (C McKenney 0-5, J Rice, M Murray, Mairiad Murray 0-1 each) Kildare 1-3 (A Treacy 1-1, M Treacy, S Carthy 0-1 each).  
Meath 2-3 (S Raleigh, L Carroll 1-0, A Denaghy, L Byrne, C Raleigh 0-1 each) Carlow 2-2 (N Quirk, V C Crean 1-0 each, M Codd 0-2) Wexford 3-8 (A Cousins, A Moriarty, M Walsh 1-0 each, G Heffernan 0-4, U Lacey 0-2, C Murphy, A O'Connor 0-1 each) Tipperary 0-2 (F Loughane 0-2).

Camogie: U-18 'A' Championship SF: Milford 3-6 Cloughduv 0-6; Barryroe 3-8 Newcestown 0-4; JBL OF: Killeagh 4-1 Dalaneys 0-1; Clonsilla 3-6 Ballyhee 2-2; St. Fanahans 4-5 Kilbrittain 0-0; Grenagh 4-1 Valley Rovers 0-0. U-16 'B' League Section play-off: St. Finbarrs 2-2, Eira Og 0-2; U-16 'B' League: Glen Rovers 4-2 Brian Dillons 0-4. Cork Colleges Senior 'A' Final: Charleville 5-5 Bandon 1-1; Cork Colleges Senior League: Coachford 3-2 Clonsilla 1-8.





The Ballincollig team who were winners of the Muskerry under-13 A title in 2001.

# Fine first year for Muskerry camogie

**THE Muskerry camogie committee recently looked back on a very successful first year's activities and began the groundwork for what they hope will be an even better one ahead.**

Mindful of the success of inter-divisional competitions in the Carrigdhoun, Seandún and Imokilly divisions, the mid-Cork clubs got together in 2001 and began similar competitions.

Catering initially for the U11 and U13 age groups, it has been decided for the season ahead to begin an U15 competition.

A feature of the mid-Cork competition is that all games are played on a 12-a-side basis, unlike county competitions, where it is all 15-a-side unless in special competitions.

Divisional PRO Finbarr Bradley takes up the story.

"In small rural clubs it is not always possible to get 15 players under a certain age and if there is a big age gap the games are not balanced and the fun aspect is lost," he said.

"Therefore we decided to make it 12-a-side and give everybody a chance of participation on a fairly even level."

Each competition is played on a double round, therefore clubs must meet twice and this in turn makes for keen rivalry.

"There is great determination even at an early age and it makes it exciting for the teams to be going out for another tilt with a side that you

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Camogie correspondent

may have lost an earlier game to.

"Children love the competitive aspect of games and can be heard plotting the downfall of the rivals when they meet again," said Bradley.

The teams are also graded, with A and B competitions being the order of the day.

The top competition, the U13 A, saw the final contested between Ballincollig and Éire Óg.

Under the guidance of Michael McSweeney, Martine McCarthy, Majella Daly, Mary Cotter and Finbarr Bradley, Ballincollig made it to the final, recording good victories over Inniscarra and Aghabullogue on the way.

On the day, a close opening half saw the sides level 0-1 each at break, and amid tremendous excitement Ciara McSwiney, with two points and Sarah O'Brien with one, gave Ballincollig the title despite the best efforts of Éire Óg's Lea Doyle, Erin Corkery and goalkeeper Lisa Marie O'Mahony.

In the under-13 B final there was victory for Blarney, when they had to much strength for Ballincollig's second string. On their way to the final Blarney had to battle past Ballinora, before a semi-final win over Grenagh booked them their final spot.

Grenagh's Donal Hurley is another to praise the divisional competition.

"The girls enjoyed the games and the double rounds system was a great idea," he said.

"We had a great year and the young players are to be applauded for the commitment, skill and sporting attitude throughout the competition. The new friends made and the friendly rivalry made it a year to remember."

A unique feature of the final was that Blarney captain Alice O'Brien was presented with the trophy by her grandmother, Peggie Mitchell, who had donated it to the Muskerry committee.

Blarney's fortunes are guided by former Bishopstown player Ann Coleman, (nee Creed) who won county championship honours with the city club. She is joined in the backroom team by Bernice O'Brien, better known in her camogie days as Bernice Mitchell, who captained UCC in the Ashbourne Cup final against UCD in 1981 when they lost out to a late goal. Bernice played her club camogie with the Blarney and Éire Óg clubs.

Inniscarra were to the fore in U11 A when they took the honours over Éire Óg. Inniscarra had good performances from Maura McCarthy, Katie O'Mahony, Aoife Kavanagh and Emer O'Connell.

In an exciting U11 B final watched by a big crowd, Ballinora were crowned champions with victories over Ballincollig B and Blarney.

On final day the side lived up to expectations with superb performance from Aoife McGrath, Alison Lane, Clara Lucey and Lisa O'Shea.

## Youngsters blitz indoor camogie scene

THE babes of the city division clubs will be out in force on Sunday next when the Seandún divisional committee hold their Indoor Under 10 blitz at the Cork Institute of Technology Sports complex in Bishopstown.

Last season the division held an outdoor fun day for the youngsters and through the winter months have already held an U11 blitz so

this weekend the focus is entirely on the younger players.

Secretary Niall McLoughlin tells us that ten clubs have entered teams and they will be divided into two sections. The Munster section will have Brian Dillon's, Blackrock, St. Finbarr's, Bishopstown, Glen Rovers, Douglas team 1, pitted against each other.

The Leinster section will have Na

Piarsaigh, Passage West, St Vincent's, Bishostowns 2 and Douglas 2 in action.

On the day it will be decided in what format the teams will come through the sections. Games will be seven minutes a side with non-stop action, with teams getting ready to take to the pitch immediately the preceding game's action finishes.

Action begins at 2pm sharp with

the final games wrapping up the day's activities at 6pm.

Clubs are to be at the venue for 1.45pm.

● The Seandún committee have asked to remind the city clubs that the Easter draw tickets be returned on or before the next meeting which will be held at the Blackrock Club (Note change of venue) at 9pm on Wednesday March 27.

## Loretto weather early storm to take an easy victory

Loretto Fermoy  
Coachford College

4-9  
0-8

JUNIOR B All-Ireland finalists Loretto Fermoy had a preparation boost for their April 20 showdown, when they took the Cork Colleges championship title on Friday last.

Fermoy goalkeeper Valerie McCormack was called on to bring off some excellent saves as Coachford put the Loretto girls under early pressure.

Louise Murphy Lyons forced McCormack to bring off a save, which saw Emma Healy point the resulting 45 metres free to give Coachford an early lead. Noreen O'Farrell and Marie O'Neill replied with Loretto points, but rising to the challenge, Coachford hit back and regained their lead with points from Healy (2), and Margaret McCarthy.

With the sides evenly matched Denise Twomey struck for a Loretto goal with a lobbing shot and this was enough to give them the half time advantage.

Both sides had exchanged points before a superb Marie O'Neill solo run saw her finish to the net and give Loretto the initiative. Now, with them beginning to tire, the Coachford defence came under pressure and with Marie O'Neill and Trisha Carroll grabbing further goals Loretto were in complete control.

● Stronger in all sectors, Cork Juniors got the defence of their National league title off to an impressive start when they totally outclassed All-Ireland Junior champions Tipperary on Monday, 2-16 to 0-4. Impressive displays from Nora Ahern, Catriona Kelly and Colette Desmond saw Cork lead 1-8 to 0-2 at the break after Desmond had grabbed Cork's opening goal at the mid way stage. On the turn over Cork continued their dominance, adding a second goal from Elaine McCarthy to run out comfortable winners.

Amongst those who impressed were Ger Collins, Niamh Bowles and Liz Sweetnam. Tipp had good displays from impressive goalkeeper Jill Hogan, Melissa Stapleton and Una O'Rourke but were never in the same class as the impressive Cork outfit.

● National Congress delegates will gather in Clarenbridge Co. Galway over the weekend as counties have their annual stock take at National Congress. A full agenda will evoke lively discussion on many issues, amongst which is a suggestion to make the position of National Treasurer full-time. Already the association has a full time national secretary and while the proposal to make the position of treasurer a professional one is popular, the feeling amongst the clubs and grassroots members is where will the money come from to pay the wages?

## Results/ fixtures

**RESULTS**  
Cork Colleges Junior B championship: Loretto, Fermoy 4-9 Coachford College 0-8.

**FIXTURES**  
SAT/ SUNDAY MARCH 23/24  
National Congress: Clarenbridge, Co. Galway.  
SUNDAY MARCH 24  
Under 18 A Championship semi final: Cloughduv v Millford at Millford 2.30pm.  
Junior B League quarter finals: St. Finbarr's v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain; Clonsilla v Ballyshea at Clonsilla; Killeagh v Delany's at Delany's; Grenagh v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers.



# All championships will be fiercely contested

Six grades will be catered for by Munster Council as season nears

ANOTHER busy season is in the offing as Munster Council prepare to get championship action up and running. Under the chairmanship of Cork's Marie Kearney, who recently took over the role from Tipperary's Marion Graham, the busy committee will cater for championship action in six grades from under 16 B up to club. While the senior and intermediate championships are played on a separate basis to the All Ireland series with results bearing little to the participants advancement to further honours. The minor, junior and club championships have traditionally been fiercely contested and the season ahead promises little change.

Already Limerick and Waterford have met in a minor A preliminary round with last year's All Ireland B champions Limerick advancing comfortably. However, for Waterford there will be another chance as they will now automatically participate in the B championship. Limerick now have a semi-final clash with champions Cork on April 13. The second semi-final has Tipperary and Clare down for decision on April 13. A feature of these semi-final meetings is that both losers other than if its Cork or Tipperary will be automatically entered in the B championship which has its opening round games down for decision on April 20.

Both Munster minor finals are pencilled in for May 4, and while the time span may seem short between games the aim is to have the provincial champions known before the start of exams. From a Cork prospective selector John Cronin

tells us that the back room team have been busy since Christmas in their efforts to unearth new talent. "As champions the pressure is on to perform and this year it will be harder, we have a tough opener against Limerick who won the All Ireland B title last year and we are mindful of what lays ahead".

The champions in both grades will go on to an All Ireland semi-final meeting with the Ulster champions on July 21.

On the Junior front All Ireland champions Tipperary will be confident as they face their opening round clash with Waterford on May 6. While this year they must field a complete new line as their all Ireland winning side are now ineligible for junior they should still have enough in hand to reach the Munster final.

Cork and Limerick meet in the second semi-final on the same date and here Cork will be hoping to have a chance to atone for last year's defeat at the hands of Tipperary. The selectors have worked hard in the interim getting a major boost capturing the national league title in late November. Since this victory they have added new faces to the panel and built up a strong side that have performed well in their national league campaign to date. They look capable of advancing. However, selectors Lillian Zincent, Ollie Hallihane and Marion McCarthy will be mindful of the growing interest in the game in Limerick and given the boost of winning the minor B All

Ireland title the will pose a strong challenge to Cork ambitions of making it to the Munster final on June 29. At junior level it's all or nothing with the Munster winners meeting the Ulster champions in an All Ireland semi-final on August 24.

The provincial council initiated a special Munster Intermediate championship five years ago. The idea behind the competition is that players who have never won a Munster medal in junior or intermediate are eligible to participate. The competition is run separate to the All Ireland series which is on an open draw format and as a result there is big interest in the competition amongst the weaker counties as its felt everybody is participating on an even basis. Ironically old rivals Cork and Tipperary will once again clash in the opening round with Limerick facing Clare both fixed for the first week in June with the final down for June 19.

The All Ireland senior championship is also run on an open draw format and as a result the Munster championship has lost it some of its gloss.

Cork and Tipperary have a June 8 meeting date as do Limerick and Clare with a final down for June 22.

Club championships have always been fiercely contested in Munster and the coming season should be no different. Last year new champions emerged with Cashel knocking Limerick kingpins Greagh-Ballingarry from their throne. It's now been six year since Cork

champions took a Munster club title and this year the Cork champions will have a meeting with the Waterford standard bearers, Tipperary and Limericks representatives will have a repeat of last year final in their opener with the winners meeting Clare in the semi final, the winners from the Waterford/Cork clash advancing to the Munster final.

In games played recently Clonakilty advanced to the Under 18 B county final after second half goals from Grace and Hazel O'Regan gave them the upper hand to run out victors on a 2-5 to 1-1 scoreline.

Carrigaline had four points to spare over Inniscarra when the sides met in the Under 16 A league semi final (2001) the winners now advance to a final outing against holders and county champions Milford. In quarter finals of the under 16 b league (2001) county champions powered by Denise Twomey and Noreen Mulcahy easily accounted for a young Sliabh Rua side when they met in Conna in the coming week the remaining quarter finals are down for decision as follows Tracton and Watergrasshill meet this afternoon Tuesday in Tracton at 2p.m., Rockbawn and St Finbarr's clash in Carrignavar tomorrow Wednesday at 6.30pm., Courcey Rovers and St Catherine's are again in action on Friday in Conna, Douglas and Buttrvant have a meeting on Saturday in Douglas, Brian Dillon's will meet the winners of the

Watergrasshill/Tracton game on Sunday at the city side's venue at noon.

Milford and Courcey Rovers will have to meet again after ending all square 0-10 to 1-7 in their senior league semi final (2001) meeting.

Many Cork clubs are heading to Kilkenny for the Pan Celtic festival next weekend, but nevertheless the county under 18 A final is down for decision with holders Milford taking on Barryroe a venue will be named later in the week with the game pencilled in for a 12 noon start. In the Junior B league semi final Killeagh, who have continued to make steady progress, meet Clonakilty at the East Cork venue at 5pm.

Glen Rovers have reminded us that they are holding a Table Quiz at their club on the Ballincollie road on Thursday next and are inviting teams to pit their skills off the playing field. Teams of four can enter on the night and organiser Trisha Murphy tells us they have some good prizes on offer.

Liz O'Mahony has asked us to remind all former Brian Dillons players that they are holding a reunion at their club on Saturday, April 20, to celebrate 25 years together. Tickets for what promises to be a night of nostalgia are available any night at the club at the Tank Field or from any committee member.

**RESULTS**  
Under 16 league  
Ballinascarty 3-3 Erins Own 3-0; Glen Rovers 5-1 Ballygarvan 1-1; Rockbawn 3-4 Killeagh 1-2; St.Catherines 8-5 Cloughduv 2-4; Brian Dillons 5-3 Killeagh 4-1; Cloughduv 4-6 Na Piaraisaig 1-3; Glen Rovers 4-2 Brian Dillons 0-4; Rockbawn 3-4 Killeagh 1-2; Eire Og 5-10 Ballincollig 0-0; Castlyons 7-4 Erins Own 0-0; Mallow 5-5 Kiltshannig 0-0; Cloughduv 3-4 Ballincollig 3-1

## Camogie

by Mary Newman

DESPITE exam time drawing ever closer there is still plenty of activity on the colleges front, for two Cork Colleges, April 13 and 20 are red letter dates with All-Ireland finals beckoning.

St Mary's Charleville will be keeping their fingers crossed that their Senior A side will bring off the first leg on April 13 when they meet Portumna Community College and it will then be the turn of the St Mary's Junior A team to keep the Cork flag flying when they meet with Colaiste Brid Enniscorthy.

Excitement is mounting in Loretto Fermoy who also have an All-Ireland Junior B date on April 13 and a meeting with Mercy Ballinasloe.

Everybody in the county will be keeping a watchful eye on the sides progress and wishing them well in their quests. We will preview all three games in the weeks ahead.

On the local Cork Colleges front, there is plenty of action as busy Colleges secretary, Rob Lott, and his committee continue to keep the pressure on all schools in an effort to get their programme completed.

A glance at the first years leagues show good results to date for St Marys Charleville who had wins over Coachford College and Bandon, however Bandon, despite losing to Charleville, have looked impressive in their games and had excellent victories over Clonakilty and Coachford.

Loretto Fermoy - boosted no doubt by the vast interest that the success of their Junior B side are enjoying - recorded a win over Coachford, Kinsale had just one point to spare in their win over Car-

## Cork colleges face red letter day with All-Ireland finals beckoning



The Éire Óg u13 team who took part in the Muskerry leagues.

rigaline but the Carrigaline girls quickly picked themselves up and had a 2-2 to 0-1 win over Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig.

It was the turn of the Ballincollig girls to take the points when they turned on the style against Colaiste Choilm.

As the league has begun to take

shape a pattern quickly forms; however, indications and results to date show that, despite two sides recording two out of two wins, the title is very much up for grabs and should make for interesting round up.

Several of the competitions have already been decided with St Marys Charleville recording a 5-5 to 1-1

victory over Bandon to retain the Senior A title. Among the scorers for Charleville were Anna Geary, Emer O'Friel, Emer Watson and Limerick duo Sinead Mc Auliffe and Aoife Sheehan.

Bandon put up a brave battle and made the All-Ireland finalists work to the end for their victory, Sarah





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Following an assessment of the huge numbers of nominations in the various categories, the following is a short list from which the eventual winners will be selected. Winners will collect their awards at a gala award ceremony in the Berkeley Court Hotel on March 28, 2002.

## Camogie Nominees

### PHILOMENA FOGARTY, Tipperary

PHILOMENA who is 18 plays with the Cashel club. Her regular position is wing-forward where she played in the 2000 All-Ireland final. The following year Philomena played at mid-field, as Tipp retained their title in convincing fashion over Kilkenny as they clinched the three-in-a-row. That was Philly's third senior medal, as she had also played in 1999, coming on as a second-half sub and impressing in that shock breakthrough win over hot favourites Kilkenny. She won player of the match in the 2000 Tipperary County Final playing for Cashel, player-of-the-year in Munster last year, along with a number of exceptional displays in the Munster championship. Philly was presented with a Sports Scholarship at IT Carlow in February 2001.

### CLAIRE GROGAN, Tipperary

IN 2000, aged 14, Claire, (pictured right) became one of the youngest winners of an All-Ireland Senior Camogie medal when playing at corner-forward, scoring 2 points from play in an overall excellent performance. She then won her 2nd All-Ireland in 2001, scoring 1-2 from play. Her father John played Senior Hurling for Tipperary in the 1980's. Despite her tender years and slight build, Claire's exceptional first touch and general skill levels makes her a handful for any defender in the country. Undoubtedly a major star in the making.



### MARY LEACY, Wexford

MARY LEACY is a member of the Oulart the Ballagh club which won a historic four in a row Feile na nGael titles. Aged 17, she began playing senior inter-county last season and has all the hallmarks of a great forward for the future. Seldom off the scoreboard, a most adaptable player she often plays in defence if needed. Mary has already represented her county at U14, minor and junior levels. Her mother Margaret is the holder of three senior medals.



### EIMEAR DILLON (Harlequins)

HARLEQUINS' Emer Dillon (pictured left) has enjoyed a tremendously successful 2001 season, the highlight being her inclusion in the club team that won the Gold Medal in the European Cup in Vienna. A bronze medal followed with the Irish under 18 team in the European Championship in Italy. Emer also played a key role in Harlequins Cup and League Munster double and is now a notable figure in the senior squad. Emer was also honoured in the Garda Community Awards scheme for her contribution to sport.



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**T**ODAY we proudly announce the 17 recipients of the 2001 Irish Examiner/TV3 National Junior Sports Star Awards.

The awards are now in their 18th year and are regarded as the most accurate indicator available of the next generation of Irish sporting heroes.

The roll of honour dating back to 1984 reads like a who's who of Irish sporting talent with Olympic medalists in Athletics, Champions League winners in Soccer, Grand National winning jockeys, Lions in Rugby and a host of All-Ireland medal winners in Hurling and Football.

In an era of excessive award ceremonies for sport, the Irish Examiner/TV3 National Awards stand alone as the only scheme honouring the best Junior talent in the country.

We look forward to reporting on their domestic and international successes in the future.



### Camogie Claire Grogan (Tipperary)

**T**WO years ago, aged 14, Claire became one of the youngest winners of an All-Ireland Senior Camogie medal with Tipperary. Playing at corner-forward, she scored two points to crown a memorable afternoon. Last October she won her second All-Ireland senior title, scoring 1-2 from play against Kilkenny in the final. The pedigree is strong as her father John played senior hurling for Tipperary in the 1980's. Despite her tender years and slight build, Claire's exceptional first touch and general skill levels makes her a handful for any defender in the country. Undoubtedly a major star in the making.



# Students camogie history!

A piece of history was written in Lorrha on Saturday last when the Portumna Community School Senior Camogie team qualified for the school's first Camogie All-Ireland Final appearance with a hard fought win over a very strong Kilkenny team.

Knowing that a good start would be needed, the Portumna girls went on the attack from the throw-in and when Richard O'Brien goalied from close range they were on their way. Brenda Hanney rounded her marker and scored goal number two shortly afterwards it looked like being one-way traffic, but this was never going to be the case against a Kilkenny team who were All-

## Portumna

Ireland finalists last year. They gradually got a foothold but with Melanie Hogan dealing well with some dangerous high balls, and her defence not allowing any space, Loreto failed to narrow the deficit. Susan Keane extended the lead with a well worked point and Maeve Moran saw her goal-bound shot deflected over the bar to leave Portumna ahead by 2-2 to 0-0.

The back lines continued to dominate early in the second half and it wasn't until the tenth minute that Loreto got their first point from a free. They added two more pointed frees before a 45 metre free deceived the Portumna backs and ended up in the net. With the gap reduced to six points the Portumna nerve was being severely tested .... a score was needed and after some good build up from Nicola Lawless, the ball found its way to Susan Keane who pointed from 30 metres.

The Portumna back line were coming under severe pressure but with Edel Pierce and Niamh Hanney to the fore, they were conceding little. After some good passing the ball found its way to Richard O'Brien who hit the back of the net from a very tight angle to open up a six point gap. Loreto again piled on the pressure and clawed back two points but some great defending and a point-blank save from Melanie Hogan preserved the four point gap until the final whistle.

Every player played their part in this thrilling win and they now can look forward to the All-Ireland Final against Charleville on April 13th.

Team: Melanie Hogan, Patricia Brien, Aine Whyte, Fiona Byrne, Linda Mitchell, Niamh Hanney (c), Nicola Lawless, Edel Pierce, Susan Keane, Doirinne Moran, Aoibheann O'Brien, Richard O'Brien, Maeve Moran, Brenda Hanney, Emma Keane.

The appearance of the Senior Camogie team in the All-Ireland Final will be a historic occasion for Portumna C.S. and they want to make it special for everyone involved. To ensure that the girls are as fully prepared as possible, and fully 'kitted out' the school are this week launching a training fund appeal. They are inviting any individuals or businesses who would like to contribute to make donations in an envelope marked 'Camogie Fund' which should be handed into the school office. All donations will be fully receipted.

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# St Mary's take their first camogie title

**Howard Crowdy**  
says the Carrigaline girls made a little sports history lately

St Mary's Church of Ireland school in Waterpark, Carrigaline, made history recently by becoming the first Church of Ireland national school in the Carrigdhoun division to win a GAA camogie title.

The girls took part in the Daithi Ó Mordha Memorial Cup with three other local schools, the Carrigaline Girls School, Scoil An Athair Tadgh in Douglas and Carrigaline Gaelscoil, which was the venue.

After losing to the Carrigaline Gael Scoil in the first match, St Mary's team went on to win their

remaining two matches to qualify for the final against their first round victors. In a very tight and exciting game, St Mary's won by 5 goals to 4. The winners' scorers were Grainne O'Keeffe (2) and three from Jessica Kingston.

The St Mary's team included Orla Tumulta, Jessica Kingston, Helen McIntyre, Shauna Murphy, Grainne O'Keeffe, Natoya Burke and Theadora Whelan, all 4th class pupils. John Twomey, chairman, South East GAA Board, congratulated the St Mary's team for taking their first title.

"The South East Board presented indoor hurleys to St Mary's school a couple of years back in an effort to help promote Gaelic games within the school, and here we are after many training sessions and coaching, celebrating their very first indoor camogie title already," said Mr Twomey.



**History-makers:** The victorious St Mary's Camogie team. Included are Orla Tumulta, Jessica Kingston, Helen McIntyre, Shauna Murphy, Grainne O'Keeffe, Natoya Burke and Theadora Whelan.

Picture: Crowdy

# Camogie

by Maire Ui Scolái

Campbell-McKee Solicitors - sponsors of the north Antrim indoor hurling leagues which concluded recently have announced that they are to extend the sponsorship to include an inaugural Indoor Camogie League, which started on Saturday March 2nd in Our Lady of Lourdes High School Sports centre in Ballymoney.

Ciarán Campbell, on behalf of the sponsors, enthused about the move. "We were delighted with our involvement in the hurling and could see for ourselves the skills which were developing through the course of the competition. We are pleased that the girls from the same age-group are now getting the same chance to learn and enjoy the game."

North Antrim camogie secretary Mary McKendry has already seen the competition extending the number of clubs in the region. "Because only 5 or 6 players are needed for each team, we are delighted that new clubs such as Glenravel, Cloughmills and Rasharkin have come into the league and it can only improve camogie in north Antrim in the years ahead. In fact we have had to confine the competition to 12 clubs. We have seen how much enthusiasm the hurling has generated and hope that camogie can get the same shot in the arm. She thanked Campbell-McKee for extending their involvement to the girls and also thanked Our Lady of Lourdes Ballymoney for the use of the sports facilities.

Campbell McKee North Antrim Indoor Camogie League

## Fixtures for Saturday March 9th 2002.

### Division 1

9.30am Dunloy Cúchulainn's v Loughgiel Shamrocks  
9.50am Dunloy Cúchulainn's v Creggan Kickham s  
10.10am Loughgiel Shamrocks v Geraldines  
10.30am Loughgiel Shamrocks v Creggan Kickham s  
10.55am Geraldines v Cushendall  
11.20am Geraldines v Ballycastle McQuillan's  
11.40am Cushendall v Ballycastle McQuillan's

### Division 2

12.00pm Con Magee's, Glenravel v St. Mary's, Rasharkin  
12.20pm Armoy v St. Mary's, Rasharkin  
12.40pm Ahoghill v Con Magee's, Glenravel  
1.05pm St. Mary's, Rasharkin v All Saints Ballymena  
1.25pm Armoy v St. Brigid's, Cloughmills  
1.50pm Armoy v Ahoghill  
2.10pm All Saints Ballymena v St. Brigid's, Cloughmills  
2.30pm All Saints Ballymena v Ahoghill.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 2002

With the League in full swing now, the cobwebs are being shook off and players are slowly thinking of the



The Louth camogie team were presented with a new set of jerseys by the Co. Supporter Club

championship. While the weather has hampered the opening rounds, it was great to see many new faces coming to the fore. Down in Tipperary this season there will be a lot of fighting for places, considering that last year they did the historic double of winning both senior and junior All-Irelands. As a result of winning the junior they will have a brand new junior team this season.

While defending champions Cork got over their opening hurdle against Kilkenny, Kilkenny under new manager Ann Downey were not the push over they were last season. Galway, also have a new manager, Michael Kennedy who has successfully brought the Pearces club to all their All-Ireland titles.

With the Western county having enjoyed success at minor level a number of years ago and the second level colleges reaching the knock out stages of the post primary schools competition, the future looks rather rosy I feel. While Tipperary still look dangerous for the championship, Galway are not far behind.

## CONGRESS

Not all activity is confined to the playing fields in March, as annual Congress will this year go ahead in Clarinbridge Court Hotel, Galway towards the end of this month.

It was cancelled last season in Galway due to the foot and mouth disease, it later went ahead in Croke Park. Beginning on Friday night, the banquet will go ahead on Saturday night where the former Uachtarán and Galway man Joe McDonagh, will speak, also invited are Frank Fahy, Minister of State, Department of the Marine, Frank Burke, Cathaoireach of Galway GAA Board, and John McIntyre, Sport's Editor of the Connacht Tribune. Indeed, John will be hoping to be in a celebratory mood by then as he trains the Clarinbridge team who will be competing for All-Ireland club honours on St. Patrick's Day.





The late James Hurley (left) pictured with the victorious St Aloysius camogie team following their senior championship success last season.

# Hurley is a huge loss to camogie

IT WAS with a sense of shock and deep regret that camogie followers, especially those associated with Cork and Munster colleges, learned of the untimely passing of James Hurley.

A member of the teaching staff in St Aloysius, Sharman Crawford Street, James was a playing member of the Valley Rovers hurling and football club.

On joining the staff in the city secondary school he quickly got actively involved and set about the task of revitalising the game, bringing the famous camogie nursery back to the winning rostrum where, over many years, they had enjoyed tremendous success.

Getting the interest going and showing great leadership to his young pupils, James quickly gathered a determined group and it came as no surprise that his charges rallied to his call and in 1998 St Aloysius once again mounted the victory platform, when they took the first year Cork Colleges Championship with a victory over Loreto Youghal.

Seeing the potential in his young charges James, together with Ger Butler, worked tirelessly and through '99 they made steady progress.

The year 2000 saw the Junior B title annexed but more was to come.

James Hurley's vision saw him invite his good friend and Cork senior hurler Kevin Murray to

## Rovers table quiz

GLEN ROVERS Camogie Club are calling on clubs to test their brains and at the same time play for some prizes, when they hold a table quiz on Thursday April 4 at 8.30pm at the club pavilion, with a great night guaranteed.

Teams of four from clubs or as individuals can enter on the night or contact Rose Mackey or Trisha Murphy for details.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

get involved with St Aloysius and guided by Butler, Hurley and Murray they bridged a 20 year gap since last a senior championship had come to the school when amid tremendous scenes of excitement the Cork Colleges Senior B title was held aloft by captain Jenny Duffy.

Despite his ability to get the best from his charges, James Hurley was a quiet and unassuming person and in all the excitement of the victory celebrations he stood quietly by smiling and enjoying the moment.

At the medal presentation in the St Aloysius hall he stood back and left all the glory to his charges.

Without his help and guidance there would have been little to celebrate. Not content with his role in St Aloysius, he was also actively involved in the organising of the Cork Colleges camogie scene where he was chairman for two seasons 1999/2000, a selector with the first Cork colleges under-14 team that annexed the title in its inaugural year with a victory over Galway.

Cork and Munster Colleges secretary Rob Lotty, John Joe Breen and Ollie Troy were his fellow organisers on the Cork Colleges Under 14 scene and all expressed deep sorrow at his passing.

Lotty, paying his own tribute, said: "James Hurley was a gentleman he is a huge loss to the game at colleges level but especially to his parents and family, to whom we pay our respects."

"The turn-out of players and parents both from his beloved St Aloysius and further afield told its own story."

"I know that the girls are devastated by his passing. We in Cork Colleges mourn his loss and hopefully we will dedicate the forthcoming inter-county under-14 tournament on June 1 to his memory."

Hopefully when the young players from Cork, Kilkenny, Galway, Tipperary, Wexford, Dublin and Limerick gather in Coachford on June 1 they will join together in silent prayer for one of the game's true gentlemen.

May he rest in peace.

## A strong second half does it for Clonakilty

THE weekend saw the fixtures back log continue to diminish, with the quarter-finals of the junior B championship all decided. There were wins for Killeagh, Grenagh, Clonakilty and St Fanahan's who will now meet in the semi-finals as follows: Clonakilty v Killeagh; Grenagh v St. Fanahan's.

● Clonakilty were 3-6 to 2-2 winners over Ballyhea. Just two points separated the sides 1-3 to 1-1 at the short whistle in Clonakilty after Jane Lowney and Mary Coleman had exchanged goals, Hazel O'Regan and Lowney popping over the Clonakilty points with Coleman the point scorer for Ballyhea.

On the turn over Clonakilty showed determination and with their centre field pairing of Vicki Hennessy and Grace O'Regan gaining the upper hand, they put their stamp on proceedings. Cliona O'Regan added a further goal before a point from Hazel O'Regan saw Clonakilty stretch their lead.

● Proving that all the talent is not confined to the male side of the family, Killeagh's Carmel Deane, a sister to inter-county hurler Joe, turned in a top class performance in her goalkeeping duties. She kept a clean sheet as her side advanced on a 4-1 to 0-1 scoreline in their clash with Delaney's on Sunday.

● Grenagh's defence turned in an impressive display when they booked their semi final spot, defeating Valley Rovers 4-1 to 0-0 in Innishannon.

Margaret Barry had Grenagh's first goal, to which Linda Corkery added a point as the visitors led 1-1 to no score at the break. With captain Linda Dorgan, Deirdre Foley and Sinead Dorgan in impressive form, Grenagh continued to dictate matters in the second half. Valley Rovers never gave up, with Lucey Hawks, the Murphy sisters Nicola Maireaid and Siobhan working hard.

● Defence again played a big part as St Fanahan's secured their semi final spot in the Junior B league, beating Kilbrittain 4-4 to 0-0.

Three goals in the opening half, two from Maireaid Ryan and one from the stick of Georgina Finn, gave the Mitchelstown girls a comfortable half time advantage that they continued to hold despite the excellent work rate of Kilbrittain's Amanda Murphy, Anita O'Keeffe and Eibhlin O'Regan.

● St Finbarr's and Éire Óg had to go to a play off as they finished level, before the Barr's advanced 2-2 to 0-2 from their section in the under-16 B 2001 league.

A close encounter saw little between the sides but vital goals for the Barrs were Pauline Murphy and Gemma O'Connor were the difference at the final whistle. For a determined Éire Óg Catriona O'Leary, Ciara McKenna and Lorraine Murphy tried to the finish.

## Results

Cork Colleges Senior A Final: St. Mary's Charleville 5-5 Bandon 1-1.

Cork Colleges Senior League: Coachford 3-2 Clonakilty 1-8.

Cork Colleges First Year League: Charleville 7-6 Bandon 2-3; Bandon 5-3 Coachford 2-2; Fermoy 7-6 Coachford 1-1; Bandon 5-5 Clonakilty 1-0; Charleville 8-3 Coachford 0-1; Kinsale 5-0 Carrigaline 4-4; Carrigaline 2-2 Coláiste Chóilm 0-1; Coláiste Chóilm 5-3 Kinsale 0-0; Bandon 5-3 Coachford 2-2.

Cork Under 16 League: Glen Rovers 4-2 Brian Dillon's 0-4; Rockbawn 3-4 Killeagh 1-2; Éire Óg 5-10 Ballincollig 0-0; Mallow 5-5 Kiltannig 0-0.

Cork Under 16 12-a-side league: Castibons 7-4 Erin's Own 0-0.

## Milford set up repeat of last year's final

Milford 3-6  
Cloughduv 0-6

MILFORD and Barryroe set up a repeat of the previous year's final when they battled it through their respective U-18 championship (2001) semi finals over Cloughduv and Newcestown at the weekend.

Holders Milford went in as favourites when they clashed with Cloughduv at Tullylease on Satur-

day despite Cloughduv fielding a strong line out that included half of their Cork Senior County championship winning side.

Both sides fielded minus players with Cloughduv's Sinead Corkery and Joanne O'Callaghan forced to miss out due to illness and injury with the same applying to Milford's Julie Sheehy with Deirdre O'Reilly also absent due to football commitments with her college side.

Milford grabbed the early lead thanks to a Marie Watson goal and with Watson doing the damage adding a further three points, they had stretched their advantage before Breege Corkery and Ann Geary swapped points to leave Milford ahead 1-4 to 0-1 at the interval.

From the restart Cloughduv fought hard and with Orla McCarthy pointing, they kept in touch while Orla O'Callaghan, Maria Lu-

cacy, Janey Lynch and Jean Lucey all worked hard.

Milford, boosted by their opening half display, kept the pressure on the Cloughduv defence and goals from Patricia O'Riordan and Anna Geary booked their final spot while Barryroe coasted to the final with a 3-8 to 0-4 win over Newcestown with Jennifer O'Leary playing a starring role ending the game with a personal tally of 1-1.



# GAA set to partner anti-doping alliance

By Therese O'Callaghan

Camogie

TWELVE months ago the outbreak of the Foot and Mouth disease forced plans for Annual Congress to be altered at the eleventh hour. Galway, the host county were gutted when the meeting had to be moved to Croke Park.

However, all their hard

work did not go to waste, it was put on hold and now in nine days time the 2002 Congress will be held in the Clarenbridge Court hotel.

This year could be a significant one for camogie. As, Management (a committee above Central Council) submitted a motion requesting that the position of Treasurer become a full-time post.

This does not surprise me

because in keeping with the progression of the game and its raised profile, the workload has become virtually impossible for a volunteer.

Jo Golden, who is a secondary school teacher, currently fills the role, but with the role of Treasurer becoming more detailed this can no longer be the case.

As well as dealing with the normal financial transactions it is also imperative

that a greater amount of time be given to areas such as sponsorship, advertising and fundraising. Thankfully someone had to the vision to see this need.

Other topical subjects that will be up for debate are the proposed alliance with the GAA and the anti-doping programme, which will be in place for the 2002 senior championship.

Testing only applies to

players over 18 years of age and who are members of a senior inter-county team.

Reports that the Wexford camogie team had acquired a new manager were confirmed with former inter-county hurler, Martin Storey taking over as boss. I'm sure he was pleased with his team's first league outing, which was a draw against highly fancied Galway last Sunday.

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## Galway Host Congress

Cumann Camogalochta na nGael will hold their Annual Congress in the Clarenbridge Court Hotel this week end. The event was cancelled last year due to the foot and mouth disease scare.

Delegates from all over the country will be present as the officials of Camogie gather together to discuss the ongoing growth of the game, which celebrates its centenary in two years time.

This weekend a Camogie Coaching Video will be officially launched. This is the first time that a Coaching Video specifically on Camogie has been developed and the Video will be officially launched by Minister for Science Noel Treacy on Saturday evening before the Congress Banquet.

Galway Camogie Board who host the Congress have been busy with final arrangements with Clarenbridge Camogie Officers. The organising sub-committee are John Bowes (Cappataggle), Bridget Broderick (Davitts), Dymna Hardman (Mullagh), Michael Kennedy

(Pearces), Willie Moran, Mike Dillon and Anita Lally (Clarenbridge).

Galway Camogie Results: Senior League: Pearces 6-12 Athenry 2-2; Mullagh 3-7 Kinvara 0-4; Davitts 3-7 Castlegar 0-4.

Intermediate League: St Thomas 2-6 Sarsfields 1-4; Killiomordaly 1-7 Mountbellew 0-2; Clarenbridge 4-8 Ardahan 1-6; Ardahan 4-4 Sarsfields 1-4.

Junior League: Kilconieron 1-4 Ballindereen 0-6; Ballinasloe 0-10 Salthill 3-1; Ahascragh 3-7 Portumna 1-3.

Under 14 Championship: Cappataggle 2-4 Pearces 0-2.

Fixtures: Junior B League: Mullagh v Moycullen; Pearces v Athenry; Kitulla/Killiomordaly v Oranmore/Maree; Turloughmore v Cois Fharrighe; Kiltormer v Skehana.

## Camogie to get paid full-time treasurer

DELEGATES at the Annual Camogie Congress voted unanimously for a fulltime paid treasurer/financial director, hopefully to be in operation by this time next season.

Following an Offaly motion, the All-Ireland club championship will be a colourful affair next season with the added dimension of a junior All-Ireland competition.

The Alliance with the GAA was much talked about and soon all camogie clubs in the country will be issued with a questionnaire regarding their present involvement with the local GAA club. It is hoped that in about 18 months the links with the GAA will be much closer.

The weekend also saw the launch of the Association's first official coaching video by Junior Minister of State, Science and Technology Noel Treacy.

## Congress breaks new ground with full-time appointment

### CAMOGIE VIEW

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN



VIEW FROM THE GROUND

ANNUAL Congress went ahead at Clarenbridge over the weekend, and what a significant occasion it proved to be.

For the first time in the history of the Camogie Association, the position of treasurer at national level will become a full-time post.

It was agreed unanimously, and while Jo Golden was re-elected it was decided that the incumbent treasurer would be prepared to continue in office until replaced by a full-time appointee.

The position of treasurer has always been a topical subject because with the overall development of the association, the workload has increased to such an extent that it has become virtually impossible for a person working on a voluntary basis to deal with it.

And it is envisaged that the job will become even more demanding in future.

So, this is a timely appointment indeed.

Considering too that the association will be celebrating its centenary in 2004, it is desirable that added momentum be given to the drive for sponsorship and funding over the next couple of months and that the impetus be maintained thereafter.

Guest speaker at the conference, Joe McDonagh who is chief executive of Foras na Gaeilge (sponsors of the All Ireland senior championship) stressed that this was an important milestone and should be marked accordingly.

Speaking of the proposed strategic alliance with the GAA, the former President said, "it is my dream that camogie and the GAA would have a future together."

Congress also marked the launch of the association's first official coaching video with some of the country's top players displaying the skills of the game.

Noel Treacy, Junior Minister of State for Science and Technology who launched this video at congress said that this brings camogie up to the same level as hurling, football and ladies football. This video is available country wide through County Boards and also from Croke Park at a cost of €30.

A motion from the Offaly County Board received the thumbs-up with the introduction of an All Ireland Junior club championship, likely to be played in 2003.

Meanwhile, National Secretary, Sile Wallace whose official title incidentally has now changed to Ard-Stiúrthóir (Director/General) delighted the audience with the news that the proposed alliance with the GAA is set to progress.

Officials in Croke Park will send out an interim questionnaire to all the clubs in the country to assess their current involvement with their local GAA clubs.

It can then be determined what is happening at grassroots level. However, before a concrete decision will be made, it is proposed to hold a Special Congress to deal with the matter.



Pictured at the Camogie Congress in the Clarenbridge Court Hotel were, seated: Joe Golden, Treasurer, Cumann Camogalochta na nGael, Pat Rafferty, Uachtarán, Cumann Camogalochta na nGael, Sile de Bhalis, Ard Stiúrthóir Cumann Camogalochta na nGael. Standing: Mary Moran, Tom Monaghan, Rose Malone, Sile McNulty, Máire Ní Scoláir, Michael Kennedy, Brigid Broderick, Mary O'Connor





ON THE RUN ... Susan Keane of Portumna Community School helping her side to a 3-3 to 1-5 win over Loreto, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Colleges A Camogie semi-final.

## Portumna girls advance to All-Ireland decider

Portumna C.S. .... 3-3  
Loreto, Kilkenny ..... 1-5

A little piece of history was written in Lorrha on Saturday last when the Portumna C.S. senior camogie team qualified for the school's first All-Ireland final appearance with a hard earned win over a strong Kilkenny team.

Knowing that a good start would be needed, the Portumna girls went into the attack from the throw-in, and when Rachel O'Brien goaled from close range they were on their way.

When Brenda Hanney rounded her marker and scored goal number two shortly afterwards it looked like being one way traffic. This was never going to be the case against a Kilkenny

team who were All-Ireland finalists last year.

They gradually got a foothold but with Melanie Hogan dealing well with some dangerous high balls and her defence not allowing any space, Loreto failed to narrow the deficit.

Susan Keane extended the lead with a well worked point and Maeve Moran saw her goalbound shot deflected over the bar to leave Portumna ahead by 2-2 to 0-0.

The back-line continued to dominate early in the second half and it wasn't until the tenth minute that Loreto for their first point from a free. They added two more pointed frees before a 45 metre free deceived the Portumna backs and ended up in the net.

With the gap reduced to two

points, the Portumna nerve was being severely tested. A score was needed and after some good build-up from Nicola Lawless the ball found its way to Susan Keane who pointed from 30 metres.

The Portumna back-line were coming under severe pressure but with Edel Pierce and Niamh Hanney to the fore, they were conceding little. After some good passing the ball found its way to Rachel O'Brien who hit the back of the net from a very tight angle to open up a six points gap.

Loreto again piled on the pressure and clawed back two points but some great defending and a point-blank save from Melanie Hogan preserved the four point gap until the final whistle.

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## Different Storey now for Wexford

### MATCH VIEW

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN



M. Ballymacoda

Wexford 3-8  
Cork 2-9

ONE question begged to be asked after departing the Ballymacoda GAA grounds yesterday afternoon.

Was this result a temporary set back for the Cork senior camogie team or is it a sign of things to come?

Alarmingly, the Leesiders had just fallen quite easily to a more fiery and fitter Wexford side that pulled out all the stops to take home the two points on offer in this National League game.

But what a turn about for the books, as a short 12 months ago Cork survived the same challenge with little worry. So, what has happened in the interim?

"We just weren't at the races today," said an unhappy boss, Pa Finn. "We played very poorly and a lot of our best players didn't perform at all. We have an awful lot of work to do. Wexford were well over us and seemed to find the open spaces very easily. We clustered a lot."

Cork, it appeared, went into this tie with a very complacent attitude, which was based on the knowledge of recent favourable outcomes between the counties.

But, it was very clear yesterday that Martin Storey's influence has had a huge bearing on the confidence of the Purple and Gold.

The Rebels realised too late that this was the case when their four point interval lead turned into a three point deficit with 15 minutes to go. And two goals within two minutes at the death left a bemused Cork side out of their depth.

They will however, be able to pluck some positive points from this game.

Emer Dillon who was re-introduced to the panel two months ago showed remarkable confidence on the 40, which should also open up other avenues when the injured Mary O'Connor returns to the team.

Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea got the first match of the season under their belt, and Linda Mellerick gave her usual brave performance proving that her input is invaluable to the Rebel cause. The Red and White must also make room for Denise Cronin and Joanne O'Callaghan when they return to the side.

Nevertheless, though, Finn and his back-room squad will have a few headaches to solve before they meet Galway in three weeks. "We are not even half fit," he declared.

"We didn't move to the ball at all today, and when we got to it we had no one to pass it to."

Meanwhile, it was a bad day all round for Cork camogie as the Junior side also lost to Wexford, 1-7 to 0-7.

### Camogie

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Division 1: Limerick 1-9 (E O'Brien 1-6, M Keating 0-2, A White 0-1) Down 1-3 (K Gribben 1-0, C McGourty, L McCrickard and C Hynds 0-1 each).

Division 2: Offaly 4-5 (M Davis, J Feighery 1-1 each, M Lynch, M Wier 1-0 each, S Daly 0-2, and C Carroll 0-1) Down 0-2 (C McGourty and O Maginn 0-1 each).

Meath 7-4 (C Raleigh 3-0, S O'Raleigh 2-2 Tyrrell 2-0, A Denaghy 0-2) Kildare 3-8 (A Treacy 1-4, N Early 1-1, I McIntyre 1-0, R Gorman 0-2, M Gillick 0-1).

Louth 1-3 (P Marmion 1-0, M Quigley 0-3) Cavan 0-5 (M Prior 0-3, M Brady 0-2).

Armagh 7-4 (C McKeever 3-2, D McGahan 2-2, D McCusker, M Murray 1-0 each) Roscommon 3-5 (L Glennon 2-5, M Healy 1-0).

Waterford received a walkover from Tyrone.

### CAMOGIE

Junior National League: Wexford 1-7, Cork 0-7; Senior National League: Wexford 3-7, Cork 2-9.



Attending the Camogie Congress in the Clarendon Court Hotel were Organising Committee members Dymphna Hardiman, John Bowes, Pat Rafferty, Uactaran, Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, Michael Dillon, Brigid Broderick, Michael Kennedy, Anita Lally and Ann Kearney.





Cork's Paula O'Connor breaks through the Wexford defence during the National Senior League camogie game at Ballymacoda.

Picture: Richard Mills

## Under-16 league competition under way

IN a change of format to previous years the under-16 league competition are already under way with clubs busy playing league games. Under the guidance of the county, newly appointed juvenile committee clubs have been busy contacting each other organising games to suit their own requirements therefore making the fixtures when they and their pitches are available. With many of the under-16 players about to sit examinations in the weeks ahead the idea is that clubs will hopefully have all their league games played by the first weekend in May.

Already several clubs are well advanced in their programme and tonight we take a look at results to date.

Rockbawn made their trip to Killeagh a winning one as they began their programme, Cork minor Sheila Burns notching up 1-4 ably assisted by Noelle Walsh and Nora Mulcahy who added a goals apiece.

For Killeagh Lisa Rohan and Ann Hegarty got the all important scores. Killeagh travelled to the Tank field for their meeting with Brian Dillons and her it was nip and tuck right to the finish with the lead changing hands through what was an exciting contest.

Brian Dillons, whose fortunes are guided by John Ring and Liz O'Mahony managed to gain the upper hand and had four points to spare thanks to excellent play from Emma Lane, Sarah Buckley and Caroline Healy. Ballinascahy led by three points at the break all coming from the stick of Lisa Hennessy when they met Erin's Own.

Second half goals from Laura Harte and Samanta Hurley looked to have the points wrapped up for Ballinascahy but they were rocked by three Erin's Own goals to bring it level before a late Lisa Hennessy goals secured the spoils for Ballinascahy.

Earlier in the week Castlions had recorded a comfortable victory over Erin's Own but this result did not hamper the Caherlag girls who regrouped to put in a spirited display in the second outing.

Glen Rovers under the guiding eye of Trisha Murphy recorded a victory in their first outing when they travelled to meet Brian Dillons.

## Results/ fixtures

### RESULTS

**Senior National League:** Wexford 3-8 Cork 2-8.  
**Junior National League:** Wexford 1-7 Cork 0-7.  
**Under 16 B League Quarter Final (2001):** St. Catherine's 9-2 Slough 0-0.  
**Under 16 B championship Semi Final (2001):** Clonakilty 2-5 Kilbrittain 1-1.  
**Junior A League:** Glen Rovers 1-5 Douglas 0-2.  
**Under 16 League:** Ballinacraig 2-3 Inniscarra 1-4; Douglas 4-2 Na Piarasigh 0-1; Fr O'Neill's 2-1 Youghal 0-4; Rockban 3-4 Killeagh 1-2; Eire Og 5-10 Ballincollig 0-0; Mallow 5-5 Kilshannig 0-0; Glen Rovers 4-2 Brian Dillons 0-4 Castlions 7-4 Erin's Own 0-0; Ballinascahy 3-3 Erin's Own 3-0; Glen Rovers 5-1 Ballygarvan 1-1; Brian Dillons 5-3 Killeagh 4-1; St Catherine's 8-5 Cloughduv 2-1; Cloughduv 3-4 Ballincollig 3-1; Cloughduv 4-6 Na Piarasigh 1-3.

### FIXTURES

**FRIDAY APRIL 5**  
**Under 16 B League (2001) Quarter Final:** Courcy Rovers v St Catherine's at St Catherine's.  
**SATURDAY APRIL 6**  
**Under 16 B League Quarter Final:** Douglas v Butterwell at Douglas; Pan Celtic Camogie Festival Kilkenny. Games beginning at 10am.  
**SUNDAY APRIL 7**  
**Under 16 A County Final:** Millford v Barryroe.  
**Junior B League Semi Final:** Clonakilty v Killeagh at Killeagh 5pm.  
**Under 16 B Quarter Final:** Brian Dillon's v Watergrasshill or Tracton at Brian Dillon's or Watergrasshill 12 noon.  
**TUESDAY APRIL 9**  
**Under 16 B Championship Semi Final:** St Catherine's v St Finbarr's at St Finbarr's 8.30pm.

# St Mary's keep on their winning ways

AS PREPARATIONS continue for the All-Ireland colleges finals, the pupils from St Mary's Charleville have been busy adding further titles to their already impressive collection.

In the last ten days Cork titles at senior and junior have been annexed, all which augers well for the big ones ahead on April 13 and 20th. For the senior side their meeting with Bandon was one where they received a stern test from a home side that fought to the end.

Marie Watson's contribution of 1-1 in the opening half saw St Mary's hold a 2-2 to 0-1 interval lead after Sarah O'Donovan had opened the scoring for Bandon.

On the turn over Charleville made the early running with Emer Watson and Anna Geary grabbing vital goals. However, despite beginning to gain a grip St Mary's found the Bandon defence hard to break down with Marguerite Nyhan, Aileen Coughlan and Jackie Hurley working hard to keep them at bay.

Bandon's Caroline O'Neill managed to break the Mary's defence to get a vital goal. St Mary's, sensing the Bandon revival, upped the tempo with Sinead McAuliffe, Emer O'Friel and Aoife Sheehan all working hard to ensure their victory and the retention of their title on a 5-5 to 1-1 scoreline.

● Holders St Mary's Charleville never had matters their own way when they met Loreto Fer-

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moy in the Cork colleges Junior A final. The game was an interesting one given that both sides will contest the All-Ireland colleges junior finals in A and B grades respectively on April 20th.

Charleville led by four points at the break after a close opening half where the tight marking Loreto defence held and closed down their opponents thanks mainly to excellent play from centre back Noreen Mulcahy and Marie O'Neill at centre field.

Emer Watson caused problems for the Loreto girls in the second half, picking off excellent scores. Anna Geary at centre field, Fiona Chawke and Lisa Healy all answered the call and helped Charleville maintain their advantage to the finish of the game St Mary's Charleville 4-7 Loreto Fermoy 2-5.

● Munster colleges competitions are also running along smoothly with Clonakilty and Coachford recently serving up an exciting 1-8 to 3-2 draw in their senior clash.

The competition is played on a league basis and the sides now await the winners of the Bandon/Clonakilty clash to determine semi-final placing.

Coachford made the early running and led by five points at the break after notching up three

opening half goals, Mary Buckley contributing two and Christine Hogan one. Clonakilty for the opening period kept in touch thanks in the main to Jennifer O'Leary who had four points with Hazel O'Regan adding one.

The trend of the opening half continued through the second. Hazel O'Regan had Clonakilty's goal but the Coachford girls refused to be ruffled and two points from Mary Buckley ensured the spoils were shared equally after an evenly contested hour.

For Coachford Joan Twomey, Michelle Ryan and Margaret McCarthy excelled against a Clonakilty side who had excellent displays from Jennifer O'Leary, Hazel O'Regan and Karen McCarthy.

● Clonakilty had to put in Trojan work right through the second half as they booked their place in the under-18 B county final with a victory over Kilbrittain. Noelle O'Mahony gave Kilbrittain an early lead with a first half goal but good play from Clonakilty's Hazel O'Regan, Jane Lowey and Nicola O'Donovan saw them back on level terms by half time.

Grace O'Regan pointed to give Clon the lead within minutes of the restart and with Hazel O'Regan adding another Clonakilty held the advantage. Catriona Deasy cut the deficit with a Kilbrittain point but a two goals blitz inside six minutes from the O'Regan sisters Grace and Hazel was to be the deciding factors. Final score Clonakilty 2-5 Kilbrittain 1-1.

## A feast of camogie in Pan-Celtic Festival

NEXT weekend will see a mass exodus to Kilkenny, as camogie teams from the four provinces gear up for the Pan Celtic camogie festival.

Camogie is just one of the many events being held through what is a busy week and the co-ordinator of the camogie section Margaret McCarthy told *Grassroots* that already things are going full steam ahead.

"Such was the response that we

had to turn away teams. We already have a waiting list in the senior competition with clubs only waiting for somebody to pull out," she said.

Without doubt Kilkenny is a venue where the camogie section of Pan Celtic will be a huge event. The county boasts senior All-Ireland titles and is the home of the famous Downey sisters who are legends of the game. Games begin at 10am on

Saturday and it is hoped the finalists will be known by 4pm.

Matches will be 15 minutes a side with the final 25 minutes a side. Among the Cork clubs taking part will be St Finbarr's, Glen Rovers, Fr O'Neill's and Ballygarvan.

Holders of the Senior A, title Tipperary's Toomevara will head up an impressive list of contenders for their crown with Davitt's, Pearses and Mullagh from Galway, Oulart

the Ballagh Wexford, St Lachteen's and St Brigid's Kilkenny, Fr O'Neill's and Glen Rovers Cork all in contention.

The Senior A competition has 16 teams participating and is divided into four sections of four with one team coming through from each to the semi-finals on Saturday.

All in all it augurs well for what promises to be a huge weekend of camogie.



# ANN PLUS THE ASHES

New Kilkenny manager Ann Downey is putting her side through the paces for the National League campaign, while UCC is still celebrating the college's 30th Ashbourne Cup victory.

**A**nn Downey is in an unusual position as the new season's National League gains in momentum. Unusual, in that she is now in a managerial role having retired from her long inter-county innings with Kilkenny two years ago. On the back of a distinguished inter-county career stretching back to the early 1970s, Ann Downey is one of the most talked-about bosses as the new season gets underway. She is taking over from Brendan Williams and Ted Browne (sister Angela's husband).

Helping her will be fitness trainer Anthony Geoghegan. The holder of a record twelve All-Ireland senior medals herself, Ann has plenty of talent at her disposal and will surely approach this year's National League campaign with an eye to the championship. The Cats' league outings in 2001 were a fiasco with little or no preparation going into their section games. Yet with the aid of the back-door system they won their way into the All-Ireland final, only to be defeated by an all-conquering Tipperary team in a one-sided final.

Kilkenny's open the league by entertaining one of their greatest rivals, Cork. But, with many of the Cats' panel involved in Ashbourne and Purcell Cup competitions, there should not be much between the sides right now. Meanwhile, the Rebel County will once again train under manager, Pa Finn. Like their Nore side friends, Cork too have quite an involvement with the various third-level competitions with no fewer than ten of their players on parade with UCC. At least when this clash should have more "oomph" than their dreadful meeting last March, when Kilkenny were white-washed, 3-19 to 0-0.

Tipperary will be the big guns once again in 2002, under the guidance of Michael Cleary. With many of his charges sprinkled amongst UCC, UCD, UL, WIT and Carlow IT, he will not be too worried about preparations for their opening league game at home to Galway. Michael Kennedy and his daughter Colette Walsh have taken over the Western helm from Damien Coleman and Billy Carr.

PJ Donohue of Ballyboden / St. Enda's will look after Dublin in their first game against Down, coached by Pádraig Ó Mianáin. Elsewhere, Brother Philip Ryan has stepped down as manager of the Limerick team. The Cork-based cleric will assist Glen Rovers' senior hurling side this coming sea-



OUR LADY LOURDA: NUIG's Lourda Kavanagh figured prominently in the Ashbourne Cup

son, Antrim, meanwhile, will be without their 2001 manager, Jim Nelson. He turns his attention to the Derry hurlers for the coming season - Michael McKervey will be his replacement.

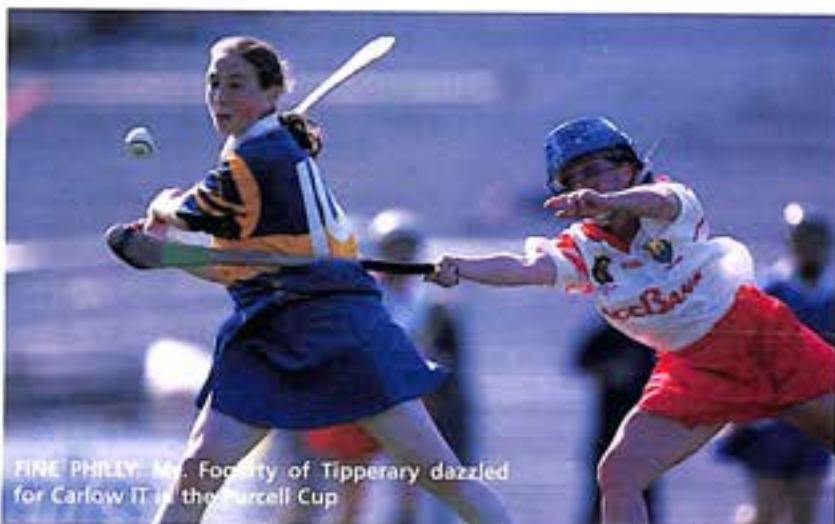
The Oak Leaf County camogs will have to operate this season without Dominic McKinley, the man who led them to All-Ireland Junior success in 2000. Clare have yet to appoint a manager, and Wexford have former players Margaret Lacey and Peggy Shiel acting as selectors along with Barney Houlihan and Pat Shiel.

## ASHBOURNE CUP REPORT 2002

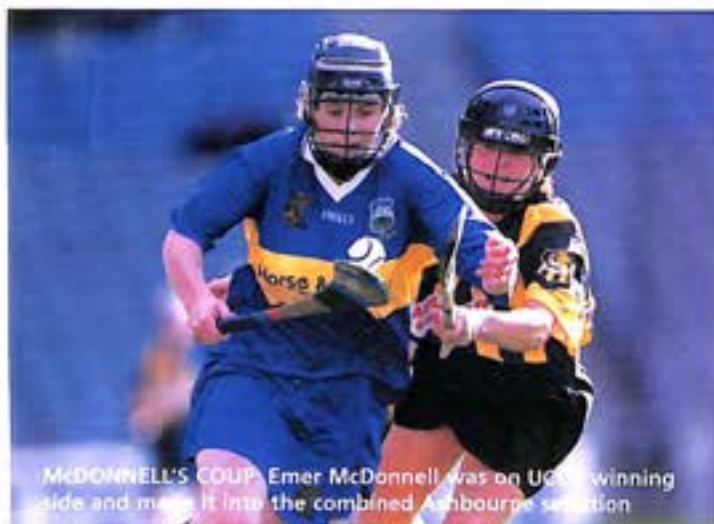
Meanwhile, UCC captured their 30th Ashbourne title on 17 February on a freezing cold afternoon in the splendid city divi-

sion GAA grounds in Cork. In the semi-final they had an easy win over UCD, while their final opponents, WIT (the holders) had to dig deep against a tenacious NUIG team in their penultimate tie. It was the pairing that most people had predicted, and how the Cork college wanted revenge for their 2001 exit against the Waterford team! It was an amazing encounter - fast, furious, exciting, tough, physical but fair. Although scores were at a premium (1-11 to 1-4), all came straight out of the top drawer. Tremendous defending and marvellous saves throughout led to a heart-stopping final ten minutes. Only then did UCC pull away.

Elated captain, Sinéad O'Callaghan, collecting her second Ashbourne medal said, "It is



FINE PHILLY: Ms. Fogarty of Tipperary dazzled for Carlow IT in the Purcell Cup



MCDONNELL'S COUP: Emer McDonnell was on UCC's winning side and made it into the combined Ashbourne selection

an unbelievable feeling. We knew after the semi-final against UCD that we were playing well, but we really wanted to avenge our exit against WIT last year. But, above all, we also wanted to win the 2002 Ashbourne Cup."

UL had a tremendous win over a fancied Athlone IT team in the Shield final. Beaten by the Cup winners at the quarter-final stage, they regrouped and focused on the colleges' second most important competition. Manager, Brother Philip Ryan said, "I had to get their minds right after being beaten by UCC. But the girls were all back in training a few days later and we had a full complement." For outstanding captain, Fiona Ni Chorcairín, it was no more than her team deserved. "We were very disappointed to lose in the Cup but it's

great to bounce back and take the Shield," she said.

At the Ashbourne banquet in the Rochestown Park Hotel, CCIA President Carla Doherty announced the Combined Ashbourne and Purcell teams. The Ashbourne fifteen will play All-Ireland senior champions, Tipperary at the Ragg on March 2nd, while at the same time and place, the Purcell team will challenge All-Ireland junior champions, Tipperary.

## COMBINED ASHBORNE TEAM:

1. Louise Ryan (UL), 2. Joanne O'Callaghan (UCC), 3. Aine Hillary Athlone (IT), 4. Deirdre Corcoran (UCD), 5. Brigid Mullaly (WIT), 6. Nora Ahern (CIT), 7. Sarah Hayes (UCC), 8. Fiona Ni Chorcairín (UL), 9. Shauna Murphy (WIT), 10. Una O'Donoghue (UCC), 11. Therese Maher (AIT), 12. Elaine Burke (UCC), 13. Sinéad O'Callaghan (UCC), 14. Orla Kilkenny (UL), 15. Emer McDonnell (UCC).  
Mná ionaid: 16. Ger Casey (UCC), 17. Kate Kelly (WIT), 18. Lourda Kavanagh (NUIG), 19. Orla O'Sullivan (CIT), 20. Rachel Moloney (UCC), 21. Laura Comerford (UL), 22. Deirdre Murphy (NUIG), 23. Susan Regan (NUIG), 24. Una O'Dwyer.

## COMBINED PURCELL TEAM:

1. Denise O'Connor (LIT), 2. Aoife Cullen (NUI Maynooth), 3. Maura McAuley (UUI), 4. Caitriona Downey (Carlow IT), 5. Sharon O'Shaughnessy (Mary I.), 6. Marion Neville (LIT), 7. Aisling Fahy (Carlow IT), 8. Emily Hayden (Carlow IT), 9. Carmel Hannon (Mary I.), 10. Phyllis Fogarty (Carlow IT), 11. Helen Grogan (Carlow IT), 12. Elaine Kerins (Mary I.), 13. Catherine Doherty (Carlow IT), 14. Clare Conroy (GMIT), 15. Sandra Tannion (Carlow IT), 16. Siobhan Downing (CCFE), 17. Colette Gleeson (Mary I.), 18. Louise Condon (GMIT), 19. Aoife O'Connor (St Pat's, Drumcondra), 20. Veronica Sweeney (GMIT), 21. Nora Sutton (Carlow IT), 22. Marie O'Halloran (GMIT), 23. Jenny Duffy (CCFE), 24. Eileen O'Brien (LIT) ○

## Croker seminar promotes the game



### CAMOGIE VIEW

By Therese O'Callaghan

VIEW FROM THE GROUND

I WAS most intrigued when looking through the programme of events coming up in Croke Park over the next month to see a PRO Seminar listed for the end of April.

And of course curiosity got the better of me as I went to find out what this was all about. When I called on the National Camogie PRO, Maire Uí Scolai she was only too willing to explain the reason why, and what this seminar would entail. Well, the subject was first aired at last year's Congress when various delegates expressed concern about their understanding of the role of PRO within the organisation, and Ms Scolai also touched on it at that same meeting.

It would appear that some officers had issues with regard to dealing with the media, and were unsure at times as to what the job involved. As a result of these questions being raised, the powers that be in Croke Park decided that they would put together a one-day programme including workshops - the end result being a greater awareness of the role of PRO and consequently then being able to sell Camogie in the best possible way.

This seminar is thrown open to all County PROs and people interested in the area of Public Relations. And judging from the high-profile speakers who will talk on the day, it is sure to generate a lot of interest for the various attendants.

Senior Producer and Director of RTE sport, Caroline Murphy and Denis Walsh, a journalist with the Sunday Times are among the elite band of media experts who will be involved.

From Croke Park, Publication and Media officer, Fergal McGill will attend, and Jerry O'Sullivan who is Sport's Presenter with INN will also give some useful hints on how best to present a report or relate a story to a radio audience.

This seminar, which will be held on Saturday April 20th in Croke Park, should prove to be a huge success, as most aspects of media reporting will be covered through the efforts of radio, print media and television personnel.

Meanwhile, what a day Wexford camogie had on Monday, coming to Leeside and defeating the home sides in both junior and senior grades in the National League. Or, should I say what a dismal afternoon it was for the Red and White - not because they lost to Wexford but the manner in which they succumbed. There appeared to be complacency in the way of thinking of some players. Surely, it is hungrier Cork should be getting, now that they are in their fourth year without a senior All-Ireland title. Unfortunately, unless this lateral thinking improves they will be pushed further down the pecking order.

On paper Cork have a great side, but now more than ever they need to convert this talent to where it counts.





St Vincent's and Passage in action in the Seandún under camogie blitz at CIT.

# Barryroe fail to stop the champs

A GALLANT effort from Barryroe was not enough to stop holders Milford retaining their county U18 A title on a 2-8 to 2-4 scoreline.

A Rosemary Dineen goal in the opening quarter boosted the Barryroe girls after Jennifer O'Leary had pointed in reply to Milford's Emer O'Friel and Marie Watson.

With Dineen adding a point, Barryroe maintained their advantage and continued to put Milford under pressure. But Milford were thrown a life-line when Julie Sheehy levelled matters with a goal on the stroke of half time.

Milford played with more determination from the re-start and four points in a row, three of them from Watson and one from O'Friel, looked to be putting them out of reach.

O'Leary grabbed one back for Barryroe and with Deirdre Hayes and Louise Gannon exchanging goals inside a minute, Milford maintained their advantage, going in the closing stages.

With O'Friel and O'Leary swapping points, Barryroe bombarded the Milford goal in search of the equaliser but Watson added a late point and Milford's title was safe.

The U16 B (2001) quarter finals were decided with St Catherine's, Rockbawn, Watergrasshill and Douglas winning places in the semi finals.

First half goals from Jennie O'Donovan, Lavinia O'Mahony and Michelle O'Donovan laid the

## Dillon's reunion

BRIAN DILLONS Camogie Club will hold a 25th reunion at their club on Saturday April 20. Club secretary Liz O'Mahony has asked us to remind all former players that tickets are still available from any committee member or at the club any evening after 6pm.

Orla Butler tells us that Sarsfields Camogie club are holding a table quiz at their club in Riverstown tomorrow night starting at 9pm.

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

foundation for Douglas' 8-4 to 0-1 victory over Buttevant.

Douglas opened the second half in confident mood and added further goals from Lavinia O'Mahony, Helen O'Mahony and Michelle O'Donovan to secure their semi final place.

A strong Rockbawn side including Cork minors Sheila Burns and Catriona Foley were too strong for St Finbarr's when they met in Togher, running out 2-7 to 0-1 winners.

Points from Sarah Conway and Burns gave Rockbawn an early lead and Burns added two first half goals to leave Rockbawn ahead 2-4 to 0-0 at

the break. A much improved second half performance from St Finbarr's, with good play from Dara Banks and Catriona Myers, saw them close down the Rockbawn attack.

Myers added a Barr's point, but with Burns now back in defence Rockbawn held the Barrs forwards.

Three points from Foley, Burns and Louise Crowley were enough for Rockbawn to add to the tally in the second half to ensure their passage.

County champions St Catherine's had too much strength for Courcey Rovers in their quarter final clash, beating them by a massive 8-5 to 1-4.

Good opening half displays from Deirdre Twomey, Noreen Mulchay and Tracy Barry ensured St Catherine's gained the early initiative.

Courcey tried hard, and with Charlotte O'Donovan, Sarah Downing and Noelle Collins notching up scores, they kept in touch.

However the strength of the county champions was always evident and with Marie Twomey and Tracy Barry in particular to the fore, they advanced with ease.

Cork minor Marie O'Neill was one of the stars as Watergrasshill defeated a determined Brian Dillon's, for whom Aoife Finnegan had two goals, by 4-6 to 3-2.

The stronger Watergrasshill girls were always that bit ahead and maintained it to the finish despite the efforts of Brian Dillon's Michelle Ring and Aoife Daly.

## Killeagh and Grenagh make it to Junior B semi-finals

KILLEAGH and Grenagh qualified for the Junior B League semis after good victories over Clonakilty and St Fanahan's.

Grenagh had to fight to the finish before securing a two-point win, 2-2 to 0-6. Killeagh had a comfortable 5-0 to 11- win over Clonakilty.

In the under-16 league, Cloughduv had mixed fortunes in their three outings. Breege Corkery, Aoife Cronin and Emma Dunne impressed as they defeated Ballincollig.

They added to that victory with a 4-6 to 1-3 win over Na Piarasigh, but came unstuck in their clash with county champions St Catherine's, losing 8-5 to 2-4.

Ballygarvan were visitors to the Glen Field and the home side maintained their form in a 5-2 to 1-1 victory.

Glen travelled to Sliabh Rua last Wednesday and with Sarah Egan, Kelly Laffin-Lynch and Gerlyn Nolan on form, came away with the points.

The following day Killeagh were visitors to the Glen Field and it was the hosts who maintained their form to run out winners. Sliabh Rua grabbed an early lead and kept it against Brian Dillon's.

Ballygarvan got back on track when they took the points at the expense of Killeagh but they could only draw 2-3 to 3-0 with St Finbarr's.

Ballinhassig had a two-point advantage in their outing against Inniscarra who had better luck when they totally outclassed a Ballyhea side.

Douglas made the journey across the city to Na Piarasigh and won 4-2 to 0-1 with good play from Jennie O'Donovan, Audrey Flanagan and Catherine Hussey.

They also had a 2-5 to 2-0 victory over Ballincollig thanks to goals from Rachel O'Sullivan and Lavinia O'Mahony.

Fr O'Neill's had three points to spare in their meeting with neighbours Youghal. Jennifer Manning and Marion Ahern had the

Fr O'Neill's goals and a point from Helen Herlihy helped secure their win over a Youghal side for whom Shauna Cunningham had four points.

Ballinora had mixed fortunes. After a big win over Mayfield, they lost to Watergrasshill and Blackrock.

Dungourney had a 3-3 to 0-4 win over Tracton, Eire Og had a big win over Ballincollig while Mallow were too strong for Kilshannig.

## Results/ fixtures

**RESULTS**  
**U18 A County final:** Milford 2-8 Barryroe 2-4.  
**Junior B League quarter-final:** Grenagh 2-2 St Fanahan's 0-6.  
**Junior A League:** Glen Rovers 1-5 Douglas 0-2.  
**U16 B League quarter-finals 2001:** Douglas 8-4 Buttevant 0-1; Rockbawn 2-7 St Finbarr's 0-1; St Catherine's 9-2 Sliabh Rua 0-0; Watergrasshill 4-0 Brian Dillon's 3-2.  
**U16 League 2002:** Sliabh Rua 1-0 Brian Dillon's 0-1; Glen Rovers 4-3 Killeagh 0-0; Douglas 2-5 Ballincollig 2-0; St Finbarr's 3-0 Ballygarvan 2-3; Ballygarvan 7-8 Killeagh 0-0; Glen Rovers 6-3 Sliabh Rua 0-0; Blackrock 1-1 Ballinora 0-0; Ballinora 9-1 Mayfield 0-0; Watergrasshill 7-7 Ballinora 0-0; Dungourney 3-3 Tracton 0-4; Inniscarra 5-15 Ballyhea 0-1.

**FIXTURES**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 13**  
**All Ireland Colleges Senior A Final:** St Mary's Charleville v Portumna Community College at McDonagh Park Nenagh 3.30pm.  
**All Ireland Colleges Senior B Final:** Mercy Waterford v Scoil Mhuire Ballinacree at McDonagh Park Nenagh 7pm.  
**TUESDAY APRIL 16**  
**Monster minor Championship:** Cork v Limerick at Charleville 8.45pm.

## Seandún blitz is a resounding success

THE Seandún Under 10 indoor camogie day proved a wonderful success, with 10 teams participating on a day when camogie and fun were the winners.

Secretary Niall McLoughlin and chairperson Marion McCarthy were the main organisers of the day, where games began at 2pm and ran continuously until 6pm.

Twenty five matches were played with teams emerging from both

groups to play five final games.

As the emphasis was very much on participation the committee decided that all the young participants be rewarded with medals.

Secretary Niall McLoughlin explained to Grassroots.

"As the players were so young we did not put big emphasis on the five winning teams. Therefore many of them were not aware that the last games were finals and as a result

everybody was happy," said McLoughlin.

Bishopstown had the distinction of lining out two sets of twins in the 10 players, with Gillian and Louise O'Riordan and Ashling and Aimee Corcoran. Amongst the youngsters to impress were Niamh O'Donoghue from Douglas, Jessica Keating St Finbarr's, Fiona Norberg Blackrock, Brian Dillon's goalkeeper Sara Long and Sarah Clifford, Glen.

All in all the clubs and mentors from the Seandún division enjoyed a hectic day of non-stop activity with all going home tired but happy.

Meanwhile, Saturday is a big day for All Ireland colleges senior A champions St Mary's Charleville as they defend their crown against Portumna Community College in Nenagh with a large crowd expected for the game.



# Revenge factor to drive Portumna in All-Ireland senior camogie final

—by Ciaran Tierney—

**REVENGE** for their defeat in last year's semi-final should provide an extra spur for the girls of Portumna Community School when they take on St. Mary's of Charleville, Cork, in their first ever All-Ireland senior camogie final at Nenagh on Saturday (3.30 p.m.).

No less than 12 of the East Galway girls were on the Portumna side who lost to the North Cork school in last year's semi-final and they will be fired-up for their first ever appearance in the decider.

Whereas most of the girls will be young enough to compete at this level again next year, team manager Pat Kelly believes this is a golden opportunity for a team made up of Portumna, Killimor, Davitts, and Lorrha players.

Six of the Portumna players have represented the county at various levels and the likes of

captain Niamh Hanney, goalkeeper Melanie Hogan, midfielders Susan Keane and Edel Pearse, and Brenda Hanney will be determined to build on the excellent form they have shown in the run to the final.

Goalkeeper Hogan was the star of the show during Portumna's 3-3 to 1-5 victory over Loretto, Kilkenny, in the semi-final, while captain Hanney also registered a towering performance at centre

back.

This is the last year in school for both Hogan and Hanney, who are both determined to go out on a high by winning the title for the first time for the school which has 470 pupils.

Kelly admits that the defence was the key to that win over the Kilkenny school and the team's preparations have been hampered a little because four of the players were away in Denmark on a school tour this week.

"Twelve of the team were on the team which lost to Charleville last year and, while 12 will be in there again next year, this is going to be our best ever opportunity of winning an All-Ireland," says Kelly.

"We are not thinking of next year. We know that we are up against a Charleville side who have been contesting and winning All-Ireland finals for years, but every single one of our players has now contested at least two semi-finals. There's a final there to be won and our girls are good enough to do it."

Portumna's path to the final included a sensational 3-9 to 0-4 win over St. Brigid's, Loughrea, in the Connacht final and if they can show that kind of form again then they may have some chance of upsetting the favourites on Saturday.

**Portumna CS:** M. Hogan; P. Brien, A. Whyte, F. Byrne; L. Mitchell, N. Hanney, N. Lawless; S. Keane, E. Pearse; D. Moran, A. O'Brien, R. O'Brien; M. Moran, B. Hanney, E. Keane.



Portumna Community School currently hold the three major schools camogie trophies and are chasing an historic All-Ireland A title on Saturday. Back row, left to right, Pat Kelly, manager senior team, Niamh Hanney, captain senior team, Brenda O'Connor, first year coach. Front row, Triona Byrne, captain of last year's first year team and Susan Keane captain of junior team.

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## ST. MARY'S CAMOGIE

The St. Mary's senior camogie team who play Portumna in Nenagh on Saturday in the All Ireland Final are as follows:

**1. Goalkeeper - Elizabeth Lenihan, Milford:** Elizabeth pulled off some great saves throughout the year. She played excellently in the North on our snowy semi-final day. This is Elizabeth's last year on the team.

**2. Corner back - Amy Morrissey, Ballyhea:** Amy is one of last year's junior All Ireland winning team. She plays an important role in this team. She has a great eye for the ball.

**3. Full back - Aimee McCarthy, Granagh/Ballyagran:** Aimee is as steady as a rock and snuffs out every opponent. Aimee is available for next year's selection.

**4. Corner back - Aoife Dillon, Milford:** Aoife is not a stylist, but very effective. She is totally committed. This is Aoife's last year on the team.

**5. Wing back - Sharon Lenihan, Milford:** Sharon has made a great return from her injury problems. She has a great clearance of the ball. She is sister to goalie Elizabeth. Sharon will also be available next year.

**6. Centre back - Aine Kelliher, Newtownshandrum:** Aine is one of the stars of this team, she is a great all round athlete also being a member of our All Ireland winning basketball

team. She dominates every game at centre back. She leads by example and plays a captain's role.

**7. Wing back - Aisling O'Brien, Granagh/Ballyagran:** Aisling is tough and uncompromising. She had a mighty semi-final. She is available for the next two years.

**8. Centre field - Christina O'Gorman, Milford:** Christina covers acres of ground in every game. You never fail to see her great skill. She is a great distributor of the ball. This is her last year on the team.

**9. Centre field - Anna Geary, Milford:** Anna is a mid-field dynamo, bursting through every defence and letting great balls into the forward line. She is also a member of our junior team.

**10. Wing forward - Aoife Sheehan, Granagh/Ballyagran:** Aoife is following in her sister's footsteps. She is our reliable free-taker. Aoife's skill never lets us down. She is also available next year.

**11. Centre forward - Eimear O'Friel, Milford:** Eimear scored some fabulous scores in our semi-final win. She possesses a tremendous workrate. This is Eimear's last year on the team.

**12. Wing forward - Elaine O'Riordan, Milford:** Elaine is our trojan. Wins the ball in the most difficult situations. She is a tireless runner constantly taking on opponents. She

is also on our junior team.

**13. Corner forward - Sinead McAuliffe, Ballyagran:** Sinead has a great level of skill and works hard for her scores. She is also on the junior team.

**14. Full forward - Marie Watson, Milford:** Marie is a true goal-poacher. She is a genuine opportunist. She is available for two more years.

**15. Corner forward - Emer Watson, Milford:** Emer is last but by no means least. She has a great eye for the ball and it always seems to land in her hand. She is the captain of our junior team.

**Subs:**  
**16. Caitriona Noonan -** has good all-round ability.

**17. Imelda Sexton -** called in at last minute to our semi-final win and played well, scoring a goal.

**18. Karen O'Leary -** she is another tough player, sure to perform if called in.  
**19. Edwina Waters -** one of our junior team stars.  
**20. Lisa Healy -** always ready to be called upon, will be a star in the future. Ms. O'Keeffe and Mr. Harrington have put an outstanding amount of work into this team. As every year a training session has never been missed. Victories have rewarded this through the years. They can always rely on the help of Fr. Hazelwood, Mr. O'Donovan and Ann Watson.

## Scoil Mhuire achieve double camogie win

**THERE** is great excitement in Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe as they prepare to compete in two All-Ireland camogie finals in the coming fortnight.

The Junior camogie team beat Wexford two weeks ago to earn them a place in the All-Ireland final against Fermoy. This match will be on April 20th in Cashes.

The Senior team followed in their footsteps last Saturday in Duggan Park, beating a strong Rathdowney side.

Scoil Mhuire opened the scoring with a brilliant goal from captain Ann-Marie Hayes. This

was followed by another goal from Lisa Larkin.

St. Fergals, Rathdowney responded by scoring two goals also in the first half, but the Scoil Mhuire girls stayed ahead with four great points from Ann-Marie Hayes and another from Rosie Greaney, to leave the score at half-time 2-5 to Scoil Mhuire and 2 goals to St. Fergals.

In the second half Rathdowney went on to score one goal and three points but Ballinasloe responded with three more points from Ann-Marie Hayes, who had an excellent game at centre-half forward, scoring a personal tally of 1-7.

Lisa Larkin also scored a second goal in the second half

leaving the full-time score from Duggan Park 3-8 to Scoil Mhuire and 3-3 to St. Fergals.

The Senior team in the All-Ireland final will play Mercy, Waterford on this next Saturday in McDonagh Park, Nenagh at 2.00 p.m.

**Scoil Mhuire:** Adrienne Cormican, Anne Tierney, A.M. Keogh, Edel Kelly, Celine Donnelly, Aoife Doherty, Jacinta McHugh, Clodagh Glynn, Michelle O'Neill, Eilish Ryan, A.M. Hayes, Rosie Greaney, Caitriona Cormican, Lisa Larkin, Eileen Glynn.

**Subs:** Sharon Donnelly, Anna Gilchreest, Ciara Cormican, Miriam Lynch, Derva Cooke, Elaine Caulfield, Emma Trainor, Marian Kelly.



# St Mary's again expected to do the business

IT is only in years to come that St Mary's School in Charleville will fully realise the contribution that they have made to college's camogie, and true to form they will once again feature in both the senior and junior All-Ireland finals over the coming weeks.

On Saturday afternoon they will put their senior crown on the line when they meet with the girls from Portumna Community School in Nenagh. For most of us, this is another foregone conclusion.

However, despite this thinking, the boss in Rath Luirc always insists that teams from the West are never any great pushover.

We will wait and see. Somehow though, I feel Charleville's roll is not about to halt just yet, at least not in McDonagh Park.

April 20 is another date of great significance for the diary. Leahy Park in Cashel is the place to be on this day for the junior finals, particularly if you come from any part of North Cork.

Charleville will be there to contest the A final against Coláiste Bride of Enniscorthy, while Loreto of Fermoy are sure to have a great following for what will arguably be their biggest day when they line out in the last hurdle of the B competition. Camogie has been reborn



## CAMOGIE VIEW

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

VIEW FROM THE GROUND

down by the Blackwater and there is sure to be great excitement in the build-up over the next 10 days.

There are a couple of things that make these colleges finals different to any other tournament. For a start, most of these players are at a tender age, usually around mid-teens, but the way these youngsters

suffer the tension is worthy of mention.

Secondly, a lot of these girls are preparing for important exams, but despite the pressure of such tests they can still find time to enjoy themselves and have some fun. They are also disciplined enough to combine both which must be admired, therefore they fully deserve all our support.

Talking of such encouragement and support brings me to something totally different. As we all know by now, the International U-17 series between Australia and Ireland took place at Páirc Uí Chaoimh last Sunday, acting as a curtain-raiser to the

Cork/Tipp clash.

We are also aware now that up to 14,000 people turned up to see these two top teams (i.e. Cork and Tipp), while only a couple of hundred people were in the grounds for the start of the test series. Why? The answer is simple, because very few people knew it was on.

This unique occasion must have been worthy of a better PR drive. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and certainly befitted a family day out. Before the game supporters were allowed onto the field to take pictures of the various teams and mix with the players. Surely, a dream for any kid.

## St Mary's fly flag for Cork and Munster in final

SATURDAY next is a big day for the pupils of St Mary's Charleville who will fly the Cork and Munster flag in the All Ireland post-primary senior A final. It's a wonderful achievement by the Charleville side as they contest their sixth Senior A final in seven years, five successfully.

They face a Portumna Community College side who are contesting their first Senior A final and no doubt the Galway side will be fired up as the final is a repeat of last year's semi-final where both sides served up a good hour in Drumcollaher before St Mary's finally wore down the Portumna challenge in the closing quarter to advance.

St Mary's are holders of the title, but coach Vincent Harrington is under no illusions as to the task ahead. "Last year the gave us a tough hour in Drumcollaher and with 12 of last year's side still available they will be hard to overcome. Several of the side have had inter county experience and that will be a great advantage, as champions we will go in as favourites but we know it will be tough."

Captained by Newtownshandrum's Aine Kelleher, who is the holder of All Ireland minor and Intermediate honours, the Charleville line out also included several of last year All Ireland winning Cork minor side. To date Charleville have looked impressive and on the form shown are well worth the favourite's tag. They easily brushed aside the challenge of St Patrick's Maghera in their semi-final outing on a 4-7 to 1-1 scoreline after disposing of St Patrick's Shannon in a similar fashion the Munster final.

An interesting feature of Saturdays clash is that the sides met last weekend in the All Ireland Colleges seven a side final where St Mary's came away winners by 6-7 to 2-3.



St Mary's, Charleville captain Aine Kelleher, hopes to lead her side to success next weekend.

## St Mary's are ready to defend their title

By Therese O'Callaghan

Camogie News

ARE St Mary's Charleville invincible? The biggest question in colleges camogie will finally be answered tomorrow afternoon in McDonagh Park, Nenagh when the Cork students lay their All-Ireland A title on the line against Galway representatives, Portumna Community School.

According to Charleville coach, Vincent Harrington: "Everybody would love to beat us and we are bound to get hit some time, but we are as well-prepared as any previous year and will approach this match with extreme caution."

"I watched Portumna in their semi-final win and they have some very fine players, many of whom have worn the Galway jersey. We will have to be at our best to retain the cup."

Unlike the Rath Luirc side who are old hands at this game, Portumna are appearing in their first All-Ireland final at this level.

Galway teams have, however, a very proud tradition in college's camogie, and with Mercy Ballinasloe contesting the B final at the same venue, there is sure to be strong western support for both schools.

Edel Pierce will be remembered for her involvement with the Maroon and White at minor level two seasons ago, while her midfield partner Susan Keane was part of last year's side that lost out narrowly to Cork in the semi-final.

Charleville, though, must be lauded for the unbelievably high standard that they have managed to produce year after year. Some credit for this must go to Harrington and his co-trainer, Anna Marie O'Keefe who have been turning out match winning teams since the early '90s.

The 2002 team is no different. In Elaine O'Riordan and Anna Geary, St Mary's have arguably two of the finest players in the country at this grade. As scoring forwards go, the Watson sisters (Emer and Maria), Sinéad McAuliffe, Aoife Sheehan and Eimear O'Friel can turn on the form.

In defence, meanwhile, captain Aine Kelleher, Sharon Lenihan and Aoife Dillon form the nucleus of a very strong rearguard.

This final should be closer than any of Charleville's other show-downs.

In the words of Harrington: "If we win, it will be only by a couple of points."

Meanwhile, the National League continues tomorrow with Cork and Tipperary's encounter at Ballinglough set for a 4pm throw-in.

The All-Ireland champions are expected to travel with a strong team. Cork, on the other hand, will be minus some of their first choice players due to exam commitments and injury.

It will require a supreme effort by Cork to take away the two points on offer.

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**Camogie**  
National League: Div. 1: Antrim 3-8 Derry 1-9. Div. 2: Derry 5-11 Antrim 1-4. Cavan 1-7 Tyrone 0-4.  
Pan Celtic Tournament: Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford 1-6 Davitts, Galway 0-6. Senior B Final (North): Kinsara, Galway 3-8 St. Judes, Dublin 1-3 Senior B Final (South): Clarinbridge, Galway 4-7 Tullagher, Kilkenny 3-7 (set) Senior B Final (Central) Michael Davitts, Swatragh, Derry 1-4 Ballyboden St. Endas 1-3. U16 A Final: Davitts Galway 5-9 Duffry Rovers, Wexford 1-2. U16 B Final: James Stephens, Kilkenny 2-2 Eyrecourt, Galway 0-5.  
Post-Primary Schools All-Ireland Senior B Championship semi-final: Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe 3-8 St Fergal's, Rathdowney 3-3

## CLÁR AN LAE

SINSEAR B

2.00 p.m.

## OUR LADY OF MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL, WATERFORD

Scoil Mhuire na Trócaire, Port Láirge

V

## BALLINASLOE

Scoil Mhuire, Béal Átha na Sluaighe

Réiteoir: BERNIE NUGENT

SINSEAR A

3.30 p.m.

## ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHARLEVILLE

Scoil Naomh Muire, Ráth Luirc

V

## PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CO. GALWAY

Pobalscoil Port Omna, Co. na Gaillimhe

Réiteoir: MIRIAM UÍ CHEALLACHÁIN

Scoil Mhuire Na Trócaire

ÁDH MÓR ORAIBH!

Gall Tír Camogie Club

**Milford Barryroe** 2-8 2-4

County champions Milford were made fight hard as they retained their county under 18 A championship crown in Delaney's on Sunday last.

Aided by the wind Barryroe took the game to the champions from the start with a Jennifer O'Leary point and showing great confidence led at 20 minutes into the half after Rosemary Dineen's goal cancelled out Emer O'Friel and Marie Watson early Milford points. Dineen stretched the Barryroe lead with a point as Barryroe continued to put the Milford defence under pressure.

With play swinging from end to end Milford worked hard against a tough Barryroe defence where Mary Sheehy, Isla Dineen and Patricia Moloney dealt with anything Milford threw at them. Milford were thrown a life line seconds from the break when Julie Sheehy scored a goal.

From the resumption Milford upped the pace and four points without reply them in the driving seat, Jennifer O'Leary had one back for Barryroe to leave just the goal between the sides entering the last quarter.

Inside 30 seconds Deirdre Hays and Louise Gannon exchanged goals but again Milford put four points between the sides thanks to Emer O'Friel's point. With eight minutes remaining Jennifer O'Leary pointed and from here on Barryroe worked furiously for the equaliser but came up against a solid Milford defence where Lisa Healy, Aoife Dillon and Elaine O'Riordan held firm. Marie Watson stretched the lead to four with three minutes remaining and it gave the champions enough breathing space to hang on to retain their title.

● Grenagh and Killeagh will meet next weekend in the Junior B league (2001) final after they recorded good victories over St Fanahan's and Clonakilty.

● In the Under 16 B league (2001) quarter finals St Catherine's, Watergrasshill, Douglas and Rockbawn all made it through to the semi-final stages.

● Sarsfields Camogie Club are holding a Table Quiz at their pavilion on Thursday at 9p.m.



## FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

Ta an-áthas orm fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Is lá an-mhór é dár foirne mar is acusan an onóir bheith amuigh ansin ar an bpáirc ar thóir na glóire.

I am delighted to welcome you all to our Senior Finals Day. In particular, I greet the stars of the show - the players who won the right to challenge for the highest prize. I welcome also families and school friends who have travelled to support.



It is a long and difficult road to the All-Ireland Finals. Months of practice to improve skill, fitness and teamwork has to be undertaken. Many hurdles have to be cleared as progress is made in the championships. But it is all worthwhile as the teams take the field today smartly attired in the colours of their school.

St. Mary's, Charleville have made quite a reputation for themselves with the high quality of their play. Their impressive list of titles has led to high expectations from their followers. Portumna Community College will provide formidable opposition. Connacht has always produced champions of high standing and, no doubt, the Portumna girls will keep the flag flying.

The Senior B Championship has brought a variety of teams to All-Ireland Day. The standard of this new grade has been very pleasing. Making their final debut today will be Mercy, Waterford and Mercy, Ballinasloe. They played exciting camogie throughout the season and will bring colour and flair to our programme.

The Post Primary Finals mark a special day on the camogie calendar. The games are played in a wonderful sporting manner and the splendid level of skill and fitness is a tribute to the coaches who give so unselfishly of their time in organising and training the teams during the busy school year.

I thank those who foster camogie in our schools. They are passing on a wonderful pastime to the young girls. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na hoifigigh, na réiteoirí, na múinteoirí agus le achán duine ar son a gcabhrach.

Guím gach ráth ar na himreoirí uile atá ar pháirc na himeartha inniu agus oraibh go léir.

**Máire Ní Mhoráin**  
Uachtarán

## TODAY'S FINALISTS

## PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Portumna Community School won their first Connacht Senior 'A' title on their first final appearance in 1999. Three of the players who lined out in that final are playing today. The school has appeared in the three subsequent finals, winning in 2001 & 2002. The Connacht 1st year 'A' title was won for the first time in 2001 as was the Junior 7 a-side. The Connacht Junior 'A' title was added in 2002. This is a first All-Ireland Final appearance for the school.

Past and present students have worn the Maroon and White of Galway with distinction.

## ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Camogie was introduced to St. Mary's in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles, St. Mary's have won 42 Munster Colleges A Titles and have 21 All-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. The first of these was in 1986 when they collected their first All-Ireland Junior title and retained their crown in 1987. They won the Junior title again in 1994, 1995, 1999 and 2001. St. Mary's have enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland 7's competition, claiming the title on 10 occasions.

This year, St. Mary's are going for their 6th All-Ireland Senior title since 1996. Charleville are indebted for much of their success to their local clubs, namely Ballygran, Ballyhea, Charleville, Granagh-Ballingarry, Kilmallock, Milford and Newtownshandrum and their trainers Anna Marie O'Keeffe, Vincent Harrington, Fr. Tim Hazelwood and Gerard O'Donovan.

## OUR LADY OF MERCY, WATERFORD

Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School has been involved in school's camogie since the 2000 season. During 2001, we managed to win the Munster Junior B Championship and the Munster Intermediate League. Most of the players involved in those two campaigns are lining out today, proud to represent Waterford in the county's first ever All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools' appearance.

These successes must be viewed in the light of the fact that Basketball is the main sport in the school, the Senior A Cup being the most recent triumph.

Today's Mercy team is coached by teacher John Brennan with the assistance of parent Paul Lyng. Today is a great day for Waterford Camogie and for everyone involved with the Mercy team. We certainly intend to enjoy every moment!

## SCOIL MUIRE BALLINASLOE

Scoil Mhuire make their first ever appearance in an All-Ireland post primary schools final. They won the Junior Connacht final in 1998. The girls have been working hard all year and have showed great commitment throughout. Their hard work and dedication has finally paid off, earning them a place in not one but two All-Ireland Finals. The Junior team were the first to qualify by beating a very strong Wexford side in the semi-final. This game was a replay, as their first encounter ended a draw. Enroute today's final the Junior team have also defeated St. Cuans, Castleblakeney, HRC Mountbellew. They defeated Athenry Vocational School, New Inn Vocational School in the Connacht finals.

The Senior team defeated St. Fergal's Rathdowney in the All-Ireland semi final to take their place in today's final. They also defeated St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney, Mercy Roscommon, Vocational School New Inn and then Vocational School Athenry in the Connacht final.

Both the girls and their trainer Mary O'Higgins are really looking forward to both historic days out for the Scoil Mhuire girls and hope to make them memorable occasions for their many supporters.

## SENIOR A FINALISTS



SENIOR A FINALISTS - St. Mary's, Charleville

## SENIOR B FINALISTS



SENIOR B FINALISTS - Scoil Mhuire Ballinasloe

## DO YOU KNOW . . .

**SENIOR:** Mercy, Waterford are the first college from Co. Waterford to contest an All-Ireland Post Primary Schools final.

Aine Kelleher captained St. Mary's, Charleville earlier this year to win All-Ireland honours in basketball. Now she attempts to repeat the feat in camogie.

Cork and Limerick won All-Ireland Minor A & B titles last August. Both counties drew heavily on the players of St. Mary's, Charleville.

All-Ireland hurler, Ollie Kilkenny has a daughter/niece on the Portumna team.

**JUNIOR:** Marian Sweeney and Angela Higgins are past pupils of Loreto, Fermoy. They won 10 All-Ireland Senior medals between them in the colours of Cork.

Denise Twomey and Marie O'Neill of Loreto, Fermoy played on the winning Cork All-Ireland Minor team in 2001.

Fiona Chawke and Mary Coleman are daughters of famous Limerick and Munster camogie stars. They are following in the steps of their mothers, Bernie and Geraldine O'Brien, who gave outstanding service to the game.

**GENERAL:** Six County Galway schools have won All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Championships - Presentation, Oranmore, Presentation, Athenry, St. Raphael's, Loughrea, Seamount, Kinvara, Holy Rosary, Mountbellew and Mercy, Woodford. Two more are in line to join this elite group.



SENIOR B FINALISTS - Our Lady of Mercy, Waterford



**SENIOR A**  
**ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE**  
 Scoil Mhuire, Ráth Luirc  
*Navy and Sky Blue*

(1) <b>Elizabeth Lenihan</b> <i>E. Ní Lionacháin</i>		
(2) <b>Amy Morrissey</b> <i>A. Ní Mhuireasa</i>	(3) <b>Aimee McCarthy</b> <i>A. Ní Chartaigh</i>	(4) <b>Aoife Dillon</b> <i>A. Ní Dhilliúin</i>
(5) <b>Sharon Lenihan</b> <i>S. Ní Lionacháin</i>	(6) <b>Aine Kelleher (Capt)</b> <i>A. Ní Chelleachair</i>	(7) <b>Aisling O'Brien</b> <i>A. Ní Bhriain</i>
(8)                      (9) <b>Christina O'Gorman</b> <b>Anna Geary</b> <i>C. Ní Ghormáin</i> <i>A. Ní Ghadhra</i>		
(10) <b>Aoife Sheehan</b> <i>A. Ní Shiocháin</i>	(11) <b>Eimear O'Friel</b> <i>E. Ní Fhreighil</i>	(12) <b>Elaine O'Riordan</b> <i>E. Ní Riordáin</i>
(13) <b>Sinead McAuliffe</b> <i>S. Ní Amhlaoibh</i>	(14) <b>Maria Watson</b> <i>M. Ní Uait</i>	(15) <b>Emer Watson</b> <i>E. Ní Uait</i>
<b>Subs:</b> 16 Caitriona Noonan      19 Edwina Waters 17 Imelda Sexton            20 Lisa Healy 18 Karen O'Leary		

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**SENIOR A**  
**PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
 Pobalscoil Port Omna  
*Green and White*

(1) <b>Melanie Hogan</b> <i>Melanie Ní Ógáin</i>		
(2) <b>Patricia Brien</b> <i>Pádraigin Ní Bhriain</i>	(3) <b>Aine Whyte</b> <i>Aine de Faoite</i>	(4) <b>Fiona Byrne</b> <i>Fiona Ní Bhroin</i>
(5) <b>Linda Mitchell</b> <i>Linda Ní Mhistéil</i>	(6) <b>Niamh Hanney</b> <i>Niamh Ní Annaí</i>	(7) <b>Nicola Lawless</b> <i>Nicola Ní Laighléis</i>
(8)                      (9) <b>Susan Keane</b> <b>Edel Pierce</b> <i>Siobhán Ní Chatháin</i> <i>Edel Ní Phiarais</i>		
(10) <b>Dóirinne Moran</b> <i>Dolreann Ní Mhoráin</i>	(11) <b>Aoibheann O'Brien</b> <i>Aoibheann Ní Bhriain</i>	(12) <b>Rachael O'Brien</b> <i>Richael Ní Bhriain</i>
(13) <b>Meave Moran</b> <i>Méabh Ní Mhoráin</i>	(14) <b>Brenda Hanney</b> <i>Breanda Ní Annaí</i>	(15) <b>Emma Keane</b> <i>Emma Ní Chatháin</i>
<b>Subs:</b> 16 Eimear Gordon            22 Maria Rooney 17 Sharon Headd            23 Mairéad Mooney 18 Ciara Donoghue        24 Denise Mooney 19 Triona Byrne 20 Miriam Hynes 21 Yvonne Donnelly		

**Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE**

**ELIZABETH LENIHAN** (Milford) played in goal on last year's Senior winning team and is a sister of Sharon who plays wing back today.

**AMY MORRISSEY** (Ballyhea) is a very reliable defender who played full back on last year's winning Junior team.

**AMY MCCARTHY** (Granagh) is a very good defender who won an All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal last year.

**AOIFE DILLON** (Milford) - this is her second All-Ireland Senior Colleges final. She has numerous County underage titles with her club as well as All-Ireland Community Games Medals.

**SHARON LENIHAN** (Milford) has won U.16 All-Ireland with Cork last year and also played Centre Back on the school's winning Junior team.

**AINE KELLEHER** (Newtown) captains the team from centre back and is going for her third All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal. She also won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork in 1999.

**AILSING O'BRIEN** (Granagh) won an All-Ireland B Medal with Limerick last year. She holds All-Ireland Junior and 7-a-side Medals with St. Mary's.

**CHRISTINA O'GORMAN** (Milford) played with Cork Minors in their All-Ireland success of 1999. She also captained Cork Juniors in the All-Ireland Final of 2000.

**ANNA GEARY** (Milford) is a very versatile and hard-working player. She will play in the Junior Final next week and also won an All-Ireland Minor Medal with Cork last year.

**AOIFE SHEEHAN** (Granagh) plays Senior Inter-County with Limerick. She has won 2 All-Ireland Club Medals with Granagh and was All-Ireland Féile Skills Champion in 1999.

**EIMEAR O'FRIEL** (Milford) has All-Ireland Senior and Junior Medals with St. Mary's. She played with Cork Juniors in the All-Ireland Final in 2000.

**ELAINE O'RIORDAN** (Milford) is a very versatile player. She will play in the Junior Final next week. She won Player of the Match in last year's All-Ireland Minor Final versus Kilkenny.

**SINEAD McAULIFFE** (Ballygran) played corner forward in last year's double winning team of St. Mary's. She also played a starring role with Limerick in winning All-Ireland Minor B in 2001.

**MARIE WATSON** (Milford) is a sister of Emer. She captained both her County and her school to All-Ireland honours in 2001.

**EMER WATSON** (Milford) is a very skilful forward. She won an All-Ireland Minor Medal with Cork in 2001.

**CAITRIONA NOONAN** (Granagh) is a very reliable defender. She has won numerous County Medals with her club and was a member of last year's winning Senior Panel.

**IMELDA SEXTON** (Milford) played midfield in St. Mary's Junior team in 2000. She has won All-Ireland Community Games Medal with her club.

**KAREN O'LEARY** (Ballyhea) is a very good defender. She won an All-Ireland Junior Medal with St. Mary's last year and was a member of the Cork All-Ireland winning Minor team of 2001.

**LISA HEALY** (Milford) will play in the Junior final next week. She won an All-Ireland Senior and Junior Medal with St. Mary's last year.

**EDWINA WATERS** (Ballyhea) plays Centre Back on the Junior team. She won an All-Ireland Junior Schools Medal last year as well as being part of the All-Ireland Minor winning Cork team of 2001.

**Pen Pictures: PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**MELANIE HOGAN** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club Junior medal. Connacht medal with Galway Juniors.

**PATRICIA BRIEN** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club U12, 13, 18.

**AINE WHYTE** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior and 1 Junior. Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**FIONA BYRNE** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club Junior medal.

**LINDA MITCHELL** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**NIAMH HANNEY (C)** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 3 Senior medals. Club U12, 13, 18.

**NICOLA LAWLESS** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**SUSAN KEANE** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior and 1 Junior. Connacht medal with Galway Juniors. Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**EDEL PIERCE** (Davitts) Connacht Colleges - 3 Senior medals. Connacht medal with Galway Juniors. Minor All-Ireland. Club Senior, Junior, U18, 16, 14.

**DOIRINNE MORAN** (Lorrha) Connacht Colleges - 3 Senior medals. Club U14, 16.

**AOIBHEANN O'BRIEN** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club Junior medal.

**RACHEL O'BRIEN** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 1 Senior, 1 Junior and 1 First Year Club Junior medal.

**MAEVE MORAN** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior and 1 Junior medal. Club Junior medal.

**BRENDA HANNEY** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior and 1 Junior. Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**EMMA KEANE** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club Junior medal.

**EIMEAR GORDON** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 1 Senior. Club Junior medal.

**SHARON HEADD** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior and 1 Junior. Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**MARIA ROONEY** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior and 1 Junior. Club Junior medal.

**CIARA DONOGHUE** (Davitts) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior medals. Club U12, 13, 14, 18.

**TRIONA BYRNE** (Portumna) Connacht Colleges - 1 Senior, 1 Junior and 1 First Year Club Junior medal.

**MIRIAM HYNES** (Davitts) Connacht Colleges - 1 Senior, 1 Junior and 1 First Year Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**YVONNE DONNELLY** (Davitts) Connacht Colleges - 1 Senior, 1 Junior and 1 First Year Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**MAIREAD MOONEY** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 1 Senior, 1 Junior and 1 First Year Club U10, 12, 13, 18.

**DENISE MOONEY** (Kilimor) Connacht Colleges - 2 Senior and 1 Junior Club U10, 12, 13, 18.



## SENIOR B OUR LADY OF MERCY, WATERFORD

*Sky Blue and Navy*

	(1) <b>Brid Aylward</b> <i>Brid Ní Aighleart</i>	
(2) <b>Joanne Dunne</b> <i>Siobhán Ní Chóinn</i>	(3) <b>Paula Madigan</b> <i>Paula Ní Mhadagáin</i>	(4) <b>Ciara O'Connor</b> <i>Ciara Ní Chonchubhair</i>
(5) <b>Catherine Freyne</b> <i>Cait De Fréine</i>	(6) <b>Elaine Aylward</b> <i>Elaine Ní Aighleart</i>	(7) <b>Claire Aylward</b> <i>Clár Ní Aighleart</i>
	(8) <b>Máiréad Murphy</b> <i>Máiréad Ní Mhurchú</i>	(9) <b>Pauline Cunningham</b> <i>Pauline Ní Chuinneagáin</i>
(10) <b>Aine Lyng</b> <i>Aine Ní Lóin</i>	(11) <b>Emilie Darmody</b> <i>Emilie Ní Dhiarmada</i>	(12) <b>Emer O'Keeffe</b> <i>Eimear Ní Chaoimh</i>
(13) <b>Jenny O'Grady</b> <i>Sinéad Ní Ghráda</i>	(14) <b>Ciara Phelan</b> <i>Ciara Ní Fhooldáin</i>	(15) <b>June Grennan</b> <i>June Ní Ghríandáin</i>
<b>Subs:</b>	16 Bella Daniels 17 Róisín Haylin 18 Cora Hennessy	19 Kay Quinn 20 Sinéad Aylward 21 Miriam Frisby

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## SENIOR B SCOIL MUIRE, BALLINASLOE

*Green and White*

	(1) <b>Adrienne Cormican</b> <i>Adrienne Ní Chormacáin</i>	
(2) <b>Aine Tierney</b> <i>Aine Ní Thiarnaigh</i>	(3) <b>Ann-Marie Keogh</b> <i>Aine Máire Ní Eochaidh</i>	(4) <b>Edel Kelly</b> <i>Edel Ní Cheallaigh</i>
(5) <b>Celine Donnelly</b> <i>Celine Ní Dhonnaille</i>	(6) <b>Aoife Doherty</b> <i>Aoife Ní Dhocharaigh</i>	(7) <b>Jacinta McHugh</b> <i>Jacinta Ní Aodha</i>
	(8) <b>Clodagh Glynn</b> <i>Clódagh Ní Ghloinn</i>	(9) <b>Michelle O'Neill</b> <i>Michelle Ní Neill</i>
(10) <b>Ellis Ryan</b> <i>Ellis Ní Riain</i>	(11) <b>Ann-Marie Hayes</b> <i>Aine-Máire Ní Aodha</i>	(12) <b>Rosie Greaney</b> <i>Róis Máire Ní Ghráinne</i>
(13) <b>Eileen Glynn</b> <i>Eibhlín Ní Ghloinn</i>	(14) <b>Lisa Larkin</b> <i>Lisa Ní Lorcáin</i>	(15) <b>Caitriona Cormican</b> <i>Caitriona Ní Chormacáin</i>
<b>Subs:</b>	16 Ciara Cormican 17 Sharon Donnelly 18 Miriam Lynch 19 Elaine Caulfield	20 Darina Cooke 21 Emma Treanor 22 Anna Gilchreest 23 Marian Kelly

## Pen Pictures: Scoil Mhuire na Trócaire, Waterford

**BRÍD AYLWARD** (Mullinavat) Having an outstanding Goalie like Brid is one of the main reasons why Our Lady of Mercy is in the All-Ireland Final. Brid is one of three Mercy Players who won Leinster Minor medals with Kilkenny last year. She also holds 3 Munster Colleges medals as well as an U-21 County medal.

**JOANNE QUINN** (Mullinavat) Joanne is the second of seven members of the successful U-21 Mullinavat team of 2001 playing with Mercy. Joanne had a great game up North, in Coleraine, in the semi-final. She has won 2 Munster medals.

**CORA HENNESSY** (Bullentown) Cora is an excellent defender, who had a magnificent year with the Juniors last year. Cora has 2 Munster Colleges medals but has no county medals just yet.

**PAULA MADIGAN** (Mullinavat) Paula has all the attributes of an all-star full-back. She was unfortunate to have missed the schools successes of last year, but does hold U-21 and Intermediate county medals with her club.

**CIARA O'CONNOR** (Gallir) Ciara is currently Captain of the Waterford Minor team. Having won a Minor County medal in 2001. Ciara also holds 3 Munster Colleges medals and is a great character to have on the team.

**CATHERINE FREYNE** (Mullinavat) Catherine has the distinction of being Captain of the first Mercy team to win a Munster championship, when Mercy annexed the Junior B in 2001. Catherine also has won an U-21 County medal and a Primary schools medal.

**ELAINE AYLWARD** (Mullinavat, Vice-Captain) Elaine is an outstanding player, comfortable in many positions on the team. She is currently on the Kilkenny Senior team, having won a Leinster minor medal last season. Elaine holds U-16, U-18, U-21 and Intermediate county medals, as well as 2 Munster Colleges medals.

**CLAIRE AYLWARD** (Mullinavat) Claire is a very tidy defender and a first cousin to Brid and Elaine. She also holds 3 Munster Colleges medals as well as an U-21 county medal. Claire should make the Kilkenny minors this season.

**KAY QUINN** (Mooncoin) Kay is the sole representative from Suirside. She was excellent at wing back during last year's Junior campaign. Kay holds 3 Munster Colleges medals and a Leinster U-14 medal with her club.

**MÁIRÉAD MURPHY** (Dunhill, Captain) Máiréad is the Mercy team captain and a most industrious mid-fielder. She holds 2 Munster Colleges medals as well as Minor and Senior county medals with Dunhill. Máiréad has worn the county colours in both football and camogie and is also an accomplished musician.

**PAULINE CUNNINGHAM** (Dunhill) Pauline is a spirited mid-fielder, who had her finest hour to date wearing the Mercy colours in this year's Munster final. Pauline holds 3 Munster Colleges medals as well as Senior and U-18 county medals. Pauline also plays football and Camogie for her county, winning an All-Ireland minor football medal with Waterford last year.

**BELLA DANIELS** (Gallir) This is Bella's first year with the School team and she has proved to be quite an addition as she always gives a completely dedicated performance. Bella holds 1 Munster Colleges medal as well as U-16, U-18 county medals with Gallir.

**ROISIN HEYLIN** (Ardkeen) Roisin is the youngest member of the team yet probably one of the most skilful players. Roisin won 2 Munster colleges medals as well as a Primary schools medal. She represented Waterford in the Primary game and is on this year's minor team.

**EIMEAR O'KEEFE** (Mullinavat) Eimear is one of the most consistent players in the squad and is certainly improving with every game. She holds 2 Munster colleges medals as well as an U-21 medal with her club.

**JUNE GRENNAN** (Mullinavat) June is a talented and dedicated forward and is the final member of the Mullinavat contingent. June holds 2 Munster medals as well as an U-21 medal with Mullinavat.

**EIMILIE DARMODY** (Balk/hale Shamrocks) Emilie is one of our most lethal forwards, who had a superb game in the Munster final. She holds U-14, U-16 and U-18 Leinster medals with Kilkenny, as well as many club and Colleges medals.

**AINE LYNG** (Gallir) Aine is a fast hard-working forward, who has got into the habit of scoring goals, of late. She has won 2 Colleges medals as well as U-16 and U-18 county medals. Aine is also on this year's Waterford minor team.

**JENNY O'GRADY** (Gallir) Jenny is both a highly skilled and versatile player who will thrive on the big occasion today. She has 3 Munster colleges medals as well as U-14, U-16 and U-18 county medals. Jenny has donned the county colours at all grades.

**CIARA PHELAN** (Ardreen) Ciara is an extremely dangerous forward, with a great eye for goal opportunities. She holds 3 Munster colleges medals as well as U-16 and Junior medals with her club. She has played for Waterford at all levels and is a member of the Waterford minor team at present. Ciara is also a talented footballer and plays basketball for the school.

## Pen Pictures: SCOIL MUIREM BALLINASLOE

**ADRIENNE CORMICAN** (Kiltormer) A great goalie and holder of 4 Connacht medals.

**AINE TIRNEY** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 4 connacht medals and played U14 and U16 for Galway.

**ANN MARIE KEOGH** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 1 Connacht medal and played U14 for Galway.

**JACINTA MCHUGH** (Ballinasloe) Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**EDEL KELLY** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 3 Connacht medals.

**AOIFE DOHERTY** (Ballinasloe) Plays in backs, plays with Galway minors and has 2 All-Ireland medals. Also plays soccer with Connacht and won All-Ireland inter-pros U16 in 2001.

**CELINE DONNELLY** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**CLODAGH GLYNN** (Kiltormer) Plays midfield, Captained Galway U14 team 2001 and holds 2 All-Ireland medals.

**MICHELLE O'NEILL** (Ballinasloe) Plays midfield, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**EILISH RYAN** (Ballinasloe) Plays in forwards, played U14 for Galway and also on minor panel 2001.

**ANN MARIE HAYES** (Kiltormer) Captain fantastic, has 5 Connacht medals and 1 All-Ireland medal.

**CATRIONA CORMICAN** (Cappataggle) plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals, 5 county medals with club and 2 All-Ireland medals with Galway.

**EILEEN GLYNN** (Kiltormer) Plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**LISA LARKIN** (Cappataggle) Plays in forwards, has 3 Connacht medals and numerous county medals with club.

**ROSIE GREANEY** (Kiltormer) Plays in forwards, has 4 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**CIARA CORMICAN** (Kiltormer) Plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**SHARON DONNELLY** (Kiltormer) Plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals.

**MIRIAM LYNCH** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals.

**EMMA TRAENOR** (Ballinasloe) Plays in forwards, has 1 Connacht medal.

**DARINA COOKE** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 1 Connacht medal.

**ELAINE CAULFIELD** (Ballinasloe) Plays in backs, has 1 Connacht medal.

**ANNA GILCHRIST** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals with the school.

**MARION KELLY** (Kiltormer) Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals with the school and also played U14 with Galway.



## All-Ireland Colleges Sevens

1987 St. Marys, Charleville	4-0 to 1-4	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1988 St. Marys, Charleville	3-6 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1989 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	6-10 to 1-5	St. Patricks, Keady
1990 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	1-4 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1991 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-6 to 0-3	St. Brigids, Callan
1992 St. Marys, Nenagh	5-5 to 3-0	Scariff Community College
1993 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-1	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1994 St. Marys, Charleville	12-8 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1995 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1996 St. Marys, Charleville	5-4 to 0-2	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1997 St. Marys, Charleville	7-5 to 1-3	St. Patricks, Cork
1998 St. Marys, Charleville	3-8 to 2-7	St. Marys, Nenagh
1999 St. Marys, Charleville	4-9 to 5-3	Mercy, New Ross
2000 St. Marys, Charleville	10-4 to 1-2	Holy Rosary, Mountbellew
2001 St. Marys, Charleville	6-8 to 2-3	Portumna Community School

## COMING EVENT

Saturday, 20th May at St. Patrick's, Drumcondra  
ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SEVENS

## All-Ireland Colleges Senior B Championship

1999 Sacred Heart, Clonakilty	3-13 to 2-5	Kilcormac Vocational School
2000 St. Patrick's, Shannon	3-5 to 1-0	St. Cuan's Castleblakeney
2001 St. Brigid's, Callan	2-5 to 1-4	Mercy, Woodford

## Todays Referees

**MIRIAM Uí CHEALLACHÁIN:** Miriam is an experienced referee and player. Name the job on or off the pitch, Miriam does it, from being President of Colleges for the past four years, to selling programmes at our finals. Miriam is an Offaly County Councillor and an administrator with the Health Board. She was instrumental too in helping to obtain for us the use of Tullamore G.A.A. grounds on several occasions for our All-Ireland Finals.

**BERNIE NUGENT** of Drumcullen was an Offaly County Camogie player. An experienced referee, she was also one of the selectors of the Offaly team which played in the Junior All-Ireland Final in September 2001.

## Provincial Results and Scores 2002

## CONNACHT

Senior A	Portumna Community School	2-8	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	0-3
Senior B	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	3-8	Athenry Vocational School	0-4
Junior A	Portumna Community School	2-5	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-4
Junior B	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	4-12	New Inn Community School	1-4

## ULSTER

Senior A	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-7	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	1-4
Senior B	Loreto College, Coleraine	1-4	St. Louis, Ballymena	0-4
Junior A	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	4-7	St. Patrick's, Keady	2-4
Junior B	Loreto College, Cavan		Cross and Passion, Ballycastle	

## MUNSTER

Senior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-9	St. Patrick's, Shannon	0-2
Senior B	Our Lady of Mercy, Waterford	2-5	Presentation, Bandon	1-3
Junior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	6-13	St. Mary's, Nenagh	0-1
Junior B	Loreto Sec. School, Fermoy	4-8	Presentation, Thurles	0-2

## All-Ireland Semi-Finals

<b>SENIOR A</b>	St. Mary's, Charleville	4-7	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-1
	Portumna Community School	3-3	Loreto, Kilkenny	1-5
<b>SENIOR B</b>	Our Lady of Mercy, Waterford	2-4	Loreto College, Coleraine	0-5
	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	3-8	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	3-3
<b>JUNIOR A</b>	St. Mary's, Charleville	6-3	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	3-1
	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	1-16	Portumna Community School	2-8
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	Loreto Sec. School, Fermoy	5-11	Cross and Passion, Ballycastle	0-1
	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	1-11	Presentation, Wexford	3-2

## Charleville too hot for Portumna

St. Mary's, Charleville 4-16  
Portumna Community School 1-9

by Tom Higgins

ST MARY'S were vastly superior to Portumna Community School in this All-Ireland Schools Senior "A" camogie final at Nenagh on Saturday and, having won the title for five of the last six years, turned on the style in the second-half to record a big win.

The holders seemed to be pacing themselves in the opening half, when they played with the wind, and were only 2-8 to 1-3 in front at the break.

The sides were level after 11 minutes 0-3 each and with ten minutes to go to the break it was 1-5

to 1-3 in favour of the eventual winners.

However, Charleville finished the half the stronger to hold an eight-point lead at the break.

Charleville moved Aoife Sheehan to midfield at the beginning of the second period, and they began to pick off scores at will.

Maria Watson, at full forward, was their focal point and always having the measure of her marker, Aine Whyte, she set up some excellent scores, both for herself and her colleagues as a result of which the game was well and truly won long before the end.

Portumna led only once in the game, after five minutes when Susan Keane slotted over her side's opening point from a free, but were com-

pletely outclassed afterwards. The very experienced Charleville defence, who had not been playing up to form in the opening half, really tightened up in the second half and never gave the Portumna attack any chance to shine.

**Scorers:** M. Watson 3-5, A. Sheehan 0-6, (0-3, frees, 0-1 "45"), E. Watson 1-1, S. McAuliffe 0-2, E. O'Riordan 0-1, A. O'Brien 0-1.  
**Portumna:** M. Moran 1-1 (0-1 free), S. Keane 0-4, (0-2 frees), B. Hanney 0-3, R. O'Brien 0-1.  
**ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE:** E. Lenihan, A. Morrissey, A. McCarthy, A. Dillon, S. Lenihan, A. Kelleher (capt), C. O'Gorman, E. O'Riordan, A. Geary, A. Sheehan, E. O'Friel, A. O'Brien, S. McAuliffe, M. Watson, E. Watson. Subs. I. Sexton for S. McAuliffe (54th minute), C. Noonan for A. Morrissey (58th).  
**PORTUMNA:** M. Hogan, P. Brien, A. Whyte, F. Byrne, L. Mitchell, N. Hanney, N. Lawless, S. Keane, E. Pierce, D. Moran, A. O'Brien, R. O'Brien, M. Moran, B. Hanney, E. Keane. Subs. Y. Donnelly for E. Keane (40th minute); S. Headd for N. Lawless (48th minute); M. Hynes for P. Brien (50th minute); M. Rooney for M. Moran (58th minute).  
**Referee:** M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

## Saints claim sixth title

St Mary's Charleville 4-16  
Portumna College 1-9

By Therese O'Callaghan

College's camogie

IT was a case of the old dog for the hard road in McDonagh Park, Nenagh, on Saturday.

When the chips were down, defending champions St Mary's pulled out all the stops to claim their sixth All-Ireland senior A college's title.

St Mary's were uncharacteristically sluggish in the opening half, but when opportunist Maria Watson rattled the net from 30 metres in the 29th minute, the Charleville machine roared into action.

The outstanding Watson registered 3-2 over the hour, with her sister Emer bagging 1-5.

Charleville coach Vincent Harrington was quick to single out the Watson contribution: "Maria was excellent. Her second goal was brilliantly taken."

"The half-time score (2-8 to 1-3) flattered us.

We played with the wind but found it difficult to get into our stride, but once Maria got going her goals we picked up."

Charleville are old hands at this game, but captain, Aine Kelleher was adamant in her acceptance speech that the name does not win matches. "At this stage people expect us to win because it is Charleville. But, we still have to work and train hard, and there is great credit due to joint-coaches Anne Marie O'Keeffe and Vincent Harrington who give unselfishly of their time."

St Mary's tally of 4-16 represents good scoring and this has been one of the hallmarks of the side.

St Mary's junior team will endeavour to capture a second All Ireland in seven days next Saturday.

## Camogie

Derry's lack of experience told against them against Dublin in a Division One tie in Portlaoise. Katie McAuley opened the scoring, but Dublin responded with seven unanswered points before half-time.

There were five goals in the second half, but Derry failed to close the gap and they suffered their second successive defeat. At junior level, the two counties shared the spoils, a result that keeps Derry on course for a semi-final spot.

■ In Division One Cork won the big game, with two points to spare over All-Ireland champions Tipperary, while Kilkenny pulled Wexford back to earth with a three-goal victory in Rathnure. Armagh stretched their unbeaten run to four games in Division Two, scoring 14 times against Meath.

Cavan had a good victory over Waterford, but the Tyrone v Laois game was postponed.

## Pa delighted with Cork girls' show

Cork Tipperary 0-14  
1-9

By Therese O'Callaghan

Camogie Correspondent

THERE was a lot more at stake here than the two points on offer in this National League tie.

Cork and Tipperary have generated great respect for each other over the past couple of years, and on Saturday in Ballinlough this high esteem was evident as both teams eyed each other up in case of a possible championship meeting later on in the season.

Pride dictated the order of the day. The All-Ireland champions have never beaten Cork in a league game, but of course have had the edge in recent years when it comes to September camogie.

They came Leeside with all but three of their All-Ireland side — Claire Madden, Philly Fogarty and Claire Grogan.

Cork, on the other hand, were in experimental mode. Cora Keohane didn't put a foot wrong on her return to the number one position and outside her at corner back, Rosalie Holland also impressed. Wingback Paula

O'Connor oozed with confidence and got on the scoreboard with a marvelous point. Gemma O'Connor is another newcomer who did not do her chances any harm blending well with Vivienne Harris in the middle of the park. Catherine Corkery was full of running at left half forward and Caoimhe Harrington also left her mark. A new look forward line pitted Rachel Moloney in the unusual number 14 jersey, while Orla O'Sullivan also did her job well in the corner. Considering the Rebels have players like captain Una O'Donoghue, Lynn Dunlea, Mary O'Connor, Ciara Healy, Joanne O'Callaghan (all injured), Denise Cronin, Elaine Burke, Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon sidelined at the moment, this latest result is a lot more positive for the Leesiders.

"The same margin would do us in the championship, if we meet," quipped coach Pa Finn after the game.

## CAMOGIE

**NATIONAL LEAGUE Div 1:** Cork 0-14 (C Harte 0-6, C Harrington 0-3, R Moloney 0-2, P O'Connor, O O'Sullivan, C Corkery 0-1 each) Tipperary 1-9 (E McDonnell 1-2, J Ryan, N Kennedy 0-3 each, D Hughes 0-1).

**SCHOOLS A Final:** St Marys Charleville 4-16 (E Watson 2-5, M Watson 2-2, A Sheehan 0-5, S McAuliffe 0-2, E O'Riordan and A O'Brien 0-1 each) Portumna CC 1-9 (M Moran 1-0, E Hanney 0-4, S Keane 0-3, A O'Brien and E Pierce 0-1).

## CAMOGIE

**ALL-IRELAND SENIOR SCHOOLS, B CHAMPIONSHIP Semi-final:** Ballinasloe: Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe 3-08 (L Larkin 2-0, A Hayes 1-07, R Grathby 0-01) St Fergal's, Rathdowney 3-03 (M Mahon, E Moynihan, E Delaney 1-0 each, D Delaney 0-02, E Mulcahy 0-01).

## Camogie

Antrim won their second Ulster derby in a week with a clear-cut eight-point victory over Down at Cherryvale yesterday. First half goals from Grainne Connolly and Grace McMullan prompted a goal response from Fionnuala Carr but Antrim still led by 2-5 to 1-3 at the break. The accuracy of Jane Adams and Kerrie O'Neill in the second half kept Antrim well ahead, despite Cathy Mulholland forcing what proved to be a consolation goal for Down.



# Mercy girls bring glory to Decies

By Catherine Power

TEARS of joy flowed freely amid shouts of great excitement and celebration at McDonough Park, Nenagh on Saturday last when Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School in Waterford City created history when they won the Post-Primary Schools All-Ireland 'B' Camogie Title.

Mercy have been in impressive form all year recording excellent wins over Cashel Community College and Presentation Bandon in the Munster series before another terrific win in the north over Coleraine in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Camogie has only been played competitively in the school for the last three years and the achievement of annexing an all-Ireland title in such a short space of time is a tribute to all those connected with the team.

From the first match played by a Mercy team, Tramore man John Brennan has been the ever-present Bainisteoir.

John, an accomplished footballer and an "aspiring hurling goalkeeper" in his own right turned out to be the right man in the right place.

The values John has instilled in his players and the yardstick by which he measures success are undoubtedly the corner stones of the school's success.

His emphasis has been on enjoyment, improvement, competing, skill and determination. Winning and losing are rarely mentioned in a team talk. If each player plays to her limits as an individual and as a team member, John is happy.

As the Mercy girls took to the field in McDonough Park in Nenagh confidence was high that the eagerly sought all-Ireland title could be secured.

Although June Grennan put a point on the board for the Mercy, it was the Galway girls who started off stronger. Three points from Anne-Marie Hayes and Eilis Ryan without reply saw Scoil Mhuire build up a three points lead midway through the first half (05-02).

As the Ballinasloe half forward line continued to dominate for much of the opening quarter Brid Aylward in goal for the Mercy was called upon to display all her skill and agility to keep the opposing forwards at bay.

In many of their games though this year Mercy have been able to come back strongly and as the first half wore on scores from Aine Lyng after excellent work from Jenny O'Grady, an Emilie Darmody goal on 28 minutes and a point from Ciara Phelan gave the Waterford side a two points advantage at half-time 1-04 to five points.

Scoil Mhuire applied tremendous pressure on the Mercy back-line as they second half got under way but once again the Mercy defence stood firm.

The full back line of Joanne Quinn, Paula Madigan and Ciara O'Connor were at their brilliant best and centre back Elaine Aylward, a member of the Kilkenny senior panel, was simply awesome as, despite plenty of possession Scoil Mhuire failed to score until the 26th minute of the half.

## MERCY GET GOING

There were 15 minutes of the second half on the clock before Mercy managed to get their scoring going and following points from Eimlie Darmody, Jenny O'Grady and Paula Madigan it looked like the Waterford girls were on their way to a comfortable victory.

On 26 minutes Eilis Ryan thrust Scoil Mhuire back into the game with a goal to put just three points between the teams (1-08 to 1-05).

It was the Galway team's only score of the entire second half and their first score since the 20th minute of the first half.

Within a minute however Mercy's Ciara Phelan grabbed the ball in the corner, ran towards goal and

## Our Lady of Mercy 2-8 Scoil Mhuire Ballinasloe 1-5

# Historic camogie title for Waterford school

rattled the net with a brilliant shot to give her side a six points lead (2-08 to 1-05) with only a couple of minutes remaining.

There was no further scoring and Mercy captain Mairead Murphy stepped up to receive the trophy much to the delight of her fellow team members, coaches, supporters, parents and members of the teaching staff.

Captain John Brennan paid tribute to a wonderful team and added that he had always felt they would win the game.

"I was confident the whole way through. I just knew this team had great character and great resolve. Even when Ballinasloe got that goal in the second half to put just three points between the teams I wasn't worried."

"I felt we had done enough to win. This was another marvellous team performance, everyone contributed to the victory, they're a great bunch of girls and get on so well together, I'm delighted for them and very proud of them."

The camaraderie and friendship was clear to see as captain Mairead Murphy overcame with emotion thanked John Brennan, Paul Lyng and Michael Lane, (School Principal) for their hard work and support.

"There's a great spirit in this team, tremendous friendships have been formed which will probably endure for a long time."

Principal Michael Lane thanked everyone connected with the team particularly parents who had given so much support and travelled to all the matches including the trip north to Coleraine for the semi-final.

Without the support of the school principal Michael Lane and the teaching staff the Camogie players could not have reached their full potential.

The encouragement in words, presence at matches and the availability of facilities has meant a lot to all involved. The Mercy are renowned through the length and breadth of Ireland for its prowess on the basketball court, the school now boast a camogie title to go with the basketball ones they've won in the past.

The involvement of so many parents has been integral to Saturday's success also. From giving lifts to training, helping to arrange venues for training, travelling to matches organising sponsorship looking after first aid and so on, their contribution has been immense.

A problem was never a problem, only an opportunity to be grasped.

A special mention here to Jim Conway of Mullinavat, although not a parent Jim facilitated the team for many training sessions, umpired many games and had many a kind word of encouragement for the girls.

Because the match was held on a Saturday, the numbers that travelled were less than that of a midweek match, which would have resulted in time off school.

But what a Saturday fixture ensured was that the Mercy had participants and not observers. The noise that greeted the team's entry onto the pitch, the constant encouragement, the huge volume of cheering that greeted each score and the celebration at the final whistle are as important as the efforts of those on the field of play.

The canvas of a camogie game is not just players challenging for a sliothar but the noise and colour of those on the sidelines also.

On an occasion like this, the role of the many club coaches who have looked after the development of the panel since they first took a caman into their hands should not be forgotten.

People like John Kenneally and Maurice Mason in Ballyhale, Tony Cummins in Gaultier, Brian Cunningham and Elizabeth Barry in Dunhill, Mary and John Joe Aylward in Mullinavat have ensured the skills of Camogie were passed onto this generation of players.

Lastly we come to the players themselves and here we find the real magic. Individual brilliance, bravery, intelligence, self sacrifice for the sake of the team, the list would go on and on.

Within this group of players you find all the qualities a coach could wish for. Each of them has played a vital role in the team's success and each and every one of them deserve recognition and acknowledgement.

Sports people know that the difference between winning and losing is a very fine line. This was the case in Nenagh where two evenly balanced teams pitted their wits against each other.

Do not be fooled by the margin of victory, this contest was in doubt until three minutes from the end when Ciara Phelan's superbly struck goal finally broke the resolve of the Galway girls.

In the final analysis it is perhaps fitting that a superb team effort is rewarded with an All-Ireland title.

Scorers: Mercy; E. Darmody 1-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 '45), C. Phelan 1-2, J. O'Grady, J. Grennan & A. Lyng 0-1 each. Ballinasloe; R. Greaney 1-0, M. Hayes 0-3 (0-1 '45), E. Ryan & C. Cormican 0-1 each.

MERCY; B. Aylward, J. Dunne, P. Madigan, C. O'Connor, C. Freyne, E. Aylward, C. Aylward, M. Murphy, P. Cunningham, A. Lyng, E. Darmody, E. O'Keefe, J. O'Grady, C. Phelan, J. Grennan. Sub; R. Daniels for C. Freyne, R. Haylin for J. Grennan.

BALLINASLOE; A. Cormican, A. Tierney, A. M. Keogh, E. Kelly, C. Donnelly, A. Doherty, J. McHugh, C. Glynn, M. O'Neill, E. Ryan, A. Hayes, R. Greaney, E. Glynn, L. Larkin, c. Cormican. Sub; A. Gilchrist for A. Doherty.

Referee; B. Nugent, Offaly.



Our Lady of Mercy camogie team, which won the Post-Primary Schools All-Ireland "B" camogie title.

Picture: Joe Evans



*Congratulations to the Mercy Secondary Convent Camogie Team on winning the All-Ireland Senior Schools Camogie final*

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## Camogie team retains All-Ireland crown

CONGRATS to the camogie players of St. Mary's School who notched up their sixth senior Schools Camogie 'A' All-Ireland victory at Nenagh, Co. Tipperary on Saturday last when they defeated Connaught champions Portunna Community College on a score line of 4-16 to 1-9.

In retaining their All-Ireland title the locals confirmed their superiority in senior schools camogie as they were contesting their sixth All-Ireland final in seven years, winning six of them.

Powered by players from clubs such as Milford and Newtownshandrum in North Cork and

Ballygran and Ballingarry in south Limerick the school was the favourite to retain their All-Ireland title following their displays in the campaign to the final especially in the Munster decider against St. Patrick's, Shannon and Maghera in the All-Ireland semi-final.

In Saturday's game the St. Mary's forward division had another good day with Emer Watson scoring 2-5 and her sister Maria 2-2. Other scorers were A. Sheehan 0-5, S. McAuliffe 0-2 and E. O'Riordan and A. O'Brien had 0-1 each to make up the side's total of 4-16.

The girls and all con-

nected with the team are to be congratulated on their fine display, not alone on Saturday, but throughout this year's campaign. Congratulations also to the home clubs of the girls on the part they play in preparing the players for the schools series each year.

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# Play-off spot now a distant hope

WEXFORD'S CHANCES of progressing to the latter stages of the National Senior Camogie League suffered a serious setback at Rathnure on Sunday.

Having defeated Cork in their last outing, the Slaneysiders needed a victory to improve their chances of qualifying for a play-off.

However, they were up against a Kilkenny team who were determined to make up for their two league defeats against Cork and Galway.

The Wexford team showed three changes from the starting line-out which secured victory over Cork, with Sandra Carr, Avis Nolan and Mag Kelly respectively replacing Ashling Moran, Helena Jacob and Michelle O'Leary.

Wexford opened the scoring with a point by Elaine Holohan after three minutes, with Bridget Mulally equalising for Kilkenny after ten minutes.

Kilkenny took the lead with a point by Sinéad Millea in the 16th minute, and a goal by Marie O'Connor when her shot from the sideline deceived Michelle Hearne in the Wexford goal two minutes later improved the Cats position.

Wexford suffered a further setback when centre-back Aine Codd twisted her knee. This



**Kilkenny**  
3-11

**Wexford**  
0-10

REPORT BY JOHN FURLONG

necessitated a reshuffle of the defence, with Aine moving to full-back, where her mobility was severely limited.

Wexford, however, responded with points by Aoife O'Connor and Kate Kelly to leave four point between the teams 1-4 to 0-3 on 22 minutes.

Wexford shot three points - two from frees by Kate Kelly in the closing five minutes of the half - with Sinéad Millea and Lizzie Lyng replying with points for Kilkenny, to leave the score 1-6 to 0-6 in favour of the visitors at half-time.

Wexford resumed scoring with a point by Kate Kelly after she herself was fouled in the opening minute, only for Millea to slot over a free two minutes later.

Wexford then reduced the lead to a single point with points by Bridget

Curran and Kate Kelly (1-7 to 0-9). But, alas for Wexford, this was as good as it got.

Kilkenny with another point by Millea in the 41st minute was soon followed by a goal by Jackie Frisby to put five points between the teams (2-8 to 0-9).

Kilkenny replaced Marie Ryan, Mairead Costello and Marie O'Connor with Marina Downey, Pauline Comerford and Gillian Dillon-Maher, with Wexford also making two changes, replacing Tina Bergin and Ursula Jacob with Helena Jacob and Michelle O'Leary.

Kilkenny continued to set the pace, with Millea adding a goal and a point in the 48th and 52nd minutes to further extend their advantage to nine points.

A point by Kate Kelly in the 56th minute completed the home side's tally, while similar scores



Bernie Holohan gets the better of Kilkenny's Marie O'Connor during Sunday afternoon's first division National Senior Camogie League encounter at Rathnure. (Pic: Conor Nolan).

by Sinéad Millea and substitute Gillian Dillon-Maher concluded the scoring of the game.

After their victory over Cork much was expected of this Wexford team, but in fact it was Kilkenny who were first to the ball and who made greater use of the possession.

Wexford have a lot to think about following this defeat, with lots of questions to be answered and much work to be done as they prepare for their

opening All-Ireland championship clash with Galway at a Wexford venue on June 30th.

Best for Wexford were Orla Hernan, Aoife O'Connor, Bridget Curran and Kate Kelly.

**Kilkenny** - Catriona Ryan, Esther Kennedy, Ann Marie Young, Eimear Lyng, Kelly Long, Mairead Costello, Mairead Lawlor, Bridget Mulally (0-1), Edel Maher, Marie Ryan, Aoife Neary, Lizzie Lyng (0-1), Marie O'Connor (1-0), Sinéad Millea (1-8), Jackie Frisby

## NSCL DIVISION 1

	P	Pts
Galway	3	5
Cork	3	4
Wexford	4	3
Tipperary	3	2
Kilkenny	3	2

REMAINING GAMES:  
Galway v Cork;  
Tipperary v Kilkenny.

(1-0).

**Subs:** Gillian Dillon-Maher (0-1) for Marie Costello; Marina Downey for Marie Ryan.

**Wexford** - Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Claire O'Connor (Rathnure), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boalavogue), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Orla Hernan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Aine Codd (St. Martin's), Mary Leary (Oulart-The Ballagh), Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure, 0-1), Sandra Carr (St. Ibar's), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's, capt., 0-7 frees), Avis Nolan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Bridget Curran (St. Ibar's, 0-1), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure, 0-1), Tina Bergin (St. Martin's), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's).

**Subs:** Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh) for Avis Nolan; Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh) for Tina Bergin; Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure) for Ursula Jacob; Ashling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Emma Carroll (St. Ibar's), Jenny Codd (Duffy Rovers), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure).

**Referee** - Jack McGrath (Cork).



Wexford's senior camogie squad met Kilkenny in Sunday's crunch National League Division 1 tie at Nicky Rackard Park in Rathnure.

## Loreto school team in All-Ireland camogie final for first time in thirty years

By Helen O'Callaghan

IT'S the first time in 30 years that Loreto School, Fermoy has had a team in any All-Ireland camogie final - so you can understand why excitement is running high in the lead up to the school's junior team playing in the All-Ireland 'B' final on April 20.

Having beaten the Ursulines in Thurles in the Munster final and a school from Ballycastle, Co Antrim in the All-

Ireland semi-final, the Loreto girls are confident that they will do Fermoy proud when they travel to meet a Ballinasloe team in Cashel next week.

Acting principal Veronica White says Loreto has been overwhelmed by the generosity of townspeople and firms who have come forward and offered sponsorship: "Both in terms of getting to the matches and in providing the team with a crested fleece top for the occasion. And it's expected a

huge number of pupils and parents will be present in Cashel on April 20."

This Thursday afternoon, all Loreto pupils will participate in a sponsored walk - from the school up Straw Hall and back again in a circle of five miles - all in an effort to defray the expenses of the match.

Trainer of the team Jer Holland - a hurler who plays with Ladysbridge and an RE teacher in Loreto - says everybody's very optimistic about the forthcoming

match. "It's the best camogie team we've had in a while, possibly the best ever," he says.

Girls who played particularly well in the All-Ireland semi-final included centre back Noreen Mulcahy, half forward Mairead Finn and full forward Patricia Carroll.

And all sporting activity at competition level in Loreto won't stop on April 20 - the following weekend, first year girls play in the All-Ireland basketball final in Dublin.



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# Victory is elementary for Watson and Rebels

**Cork**  
**Limerick**

5-17  
0-2

THE gulf in standards in this Munster minor camogie semi-final was all too apparent in Charleville last evening.

Once the Leesiders settled, they were the complete masters, waltzing their way to a provincial final with Tipperary in just under three weeks.

As for the Shannonsiders, they now compete in the B competition where they will meet Clare on Monday.

The tally speaks for itself, but Limerick were a beaten team ever before they took to the field, being overawed by the tradition of the Red and White.

"Cork are much stronger than us, and have more hurling ability," said Limerick selector Gerard Mulcahy.

"But that aside, I was disappointed with our showing tonight. We are better than that."

With 5-15 of the Rebel score line coming from play, this surely augurs well for what lies ahead.

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**  
in Charleville

Yet, selector Ann Watson bemoaned many wasted opportunities.

"We seemed to be buzzing around everywhere and all fighting for the one ball. It looked like players are still trying to secure the places."

But, then again, this was our first competitive outing together."

Caitriona Foley and Sile Burns showed

their strength at full and centre back respectively.

Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan upped the pace at midfield, while Briege Corkery, Marie O'Neill, Emer Watson and Denise Twomey all showed up well in the forward line.

It should be said that Cork would have been out of sight much earlier, but for the superb goalkeeping of Limerick's Clara Kelleher. She, along with Claire Mulcahy and Fiona Hickey tried hard to keep the Cork attack at bay.

Scores: Cork - E Watson 2-2, D Twomey 1-4, A Geary 1-2, M Murphy 1-1, M O'Neill 0-4, B Corkery 0-2, S Burns 0-2 (frees).

Limerick: C Mulcahy 0-1 (free), F Morrissey 0-1.

CORK: V McCormack; N Mulcahy, C Foley, L Healy; R Buckley, S Burns, M Nyhan; A Geary E O'Riordan; B Corkery, M O'Neill, C Myers; E Watson, D Twomey, M McCarthy. Subs: J Sheehy for C Myers, M Coleman for M McCarthy, M Hegarty for N Mulcahy, S Downing for M Nyhan, M Murphy for D Twomey.

LIMERICK: C Kelleher; F Geary, S O'Mahony, F Chawke; J White, C Mulcahy, F Hickey; M Sheehy, N Heffernan; S McAuliffe, S O'Donnell, C O'Shea; E Barrett, F Morrissey, S Brosnan. Subs: C Carroll for J White, J Garvey for S O'Donnell, M O'Connell for N Heffernan, L Kelly for M Sheehy, R Brouter for F Geary.

REFEREE: J Morrissey (Tipperary).

## Cork keep League hopes alive

**Cork**  
**Tipperary**

0-14  
1-9

CORK kept their Senior National League hopes alive and bounced back following their defeat at the hands of Wexford with a two point victory over All-Ireland champions, Tipperary, at Ballinlough on Saturday.

Inside ten minutes Tipperary led three points to one, after Catherine Corkery had opened the scoring with a Cork point in the third minute.

Cork got to grips with their game and were back on level terms by the midway stage, after two points from Criona Harte.

From here to the 23rd minute it was nip and tuck, with the sides

level on no fewer than four occasions. Criona Harte gave Cork an interval lead pointing a 45 metres free on the half-time whistle, but the main feature of the opening half was the tremendous tussle between Cork centre forward Caoimhe Harrington and Tipp's Clara Gaynor, with Harrington proving herself more than a handful for the celebrated centre back.

On the turnover Orla O'Sullivan and Noelle Kennedy traded points, but by the three-quarter stage Cork had opened up a two point gap, thanks to points from Harrington and Harte. Tipp grabbed the lead with 13 minutes remaining, when Emer McDonnell finished to the net, but Cork responded magnificently in the shape of defender Paula

O'Connor, who, from the puck out grabbed the ball and soloed the length of the field to send over a magnificent point.

Now back on level terms, Cork dug deep and with O'Connor's point having rallied her side, Rachel Moloney added two in the 23rd and 29th minutes to give Cork a deserving victory and two league points.

Scores: Cork: C Harte 0-6 (0-4 frees, 0-1 45), C Harrington 0-3, R Moloney 0-2, P O'Connor, O O'Sullivan and C Corkery 0-1 each.

Tipperary: E McDonnell 1-2, J Ryan 0-3, N Kennedy 0-3 (0-2 frees), D Hughes 0-1.

Cork: C Keohane, P O'Connor, E Duggan, S Buckley, S Dunlea, S Hayes, R Holland, V Harris, G O'Connor, C Corkery, C Harrington, L Mellerick, C Harte, R Moloney, O O'Sullivan.

TIPPERARY: Jovita Delaney, P Biffin, U O'Dwyer, Julie Delaney, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy, S Kelly, A McDermott, J Ryan, L Young, N Kennedy, E McDonnell, D Hughes, L Woods.

Referee: J O'Brien (Wexford).

## In the Diary

### TONIGHT MUNSTER MINOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL Cork v Limerick, Charleville, 7pm

Although going in without a round game, All Ireland champions Cork will be confident of victory.

With nine of last year's side still available for selection, their greater experience should be the telling factor, and according to team trainer, John Cronin, there has been healthy competition for inclusion on the starting 15.

It has been very difficult to whittle down the panel from 30 to 24. Limerick, who defeated Waterford three weeks ago, in the preliminary round will realise that they have their work cut out.

And what is most interesting is that many players from St Mary's in Charleville will find themselves up against each other in this clash.

The school on the Cork/Limerick border will be split on this occasion with Elaine O'Riordan, Emer Watson and Anna Geary coming up against fellow pupils Fiona Chawke, Janice White and Sinead McAuliffe.

**Verdict:** Cork

## Camogie girls enjoy convincing win

**KILSHANNIG.....2**  
**BLARNEY.....0**

Kilshannig did not come to this match with their hopes very high as they had been well beaten by Mallow in their first outing.

However, their hopes were raised early in the game when Mairead O'Connell scored a goal in the fifth minute, giving Kilshannig great confidence for the remainder of the match.

Norma O'Donovan in goal brought off a few good saves to keep Blarney at bay in this

### Kilshannig

closely contested game, and Blarney might consider themselves unlucky not to have scored.

Tracy Wallace, full back, and Edel Buckley, centre back, put in strong performances and Kilshannig held out with this one goal advantage at half time.

With Jacinta Buckley and Marion O'Regan dominating at centre-field, Kilshannig kept pressing forward and

were rewarded in the 20th minute with another goal from Mairead O'Connell.

This win is a great boost for Kilshannig Camogie, which is a very new club on the scene - just two years in existence - and they have often found themselves struggling at under age.

AGM: Kilshannig Camogie Club held their agm last Friday in Dromahane Hall. The election of officers was as

follows: President - Liz Twomey; Chairperson - Ted Kelleher; Vice chairperson - Kathleen Wallace; Secretary - Margaret Bolster; Asst secretary - Nollaig Hennigan; Treasurer - Marie Theresa Buckley; Asst treasurer - Eleanor Clogan; Joint PRO - Emer Galvin and Marion O'Regan.

Membership officers are Ann Murphy and Aileen Fleming, and the County Board delegate is Nollaig Hennigan.

There are four teams entering competitions

this year. U12 managed by Ted Kelleher; U14 managed by Emer Galvin; U16 managed by Nollaig Hennigan and Junior B managed by Pat Galvin. The Junior B captain this year is Marie Theresa Buckley.

The U16 league is well underway now and Kilshannig had a great win over Blarney on Saturday last when they beat them 2-0. Also the U12's drew with Ballyhea in another exciting match.

Well done girls. Keep it up.

### ST CATHERINES CAMOGIE CLUB

## St Catherines U18s through to County final

**U18 2001 CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL**  
**St Catherines 4-4**  
**St Finbarr's 1-4**

The semi final of this competition was played on Tuesday, April 9 at St Finbarr's

GAA grounds. It was a tough battle from start to finish with St Finbarr's never giving up despite being in arrears. However the St Catherine's girls proved too strong and won through in the end.

Because of injury Noreen Mulcahy played in goals and did quite well. All the full-back line played well with Tracy Barry being very dominant in the left corner.

The half-back line of Mary Mulcahy, Andrea Mangan and Kathleen Twomey were well on top throughout.

Yvonne O'Neill and Esther Power did well at mid-field and all six forwards worked hard with Denise Twomey again being top scorer getting 4-1 from play and 0-2 from frees. This together

with Andrea's 0-1, put the finishing score at 4-4 to 1-4 in favour of St Catherine's. They are now into the County Final and will meet Clonakilty, this game is provisionally fixed for May 6.

Team: I N Mulcahy, 2 A Cotter, 3 M Twomey, 4 T Barry, 5 M Mulcahy, 6 A Mangan, 7 K Twomey, 8 Y O'Neill, 9 E Power, 10 M Collins, 11 A Fitzgerald, 12 D Mangan, 13 M Morrison, 14 D Twomey, 15 L Noonan. Subs: O Cotter (for L Noonan), O Neville, D Mulcahy.

### U18 2001 SEMI-FINAL

St Catherine's are now into the semi-final of this competition and are scheduled to play Rockham, no date has been fixed for this match yet.

### BEST WISHES

Best wishes to Loreto

junior team who, as Munster champions will play the Connaught champions in the All Ireland B final.

This match will take place in Cashel at 2pm on Saturday, April 20.

Also to Noreen Mulcahy and Denise Twomey who, by the time you read this, will have played with the Cork U16 team versus Limerick on Tuesday, April 16.





The victorious Killeagh side, who had a convincing win over Grenagh to claim the junior B league title

# Linehan stars as Killeagh win title

Killeagh  
Grenagh

3-5  
0-0

By MARY NEWMAN-MCCARTHY

Camogie focus

**GLORY** days returned, as Killeagh captured the junior B league title.

For many years, Killeagh were the kingpins of camogie but the club fell on lean times of late.

Undaunted they soldiered on, working hard to promote the game through the under-age section.

It is from there that the majority of this victorious team over Grenagh emerged.

Killeagh made the early running and led at the break thanks to Katie Linehan notching up 1-1. From the restart the Killeagh girls kept Grenagh under pressure with a further goal from Siobhan Linehan, while Katie Kelleher put the game out of Grenagh's reach much to the delight of the large Killeagh following.

Meanwhile, Carrigaline Community School beat Scoil Pol Kilfinane 1-10 to 2-1.

A close opening half saw Carrigaline trail at the break by a point. From the restart Carrigaline's determination was evident and with Jacqui O'Keeffe, Trisha O'Sullivan, Laura Thompson and Muireann Conlon in tremendous form they totally outclassed Scoil Pol.

Stronger in all sectors, Carrigaline added seven unanswered points to their tally to run out deserving winners. The victory ensures Carrigaline will next season participate in the Senior

grade for the first time in the school's history.

In the Under-16 league, Ballinhassig had a two points advantage at the final whistle in their under-16 league outing against Inniscarra. Fiona Crowley got an early goal to settle the Ballinhassig girls.

Rena Buckley pointed to open the Inniscarra account and minutes later Buckley gave her side the lead with a well taken goal but Ballinhassig responded with a Breda Tuohy point to level matters at the break.

Ballinhassig took the lead from the restart thanks to Emer O'Sullivan with 1-1 and a Breda Tuohy point. Inniscarra fought back with points from Rena Buckley(2) and Catriona O'Connell but Ballinhassig had done enough and held on for a win thanks to good performance from Joanne Cullinane, and Fiona Crowley. Inniscarra had a good hour from goalkeeper Christine Cosgrave and Rena Buckley.

There were better fortunes for Inniscarra when they totally outclassed a Ballyhea side, who fielded a team minus the services of Edwina Waters and Rena Buckley.

Inniscarra led at the break 3-7 to 0-0 thanks to good performances Rena Buckley, Margaret McCarthy and Margaret Cosgrove.

Ballyhea with Mary Coleman and Norma

Healy starring, worked hard tried to breach the Inniscarra defence but the stronger mid-Cork side were always in control and ran out easy winners. St Finbarr's drew their first game with Ballygarvan 3-0 to 2-3 before they travelled to Riverstick for a meeting with Sliabh Rua. Sarah Allen had an early Sliabh Rua point and a goal from Ciara Cotter ensured the home side took the points despite the best efforts of the Barrs girls.

St Finbarr's then played host to Glen Rovers in Togher and gave a superb performance as they got back on the winning trail.

A first half goal from Nicola O'Regan settled the Barrs and further goals from Pauline Murphy and Debbie Punch had them in a commanding position before Glen had points from Jemma O'Regan and Gerlyn Nolan.

Sliabh Rua's winning run came to an end when they lost to Killeagh by two points.

Ballygarvan, with Caoimhe Dillon and Valerie Brown performing well, recorded a win over Brian Dillon's on a 7-4 to 4-1 scoreline.

Kilshannig took both points from a weak Blarney.

Douglas made the journey across the city to Na Piarsaigh a winning one on a 4-2 to 0-1 scoreline, maintaining their form they recorded a 2-5 to 2-0 victory over Ballincollig.

Ballinora had mixed fortunes recording a big win over Mayfield but they lost out to Watergrasshill and Blackrock.

## Rebels train hard for inter-county blitz

PREPARATIONS are well underway for the U-14 Inter-County Blitz which will be held in Inniscarra in early June.

Now in its third year, the competition has gone from strength to strength. Cork took the honours in 2000 and Galway in 2001.

For the majority of under-age players, the competition represents their first taste of inter-county action and for some it serves as a stepping

stone to advancing to their county U-16 panels.

Galway, Limerick, Dublin, Wexford, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Cork will take part this year.

The Cork team is selected from players whose school participates in colleges competitions within the county while other counties have the advantage of picking the strongest U-14 players in their county.

Over the last few weeks, the Cork

back-room team have held three trial games in an effort to unearth new talent and have now named a panel of 27 players.

Coach Ollie Troy has been putting the panel through their paces at training sessions in Doneraile and Ballygarvan.

The panel announced is as follows: Valerie Brown, Caoimhe Dillon, Suzanne Lynch, Sarah O'Keeffe, Devina O'Mahony,

Michelle Brown, Catriona O'Connell, Sinéad O'Connor, Mary O'Mahony, Eileen O'Mahony, Sarah Sexton, Aine Watson, Orla Cotter, Siobhán Gleeson, Aileen Hogan, Mary O'Sullivan, Ursula Quinn, Deirdre Twomey, Miriam Crowley, Grace Mulqueen, Deirdre Murphy, Jenny O'Donovan, Jemma O'Regan, Deirdre Coomey, Coleen Long, Anna Nyhan and Eimear White.

## Seniors confident in run-up to league trip to Galway

FOLLOWING their victory over Tipperary last weekend, the Cork senior team will be confident when they travel to face Galway next weekend for the last national game in their section.

The game will be part of a double header as the counties' junior sides also have a league engagement. Following their defeat at the hands of Wexford, the junior side will need to take the points to keep their league hopes alive.

Cork opened their senior campaign with a good victory over Kilkenny but inexplicably lost their way against Wexford and in the process dropped two valuable league points.

Selector Rose Desmond expressed satisfaction at last weekend's victory over Tipperary.

"We played well and when they came at us we held our composure and got the scores to secure victory. It's great after losing out to Wexford and we now look forward to another tough game against Galway"

The selectors have introduced new faces to their team throughout the league campaign and without doubt the big success has been the introduction to the forward line of Caoimhe Harrington. In her tussle with Tipperary's Ciara Gaynor, Harrington showed she is well able for the challenge and certainly has brought a bit of steel to a forward division that up to now seemed to lack that bit of toughness required.

Going into the last round of games, it is still all to play for as the counties vie for the two semi-final qualifying spots. Cork have recorded two victories and lost one while Galway, with three games played, are unbeaten. The beat Tipperary and Kilkenny and drew with Wexford. Tipperary lost out to Cork and Galway but defeated Wexford and they face Kilkenny on Sunday in what is a crucial game for both themselves and the other counties. Weekend results will dictate if a play-off situation will be required.

While Cork are continuing to experiment with their team, they will be anxious to book a semi-final spot. The selectors will not name their team until before the game but they will be anxious to have the services of some of their more established players.

The juniors are in a similar position to the senior side, also having lost one game to Wexford. They will be hoping to put the defeat to the back of their minds and get the day off to a winning start for the county.

## FIXTURES

TONIGHT  
Junior A League Quarter Final: Glen Rovers V Ballinhassig at Glen Rovers 7p.m.  
SATURDAY APRIL 20  
All Ireland Colleges Junior A Final: St. Mary's Charleville v Colaiste Bríd Enniscorthy, Cashel 3.30pm.  
All Ireland Colleges Junior B Final: Loreto Fermoy v Mercy Ballinasloe, Cashel 5pm.



# College Festivities

by Maire Ui Scolái

When the Post Primary Schools hold their All-Ireland finals this month there will be a mixture of old and new names on the agenda. Our Lady's Mercy of Waterford have made history by becoming the first Waterford school to reach an All-Ireland camogie final. Situated in Waterford city, a school that caters for 785 pupils is alight with a wonderful atmosphere at present. Following their senior 'B' semi-final victory of 2-04 to 0-05 over Loreto, Coleraine life for the Waterford school has changed. A school well known for its basketball heroines, it also has a big interest in athletics. Sporting involvement is an integral part of the student's education. Back in '99, some students began approaching maths and economics teacher John Brennan about setting up a camogie team. Together with principal Michael Lane camogie began to take off. Initially played indoors, the girls began to get to grips with the game and success came rather quick for the city school. That year the girls won the Munster U16 Competition, but they wanted more silver ware. Parents assistance began to be very important and sponsorship became an issue with the girls receiving much needing gear from various bodies. Among those who sponsored gear was M.J. Flood IRL LTD who sent the girls off in style for their semi-final victory with fine wind sheeters. Eamonn Murphy of M.J. Flood saw his daughter Mairead captain this team to history. Other sponsors to date have also been Texaco, Bausch & Lomb, the Parents Council, Rexam, the GAA County Board. Much assistance was also received



'Boden do it again ... from left: John Kirwan (Ballyboden St. Enda's Senior Manager) with Irene (his daughter) and Tipperary star Ciara Gaynor at the recent 'Boden presentation of the League and Senior Championship

from Ann and Adrian O'Keeffe and John O'Grady. Certainly not a school to let the grass grow under their feet. This achievement is all the more spectacular when one considers that the school do not have a pitch of their own and in this area they are deeply indebted to the Mullinavat club in Kilkenny. As the school has a large number of Waterford pupils it also has an equally large



Above: St. McDara's Community College, Templeogue. From left: Seamus McPhilips (Principal), Darina Lally, Helen Cosgrove, Siobhan O'Dwyer (Teacher), Seamus Martin, Niamh Martin, Roisin Murray, Cormac Cassidy (Head of Sport). Left: Susan Keane strides forward for the Galway side



Our Lady of Mercy, Waterford celebrate their Munster success

number of Kilkenny pupils which at times makes the sporting life rather interesting. After beating Presentation Bandon in the Munster Final according to John the excitement was huge and there was great atmosphere after that victory. Training sessions for this school can be very colourful, with half of the girls wearing the Black and Amber while the other half stick to the Waterford Blue and White. However, when it comes to playing for the 'Mercy' they are all the one team of the Blue and White. The rivalry can be rather tense at times commented teacher John Brennan! The semi-final visit up to Coleraine was one the pupils and staff of Waterford will not forget easily. According to principal Michael Lane, one of the gestures that stood out in his mind was the parents and friends of the Mercy forming a guard of honour for the victors in the Salmon Leap Hotel after the match. It is true to say days like that don't come too often.

With a school like this one feels that the future of Waterford camogie is not too bleak. Presently Jenny O'Grady who plays wing forward, Ciara Phelan, forward line and Pauline Cunningham who plays at midfield are all members of the Waterford intercounty team. Elaine Alyward who is a member of the Kilkenny senior side is a tower of strength to this side. She is assisted by her sister Brid and Emily Dermody who has also worn the Black and Amber. Whether Mercy win the Mary Moran Cup or not this season one thing for definite is camogie will have been put on the Waterford map.

Western pride: This month's senior 'A' All-Ireland Colleges Final on April 13th will see Portumna Community College into the All-Ireland for the first time and they sure have a task on hand when they take on the defending champions St. Mary's Charleville. It is probably fair to say that the Charleville school have become the colleges 'specialists' with so much success on the trophy board. Much credit for this wonderful success lies with their very enthusiastic mentors Vincent Harrington and Anna Marie O'Keeffe. While Charleville have their stars so too have has the Western college. Players the calibre of

Susan Keane is grabbing the attention these days and no doubt when 'Charleville mentor Vincent travelled to Galway for the recent semi-final between Portumna and Loreto, Kilkenny he saw what this youngster could do! For Charleville it will be a double venture into the All-Ireland scene as their Junior side take on Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy in the junior 'A' which with the Junior 'B' will go ahead on the 13th of this month. The junior 'B' will see Fermoy school Loreto in the All-Ireland for the first time when they take on Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe. DUBS ABU St. Mc Dara's Community College of Templeogue where Dublin player Siobhan O'Dwyer is on the teaching staff have recently been very fortunate to get some much need sponsorship from Martin Brothers Construction for both school teams, i.e. minor and junior. Community involvement is very important to this school. The task of entering two teams was further eased by a contribution from NST Travel Specialists. Siobhan maintains that the support from the school management and continuous backing from principal Seamus Mc Philips, vice-principal Sean Ryan and Head of Sports Cormac Cassidy is great. Look out for this school in a couple of years.



Portumna CS. Front, from left: Edel Pierce, Melanie Hagan, Aoibhean O'Brien, Maeve Moran, Richael O'Brien, Fiona Byrne, Susan Keane. Back, from left: Pat Kelly, Doirienne Moran, Sharon Headd, Linda Mitchell, Brenda Hanney, Patricia Brien, Nicola Lawless, Niamh Hanney

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# Portumna girls have no answer to classy rivals

St. Mary's, Charleville .....4-16  
Portumna Community School .....1-9

by Ciaran Tierney  
THE Portumna girls' first taste of an All-Ireland camogie final turned into a chastening experience as they were swept aside by the Charleville school who have dominated this competition in recent years at Nenagh on Saturday.

Portumna kept in touch with the reigning champions for the first 25 minutes or so of this senior 'A' final, but they had no answer once Charleville upped the tempo and the result was beyond doubt long before the end.

If it was a humiliating defeat for the Galway girls, at least they could console themselves with the realisation that they were up against a fantastic team — superior in almost every department — who have now won the title six times in seven years.

Charleville have set the standard in schools camogie during that time and the onus will now be on the South East Galway girls to rebuild for next year, as 12 of them are young enough to make the grade in 2003.

There was no need to carry out post mortems on Saturday,



The Portumna Community School team who were defeated in the All Ireland Colleges Senior A final on Saturday last. Back row, left to right, Pat Kelly (trainer) Niamh Hanney, Finola Brien, Nicola Lawless, Linda Mitchell, Doinne Moran, Aine Whyte, Brenda Hanney, Michelle O'Brien, Edel Pierce. Middle row, Aoibheann O'Brien, Melanie Hogan, Maeve Moran, Emma Keane, Susan Keane, Fiona Byrne, Ciara Donoghue, Triona Byrne, Sharon Headd. Front row, Yvonne Donnelly, Mairead Mooney, Denise Mooney, Maria Rooney, Miriam Hynes, Emer Gordan.

however, as they were simply outclassed by a St. Mary's side who seemed to be able to score at will when they took complete control in the second half.

Only tireless midfielder Susan Keane, who capped a fine display with four points, full-forward Brenda Hanney, and captain Niamh Hanney at centre back could really have been happy with their performances for Portumna.

Keane covered a huge amount of ground in the first half and she had two points on the board within ten minutes,

both from frees. But Charleville had a lethal full-forward line. Sisters Emer and Maria Watson and Sinead McAuliffe had all found the target from play by that stage — and they went on to score 4-9 between them, including 3-3 from Maria at full-forward.

Maria registered the first goal when she forced the ball over the line at close range in the 15th minute, but the Portumna crowd had plenty to shout about when Maeve Moran finished off a long ball from Richael O'Brien five minutes

later.

That left Portumna trailing by 1-5 to 1-3, but it appeared that Charleville were only toying with them as the North Cork school finished the first half with a late flurry, scoring 1-4 without reply to give them a commanding 2-8 to 1-5 lead at the interval.

Their second goal was a wonderful solo effort from Maria Watson, who followed up a long clearance from captain Aine Kelleher by running through the Portumna defence before planting the ball in the top right

hand corner of the net.

Portumna needed a quick score or two immediately after the break if they were to get back into the game and Brenda Hanney raised their spirits with an excellent point two minutes into the second half.

Their optimism was short-lived, however, as Charleville sent over five points in six minutes from Aine Sheehan (two frees), the Watsons, and strong wing back Aisling O'Brien to seemingly put the issue beyond Portumna.

They seemed to run through

the Portumna defenders at will in the second period and Maria Watson finished up a fine passing movement with her third well-taken goal after 46 minutes. It was a complete rout by the time Emer Watson scored the fourth goal for the champions after 52 minutes, to open up a 19 point lead.

Portumna staged a mini-rally in the closing minutes, with three points in a row from Brenda Hanney, Richael O'Brien, and Keane, but they were mere consolation scores as the destination of the title had long since been decided. Referee Miriam O'Callaghan even spared Portumna's blushes by blowing the final whistle a few seconds early, because there was no way back for the Galway girls.

**St. Mary's, Charleville:** E. Lenihan; A. Morrissey, A. McCarthy, A. Dillon; S. Lenihan, A. Kelleher, C. O'Gorman; E. O'Riordan, A. Geary; A. Sheehan (0-5, 4 frees, 1 '85), E. O'Friel (0-1), A. O'Brien (0-1); S. McAuliffe (0-2), M. Watson (3-3), E. Watson (1-4). Subs: I. Sexton for McAuliffe (55 mins), C. Noonan for Morrissey (59 mins).

**Portumna CS:** M. Hogan; P. Brien, A. Whyte, F. Byrne; L. Mitchell, N. Hanney, N. Lawless; S. Keane (0-4, 2 frees), E. Pierce; D. Moran (0-1), A. O'Brien, R. O'Brien (0-1); M. Moran (1-0), B. Hanney (0-3), E. Keane. Subs: Y. Donnelly for Keane (43 mins), S. Headd for Lawless (48 mins), M. Hynes for Brien (50 mins), M. Rooney for Moran (57 mins).

**Referee:** M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).



ON THE RUN . . . Portumna's Brenda Hanney in action during the All-Ireland Camogie Colleges A final at Nenagh on Saturday.

## Scoil Mhuire girls chase All-Ireland title glory

THE Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe Junior camogie team will be hoping to make up for the defeat of the Senior team when taking on Fermoy in their first ever All-Ireland final in Cashel (2.00 p.m.) on Saturday.

A few of the players on this Junior team will have had the experience of lining out for the Seniors last weekend in their All-Ireland final defeat.

Scoil Mhuire will be looking to key players such as Clodagh Glynn who had a great game at midfield last weekend, and captain Eilish Ryan who is one

of the team's top forwards.

**Scoil Mhuire:** Adrienne Cormican, Siobhán Kelly, Anna Gilchreest, Marian Kelly, Maria Madden, Celine Donnelly, Jacinta McHugh, Clodagh Glynn, Michelle O'Neill, Ann Kelly, Eilish Ryan, Catriona Cormican, Eileen Glynn, Ciara Cormican, Lorraine Canavan. Subs: Emer Cormican, Regina Curley, Gillian Gormally.



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## Game over

Cork camogie star  
Lynn Dunlea retires

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# Lynn's goodbye



By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie

PA FINN paid the greatest tribute of all to Cork's Lynn Dunlea when he rated her as one of the top five in the game.

Her association with the game at senior level began in 1990, when she was selected to play against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough.

A late goal from the Cats beat a new-look home side. Dunlea did not play again at senior level until three years later but what a comeback it was to be.

Cork were struggling to hang on in Nowlan Park in the All-Ireland semi-final when Dunlea was introduced.

With her side down by two points, Dunlea managed to get the ball in the Kilkenny net despite being surrounded by the entire black and amber backline.

Cork won and Dunlea has always been remembered for this winning score.

Dunlea won her first senior All-Ireland with Cork in 1993. That same year, Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea joined Glen Rovers.

A county, Munster and All-Ireland club medal was to follow. She scored 4-5 against Mullagh of Galway in the club final.

The following year, Lynn played a major role when the Glen retained their county and Munster titles.

She collected her second All-Ireland medal with Cork in 1994 scoring 1-7 as Cork team beat Kilkenny.

She was awarded the Jury's Sportstar Award after scoring an unbelievable 4-20 in the Championship.

Another club medal arrived the Glen defeated Bishopstown in the county final.

Lynn completed her All-Ireland medal haul when first she helped Cork beat Galway in 1997 and 1998.

In *Cork's Camogie Story*, compiled by Mary Moran, Lynn is described as follows: "She was born with camogie in her blood. She possesses great natural talent. She combines skill, speed and strength to open defences and create havoc. A lethal forward who is expected to score every time she gains possession."

We wish her well in her retirement.



# LORETO FERMOY CAMOGIE TEAM

## All Ireland 'B' Final

this Saturday  
April 20th  
Cashel at 2pm

### Loreto's camogie players go in search of first All-Ireland title



**CAMOGIE COACH:** Teacher at Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy, Imokilly senior hurler and successful camogie coach, Jer Holland. (J)

The camogie players from Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy, will be hoping Cashel is a happy hunting ground on Saturday next (20th April), as they go in pursuit of a historic first All-Ireland title.

The Tipperary venue is where Loreto face Ballinasloe from Galway to decide who are this year's junior 'B' All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie champions. Traditionally, more at home with the hockey

stick than the hurley, Loreto has, in recent times, taken to the ash and leather with great enthusiasm. Backed-boned by a strong East Cork contingent, Loreto Secondary School, which overlooks the picturesque Blackwater town, are now a camogie force to be reckoned with.

The East Cork input is highly significant, and it's no coincidence that the two clubs who supply the bulk of Loreto players - St Catherine's and Watergrasshill - are themselves, camogie powerhouses in their competitive East Cork

division.

The Conna/Ballynoe combination (St Catherine's), have no less than 10 representatives in the Loreto squad: Marie Twomey, Noreen Mulcahy, Tracy Barry, Denise Twomey, Orla Cotter, Deirdre Mulcahy, Aileen Hogan, Deirdre Twomey, Aoife O'Brien and Orna Neville, while Watergrasshill contribute 8 players to the 25 strong panel, these include: Laura Cronin, Helena O'Neill, Claire O'Farrell, Marie O'Neill, Michelle McAteer, Noreen O'Farrell, Aoife

Gardner and Elaine O'Leary. Ciara O'Driscoll and Trisha Carroll from Castlelyons, another club from the Imokilly barony, also play a crucial role in the Loreto set-up. West Waterford players involved are Mairead Finn (Ballyduff) and Paula O'Brien (Tallow). Kilworth's Valerie McCormack, Ciara Lynch and Sarah Russell complete the line-up.

Loreto's form to date has been highly impressive, with comprehensive victories over Presentation, Thurles, in the

Munster Final (5-08 to 0-02) and Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle in the All-Ireland semi-final (5-11 to 0-01). So far, they've found scores easy to come by, with all 6 forwards and midfielders chipping in. The team has a solid look about it with, Valerie McCormack a confident and reliable goalkeeper, in front of her,

Watergrasshill duo Helena O'Neill and Claire O'Farrell give little away. Michelle McAteer and Mairead Finn are skilful and industrious in mid-field, while Denise Twomey and Trisha Carroll pose a constant threat up front.

According to team Captain, Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill), training has gone well and the team are look-

ing forward to All-Ireland day. "There's a great team spirit and everyone is really determined to do well", she says. Having performed so well since the start of the season, Loreto supporters are hoping their team can now go all the way and bring back the cup to Fermoy on Saturday evening.



**GIRL POWER:** Noreen O'Farrell (Watergrasshill), Laura Cronin (Watergrasshill) and Marie Twomey (St Catherine's) delighted to be a part of a great Loreto side. (J)



**ABOVE: LORETO UNITED:** A high level of skill, complete dedication and a great team spirit are the hallmarks of the Loreto squad. (J)

**CAMAN LORETO!**  
Front: Aileen Hogan (St Catherine's) and Deirdre Twomey (St Catherine's) with, back l-r: Clara Lynch (Kilworth), Orla Cotter (St Catherine's) and Orna Neville (St Catherine's) eagerly awaiting Sunday's All Ireland final clash. (J)



Best of  
luck  
Loreto

#### TOMORROW

National Senior Camogie League, rd 4: Galway v Cork, at Ardahan (2.30) Cork travel to Galway tomorrow knowing they need a win in this last round league game to qualify for the semi-final.

The current emphasis is in trying out new players. There will be some enforced changes with Linda Mellerick and Caoimhe Harrington both exam-tied. There is also a doubt over the fitness of captain Una O'Donoghue and Eithne Duggan, while Joanne O'Callaghan and Mary O'Connor are still injured.

Galway are unbeaten. Veronica Curtin, Sharon Glynn, Lourda Kavanagh and Therese Maher have a wealth of scoring experience.

And with the Cork defence still in experimental mode, life could be difficult for the visitors at Ardahan.

Verdict: Galway

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# LORETO FERMOY CAMOGIE TEAM

## All Ireland 'B' Final

this Saturday  
April 20th  
Cashel at 2pm

### MEET THE SPONSORS

**AVONMORE SPONSORSHIP:** Tom McCormack, Glanbia Area Sales Manager, presenting a sponsorship cheque to Loreto Captain, Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill) ahead of this weekend's All Ireland Colleges final. Also present, l-r: Ciara O'Driscoll (Rathcormac), Tracy Barry (Conna) and Noreen Mulcahy (Conna). (J)

### Talented personnel and good coaching

The best coach in the world can't do much if he hasn't got quality players to work with. Loreto's hurling coach, Jer Holland, will be the first to agree that he is very fortunate to have such a strong and talented squad of players available to him.

A religion and civics teacher at the school, Jer is a lifelong devotee of the ancient game, and is presently a key member of the Imokilly senior hurling team. Coaching sessions are characterised by his concentration on the basic skills of the game - lifting, catching and striking (in the air and

on the ground) are continually practised. Training takes place twice weekly, on Tuesday and Thursday, and while preparation for championship-style games is a serious business, it's obvious that the girls really enjoy what they're

doing. Jer's style of management has built up a great sense of camaraderie within the squad, and this, allied to the team's skill factor, has played a critical role in Loreto's success.

In Noreen Mulcahy, Denise Twomey,

Noreen O'Farrell and Marie O'Neill, Loreto has players who have worn the red and white of Cork at under age level. Accustomed to crunch games and the big stage, their experience and undoubted talent, is a huge plus to the Loreto side.

### Supporters play their part in final preparations

Excitement is building ahead of the eagerly awaited All-Ireland camogie final between Loreto and Ballinasloe, which takes place in Cashel next Saturday. The colourful Loreto fans intend travelling in huge numbers to cheer on the girls in red and white. A varied and interesting range of flags, banners, hats and scarves have been secured to ensure the best possible support for the Loreto ladies.

Last week, the school organised a 5 mile walk around Fermoy to raise funds for the camogie players big day out. Thanks to the generosity of those who supported the event, Loreto players will now be attractively attired in new fleece jackets to mark the historic occasion.

No strangers to sporting success, Loreto Secondary School has produced its fair share of champions in hockey, basketball and athletics over the years. While the popularity of

camogie at the school has been more recent, there's no doubt, that the present crop of players are well capable of competing at a high level. Loreto, under the direction of head coach, Jer Holland, have caused quite a stir in the camogie world with their attractive, free-flowing style of play. Determined and committed, they play the game in a sporting manner, and have won widespread respect for their behaviour on and off the field.

Ballinasloe will be going all out to spoil the Loreto party, and from what we know of them, they are a good team with some very talented individuals. The Fermoy girls know that the Galway side will be a tough nut to crack, however, having prepared diligently, played excellently all season and with a huge band of supporters behind them, there's every reason to be hopeful that Loreto have what it takes to win an All-Ireland title.



**MICRO BIO SPONSORSHIP:** Maurice Carroll, Production Manager Micro Bio, Fermoy, wishing Loreto camogie players well, in advance of next Sunday's final, l-r: Noreen O'Farrell (Watergrasshill), Noreen Mulcahy (Conna), Marie O'Neill (Watergrasshill), Denise Twomey (Conna) and Tracy Barry (Conna). (J)



**ALL FOR ONE:** Paula O'Brien (Tallow), Deirdre Mulcahy (St Catherine's), Claire O'Farrell (Watergrasshill) and Aoife O'Brien (St Catherine's) hoping all the hard work will pay off on Saturday. (J)



**ABOVE: CAMOGIE COMRADES:** Back l-r: Elaine O'Leary (Watergrasshill), Mairead Finn (Ballyduff) and Helena O'Neill (Watergrasshill). Front l-r: Marie O'Neill captain (Watergrasshill), Noreen Mulcahy (St Catherine's) and Tracy Barry (St Catherine's). (J)

**BELOW: GOOD HURLERS:** Ciara O'Driscoll (Rathcormac), Val McCormack (Kilworth), Michelle McAteer (Watergrasshill), Trisha Carroll (Castletyons) and Denise Twomey (St Catherine's) all accomplished hurlers, whose performances have helped Loreto secure a place in the final. (J)





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## CLÁR AN LAE SÓISEAR B

2.00 p.m.

## BALLINASLOE

Scoil Mhuire, Béal Átha Na Sluaighe

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## LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL, FERMOY

Meánscoil Loreto, Mainistir Fhear Maí

Réiteoir: ROSE KELLEHER

## SÓISEAR A

3.30 p.m.

## COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

Inis Córthaidh

V

## ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Scoil Mhuire, Ráth Luirc

Réiteoir: JOHN MORRISSEY

## FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

Is breá ar fad liom é fíor-chaoi fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Imreoirí den chéad scoth a bheidh ar an bpáirc, agus táimid ag trúth le sár-chluichí idir Loreto Fermoy agus Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe agus idir Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy agus St. Mary's, Charleville.

I am delighted to welcome you all to Leahy Park, Cashel for what should be a great afternoon's camogie. I extend a special welcome to Loreto, Fermoy who are contesting their first All-Ireland Final. Their opponents, Mercy, Ballinasloe sampled the atmosphere at the Senior Finals last Saturday. These sides will bring colour, enthusiasm and novelty to the occasion.

Coláiste Bríde, Enniscorthy and St. Mary's, Charleville met at the semi-final stage of the Junior A Championship in 2000. It took two memorable games to separate the sides. The standard of play was exceptional in both encounters. Coláiste Bríde finished in front on the second occasion and claimed the All-Ireland title some weeks later.

It was most unfortunate that the fear of the spread of Foot & Mouth disease caused Coláiste Bríde to withdraw at the semi-final stage of the 2001 Championship. In their absence, St. Mary's, Charleville lifted the Cup. The stage is now set for a feast of top class camogie from these two highly skilled and talented sides.

I must pay tribute to the coaches who have worked so hard to bring today's teams to such a high level. Well-known hurler, Ger Holland has made an immediate impact at Loreto, Fermoy. Mary Higgins guided two teams from Mercy, Ballinasloe to All-Ireland Finals this season. Elva Moriarty brought her gifted charges to the winners rostrum. The coaching prowess of Vincent Harrington and Anne Marie O'Keefe is reflected in the record number of All-Ireland titles won by St. Mary's, Charleville.

To all the teachers who coach our game throughout the country, I say a sincere Thank You. The Camogie Association is heavily indebted to you. Ba mbaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na hoifigigh, na réiteoirí, na múinteoirí agus le gach duine ar son a gcabhrach.

Guím gach rath ar na himreoirí uile atá ar pháirc na himeartha inniu agus oraibh go léir.

Máire Ní Mhóráin  
Uachtarán



## TODAY'S FINALISTS

### LORETO, FERMOY

Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy was founded by the Loreto Sisters in 1853. In the 1970's the school amalgamated with the Presentation Secondary School in the town. New buildings were added in the late 1960's and again in the 1980's. At present a major building project is on the verge of commencement; this will include a long dreamt of sports hall.

Until the 1980's Loreto was both a boarding and day school. When the boarding school closed, the old dormitories were converted into classrooms and the refectory has become the canteen.

The student population is approximately 660 girls. Pupils come from the town of Fermoy itself and from a wide surrounding area of Co. Cork and parts of Co. Waterford and Co. Tipperary.

Sport is seen as very important in the School. As well as camogie, pupils also play football, hockey and basketball. Students also compete with enthusiasm and success in athletics, swimming and equestrian events.

Loreto is twinned with Lycée St. Sauveur in Redon. Pupils from this French school are looking forward to attending today's Final as they are here at present on an exchange visit.

### ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Camogie was introduced to St. Mary's in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles, St. Mary's have won 42 Munster Colleges A Titles and have 21 All-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. The first of these was in 1986 when they collected their first All-Ireland Junior title and retained their crown in 1987. They won the Junior title again in 1994, 1995, 1999 and 2001. St. Mary's have enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland 7's competition, claiming the title on 10 occasions.

Charleville are indebted for much of their success to their local clubs, namely Ballygran, Ballyhea, Charleville, Granagh-Ballingarry, Kilmallock, Milford and Newtownshandrum and their trainers Anna Marie O'Keefe, Vincent Harrington, Fr. Tim Hazelwood and Gerard O'Donovan.

### SCOIL MHUIRE BALLINASLOE

Scoil Mhuire make their first ever appearance in an All-Ireland post primary schools final. They won the Junior Connacht final in 1998. The girls have been working hard all year and have showed great commitment throughout. Their hard work and dedication has finally paid off, earning them a place in not one but two All-Ireland Finals. The Junior team were the first to qualify by beating a very strong Wexford side in the semi-final. This game was a replay, as their first encounter ended a draw. Enroute today's final the Junior team have also defeated St. Cuans, Castleblakeney, HRC Mountbellew. They defeated Athenry Vocational School, New Inn Vocational School in the Connacht finals.

### COLÁISTE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

The school has an impressive record since Camogie was introduced in the sixties by Sr Mary Critchley. We have contested two All-Ireland Finals before this and achieved Junior success against Seamount, Kinvara, in 2000.

In 2001, Coláiste Bríde reached the All-Ireland semi-finals, but had to withdraw from the competition due to the Foot and Mouth disease. However, the determination has continued and, en route to today's final, Coláiste Bríde defeated Loreto Kilkenny and Portumna Community School. With only two games played to reach the Final, we will definitely be considered underdogs today. Eleven of today's panel are talented footballers, who were recently defeated by Monaghan in the Schools' Junior A All-Ireland semi-final.

## Today's Referees

**JUNIOR A:** John Morrissey played hurling for Naomh Muire, Clonmel. He has refereed All-Ireland Senior and Junior Championship finals in Croke Park. He is attached to Thurles Camogie club.

**JUNIOR B:** Rose Kelleher from Patrickswell, Limerick, is a good friend to Colleges Camogie and is one of the busiest Referees in Munster. She is a senior-graded Referee on the inter-county panel of Referees.

## COMING EVENT

**Saturday, 11th May at St. Patrick's, Drumcondra**

## ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SEVENS

### All-Ireland Colleges Sevens

1987 St. Marys, Charleville	4-0 to 1-4	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1988 St. Marys, Charleville	3-6 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1989 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	6-10 to 1-5	St. Patricks, Keady
1990 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	1-4 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1991 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-6 to 0-3	St. Brigids, Callan
1992 St. Marys, Nenagh	5-5 to 3-0	Scariff Community College
1993 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-1	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1994 St. Marys, Charleville	12-8 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1995 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1996 St. Marys, Charleville	5-4 to 0-2	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1997 St. Marys, Charleville	7-5 to 1-3	St. Patricks, Cork
1998 St. Marys, Charleville	3-8 to 2-7	St. Marys, Nenagh
1999 St. Marys, Charleville	4-9 to 5-3	Mercy, New Ross
2000 St. Marys, Charleville	10-4 to 1-2	Holy Rosary, Mountbellew
2001 St. Marys, Charleville	6-8 to 2-3	Portumna Community School



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## JUNIOR B

## SCOIL MHUIRE, BALLINASLOE

Green and White

(1) <b>Adrienne Cormican</b> <i>Adrienne Ní Chormacáin</i>		
(2) <b>Siobhan Kelly</b> <i>Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh</i>	(3) <b>Anna Gilchreest</b> <i>Aine Ní Ghioflla Chríost</i>	(4) <b>Marion Kelly</b> <i>Maire Ní Cheallaigh</i>
(5) <b>Maria Madden</b> <i>Máire Ní Mhaddín</i>	(6) <b>Celine Donnelly</b> <i>Celine Ní Dhonnaile</i>	(7) <b>Jacinta McHugh</b> <i>Jacinta Ní Aodha</i>
(8) <b>Clodagh Glynn</b> <i>Clodagh Ní Ghloinn</i>		(9) <b>Michelle O'Neill</b> <i>Michelle Ní Neill</i>
(10) <b>Aine Kelly</b> <i>Aine Ní Cheallaigh</i>	(11) <b>Eilis Ryan</b> <i>Eilis Ní Riain</i>	(12) <b>Caitríona Cormican</b> <i>Caitríona Ní Chormacáin</i>
(13) <b>Eileen Glynn</b> <i>Eibhlín Ní Ghloinn</i>	(14) <b>Ciara Cormican</b> <i>Ciara Ní Chormacáin</i>	(15) <b>Lorraine Canavan</b> <i>Lorraine Ní Cheannabháin</i>

**Subs:** 16 Emer Cormican  
17 Regina Curley  
18 Gillian Gormally

## Pen Pictures: SCOIL MHUIRE, BALLINASLOE

**ADRIENNE CORMICAN** (Kiltormer). A great goalie and holder of 4 Connacht medals.

**SIOBHAN KELLY** (Ballinasloe). Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**ANNA GILCHREEST** (Kiltormer). Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals with the school.

**MARION KELLY** (Kiltormer). Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals with the school and also played U14 with Galway.

**MARIA MADDEN** (Kiltormer). Plays in backs, 1 Connacht medal and 1 county medal with club.

**CELINE DONNELLY** (Kiltormer). Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**JACINTA MCHUGH** (Ballinasloe). Plays in backs, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**CLODAGH GLYNN** (Kiltormer). Plays midfield, Captained Galway U14 team 2001 and holds 2 All-Ireland medals.

**MICHELLE O'NEILL** (Ballinasloe). Plays midfield, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**AINE KELLY** (Ballinasloe). Plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**EILISH RYAN** (Ballinasloe). Captain fantastic, plays in forwards, played U14 for Galway and also on minor panel 2001.

**CATRIONA CORMICAN** (Cappataggle). Plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals, 5 county medals with club and 2 All-Ireland medals with Galway.

**EILEEN GLYNN** (Kiltormer). Plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**CIARA CORMICAN** (Kiltormer). Plays in forwards, has 2 Connacht medals and played U14 for Galway.

**LORRAINE CANAVAN** (Ballinasloe). Plays in forwards and has 1 Connacht medal.

**EMER CORMICAN** (Kiltormer). Plays in backs and has 1 Connacht medal.

**REGINA CURLEY** (Ballinasloe). Plays in forwards and has 1 Connacht medal.

**GILLIAN GORMALLY** (Cappataggle). Plays in forwards and has 1 Connacht medal.

## JUNIOR B

## LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL, FERMOY

Meánscoil Loreto, Mainistir Fhear Maí

Red and White

(1) <b>Valerie McCormack</b> <i>Valerie Ní Chormaic</i>		
(2) <b>Laura Cronin</b> <i>Lára Ní Chróinín</i>	(3) <b>Marie Twomey</b> <i>Máire Ní Thuama</i>	(4) <b>Helena O'Neill</b> <i>Eibhlín Ní Néill</i>
(5) <b>Claire O'Farrell</b> <i>Clár Ní Fhearghail</i>	(6) <b>Noreen Mulcahy</b> <i>Nóirín Ní Mhaolchathaigh</i>	(7) <b>Tracey Barry</b> <i>Tracey de Barra</i>
(8) <b>Michelle McAteer</b> <i>Michelle Ní An tSaoir</i>		(9) <b>Marie O'Neill</b> <i>Máire Ní Neill</i>
(10) <b>Mairead Finn</b> <i>Máiread Ní Fhinn</i>	(11) <b>Denise Twomey</b> <i>Denise Ní Thuama</i>	(12) <b>Orla Cotter</b> <i>Orla Ní Oitir</i>
(13) <b>Ciara O'Driscoll</b> <i>Ciara Ní Dhrisceoil</i>	(14) <b>Trisha Carroll</b> <i>Pádaigin Ní Chearúil</i>	(15) <b>Noreen O'Farrell</b> <i>Nóirín Ní Fhearghail</i>

**Subs:** 16 Aoife Gardiner  
17 Elaine O'Leary  
18 Sarah Russell  
19 Paula O'Brien  
20 Aoife O'Brien  
21 Ciara Lynch  
22 Aileen Hogan  
23 Deirdre Twomey  
24 Orla Neville  
25 Deirdre Mulcahy

## Pen Pictures: LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL, FERMOY

**VALERIE MCCORMACK** (Kilworth). Valerie also plays football for Kildorney. In this, her first year in goal, she has attracted the attention of the Cork minor Camogie selectors.

**LAURA CRONIN** (Watergrasshill). Laura is currently training with the Cork U-16 football team. She is a safe and reliable corner back, who had an excellent game in the county final.

**MARIE TWOMEY** (St. Catherine's). Marie is having an excellent year at full back. St. Catherine's rave about Marie as a goalkeeper, where she helped them to win an U-16 county title last year.

**HELENA O'NEILL** (Watergrasshill). Helena is a very determined and hardworking defender. She is an all-round sportswoman, having won Sciath na Scol football county titles and represented Cork in Soccer in the Community Games.

**CLAIRE O'FARRELL** (Watergrasshill). Claire is a very hardworking and dedicated wing back. She also plays football where she has won East Cork honours with her club.

**NOREEN MULCAHY** (St. Catherine's). Noreen's performances have been inspiring this year. She is holder of Junior B and U-16 county medals with her club and an All-Ireland U-14 medal with Cork Colleges. Currently involved with the Cork minor Camogie team.

**TRACEY BARRY** (St. Catherine's). Tracey epitomises the character of this team, with her determination and work-rate. She has performed consistently well all year. Also has won U-16 county with her club.

**MICHELE McATEER** (Watergrasshill). Michelle, from Rathcormack, plays Camogie with Watergrasshill, where she was unfortunate to lose a Junior A county Final last year. A very talented footballer, Michelle is the engine of the team.

**MARIE O'NEILL**. Captain. (Watergrasshill). Marie is one of the most talented dual players in Cork. She holds All-Ireland U-14 and U-16 medals for Cork in both football and Camogie. She has been an excellent Captain this year.

**MAIREAD FINN** (Ballyduff). Mairead is another dual player who is currently involved with the Waterford U-16 football team. A very hardworking player, who is continuing to improve.

**DENISE TWOMEY** (St. Catherine's). Denise is one of the most talked-about young Camogie players in Cork. Our top scorer, she has helped her club to Junior B and U-16 county titles and has U-14 and U-16 All-Ireland medals for Cork.

**ORLA COTTER** (St. Catherine's). Orla has shown great determination in recovering from a broken hand to win back her place on the team. Winner of U-14 East Cork and U-16 county medals with her club last year. She gave an excellent performance in the Munster semi-final.

**CIARA O'DRISCOLL** (Castletyons). Ciara, from Rathcormack, plays Camogie for Castletyons. Another whose performances have attracted attention this year. Ciara has also won an U-14 All-Ireland with Cork footballers.

**TRISHA CARROLL** (Castletyons). Trisha has also won an U-14 All-Ireland football medal for Cork. A very dangerous full forward who has got better as the year has progressed.

**NOREEN O'FARRELL** (Watergrasshill). Noreen is a very determined and competitive player. She has attracted interest from Cork Camogie selectors and has two U-14 All-Ireland medals for Cork footballers as well as an U-16 East Cork for her club.

**AOIFE GARDINER** (Watergrasshill). Aoife, our sub-goalkeeper, also has an East Cork U-16 football medal for her club.

**ELAINE O'LEARY** (Watergrasshill). Elaine is a very fit and talented footballer. She has shown a lot of improvement in Camogie this year.

**SARAH RUSSELL** (Araglin). Sarah is an all-round sportswoman who is very involved in horseriding and athletics.

**PAULA O'BRIEN** (Tallow). Paula has shown great dedication to this team and has shown much improvement this year.

**AOIFE O'BRIEN** (St. Catherine's). Aoife also has improved a lot this year. She helped her club to U-16 county honours last year.

**CIARA LYNCH** (Kilworth). Ciara is a very versatile player who has played as both a back and a forward on this team. Also a talented footballer.

**AILEEN HOGAN** (St. Catherine's). Aileen is a very talented and exciting young forward. Has won U-14 East Cork and U-16 county with her club.

**DEIRDRE TWOMEY** (St. Catherine's). Deirdre is another very talented and exciting young player who has also won U-14 East Cork and U-16 county with her club.

**ORLA NEVILLE** (St. Catherine's). Orla also has U-14 East Cork and U-16 county with her club. Another talented and hard working player.

**DEIRDRE MULCAHY** (St. Catherine's). As well as having U-14 East Cork and U-16 county medals, Deirdre, a very determined defender, is also a good athlete.



## Pen Pictures: COLÁITE BRÍDE, ENNISCORTHY

**CLAIRE SINNOTT** (Oulart - The Ballagh). Holds three All-Ireland Féile medals. Captained her club in the year 2000. Was a member of the 2000 All-Ireland Colleges team, playing in goal. Claire is also a keen horse rider.

**OLIVIA MURPHY** (Monageer/Boolevogue). U-16 club championship and league, 2001. Leinster Colleges medals in both Junior A Camogie and football.

**JACQUI CODD** (Duffry Rovers). A talented football and Camogie player. Jacqui has numerous club medals. U-14 - 18 county championship winner in football. Jacqui was a key player in the school's football panel this year.

**RUTH WALSH** (Monageer/Boolevogue). Played in the final in 2000. A prominent member of the school's Senior panel. Played with Wexford on numerous occasions.

**TRACY BREEN** (Raparees). This is Tracy's first year playing with the school. Tracy has won Rosard League tournament with her club. She has played U-14, U-16 and U-18 and Junior. Tracy is a current member of the U-14 county Wexford panel.

**ANNE MARIE FOLEY** (Duffry Rovers). Awarded numerous medals with her club. Previous member of the Wexford county U-14 panel who won two Leinster titles. This is Anne-Marie's second year playing with the Junior panel.

**ELAINE DEMPSEY** (Oulart - The Ballagh). Holds numerous under-age club medals. Has represented Colaiste Bríde in Junior and Senior Camogie.

**DEIRDRE CODD** (Duffry Rovers). Numerous Rosard League medals. Deirdre has numerous county medals and was a member of the county panels that won Leinster in 2001 U-16 All-Ireland runner-up. Deirdre won an All-Ireland medal with the school in 2000. She also played with the school in the Junior All-Ireland football semi-final.

**BRÓNA FURLONG** (Duffry Rovers). An all-round athlete and a member of the football panel who were defeated in the All-Ireland semi-final. Two Leinster medals with her county. Three Leinster medals and one All-Ireland medal with the school. Two county Intermediate medals with her club. Numerous under-age medals. Bróna is All-Ireland Schools' Triple Jump champion.

**SARAH DARCY** (Monageer/Boolevogue). A member of the All-Ireland team of 2000. Sarah has numerous under-age medals with her club.

**LOUISE CODD** (Duffry Rovers). Numerous under-age county medals with her club. Louise was a member of the All-Ireland panel of 2000. She is a talented footballer who recently played in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final.

**ANNA MURPHY** (Monageer/Boolevogue). Numerous club, U-16 club, league, championship, Rosard League and Leinster schools' minor medals.

**EMMA MORAN** (Oulart - The Ballagh). Emma has won four Féile All-Ireland medals and she captained the 2001 team. Numerous club medals at under 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18. Leinster A and B football medal with the school. Recently played in the Junior A All-Ireland football semi-final.

**SARAH MURPHY** (Rathnure). Sarah was a sub on the 2000 team. She holds numerous club medals and was a member of Wexford's U-14 panel.

**UNA LEACY** (Oulart - The Ballagh). Has won four Féile All-Ireland medals with her club. She has been a member of many under-age county panels and is currently playing with Wexford's Junior and Senior teams. A talented footballer. Una played in this year's All-Ireland semi-final.

**KATIE REDDY** (Rathnure). Many under-age medals with her club. Katie has won two Leinster Junior A and B football medals with the school.

**WILLINA CARR** (Rathnure). Two Leinster football medals with the school. Wexford, All-Ireland Community Games and under-age medals with her club.

**FIONA JORDAN** (Marshallstown). Junior A and B football with the school. Captained the U-14 club team. A very talented footballer.

**SHARON KEHOE** (Oulart - The Ballagh). Three All-Ireland Féile na nGael medals. A sub on the school panel of 2000. Four Leinster medals — three with Colaiste Bríde, one county U-14. Represented Wexford in Croke Park in 1999 in the mini-sevens. A member of the U-16 county team in 2001.

**AIDEEN DOYLE** (Raparees). Numerous under-age medals. Junior A and B Leinster football with the school.

**SIONA NOLAN** (Monageer/Boolevogue). Rosard League 2000. won U-16 medals. First year playing with the school.

**STACEY REDMOND** (Oulart — The Ballagh). Three Féile na nGael medals and numerous under-age medals.

## JUNIOR A

## COLÁISTE BRÍDE, INIS CORTHAIDH

## ENNISCORTHY

Green and White

(1)  
**Claire Sinnott**  
Clár Sionóid

(2)  
**Ruth Walsh**  
Rút Bhreatnach

(3)  
**Jacqui Codd**  
Jacqui Nic Óda

(4)  
**Tracy Breen**  
Treasa Ní Bhraoin

(5)  
**Elaine Dempsey**  
Elaine Ní Dhiomasaigh

(6)  
**Ann-Marie Foley**  
Áine Máire Ní Fhoghlú

(7)  
**Olivia Murphy**  
Oilibhe Ní Mhurchú

(8)  
**Bróna Furlong**  
Bróna Furlong

(9)  
**Deirdre Codd**  
Deirdre Nic Óda

(10)  
**Louise Codd**  
Labhaoise Nic Óda

(11)  
**Sarah Darcy**  
Sorcha Ní Dhorchai

(12)  
**Una Leacy**  
Úna Ní Laitheasa

(13)  
**Sarah Murphy**  
Sorcha Ní Mhurchú

(14)  
**Emma Moran**  
Emma Ní Mhoráin

(15)  
**Anna Murphy**  
Áine Ní Mhurchú

**Subs:** 16 Sharon Kehoe 20 Aileen Doyle  
17 Siona Nolan 21 Willina Carr  
18 Stacey Redmond 22 Fiona Jordan  
19 Katie Reddy 23 Tracy McCormack

## JUNIOR A

## ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Navy and Sky Blue

(1)  
**Natasha Murphy**  
N. Ní Mhurchú

(2)  
**Fiona Chauke**  
F. de Caillie

(3)  
**Fiona Geary**  
F. Ní Ghadhra

(4)  
**Janice White**  
J. De Faoite

(5)  
**Sarah O'Mahony**  
S. Ní Mhathúna

(6)  
**Edwina Waters**  
E. Ní Tuairisc

(7)  
**Lisa Healy**  
L. Ní Aolaithe

(8)  
**Shannon Brosnan**  
S. Ní Bhrosnacháin

(9)  
**Anna Geary**  
A. Ní Ghadhra

(10)  
**Mary Coleman**  
M. Ní Cholmáin

(11)  
**Elaine O'Riordan**  
E. Ní Riordáin

(12)  
**Sinead McAuliffe**  
S. Ní Amhlaoibh

(13)  
**Tina Shanahan**  
T. Ní Sheanacháin

(14)  
**Emer Watson (capt)**  
E. Ní Uall

(15)  
**Christine O'Shea**  
C. Ní Shé

**Subs:** 16 Michelle Walsh 22 Elaine Potter  
17 Sinead Carroll 23 Siobhan O'Leary  
18 Marie Broderick 24 Michelle McCarthy  
19 Fiona Morrissey 25 Amanda Hehir  
20 Aine Watson 26 Emma Kelly  
21 Eibhlín Curtin

## All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1974	Pres. Athenry	North Pres. Cork	3-0 to 0-0	Bernie Duffly
1975	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Terenure	4-0 to 1-0	Teresa O'Dwyer
1976	Pres. Athenry	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	4-2 to 3-2	Ann Delaney
1977	Pres. Athenry	Sacred Heart, Cork	4-1 to 1-3	Anne Burke
1978	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Voc. Bawnboy	2-3 to 0-1	Eithne Bonnar
1979	Mercy, Roscommon	Scoil Pol, Killinane	1-2 to 0-1	Pauline O'Connor
1980	Maryfield, Dublin	Pres de la Salle Hosp.	2-3 to 1-5	Siobhan Breyon
1981	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	4-0 to 0-2	Michelle Sleator
1982	Maryfield, Dublin	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	3-9 to 4-0	Carmel O'Bryne
1983	Mercy, Roscommon	St. Pauls, Killea	7-1 to 1-3	Elizabeth Lee
1984	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Shannon	6-8 to 2-1	Deirdre Costello
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Col. Muire, Ennis	3-4 to 1-0	Mary Dolphin
1986	St. Marys, Charleville	FC.J. Bunclody	2-6 to 0-3	Frances Beudrick
1987	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	2-3 to 1-4	Maeve O'Sullivan
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Marys, Macroom	5-7 to 1-0	Emer Hardiman
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Maghera	5-0 to 0-1	Patricia Nevin
1990	St. Brigids, Callan	St. Patricks, Maghera	5-8 to 1-4	Sinead Milne
1991	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Cuans, Castleblayney	3-9 to 1-10	Aine Hogan
1992	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-6 to 0-8	Madeline Hayes
1993	FC.J. Bunclody	St. Marys, Charleville	2-7 to 1-4	Katherine Kennell
1994	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Marys, Magherafelt	3-6 to 1-5	Jean Cullinane
1995	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-12 to 1-1	Laura Lesh
1996	St. Marys, Magherafelt	FC.J. Bunclody	1-10 to 0-4	Sinead Lesh
1997	Holy Rosary, M'bellew	St. Mary's, Charleville	2-4 to 1-5	Maeve Lesh
1998	Seamount, Kinvara	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	3-8 to 1-2	Kathleen Lesh
1999	St. Mary's, Charleville	Seamount, Kinvara	2-8 to 0-5	Aine Lesh
2000	Colaiste Bríde, Enniscorthy	Seamount, Kinvara	3-5 to 0-8	Claire Lesh
2001	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	7-16 to 1-2	Patricia Lesh

## All-Ireland Colleges Junior B Championship

1999	Colaiste Muire, Ennis	2-10 to 1-2
2000	Presentation, Kilkenny	2-6 to 0-5
2001	Mercy, Woodford	4-9 to 3-6



## JUNIOR B FINALISTS



JUNIOR B FINALISTS – Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe

## JUNIOR A FINALISTS



JUNIOR A FINALISTS – Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy



JUNIOR B FINALISTS – Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy



JUNIOR A FINALISTS – St. Mary's, Charleville

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## Provincial Results and Scores 2002

### CONNACHT

Senior A	Portumna Community School	2-8	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	0-3
Senior B	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	3-8	Athenry Vocational School	0-4
Junior A	Portumna Community School	2-5	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-4
Junior B	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	4-12	New Inn Community School	1-4

### ULSTER

Senior A	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-7	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	1-4
Senior B	Loreto College, Coleraine	1-4	St. Louis, Ballymena	0-4
Junior A	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	4-7	St. Patrick's, Keady	2-4
Junior B	Loreto College, Cavan		Cross and Passion, Ballycastle	

### MUNSTER

Senior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-9	St. Patrick's, Shannon	0-2
Senior B	Our Lady of Mercy, Waterford	2-5	Presentation, Bandon	1-3
Junior A	St. Mary's, Charleville	6-13	St. Mary's, Nenagh	0-1
Junior B	Loreto Sec. School, Fermoy	4-8	Presentation, Thurles	0-2

## All-Ireland Semi-Finals

<b>SENIOR A</b>	St. Mary's, Charleville	4-7	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-1
	Portumna Community School	3-3	Loreto, Kilkenny	1-5
<b>SENIOR B</b>	Our Lady of Mercy, Waterford	2-4	Loreto College, Coleraine	0-5
	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	3-8	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	3-3
<b>JUNIOR A</b>	St. Mary's, Charleville	6-3	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	3-1
	Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy	1-16	Portumna Community School	2-8
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	Loreto Sec. School, Fermoy	5-11	Cross and Passion, Ballycastle	0-1
	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	1-11	Presentation, Wexford	3-2

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

**NATASHA MURPHY** (Kilmallock) is a very dependable goalie and played in goal on last year's Junior winning team.

**FIONA CHAWKE** (Granagh) is a very reliable defender and plays with Limerick Minor team. She is a daughter of Bernie Chawke who has won numerous All-Irelands at Club and County level.

**FIONA GEARY** (Granagh) is a very committed player who has won numerous County medals and plays with Limerick Minor team.

**JANICE WHITE** (Ballygran) is a younger sister of Alison who played on last year's Senior winning All-Ireland team. Janice was a member of Limerick's U-16 winning team of 2001.

**SARAH O'MAHONY** (Ballygran) is a very talented player and represents Limerick at U-16 level.

**EDWINA WATERS** (Ballyhea) played Centre Back on last year's Junior team. She is also on the school's Senior panel.

**LISA HEALY** (Milford) played wing back on last year's winning Junior team. She is also on the Senior panel.

**ANNA GEARY** (Milford) is a very skilful and hard-working Midfielder. She played on the Senior team last Saturday and also won an All-Ireland Minor Medal with Cork last year.

**SHANNON BROSNAN** (Kilmallock) is a hard-working and athletic Midfielder. She plays both football and camogie at Inter-County level with Limerick.

**MARY COLEMAN** (Ballyhea) is a daughter of Geraldine who played Inter-County camogie with Limerick. Mary has represented Cork at U-14 level and in Mini-7s.

**ELAINE O'RIORDAN** (Milford) is a dedicated player who can play anywhere. She represents Cork at Inter-County level in both football and camogie.

**SINEAD McAULIFFE** (Ballygran) played corner forward in last year's 5 double winning team of St. Mary's. She also played a starring role with Limerick in winning All-Ireland Minor B in 2001.

**TINA SHANAHAN** (Newtown) is a fast and dangerous corner-forward and has an All-Ireland Junior schools medal from 2001.

**EMER WATSON** (Milford) captains the team and also plays Senior with the school. She won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork in 2001.

**CHRISTINE O'SHEA** (Granagh) played very well in the All-Ireland Semi-Final versus Magherafelt. She plays with Limerick at U-16 level.

**MICHELLE WALSH** (Ballyhea) is a very dedicated player. She has played very well for both school and club this year.

**SINEAD CARROLL** (Milford) is a very reliable defender. She holds numerous County Medals with her club.

**MARIE BRODERICK** (Milford) has an All-Ireland Junior Medal from last year and is a very important member of the panel.

**FIONA MORRISSEY** (Granagh) is a first year and holds an All-Ireland Minor Medal won with Limerick last year.

**AINE WATSON** (Milford) is a younger sister of Emer. Aine captains the first year team this year.

**EIBHLIN CURTIN** (Milford) is a very dedicated member of the panel and has played in goals and in the forwards with both club and school.

**SIOBHAN O'LEARY** (Ballyhea) played on last year's first year team who won the Munster title. She is a very good hurler.

**ELAINE POTTER** (Granagh) is a good tight back who captained last year's first year team to win the Munster title.

**MICHELLE MCCARTHY** (Granagh) is a younger sister of Amy who plays full back on the Senior team. Michelle is a very fast and talented forward.

**AMANDA HEHIR** (Milford) played on last year's successful first year team. She has numerous County Medals with her club.

**EMMA KELLY** (Granagh) played on last year's successful first year team that won both County and Munster titles. She is a very dedicated member of the panel.



# Glynn provides the inspiration as Galway overcome Cork

**Galway** 2-11  
**Cork** 2-5

APPLICATION and industry were features of Galway's fine win over Cork in the National Senior Camogie League at Ardahan yesterday.

Galway responded to some early scores from Cork's Jenny O'Leary with points from Carol Murray and Sandra Tannion. Minutes later O'Leary showed excellent vision when

she scored a delightful goal. However, the home side again responded, with Therese Maher goaling following an Aine Hillary free. Further points from Hillary and Sharon Glynn left Galway 1-6 to 1-4 up at the break.

Galway monopolised position in the second period and more points from the outstanding Glynn pushed them into a commanding lead. Then excellent approach work from the Galway star led to centre-forward Therese

Maher firing home the insurance goal. Cork got on target with a late point from Gemma O'Connor and a goal from Rachel Moloney but it was much too late to make any difference.

**Scorers Galway:** S. Glynn 0-5 (0-4 frees), T. Maher 2-1, C. Murray, S. Tannion, A. Hillary, C. Hannan, D. Gilligan, 0-1 each. **Cork:** J. O'Leary 1-2, R. Moloney 1-0, C. Harle 0-2 (frees), J. O'Connor 0-1.

**GALWAY:** L. Curry, R. Broderick, D. Broderick, P. Nevin, M. Haverly, T. Laheen, M. Harkan, A. Hillary, A. Hardmann, C. Murray, T. Maher, C. Hannan, A. Connolly, S. Glynn, S. Tannion. Subs: D. Gilligan for A. Connolly, M. Glynn for S. Tannion, F. Healy for R.

Broderick, L. Kavanagh for A. Hillary, A. Lynskey for A. Hardmann.

**CORK:** A. Murray, S. Buckley, R. Holland, D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, E. Dillon, S. Hayes, V. Harris, S. Burns, C. Corkery, U. O'Donoghue (capt), E. Burke, J. O'Leary, R. Moloney, C. Harle. Subs: D. O'Sullivan for D. Cronin (inj), J. O'Connor for C. Harle.

**Cork** 5-5  
**Galway** 3-6

**GOALS** from Elaine McCarthy and Marie Watson laid the foundations for a Cork win in the Junior Camogie

League at Ardahan yesterday.

**Scorers for Cork:** J. O'Connor 1-2, E. McCarthy 1-1, M. Watson 1-1, E. O'Farrell 1-0, A. Murphy 1-0, N. Ahern 0-1. **Galway:** S. Keane 0-5, S. Hanney 1-0, E. Kilkelly 1-0, Laila 1-0, S. Murphy 0-1.

**CORK:** E. Clifford, J. Browne, L. Sweetnam, N. Bowles, A. O'Neill, N. Ahern, N. Goulding, V. O'Keefe, J. O'Connor, C. Desmond, E. O'Farrell, S. Kelly, M. Watson, E. McCarthy, A. Murphy. Subs: S. Downey for S. Kelly, S. Linahan for N. Goulding, D. Fleming for S. Linahan.

**GALWAY:** S. Eamer, S. Cahalane, L. Burns, F. Pease, K. Ryan, K. Huban, D. Coen, S. Murphy, E. Tannion, S. Keane, E. Pease, S. Hanney, P. Carrig, E. Kilkelly, L. Laila. Subs: S. Griffin for S. Murphy, H. Huban for L. Burns, C. Conroy for P. Carrig, D. Burke for E. Kilkelly.

## McAuliffe ensures St Mary's victory

**St Mary's** 4-10  
**Colaiste Bride** 4-8

by Tom Higgins

THERE was a nail biting finish to the All-Ireland Junior 'A' Post Primary camogie final at Cashel on Saturday when holders St Mary's, Charleville held on to their title against Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy.

St Mary's settled early and had 1-2 on the board before Brona Furlong opened Enniscorthy's account with a point after 12 minutes. St Mary's, however, held the upper hand and were 2-4 to 0-3 ahead, thanks to an excellent goal by Elaine O'Riordan after 20 minutes. But Colaiste Bride finished the stronger and a goal by Ann Murphy on the stroke of half-time gave the Wexford girls great hope for the second half.

When Louise Codd, who had an outstanding game for the losers, cut the deficit to a point with a '45 three minutes into the second half, we looked all set for a tight contest. But two goals in the space of two minutes by captain Emer Watson put St Mary's back in control and when they went 4-7 to 1-6 up after 44 minutes they looked home and dry.

However, it was then that Colaiste Bride's fighting spirit came into play. They gradually reduced the lead with Louise Codd getting two goals in the 45th and 46th minutes. When Deirdre Codd popped over another point shortly afterwards there was only a goal between the sides.

They continued to dominate and were level seven minutes from time when Louise Codd had her third goal. When the same player gave them the lead for the first time with a point six minutes from time their fightback seemed to have paid off.

Then St Mary's experience came into play. The dangerous Emer Watson was fouled when going through and Sinead McAuliffe levelled matters in the 56th minute. Watson had another point in the 57th minute and the holders were back in front. The final score came in the 60th minute when Sinead McAuliffe had a point to give the Cork side the title once more.

**Scorers:** St Mary's: E. Watson 3-2, E. O'Riordan 1-1, S. McAuliffe 0-6 (0-3 frees), T. Shanahan 0-1. Colaiste Bride: L. Codd 3-7 (0-1 free, 0-1 '45), A. Murphy 1-0, D. Codd 0-1.

**ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE:** N. Murphy, F. Chewke, F. Geary, J. White, S. O'Mahony, E. Waters, L. Healy, S. Brosnan, A. Geary, M. Coleman, E. O'Riordan, S. McAuliffe, T. Shanahan, E. Watson (capt), C. O'Shea.

**COLAISTE BRIDE, ENNISCORTHY:** C. Sinnott, R. Walsh, J. Codd, T. Breen, E. Dempsey, A. M. Foley, D. Murphy, B. Furlong, D. Codd, L. Codd, S. Geary, U. Leary, S. Murphy, E. Moran, A. Murphy. Subs: S. Redmond for T. Breen (7th minute), S. Nolan for E. Moran (22nd minute).

**Referee:** J. Morrissey (Tipperary).

**Loreto, Fermoy** 7-12  
**Scoil Mhuire** 2-7

FOR the second week in succession Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe suffered defeat in an All-Ireland final. Last Saturday their senior 'B' side had to give best to Mercy Waterford and on Saturday in the All-Ireland Junior 'B' Post Primary camogie final they were well beaten by a talented Loreto, Fermoy side at Cashel. The Cork side were recording their first All-Ireland camogie win.

Fermoy opened in determined fashion and a goal from a top scorer Marie O'Neill after three minutes set them on the road to victory.

At the break Fermoy led 5-5 to 0-4 thanks to the excellence of Marie O'Neill at midfield and the running off the ball of the elusive Marie Twomey who was the star of the game.

With such a big score there was no way back for Connacht. But they refused to give in the second half, and played their hearts out.

Fermoy were very strong down the middle. Valerie McCormack had a good game in goal, while full back Marie Twomey was very dependable. Centre back Noreen Mulcahy was in total command while Marie O'Neill at midfield, Denise Twomey at centre-forward and full forward Trisha Carroll all contributed handsomely to their schools success.

**Scorers for Loreto:** M. O'Neill 3-11 (0-4 frees, 1-0 '45), D. Twomey 2-1, T. Carroll 2-0, Scoil Mhuire (Ballinasloe): E. Ryan 2-3, C. Glynn 0-3 (frees), E. Glynn 0-1.

**LORETO, FERMOY:** V. McCormack, L. Cronin, M. Twomey, H. O'Neill, C. O'Farrell, N. Mulcahy, T. Barry, M. McAteer, M. O'Neill, M. Finn, D. Twomey, O. Cotter, C. O'Driscoll, T. Carroll, N. O'Farrell. Subs: C. Lynch for L. Cronin (55th minute), E. O'Leary and A. O'Brien for D. Cotter and M. McAteer (58th minute).

**SCOIL MHUIRE:** A. Cormican, S. Kelly, A. Gilcrest, M. Kelly, M. Madden, C. Donnelly, J. McHugh, C. Glynn, M. O'Neill, A. Kelly, E. Ryan, C. O'Shea, E. Glynn, C. Cormican, L. Canavan. Subs: E. Cormican for M. O'Neill (48th minute), R. Curley and G. Gormally for C. Cormican and L. Canavan (57th minute).

**Referee:** R. Kelleher (Limerick).

### CAMOGIE

**SCHOOLS ALL-IRELAND FINALS.**  
Leahy Park, Cashel: Junior A: St Mary's, Charleville 4-10 (E. Watson 3-4, E. O'Riordan 1-1, S. McAuliffe 0-6), T. Shanahan 0-1. Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy 4-8 (L. Codd 3-7, A. Murphy 1-0, B. Furlong, D. Codd 0-1 each).

Junior B: Loreto Fermoy 7-12 (M. O'Neill 3-11, D. Twomey 2-1, T. Carroll 2-0) Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe 2-7 (E. Ryan 2-3, C. Glynn 0-3, E. Glynn 0-1).

## Camogie

Mary Newman

# Loreto and St Mary's make it All Ireland double

**Loreto, Fermoy** 7-12  
**Mercy, Ballinasloe** 2-7

LORETO Fermoy laid the foundations for a Cork and Munster double when they totally outclassed and brushed aside the challenge posed by Mercy Ballinasloe in the All Ireland Colleges junior B final in Cashel. Boosted by the Loreto success St Mary's Charleville set about their task in the junior A final.

Star of the Loreto side was without doubt Marie O'Neill who contributed 3-10 to her side's total. O'Neill opened the scoring when she sent a first minute free to the net and seconds later pointed a free.

Mercy hit back in the form of Eileen Ryan and Clodagh Glynn with two points and with the game continuing close the sides exchanged points. Patricia Carroll grabbed a vital goal for Loreto before Valerie McCormack was forced to bring off a tremendous save in the Loreto goal and this lifted her side. Goals from Marie O'Neill and Denise Twomey stretched the Loreto advantage before Clare Glynn had a Mercy point to leave Loreto in a comfortable half time position.

From the restart Mercy came at the Loreto defence and two quick points from Glynn saw them up their game, and they were rewarded with a goal, but again Marie O'Neill lifted her side with a superb goal. In the driving seat Loreto pressed for home, three points in succession were followed by a Denise Twomey goal. Eileen Ryan

did have a Mercy goal but it mattered little.

Credit for the victory must go to Loreto coach Jer Holland who over the last three years has worked tirelessly with his squad.

**St Mary's, Charleville** 4-10  
**Colaiste Brid, Enniscorthy** 4-8

Trailing by one point with one minute remaining St Mary's Charleville had to call on all their experience before retaining their Junior A crown in injury time at the expense of a determined Colaiste Brid side.

Charleville held a five point advantage coming up to half time but a Colaiste Brid goal put just two points between the sides 2-4 to 1-5 at the half time whistle. A strong opening quarter in the second half saw Charleville race into a ten point lead.

Colaiste Brid dug deep and three goals inside five minutes followed by a point, all from the impressive Louise Codd, had the game back in the melting pot. Deirdre Codd levelled with two minutes remaining and now it was all to play for.

Charleville reshuffled their defence with Elaine O'Riordan and Sinead McAuliffe playing crucial roles, and when Emer Watson levelled with one minute remaining many of the Charleville supporters would have settled for a draw.

Champions die hard and the Cork girls came in search of a winner. Anna Geary was fouled and Watson struck over the all important free.

# Cork crush rivals

**Cork** 5-17  
**Limerick** 0-2

MUNSTER and All Ireland minor champions Cork remain on course for the retention of their titles turning in a superb display in the Munster semi final on Tuesday last.

Emer Watson, Denise Twomey, Marion Murphy and Anna Geary all grabbed goals up front as the Cork forward divisions held sway. Cork showed their total dominance scoring of 5-15 from play with just two points from placed balls.

Limerick to their credit did try hard but were never able to get to grips with the stronger more skill full Leesiders, Clare Mulcahy, Fiona Geary and Ciara Kelleher were always prominent for a Limerick side that will now contest the Munster B championship against Clare.

Cork and Tipperary will clash in a repeat of last year's Munster final on Saturday May 4.

Losing to Galway in their final national league game, holders Cork

face a play off with Kilkenny if they hope to make it to the semi finals.

Cork recorded wins over Kilkenny and Tipperary but lost to Wexford and Galway and are now in a somewhat unusual position.

An overall look at section 1A of the league shows Galway have come through unbeaten with seven points from a possible eight after defeating Cork, Kilkenny and Tipperary and drawing with Wexford.

Kilkenny beat Tipperary and Wexford after a disastrous start to their campaign when they lost out to Cork and Galway.

Wexford despite taking the scalp of the champions Cork were at the wrong end of scorelines against Kilkenny and Tipperary and did not make it to closing stages.

The junior side recorded a good win over Galway but with Wexford Cork and Galway all finishing on four points it will also take a play off before we have semi finalists.

It's still all to play for and we look forward to further action.



# Watson leads St Mary's fightback

St Mary's Charleville 4-10  
Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy 4-8

**RARELY**, if ever, have St Mary's celebrated with such delight.

They have seldom been in tight corners before, but on Saturday at Leahy Park Cashel, they proved that they are not just a good team - they are the best.

The pressure was on them to complete another historic double, as the senior side had delivered a week earlier.

It would even have been acceptable had they been beaten.

But, that word does not seem to exist in the St Mary's dictionary. If any team could dethrone the champions it would be Enniscorthy. They were laced with players from the Oulart-the-Ballagh Féile four-in-a-row teams.

"They are actually one of the best teams in the country," said a drained Charleville boss, Vincent Harrington minutes after the final whistle.

"They probably did not play to their full potential either," said Harrington, who was visibly ecstatic over this latest win, said.

"Elaine O'Riordan, Anna Geary, Sinead McAuliffe and Emer Watson were superb. This victory means an awful lot to us. In future years it will be looked back on as one of the best. It surpassed all other finals at this grade."

Emer Watson was once again, the target lady in the full forward berth. She obliged. Despite being marked tightly by the Enniscorthy defence, she still managed to shake off the shackles to rattle the net three times. And true to her leading role as captain, she scored the last three points of the game to win back the advantage after Coláiste Bride had gone into the lead with five minutes remaining. Much of the credit must go to the Charleville



## CAMOGIE SCENE

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

backs. They withstood fierce pressure, particularly from Louise Codd midway through the second half when she amazingly, single-handedly turned a ten-point deficit into a one-point advantage. "My heart was hopping," said co-manager Anne Marie O'Keeffe. "There was a quarter of an hour when they owned the ball. It took mighty determination and heart to hang in there, and to fight back." Fiona Chawke, who commenced her inter-county minor career with Limerick last month, had the game of her life at corner back. "She is like her mother," joked Vincent. A chip off the old block indeed. She displayed many of the defensive qualities still being shown by her mother, Bernie who is a member of the Granagh/Ballingarry senior team.

Anna Geary and Shannon Brosnan had to dig very deep to win the midfield battle. At centre forward Elaine O'Riordan played herself to a standstill, while around the square, Watson was the greatest threat. But, all players worked so hard for this win. At times they scraped the bottom of the barrel and when lesser teams would have wilted, they bounced back as true champions do.

**Scorers for St Mary's:** E Watson 3-4 (0-2 frees), E O'Riordan 1-1, S McAuliffe 0-4 (0-3 frees), T Shanahan 0-1.  
**Scorers for Coláiste Bride:** L Codd 3-6 (0-3 frees), A Murphy 1-0, B Furlong 0-1, D Codd 0-1.  
**St Mary's:** N Murphy, F Chawke, F Geary, J White, S O'Mahony, E Waters, L Healy, S Brosnan, A Geary, M Coleman, E O'Riordan, S McAuliffe, T Shanahan, E Watson (capt), C O'Shea.  
**Coláiste Bride:** C Sinnott, R Walsh, J Codd, T Breen, E Dempsey, A M Foley, O Murphy, B Furlong, D Codd, L Codd, S Darcy, U Lacey, S Murphy, E Moran, A Murphy.  
**Subs:** S Redmond for T Breen, S Nolan for E Moran.  
**Referee:** J Morrissey (Tipperary).



**CAPTAIN FANTASTIC:** Emer Watson sealed the victory for St Mary's by scoring the last three points of the contest with Coláiste Bride.

# O'Neill leads by example in final

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Loreto Fermoy 7-12  
Scoil Mhuire Ballinasloe 2-7

MARIE O'NEILL will never forget April 20, 2002.

Why? It was the day she captained Loreto to their first All-Ireland camogie title. It was also the day she endeared herself to the huge Cork support with her powerful display in the middle of Cashel's Leahy Park. And it was the day that she magically amassed an amazing tally of 3-10 to supplement 60 minutes of outstanding camogie.

She stood apart. But there were many heroines on this historic day. It was a colossal showing from goalkeeper Valerie McCormack right down to number 15, Noreen Farrell.

"They are a great team," said an elated manager, Jer Holland soon afterwards.

"They have trained very hard since Christmas and got their just rewards today."

Although slow to accept any of the plaudits himself, Holland who is a Fr O'Neill's hurler, and a teacher at the school for three years, is widely acclaimed for his contribution to the return of the glory days in the North Cork town.

Nobody would have guessed that this was their first year in this competition. To walk away with the greatest prize of all, an All Ireland title, seemed to be beyond all expectations.

Not only that, they also gave a breath-taking display that flattered the grade of Junior B.

"I felt they were strong enough and entered them in the Munster championship this year. Up to now we only played in county competitions, but we have exceptional players coming from clubs like St Catherine's, Watergrasshill and Castletyons," explained Holland.

Marie O'Neill was, undoubtedly, the star of the show from midfield, teaming up with her sister Helena at corner back, to collect two medals for the O'Neill household.

Denise Twomey revelled on the '40 snatching 2-2, and caused a lot of trouble for the Ballinasloe defence. Wearing the Number 14 shirt, Trisha Carroll hit two vital goals on the run up to half time.

Scoil Mhuire started well, but were overwhelmed by a four-goal burst in the second quarter. They regained their composure after the break mainly due to the industrious work of Ellis Ryan at centre forward, but by this stage the mountain was insurmountable. Loreto were long on their way to All Ireland glory.

**Scorers for Loreto:** M O'Neill 3-10 (1-5 frees), D Twomey 2-2, T Carroll 2-0. **Scorers for Scoil Mhuire:** E Ryan 2-3, E Glynn 0-1, C Glynn 0-3 (frees).  
**Loreto:** V McCormack, L Cronin, M Twomey, H O'Neill, C O'Farrell, N Mulcahy, T Barry, M McAteer, M O'Neill (capt), M Finn, D Twomey, O Cotter, C O'Driscoll, T Carroll, N O'Farrell. **Subs:** C Lynch for L Cronin, E O'Leary for M McAteer, A Hogan for O Cotter, Scoil Mhuire: A Cormican, S Kelly, A Gilchrist, M Kelly, M Madden, C Donnelly, J McHugh, C Glynn, M O'Neill, A Kelly, E Ryan, Catriona Cormican, E Glynn, Clara Cormican, L Canavan. **Subs:** E Cormican for M Kelly.

## Cork in play-offs

Galway 2-11  
Cork 2-5

THE result was not the big issue here; it was the performance.

Cork travelled to Ardrahan minus six regulars, and needed a win to be sure of qualification for the semi-final spot.

Instead, they are in a play-off situation with Kilkenny as both sides finished their group matches in joint second place, with the same points. "We didn't play well," revealed Cork selector Rose Desmond. "We were without some players, but that should not be an excuse."

Cork played well in the first half with Jennifer O'Leary (1-2) and Criona Harte (0-2) opening the scores.

They looked to be in a comfortable position facing to play with the elements in the closing stages.

However, they came up against a resolute Maroon and White outfit. Therese Maher added her second goal with 10 minutes to go and Sharon Glynn knocked over vital points from the full forward position.

Cork were outplayed for most of the second half, and only for a Rachel Moloney goal a minute from time, they would have suffered a bigger defeat.

**Galway scorers:** T Maher 2-0, S Glynn 0-6, C Murray 0-1, S Tannion 0-1, C Hannon 0-1, A Hillary 0-1, D Gilligan 0-1.  
**Cork scorers:** J O'Leary 1-2, R Moloney 1-0, C Harte 0-2, O O'Sullivan 0-1.  
**Galway:** L Curry, R Broderick, O Forde, P Nevin, M Haverly, T Labeen, M Harkin, A Hillary, A Hardiman, C Murray, T Maher, C Hannon, S Tannion, S Glynn, A Connolly. **Subs:** D Gilligan for A Connolly, L Kavanagh for S Tannion, F Healy for R Broderick, A Lynskey for A Hardiman.  
**Cork:** A Murray, S Buckley, R Holland, D Cronin, P O'Connor, E Dillon, S Hayes, V Harris, S Burns, C Corkery, U O'Donoghue, E Burke, J O'Leary, R Moloney, C Harte. **Subs:** O O'Sullivan for D Cronin (inj), G O'Connor for C Harte.

## 'Hill Sisters' success

• Watergrasshill sisters, Helena (left) and Marie O'Neill (captain) who helped Loreto, Fermoy to victory, celebrating last Saturday's All-Ireland camogie win over Scoil Mhuire from Ballinasloe, in Cashel. Report and pics inside. (J)





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Loreto Fermoy captain Marie O'Neill lifts the trophy surrounded by her jubilant team-mates.

Picture: John D Kelly

# St Mary's and Loreto Fermoy are new champs

THERE was much celebration in Cork this week with the arrival of two All-Ireland camogie trophies Leeside.

On a historic day for college's camogie, St Mary's of Charleville retained their All-Ireland Junior A title, while Loreto of Fermoy wrote themselves into the history books collecting their first in the All-Ireland Junior B grade at Leahy Park, Cashel, on Saturday.

No strangers to All-Ireland success, St Mary's were pushed all the way by Coláiste Bride of

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Camogie focus

Enniscorthy.

The Cork side came into this game already having won the All-Ireland Senior A title seven days previously, so they were under pressure to perform a repeat act. However, they focused on the task and were unwilling to surrender their crown of 2001. An epic encounter was predicted.

It did not disappoint. On two occasions there were tremendous fight backs. Firstly, Ennis-

corthy came from 10 points in arrears to go a point in front. Then, with the minutes running out Emer Watson helped her side to the mother of all comebacks with three late points to guarantee victory.

Meanwhile, Loreto of Fermoy made light work of their landslide victory over Scoil Mhuire of Ballinasloe. With a whirlwind start from their captain, Marie O'Neill they never looked back as they raced into a 1-1 lead inside the opening few

minutes. O'Neill along with Denise Twomey and Trisha Carroll, broke the hearts of the Galway defence. O'Neill was in devastating form, grabbing 3-10 of her side's total.

With camogie only a few years old in the school, thanks to teacher Jer Holland, this was a huge achievement. Loreto have come a long way in such a short space of time, but to win an All-Ireland at their first attempt is beyond all expectation.



Victorious Loreto Fermoy players Noreen Mulcahy, Tracey Barry, Marie O'Neill, Ciara O'Driscoll and Trisha Carroll.

## Camogie

The girls from the same counties will also be in action this Sunday, when Kilkenny travel to Cork for a play-off to decide who joins Galway in the semi-finals of this year's National Senior League.

Kilkenny who have been going through a barren patch of late had a resounding win over Tipperary last Sunday and coupled with Cork's defeat to Galway, ensured another opportunity for Cork, which appeared lost with that loss in Ardahan.

Cork were short a few players who were injured and exam tied, and maybe a bit

stronger on Sunday, and having defeated Kilkenny already will be fancied to make the last four. The League may not be a priority this year, but losing is a habit best avoided and they would be wise to treat these upcoming games in a serious vein as shortly the C'chip will be upon them and with an unsettled team anything can, and usually does happen, so lets start on Sunday by winning and then going on to make it eight titles in a row, not only would it restore confidence, but it would also send a clear signal to all that Cork are serious C'chip contenders in 2002.

The Juniors had a good win in Galway and they like their senior counterparts are also involved in a play-off, but this will be with both Wexford and Galway as well, and no dates have been finalised for this yet.

The draws for this year's county C'chip were made on Monday last and as usual threw up some intriguing pairings, champions Cloughduv now minus Lynn Dunlea will play Carbery.

Last year's 'B' winners St Finbarrs will face Eire Og, while former champions Bishopstown will meet Inniscarra.

Glen Rovers and Barryroe is a repeat of a clash of two years ago, and the meeting of Seandun and Muskerry is the third such meeting in three years.

Fr O'Neills who have suffered defeat in four finals play Newtownshandrum, and it's an all South-east clash between Carrighoun and Courcy Rovers.

Congratulations this week to the North Cork Colleges of Loreto Fermoy and St Marys Charleville who recorded a great double in the All-Ireland Junior Finals in Cashel on Saturday last in a good day for the county.

St Finbarrs ground in Togh is the possible venue for the Senior play-off and this will be confirmed in the coming days.



St Mary's Charleville player Sinead McAuliffe breaks past Coláiste Brid, Wexford, players Jacqui Codd and Tracy Breen.

Picture: John D Kelly



# Camogie in St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh

## What is the name of the School?

St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh.

## In what year was camogie first played in the school?

1978.

## What are the school colours?

Blue jersey and red shirts.

## Roll of Camogie Honours?

1981, 1982 & 1989 – Munster Intermediate champions.

1991 & 1992 – Munster and All Ireland junior champions.

1993 – Munster Senior League winners; Munster junior runners-up.

1994 – Munster and All Ireland senior champions; Munster junior runners-up.

1995 – Munster senior league champions; Munster junior plate champions; Munster first year champions.

1996 – Munster senior runners-up; Munster junior plate champions.

1997 – Munster senior league champions; Tipperary U16 champions.

1998 – Munster senior league champions; Munster u16 champions; Munster junior runners-up; Munster and All Ireland 7-a-side runners-up.

1999 – Munster senior league champions; Munster senior championship runners-up; Munster junior plate champions; Munster U16 runners-up.

2000 – Munster and All Ireland senior champions.

2001 – Munster first years runners-up.

2002 – Munster junior runners-up.

*Below: Ten former students of St. Mary's, Nenagh who won All-Ireland Senior and Junior medals with Tipperary in 2001. Back (left to right): Mary Rose Ryan, Lena Woods, Claire Madden, Ger Dullea, Eimer McDonnell, Suzanne Kelly, Grainne Shanahan. Front (left to right): Deirdre McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Sheena Howard, Ciara Gaynor.*



## Champion teams?

### 1991 (All Ireland junior winners):

Christine Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Shelia Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Slattery, Ciara Burns, Maureen Kyne, Elaine Quinlan, Marie Ryan, Alison Lawlor, Noelle Kennedy, Aine Hogan (captain). Subs: Ann-Marie Ryan, Sarah Madden, Madeline Hayes, Susan Keneally, Mairead Hogan, Hilda Mounsey, Sarah Bergin, Deirdre Kirby. Team mentors: Geraldine and Ger Dullea.

### 1992 winning team:

Susan Kennealy, Sile Kyne, Marie Slattery, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Niamh Bonar, Alison Lawlor, Ciara Gaynor, Sara Madden, Aine Hogan, Noelle Kennedy (Captain), Ciara Burns, Sinead Kennedy, Grainne Shanahan, Sorchá McDonnell, Deirdre Keogh, Siobhan Malone, Nessa O'Driscoll, Patricia Hogan, Deirdre Kirby, Sara Bergin, Catherine Slattery, Madeline Hayes, Natalie Ryan, Majella Egan.

### 2000 winning team:

Amy Kisane, Mary Rose Ryan (Captain), Siobhan McCarthy, Sheena Howard, Olive Slattery, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Aine Mulcahy, Aileen Forde, Eimear McDonnell, Claire O'Sullivan, Denise Ryan, Niamh Hogan. Subs: Deirdre Troy, Deirdre Kyne, Carmel Ryan, Michelle Slattery, Siobhan O'Brien, Mary Coughlan, Margaret Hogan, Grainne Gleeson, Siobhan O'Doherty.

## Greatest player achievements?

On Tipperary's team to win three-in-a-row All Ireland senior camogie titles 1999-2001 were: Claire Madden, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Ciara Gaynor, Grainne Shanahan, Eimear McDonnell and Sheena Howard.

On Tipperary's junior All Ireland winning team in 2001 were: Deirdre McDonnell (Eimear's twin sister), Mary Rose Ryan and Lena Woods.

## Teachers who promoted the game in the school?

Ger Dullea – 1978 onwards; Geraldine Burke 1986-1996.

## Players who won 3rd level honours?

Suzanne Kelly – Purcell medal with Maria Immaculate College, Limerick in 1998 and Ashbourne Shield medal with N.U.I. Galway in 2001.

Eimear McDonnell – Ashbourne medal with U.C.C. in 2001.

Those who won player awards?

Suzanne Kelly – Star newspaper camogie player of the year 1999.

Eimear McDonnell – U.C.C. camogie player of the year 2001.

## School facilities?

School camogie pitch opened in 1996.



*April 1st 2000, Mary Rose Ryan, Captain, St. Mary's, Nenagh, holds the All-Ireland trophy aloft.*



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*"Wishing Michael Doyle and the Tipperary Team all the best of luck in 2003 from the Principal, Staff & Students"*