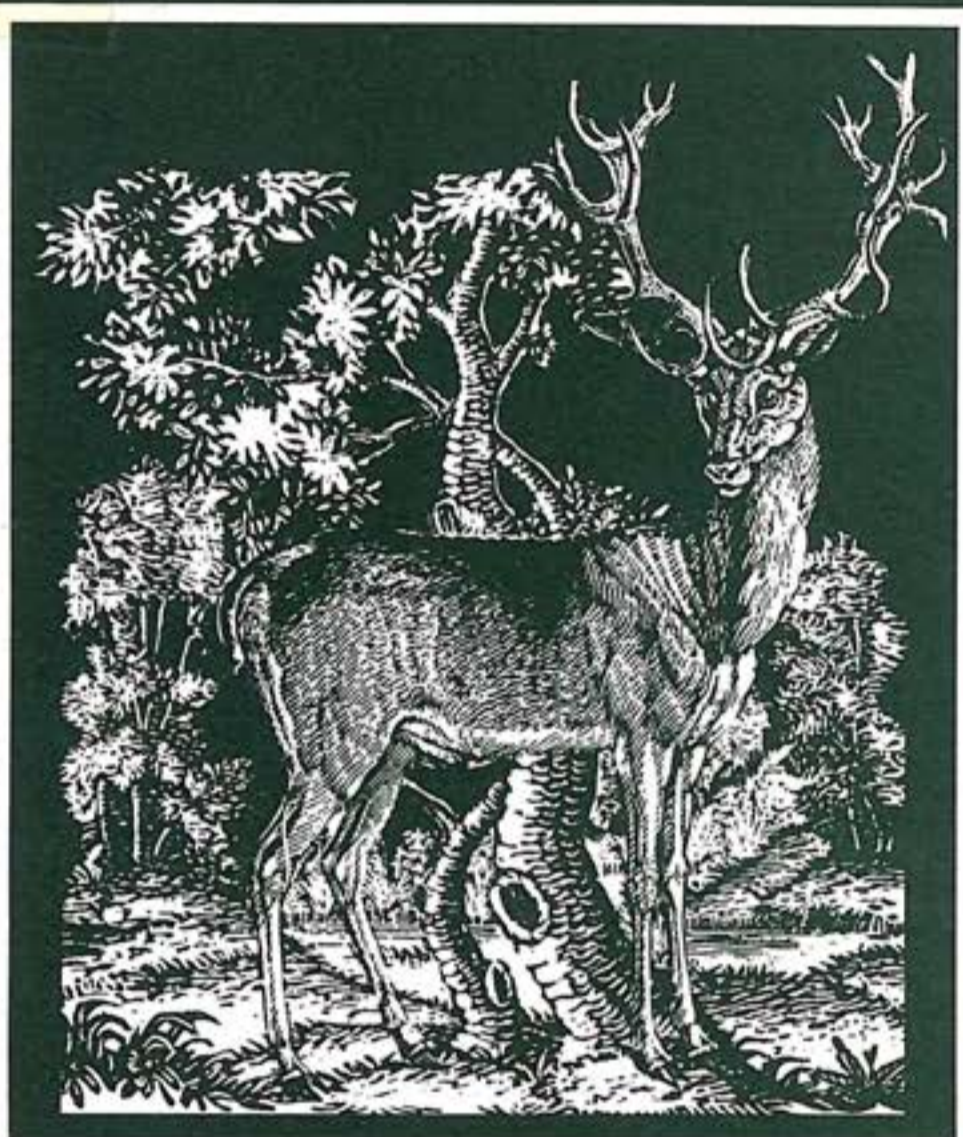


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# Tipp target three-in-a-row

by Jim O'Sullivan

WHILE the Kilkenny hurlers did not make it to last Sunday's decider against Tipperary, the counties will be in opposition in Croke Park tomorrow in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie final.

In view of their failure to make the breakthrough until 1999, Tipperary are bidding for three-in-a-row, again under the guidance of former hurling star Michael Cleary.

And the pairing is all the more interesting for the reason Kilkenny benefited from the introduction this year of a losers' group after Tipp had knocked them out in the first round.

Michael Cleary, a member of Tipp's last winning team of 1991, is credited with playing a major role in revitalising camogie in the county.

According to team captain Emily Hayden (Cashel), a final-year student in Carlow IT, he has had a huge influence.

"He instilled confidence in the players, which is very much expected of teams playing at this level." You could say he has had a very positive effect all round.

In sharp contrast, Kilkenny experienced problems in getting somebody to take over the training of the team at the start of the year and ultimately they failed. County Secretary Brendan Williams took on responsibility and the members of the team readily acknowledge his importance.

After winning their first final two years ago, beating Kilkenny as a result of a late point scored by Caitriona Hennessy, Tipp went on to beat Cork last year, with a defence featuring the daughters of two more former stars Donie Nealon and Len Gaynor and Donie Nealon, Sinead and Ciara respectively, and including 14-year-old Claire Grogan in attack. Tomorrow they line out with all but two of that winning side, midfielder Angela McDermott and Caitriona Hennessy missing (and being replaced by Joanne Ryan and Paula Bulfin). Emily Hayden is one of six players from Cashel and the club also has six representatives on the junior team which plays in the curtain-raiser. She says the players fully expect a tougher challenge

from Kilkenny this time. "We knew they were only getting a team together at the time we met them (in Nowlan Park, in early July). We beat them by six or seven points, but, it will be much tougher this time. After beating Wexford in the quarter-final we were lucky to draw with Cork. We didn't play well on the day. We were just glad of the second chance. That day we didn't play well until the second half." Tipp's defence, she says, has been the pillar of their last two All-Ireland victories. "Again, they were very sturdy in our games with Cork. But, overall we have a balanced team, with a lot of ability in the forward line."

Sinead Millea holds two medals won with Kilkenny in 1991 and '94 before losing in the finals of 1995 (to Cork) and 1999. Her first success marked the end of Kilkenny's remarkable seventh successive title win, but she was glad to gain the experience of playing with the like of the Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, and Breda Holmes. She lined out last year in the All-Ireland semi-final against Cork and two weeks later went off on a world tour, returning at the end of May.

And she helped Kilkenny avoid relegation in the League. Since then, she has settled back into her usual routine. "Brendan Williams took on the mantle when we couldn't get a trainer. He kept the whole thing together and he has guided us through. He has been brilliant."

"We have improved a lot since our game with Tipperary. Apart from the fact that we had a few injuries at the time which unsettled us, a lot of people have been switched around. There's a great camaraderie in the team and it helped to build up a great team spirit. As a result the confidence of the players increased and when you have confidence in a team you can go to greater things."

It's accepted that with Kilkenny's greater tradition they could very well spring a surprise, but, the probability is that Tipperary's more settled side should triumph.

But only as long as they can play more consistently throughout the entire game.



Emily Hayden: praised Michael Cleary for revitalising camogie.

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Half back stalwarts Ciara Gaynor and Sinead Nealon.



Wing back Therese Brophy.

## Kilkenny sisters to the fore

Máire Uí Scolai

KILKENNY will bring their own version of the Fab Four to Croke Park for tomorrow's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie final against Tipperary.

The Cats will have no fewer than four sets of sisters on board as they bid to win their first O'Duffy Cup since 1994.

The black and amber Sister Act comprises of the Costelloes, Mairead and Sinead, the Mahers, Martina and Marie, the Milleas, Sinead and Tracy, and the Kennedys, Esther and Imelda.

And to add to Kilkenny's family fortunes, the Mahers and Costelloes are first cousins!

The Kilkenny captain is Mairead Costelloe (20), a trainee accountant, who'd love to follow in the footsteps of her sister, Sinead (25), an administration assistant, who was on the '94 team that beat Wexford in the final.

On that afternoon, Mairead watched from the old Hogan Stand. "With time almost up, I was down at the wire waiting to run out onto the pitch," she recalls.

"I rushed straight for Sinead, and at that moment I said to myself I will come back here some day as a player. Coming up the tunnel there tomorrow will be like a dream coming true," said Mairead.

First cousin, Martina Maher, was the Top Cat following her two goals in their semi-final victory over Galway. A 22-year-old sales representative, she will have her hands full trying to sell dummies to Tipp's accomplished defender Ciara Gaynor.

Sister Marie, (25), an office manager, also tasted Croke Park success in '94 and will line out in the Kilkenny defence tomorrow.

Sitting in the Cusack Stand will be Joe Millea, who won an All-Ireland senior hurling medal in 1969 when Kilkenny, captained by the great Eddie Keher, defeated Cork.

Joe is father of the Millea sisters, who have both sampled All-Ireland glory in the past. Sinead (26) a renowned free-taker, has two All-Ireland medals, winning the first one as a 16-year-old in 1991.

She has endured a difficult week, having just taken up a new teaching position, deep in enemy territory, in Clonmel.

Sister Tracy (27), a sales rep, also had the honour of climbing the steps of the Hogan Stand in '94.

The Kennedy sisters, Imelda and Esther, complete the Cats' family tree. Esther (29), an office clerk, will operate in the half backline, while Imelda (25), a bank official, will be hoping to cash in on the forward line.



Sisters Imelda and Esther Kennedy, Maria and Martina Maher, Mairead and Sinead Costello and Sinead Millea (whose sister Tracy is missing from photo) at the Kilkenny training session at the O'Loughlin Geals club this week. Picture: PJ Browne

# Supermum aims to turn underdogs into top Cats

SO CAMOGIE is for wimps, right?

Wrong. Two and a half months ago Jillian Dillon-Maher gave birth to her third child.

When Darragh was only seven weeks old, his mum stepped off the bench in Cusack Park, Mullingar, hurling in hand, to help Kilkenny dispatch Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

She played for 20 minutes that day and, despite being named amongst the subs, is expected to play an even greater role in tomorrow's All-Ireland final against Tipperary in Croke Park.

With three senior medals to her name and raw courage an ancillary badge, the former captain and centre-back will have a vital role to play for a Kilkenny side who go into the game as underdogs.

See, Kilkenny's fortunes have changed radically these past years.

Once they were Queens of camogie, winning a relentless nine All-Ireland senior titles between 1981 and their last in 1994.

But earlier this year, they only narrowly escaped relegation in the league and, like



CLIONA FOLEY

their hurlers back in 1997, are mighty grateful to take advantage of the camogie championship's inaugural 'back-door'.

On July 6, Kilkenny played the reigning All-Ireland champions Tipperary in the opening round and later confessed they were actually relieved to lose by just seven points.

That's because the 2-9 to 0-8 scoreline was such a massive improvement on the bludgeoning they had suffered from the Premier women in the league when, admittedly, Kilkenny were very understrength.

Now, thanks to camogie's

new second-chance saloon and the return of several key players, Kilkenny have qualified to play Tipperary again in a Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship final which resonates with historical significance.

This time it is Tipp who look imperious.

They burst onto the national radar by pipping Kilkenny in the '99 final and proved it was no fluke by beating Cork so convincingly last year.

It is Tipp who now have all the recognisable, marquee players.

There's the classy resolution of full-back Una O'Dwyer, the ariel audacity of centre-back Clara Gaynor (Len's daughter), the speedy skill of centre-forward Noelle Kennedy and a quite awesome full-forward line of Eimer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes and Claire Grogan, who scored two points and made a huge contribution this time last year when she was just 14!

Yes, Tipp have since lost a vital cog in midfielder Angela McDermott and another in Cairiona Hennessy, their regular free-taker and the woman who

broke Kilkenny's hearts with two match-winning late frees in '99.

And it did take them two games and some late, late goals to put Cork away in their semi-final, when Cork were noticeably without Lynn Dunlea for the replay.

Still, compared to Michael Cleary's high-flying side, Kilkenny is a county with the builders still in.

Only one of the Downey triumvirate remains. Edel Maher and Aoife Neary are just 16 and goalkeeper Catriona Ryan only made her championship debut this summer.

Although they can still call on seven players who lined out in the 1999 final — including Brigid Mullaly, Sinead Costelloe and Lizzie Lyng — most of the survivors are in defence.

It is doubtful they'd be here at all without the return from her world travels in June of the brilliant Sinead Millea.

She scored 0-7 of their 0-8 total in their last meeting with Tipperary, and then contributed 0-10 when Kilkenny beat Galway by 2-12 to 1-9 in the semi-final, Martina Maher bagging both goals.

Now managed by Brendan Williams and Ted Browne (Angela Downey's husband), Kilkenny are gambling on the fitness of late injury-worries Kelly Long and Marina Downey and they won't want for motivation.

Memories of 1999, when they should have put Tipp away, will surely spur them on, but it's impossible not to fancy the champions.

They are more experienced; they beat last year's finalists over two games to get here; and, exactly a week after their men's success, with their own three-in-a-row at stake (and a possible senior-junior double as a bonus) and the whole of Tipp gone hurling crazy, it would be utter madness to bet against them.

● Live television coverage of the All-Ireland camogie final is on RTE One (3.30) on Sunday, with highlights on Network 2 at 9.0.

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KILKENNY — C. Ryan, Marie Maher, S. Costelloe, M. Costelloe, E. Kennedy, K. Long, E. Maher, B. Mullaly, L. Lyng, S. Millea, Martina Maher, I. Kennedy, C. Doherty, A. Neary, M. Downey.  
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**A**NGELA DOWNEY may have retired from top level camogie, but she still has strong opinions on the state of the game. Downey, who won 12 All-Ireland medals with Kilkenny, believes the rule changes introduced in the last couple of years have improved the inter-county game as a spectacle.

But she fears that the implications of the new 15-a-side format may prove detrimental in the long-term for the smaller rural clubs.

By AOIFE de PAOR

"You only have to look at the Tipperary versus Cork semi-final replay to know that 15-a-side is the way to go on the inter-county scene. Even though the conditions were wet and windy, it was a fantastic free-flowing game - as good as any hurling match you'd see," assures Downey.

At grassroots level, however, rumblings of concern have been afoot ever since the new format was officially adopted at Special Congress in October having come successfully through an initial trial period.

### Decisions

"The 15-a-side rule has a knock-on effect at club level. You have younger players coming into the side earlier because the numbers simply aren't there to field a team, and decisions might have to be made to focus on either a junior or senior team rather than both. Otherwise, there is a danger that smaller clubs will simply be wiped out," she warns.

"I know that membership levels in the Association are healthy, and coaching is continuing in the schools, but there are so many options these days for young people. It's becoming harder and harder for camogie to compete."

At a national level, Downey suggests a huge promotional push is needed in order to heighten the sport's profile. "We have to look forward. You see ladies football, it is the fastest growing sport in the country and it's easy to see why. All you need is a pair of boots and you're off."

"In terms of safety, maybe parents are happier their children are playing with a ball instead of a stick. There is certainly room for both, but if we don't push camogie now we're in danger of being left behind, especially as Croke Park gets bigger."

**M**AIRE Uí Scoiláí, Camogie Association PRO, pinpoints finance as a key area in any future development. "We would always welcome further sponsorship to promote the game but our attitude is that there is room for both camogie and ladies football, or the sport of choice."

"Ladies football is a new sport and it is very popular, but there is a significant crossover between both codes. The main thing is that children are involved in



WINNER: Downey lifts the cup in 1991

an activity," she says, adding that the rule changes will go a long way towards increasing camogie's popularity.

"The profile of camogie has increased. And with 15-a-side, five subs being allowed, the new advantage rule, and four steps being allowed instead of three, the game certainly flows a lot more."

"Hurling people will say the game is a lot more attractive, and testament to that is the number of former inter-county hurlers who are getting involved in coaching."

"There's Michael Cleary, who is managing Tipp, Jim Nelson and Dominic McKinley in Antrim and Pat Hector in Offaly. They're attracted to the game pre-

cisely because it is 15-a-side."

And unlike Downey, Uí Scoiláí believes there is no danger of smaller clubs being lost in 15-a-side because county boards still maintain the discretion to play 10- or 12-a-side except in senior club competitions which lead to the All-Ireland club championship.

"The introduction of a minor B championship has also done a lot to develop the game in the so-called weaker counties. Last year Laois, which wouldn't be a hurling stronghold, won the competition."

### Skills

"It is important, however, that clubs and schools in rural areas and in cities work in tandem to develop skills at an early age and to ensure healthy numbers continue to play the game." Already on the up are the numbers watching on from the sidelines. During the early part of her playing career, Downey recalls that the crowd at games comprised mostly of anxious mothers and screaming children.

Today, 15,000 people are expected at Croke Park to watch the final between defending champions Tipperary and Kilkenny. Some distance travelled; some way yet to go.

# Changes mean more is less

## Clubs may well suffer according to Downey



KILKENNY ACE: Points queen Sinead Millea



CONCERN: Angela Downey

## Tipp have final edge

### PREVIEW

#### KILKENNY V TIPPERARY

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL, CROKE PARK, 3.30pm

DEFENDING champions Tipperary are strong favourites to make it three-in-a-row when they meet Kilkenny at Croke Park this afternoon.

Tipp have survived a tough championship campaign, beating Cork in a highly-exciting semi-final replay with two injury-time goals.

Kilkenny, meanwhile, whom they defeated in the first round of the championship, have reached the final through the new 'back door' system.

### Contrast

Tipperary boast skilful ball players in Sinead Nealon, Noelle Kennedy and Clare Grogan, and have a forward unit that can score from every angle, as demonstrated when they amassed 3-13 against Cork.

Kilkenny, by contrast, looked very unlikely All-Ireland title contenders following their disappointing league campaign.

They still lack the physical strength of the Tipp players, but the return of free-scoring Sinead Millea from injury is a welcome boost.

Defeated by Tipp in the 1999 final, they will lack no motivation today.

However Tipp, coached by former county hurler Michael Cleary, look too strong in every department. Expect them to carry the day.

Title Tip: Tipperary



Social life is put on hold when you're an inter-county camogie player, but as **Seán Ryan** found out, today's team captains Emily Hayden and Mairéad Costelloe, say it's worth it

**A**N oasis of tranquillity in a world gone mad... that was the President's Bar in Mount Juliet last Wednesday. Behind me was a television set tuned into CNN, broadcasting updates on Tuesday's atrocity to a group of anxious American golfers. In front of me were two feisty young ladies, captains of the Tipperary and Kilkenny teams who will compete for the All-Ireland camogie title at Croke Park this afternoon (3.45).

Talk of camogie seemed unreal in the wake of Tuesday's tragedy, but we parted company with the real world and delved into the fantasy land of sport for an enjoyable couple of hours.

The first thing you realise when talking to Emily Hayden, the Tipp captain, and Mairéad Costelloe, her Kilkenny counterpart, is that, before camogie, there was hurling... with the lads. As Mairéad put it: "If you don't play hurling at primary school, it's too late to take it up in secondary," while Emily played on the Cashel teams up to U-14, keeping some of the boys on the line. "From then on the boys have too much of an advantage and camogie took over," she said.

In the Costelloe household there was no escape from the camán. Her mother Maura won three club All-Ireland titles with her twin sister Breda — and they have each enhanced the present Kilkenny team with two of their daughters. Mairéad is joined by her sister Sínead and her cousins Martina and Marie Maher. In addition, her four brothers play for St Lachtain's and were in action in yesterday's intermediate semi-final, while John was on the Kilkenny team up to two years ago.

"Hurling has been a constant in our house, and any night of the week there could be up to six of us training," said Mairéad. "And the boys being in the semi-final has taken some of the pressure off me."

Then came the revelation... Mairéad has a score to settle with Emily. It stems from the final of '99 when Tipp won their first title, beating Kilkenny by a point. "Emily split my ear that day," she recalled, laughing. "I was a bit late blocking her, so it wasn't anything wicked — I hope!"

"Yeah," said Emily, "it reminds me of that joke where the referee pulls up



Friendly exchange: but captains Emily Hayden and Mairéad Costelloe will be putting their friendship aside for today's game.

Photographer: David Conachy

# Before camogie came hurling with the lads

the player and says 'You were late there' and he replies 'Sorry ref, but I got there as quick as I could.'"

Injuries are part and parcel of sport, even in camogie which is supposed to be non-contact. Emily is still feeling twinges from a broken thumb which kept her out for nine weeks, but it doesn't seem to bother her. In fact, playing for Carlow IT seems to have added an edge to her game.

"Colleges' camogie is the toughest you'll ever play because we have inexperienced referees, who may not have seen a camogie game before. You can get away with blue murder. What you do in a colleges match you couldn't do in a county match."

Fascinated, I sought enlightenment on the extent of this "blue murder." Omerta descended, with Mairéad's offering — "if you pulled a bit high or a

push in the back, nothing serious" — the best I could elicit from the camogie mafia.

She also revealed that her pet peeve is referees who are too technical, whistling up every little thing. "There is no way camogie can be non-contact. How do you hurl without tipping your player? Need I point out that Mairéad is a defender?"

Later, when I mentioned the need for

a bit of steel in a player's make-up, Mairéad agreed: "You can't be soft, you have to be ready to take a belt," while Emily settled for the need to be "very determined and strong willed."

These ladies are certainly determined, if one is to judge from their language. Tipp may be going for three in-a-row, but Emily warned: "There is no chance of us being complacent, three in-a-row isn't even on our minds."

We're focused and taking nothing for granted. When you're in an All-Ireland final you're going to have to fight tooth and nail for everything."

Then, in describing her team's progress this year, Mairéad pulled no punches. "Because of the foot and mouth we didn't start until April. We went to Cork and they beat the crap out of us. We only won one league game — against Antrim — to avoid relegation. We lost to Tipp in the first round of the championship and then, coming in the back door, we beat Clare and Galway. Tipp have definitely had the harder side of the draw."

Emily agrees. "We beat Kilkenny, then Wexford and Cork after a replay. We weren't even favourites against Cork. I don't know why but maybe it was because the Dunleas were back and we had lost a few from last year, with Angie McDermott and Caitríona Hennessy taking a year out."

Social life goes on the backburner when you're an inter-county camogie player. Training can take up five nights between club and county... and the rewards? "I look forward to the training for the craic as well as the serious side," said Emily, while Mairéad ventured: "The girls you play with are your friends for life and of course I love playing. I love competing. At the end of the year I'll be glad it's over, but come February I'll be mad to get out again."

"It's not that we're prisoners," Emily pointed out, "it's our own choice." "And it's worth it when you win," Mairéad added.

They are both on a bit of a roll. Emily has won the last four county titles with Cashel and the last two All-Irelands with Tipp, while Mairéad has won the county for the last three years with St Lachtain's and is bidding for her first All-Ireland.

And they have achieved all this in difficult circumstances. "We train in a field with no changing room, no toilets," explained Emily. "We are allowed up to the hurling club now and again, and I'm sure it's like that in a lot of clubs."

"We're not integrated with the GAA," said Mairéad, "and very few camogie clubs have their own pitches and facilities. It's their (hurling club) field and we train the nights they're not training."

Is it the case that you are still expected to make the tea and sandwiches then?

"No, it's not quite that bad," said Emily, while Mairéad's view was that "the interest is there for the hurling but not so much for the camogie even though the standard is high at this level."

Despite the bad vibes about the state of Croke Park, they are both looking forward to running out there this afternoon. "I can never forget the noise when we ran out in '99 — and there was only 15,000 there," recalled Mairéad. "It was unbelievable. Can you imagine what it would be like in front of 75,000? You're there for an hour and you should put everything into it, but you don't realise what you're going into. I feel I should have played better that day. I feel I want to right a wrong this time."

Emily and Mairéad played together on the Carlow IT team last year, but today friendship will be set aside for an hour as they endeavour to lead their counties to All-Ireland triumph.

# Twenty girls in hurling bliss

Tipperary versus Cork. The very phrase raising the pulse. Even on a damp, greasy day in Mullingar before the smaller kind of crowd that attends camogie and relishes its new brand of thirty players on a full pitch. But this is an All-Ireland semi-final with the immediate prize another trip to Croke Park to meet Kilkenny and a vision looming of a hat-trick of the very first 15-a-side national titles.

'Tis 9 minutes to go, Tipp ahead by two points. 7 to go, ahead by one. 5 to go, level. One minute left, Cork lead by a point. Injury time, Lord save us, Tipp draws and a replay beckons.

Limerick Gaelic Grounds. Tipp juniors are already booked into Croke Park for Sept 16 after beating Galway in their semi-final at The Ragg. Deirdre McDonnell of Burgess is hoping now that her twin Eimear will follow her an hour later in the senior final. They've already shared gold with Ger Dullea's squad in the colours of St Mary's, Nenagh, school.

8 minutes left on the clock and the dream is fading. Cork ahead by three points. But electric currents from a packed Mackey stand revive the Tipp heart and within six effervescent minutes Tipp are a point ahead. A minute later and Cork inspiration drives them into a two point lead. Unbeatable? No, Tipp perspiration matches that goal, an exchange of points leaves the game hanging on the slender thread of a Tipp point as the clock hits the hour. Slievenamon takes deep breaths for injury time.

Then moments that will live forever as we nearly score, are baulked, score a goal, drive on again, fouled, a free, another goal. Is this real? No extra time, and Cork bet by seven points and the day and the year and cardiac arrests saved.

Echoes of 1949 for some of us ancient surveyors of sport and the breathless emergence then from two and a half hours of a Munster first round by the eventual three in a row All-Ireland hurling champions.

Or the more recent 1987 abolition of a famine with a torrid Munster final and replay. For these ladies the 9-19 to 2-7 debacle in the 1999 League final and the lesser humiliation the following year are redeemed.

All occasions with Cork in fervent opposition.

You could switch decades in the memory bank and evoke the dream scoring machine of Keating, Nealon, Devaney, Doyle, Moloughney, McKenna, then look at the sequence of scorers in Limerick: Hughes, Kennedy, McDonnell, Grogan, Fogarty, Grogan, Hughes, Grogan, Kennedy, Grogan, Hughes, McDonnell, Kennedy - and ever so close from Harkin. Here be forwards to record in the mind's eye.

Cameos. Ciara Gaynor evoking the image of Pat Stakelum at

his most majestic, hauling the sliotar from the damp Mullingar clouds and clearing it deep into the enemy half. And that Kilruane centre-back chasing a glorious Cork solo by Linda Mellerick to near the goal line in Limerick and harassing her so effectively that Jovita Delaney had only a weak shot to parry.

Joanne Ryan helicoptering the ball from between her boots into her hand, not just once but twice.

That point by Deirdre Hughes though on her knees - was it prayer or the radar that seems resident beneath that carmine hair line?

The symmetry of the Mullingar match that could only have been designed in Dee's dreams - her opening point after two minutes, her superb point to equalise in injury time, sandwiching her pair of goals in the 7th and 32nd minutes. The leadership quality of the 1997 captain of the All-Ireland Intermediate champions being evident in her successful appeal before the supreme court of referee against the umpire's discounting that first point.

A tidy ration of four points by Noelle Kennedy in Limerick, topped by her final exquisite parabola between hurley boss and the paint on the underside of the crossbar. Fit subject for an artist even if it is already etched in the minds of a thousand eye witnesses and tens of thousands of commentators on the Monday evening couches.

Lucky? But 'tis champions earn such luck. Lucky? Not if you saw herself and clubmate Hughes play tennis with camán and sliotar at The Ragg before the Junior semi-final, lob after faultless lob into each other's hand without shifting feet. Reminiscent of Jimmy Kennedy of that 1949 team, who had practised in Puckane by shooting pin-pointed balls between the rungs of a ladder in a haybarn.

And sure hasn't Noelle got Killadangan blood on her mother's side. And wasn't it the same speed-endurance as won her first cousin Eddie a national 1500 metres juvenile title that got Noelle back from centre forward to divert a dire threat in the corner-back box.

Uncanny it was to pick up a 1987 Tipperary Yearbook a week later for different research and see Hughes and Kennedy pictured as captains of two county champion juvenile teams.

Aftermath. It was like Nenagh Éire Óg's county win in

1995. Nenagh Ormond's Munster win in 2000, no one in a hurry to end the relish of a special occasion and go home to milk it with reports for unfortunate non-attenders. A measure perhaps of the warmth this bunch of people engender for their ability to emulate Lazarus. Tribute too to the enduring sweetness of a victory of blue and gold over red and white.

Reminiscent also of Nenagh Olympic at Belfield in 1979 after four relay and seven hurdles national titles, a big family occasion, this county camogie team now like a major club forged through five seasons since that sweet win over Clare in the Intermediate final at The Ragg, parents appreciative of each other's accomplished offspring and the platoon of teachers who have guided them this far.

Ten of that 1997 team have graduated to this senior panel as well as five of that year's minor squad who lost a thrilling Munster final - to Cork. All drawn from just eight clubs placed in 40 per cent of Tipperary's landscape no farther north than Portroe nor more south than Cashel.

Ah, Cashel. It serves up six of this team, it supplies classic goalie Delaney - a convert from the forwards like Tony Brennan long ago - and one Una O'Dwyer, the Rock on which the Toome sea broke when Cashel won their fourth in a row county title recently.

Two generations of stars on the jubilant Limerick turf. Gaynor to the power of two, Nealon replicated, Harkin recurrent, the McDonnell-Morgan family tree with two twin shoots in full bloom.

Overheard. Credit to the trioka of Michael Cleary-Jim Madden-Biddy Phillips who swung the master stroke of placing at midfield - and ne'er a whisper to reach a line of print beforehand - corner back Suzanne Kelly and wing forward Philly Fogarty to counter, for most of the hour anyway, the Mellerick-Harris axis who had run riot in Mullingar. A Toomevara Greyhound to course a Glen Rovers hare who has been the virtual Ring of camogie.

A quirky thought: did many think to go to her, name of Linda Mellerick, bandage and all, to tell her that herself and goal scorer Una O'Donoghue and the rest had given us a great two days' entertainment.

# Bringing them back to earth is Cleary's major task

How do you bring back to earth a group of players who have scaled the heights as never before?

Well, in Michael Cleary's manual, as a first step you take them for a swim next day!

That was what he did following Tipp's great win over Cork in the semi final. Next evening, Monday, he put them through an hour's stretching and spoke about what had happened on Saturday and how they should now approach the final.

Then on Wednesday night they trained.

Back down to earth? "I think we are", Michael told me this week, "but ultimately it is our performance that will tell us if we really are back down to earth. We have spoken about it. Cork is over and done. Now it's Kilkenny and there is no way



Michael Cleary

that I or any of the girls are treating them lightly. They are above that and we got it hard to beat Kilkenny in the first round. We got two softish goals and they made us battle all the way. Four of their better players not available to them that night will be there on Sunday and we are going to have it all to do", added Michael.

That said, if they play to form, he feels they will win it.

"It is a real test for us to get going again after the performance against Cork. I still don't think we have peaked. We showed glimpses against Cork but not for the hour and I am hoping we can do that on the day that matters most, the day of the All Ireland final. There are no injuries, sore alright and of course they are still tired. After all, that Cork match was incredibly tense, physically and emotionally", said Michael.

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An All Star opinion that Therese Brophy turned the match with interventions and clearances and forays after a ten minute slippage during which the funguses of both hurling and camogie attacked the ash: trying to lift the ball with two opponents tackling and hunting in packs of three and leaving Cork jerseys unpoliced.

Mention of how fortunate the members of this team are to rise at the same time on the tide of herculean backroom effort, with Everest conquered twice already. Unlike the record of great players such as the Griffins of Roscrea, Deirdre Lane of Lorrha, Sheila Harkin-Delaney and Siobhán and Maol Muire Tynan of Drom-and-Inch who all came away from Croke Park just with memories.

Grown males who had seen little or no camogie gob-smacked at the skill and excitement that had just enthralled us all (the juvenile males were collecting autographs). None of them lamenting the absence of manly timber assaulting the ribs of opponents out of sight of a referee.



Twins Emer & Deirdre McDonnell from Burgess have different focuses on Sunday. Emer (left) hopes to win her third senior medal while Deirdre lines out in search of a Junior one. They are nieces of former Cork football goalie & Manager Billy Morgan.

# Seniors and Juniors in double All Ireland bid

By Gerry Slevin

It promises to be the greatest day in the history of Tipperary camogie, two teams, senior and junior, bidding for All Ireland honours in Croke Park.

Just as the blue and gold blend was so pronounced there last Sunday, so it will be only eight days later as the top hurlers of the female gender place their reputations on the line, seeking to do only what one county, Cork, has done, and that three times, in 1970, '80 and for the last time, eighteen year ago in 1983, namely, winning both titles in the same season.

And if that wasn't enough in itself, the winning of a third successive title is a goal that is sure to increase the county's momentum and support on this historic occasion.

Kilkenny (senior) and Offaly (junior) will provide the obstacles to Tipp's double bid, Kilkenny already champions on twelve occasions in a twenty year period (1974 to 1994), including seven in a row between 1985 and '91.

For Offaly it will be their first ever All Ireland final date but quite a strong Tipp influence exists in the Offaly camp, which will surely make this opener to the day's programme most intriguing.

## ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL:-

# Juniors Will Be Hard To Beat

By Liza Roche

'It is going to take a very good team to beat us on Sunday,' claimed Junior Manager Martin Browne as he prepares for his sides encounter with Offaly in the All-Ireland Final on Sunday next September 16.

A unique occasion for Tipperary, both their Senior and Junior teams will be contesting All-Ireland Finals on the same day. The Junior game will be the curtain raiser on the occasion.

A selector on last year's Junior team which was defeated by Cork in the Munster final by a single point, Martin took over the position as Manager earlier this year.

'We were unlucky not to have won that game. Cork went on to the All-Ireland Final afterwards, but were defeated by Derry,' added Martin.

Confident of a favourable result on the day, he is still wary of Offaly and maintains that they shouldn't be written off. This is Offaly's first ever All-Ireland Final and word on the ground is that they are hungry for an All-Ireland title. They won their first Leinster title in 1999 and were unlucky to lose it last year. It is also Offaly's first team.

'We have been told that they are similar to Galway physically. Of course they will be very skillful like all Offaly Hurlers, so we won't dismiss them too

easily,' commented Martin. Tipperary defeated Galway by five points in that All-Ireland Semi-Final.

According to Martin the girls have put in a great

run of this year and they really have given it their all,' added Martin.

Extra pressures will be on some of the team though, eight of whom are

Players retain that status even if they play in a senior game. While there is some controversy over this as it seems to benefit the stronger counties over the weaker counties, Tipperary are not complaining.

'Trisha O'Halloran, Lorraine Bourke, Noelle O'Dwyer, Niamh Connolly, Julia Delaney, Siobhan Ryan, Lena Woods and Louise Young, are all subs on the Senior team and may play in both games,' remarked Martin.

Support over the past number of years for Camogie has been growing and since the All-Ireland Final has been televised it has brought the game to the masses. However it is as yet unknown if the Junior Game is going to be broadcast live.

'All we know is that the Senior match is going to be televised, but we haven't heard about our game yet. It probably won't and it is a pity because it has the makings of a great game,' added Martin.

Despite this though Martin is confident that they will have a lot of support. 'We have had a lot of support especially this year. Last week when in the Senior semi-final replay in Limerick we were taken aback by the amount of people who came to that game. And you know this "Tipp, Tipp, Tipp..." chant that is at the hurling games that started at the camogie last week and it really added to the atmosphere.



Lorraine Bourke, Templemore.

deal of preparation and are determined to secure the title. 'The team have put in a lot of work and we have a great team of girls who are willing to put in the effort. We started training in Feb-

substitutes on the Senior team. There is even a possibility that they could win two medals on the day. A new rule was introduced that enables players who begin the year as Junior

## Tipperary Junior team

Sarah O'Brien (Drom-Inch); Sharon Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris); Helen Breen (Cashel); Deirdre McDonnell (Burgess); Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey-Borris); Noelle O'Dwyer (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Niamh Connolly (Templemore); Lorraine Bourke (Templemore); Julie Delaney (Drom-Inch); Trish O'Halloran (Portroe, captain); Louise Young (Toomevara); Helen Grogan (Cashel); Lena Woods (Toomevara); Siobhan Ryan (Hollycross-Ballycahill); Linda Grogan (Cashel).

Substitutes — P. Ryan (Toomevara); J. O'Halloran (Portroe); M. Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore); D. Delaney (Drom-Inch); M. R. Ryan (Toomevara); G. Kinane (Drom-Inch); N. Maher (Templemore); L. Purcell (Newport/Ballinahinch); J. Ryan (Silvermines); H. Campion (Clonoulty-Rossmore); S. Nash (Cashel); S. Richen (Cashel); M. G. O'Dwyer (Cashel).

# Offaly Camogie Team Ready For Their Big Day

by Edward Keenan

Offaly Camogie team will be hoping to arise victorious from their historical game against Tipperary this Sunday in the All Ireland Junior Camogie Final.

This is the first time that an Offaly Camogie side has ever reached the All Ireland Final and when they take to the field at 2pm in Croke Park the entire county will be watching on with bated breath.

Spirits are good within the side and it has their hard work over the years that has culminated in their fantastic achievement says team trainer, Mr. Patrick Hoctor.

"It's great for the team and the management that we've made it this far. We have had a couple of injury worries but they will all be cleared up by the time that the big day comes around," he says.

"We faced Derry in the semi-finals and the Leinster final was a real challenge when we played Carlow. Derry are always a strong side to face but Carlow really pushed us in the Leinster final. We only won by a tight margin in the end."

"We are really looking forward to the finals and it will be the county's first ever all Ireland Camogie final. The girls have been dreaming of this since I took over three years ago. Everyone involved has put a lot of hard work into this team," he adds.

Tipperary will be a difficult team to face in the finals and Mr. Hoctor says that when Offaly faced them last year they came out second best in the tie.

"Tipperary beat us last year in the league and they will be tough opposition for us to face. But at the end of the day, it's all about the mind set of the players on the day itself. We know that we can beat them on the day," he says.

## Offaly Camogie Pen-Pics

1. **Mary Wier**, Tullamore. 1st year with the team. Awards won: U/16 and U/18 Championship County. One U/18 and Junior Leinster medal and County Junior, U/18 and U/16 representation.

2. **Sabrina Carroll**, Tullamore. 3rd year with the team. Junior and U/18 county representation. Awards won: Leinster U/18 medal. Two Leinster Jnr. medals, one intervarsity medal and numerous County medals.

3. **Carina Carroll**, Tullamore. 3 years on the team. Represented county: Junior and U/18. Awards won: 1 Leinster U/18 medal and two Leinster Junior medals. County U/16 and U/18 Championship medals. Also coached County



Elaine Dermody the Captain of the Offaly Camogie team who will contest the All - Ireland Final against Tipperary in Croke Park next Sunday.

U/14 and U/16 teams.

4. **Amanda Ni Cheallaigh**, Tullamore. 16 years with team. County Representation: Junior Leinster. Awards won: 2 Junior Leinster medals. Offaly Sports star awards.

5. **Fiona McLeish**, Shinrone. 8 years with the team. County Representation: Junior. Awards won: 2 Leinster medals. 1 Leinster club medal.

6. **Mareella Nugent**, Drumcullen. 1st year with team. County Representation: Junior U/18 and U/16. Awards won: 1 Leinster Club (Jnr) medal, numerous County Championship medals at all levels.

7. **Amanda Glennon**, Shinrone. 6 years with the team. County Representation: Junior and U/16. Awards won: 1 Leinster Club medal, 1 Leinster Jnr. medal, Purcell Cup medal, All Ireland Vocational Schools medals and numerous County medals at all levels.

8. **Majella Bergin**, Kinnitty. 11 years with the team. County Representation: Junior and U/16. Awards won: 1 Gael Finn medal, 2 Leinster Jnr. medals and numerous Club medals at all levels.

9. **Marion Crean**, Shinrone. 2 years with the team. County Representation: Junior and U/18. Awards won: 1 Leinster Junior, 1 Leinster U/18, 1

medals.

11. **Elaine Dermody**, Drumcullen. 3 years with the team. County Representation: Junior U/18 and U/16. Awards won: 1 Leinster Club, 2 Leinster Junior, 1 Feile Na Gael. Numerous County medals.

12. **Audrey Hennessy**, Birr. 9 years with the team. County Representation: Junior and U/16. Awards won: 2 Leinster Junior, 1 Leinster Colleges and one U/14 Hurling medal.

13. **Orla Carey**, Birr. 4 years with the team. County Representation: Junior and U/18. Awards won: 1 U/18 Leinster, 2 Junior Leinster and 1 Leinster Colleges.

14. **Jeannette Feighery**, Shinrone. 2 years with the team. County Representation: Junior, U/16 and U/18. Awards won: 1 Leinster Club, 1 Leinster U/18, 1 Leinster Jnr. and numerous club medals at all levels.

15. **Maggie Lynch**, Drumcullen. 16 years with the team. County Representation: Junior. Awards won: 1 Gael Linn medal, 2 Leinster Jnr., 3 Leinster Club, 10 Jnr. County medals and numerous Colleges medals with Kilmacree Voc. School.

16. **Sharon Daly**, Kinnitty. 3 years with team. County Representation: Junior, U/18 and U/16. Awards won: 2 Leinster Junior, 1 Leinster U/18, U/14 Feile Na Gael, Leinster Colleges medal with Birr Community School.

17. **Mary Molloy**, Kinnitty. 2 years with team. County Representation: U/18 and Junior. Awards won: 1 Leinster Colleges, 1 Leinster Junior and numerous medals with colleges at underage level.

18. **Sheila Sullivan**, Birr. 1st

year with team. County Representation: Junior, U/16 and U/18 level. Awards won: 1 Leinster Junior Championship, 1 Leinster Colleges medal with Birr Community School and numerous medals with Club underage teams.

19. **Ann Bergin**, Kinnitty. 9 years with the team. County Representation: U/14, U/16 and Junior. Awards won: 2 Leinster Junior Championships and numerous underage medals at Club level.

20. **Theresa Keogh**, Tullamore. 1st year with the team. County Representation: U/16. Awards won: 1 Leinster Junior.

21. **Patricia Dooley**, Birr. 2 years with the team. County Representation: U/14 and U/16. Awards won: 1 Leinster Junior title and numerous underage Club medals.

22. **Linda Higgins**, Shinrone. 1st year with the team. County Representation: Junior. Awards won: 1 Leinster Club, 1 Leinster Junior and numerous underage medals at Club level.

23. **Veronica McGarry**, St. Rynagh's. 10 years with the team. County Representation: Junior and U/14. Awards won: 2 Leinster Junior medals and an All Ireland Vocational Schools medal with Banagher Vocational School.

24. **Catherine Byrne**, Toomevara. County Tipperary. 15 years at Club. County Representation: U/14, U/16 and Junior. Awards won: 2 Leinster Junior medals and numerous medals at all levels with Club.

25. **Claire Hinch**, St. Sinchell's. 1st year with the team. County Representation: Junior. Awards won: 1 Leinster Junior medal and Junior Club medals.



Front L - R. Trisha Dooley and Orla Carey with at back Ann Bergin, Majella Bergin, Carina Carroll, Sabrina Carroll, Fiona McLeish and Michelle Davis.

## St Finbarrs advance to second round with win over Necestown

LAYING the foundations for victory in the opening half, St Finbarrs advanced to the second round of the Senior B Camogie Championship with a good victory over Newcestown on Saturday last at Ballincollig.

Playing against the strong wind Barrs conceded the game's opening score with Colette Desmond pointing in the opening minutes, but with Orla O'Sullivan causing the Newcestown defence problems, Barrs hit the front with the game's opening goal. With both sides picking off points it was O'Sullivan's goal that was between the sides at the interval as the Barrs led 1-4 to 0-4.

From the restart Newcestown got a gilt-edged opportunity but Colette Desmond's shot went narrowly wide. To their credit the Barrs defence tightened up and with their full backline of Clare Barry, Deirdre Clarke and Clare Harrington keeping the Newcestown inside line under wraps the Carbery side found it hard to score. Goals from Gemma O'Connors long range free and one piece from Orla O'Sullivan and Colette O'Mahony saw St. Fin-

barrs safely through to a semi-final meeting with Kilbrittan on September 30.

**Sliabh Rua** 1-2  
**Tracton** 1-0

Sliabh Rua took the Under 14 twelve a side league title in it inaugural year. Sliabh Rua led at the break after Fiona Hurley had the game's opening score, but aided by the wind they failed to again breach the Tracton defence where Sinead Corcoran and Ann Joego were superb.

On the turnover Tracton applied the pressure and a goal 10 minutes into the half from Derbhilla O'Loughlin gave them the lead. Sliabh Rua worked hard and a Catlyn Carroll goal edged them in front.

Tracton defended heroically

while at the other end the Sliabh Rua defence with goalkeeper Julie O'Meara in tremendous form kept the Tracton attack at bay.

For Sliabh Rua Lea Kelleher, Siobhan O'Brien and Christine Broderick excelled, while Tracton had good displays from their superb centre fielder Janet Kind and Karen O'Sullivan in a game where the real winner on the day was camogie such was the enjoyment served up by both teams.

The county board are to be complimented on the organising of the 12-a-side under 14 competition which was specially for clubs who were unable to field at 15-a-side.

The competition ensured that clubs who did not have large numbers were not lost to the game and it helped keep the interest alive.

### U12 league quarter finals

A stronger Douglas made it through to the Under 12 league semi final when they had to much experience for a spirited Glen Rovers who earlier in the week had a good victory over Blarney to reach the quarter final stages. For Douglas Ashling Barret, Rachel O'Sullivan and Kate Barry impressed, while for Glen Rovers twins Amy and Lisa Cotter, Lorna Dorgan and Denise Luby tried to the finish.

Ballygarvan also made it through to the Under 12 league semi final after a hard fought one point victory over Buttevant. Earlier in the week Ballygarvan defeated Courcy Rovers to book their quarter final spot.

Ballygarvan led one goal to no score at the half time whistle thanks to Leann Ryan's goal.

Within five minutes of the restart corner forward Elaine Murphy had Buttevant on level terms when she finished to the net, and with excitement now at fever pitch both sides worked hard in quest of the lead. Ten minutes to full time Clare Bouse pointed for Ballygarvan and it was to be the score that booked her sides place in the semi final. Ballygarvan had fine displays from Aine Moynihan, Michelle Dunne and Leann Ryan, while Buttevant's Jean Carroll, Dawn O'Keeffe and Alex Cullen were a credit to their side.

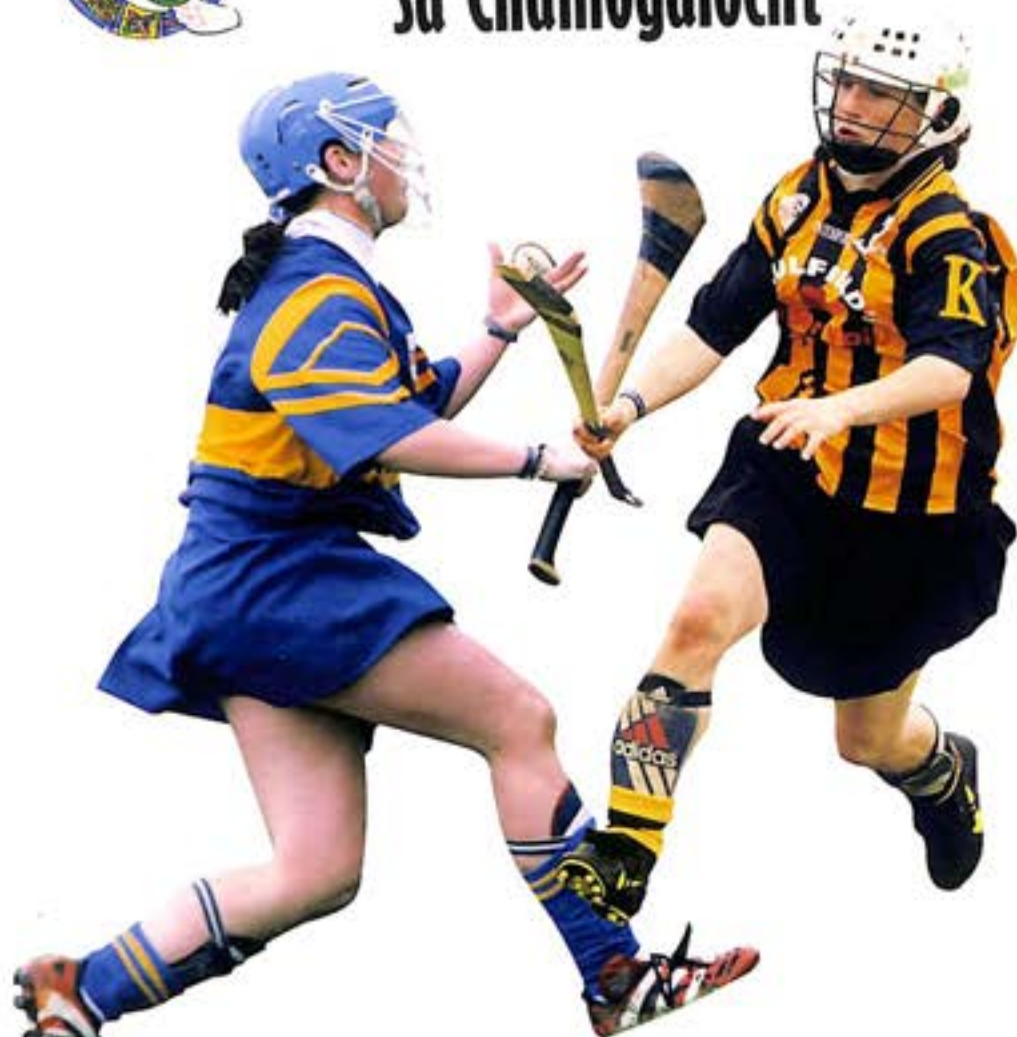
### U14 B quarter final replay

Eire Og and Mallow replayed their Under 14 B league quarter final with Eire Og getting it right at the second time of asking.

Clubs are asked to note that a Foundation Level Camogie Coaching Course will be given by Fiona O'Driscoll on Saturday, September 29 from 9am to 5pm at Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig. Anybody interested in doing the course should reserve a place as soon as possible. Contact Fiona O'Driscoll or county chairperson Sheila Golden.



# Cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann sa Chamógaíocht



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# Craobhchomórtais na Sinsear agus na Sóisear, 2001

Corn Ua Dubhthaigh

Craobhchomórtais na Sinsear 2001

Foras na Gaeilge Senior Championship



an chéad bhabhta

Tiobraid Árann	2-09	Loch Garman	1-08	An Clár	6-09
Cill Chainnigh	0-08	Áth Cliath	2-03	An Dún	1-02
Corcaigh	3-12	Luinneach	3-08	Áth Cliath	4-08
An Ghailimh	1-10	An Dún	1-04	An Dún	0-07

Na Cluichí Ceathrúnacha

Tiobraid Árann	4-09
Loch Garman	0-08
Cill Chainnigh	5-17
An Clár	0-00
Corcaigh	4-11
Áth Cliath	1-05
An Ghailimh	6-14
Luinneach	0-10

Na Cluichí Leath-Cheannais

Cill Chainnigh	2-12
An Ghailimh	1-09
Tiobraid Árann	0-14
Corcaigh	2-08
Tiobraid Árann	3-13
Corcaigh	1-12

Craobhchomórtais na Sóisear 2001

Craobhchomórtais na Mumhan

Tiobraid Árann	6-11
Portlárige	0-09
An Cluiche Ceannais	
Tiobraid Árann	4-07
Corcaigh	1-08

Craobhchomórtais Laighean

Uíbh Fháigile	4-11
Iarmhíche	2-03
Uíbh Fháigile	2-20
Áth Cliath	3-05
Uíbh Fháigile	4-07
Loch Garman	1-12

Cluichí Leath-Cheannais na hÉireann

Tiobraid Árann	0-12	An Ghailimh	1-04
Uíbh Fháigile	4-13	Doire	4-05

An Cluiche Ceannais

Uíbh Fháigile	4-09
Ceatharlach	2-06

Corn New Ireland



## Teachtaireacht ón Uachtarán



Pádraicín Ní Ráifeartaigh

Is breá ar fad linn é fíor-chaoi fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann sa Chamógaíocht 2001, idir aoidheanna speisialta, na himreoirí, na Réiteoirí, na maíor uilig agus, go háirithe, lucht leanúna uilig na camógaíochta.

Ar bhuir son, ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le Foras na Gaeilge as ucht a chuid urraíochta ar Craobhchomórtais na Sinsear. Cuirtear mor-fháilte roimh an urraíocht féin, agus is mór againn é muintir na heagraíochta a bheith linn inniu.

Imreoirí den chéad scoth a bhéas ar an bpáirc inniu san dá chluiche. Tá dhá fhoireann ag Tiobraid Árann anseo inniu agus an contae páirteach i gCluiche Ceannais na Sinsear agus Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear. Measaim go bhfuil na Sinsear ag súil leis an "three-in-a-row" ach, gan amhras, cuirfidh foireann Chill Chainnigh a ladar isteach sa scéal sin. Fearaim fíor-chaoi fáilte roimh fhoireann Uíbh Fháigile atá ag imirt i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann don chéad uair riamh.

To participate in and reach an All-Ireland Final requires not only the skill and commitment of players but also the dedicated support of team mentors, clubs and, indeed, family and friends. To all those who are involved in the promotion of our national game throughout the country, I say a heartfelt thanks. In particular I would like to commend all the members of the media, television, radio and press, who loyally support the promotion of camógaíocht through their reporting and broadcasting of our games, not only here in Páirc an Chrócaigh on All-Ireland Finals day, but throughout the competitions and throughout the country.

Táimid go mór faoi chomaoi ag ár gairde dílse, muintir Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, as ucht a goid tacaíochta dúinn i gcónaí. A special thanks is extended to An t-Ardstúirthoir and all of the staff of Páirc an Chrócaigh for their unfailing support and assistance with preparations for our Finals. Mille buíochas libh.

Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu.

Pádraicín Ní Ráifeartaigh, Uachtarán

## Cluiche Ceannais na Sinsear

- 1999, 2000, 2001 ag Tiobraid Árann - ?

- an lá le na Cait - ?

The 70th All-Ireland Senior Final

Cuireadh tús le Craobhchomórtais na Sinsear i 1932 ach thóg sé seacht is seasca bliain ar Chill Chainnigh agus ar Thiobraid Árann casadh ar a chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann.

1999 saw the first Senior Final between neighbours Tiobraid Árann agus Cill Chainnigh, a year which also saw that historic first All-Ireland Senior title go to the Premier County. Caillini Thiobraid Árann made further history in 2000 when, in defeating Corcaigh, they added the first title of the new century and the new millennium to the last of the old. Beidh fonn ar Chill Chainnigh bob a bhualadh ortha inniu.

Cill Chainnigh is contesting its seventeenth Senior Final today and Tiobraid Árann its tenth. Bhí Thiobraid Árann chun tosaigh ar Chill Chainnigh, áfach, chun an Cluiche Ceannais a bhaint amach. Tiobraid Árann reached its first Final in 1949 but had to wait fifty years for its first victory. Cill Chainnigh did not reach the Final until 1970 and, since its first victory in 1974, has won Corn Ua Dubhthaigh on twelve occasions. Only Corcaigh agus Tiobraid Árann have defeated Cill Chainnigh in the Final, and Áth Cliath agus Antrim are the only counties to have defeated Tiobraid Árann in the Final.

Casadh an dá chontae ar a chéile cheana féin i mbliana sa Craobhchomórtais. Played on an Open Draw basis since 1973, Craobhchomórtais na Sinsear was extended, in its seventieth season, to include a losers' group. Tiobraid Árann, having defeated Cill Chainnigh in the opening round and having made steady progress, were almost dethroned by Corcaigh in the Semi-Final and were saved only by some last-minute scores in the replay. Cill Chainnigh were forced to give of their very best to overcome An Ghailimh in the other Semi-Final. nFheadar an ar Chill Chainnigh nó ar Thiobraid Árann a bheidh Corn Ua Dubhthaigh ag triail nuair a chuirtear críoch leis an gcluiche inniu?

# Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear

## Lá stairiúil i saol na Camógaíochta

- Uibh Fháighle i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann  
don chéad uair ariamh -

- an chéad uair ariamh do Thiobraid Árann  
an dá Chluiche Ceannais a bhaint amach -

Muintir Thiobraid Árann a thuigfidh, thar aon dream eile, an lúcháir atá ar mhuintir Uibh Fháighle inniu agus Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann bainte amach don chéad uair ariamh acu. Níor tharla cheana, ach oiread, go bhfuil Sínsir agus Sóisir Thiobraid Árann le chéile anseo ar lá na gCluiche Ceannais. Three counties only, Ath Cliath, Corcaigh agus An Ghaillimh, have previously contested the Senior and Junior Finals in the same year while Corcaigh is the only county to have won the double.

Cuireadh tús le Craobhchomórtaí na Sóisear i 1968 agus bhain Thiobraid Árann an Cluiche Ceannais amach don chéad uair i 1990. Having suffered defeat at the hands of Cill Dara agus An Dún in 1990 and 1991, respectively, and by An Dún through a last second goal, Tiobraid Árann went on to win its first and only Junior title in 1992. The majority of that team progressed through Intermediate to Senior All-Ireland victory and, in fact, five of that Junior team are on the Senior team today.

Cé go bhfuil Uibh Fháighle san iomaloicht i gCluiche Ceannais de chomórtaí Idirchontae don chéad uair ariamh, is fada an lá é ó tháinig an camógaíocht ar an saol sa chontae. Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Uibh Fháighle, assisted with the establishment of camógaíocht in the county in 1930 and that original strong link endures to this day. Uibh Fháighle became Cúige Laighean Junior Champions in 1962 and 1963 but waited until 1999 for its third title. Many of its illustrious players were selected on Cúige Laighean teams with the inauguration of Comórtaí Ghael Linn at Senior level in 1956 and at Junior level in 1975. Tá, gan amhras, saothar mhuintir na camógaíochta sa chontae tagtha chun bliátha inniu.

This Final is history in the making. Will it be a first All-Ireland title for Uibh Fháighle or a first "double" for Tiobraid Árann? Pé sceal é, beidh buan-chuimhne ar an lá seo a bheidh ag muintir uilig na camógaíochta

Cluiche Ceannais  
na Sínsair, 1997.  
Three in a row  
-de chineál eile-

Brid Mhic Philib,  
An Réiteoir,  
lena Maor Line,  
Aine Derham, ar chlé,  
agus, ar dheis,  
Miriam Uí Cheallacháin.



Aine atá i lár baill inniu.

Biddy has been Bainisteoir/Roghnóir with victorious Tiobraid Árann All-Ireland Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams and is a Senior Roghnóir today. Is Iar-Chisteoir ar an gCoiste Contae i. Miriam, a former Uibh Fháighle player, former Rúnaí agus Cathaoirleach and current P.R.O. of An Coiste Contae, is the faithful heart of the Faithful County.

Glas, bán agus órga

## Uibh Fháighle



1. Fiona Mhic Giolla Íosa  
Fiona McLeish,  
Shinrone
2. Caltriona Ní Bhroin  
Catherine Byrne  
Toomevara
3. Amanda Ní Cheallaigh  
Amanda Kelly  
Tullamore
4. Carina Ní Chearúil  
Carina Carroll  
Tullamore
5. Máire Ní Mhaolmhuaidh  
Mary Molloy  
Kinnitty
6. Majella Ní Bheirgin  
Clara Gaynor  
Kinnitty
7. Muireann Ní Chroidheáin  
Marion Crean  
Shinrone
8. Amanda Nig Leannáin  
Amanda Glennon  
Shinrone
9. Máire Nic an Mhaoir  
Mary Wyr  
Tullamore
10. Saidhbhin Ní Chearúil  
Sabrina Carroll  
Tullamore
11. Michelle Dháibhis  
Michelle Davis  
Shinrone
12. Léan Nic Diarmada  
Elaine Dermody  
Drumcullen Captan
13. Sinéidin Ní Fhiachra  
Jeannette Feighery  
Drumcullen
14. Mairéad Ní Loinsigh  
Maggie Lynch  
Drumcullen
15. Sharron Ní Dhálaigh  
Sharron Daly  
Kinnitty

Ionadaithe		Bainisteoir
16. Aine Ní Bheirgin Ann Bergin, Kinnitty	18. Mairsile Nig Uinseannáin Marcella Nugent, Drumcullen	Pádraig Ó hEachtair (Pat Hctor)
17. Audrey Nic Aonghusa Audrey Hennessy, Birr	19. Pádraigin Ní Dhúbhlaolach Uí Chiardha Patricia Dooley-Carey, Birr	
	20. Treasa Nic Eochagáin Therese Keoghán, Tullamore	

## Sóisir Uibh Fháighle

1. Fiona McLeish  
Shinrone  
Season: 8th  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at Junior level.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior and 1 Club Championship  
Is cúbairt den chéad scoth i.
2. Catherine Byrne  
Toomevara  
Season: 15th  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at Minor and under fourteen level.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior Championship.  
County medals at all levels.  
Imríonn sí hacal agus cispheil.
3. Amanda Kelly  
Tullamore  
Season: 16th  
Represented Cúige Laighean at Junior Gael Linn level on several occasions.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior Championship.  
Sár-imreoir lena club chomh maith i agus tá "Sportstar Uibh Fháighle" buaite aici.

4. Carina Carroll  
Tullamore  
Season: 3rd  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at under-eighteen level.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior and 1 under eighteen Championship.  
County u-16 and u-18 Championship.  
Tá sí na holláin d'hoime Uibh Fháighle faoi 14 agus faoi 16.
5. Mary Molloy  
Kinnitty  
Season: 2nd  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at under-eighteen level.  
Honours won:  
3 Cúige Laighean Junior Championship.  
1 Coláistí Laighean.  
Bhí sí ina roghnóir lena club nuair a bhíodar Féile na nGael.

6. Majella Bergin  
Kinnitty  
Season: 11th  
Represented Cúige Laighean at Junior Gael Linn level and Uibh Fháighle at Minor level.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior Championship.  
County medals at all levels.  
"Rogha Imreora", Craobh Laighean.  
Olláin lena Club i bhFéile na nGael.
7. Marian Crean  
Shinrone  
Season: 2nd  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at under-eighteen level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior, 1 under-18 and 1 Club Championship.  
County medals at all levels.  
1 Gairmscoiléanna na Mumhan.

8. Amanda Glennon  
Shinrone  
Season: 6th  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at under-sixteen level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior and 1 Club Championship.  
1 Corn Pursáil with Third Level Colleges.  
3 Gairmscoiléanna Uile-Éireann.
9. Mary Wyr  
Tullamore  
Season: 1st  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at Minor and under eighteen level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior, 1 u-18 Championship.  
County under-16 and under-18.  
Coláistí le Scoil Croi Ró-naofa. An Tulach Mhór.
10. Sabrina Carroll  
Tullamore  
Season: 3rd  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at under-eighteen level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior, 1 under-18 and 1 Club Championship.  
County medals at all levels.  
1 Gairmscoiléanna na Mumhan.

### An Coptaen

12. Léan Nic Diarmada  
Elaine Dermody  
Drumcullen

Tá Elaine ag imirt le foreann na sóisear le trí bliain anuas. She has also represented Cúige Laighean at Junior level and Uibh Fháighle at under-eighteen and Minor levels. She has won numerous County Championship medals with her club.

Tá boinn Cholaistí Laighean buaite le Gairmscoil Chill Chormaic aici.

Elaine would be extremely proud to be the first ever All-Ireland winning captain of an Uibh Fháighle team.

Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior and 1 Club Championship.  
1 Féile na nGael.

## Sóisir Uibh Fháighle

11. Michelle Davis  
Shinrone  
Season: 13th  
Represented Cúige Laighean at Junior level in Gael Linn and Uibh Fháighle at Minor level.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior and 1 Club Championship.  
Numerous County Championships.  
Boinn leis na Gairmscoiléanna d'imir sí anseo cheana ins na "Mini 7s".
13. Jeannette Feighery  
Shinrone  
Season: 2nd  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at under-eighteen and Minor level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior 1 Club and 1 under eighteen Championship.  
County Championship at all levels.  
Boinn leis na Gairmscoiléanna d'imir sí anseo cheana ins na "Mini 7s".
14. Maggie Lynch  
Drumcullen  
Season: 16th  
Represented Cúige Laighean at Junior level in Gael Linn.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior and 3 Club Championship.  
10 Senior County Championship.  
Mór-ion de bhonn le Gairmscoil Chill Chormaic.



Léan Nic Diarmada, Uibh Fháighle

### An Fhoireann Bhalistíochta

Pádraig Ó hEachtair  
(Pat Hctor)  
An Bainisteoir

Cearúilín Nic Cárthaigh  
(Caroline Mc Carthy)  
Seán Ó Flatharta (Johnny Flaherty)  
Damhnait de Faoite (Dympna Whyte)  
Briallín Nig Uinseannáin  
(Bernie Nugent)

15. Sharron Daly  
Kinnitty  
Season: 3rd  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at under-eighteen and Minor level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior, 1 under-18 Championship.  
1 Féile na nGael.  
1 Coláistí Laighean le Pobalscoil Bhiorra.
16. Ann Bergin  
Kinnitty  
Season: 9th  
Represented Cúige Laighean at Junior level in Gael Linn and Uibh Fháighle at Minor and u-18 level.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior.  
Numerous County Championship at under-age level.

17. Audrey Hennessy  
Birr  
Season: 9th  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at Minor level.  
Honours won:  
2 Cúige Laighean Junior Championship.  
1 Coláistí Laighean.  
1 under-fourteen A Hurling medal.
18. Marcella Nugent  
Drumcullen  
Season: 1st  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at Minor and under-eighteen level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Club Championship.  
County Championships at all levels.  
d'imir sí i bPáirc an Chrócaigh cheana ins na "Mini 7s" leis na Burscoiléanna.

19. Patricia Dooley Carey  
Birr  
Season: 2nd  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at Minor and under-fourteen level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior Championship.  
Ilomad de bhonn lena club ins na comórtaí lastigh den chontae.
20. Therese Keoghán  
Tullamore  
Season: 1st  
Represented Uibh Fháighle at Minor level.  
Honours won:  
1 Cúige Laighean Junior Championship.  
Iománaíocht, an snámh agus peil Ghaelach na mbán a tháinig léi.

## Tiobraid Árann



**ar chúil, ó chlé:** B. Ó Murchú, Ollúnaí, N. Ní Dhubhair, M. Ní Dhubhair, S. Ní Riordáin, D. Ní Dhubhshláine, N. Ní Mheachair, S. Ní Alláirín, S. Ní Rian, L. Ní Bhraoin, L. Ní Ghrugáin, H. Ní Ghrugáin, L. de Siún, L. Ní Conchoille, M. Ní Rian, L. Ní Gíolla Phóil, S. Ní Rian, B. Uí Dhubháda, Roghnóir, M. de Brún, Bainisteoir  
**chun tosaigh, ó chlé:** S. Ó Domhnaill, Roghnóir, H. Champion, S. de Nais, L. de Búrca, P. Ní Rian, M.R. Ní Rian, D. Ní Domhnaill, S. Ní Dhubhshláine, M. Ní Chorcóirín, S. Ráibh, S. Ní Bhriain, P. Ní Alláirín, Captaen, N. Ní Chonghaile, G. Ní Choinneáin, M. de Brún.

## Uíbh Fháigle



**ar chúil, ó chlé:** C. Ní Cárthaigh, Roghnóir, B. Ní Uisceannáin, Roghnóir, J. Ní Fhiachra, C. Ní Bhron, C. Ní Aonghaís, L. Ní Uígnn, E. Ní Dáimada, Captaen, V. Ní an Fhearraigh, P. Ní Dhálaigh Uí Chardha, M. Ní Chroideáin, M. Ní Mhaolmhuaidh, S. Ní Shúilleabháin, T. Ní Eochagáin, A. Ní Leannáin, O. Ní Chardha, A. Ní Aonghusa, D. Ní Eochair, Ollúnaí, S. Ó Flatharta, Roghnóir  
**chun tosaigh, ó chlé:** M. Ní Lonsigh, C. Ní Chearúil, Á. Ní Bheirín, A. Ní Cheallaigh, M. Ní Uisceannáin, S. Ní Dhálaigh, S. Ní Chearúil, M. Ní an Mhaor, F. Ní Gíolla Íosa, M. Dhábhús, M. Ní Bheirín, D. de Faoite, Roghnóir.



## Tiobraid Árann

Gorm agus Orga

1. Sórcha Ní Bhriain  
Sarah O'Brien  
Drom Inch
2. Sharon Ráibh  
Sharon Ralph  
Moycarkey Borris
3. Léan Ní Bhraoin  
Helen Breen  
Cashel
4. Deirdre Ní Domhnaill  
Deirdre McDonnell  
Burgess
5. Méabh Ní Chorcóirín  
Méabh Corcoran  
Moycarkey Borris
6. Noelette Ní Dhubhair  
Noelette O'Dwyer  
Clonoulty Rossmore
7. Niamh Ní Chonghaile  
Niamh Connolly  
Templemore
8. Lorraine de Búrca  
Lorraine Bourke  
Glenmore
9. Síle Ní Dhubhshláine  
Julie Delaney  
Drom Inch
10. Pádraigin Ní Alláirín  
Trish O'Halloran  
Portroe Captaen
11. Labhaoise de Siún  
Louise Young  
Toomevara
12. Léan Ní Ghrugáin  
Helen Grogan  
Cashel
13. Eibhlín Ní Conchoille  
Lena Woods  
Toomevara
14. Siobhán Ní Riain  
Siobhán Ryan  
Hollycross Ballycahill
15. Linda Ní Ghrugáin  
Linda Grogan  
Cashel

Ionadaithe	18. Máire Ní Riain Moira Ryan, Clonoulty Rossmore	An Bainisteoir
16. Paula Ní Riain Paula Ryan, Toomevara	19. Deirdre Ní Dhubhshláine Deirdre Delaney, Drom Inch	Máirtín de Brún
17. Sínead Ní Alláirín Jenny O'Halloran, Portroe	20. Máire Róis Ní Riain Mary Rose Ryan, Toomevara	(Martin Browne)

## Sóisir Thiobraid Árann

<p><b>1. Sarah O'Brien</b> Drom Inch</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented her club in Pan Celtic agus Féile na nGael.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship, 2 Féile na nGael, 2 Pan Celtic, County League and Championship. Taitníonn an snámh leis.</p>	<p><b>2. Sharon Ralph</b> Moycarkey Borris</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented her club at Junior and Intermediate level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship, County Junior League and Championship and Intermediate League. Cuireann sí suim i gceol agus i bpeil.</p>	<p><b>3. Helen Breen</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior and 1 Minor Championship. 2 Senior County Championship. Imríonn sí peil agus sacar.</p>
<p><b>4. Deirdre McDonnell</b> Burgess</p> <p>Season: 3rd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. 1 Coláistí na Mumhan. 1 Pan Celtic. Marcalocht is ansa léi.</p>	<p><b>5. Méabh Corcoran</b> Moycarkey Borris</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. County Junior League and Championship.</p>	<p><b>An Captaen</b></p> <p><b>11. Pádraigin Ní Alláirín</b> Trish O'Halloran Portroe</p> <p>Is í seo an chéad bhliain do Trish foireann idir chontae na Sóisear a bhaint amach. Although in her first season with the team, Trish is no stranger to inter-county competition as she has already represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor level. Taitníonn an snámh, peil agus sacar léi.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship and 1 Minor Championship medal. County Championship medals with her club at under-12, 14 and 16 levels as well as Intermediate League and Championship medals.</p>
<p><b>6. Noelette O'Dwyer</b> Clonoulty Rossmore</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior and 2 Minor Championship. 1 Corn Púisil Third Level Colleges. Cuireann sí suim i Ráisl na gCon agus rince 'Samba'.</p>	<p><b>7. Niamh Connolly</b> Templemore</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. Imríonn sí chomh maith le Coláistí na hOllscoile, Lunnéach. Imríonn sí hacal agus peil.</p>	
<p><b>8. Lorraine Bourke</b> Templemore</p> <p>Season: 3rd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under fourteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. 1 Féile na nGael, 2 Pan Celtic. Taitníonn an snámh agus sacar léi.</p>	<p><b>9. Julie Delaney</b> Drom Inch</p> <p>Season: 3rd Represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior level in Gael Linn.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. 1 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges with I.T. Phortlárige. Comhlúadar a carde is ansa léi.</p>	<p><b>11. Louise Young</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. 2 Coláistí na Mumhan. Cuireann sí suim i gCispheil agus in iascaireacht.</p>

## Sóisir Thiobraid Árann

<p><b>12. Helen Grogan</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship, County Senior, Junior and Intermediate Championship. 1 Corn Púisil with Third Level Colleges. Imríonn sí peil.</p>	<p><b>13. Lena Woods</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented her club at Junior and Intermediate level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship, County Junior League and Championship and Intermediate League. Cuireann sí suim i gceol agus i bpeil.</p>	<p><b>14. Siobhán Ryan</b> Hollycross Ballycahill</p> <p>Season: 5th Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship, County Championship and League Féile na nGael Skills winner. Imríonn sí le hOllscoil Lunnéach. Cuireann sí suim i snámh agus sacar.</p>
<p><b>15. Linda Grogan</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. 1 Féile na nGael and 2 Pan Celtic. County Championship at every level. Imríonn sí gail agus peil.</p>	<p><b>16. Paula Ryan</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented her club at under sixteen and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. County under-sixteen and under eighteen Championship. Taitníonn cispheil agus sacar léi.</p>	
<p><b>17. Jenny O'Halloran</b> Portroe</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented her club at under sixteen and Intermediate level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship, County under-sixteen and Intermediate Championship. Taitníonn cispheil agus sacar léi.</p>	<p><b>18. Moira Ryan</b> Clonoulty Rossmore</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior and 1 Minor Championship. Imríonn sí chomh maith le Ursulaire Convent, Dúrlas Éile. Imríonn sí hacal chomh maith.</p>	
<p><b>19. Deirdre Delaney</b> Drom Inch</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. 1 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges with I.T. Phortlárige.</p>	<p><b>20. Mary Rose Ryan</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor and under eighteen level.</p> <p>Honours won: 1 Cúige Mumhan Junior Championship. 1 All-Ireland Colleges. County Championship at every level.</p>	



### An Fhoireann Bhainistíochta

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(Martin Browne)  
An Bainisteoir

Briainín Uí Dhubháda (Bernie Dowd)  
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Damhnait de Faoite (Dympna Whyte)  
Breandán Ó Murchú (Brendan Murphy)



# Cill Chainnigh

Dubh agus Ómra

## Foras na Gaeilge

## Tiobraid Árann

Gorm agus Órga



1 Caitriona Ní Riain Catherine Ryan Tullagher	2 Maire Ní Mheachair Marie Maher Freshford	3 Sinéad Ní Coistealbha Sinéad Costelloe Freshford	4 Mairéad Ní Coistealbha Mairéad Costelloe Freshford Captan	5 Sinéad Ní Nialláin Sinéad Nealon Burgess	6 Ciarra Nig Fhionnbhairr Ciara Gaynor Kilruane McDonagh	7 Treasa Ní Bhroithe Therese Brophy Burgess	8 Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh Suzanne Kelly Toomevara	9 Filimín Ní Fhógartaigh Philly Fogarty Cashel	10 Eimilé Ní Eideáin Emily Hayden Cashel Captan	11 Noelle Ní Chinnéide Noelle Kennedy Toomevara	12 Siobhán Ní Riain Joanne Ryan Drom/Inch	13 Eimhear Ní Domhnaill Emer McDonnell Burgess	14 Deirdre Ní Aodha Deirdre Hughes Toomevara	15 Clár Ní Ghrugáin Claire Grogan Templemore
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Ionadaithe	Comh-Bhainisteoirí
16. Jillian Dhiolún Uí Mheachair Jillian Dillon Maher, Freshford	18. Sorcha Ní Ghormáin Sarah O'Gorman, Emeralds
17. Brid Bhearnabháil Brid Barnaville, Lisdowney	19. Tracy Ní Mhaolaidh Tracy Millea, St. Brigid's
	20. Póilín Ní Cumascaigh Pauline Comerford, St. Brigid's
	Breandán Mac Uilliam (Brendan Williams) Eamonn de Brún (Ted Browne)

Ionadaithe	Bainisteoir
16. Laoighse Ní Riain Louise Ryan, Holycross	18. Niamh Ní Aracháin Niamh Harkin, Burgess
17. Sheena Ní Iomhair Sheena Howard, Burgess	19. Gráinne Ní Sheanacháin Gráinne Shanahan, Toomevara
	20. Laoighse de Siún Louise Young, Templemore
	Micheál Ó Cléirigh (Michael Cleary)

Gabhtar buíochas le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir Páirc an Chrónaigh ar fáil dúinn

## Na Réiteoirí

### Cluiche Ceannais na Sinsear

Áine Derham, Áth Cliath

Don séu huair atá Áine i bhfeighil na feadóige ag Cluiche Ceannais na Sinsear. As well as five Senior Finals, Áine has refereed at all levels of the Association, including the Finals of all national competitions. Imríonn sí a cuid camógaíochta le Cumann Celtic, Áth Cliath.

Áine has also given of her time to administration as an Officer and Referee Trainer to Coiste Átha Cliath.

Ionadaí: Seán Ó Briain, Loch Garman

### Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear

Na Maoir Chúil

Mairéad Ní Aoidh  
Caitlín Mhic Conchoille  
Briainín Ní Giolla Bhride  
Róis Áine Ní Mhurchú  
(Ardmhacha)

Na Maoir Line

Rita Mhic Craith, Iarmhíche  
Róisín Ní Gabhann, Iarmhíche

Na Maoir Chúil  
Gráinne de Búrca  
Caitriona Ní Chaoineabháin  
Brenda de Craig  
Val Ní Dhonnchadha  
(Áth Cliath)

Na Maoir Line  
Seán Ó Briain, Loch Garman  
Aileen Uí Leathlobhair, Iarmhíche

Aoife Ní Conchoille, Ardmhacha

Is í seo an chéad uair d'Aoife bheith i lár baill ar Lá na gCluiche Ceannais i bPáirc an Chrónaigh. Although this is Aoife's first Junior Championship Final, she has been refereeing at national level since 1997. She was in charge of the Junior National League and Minor Championship Finals in 2000 and has also refereed at Gael Linn Interprovincial level.

Imríonn Aoife le Cumann Mochua agus is iar-imreoir de chuid Q.U.B. í.

Ionadaí: Rita Mhic Craith, Iarmhíche

Cuirtear fíor-chaoiín fáilte roimh na Réiteoirí, roimh a gcuid Ionadaithe agus roimh na Maoir uilig. Go n-éirí go geal leo.

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Those of us lucky enough to be sharing this day with Tipperary and Kilkenny are watching Camogie at a groundbreaking moment.

In three short years the game has made enormous strides. It has modernised itself by revamping its rules, broadening its outlook and with it, the image which is vital to attracting new blood and sustaining it.

After a two-year experiment with the 15-woman game, a "Special Congress" here in Croke Park last October made it permanent. No better decision was ever made. Clubs may worry about finding three extra players but the bigger pitch, to this observer at least, seems to have radically changed the way camogie is played. No longer do we have those endless, crowded fumbles on boggy ground that put off the unconverted.

Now women seem quicker, eager even, to get the ball in hand as soon as possible and use the expanded space, producing a faster, more visually exciting game. And it seems no coincidence that Tipperary, coached by a former hurling star, have embraced this new free-running style better than most to win the last two All-Irelands.

Progress in the boardroom hasn't stopped there. The "Back Door" arrived this year as did the advantage rule (at last!) and penalties. I'd go one further. With just nine senior teams, why not play a real competitive Championship? Why not split them into two groups for a round-robin League-style All-Ireland series with four to qualify to the semi-finals? For too long the anti-women's brigade could say: Sure, you can win an All Ireland with just three games, that's nothing compared to the men's. Expand the competition and their argument founders. And I'll bet you won't find a player who'd complain.

Camogie has improved radically, not because women have aped the men's game but because they have realised how to take its best aspects and adapt them to their needs. It has kept out the rough stuff, on and off-the-ball, and long may that continue.

But a word of warning about a recent event which is becoming all too common in the men's game and one camogie would do well to stamp out.

Before their replay against Tipperary, Cork lost a key player to injury but kept it secret. They actually named her in their team and in the match programme, even though she had absolutely no hope of playing. Cork will say they had their reasons, no doubt of a psychological nature. But, in trying to dupe Tipperary, they duped a lot more besides. They duped their own fans, their governing body and they duped the media (who, remember, are trying to write relevant match previews) and, in women's sport, where getting media coverage is such a struggle, getting people's backs up is the last thing you need.

# Tiobraid Árann



*ar chúil (ó chlé):* S. Ní Riain, L. de Búrca, S. Ní Alluráin, S. Ní Iomhair, L. de Siún, L. Ní Conchoille, G. Ní Sheanacháin, S. Ní Riain, T. Ní Bhróithe, C. Ní Ghrugáin, S. Ní Cheallaigh, C. Ní Mhadáin, C. Ní Fhionnbhair, N. Ní Dhuibhir, N. Ní Chonghaile.  
*chun tosaigh (ó chlé):* L. Ní Riain, N. Ní Earacháin, S. Ní Dhubhshláine, Ú. Ní Dhuibhir, E. Ní Domhnaill, D. Ní Aodha, F. Ní Fhógartaigh, P. Bhulfin, S. Ní Nialláin, E. Ní Eideáin, *Captaen*, N. Ní Chinnéide, J. Ní Dhubhshláine.

# Cill Chainnigh



*ar chúil (ó chlé):* B. Ní Mhaolalaidh, M. Ní Mheachair, E. Ní Chinnéide, S. Ní Mhaolaidh, K. Ní Longáin, I. Ní Chinnéide, É. Ní Loinn.  
*chun tosaigh (ó chlé):* S. Ní Coistealbha, B. Ní Ghrianáin, C. Ní Dhochartaigh, M. Ní Coistealbha, *Captaen*, M. Ní Mheachair, A. Ní Náraithe, E. Ní Mheachair, B. Bhearnabháil.

## Sinsir Chill Chainnigh

<p><b>1. Caitriona Ryan</b> Tullagher</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented her College on Corn Purséil Combined team</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Ba mhór ar fad aici é an chéad cheann a bhuaicinn inu.</p>	<p><b>2. Marie Maher</b> Freshford</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Cill Chainnigh at under-fourteen, Minor and Junior level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 1 Senior, 1 Minor 2 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p>	<p><b>3. Sinéad Costelloe</b> Freshford</p> <p>Season: 9th Represented Cill Chainnigh at under-fourteen, Minor and Junior level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 1 Senior, 1 Minor 1 Senior Colleges</p>
<p><b>5. Esther Kennedy</b> Freshford</p> <p>Season: 7th Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 1 Senior, 1 Minor</p> <p>Represented Cill Chainnigh at under-fourteen, Minor and Junior level</p>	<p><b>6. Kelly Long</b> Lisdowney</p> <p>Season: 7th Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Tá sí ag tréith le ceann inu. 1 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges</p> <p>Represented Cill Chainnigh at under-fourteen, Minor and Junior level</p>	<p><b>An Captaen</b> <b>4. Mairéad Nic Colistealbha</b> Mairéad Costelloe, St. Lachtain's</p> <p>Is í seo an séú bliain do Mhairéad bheith ag imirt le foireann na Sinsir. She has represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level.</p> <p>Mairéad would be very proud to accept Corn Ula Dubhthaigh today and, with her sister Sinéad and cousin Martina Maher, to win an All-Ireland medal. Even more proud would be their mothers, twin sisters Maura and Breda Cassin, who also wore the black and amber with distinction.</p> <p>Mór-lion de bhoinn atá buaite lena club aici - seventeen county championship medals at different levels and one Leinster Club Championship. Tá boinn buaite chomh maith lena Bunscoil, lena hArdshcoil agus lena Coláiste ag an dTríú leibhéal aici</p>
<p><b>7. Edel Maher</b> St. Anne's</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Cill Chainnigh at under-fourteen, Minor and under-18 level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Ba mhór ar fad aici é an chéad cheann a bhuaicinn inu.</p> <p>Bhuaic si Féile na nGael lena club.</p>	<p><b>8. Brigid Mullaly</b> Glenmore</p> <p>Season: 10th Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 3 Senior, 2 Minor, 2 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges</p> <p>Bhuaic si comórtas na Scolaí na bhFéile na nGael.</p>	
<p><b>9. Lizzie Lyng</b> Rower-Inistioge</p> <p>Season: 3rd Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Tá sí ag tréith le ceann inu</p> <p>Represented Cill Chainnigh at under-fourteen, Minor and Junior level</p>	<p><b>10. Sinéad Millea</b> St. Brigid's</p> <p>Season: 11th Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 3 Minor 1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges 1 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde, 1 Combined, Third Level Colleges</p>	<p><b>11. Martina Maher</b> Freshford</p> <p>Season: 5th Represented Cúige Laighean at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Ba mhór ar fad aici é an chéad cheann a bhuaicinn inu.</p> <p>1 Senior Colleges</p>

## Sinsir Chill Chainnigh

<p><b>12. Imelda Kennedy</b> St. Lachtain's</p> <p>Season: 5th Represented Cill Chainnigh at under fourteen, Minor and Junior level.</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 1 Senior, 1 Minor</p> <p>1 Senior Colleges</p> <p>Bhuaic si Féile na nGael lena club</p>	<p><b>13. Catherine Doherty</b> St. Anne's</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented her College at Third level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Seans go mbeidh bonn aici inu. 1 Senior B Colleges 1 Camáint under-12 Gaelic Games scholarship to I.T. Cheatharlach</p>	<p><b>14. Aoife Neary</b> James Stephens</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented Cill Chainnigh at under fourteen level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Tá sí aici bonn a bhuaicinn inu. 1 Senior Colleges</p> <p>Buaiteoir faoi-16 i gCrabhothmórtas Eileiceige Cúige Laighean</p>
 <p>Mairéad Nic Colistealbha, Cill Chainnigh captaen.</p>	<p><b>15. Marina Downey</b> Lisdowney</p> <p>Season: 15th Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 5 Senior, 1 All-Ireland Club</p> <p>Holds the highest number of All-Ireland medals among today's players and is the longest-serving player.</p>	<p><b>16. Jillian Dillon Maher</b> St. Lachtain's</p> <p>Season: 12th Ina captaen i 1999. Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 3 Senior, 2 Minor</p> <p>Na capall is ansa lei. Guilear gach rath agus séan ar an leath nua</p>
<p><b>An Fhoireann Bhainistíochta</b> <b>Breandán Mac Uilliam</b> (Brendan Williams)</p> <p><b>Eamonn de Brún</b> (Ted Browne)</p> <p><b>Comh-Bhainisteoirí</b></p>	<p><b>17. Brigid Barnaville</b> Lisdowney</p> <p>Season: 11th Represented Cúige Laighean at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 2 Minor, 1 Club</p> <p>Cúibaire agus lán-chúil den chéad scoth i</p>	<p><b>18. Sarah O'Gorman</b> Emerald's</p> <p>Season: 3rd Represented Cill Chainnigh at under-14 and Minor level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Ba mhór ar fad aici é bonn a bhuaicinn inu.</p> <p>Cúige Laighean Colleges medals agus 'Imreoir na Bliana' sa scol aici féin i 1998 agus 2001</p>
	<p><b>19. Tracy Millea</b> St. Brigid's</p> <p>Season: 11th Represented Cúige Laighean at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 2 Minor</p> <p>Is deirfiúracha iad Tracy agus Sinéad. Tracy presents the RTE G.A.A. "Sunday Game" Championship draws.</p>	<p><b>20. Pauline Comerford</b> St. Brigid's</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Combined Third Level Colleges</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: Ag tréith le bonn inu. 1 Senior Colleges</p> <p>Bonn Pan Chéileach cheana féin aici, agus bonn 'Foas na Gaeilge' atá inu uathí</p>

## Sinsir Thiobraid Árann

<p><b>1. Jovita Delaney</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 12th Ina captaen agus ina 'Imreora na Bliana' i 2000. Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, 1 Minor, 1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p> <p>Imríonn si Cispheil agus badminton.</p>	<p><b>2. Paula Bulfin</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 1 Senior, 1 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges</p> <p>Imríonn si Peil agus Sacar.</p>	<p><b>3. Úna O'Dwyer</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 5th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, 1 Minor</p> <p>d'imir si le Coláiste na hOilscoile, Corcaigh.</p> <p>Imríonn si Cispheil agus sacar</p>
<p><b>4. Claire Madden</b> Portroe</p> <p>Season: 12th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, 1 Minor</p> <p>Imríonn si Peil agus Cispheil.</p>	<p><b>5. Sinéad Nealon</b> Burgess</p> <p>Season: 11th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, 1 Minor</p> <p>1 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges with W.I.T.</p> <p>Snámh agus sciall is ansa lei.</p>	<p><b>An Captaen</b> <b>10. Eimilé Ní Eideáin</b> Emily Hayden, Cashel</p> <p>Ba mhór ar fad ag Emily é Corn Ula Dubhthaigh a bhuaicinn don tríú huair as a chéile, go háirithe agus i féin ina captaen. The 1999 and 2000 victorious captain were also from the Cashel Club, and Emily is determined to continue with the tradition. This is her fifth season. Emily has represented her county at Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior level, and her province at Junior and Senior level. She represented her school at Junior and Senior level and is also playing with her College, I.T. Cheatharlach.</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior, 1 Minor, 1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p> <p>Cuireann si suim i ngail agus i sacar.</p>
<p><b>6. Clara Gaynor</b> Kilruane McDonagh</p> <p>Season: 5th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 2 Minor</p> <p>Cuireann si suim i marcalocht.</p>	<p><b>7. Therese Brophy</b> Burgess</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 2 Minor</p> <p>2 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges with U.C.C.</p> <p>Scáit, pionsóireacht agus Formula 1 a thainníonn lei.</p>	
<p><b>8. Suzanne Kelly</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 8th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Minor</p> <p>1 Senior &amp; 2 Junior Colleges. 1 Corn Purséil Third Level Colleges with Mairéad gan Smál, Lunnéach.</p> <p>Réir na gCon is ansa lei.</p>	<p><b>9. Philly Fogarty</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 5th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior</p> <p>d'imir si ar fhoireann idir-chontae na Mionúir agus na Sóisear.</p> <p>Cuireann si suim i gCispheil agus i bPeil.</p>	<p><b>11. Noelle Kennedy</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 10th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior</p> <p>1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p> <p>Cuireann si suim i sacar.</p>

## Sinsir Thiobraid Árann

<p><b>12. Joanne Ryan</b> Dromlinch</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 1 Senior</p> <p>1 Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde Third Level Colleges</p> <p>Marcalocht agus snámh a thainníonn lei</p>	<p><b>13. Eimear McDonnell</b> Burgess</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Junior, 1 Minor</p> <p>1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p> <p>Marcalocht a thainníonn lei.</p>	<p><b>14. Deirdre Hughes</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 12th 'Imreoir na Bliana', 1999. Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior</p> <p>1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p> <p>Imríonn si hacail le Cúige Mumhan agus tá suim i sacar aici</p>
 <p>Eimilé Ní Eideáin, Tiobraid Árann captaen</p>	<p><b>15. Claire Grogan</b> Cashel</p> <p>Season: 2nd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Minor level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 1 Senior</p> <p>d'imir si lena Club i bhFéile na nGael</p> <p>Imríonn si gailf.</p>	<p><b>16. Louise Ryan</b> Hollycross</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior</p> <p>Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior A Hockey</p> <p>Imríonn si Cispheil.</p>
<p><b>An Fhoireann Bhainistíochta</b> <b>Micheál Ó Cléirigh</b> (Michael Cleary)</p> <p><b>An Bainisteoir</b> <b>Brid Mhic Philib</b> (Biddy Phillips)</p> <p><b>Séamas Ó Madáin</b> (Jim Madden)</p>	<p><b>17. Sheena Howard</b> Burgess</p> <p>Season: 4th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior</p> <p>1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p> <p>Tugtha don léitheoireacht atá sí</p>	<p><b>18. Niamh Harkin</b> Dromlinch</p> <p>Season: 5th Represented Cúige Mumhan at Senior and Junior level in Gael Linn</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Junior, 1 Minor</p> <p>Féile na nGael Skills winner 1996</p> <p>Bailé agus marcalocht is ansa lei</p>
	<p><b>19. Gráinne Shanahan</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 3rd Represented Tiobraid Árann at Junior and Minor level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: 2 Senior, 1 Junior, 1 Minor</p> <p>1 Senior &amp; 1 Junior Colleges</p> <p>Tá boinn Uile-Eireann eile buaite chomh maith aici. She has won three All-Ireland Racquet ball medals.</p>	<p><b>20. Louise Young</b> Toomevara</p> <p>Season: 1st Represented Tiobraid Árann at Junior and Minor level</p> <p>All-Ireland Championship medals: ag tréith atá sí lena céad bhoon a bhuaicinn inu.</p> <p>Cispheil, Peil agus Go-Karting a thainníonn lei.</p>

# Stunning win for classy Tipp as Cats taken to the cleaners

**Tipperary**

**4-13**

**Kilkenny**

**1-6**

**TEAM:** J. Delaney, P. Bullin, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, S. Kelly, P. Fogarty, J. Ryan, E. Hayden (capt.), N. Kennedy, C. Grogan, D. Hughes, E. McDonnell, Sub: R. Harlin for P. Fogarty, G. Shanahan for C. Grogan and S. Hayden for P. Bullin (55th minute).  
**SCORES:** D. Hughes 2-2; E. McDonnell and C. Grogan 1-2 each; N. Kennedy 0-5 (5-4 free, 0-1, 4ft); P. Fogarty and G. Shanahan 0-1 each.

**TEAM:** C. Ryan, M. Maher, S. Connolly, M. Costelloe (capt.), E. Kennedy, K. Long, E. Maher, B. Mullaly, L. Lyng, S. Millea, M. Maher, I. Kennedy, C. Doherty, A. Neary, M. Downey, Sub: J. Dillon for E. Maher (25th minute); M. Lawlor for M. Maher (33rd); F. Dowling for E. Long (56th).  
**SCORES:** S. Millea 1-2 (free); L. Lyng, B. Mullaly, M. Maher and M. Downey 0-1 each.

**Referee:** A. Derham (Dublin).

**Jim O'Sullivan**

**Croke Park**

MICHAEL CLEARY was joking when he told one of his interviewers on the field in Croke Park yesterday they were out of adjectives.

Tipperary's runaway victory was stunning in its execution. Two goals scored in rapid succession near the end of the first quarter helped inspire it, a third nearing the break further undermined the challengers and a fourth six minutes after the resumption spelt disaster for them.

In between, the champions were devastating.

Measured against their record over the two decades, this was a massive achievement for Tipp. In between defeat in 1984 and a winning appearance in their next final in 1999, there was a period when the county competed in junior ranks, before an intermediate success five years ago heralded a new era. Cleary, who has had a vital role to play as manager, attributes it to having an outstanding team. "I have been continually saying this over the last three years."

Star centre-back Ciara Gaynor rejoiced in the fact that the team had shown its class, agreeing that their good start was important. Eddie Kher, brought in recently to help with Kilkenny's preparations, felt that the champions had been fantastic, in every department. "We have a young team coming through with a lot of skill, but Tipperary have experience and skill and their team play as absolutely phenomenal," he said.

Opting to play against the wind after they had won the toss, Kilkenny

were under pressure from the start, conceding two points from Noelle Kennedy frees in the opening two minutes. Four minutes later it was 0-3 to 0-1 and, while they had their backs to the wall, Kilkenny were coping well in defence, with Brigid Mullally prominent at midfield, their full-back trio strong, and, keeper Catherine Ryan bringing off a double save from Emer McDonnell and Claire Grogan. However, the trend of the game was to alter dramatically after the first of the Tipperary goals, from Grogan in the 10th minute.

Newcomer Joanne Ryan was doing great work on the right wing, McDonnell exerted a strong influence in the left corner, and in time outstanding full-forward Deirdre Hughes and 15 year-old Grogan were to consolidate that advantage with clever and skilful play. After Hughes goaled in the 11th minute, Tipp had a nine points lead and their powerful play all over the field was intimidating.

Interestingly, while they were not to score again until the 26th minute — which reflected the determined play of the Kilkenny backs — their grip on the game was almost guaranteed. Therese Brophy was first to shine, at left-half (and did so consistently), and once Sinead Nealon and Ciara Gaynor found their form at half-back, Kilkenny's forwards were



Kilkenny's Sinead Millea bursts past Tipp's Ciara Gaynor in the All-Ireland senior camogie final.

Picture: Ingho

severely limited — apart from Sinead Millea, Aoife Neary and later Marina Downey. Tipperary's forwards demonstrated their class with a marvellous goal, scored by McDonnell in the 31st minute which came from a superb Hughes/Kennedy move. It left the score at break 3-6 to 0-4.

Grogan set up Hughes for the fourth goal in the 36th minute, and while Kilkenny increased their effort, progress was minimal — with Nearly

denied a certain goal in the 44th minute by the excellence of Jovita Delaney. Sinead Nealon was to do marvellous work in defence, while Gaynor's courage saw her block a goal chance before Hughes was foiled in her bid for a hat-trick of goals by another good save from Catherine Ryan.

The game was nearing its end when Kilkenny had the ball in the net, from a powerfully struck free by

Sinead Millea, but, it was a poor consolation.

The excellent refereeing of Aine Derham, in her sixth senior final, reflected her experience. She controlled the game sensibly, assisted by the positive approach of the teams.

A crowd 16,453 attended.

A minute's silence was observed before the start, in remembrance of the victims of the American atrocities last week.



Tipperary's All-Ireland winning captains, Trish O'Halloran, Portroe (Junior) and Emily Hayden (Senior) Cashesel proudly raise the New Ireland and O'Duffy Cups after Sunday's double camogie triumph in Croke Park. Picture: Bridget Delaney.



Tipperary's latest All-Ireland-winning captains, Emily Hayden from Cashesel with the O'Duffy Cup for Senior Camogie and Tricia O'Halloran from Portroe with the New Ireland Cup for Junior Camogie, pictured at the homecoming celebration in Cashesel on Monday night.

# Tipperary's fairytale continues

**TIPPERARY 4-13**  
**KILKENNY 1-6**

THE fanfare continued for Tipperary, this time in the canogie mode when the girls from the Premier county completed a three-in-a-row at Croke Park yesterday.

It was a final triumph that Tipp will cherish and that Kilkenny will want to forget.

Kilkenny manager Brendan Williams, who shares the post with Ted Browne, summed up Kilkenny's dilemma when ruing such a humiliating defeat on final day.

"We were denied the opportunity to field our best teams in the League and what we saw here today reflected our poor League campaign," said Williams.

Tipperary, playing with the wind in the first half streaked away into an 11 points half-time advantage.

When Emer McDonnell rounded off a tremendous movement, involving Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy, for Tipperary's third goal just on half-time the show was over for Kilkenny.

Williams conceded: "We were beaten by a far better

team on the day and have no excuses really."

His counterpart Michael Cleary was overawed by his team's performance. He said: "It's great to be a Tipperary person these days. I am in awe of this exceptionally good team. They seem to possess all the attributes."

Tipp hit a purple patch during a three minute spell from the ninth to the 12th minute of the first half when first Claire Grogan and then Deirdre Hughes smashed home excellent goals before Hughes emerged again with a sparkling point.

This seven points barrage rocked Kilkenny and they never recovered.

The Tipperary half-backs Sinead Nealon, Clara Gaynor and Therese Brophy presented the Kilkenny attack with an enormous task.

Sinead Millea was their only forward to score by half time and even one of her two points came off a placed ball.

Early on Brigid Mullaly and Lizzie Lyng were showing promising form in mid-field and in fairness to them they shared two of Kilkenny's four first half points.

The prospect of playing with the wind in the second

half created some optimism among Kilkenny supporters in the 16,000 crowd. But Tipperary struck first on resuming with Emer McDonnell and Claire Grogan rapping over two excellent points within two minutes.

Noelle Kennedy, the accurate Tipperary centre-forward went on to compile five points from frees but the Tipp full-forward line was as effective as their half-back line with Emer McDonnell, Hughes and Grogan compiling four goals and six points between them.

Tipperary's Joanne Ryan at left half-forward may not have got on to the scoreboard but she was so busy down the left flank that she was in contention for the "Player of the Match."

**SCORERS** — Tipperary: D Hughes 2-2, N Kennedy 0-5 (5f), E McDonnell, C Grogan 1-2 each, P Fogarty, G Shanahan 0-1 each. Kilkenny: S Millea 1-2 (1-1 f), Martina Maher, M Downey, B Mullaly, L Lyng 0-1 each.

**TIPPERARY** — J Delaney, P Bullin, U O'Dwyer, C Madden, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy, S Kelly, P Fogarty, E Hayden, N Kennedy, J Ryan, E McDonnell, D Hughes, C Grogan. Sub: G Shanahan for Grogan, S Howard for Bullin, N Harkin for Fogarty (all 55 mins).

**KILKENNY** — C Ryan, Marie Maher, S Costelloe, M Costelloe, E Kennedy, K Long, E Maher, B Mullaly, L Lyng, S Millea, Martina Maher, I Kennedy, C Doherty, A Heary, M Downey. Sub: J Dillon-Maher for E Maher (23).

REF — A Derham (Dublin).



Tipperary captain Emily Hayden holds aloft the winners trophy after her side's victory over Kilkenny in yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final in Croke Park. Picture: Frank McGrath

## Proud Premier County double up in junior decider

**TIPPERARY 4-16**  
**OFFALY 1-7**

TERRIFIC Tipperary captured the All-Ireland junior camogie title at Croke Park yesterday on a double day for the Premier County.

Cork were the last team to achieve such a feat, back in 1983.

It was disastrous day for the Leinster champions with their dreams dashed early on.

By half-time they trailed 2-9 to 0-4.

All six Tipperary for-

wards registered scores. Offaly got off to a disastrous start, conceding two goals to Tipperary's Lena Woods and Louise Young.

Tipp's Siobhan Ryan finished the day as top scorer on 0-8, five of them from frees.

There was some light at

the end of the tunnel for Offaly when Sharon Daly followed in from a Sharon Davis free for a goal.

Despite the best intentions of Davis, arguably Offaly's best performer on the day, Tipperary were able to add two more goals in the second-half through

captain Trish O' Halloran and corner forward Linda Grogan.

**SCORERS** — Tipperary: S Ryan 0-8 (5f), L Young, L Woods 1-2 and L Grogan 1-2 each, T O'Halloran 1-1, H Grogan 0-1. Offaly: S Daly 1-1, M Lynch 0-3, M Davis 0-3 (1 45).

**TIPPERARY** — S O'Brien, S Ralph, H Breen, D McDonnell, M Corcoran, N O'Dwyer, N Connolly, L Bourke, J Delaney, T O'Halloran, L Young, H

Grogan, L Woods, S Ryan, L Grogan. Sub: P Ryan for S O'Brien, M Rose Ryan for Ralph, M Ryan for L Grogan, D Delaney for J Delaney (all 55).

**OFFALY** — F McLeish, C Byrne, A Kelly, C Carroll, M Molloy, M Bergin, M Cunniff, A Glennon, M Wier, S Carroll, M Davis, E Dermody, J Feighery, M Lynch, S Daly. Sub: O Carey for S Carroll, S Sullivan for C Carroll, T Keohane for E Dermody, A Hennessy for A Glennon.

REF — A Nic Conchola (Armagh).



Tipperary camogie stars Emily Hayden (captain), Grainne Shanahan and Deirdre Hughes parade the O'Duffy Cup in front of their supporters, after they had won the title for the third year in-a-row at Croke Park last Sunday when they beat Kilkenny in the final.



Tipperary's Therese Brophy in action during Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final against Kilkenny at Croke Park.



Emer McDonnell of Tipperary goes on a solo run to set up another score for her team against Kilkenny during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. — (Photograph: Cyril Byrne).

# Tipperary romp to third title in-a-row

Pat Roche at Croke Park

Tipperary	4-13
Kilkenny	1-6

"IT'S great to be a Tipperary person these days" was the instant reaction of Tipperary manager Michael Cleary, after watching his side romp to a three-in-a-row All-Ireland senior camogie success before a crowd of 16,354 at Croke Park yesterday.

"I'm in awe of this team," said Cleary. "They seem to possess all the attributes, skills, attitude, commitment and hunger."

Playing at the heart of the Tipperary defence, Ciara Gaynor didn't think it was all that easy, saying: "Maybe on the scoreboard at the finish but I can tell you I have the bruises and cuts to show how hard it was."

The Leinster champions, when assisted by the wind, could manage only a couple of points in the third quarter before Sinead Millea scored a late consolation goal from a free near the end.

Although 11 points down at half-time, Kilkenny were expected to make inroads when wind assisted in the second period but it was Tipperary's Emer McDonnell and Claire Grogan who were the first off the mark to stretch the Munster side's lead to 13 points within a couple of minutes of the resumption.

McDonnell crashed home Tipp's third goal in the last minute of the first half. It was a beautifully contrived score with Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes prominent in the build up.

Joint Kilkenny manager Brendan Williams was not surprised by that damaging Tipperary goal that gave the winners a 3-6 to 0-4 interval lead. "For me, it was like a dam waiting to burst. We had been denied getting our best team together during the league stages and it showed here today."

Tipperary's half-back line of Sinead Nealon, Gaynor and Therese Brophy was the rock Kilkenny perished on. "It's really great to have players of the calibre of Sinead and Therese playing outside you. I would make Sinead player of the match without any hesitation," said Gaynor.

Tipperary showed from an early stage they were equally effective running at the Kilkenny defence as they were with the early ball in from mid-field. They struck a golden patch, tacking on two goals and a point

within as many minutes just before the end of the first quarter.

Kilkenny were visibly in disarray from this point at which stage they had only one point on the board. Kilkenny captain Mairead Costelloe reflected: "It was like an uphill battle for us after conceding those goals. We have young players in the side and for them it was really tough to go down like that in their first All-Ireland."

But it could have been even worse by half-time for Kilkenny. Noelle Kennedy and Claire Grogan, in turn, had struck posts with goals written all over their efforts. Grogan and Hughes put their names on the scores that so obviously had a morale-crushing effect on Kilkenny from the ninth to the 12th minute. Kennedy kept the scoring rate ticking over with deadly accuracy from frees.

Kilkenny's strategy to play Martina Downey as a roaming corner forward was not particularly significant, making matters easier for the winner's full-back line. And, it did not help Kilkenny's cause that Tipperary goalkeeper Jovita Delaney was meekly tested with some weak shots from way out that fell short. When Delaney's ability as a stopper was put to the test by Aoife Neary, the Cashel player proved equal to the task with a terrific save in the last quarter.

What Kilkenny really lacked was the sort of drive in attack that Tipperary raiders provided. By half-time only Sinead Millea, of their front six forwards had scored.

"Nobody can doubt us now," said Gaynor. Nobody indeed.

**TIPPERARY:** J. Delaney; P. Bullin, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden; S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy; S. Kelly, P. Fogarty (0-1); E. Hayden, N. Kennedy (0-5 frees), J. Ryan; E. McDonnell (1-2), D. Hughes (2-2), C. Grogan (1-2). Subs: G. Shanahan (0-1) for Grogan (56 mins), S. Howard for Bullin (56 mins), N. Harkin for Fogarty (56 mins).

**KILKENNY:** C. Ryan; Marie Maher, S. Costelloe, M. Costelloe; E. Kennedy, K. Long, E. Maher, B. Mulally (0-1), L. Lyng (0-1); S. Millea (1-2, goal and a point, frees), Martina Maher (0-1), I. Kennedy, C. Doherty, A. Neary, M. Downey (0-1). Subs: J. Dillon for Edel Maher (25 mins).

Referee: A. Deham (Dublin)

## Juniors show how it is done

ALL six of the Tipperary forwards got their names on the scoreboard as the juniors captured the county's second All-Ireland Camogie title in Croke Park yesterday.

Their win completed the first leg of a historic double as Tipperary joined Cork as winners of both junior and senior titles in the same year.

The wind, though difficult to deal with, was partially in Offaly's favour in the first half but they had a disastrous start, conceding two goals in the first five minutes, with Lena Woods and Louise Young the scorers.

Offaly then attempted to curb their

Tipperary	4-16
Offaly	1-7

opponents' influence by condensing the midfield but by half time they were already trailing 2-9 to 0-4.

**TIPPERARY:** S. O'Brien; S. Ralph, H. Brown, D. McDonnell; M. Corcoran, N. O'Dwyer, N. Connolly; L. Bourke, J. Delaney; T. O'Halloran (1-1), L. Young (1-2), H. Grogan (0-1); L. Woods (1-2), S. Ryan (0-5, 5 frees), L. Grogan (1-2). Replacements: P. Ryan for S. O'Brien, M. Ryan for Ralph, M. Ryan for L. Grogan, D. Delaney for J. Delaney (all 55 minutes).

**OFFALY:** F. McLeish; C. Byrne, A. Kelly, C. Carroll; M. Molloy, M. Bergin, M. Cleary; A. Glennon, M. Wyr; S. Carroll, M. Davis (0-3, one '45), E. Dermody, J. Feighery,

M. Lynch (0-3), S. Daly (1-1). Replacements: O. Carey for S. Carroll, S. Sullivan for C. Carroll, T. Keohane for E. Dermody, A. Hennessy for A. Glennon.  
Referee: A. Nic Conchelle (Armagh)

**WOMEN'S FOOTBALL:** Despite a determined second-half fight-back by Tyrone, Laois deservedly earned a place in the All-Ireland final with a 3-10 to 2-6 victory.

The Leinster women laid the groundwork for their success during a five-minute period in the first half when they notched up 2-2 without reply, to set up a final meeting against Mayo in two weeks' time.

But Tyrone were not going to give

in that easily and in a tremendous second-half fightback they steadily cut into the lead, reducing it to four points at one stage.

But the damage had been done and the Ulster champions were unable to make up the deficit.

Player of the match Margaret Phelan was a tower of strength in the midlanders' defence, which was breached twice by Lisa McGirr and Catriona Murphy.

**SCORERS:** Laois - M. Kieran 2-5, K. O'Reilly 1-0, S. Ramsbottom 0-3, M. Casey, T. Lawlor 0-1 each; Tyrone - C. Murphy 1-2, L. McGirr 1-1, S. McGirr, L. Hughes, C. McCullagh 0-1 each.

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RESPECT: Players and officials stand for a minute's silence in memory of the terrorists attacks on United States

# TIPP'S GIRLS HIT A TREBLE

IT ALL seemed so easy for Tipperary as they blasted past Kilkenny and onto a three in a row of All Ireland titles at yesterday's senior camogie final in Croke Park.

There was no way that the premier county were going to be denied a men's/women's double for the first time in history as they simply outclassed a

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PETER SWEENEY**

sorry looking Kilkenny.

The Cats kept plugging away until the bitter end, but it was clear that this game was over even before the half time whistle as an eleven point gap was open by that stage.

"No way did we expect to win by so much," admitted a happy but somewhat shocked Tipp captain Emily Hayden.

"But we got a good start which helped and we just went from there."

"That performance showed the determination and character that this team has."

The champions started in determined fashion to race into a 0-3 to 0-1 lead.

## Finally

And it wasn't long before they finally raised the green flag — Noelle Kennedy was polaxed just as she passed the ball, referee Aine Derham waved play on and Grogan drove the ball home.

Their second fol-



CAT AND MOUSE: Emer McDonnell is tackled by Kilkenny star Esther Kennedy

## PLAYER OF THE GAME

DEIRDRE HUGHES was a constant menace with her searing speed, which left her marker trailing behind. While she also won the aerial battle on the edge of the square.

In the end Hughes finished top scorer with 2-2 from play, not bad for any final, narrowly edging out several of her teammates to take the award.



PREMIER CLASS: Paula Bulfin (right) is congratulated by Tipp official Marian Graham

lowed less than sixty seconds later when full forward Deirdre Hughes fielded a high ball on the edge of the square and hand passed to the net after loosing her hurl.

Any chance the Cats might have had died just before the break when McDonald batter home a clever flick on from centre forward Kennedy to leave

the scorers 3-6 to 0-4.

The second half was merely a formality as Tipp piled on the agony while they waited to get their hands on the coveted O'Duffy cup.

TIPPERARY: J. Delaney 5, P. Bulfin 8, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden 8, S. Neeson 9 (0-1), C. Grogan 8, T. Brophy 9, S. Kelly 8, P. Fogarty 8, E. Hayden 8, N. Kennedy 9 (0-6, 0-5), J. Ryan 8, E. McDonnell 9 (1-2), D. Hughes 9 (2-2), C. Grogan 9 (1-2). SUBS: S. Howard 6 for P. Bulfin, N. Harkin 6 for P. Fogarty, G. Shanahan 7 (0-1) for C. Grogan (56 mins). WIDES: (4) S. BOOKED: No-one. SENT OFF: No-one. ENTERTAINMENT: 8. KILKENNY: C. Ryan 8, Marie Maher 6, S. Costelloe 6, M. Costelloe 6, E. Kennedy 6, K. Long 6, E. Maher 6, B. Mullaly 6 (0-1), E. Lyng 7 (0-1), S. Miles 8 (1-2) (1-2), Martina Maher 6, I. Kennedy 6, C. Docherty 6, A. Neary 6, M. Dooney 6 (0-1). SUBS: G. Dillon 6 for E. Maher (25 mins), M. Conroy 6 for Marie Maher (31), F. Dowling 6 for K. Long (53 mins). WIDES: (2) S. BOOKED: M. Costelloe (10 mins). SENT OFF: None. ENTERTAINMENT: 6. Conditions: Sunny but blustery PITCH: Badly cut up ATTENDANCE: 10,435 REFEREE: Aine Derham - Dublin.

## Tipp juniors make it a double

Tipperary  
Offaly

4-16  
1-7

by Mark Gallagher

ANYTHING their seniors can do, their juniors can do just as well. This match was as one-sided as the game which followed, as Tipperary demolished Offaly.

And like the senior match, their full-forward was lethal. Siobhain Ryan's accuracy stood out, she nailed nine points, but either side of her, Linda Grogan and Lena Woods also impressed.

Woods went through an electric spell in the second half, which included three wonderful points while Grogan buried two goals past the hapless Offaly keeper Fiona McLeish.

As a contest, such as it was, this game effectively ended with Louise Young's goal in the fifth minute.

It put Tipperary six points ahead, but more ominously for Offaly, they were unable to move the ball into their forwards.

Young's goal was Tipp's second, as Grogan latched on to a clever Ryan pass in the first minute and belted the ball past McLeish.

After that, the match disintegrated into target practice.

Despite the efforts of Michelle Davis, Offaly only managed four points by the break, while Tipp had amassed nine points to go along with their two goals.

It could have been more, only the diminutive Offaly keeper made a couple of good saves and Grogan saw one of her shots drift inches wide.

Offaly looked more solid in the second half, but there was little they could do in the face of such skill and power. The only bright spot for faithful supporters was Sharon Daly's goal, which came in the 36th minute after Sarah O'Brien parried the initial shot from Davis.

O'Brien actually made some fine stops to deny Davis and Maggie Lynch over the course of the game, but it was all in vain.

Tipp's third goal, coming mid-way through the second half, was the best of the bunch, a well-worked move concluding in a rifle from the victorious captain Trish O'Halloran. Grogan added another goal just before the end.

Scorers: Tipperary: S. Ryan (0-3, 8 frees), L. Grogan (2-1), L. Young (1-2), T. O'Halloran (1-1), L. Woods (0-3). Offaly: S. Daly (1-1), M. Davis (0-4, 2 frees), M. Lynch (0-2). TIPPERARY: S. O'Brien; S. Ralph, H. Breen, D. McDonnell, M. Corcoran, N. O'Dwyer, N. Connolly; L. Bourke, J. Delaney; T. O'Halloran, L. Young, H. Grogan, L. Woods, S. Ryan, L. Grogan. OFFALY: F. McLeish; C. Byrne, A. Kelly, C. Carroll, M. Molloy, M. Bergis, M. Crean; A. Glennan, M. Wier; S. Carroll, M. Davis, E. Dermody, J. Feighry, M. Lynch, S. Daly. Subs: A. Hennessey, T. Keogh. Referee: A. Derham (Dublin).

# Cats can't scratch seven year itch

Tipperary.....4-13  
Kilkenny.....1-6

By Trevor Spillane

**W**ELL be back! That's the message from Kilkenny's senior camogie team after their defeat by Tipperary on Sunday at Croke Park.

The Cats will have to wait at least one more year for their 13th senior camogie All-Ireland title after they were defeated by a Tipperary team searching for their third title in a row.

The girls from the Premier County dominated from start to finish, and refused to allow Kilkenny into the game as they searched to bridge a seven year gap since their last title win in 1994.

Tipperary were quick off the mark. Some over zealous tackling by Kilkenny gave the champions two easy points through frees, both scored by Noelle Kennedy. Philly Fogarty quickly added a third point for Tipp, before Kilkenny got in on the act with a Lizzie Lyng point.

The opening seven minutes or so had been promising, as both teams probed in search of defensive lapses.

## Punished

Unfortunately, it was Tipperary who found the gaps and they punished Kilkenny with a brief and merciless scoring spree.

The first goal came in the ninth minute when Noelle Kennedy caught a Marie Maher clearance and soloed through the Kilkenny defence. After riding a number of challenges, she handpassed to Claire Grogan, who made no mistake from point blank range.

Tipp struck again two minutes later when Deirdre Hughes caught a

long delivery from Ciara Gaynor, turned and handpassed the sliothar to the net. She added a point from an acute angle seconds later to give Tipp a 2-4 to 0-1 lead.

Kilkenny dug in deep and points followed from Brigid Mullally and Sinead Millea, but Tipp replied with a 26th minute point from Claire Grogan. Kilkenny replied with a 45 from Sinead Millea, but they hit by another Tipp broadside before the break.

Noelle Kennedy fired over another free for Tipp to stretch their lead once more. Then they struck an injury time dagger into Kilkenny hearts.

Kilkenny had been under the cosh as the game slipped into extra time, but they looked surviving the ordeal when another Tipp attack spilled over the sideline.

## Attack

Esther Kennedy took the line ball, but before Kilkenny could mount an attack of their own they were put on the backfoot by the onrushing Deirdre Hughes.

Some good interlinking play between Hughes and Noelle Kennedy saw the ball end up at the feet of Emer McDonnell, who had time and space to fire home past Catherine Ryan.

It had been a harsh first half for the Cats, who were simply not allowed time to settle on the ball. The large crowd of Kilkenny supporters who travelled to the match hoped for better things in the second half, but alas, it was not to be.

Kilkenny needed a big start to the new half in order to make any mark on the game, but they were simply outgunned by the resurgent Tipp.

It took only a matter of seconds for Emer McDonnell to add another

point to the Tipp tally, before like scores followed from Claire Grogan and Noelle Kennedy.

Kilkenny, who had introduced former captain Jillian Dillon Maher to the fray in the first half, brought on Mairead Lawler in an attempt to stem the flow of Tipp scores. But still they could find no solution to their main problem of the day - Tipp's full-forward Deirdre Hughes.

Hughes was a real handful all day and to prove it she struck another goal for Tipp on 35 minutes. A good solo run and burst of pace brought Emer McDonnell right into the Kilkenny danger zone.

She unselfishly passed to Hughes, who rifled a shot to the net. Another point for Noelle Kennedy, and Kilkenny were really on the rack.

Despite the large gap, Kilkenny kept plugging away in search of scores. Sinead Millea put over another free, while Marina Downey also raised the white flag, following some good work by Jillian Dillon Maher and Lizzie Lyng.

Brigid Mullally and Dillon Maher combined to unlock the Tipp defence in the 44th minute, but Catherine Doherty's shot was well saved by Tipp keeper Jovita Delaney.

## Pressure

Whatever pressure Kilkenny exerted on Tipp evaporated when Emer McDonnell fired over a 45th minute point.

The game hit a real lull at this stage, and it wasn't until the 56th minute that the scoreboard was altered again. Tipp saw to that, as Deirdre Hughes signed off on the scoring front with another fine point.

Kilkenny did manage to breach the Tipp goal line, thanks to a late free

which Sinead Millea blasted all the way to the net. However it was purely academic. Tipp had the last say, as substitute Grainne Shanahan capped a memorable week for the Premier County with a late point.

Putting it in layman's terms, Kilkenny were simply not at the races on Sunday. They were not given time on the ball and were washed away by a Tipp side who had the greater hunger to win.

However, while the victors can celebrate now, deep in their minds they must be aware that Kilkenny will have a burning desire to avenge this heavy defeat next year.

Hell hath no fury like a scolded Cat!

## The scorers

**Tipperary** - D. Hughes (2-2), E. McDonnell, C. Grogan (1-2 each), N. Kennedy (0-5, all frees), P. Fogarty, G. Shanahan (0-1 each). **Kilkenny** - S. Millea (1-2, 1-1 frees, 0-1 45), B. Mullally, L. Lyng, I. Kennedy, M. Downey (0-1 each).

## The teams

**Tipperary** - J. Delaney, P. Bulfin, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, S. Kelly, P. Fogarty, E. Hayden, N. Kennedy, J. Ryan, E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, C. Grogan. Subs: S. Howard for P. Bulfin, N. Harkin for P. Fogarty, G. Shanahan for C. Grogan.

**Kilkenny** - C. Ryan, M. Maher, S. Costelloe, M. Costelloe, E. Kennedy, K. Long, E. Maher, B. Mullally, L. Lyng, S. Millea, M. Maher, T. Kennedy, C. Doherty, A. Neary, M. Downey. Subs: M. Lawler for M. Maher, F. Dowling for K. Long, J. Dillon Maher for E. Maher.

Referee - Aine Derham Dublin).





Style, even in defeat. . . Kilkenny's Sinead Millea shows true style in Sunday's All-Ireland final against Tipperary.

## THE WORKERS BEHIND THE SCENE

THE people who worked hard behind the scenes with the Kilkenny camogie team were:

Managers - Brendan Williams and Ted Browne.

Selectors - Maura Costelloe, Carmel Savage.

Masseur - Marita Walton.

First Aid - Teresa Dillon.

Camogie Board officers - Brendan Williams (chairman); John Minogue (vice-chairman); Sheila Dowling (secretary); Liam Dunne (treasurer); Mary Holden (registrar); Tommy O'Brien (PRO).

The heartbroken heroines. . . Kilkenny senior camogie stars Lizzie Lyng (above) and Aoife Neary cut disconsolate figures after their All-Ireland defeat by Tipperary at Croke Park on Sunday



The Kilkenny senior camogie team, who were defeated by Tipperary. Included in the picture are mascots Lisa Dunne (back left) and Noelle Maher (front).

# Terrific Tipperary Make It Three-In-A-Row

By Noel Dundon

TIPPERARY.....4-13  
KILKENNY.....1-6

Tipperary's senior camogie team are the undisputed queens of the code following their third successive All-Ireland Final victory in Croke Park on Sunday.

Nobody can doubt the quality of this Tipperary side now - they've beaten the cream of the crop over the last three years and as they proved against Kilkenny on Sunday they are a match for nobody at the present time.

Tipperary's class shone brightly right across Croke Park on Sunday and lighted the hearts of Premier County folk in the 16,500 attendance. They dominated all over and showed a clinical element to their game which resulted in them burying Kilkenny who could do little to resist the onslaught. Yes, this was Tipperary at their ruthless best and despite their success in recent years, they showed a massive appetite for continuing success - a fact which will bother future contenders to the throne.

From the stout hearted Paula Bulfin in defence to the classy and seriously skillful Claire Grogan in attack, this was a Tipperary team brimming with self confidence, skill and sheer determination. They scrapped for every morsel of possession in defence with ruthless abandon and continu-

ously beat away the marauding Cats, while at midfield and in attack they showed the guile

and gait of true champions, slicing apart the Kilkenny rearguard and penetrating the inner

defence time and again.

This too was Tipperary at their brilliant best - a real tribute to Manager Michael Cleary and his selectors Biddy Phillips and Jim Madden who have journeyed the three year odyssey on the crest of a wave - Tipperary are now on the crest of a tidal wave.

From the moment Claire Grogan bagged Tipp's first goal in the 10th minute they looked to be in control of proceedings. Noelle Kennedy (2) and Philly Fogarty had them 0-3 ahead at the time but Tipp were threatening the goal for some time. Catherine Ryan had denied Eimear McDonnell and Claire Grogan just before Grogan finally hit the net - Noelle Kennedy set up the score with a mazy run before passing to the corner forward who had drifted off her marker.

A minute later Tipp blitzed Kilkenny again when Deirdre Hughes got onto a long free from Ciara Gaynor and hand passed to the net. Kilkenny were reeling; caught in a cat trap they were unable to escape the clutches of the Tipp girls who continued to snarl and snipe until the interval.

By the time the break came Tipp were 3-6 to 0-4 to the good, Sinead Millea (2) Lizzie Lyng and Brigid Mullally getting Kilkenny's scores, while Deirdre Hughes, Claire Grogan and Noelle Kennedy had further points for Tip-

perary.

The best Tipp goal came in injury time - a beautifully sculpted effort from Eimear McDonnell who linked magically with Deirdre Hughes and the crafty Noelle Kennedy to steal another of the Cats nine lives.

Tipp had played with the aid of the breeze in the first half and the big question was whether or

hit the back of the net from a free in the dying moments for a consolation goal.

Tipp were as sharp as scalpels on Sunday as they carved through Kilkenny with the precision of a surgeon. They weaved intrinsic patterns of play and mesmerised the Cats with their energetic creations before finally gunning them down

liant best once again while in front of her Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer and Claire Madden didn't give an inch. Ciara Gaynor, Suzanne Kelly and Philly Fogarty were also to the fore for Tipp while in attack Emily Hayden played a captains part along with Eimear McDonnell and Noelle Kennedy.

Special mention must be made of Deirdre

hard, battled so bravely and ran all day without ever actually managing a score. The Drom/Inch girl proved that you don't have to be a scoring forward to make a massive contribution. The same can be said of Sinead Nealon at right half back and Therese Brophy on the other side. Brophy's first half display was as good as any you are likely to

awesome force in this Tipperary side. They simply had no answer to the Tipp girls and they held up their hands and surrendered when the final whistle sounded. Despite making numerous switches, the situation didn't seem to get better and unfortunately for them their challenge petered out. Best for them on the day were Sinead Millea, Lizzie Lyng, Brigid Mullally, Kelly Long and Edel Maher.

Scorers:-

Tipperary: D Hughes 2-2, E McDonnell, C Grogan 1-2 each, N Kennedy 0-5, P Fogarty, G Shanahan 0-1 each.

Kilkenny: S Millea 1-2, I Kennedy, M Downey, L Lyng, B Mullally 0-1 each.

## TEAMS

**Tipperary:** J Delaney, P Bulfin, U O'Dwyer, C Madden, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy, S Kelly, P Fogarty, E Hayden, N Kennedy, J Ryan, E McDonnell, D Hughes, C Grogan. Subs: S Howard, N Harkin, G Shanahan.

**Kilkenny:** C Ryan, M Maher, S Costelloe, M Costelloe, E Kennedy, K Long, E Maher, B Mullally, L Lyng, S Millea, M Maher, I Kennedy, C Doherty, A Neary, M Downey. Subs: J Dillon Maher, F Dowling.

**Referee:** A Durham (Dublin)



Tipperary senior camogie captain Emily Hayden holds aloft the O'Duffy Cup following Tipperary's victory over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland on Sunday last.

## Tipperary senior camogie team — All-Ireland champions 2001



Three in a row winners — The Tipperary senior camogie team that defeated Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday last to bring home the O'Duffy Cup for the third time in a row. Back row (l. to r.) — Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Therese Brophy, Claire Grogan, Jovita Delaney. Front row — Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre Hughes, Philly Fogarty, Sinead Nealon, Emily Hayden (captain), Joanne Ryan, Paula Bulfin, Emily O'Dwyer, Emer McDonnell.

not Kilkenny could come back from the dead, because dead they certainly were. They were making no impression whatsoever in any sector with Tipperary being in complete control. Would it continue for Tipp? In fact, it got better.

with the cynicism of an assassin. Tipp were simply irresistible.

Defensively, there is nobody like Tipperary at present. Jovita Deleane was her bril-

liant best once again while in front of her Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer and Claire Madden didn't give an inch. Ciara Gaynor, Suzanne Kelly and Philly Fogarty were also to the fore for Tipp while in attack Emily Hayden played a captains part along with Eimear McDonnell and Noelle Kennedy.

See. Tipp are worthy All-Ireland champions for the third year in a row.

Kilkenny know that they encountered an

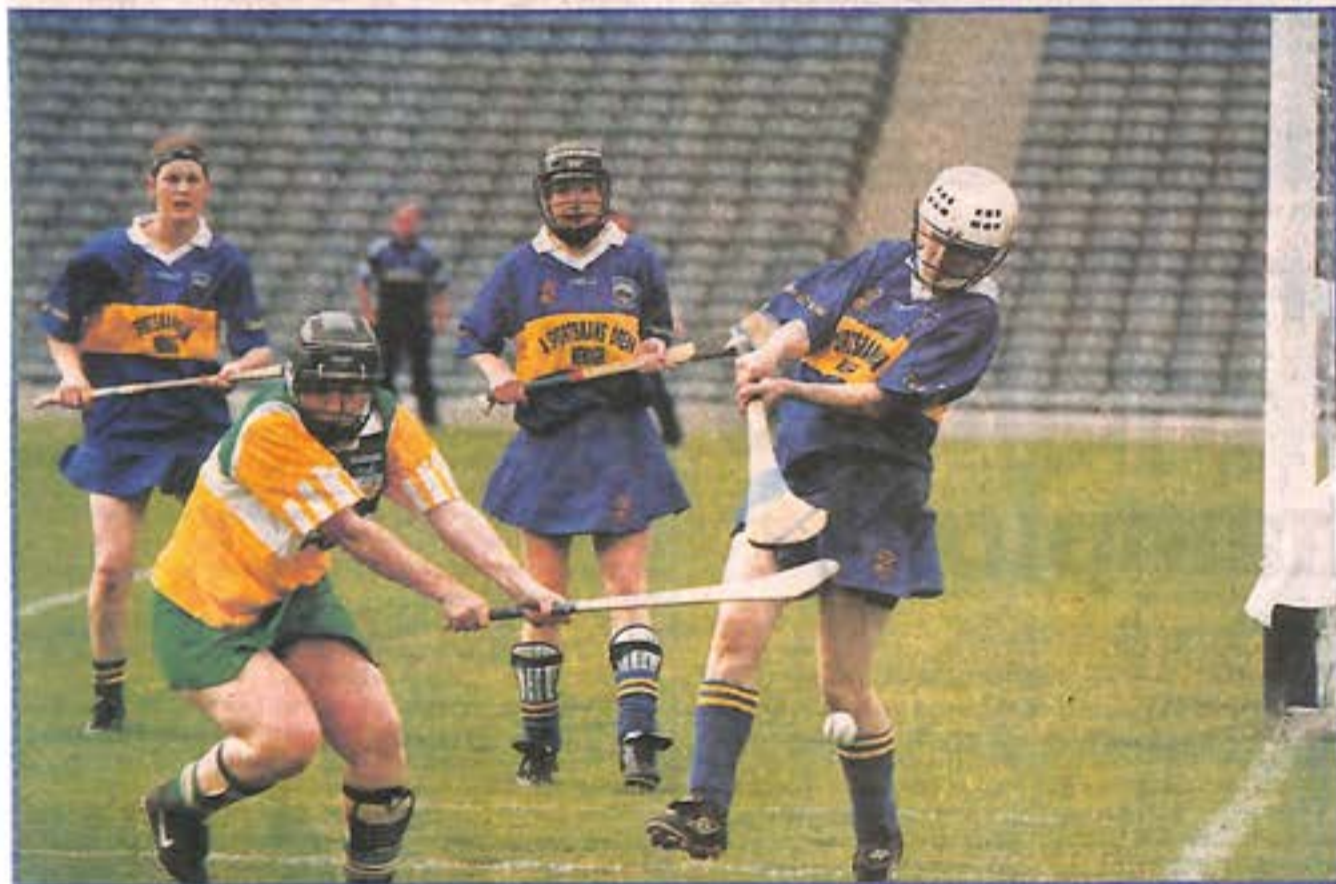
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# Early Tipp goals put paid to Offaly's challenge

TIPPERARY 4-16 OFFALY 1-7

By Gerry Slevin

There could hardly have been a more convincing start to the day on Sunday for Tipp fans, with the juniors, bidding to emulate their predecessors of 1992, and in the process inflicting an eighteen points defeat on first-timers Offaly to reclaim the New Ireland Assurance trophy.



Tipp keeper, Sarah O'Brien gets in a clearance supported by Helen Breen and Deirdre McDonnell.

Out twenty minutes before the throw-in, this latest batch of Tipp starlets had total control of a game that as early as the fifth minute, had presented to the

attempt at goal blocked by Offaly's keeper Fiona McLeish. There to whip it home, however was Lena Woods and Tipp were on their way.

point, the makings of a competitive hour were there.

But no. Siobhan Ryan again popped up, passed to Louise Young

and going on to build up a 2-9 to 0-4 interval lead.

Craftier, more skilled and with a sense of adventure in their play that brought some fine scores, Tipp began the second half with two quick points, Siobhan Ryan's accuracy from frees a telling factor in the match. Then a Michelle Davis free sent in low was blocked out with Jeanette Feighery on hand to give Offaly a much needed lifeline with a good goal. But it was Tipp who took up the challenge, Lena Woods pointing twice before Michelle Davis got one back for Offaly. Then, after a good passing movement, Tipp captain Trish O'Halloran had Tipp's third goal and with it entirely went Offaly's fast fading hopes.

A fourteen point lead (3-13 to 1-5) was not going to be overturned at this stage and two more points from Siobhan Ryan (free) and Lena Woods, only served to stress the dominance which Tipp were exerting.

Maggie Lynch got a point back for Offaly in the 17th minute just before they notched their first wide of the hour.

## TOTAL DISASTER

Linda Grogan was there to shoot home a blocked out ball, that resulted from a Louise Young solo run and goal attempt and with ten minutes still remaining, the game had turned into total disaster for the Offaly girls.

Five Tipp subs were introduced together, including sub goalie Paula Ryan who with a diving save from Offaly sub Orla Carey, deflected out for a 45. Michelle Davis's point from the placed ball ended the scoring.

Against Cork in the Munster

final and later against Galway in the All Ireland semi final, this Tipp side looked quite an outfit. Sunday's opposition was hardly in the same class as Cork or Galway. Nevertheless, from a Tipp perspective it was very clear that Martin Browne and his back room team had left nothing undone to bring the title back to the Premier County.

## FLAIR

As with the seniors afterwards, there was flair in everything they did and getting on top from the beginning saw them move into an unassailable position, stamping their authority throughout and building up the scores that mattered.

Despite the best endeavours of Michelle Davis, easily Offaly's best player, there was nothing their attack could do to break down the solidity of the Tipp defence. Noelette O'Dwyer at centre back was a tower of strength, equally Helen Breen behind her and fronting a cool and confident Sarah O'Brien in goals. Deirdre McDonnell and Maedhbh Corcoran were also prominent, dealing adequately with everything that came their way. Sharon Ralph and Niamh Connolly too played their part, holding their opponents scoreless. Generally though, it was something of a relaxing hour for the defence in that whatever Offaly came up with to outwit them, was repulsed with efficiency.

Moving Michelle Davis to mid field for the second half, lessened the Offaly forward impact considerably nor was the dominance from Lorraine Bourke and Julie Delaney to be greatly upset either. Time and time again, they supplied the forwards with good ball where all six forwards were only too eager to make good use of it. Apart from her free taking, Siobhan Ryan was a constant threat. 2-13 in all emanated from Siobhan and her corner colleagues Lena Woods and Linda Grogan, each of whom was a hive of industry throughout, hammering home several nails into Offaly's coffin.

## PROBING RUNS

After her finger injuries against Galway, Louise Young was back and better than ever, her probing runs threatening all the time and with team captain Trish O'Halloran and Helen Grogan beside her, an attacking wave was built up that totally confounded the Offaly defence.

Tipp now move into Intermediate grade, giving another batch of players an opportunity to gain prominence in junior grade. There is a vast pool of players in the county at present. Certainly what has been achieved by the seniors in recent years has increased the enthusiasm immensely and we can indeed look forward to a continuance of that great surge of camogie flair that has gripped Tipperary over the past decade or so -- indeed ever since the minors, many of whom have moved on to the present senior side hit the headlines by winning Tipp's first ever All Ireland title in 1990.

## SCORERS AND TEAMS

Scorers for Tipp were, S. Ryan 0-9 (1 45 & 5 frees), L. Woods 1-3, L. Young 1-2, T. O'Halloran and L. Grogan 1-1 each.

Offaly's scores came from, J. Feighery 1-0, M. Davis (1 45) and M. Lynch 0-3 each, S. Daly 0-1.

Tipp had three wides in each half, Offal had three in the second half only. Tipp were awarded five frees in each half, Offaly four in each half, with each side forcing a 45.

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**TIPPERARY** -- Sarah O'Brien, Sharon Ralph, Helen Breen, Deirdre McDonnell, Maedhbh Corcoran, Noelette O'Dwyer, Niamh Connolly, Lorraine Bourke, Julie Delaney, Trish O'Halloran (capt), Louise Young, Helen Grogan, Lena Woods, Siobhan Ryan, Linda Grogan.

**Subs** -- Paula Ryan, Jenny O'Halloran, Moira Ryan, Deirdre Delaney and Mary Rose Ryan for Sarah O'Brien, Julie Delaney, Sharon Ralph, Niamh Connolly, Linda Grogan.

**OFFALY** -- Fiona McLeish, Catherine Byrne, Amanda Kelly, Carina Carroll, Mary Molloy, Majella Bergin, Marion Crean, Amanda Glennon, Mary Wyer, Sabrina Carroll, Michelle Davis, Elaine Dermody (capt), Jeanette Feighery, Maggie Lynch, Sharon Daly.

**Subs** -- Audrey Hennessy for Amanda Glennon, Orla Carey for Sabrina Carroll, Sheila O'Sullivan for Carina Carroll, Therese Keoghán for Elaine Dermody.



Noelette O'Dwyer breaks away with the ball.

luckless Offalians a challenge that would not be easily taken up.

Like the senior final, two early goals set the scene for what was to follow. The first came in the 3rd minute when full forward Siobhan Ryan soloed through only to see her

Just before that Siobhan Ryan had opened the scoring when lofting a 45 straight and true - and into the wind. Things were looking good, even at this early stage but when immediately after Tipp's first goal, Offaly's best player Michelle Davis struck home a good

who rattled the Offaly net with only four minutes gone, Siobhan herself adding a point from play a minute later.

## SETTLING-IN BATTLE

Clearly, Tipp had won the settling-in battle and from here on, they dictated the pace of the match, controlling in all sectors

# TIPP JUNIORS OUTCLASS TO GET DAY OFF

Tipperary 4-16; Offaly 1-7

**T**IPPERARY'S junior camogie stars kicked off an unforgettable day of success and jubilation at Croke Park last Sunday when they outclassed a poor Offaly side to take the New Ireland Cup for the first time since 1992.

By  
Senan Hogan

Two goals after five minutes by Toomevara duo Lena Woods and Louise Young gave the team a perfect start and they never looked back until the final whistle, when Croke Park became a field of dreams for Tipp camogie.

As team captain Trish O'Halloran and her teammates danced with the Cup on a lap of honour, the triumphant strains of "Slievenamon" rang out across Northside Dublin for the second time in a week.

The juniors' All-Ireland title success was the perfect curtain raiser to an equally fantastic performance by the seniors later in the afternoon when they convincingly beat Kilkenny.

The junior players had earlier raced onto the field to a thunderous reception by their fans as the New Stand became a sea of blue and gold and reverberated with ecstatic cheering and honking of fog horns.

Seven junior players had double cause for celebration as they also collected an All-Ireland senior medal.

Niamh Connolly (Templemore), Noelle O'Dwyer (Clonoulty Rossmore), Lorraine Young (Templemore), Julie Delaney (Drom / Inch), Trish O'Halloran (Portroe), Siobhan Ryan (Holy Cross / Ballycahill) and Lena Woods (Toomevara) were listed as subs on the senior panel.

After the success of their minor teams in 1990 and 1991, Tipp contested three All-Ireland junior finals between 1990-'92. They lost two but beat Galway in

1992 to be promoted to Intermediate level.

Offaly had the advantage of the blustery wind in the first half but hugely impressive Tipperary full-forward Siobhan Ryan opened her team's account with a fine point in the third minute.

A minute later, Ryan — who was already proving too strong for Offaly full back, Amanda Kelly — was involved in an expertly-taken goal. Ryan soloed fifteen yards with the ball before handpassing it to Lena Woods who scooped it into the net, despite the best efforts of corner back Carina Carroll.

Offaly's Michelle Davis got her team onto the scoreboard with an angled shot from the left side of midfield in the fourth minute.

Sarah O'Brien's puckout led to the second goal. Ryan was involved again, and this time she unselfishly laid it off to Louise Young, who packed it to the net.

With Kilkenny reeling from the shock of two goals in five minutes, Tipp still piled on the pressure and Ryan was back in with another point.

Team captain Trish O'Halloran contributed her first point a minute later.

Tipp's strength was in its attack in the early stages and centre forward, Louise Young — who broke two fingers in the All-Ireland semi-final in August — created havoc when she ran at the Offaly half backs.

Tipp goalkeeper, Sarah O'Brien from Drom Inch made a crucial save in the 15th minute from Davis, to protect the Premier County's lead.

Davis got a fabulous point to reward her efforts a minute later when she struck from about sixty yards out.

Siobhan Ryan converted a free and then added another point from play to bring Tipp 2-6 to 0-2 ahead after twenty minutes.

Davis added her own free for Offaly before Linda Grogan added to Tipp's tally. Kinnity corner

forward Sharon Daly scored a peach of a point from a tight angle on the left wing but Offaly needed more scores.

Tipp were on top at mid-field thanks to the industrious Lorraine Bourke and Julie Delaney, and Noelle O'Dwyer impressed with her lengthy clearances to relieve the pressure on her full back line.

Just before the half time whistle sounded, Michelle Davis went for a goal with a 20 metre free, but it was kept out by goalie Sarah O'Brien and her well-drilled full back line of Sharon Ralph, Helen Breen and Deirdre McDonnell.

A goal at this point could have sparked an Offaly comeback but Tipp went into their dressing room with a cosy lead of 2-9 to 0-4.

After the restart, Ryan slotted over two points from frees and Tipp re-asserted their first half dominance.

Just like the first-half, Lena Woods got a goal after a free from Louise Young dropped into the square. Young followed up with a point, as the New Stand became a giant chorus of Tipp singers. Woods was back in with another point in the 18th minute.

Captain Trish O'Halloran snatched the fourth and final goal of the day when she took a pass from Lena Woods, and unleashed a bullet of a shot which eluded Fiona McLeish between the sticks to seal a memorable victory.

Overall, the victory was characterised by an awesome display of camogie skill, coupled with determination and character.

The team is a credit to manager Martin Browne, coach Brendan Murphy and selectors Bernie Dowd and John O'Donnell.

The cup was later presented to winning captain Trish O'Halloran by the president of the GAA's Camogie Board, Patricia Rafferty.

**TIPPERARY:** Sarah O'Brien (Drom Inch);

Ralph (Moycarkey/Borris); Helen Breen (Cashel); Deirdre McDonnell (Burgess); Meadh Corcoran (Moycarkey / Borris); Noelle O'Dwyer, Niamh Connolly (Templemore); Lorraine Bourke (Glenmore); Julie Delaney (Drom Inch); Trish O'Halloran (Portroe) capt; Louise Young (Toomevara); Helen Grogan (Cashel); Lena Woods (Toomevara); Siobhan Ryan (Holy Cross/Ballycahill); Linda Grogan (Cashel).

Subs: Paula Ryan (Toomevara) for Sarah O'Brien; Mary Rose Ryan (Toomevara) for Sharon Ralph; Moira Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Linda Grogan; Deirdre Delaney (Drom/Inch) for Julie Delaney.

Substitutes not used: Jenny O'Halloran, (Portroe); Geraldine Kinnane, (Drom/Inch); Norma Maher, (Templemore); Louise Powell, (Newport-Ballinahinch); Joan Ryan, (Silvermines); Helen Campion, (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Sile Nash, (Cashel); Sandra Ricken, (Cashel) and Marie Gerard O'Dwyer, (Cashel).

**OFFALY:** Fiona McLeish (Shinrone); Catherine Byrne (Toomevara); Amanda Kelly (Tullamore); Mary Molloy (Kinnity); Marion Crean (Shinrone); Amanda Glennon (Shinrone); Mary Wyr (Tullamore); Sabrina Carroll (Tullamore); Michelle Davis (Shinrone); Elaine Dermody (Drumcullen); Jeanette Feighery (Drumcullen); Maggie Lynch (Drumcullen); Sharon Daly (Kinnity).

Scorers: Tipperary: Siobhan Ryan 0-9 (0-5 frees); Linda Grogan 1-2; Louise Young 1-1; Trish O'Halloran 1-1; Lena Woods 1-2, Helen Grogan 0-1.

Offaly: Sarah Daly 1-1; Michelle Davis 0-3 (0-2 frees); Maggie Lynch 0-3.

Referee: Aoife Nic Conchoille (Armagh).



Proud captain Trish O'Halloran holds the cup aloft after Tipperary had beaten Offaly in Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park.

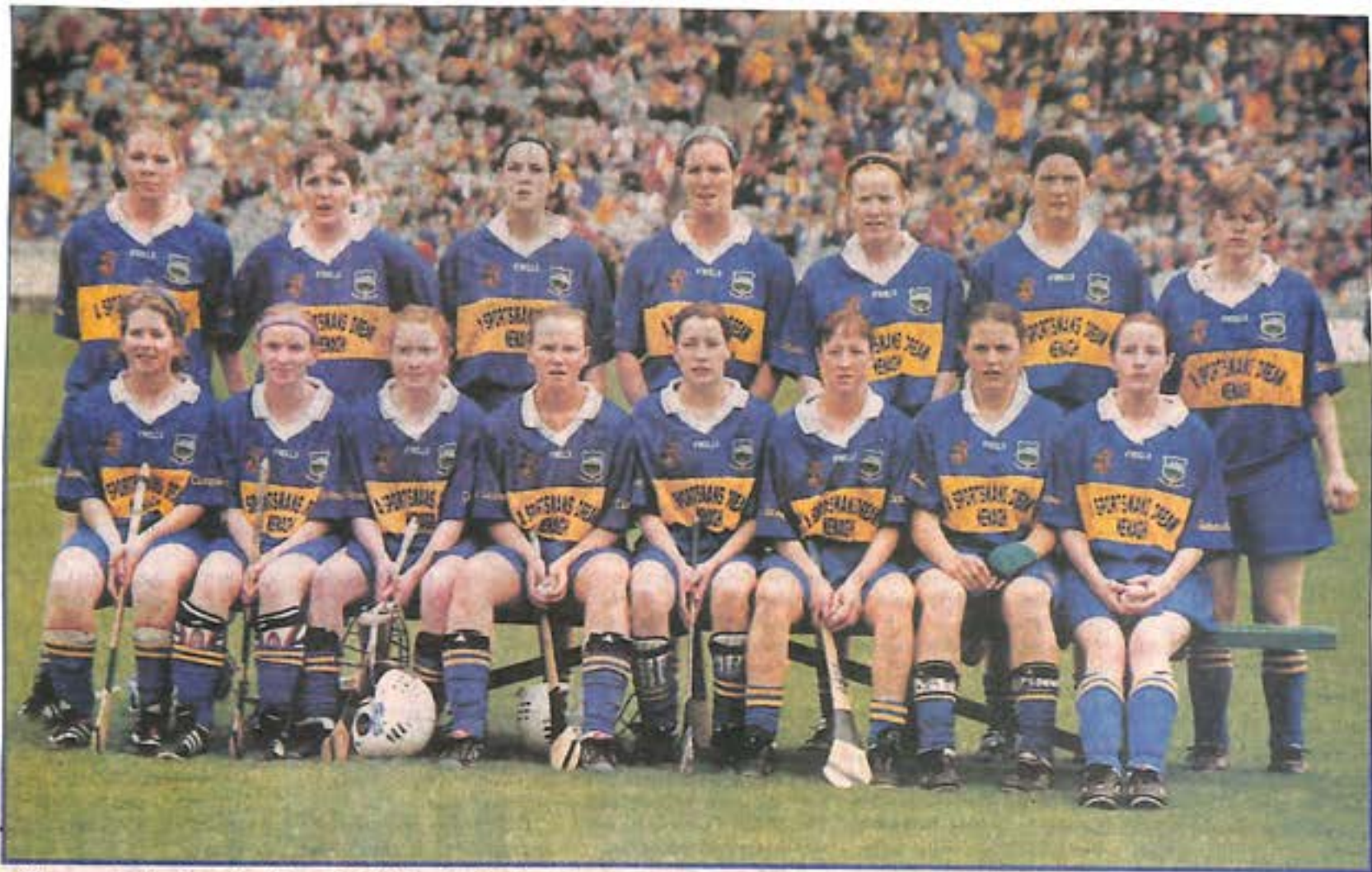


Helen Grogan turns away from her Offaly opponent to set up an attack during Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park.



IT'S MINE! Lena Woods claims possession for Tipperary during Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final against Offaly.

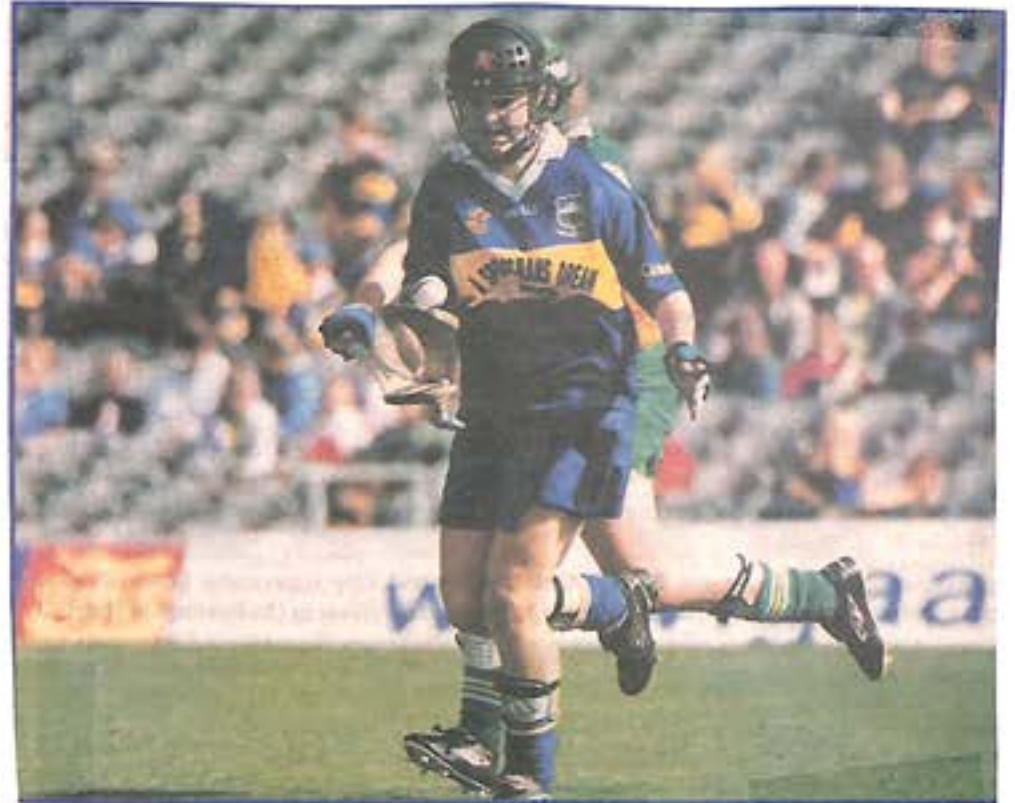
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Tipperary Junior team that defeated Offaly in the All-Ireland final. Back row l. to r.: Noelette O'Dwyer, Siobhan Ryan, Helen Breen, Helen Grogan, Lena Woods, Linda Grogan, Sarah O'Brien. Kneeling: Sharon Ralph, Niamh Connolly, Lorraine Bourke, Patricia O'Halloran (capt.), Deirdre McDonnell, Meadhb Corcoran, Louise Young, Julia Delaney.



Tipperary junior camogie players Helen Breen, Paula Ryan and Lena Woods salute their supporters at the end of Sunday's All-Ireland final against Offaly in Croke Park.



Louise Young heads goalwards.



Captain, Trish O'Halloran and Deirdre Delaney led the victorious Tipperary team on a lap of honour after their big win over Offaly in Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park.

# Great Day For Tipperary Camogie

## - CLEARY AND PHILLIPS

By Noel Dundon

Tipperary's camogie fraternity are on top of the world following Sunday's historic victories in the junior and senior finals at Croke Park. Amassing a huge tally of 8-29 between them, the sides blitzed Offaly and Kilkenny respectively in a fabulous day for the county which drew a huge attendance.

Both Tipperary teams did the county proud as they battled and scrapped early on in the games before finally turning in classy display which captured the imaginations of the supporters.

All-Ireland camogie final are very special days out. Colour and atmosphere are second to none and with Tipperary in such devastating form in Croke Park it made for a real party feeling after the final whistle had sounded in the senior game. Families cheered and applauded as

Emily Hayden lifted the O'Duffy Cup, the third Tipperary captain in a row to do so. Earlier Trisha O'Halloran had done likewise to set the day off on the right note for the Premier County.

Winning the senior title is very significant. It's hard to believe that up to 1999 Tipperary had never won the senior All-Ireland. Now, they are the undisputed champions having beaten every team along the way. It's a thought that wasn't lost on Manager Michael Cleary or Selector Biddy Phillips as they celebrated afterwards.

### Thrilled and Satisfied

"I am thrilled for the girls. They have done it three years in a row now and have beaten all the powers in the game. Cork, Galway and Kilkenny have all come along and given us their best shot and have had to give second best. That's very satisfying. This is a very special Tipperary team and every day they go

out to play they prove that point and cement my belief in them," Cleary said.

Biddy Phillips similarly said, "Anyone who had doubts about this team got their answer. Three in a row is an unbelievable feeling, but then this is one the best teams to have ever come out of Tipperary. I didn't think we would win one so soon after winning the All-Ireland intermediate in 1997. I was thinking that in three years time we might be a force. Now, four years later, we have done the three in a row. This is a great day for camogie in Tipperary," an ecstatic Biddy said.

Michael Cleary knew that Sunday would be a new challenge for Tipp. They were going into the final as favourites for the first time. "This was the first time in three years that we were the favourites. For all the big games, the papers and those in the camogie world had us as underdogs. Today we just had to come

out and win as favourites. We had to be like a runner - take the lead from early on and stay there until the finish line," he said.

### Seven Champs Double Up

Seven of Tipperary heroines won two All-Ireland medals in the same day - a remarkable feat. Seven of the juniors were also in the senior squad. They will never forget the day as Michael said, "It was a very special day for them. We didn't use any of them on the day but they were very central to our preparations in training. They were all in contention for places and played a huge part in our squad," Michael said.

Junior Manager Martin Browne felt that the hard work put in by his charges paid off. "We have worked very hard since early February and it came to fruition today. We didn't expect to get it so easy but we always knew that we were capable of a performance like that.

Any day you leave Croke Park with an All-Ireland final is a good one - to leave with two, which seven of the girls did, is very special indeed," he said. Martin also commented on the level of Tipperary support on the day saying it surpassed all their expectations.

### Didn't Give an Inch

Senior corner back Paula Bullfin was in great form on the pitch. She gave a very controlled display and was determined that Kilkenny wouldn't get an inch. "We found it hard initially - we didn't want to let anything go at all. Once we settled down we started to go well and we didn't want to give an inch. We knew what Kilkenny are capable of. I can't believe we have done the three in row. I can't wait to get back for the homecoming in Cashel," she said.

While Paula was keeping them out at one end, Claire Grogan and Deirdre Hughes were banging them in at the

other. Grogan now has two All-Ireland's to her credit having burst onto the scene last year. "I'm just so lucky to be part of such a fine team that is really buzzing at the moment. It's easy to play with such good players around and we got a brilliant supply of ball from the backs and midfield. Despite the state of the pitch we were able to use the ball to good effect," she said.

Treble winner Deirdre Hughes still can't believe Tipp won the first All-Ireland. Now she has some catching up to do in the believing stakes - Tipp have three to their name now. "It's unbelievable. I can hardly believe that we managed the first; then the second; and now three. To beat the likes of Kilkenny is a huge thing for us - people thought the first one in '99 was a fluke. We beat Cork last year but we were still not getting the recognition we deserved. We'll enjoy this," she said.

## Cleary's dream team answers all the questions

By Senan Hogan

Tipperary's All-Ireland senior camogie final victory was a lot more difficult than the 16-point drubbing suggested, according to former hurling great and current senior camogie manager Michael Cleary.

An ecstatically-delighted Cleary skipped around Croke Park, hugging his dream team after the three-in-a-row victory last Sunday. "It's great to be a Tipperary person these days," he called out to waiting reporters as he was smothered in embraces by players and fans.

Referring to his superstars, he said: "I am in awe of this team. They seem to possess all the attributes, skills, attitude, commitment and hunger. They are fantastic and I'm very proud and over the moon for them."

Talking about the victory, he said: "It was a hell of a lot harder than what the score board shows. We had to work hard for every ball. Kilkenny are always so tough. It was no picnic. But we never eased off, even when we built up the comfortable lead."

"I'm over the moon and not just for myself but for the whole panel, the selectors and the supporters. I cannot praise the team enough. After the incredible win over Cork, we had two weeks to come down to earth and then we turned in that performance," said the former hurling great.

"This is a very special team. Every day they are asked questions and every day they come out and consistently answer everything that is asked of them. I am honoured to be associated with them and I feel very lucky to be part of it all," he concluded.

Proud Cashel captain, Emily Hayden - who also achieved a three-in-a-row for Cashel captains of All-Ireland winning camogie teams - was close to tears as she was presented with the O'Duffy Cup in Croke Park by the president of the

Camogie Board, Patricia Raftery.

"I feel fantastic and my whole voice is gone," Hayden said. "It was an unbelievable victory for us and I never expected to win by the margin that we did. It shows the incredible character and determination in the team. My speech was nerve-wracking in front of 16,000 people, but it had to be done," Hayden confessed.

"We were favourites coming into the match and that was something that we never had to deal with before. The hurlers last week, and the juniors' win before us really spurred us on," she added.

Centre-back Clara Gaynor also suggested that the scoreline didn't reflect how good Kilkenny were and how hard Tipp had to slog for the victory.

"Maybe it looks easy on the scoreboard at the finish, but I can tell you that I have the bruises and scars of battle to show how hard it was."

"It was really great to have players of the calibre of Sinead (Nealon) and Therese (Brophy) playing outside you. I would make Sinead player-of-the-match without any hesitation. Eimear McDonnell got a crucial score just before half time. We needed that. It was a great team performance overall. Nobody can doubt us now," she said.

"Nobody mentioned the three-in-a-row before this game, at all. We never expected this. Kilkenny are a class team, and they always make life difficult for you. And they showed in the end what they are capable of."

RTE Player of the Match, Eimear McDonnell agreed. "I can't believe there was such a gap between the teams on the scoreboard. It was definitely a lot closer than the scoreline suggested. They showed in the end what they were capable of. Sinead Milne always gets a goal."

play in the number 15 jersey earned her the RTE accolade which was won by Jovita Delaney last year. "I was just happy that things went well for me and the team," she told The Nationalist.

"We train as a team, we play as a team and we win as a team. It was a great display out there today. I suppose other players like Clara and Therese and Deirdre spurred us all on. I'm delighted to be chosen as Player of the Match, but I want to share it with each member of the team and panel."

Deadly accurate free-taker Noelle Kennedy normally shies away from tape recorders and microphones, but the joy and elation of the winners dressing-groom changed her mind. "It feels absolutely fantastic. It's a magic feeling," she said. "I want to thank the amazing supporters that have been following us since the start and were out in such numbers today. This victory is for them as much as for us."

"I suppose we never allowed Kilkenny to get in the game, but if they got a few breaks in the early stages, things could have been a lot different. We did not expect to win by such a big margin. I'm looking forward to having some time off because it was a long time coming," she laughed.

The team was also congratulated in the winners' dressing room by Munster Camogie Board chairperson, Rose Malone, who said that there another few All-Ireland in the Tipp team. "The level of skill, determination and character on display today was a credit to yourselves and to the game of camogie. It was beautiful to watch."

She singled out Therese Brophy, Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy and Jovita Delaney for praise but stressed that it was the team and subs that had won the final and created a historic day for Tipperary sport.

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# Skilful and powerful Tipp hammer Kilkenny to complete three in-a-row

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**TIPPERARY 4-13; KILKENNY 1-6**

Report: Senan Hogan :: Photos: John Kelly

**T**IPPERARY'S senior camogie stars covered themselves in glory once more after they combined skill, power and grace to come away with a third All-Ireland senior camogie title in-a-row after they hammered Kilkenny by 16 points in Croke Park last Sunday.

Tipperary's sublime team performance in the annual senior camogie showpiece treated spectators to an awesome display with near professional standards of skill and fitness.

Croke Park belonged to Tipperary once more last Sunday as the panel, their manager Michael Cleary and selectors Jim Madden and Biddy Phillips joined in the scenes of joy and jubilation which greeted the final whistle.

It was a unique double victory for Tipp camogie as the junior team had earlier beaten Offaly by a similar scoreline to win promotion to the intermediate ranks next year.

With wind advantage, Tipp's Noelle Kennedy opened the team's account and settled nerves with her first of five flawlessly-converted frees.

A minute later, full forward Deirdre Hughes had her jersey pulled by Catherine Ryan, and Kennedy tapped over the free.

The opening exchanges were tense between players, and there was much bunching and periods of scrappy play in the match which was broadcast live on RTE television.

Then, one of the most sublime scores of the day came from the hugely impressive Philly Fogarty at centre field. Philly deftly intercepted a pass from Kilkenny ace Sinead Millea and went on a mazy solo run before despatching the ball over the bar. The Tipp army of fans saluted Philly with flags and banners, as decibel levels soared in the Cusack Stand.

Philly's opposite number, Kilkenny's Lizzy Lyne was equal to the task and rifled over a long range point seconds later for her team's first score.

At the other end of the field, the full-forward line was already cranking into gear, and Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes and Claire Grogan would produce one of the most memorable displays of a front three ever seen at Croke Park.

The girls showed almost telepathic understanding to chalk up an incredible 4-6 between them. The day proved a nightmare for the hapless Kilkenny full-back line, who were left trailing in their wake.

Claire Grogan showed the crowd what she could do early on when she gathered a ball from a Noelle Kennedy shot, and effortlessly whistled it to the net. The score drew gasps from the 16,435 excited spectators.

Reeling from the brilliance of the Tipp girls, Kilkenny were jolted again with another goal a minute later, Ciara Gaynor, the Dublin Garda who was a colossus at centre-back all

day, dropped in a free which was skilfully gathered by Deirdre Hughes, before she quickly hand-passed it past Kilkenny goalkeeper Catherine Ryan.

Straight after the Kilkenny puck out, Hughes again collected the ball on the corner from flying winger Joanne Ryan. Hughes took a quick glance and lofted over a fine point from a difficult angle to make it 2-4 to 0-1.

Tipp's indefatigable goalie, Jovita Delaney didn't have much to do between the sticks all day, but when she was called upon, she carried out her duties with her usual competence and grace under pressure.

Marking Sinead Millea on the wing, Therese Brophy was the star of the first half. The Kilkenny danger woman had a lot of ball sent her way as predicted but the athletic Burgess wing back was impenetrable as she swept up ball after ball to keep the forwards supplied and take the pressure off her back lines.

Flanked by the hard-working and gutsy Sinead Nealon, flame-haired Brophy made sure that Millea's tally of 1-2 only included a single point from play.

In fact, the entire half-back line gave a fine display of exhibition camogie, and the great Millea, now in her 11th season and looking for her third All Ireland medal, grew frustrated as the game went on.

Kilkenny's second point came from Brigid Mullally at midfield, and Millea got the third from a free a minute late after a foul on Marina Downey, the most experienced of the Cats, with five All Ireland medals.

As the half-time whistle came closer, Kilkenny seemed to tire but Tipp never took their foot off the pedal.

A storming solo run by Grogan brought her within striking distance of the Kilkenny goal. She then blasted the ball into the ground to elude keeper Catriona Ryan, but the Tullogher rookie was equal to the task and brought off a fine reflex save.

As Tipp continued to torment the Kilkenny midfield and half backs, Millea brought her team to four points with a converted 65. Tipp's flawless free-taker, Noelle Kennedy responded with her own free to keep eight points between the sides.

movement with her surging solo, knifing the Kilkenny defence in half.

Just as she crashed into the challenge of the full back, Sinead Costello, a beautifully-timed hand pass found the unmarked Hughes on the edge of the square who whipped the ball to the net.

Delirious Tipp fans sprang to their feet in the stand and gave Hughes and her team mates sustained applause. They knew they were watching a supreme display of camogie by the girls in blue and gold.

After the ever-dependable Kennedy lofted over another free, a never-say-die Kilkenny finally got their first score of the second half. Millea's free found Imelda Kennedy lashed her shot over the bar despite a half-block by the vigilant wing back Sinead Nealon.

Kilkenny gained momentum at this midway stage through the half, and strung together another score from veteran corner forward, Marina Downey. The Cats then hit a bad wide and this was followed by another from Imelda Kennedy who got a pass from Millea, who was relentlessly harried by Brophy.

Moments later, the Player of the Match in last year's final, Jovita Delaney, pulled off one of her incredible saves to prevent an almost certain goal by 16-year-old Aoife Neary. The crowd rose to the popular Cashel star.

Hoping to bang in a few late goals, Kilkenny made a few brief forays into the Tipp defence, but the Premier girls never gave them the space to play.

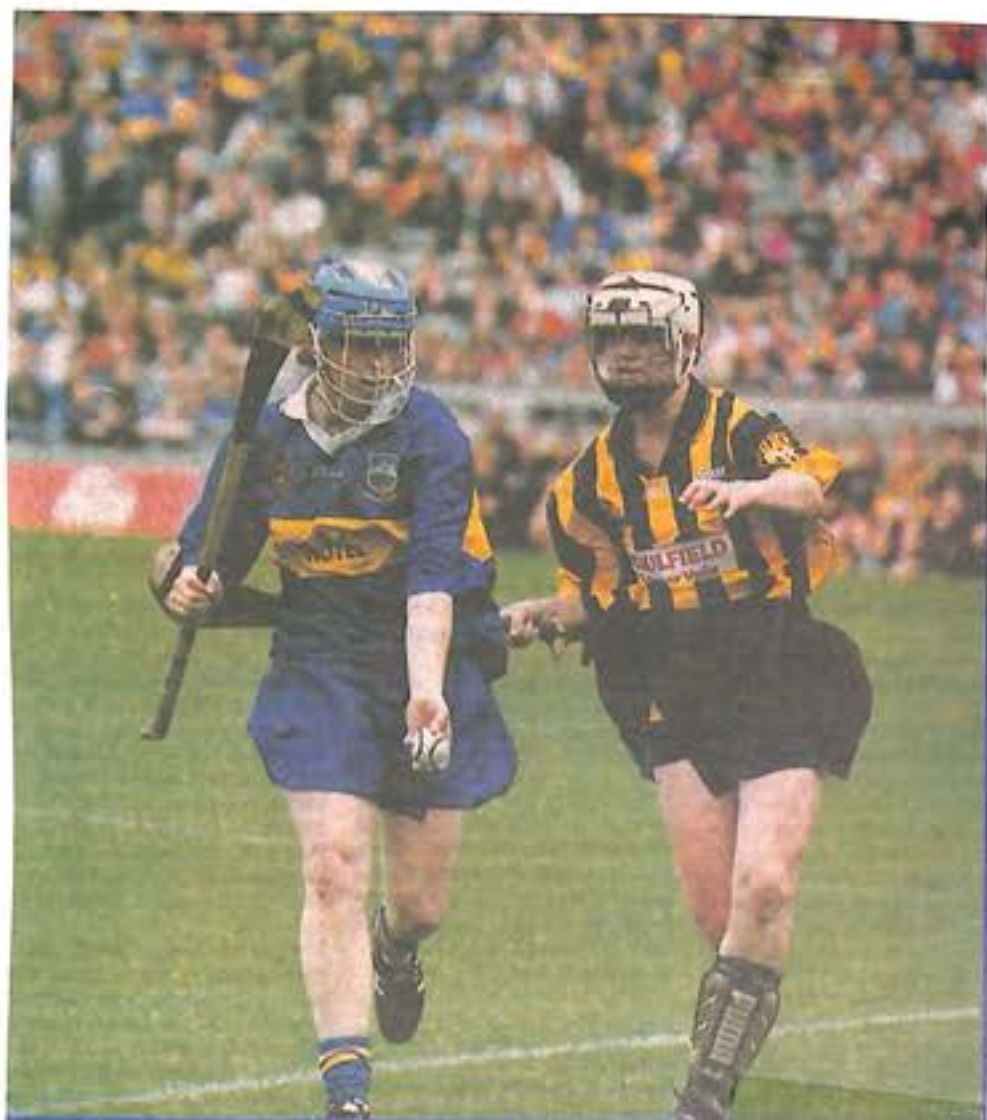
McDonnell, whose confidence and artistry grew with each minute, brought the score to 4-11 to 0-5 in the 48th minute.

With the victory looking increasingly safe for Tipp, a proud Michael Cleary on the line gave a run to a few of his impressive substitutes. Niamh Harkin (Burgess) came on for Philly Fogarty, who scored a memorable point in the first-half. Toomevara's Grainne Shanahan ran in for goal hero Claire Grogan and Sheena Howard (Burgess) for tenacious corner back Paula Bulfin, all at 55 mins.

Full forward Hughes, who had been more tightly marked in the second half by Sinead Costelloe, got her second point in the 58th minute to bring her big match tally to 2-2.

Although she threatened all day under the shadow of Therese Brophy, Millea finally showed what she was capable of in the 59th minute. She went for goal with a 30-yard free.

Summoning up skills she has honed for over a decade



Deirdre Hughes shortens the grip and prepares to shoot.

in top-flight camogie, Millea struck low and hard and even the brilliance of Delaney and her heroic defence could not keep out the ball.

Impressive sub, Grainne Shanahan, whose photograph graced the front of the official match programme, got her name on the scoreboard with a well-worked point in the dying minutes of the game, as the Tipp selectors and subs got ready to invade the pitch at the final whistle.

As the game wore on and as Tipp began to finally realise their three-in-a-row achievement, Kilkenny to their credit, never gave up and remained committed right up to the end. They made a number of last ditch attempts to get consolation scores, but Tipp reigned with their overall superiority.

**TIPPERARY:** Jovita Delaney (Cashel); Paula Bulfin, (Cashel); Una O'Dwyer (Cashel); Claire Madden (Portroe); Sinead Nealon, (Burgess); Ciara Gaynor, (Kilruane McDonaghs); Therese Brophy (Burgess); Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara); Philly Fogarty (Cashel); Emily Hayden, (Cashel, capt); Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara); Joanne Ryan (Drom/Inch); Eimear McDonnell (Burgess); Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara); Claire Grogan (Templemore).

Subs: Niamh Harkin (Burgess) for Philly Fogarty, Grainne Shanahan (Toomevara) for Claire

Grogan; Sheena Howard (Burgess) for Paula Bulfin (all 55 mins.)

Subs not used: Louise Ryan, (Holycross - Ballycahill); Louise Young (Toomevara); Lorraine Bourke (Templemore); Niamh Connolly (Templemore); Julie Delaney, (Drom/Inch); Noelle O'Dwyer (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Trish O'Halloran (Portroe); Lena Woods (Toomevara) and Siobhan Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill).

**KILKENNY:** Catherine Ryan (Tullogher); Maire Maher (Freshford); Sinead Costelloe (Freshford); Mairead Costello (Freshford) (capt); Esther Kennedy (Freshford); Kelly Long (Lisdowney); Edel Maher (St Annes); Brigid Mullaly (Glenmore); Lizzie Lyne, (Rower Inistioge);

Sinead Millea, Martina Maher, (Freshford) Imelda Kennedy (Freshford); Catherine Doherty (St Annes); Aoife Neary (James Stephens); Marina Downey (Lisdowney).

Subs: Gillian Dillon (Freshford) for Edel Maher (25 mins); M Lawlor for Martina Maher (33 mins); F Dowling for Kelly Long, (55 mins).

Scorers: Tipperary: Deirdre Hughes 2-2; Noelle Kennedy 0-5 from frees; Eimear McDonnell 1-2; Claire Grogan 1-2; Philly Fogarty 0-1; Grainne Shanahan 0-1.

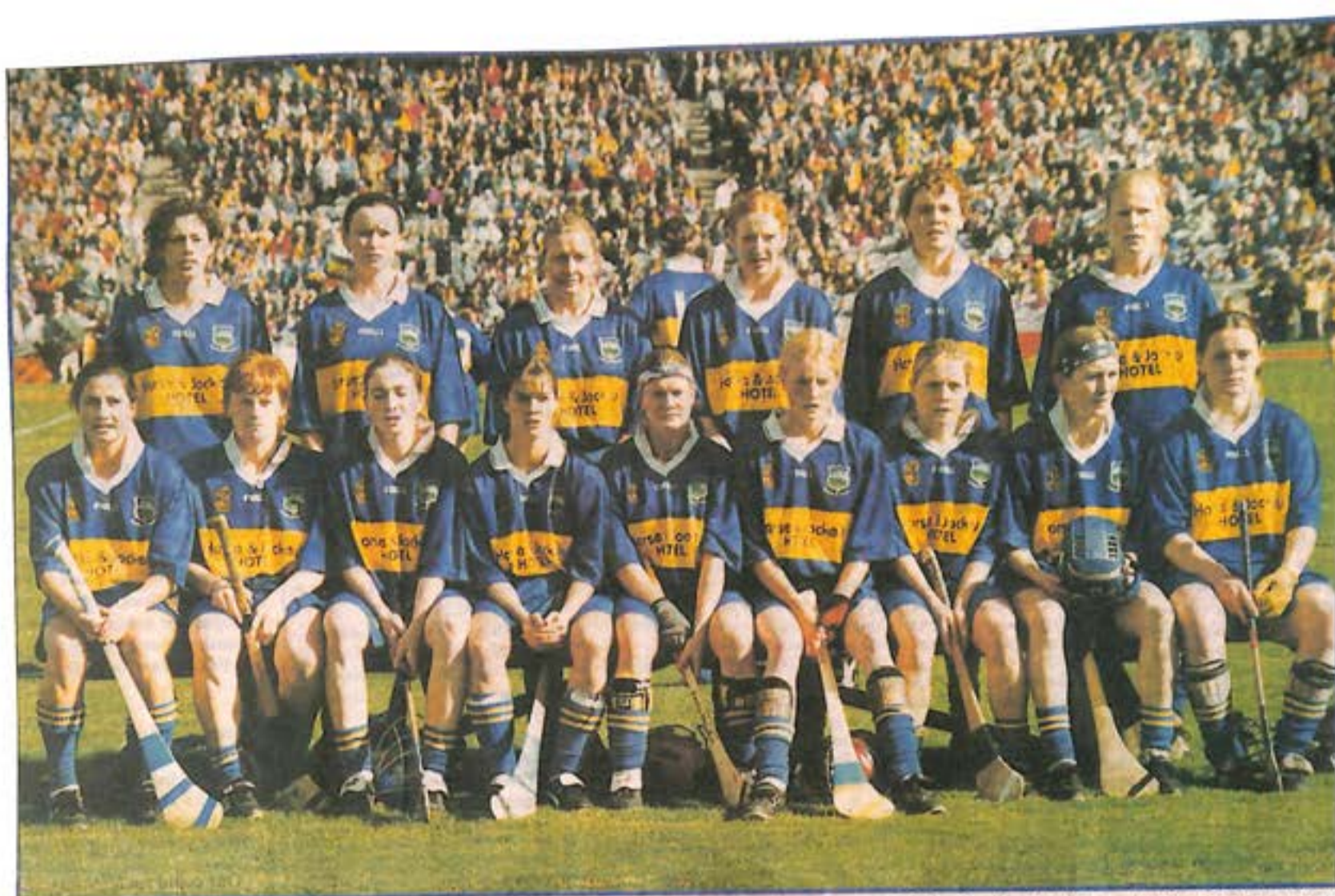
Kilkenny: Sinead Millea 1-2 (1-1 from frees); Brigid Mullally 0-1; Martina Maher 0-1; Lizzie Lyne 0-1; M Downey 0-1.

Referee: Anne Derham (Dublin).

Attendance: 16,435

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**TIPPERARY - ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS.** Front, from left: Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre Hughes, Philly Fogarty, Sinead Nealon, Emily Hayden (capt.), Joanne Ryan, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Emer McDonnell. Back: Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Therese Brophy, Claire Grogan, Jovita Delaney.



Tipperary's Philly Fogarty (left) looks for the goalposts as she is about to be challenged by Lizzie Lyng (Kilkenny) during the senior camogie All-Ireland final on Sunday last.



Emer McDonnell receives her RTE Player of the Match award from commentator, Marty Morrissey.



Sheena Howard tries to prevent Sinead Millea's progress.



I have it! - Clara Gaynor comes through, ball firmly clutched, watched by Sinead Nealon.

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Proud mother — Mary McDonnell (Burgess, centre) photographed with her daughters Emer (a member of the Tipperary senior team and RTE Player of the Match, left) and Deirdre (a member of the successful Tipperary junior) team following the All-Ireland victories at Croke Park on Sunday last.



Delighted captain Emily Hayden lifts the O'Duffy Cup after Tipperary beat Kilkenny in Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.



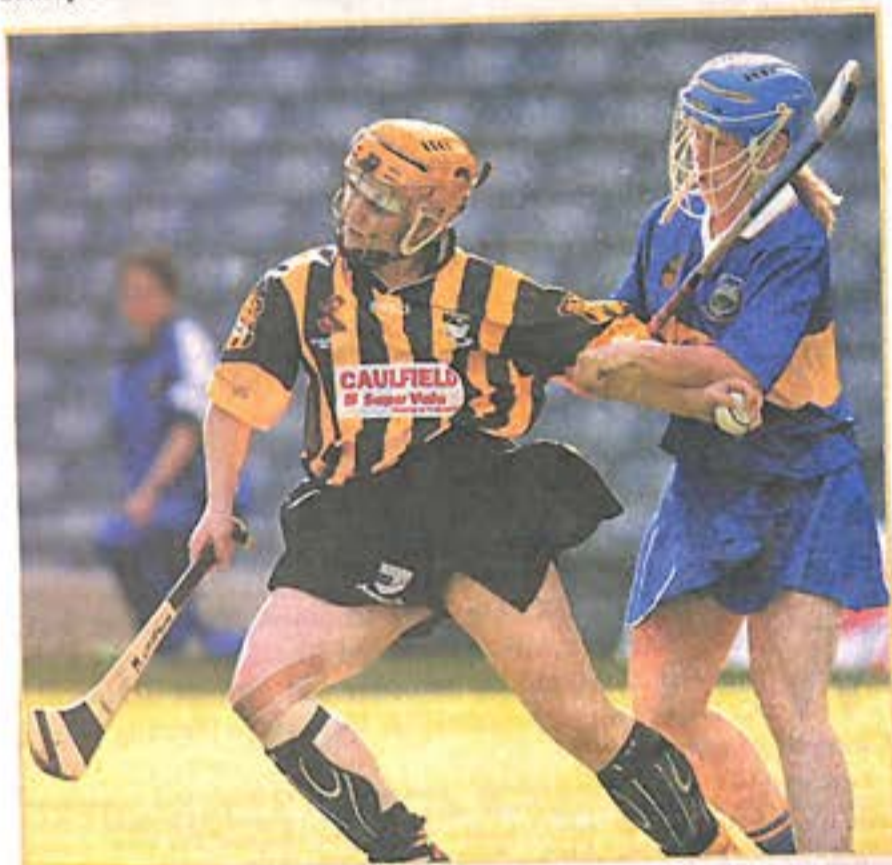
Claire Grogan shoots one of the Tipperary goals in their decisive victory over Kilkenny in Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.



Joanne Ryan typifies the Tipperary spirit that won the county its third All-Ireland Senior Camogie title in-a-row at Croke Park on Sunday, when they beat Kilkenny in the Final.



Tipperary's Claire Grogan breaks clear from her Kilkenny opponent during Sunday's All-Ireland Senior camogie final at Croke Park.



Substitute Grainne Shanahan challenges a Kilkenny player at Croke Park on Sunday, when Tipp won their third successive All-Ireland senior camogie title.



Lena Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Trish O'Halloran (captain) and Mary Rose Ryan celebrate a great win.

celebrate their third All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship victory in a row at Croke Park yesterday. Match report: page 8. - (Photograph: Cyril Byrne)

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Clare Grogan from Co. Tipperary golf club pictured in action in the Munster final of the Luzozade long drive competition.



Therese Brophy executes a fine clearance.

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- 0 L.n. Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear: Tíobraid Árann v Ulbh Fhéighle  
An Ráiteoir: Aoife Nic Conchoille, Ardnhacha.
- 1 L.n. Foireann Iubhail Chill Chainnigh, 1976.
- 2 L.n. An Taoiseach ag teacht i láthair.
- 3 L.n. Cluiche Ceannais na Síneair: Cill Chainnigh v Tíobraid Árann  
An Ráiteoir: Áine Derham, Áth Cliath.
- 4 L.n. Camogaíocht Idirbhunscoileanna.

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Three All-Ireland winners in one day — Linda, Claire and Helen Grogan from Dualla Road who won All-Ireland medals with Tipperary camogie teams on Sunday last at Croke Park. Linda and Helen won medals with the Tipperary junior team that defeated Offaly while Claire won a senior medal with the Tipperary that defeated Kilkenny.

### Na Cailíní atá ag imirt inniu

Gráinne Free  
Scoil Bhríde, Cill Easra  
Éilis Nic Níoclás  
Scoil Phádraig, Baile Pámar  
Brid Ní Laoire, Ailbhe Ní Mhaolagáin  
Scoil an tSeachtair Laoch  
Amy Ní Shithigh  
Bóthar Iona  
Orla Ní Aogáin, Elaine Ní Dhocharthaigh  
Scoil Mobhi  
Danielle Nic Gabhann, Clár Ní Dhonaile,  
Tara Ní Cheallaigh, Gráinne Ní Cheallaigh  
Scoil Naomh Uinsinn de Páil  
Sorcha Ní Nuamáin, Emer Ní Mheachair,  
Natalia Ní Fhaoiláin, Clár Ní Fhearghail,  
Caoilfhionn Ní Néill  
Scoil Cholmchille, Cnoc an Liatháin  
Lauren Ní Bhaillóiláin, Eibhlín Ní Bhaillóiláin  
Éilis Nic Ghiollarnáth  
Sorcha Ní Ghiollarnáth  
Scoil Naomh Pádraig na Sceilí



Na "Mini 7s" in éineacht leis an Iománaíocht, Páirc an Chrocaigh, 2001

Is iad na cailíní atá anseo ná: Maeve Galvin, Breda Cunningham, Vanessa Lacey, Elaine O'Reilly, Alicia Flannery, Maeve McGillion, Emma O'Connor, Keri Flynn, Laura McGuinness, Ann Marie Kane.



**Foireann Chorcal** – an eleventh All-Ireland Minor title for the county

**ar chúil, ó chlé:** F. Ní Dhomhnaigh, S. Ní Shiligh, Á. Ní Chonail, Á. Ní Chadha, S. Ní Chaoimh, A. Ní Gadhra, C. Ní Fhoghlú, É. Ní Uail.  
**chun tosaigh, ó chlé:** C. Ní Nathán, B. Ní Chorca, N. Ní Choleáin, M. Ní Carthaigh, L. Ní Riordan, M. Ní Uail, Captain, D. Ní Thuama, G. Ní Cheamhaigh, M. Ní Dhomhnaigh, S. Ní Longeacháin.



**Foireann Chill Chainnigh** – was seeking a fourth All-Ireland Minor title for the county

**ar chúil, ó chlé:** C. Bhreathnach, M. Ní Rian, T. Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh, S. Ní Dhulchaointigh, R. Ní Dhubhir, T. Ní Mhumáin, S. Ní Chorráin, G. Ní Cheallaigh, E. Ní Mheachair, S. Uadóg, Á. Ní Náirigh, S. Ní Fírbhaigh, L. Ní Rian.  
**chun tosaigh, ó chlé:** L. Ní Mhaolaidh, G. Ní Dhálaigh, A. Bhreathnach, Á. Dhallúin, N. Ní Chorráin, M. Ní Chaoimh, R. Ní Fhailín, D. Ní Mhúineog, Á. Ní Chonaire, E. Ní Giolla Phádraig, D. Ní Dhubhshláine, L. Ní Choghligh.



**Foireann Luimni** – the first team to bring an All-Ireland Minor title to Luimneach

**ar chúil, ó chlé:** A. Ní Shiocháin, M. Ní Shioda, E. Ní Annracháin, M. Ní Chonchubhair, K. Pólar, A. Ní Chonail, C. Ní Mhaolchatháigh, S. Ní Chumhán, Captain, C. Ní Chearbhaill, S. de Faite, C. Ní Icí, S. Ní Amhlaoibh, A. Ní Anragáin.  
**chun tosaigh, ó chlé:** A. Ní Bhrian, M. Ní Chonail, F. Ní Mhuiriosá, M. Ní Craith, N. Ní Choleáin, Á. M. Ní Chonail, S. Ní Dhomhnaigh, F. Ní Icí, M. Ní Chorca, M. Ní Choinín.



**Foireann Cheatharlach** – the first team from the county to reach an All-Ireland Final

**ar chúil, ó chlé:** D. Ní Bhrian, E. Ní Mhaonagh, N. Ní Cheallaigh, Á. Ní Bhroin, L. Conell, Captain, M. E. Ní Dhughail, F. Ní Bhroin, L. Ní an tSionnagh, C. Ní Eochaidh.  
**chun tosaigh, ó chlé:** Á. M. Ráith, A. Thallúin, N. Ní Óda, K. Dhallúin, G. Ní Neill, Á. Ní Cumascaigh, E. Ní Dhughail.

## Captaein den scoth, 1976



Máire Ní Fhionnalaigh (ar chlé) agus Síle de Bhailis (ar dheis) a bhí ina gCaptaein ar Chill Chainnigh agus ar Áth Cliath, faoi seach, i 1976.

Máire served as Uachtarán Chumann Camógaíochta na nGael from 1982 to 1985 while Síle has been Ardúnal since 1986. They are both members of An Coiste Bainistíochta at Ardchomhairle level.



Gura fada buan iad.

## Áth Cliath

1976

1  
Síle Ní Mhuiri  
Sheila Murray  
Austin Stack's

2  
Rita de Faoite  
Rita White  
Celtic

3  
Síle de Bhailis  
Sheila Wallace  
Cuala Captain

6  
Aine Ní Mhánaís  
Anna McManus  
Austin Stack's

9  
Máire de Sutún  
Maura Sutton  
Phoenix

4  
Briainín Ní Conmidhe  
Bernie Conway  
Cuala

7  
Felicity de Sutún  
Felicity Sutton  
Phoenix

10  
Máire Mheirtneach  
Mary Memagh  
Cúchulainn

12  
Aine Ní Bhroin  
Ann Byrne  
Austin Stack's

5  
Máire Ní Mhurchú  
Mary Murphy  
Presentation

8  
Bairbre Ní Réamoinn  
Barbara Redmond  
Cúchulainn

8  
Nóirín Phléimeann  
Noreen Fleming  
Celtic

13. Aine Ní Chiardha  
Ann Carey, Celtic  
14. Miriam Ní Uiginn  
Miriam Higgins, Celtic

### Ionadaithe

15. Aine Ní Loingsigh  
Ann Lindsay, Cúchulainn  
16. Léan de Róiste  
Helen Roche, Naomh Aoife

## Foireann Chill Chainnigh, 1976.



**ar chúil, ó chlé:** S. de Búrca, M. Ní Fhailín, Áine Ní Dhúnaigh, Á. Ní Óldán, E. Ní Neill, N. Ní Fhogartaigh, Angeal Ní Dhúnaigh, M. Ní Óda, C. Ní Dhúil, B. Ní Lorcáin, B. Ní Chuanáin.  
**chun tosaigh, ó chlé:** P. Ní Chiara, M. Ní Fhionnalaigh, Captain, M. Ní Cheamabháin, B. Ní Mháirtín, T. Ní Neill, Á. Ní Dhraoláin.

1  
Treasa Ní Neill  
Teresa O'Neill, St. Paul's

2  
Ellis Ní Náirigh  
Liz Neary, St. Paul's

3  
Aine Ní Dhúnaigh  
Ann Downey, St. Paul's

6  
Eibhlín Ní Neill  
Helena O'Neill, St. Paul's

9  
Seosaimhín Ní Dhoinn  
Jo Dunne, Carrickshock

4  
Brid Ní Mháirtín  
Bride Martin, St. Paul's

7  
Mairéad Ní Chiara  
Peggy Carey, Young Ireland

10  
Cairméal Ní Dhúil  
Carmel Doyle, St. Paul's

12  
Aine Ní Chearúil  
Ann Carroll, St. Paul's

5  
Máire Ní Cheamabháin  
Mary Canavan, Young Ireland

8  
Máire Ní Fhionnalaigh  
Mary Fennelly, St. Paul's, Captain

11  
Angeal Ní Dhúnaigh  
Angela Downey, St. Paul's

### Na hionadaithe

13. Briainín Ní Lorcáin (Bernie Larkin, Young Ireland)  
14. Aine Ní Óldán (Anne Holden, Shamrocks)  
15. Nóra Ní Fhogartaigh (Hanorah Fogarty, St. Paul's)  
16. Mairéad Ní Óda (Margaret Coady, Mooncoin)

17. Máire Ní Fhailín (Mary Phelan, Mooncoin)  
18. Brid Ní Chuanáin (Brida Coonan, St. Paul's)  
19. Síobhán de Búrca (Joan Burke, St. Paul's)  
20. Aine Ní Dhraoláin (Anne Drealin, Young Ireland)

# "It takes beating"

arsa Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh, atá ar Fhoireann Iubhaile Chill Chainnigh inniu.

How many stars are there in the sky? How many memories? Where would one begin?

My first real "live" experience of Croke Park was September, 1972, of which to be honest I have no vivid memories except that we lost that game. My next, however, was well worth remembering. My first All-Ireland medal - 1974 versus Cork - at the tender age of seventeen. My Dad would collect Ann and myself for training from Coláiste Bhríde in Callan where we were boarders and we would duly wolf into soup and sambos on the way back.

Another year I was marking Hanah Dineen and barely reached her shoulder. And guess who should arrive to examine our Leaving Cert Irish Orals the following Spring but the same Hannah. Pay back time! To be fair to Hannah (don't tell the Department) she looked after me well.

In 1977 I had the privilege to captain a great team to victory over Wexford. There was no one prouder in Croke Park that day than my father, Shem, as we climbed the steps of the Hogan Stand to accept the O'Duffy Cup from that great lady, Úna Bean Uí Phuirséil. You know we were never known as Ann and Angela but always as "Shem Downey's daughters".

While Kilkenny might have been slow to join the "Roll of Honours" list, we quickly made up ground, and one of my greatest days in Croke Park was captaining the seven-in-a-row team to victory. That I believe is a feat that will never be beaten in the modern era.



"Shem Downey's daughters"

Shem in éineacht le Angela, ar chlé, agus Ann ag Cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann. Shem won All-Ireland Hurling medals with Cill Chainnigh. The twins each won twelve Camogie medals.

## Rogha Imreora i gCluichí Ceannais na Mionúr, 2001

### Mionúr A - Léan Ní Ríordáin, Corcaigh

Roghnaíodh Léan Ní Ríordáin, Corcaigh, agus Nóra Ní Choileáin, Luimneach, mar "Rogha Imreora an Cluiche" tar éis Cluichí Ceannais na Mionúr le déanaí. Elaine and Nóra have much in common. They both wore the number fourteen jersey as full-forward on their teams and both come from a club named Milford, one in Corcaigh and the other in Luimneach.

In defeating Cill Chainnigh in the A final, Corcaigh won its eleventh Minor title, while the B Final saw Luimneach reach and win its first Minor Final. Its opponents, Ceatharlach, had reached the county's first ever Inter-county All-Ireland Final.

Gura fada buan iad na daoine óga seo ar pháirc na himeartha.

### Mionúr B - Nóra Ní Choileáin, Luimneach



## Féile na nGael, 2001

- a first ever Hurling and Camogie Division 1 double victory for any club-



Cumann Oulart the Ballagh, Loch Garman  
Buaiteoirí: Roinn 1, Camógaiocht agus Iománaíocht, Féile na nGael, 2001.

How could I forget that memorable day when I lost (was robbed of) my skirt by the one and only Liz O'Neill. That photograph from the front page of the Irish Times, September 25th, 1987, holds pride of place in my T.V. room. Every time I look at it, the huge grin on Breda Holmes' face makes me smile! The pupils in Grennan's College, Thomastown, got great mileage out of it too, needless to say. But I just retort "at least I scored the goal, and sure wasn't I wearing my black nicks".

My saddest experience was in 1975 while playing in my one and only Colleges All-Ireland Final. All square at full time, we were badly beaten by Athenry. I cried the whole way home on the team bus.

However, my fondest memories of All-Ireland day at Croke was my last appearance. As captain, my daughter Katie was the team mascot and we both had the pleasure of meeting Uachtarán na hÉireann, Mary Robinson. The poor child had been dragged to almost every training session in the previous weeks and was well used to our stretching routine. Much to the amusement of everyone in the Hogan Stand, she copied my every exercise as I warmed up that day. We had the game won with time up but you can never write off Cork and, compliments of lion-hearted Linda Mellerick, my dreams of a 13th All-Ireland medal remained just that. Anyway 13 is an unlucky number!

Playing in Croke Park has given me so many proud moments - leading your county team behind the Artane Boys Band, playing in all Kilkenny's victories, having my twin sister Ann along side me all the way, meeting two great lady Presidents, gracing the same field as the greats of the game - the Biddy O'Sullivan's, the Elsie Codys, the Liz Garvans, the Liz Nearys, et al, marking the legendary Christy Ring's daughter, Mary.

To all those that are honoured to trod the hallowed turf on All-Ireland day, all I can say to you is enjoy and savour your day. It takes beating.

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## An Cluiche Ceannais, 1951

Áth Cliath agus Aontroim a bhí in iomaíocht lena chéile sa Cluiche Ceannais i 1951. Áth Cliath won its twelfth title on a scoreline of 8-6 to 4-1.

The Áth Cliath team, described in the newspapers as the Home Champions, then travelled to London to play the All-Ireland Final. Ba ag Áth Cliath a bhí an bua arís:

Áth Cliath 8-2 Londain 1-2

Fógra  
sa nuachtán ar an  
18 Lúnasa, 1951,  
roimh  
Cluiche Ceannais  
na hÉireann.

### CAMÓGUIDHEACHT

All-Ireland Final

ÁTH CLIATH

(Leinster Champions)

v

AONDRIUM

(Ulster Champions)

Croke Park, tomorrow, Sunday, 7.30p.m.

Entrance by Jones's Rd. and Canal Bridge only.

Dul isteach.....2/-, 1/-

Official Programme on sale, 3d.

## Family matters

Uibh Fháigle has three sets of sisters on its team - an cúpla Carina agus Sabrina Carroll, Ann agus Majella Bergin, Michelle agus Fiona Davis (McLeish).

Patricia Dooley is a sister of the famous hurling trio, Joe, Billy and Johnny.

Dympna White's mother captained the county to Cúige Laighean Championship success in 1963.

Tá na deirfiúracha, Eimear agus Deirdre Nic Domhnaill, ag imirt le Sinsir agus Sóisir Thiobraid Árann, faoi seach.

Helen and Linda Grogan are nieces of former Senior hurlers, John and Tommy Grogan.

The famous Gaynor and Nealon names have been handed on by Len and Donie to Ciara and Sinéad, respectively, while Sheena Howard is the grand-daughter of Garrett of Luimneach and Áth Cliath hurling fame and niece of Liz who played for Tiobraid Árann agus Áth Cliath.

Móira Ryan would like to add a Junior All-Ireland medal to the Senior Hurling medal won by brother, Declan, last Sunday.

Sinéad agus Máiread Costelloe are daughters of Maura Cassin who, with twin sister, Breda, wore the black and amber of Cill Chainnigh.

Is deirfiúracha iad Sinéad agus Tracy chomh maith. Their father, Joe, won All-Ireland Hurling medals with Cill Chainnigh as did Jilian Dillon's father, Pa.

Brigid Mullally's brother, Paddy, also hurled for Cill Chainnigh.

An Cluiche  
Ceannais,  
2001



Newcestown's Suzanne Deasy grabs a high ball from the Barrs' Ber Cotter during the senior B game at Ballincollig.

Picture: Richard Mills

# Barrs pull away in second half blitz

St Finbarr's  
Newcestown

4-9  
0-5

**ST FINBARR'S** made no mistake in booking their semi-final spot in the senior B championship at Ballincollig on Saturday last.

Playing against the strong wind in the opening half, the Barrs worked hard and Orla O'Sullivan scored an early goal.

Newcestown, with Hilda Keneally superb at centre back, enjoyed plenty of possession but in a half where they should have made more of their possession aided by the wind it was the Barrs who looked the stronger side.

With Orla O'Sullivan and Val Maher adding points, Barrs held their advantage but Colette Desmond narrowed the gap mid way through.

With the sides swapping points it was the Barrs who held the upper hand at the interval, leading 1-4 to 0-4.

From the resumption Newcestown attacked and lost a golden opportunity to draw level when Colette Desmond's shot for goal struck the up-right and span wide.

Barrs, now with the wind to their backs, put the pressure on Newcestown as Orla O'Sullivan had pointed a 45-metre free before Gemma O'Connor's long-range free finished up in the net to further stretch the St Finbarr's advantage.

Newcestown battled on and with Hilda

## Camogie coaching

**FIONA O'DRISCOLL** will hold a foundation coaching course for clubs who may have members interested in coaching on Saturday, September 29 from 9am to 5pm at Coláiste Colm, Ballincollig. Places can be reserved by contacting Fiona O'Driscoll or county chairperson Sheila Golden.

By **MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY**

Camogie correspondent

Keneally doing Trojan work, they enjoyed possession but sloppy shooting cost them in front of goal.

The Barrs' defence of Linda O'Connell, Colette Kirby and Clare Barry gave the Newcestown forwards little scope, while up front Orla O'Sullivan and Val Maher continued to work hard for St Finbarr's.

Hilda Keneally and Gemma O'Connor swapped points with 11 minutes remaining, but any hopes of a Newcestown revival were quashed with two goals inside three minutes from Orla O'Sullivan and Colette O'Mahony to see the Barrs safely through.

St Finbarr's coach Jerry Murphy was loud in

his praise for his charges.

"I'm very pleased with the performance. The first game in the championship is always hard to get over," he said.

"League games are excellent preparation but it's down to the night come championship.

"Tonight we stood the test and came out on top. We're in the semi final and again we will have to put in the effort if we want to get the result."

● It was celebrations all the way for Sliabh Rua, who took the under-14 12-a-side league title with a narrow 1-2 to 1-0 victory over Tracton in an exciting final at Ballygarvan.

Just one point separated the sides at half time after Fiona Hurley had edged Sliabh Rua ahead.

Deirbhla O'Loughlin gave Tracton the lead early second half when she finished to the net, but not panicking, Sliabh Rua worked hard and were again in front when Catlyn Carroll grabbed a vital goal.

With their noses now in front Sliabh Rua defended well and held the determined Tracton forwards at bay.

A point from Sarah Allen sealed an historic victory for Sliabh Rua in the competition's inaugural year.

Douglas and Ballygarvan advanced to the under-12 league semi-finals when they recorded wins over Glen and Buttevant respectively.

In the under-14 B league quarter-final replay Éire Óg beat Mallow.

## Watson sisters to power the Milford challenge

LAST year's runners up Milford will hope to set the foundations for a good run in this year's senior B championship when they open their campaign with a first round meeting against Valley Rovers on Sunday next.

Milford, with the Watson sisters Marie and Emer, Christine O'Gorman and Elaine O'Riordan, will be wary of the challenge which Valley Rovers are sure to pose.

The south east side will look to their senior Inter-county player Elaine Burke, Sinead Deasy, Liz Bugler and Ann-Marie Murphy to see them through but they will be lining out without the services of Marie Hurley who sustained a leg injury earlier in the season.

Ballygarvan and Inniscarra meet to decide the Under-14 league winners for 2001 and it should be a game well worth a visit.

Davina O'Mahony, Eithne Lynch and Michelle Dunne will lead the Ballygarvan challenge against Inniscarra's Rena Buckley, Margaret Cosgrove and Niamh Dineen.

Junior championship action continues next weekend with Youghal and Sliabh Rua meeting in Youghal on Saturday at 6pm.

Losing out at the final hurdle last season to St Catherine's, Youghal are determined to make it all the way this year. Kelly McCarthy, Janet Power and Siobhan Downing are amongst the players Youghal will look to.

County senior champions Cloughduv will line out their second string in a meeting with Bandon.

Amongst the Cloughduv line-out will be former Inter-county goalkeeper Leonie Nolan, who earlier in the year transferred to Cloughduv from Inniscarra, Rita O'Sullivan and Edel Conlon. It will take a mighty effort from a young Bandon side that will include Joanne Gaynor to stop Cloughduv advancing.

Junior league champions from last season Carrigaline will be anxious to continue their progress when they meet Clonakilty. Jackie O'Keefe, Niamh Murphy and Amy Collins should help Carrigaline advance.

The St Finbarr's second team will face Ballinora and the Barrs, with Catherine McCarthy, Maria O'Sullivan and Barbara Ann Corcoran, will expect to have to much power for a young Ballinora.

## Fixtures

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21**  
Under 12B quarter final: Sarsfields v Éire Óg at Ovens, 6pm.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22**  
Under 14 A League Final: Ballygarvan v Inniscarra, at Ballincollig, 12 noon.

Junior A Championship quarter final: Ballinhassig v Sarsfields at Ballinhassig 2.30pm.

Junior B Championship: Youghal v Sliabh Rua at Youghal 6pm; Bandon v Cloughduv, Bandon 6pm; Carrigaline v Clonakilty at Carrigaline, 6.30pm.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23**  
Munster Club Championship: Cloughduv v Granagh-Ballingarry, Granagh 2pm.

Senior B Championship: Valley Rovers v Milford, Blarney 6pm.

Junior B Championship: St Finbarr's v Ballinora, St Finbarr's 12 noon.

## Cloughduv are in with a real chance

CORK county champions Cloughduv face into a Munster club championship clash with holders Granagh/Ballingarry on Sunday next.

It's a tough opener for the Cork side as they make their first venture into the Munster club arena and are faced by such an experienced side as Granagh/Ballingarry.

The Limerick girls lost out in last year's All-Ireland semi final to

Swatragh of Derry and are anxious to make amends.

They have enjoyed wonderful success and hold three All Ireland club titles.

Amongst the stars on the Limerick side are Cork senior centre back Mary O'Connor, Vera Sheehan, Kay Burke and Eileen and Bernice O'Brien.

Cloughduv were impressive in

taking their first county title at the expense of Fr O'Neill's. They have fine players in Aoife Murray, Una O'Donoghue and the Corkery sisters Marie, Briege and Catherine.

Coached by Paudie Murray and Tim Barry-Murphy, they look more than capable of dethroning the Munster champions as they have strength in all areas.

Captained by Cork senior Steph-

anie Dunlea, they will be hoping that the hand injury to Lynn Dunlea which forced her to miss Cork's championship replay against Tipperary will have healed to allow her play some role on Sunday.

After several seasons on the road Granagh/Ballingarry could be coming to the end of a winning run and don't be surprised at a Cloughduv victory.

# Ballinhassig to fore in blitz

Ballinhassig and Buttevant were the winners in the second under 10 Declan Crowley camogie blitz which took place in the Ballinhassig GAA grounds recently, and which attracted 12 teams from Cork city and county.

Teams from as far away as Buttevant, Bandon, Glanmire and the city took part in the tournament which also included local South East divisional sides of Carrigaline, Ballinhassig, Valley Rovers, Courcy Rovers, Ballygarvan and Sliabh Rua, who were all divided into three separate sections, with the winners going through to semi-finals of the cup, while the others fought it out in a plate competition.

In the plate competition, Carrigaline proved to be too strong for the Ballinhassig (2) team, while Buttevant qualified for their final by defeating St Finbarr's in the other semi.

The final between newcomers Buttevant and defending champions Carrigaline was a very keen affair, with both sets of teams playing extremely well, but in the end Buttevant took the honours on a score of 3-2 to 1-0 to give the North Cork side their very first camogie silverware since being formed four years ago.

The cup final was



Pictured at the camogie blitz in Ballinhassig were Susan Jackson, Carrigaline, Ciara O'Connor, Eire Og and Miriam O'Shea from Ballinhassig.

between Ballinhassig (who defeated Glen Rovers in the semi-final) and Eire Og, who defeated Ballygarvan in their semi-final encounter which was played later in the afternoon. After a tense first ten minutes of play, Caitriona Collins of Ballinhassig opened the scoring with two fine goals within two minutes, only for Eire Og to respond with a goal of their own soon after.

However, after the break, Ballinhassig's strength and experience bore through and they ran riot scoring another nine goals and two points without reply to regain the title.

The Declan Crowley Cup was presented to Ballinhassig captain, Caitriona Collins, by Mary Crowley who also presented the plate final trophy to Buttevant, with runners-up

medals to both beaten finalists.

All in all, it was a great day's camogie, and judging by the response and remarks made at the end of this year's competition, the under 10 age group in Cork city and county can now look forward to competing in next year's event in Ballinhassig, much to the excitement of all those who were involved.

## Cloughduv head into the lion's den

CLOUGHDUV, the newly crowned camogie champions of 2001, will get their first taste of Munster Club action when they travel into the lion's den tomorrow afternoon to take on the Limerick and former All-Ireland champions, Granagh/Ballingarry in the provincial semi-final.

A tall order in any circumstances, but with the Mid Cork side almost certain to line out minus the injured Lynn Dunlea, their chances of success have been severely dented.

"We will be going out to

give it our best shot," explained trainer Paudie Murray, "but realistically if Lynn is missing, it is going to be very difficult if we are to come out of this one."

"Munster club is a whole new experience for us, but with a very fit and fast young team we hope to acquit ourselves well."

Cloughduv gave a powerful display in the county final a few weeks back, and if they can reproduce that form they could indeed pose problems for the Shannonsiders.

Stephanie Dunlea will

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camogie reporter

lead the team from centre back, with the Murrays, Joanne O'Callaghan, Una O'Donoghue and the Corkery sisters giving support. Aoife Buckley is expected to come into the side for the injured Dunlea.

Meanwhile, Cork star Mary O'Connor will find herself in an unusual position facing many of her county colleagues when she lines out with the Limerick side. "I try to put

it out of my head. The way I look at it is if I was playing in the Cork championship, I would be playing against them," said Mary, who is only too aware of the threat that Cloughduv will pose.

"They are a very lively team playing in their first Munster championship. We have been on the road now for the past five or six years and our commitment is as good as ever, but when it comes to the crunch you never know."

Granagh/Ballingarry surprisingly surrendered

their title in the All-Ireland semi-final 12 months ago therefore they will be out to atone for that defeat. Pat Potter who has taken over the managerial position from Mike Chawke will have a full squad to choose from.

Along with centre-back Mary O'Connor, Limerick minor captain Joanne Clifford, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien and Ber Chawke, they will attempt to book a final spot with the winners of the other semi-final between Newmarket-on-Fergus and Cashel.

## Granagh-Ballingarry cruise to final

Granagh-Ballingarry 4-7  
Cloughduv 0-3

Cashel  
overwhelm  
Newmarket

Cashel 3-15  
Newmarket-on-Fergus 0-8

**HOLDERS** Granagh-Ballingarry advanced to their sixth Munster Club Championship Final in-a-row after an awesome display against Cork champions, Cloughduv at Ballinhassig yesterday.

Aoife Sheehan pointed for the holders one minute into the game as Granagh laid siege to the Cloughduv goal. Two goals between the eighth and ninth minutes from Joanne Clifford and Aoife Sheehan settled Granagh and extended their lead before Lynn Dunlea pointed a Cloughduv free 13 minutes into the half.

With their half-back line of Laura Leslie, Mary O'Connor and Bernie Molloy superb, Granagh dominated, while up front their inside forward division of Joanne Clifford, Aoife Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien were totally on top.

Joanne Clifford added two points between the 22nd and 27th minute before she stretched the Granagh lead further with a rasping shot to the roof of the Cloughduv net. A point on the stroke of half-time gave Granagh-Ballingarry a 3-4 to 0-1 interval lead.

On the resumption, the champions

took up where they had left off and three unanswered points between the 5th and 9th minute from Eileen O'Brien (2) and Deirdre Sheehan saw them stretch their lead.

Aoife Sheehan put the issue beyond doubt when she got the ball over the line for Granagh's fourth goal.

Lynn Dunlea did have two second-half points for Cloughduv but they never looked the same class as the champions.

Scorers for Granagh: A. Sheehan 2-1, J. Cullinane 1-3, J. Clifford 1-0, E. O'Brien 0-2, D. Sheehan 0-1, Cloughduv: L. Dunlea 0-3.  
CLOUGHDUV: A. Murray, C. Cronin, O. O'Callaghan, S. Corkery, J. O'Callaghan, S. Dunlea, captain, C. Corkery, M. Corkery, B. Corkery, L. Dunlea, S. Buckley, E. Murray, U. O'Donoghue, O. McCarthy, U. O'Donoghue. Subs: A. Buckley for C. Cronin.  
GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY: B. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, B. Chawke, captain, M. O'Gorman, L. Leslie, M. O'Connor, B. Molloy, K. Burke, V. Sheehan, G. Cullinane, D. Sheehan, A. McCarthy, E. O'Brien, A. Sheehan, J. Clifford. Subs: T. Mulcare for A. McCarthy, E. Boyce for M. O'Brien, C. Leslie for L. Leslie, K. Sheehan for B. O'Brien, M. McNamara for A. Sheehan. Referee: J. Morrissey (Tipperary).

THE Tipperary roller-coast continued as their club champions Cashel made it through to the Munster final following an easy victory over Clare champions Newmarket-on-Fergus.

Matters were settled after Cashel put two goals past Newmarket net-minder Patricia O'Grady inside the first five minutes of the second half.

The Tipp girls had no difficulty in scoring and when Libby Twomey goaled after nine minutes, Newmarket trailed by 1-3 to 0-1.

Two hammer-blows for Newmarket in the shape of a pair of goals by Libby Twomey and Philly Fogarty shortly after the break sounded the death-knell for the hosts.

Cashel: P. Fogarty (1-4), L. Twomey (2-0), C. Grogan (0-5) 1 free, L. Grogan (0-3), P. Bullfin (0-2), H. Grogan (0-1). Newmarket: M. McMahon (0-4) 3 frees, A. Ryan (0-2), S. Ryan & E. Arthur (0-1) each.  
CASHEL: S. Ricken, M. Kennedy, J. Delaney, K. O'Connell, H. Breen, U. O'Dwyer, T. Hennessy (Capt.), P. Bullfin, E. Hayden, A. Barry, P. Fogarty, C. Grogan, L. Twomey, L. Grogan, H. Grogan. Subs used, M. Morrissey, M. O'Dwyer, D. Manton, D. Meagher, C. Fogarty.  
NEWMARKET: P. O'Grady, A. Kilmartin, E. McMahon (Capt.), F. Hannon, M. O'Looney, G. O'Grady, L. Hogan, S. Cullinane, M. McMahon, R. Kaiser, B. O'Looney, C. Arthur, A. Ryan, L. Hickey, S. Ryan. Referee: J. Walsh (Cork).

## Easy win over Rovers puts Milford through to semi-finals

Cork

Milford 4-11  
Valley Rovers 1-1

**STRONGER** in all sectors, Milford experienced little difficulty in qualifying for the Cork County Senior B Camogie championship semi-final when they defeated Valley Rovers at Blarney last evening.

Milford showed some lovely touches in the first half and picked off scores at will.

They led 1-6 to 0-0 at the interval, the goal coming from Emer Watson just two minutes from the half-time whistle.

To their credit, Valley Rovers continued to work hard but were unable to breach a strong Milford defence, where Lelia Long, Aoife Dillon and Anna Geary excelled.

Continuing their dominance, Milford stretched their lead with further goals from Emer Watson and Christine O'Gorman before Elaine Burke pointed for Valley Rovers' opening score.

But despite this, it failed to lift her side and with Milford adding further points from Christine O'Gorman, Marie Watson, Regina Curtin and Emer Watson, the game was over as a contest long before Maggs Murphy finished to the net for Valley Rovers.

Scorers: Milford: E. Watson 2-2, C. O'Gorman 1-3, R. Curtin 1-1, M. Watson 0-4, E. O'Friel 0-1. Valley Rovers: E. Burke 0-1, M. Murphy 1-0. MILFORD: E. Lenehan, N. O'Riordan, L. Long, captain, A. Dillon, D. Hayes, A. Geary, L. Healy, D. O'Reilly, E. O'Riordan, C. O'Gorman, E. O'Friel, M. Watson, E. Watson, R. Curtin, J. Sexton. VALLEY ROVERS: S. Shields, S. Deasy, A. M. Murphy, M. Hurley, M. McCarthy, M. Shields, M. E. O'Mahony, B. Shields, M. O'Donovan, C. McSweeney, E. Burke, C. Deasy, N. O'Donovan, L. Bugler, captain, M. Murphy.

## Masterful Milford

Milford 0-12  
Aghabullogue 0-3

by Mary Newman

MILFORD turned in a superb display to book their spot in the Cork Senior B Camogie championship final with a win over Aghabullogue at Eire Og's new pitch yesterday.

The winners led 0-8 to 0-2 at the interval with five points from Marie Watson, two from Christine O'Gorman and one Regina Curtin. Aghabullogue replied with two from Louise Murphy. Not enough.

Scorers for Milford: M. Watson 0-7, C. O'Gorman 0-3, E. Watson, R. Curtin 0-1 each. Aghabullogue: L. Murphy 0-3. MILFORD: E. Lenehan, N. O'Riordan, L. Long, E. Dillon, D. Hayes, A. Geary, T. Healy, D. O'Reilly, E. O'Riordan, M. Watson, C. O'Gorman, E. O'Friel, E. Watson, R. Curtin, J. Sexton. AGHABULLOGUE: S.M. Crowley, J. Twomey, M. Twomey, P. Murphy, Siobhain Buckley, Mary Buckley, M. O'Leary, T. Roche, Sinead Buckley, C. Murphy, L. Murphy, C. Crowley, M. McSweeney, M. Ennequess, M. Twomey. Subs: N. O'Connell for K. Crowley, T. Noonan for M. McSweeney.

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# Cloughduv humbled by power of Granagh

Granagh-Ballingarry  
Cloughduv 4-11  
0-3

CORK champions Cloughduv made their exit from Munster Club Championship action when holders Granagh-Ballingarry proved too strong at the semi-final stages in Ballingarry.

From the throw in Granagh looked the sharper and with Aoife Sheehan grabbing the opening point Granagh settled quickly. Inside 10 minutes they stretched their advantage to 2-1 after Joanne Clifford and Aoife Sheehan grabbed goals. Lyn Dunlea opened Cloughduv's account with a 10th minute point, but it was to be their only score of the half as they conceded another goal.

Milford  
Valley Rovers 4-11  
1-1

Milford booked a place in the Senior B county semi-final with a top class display against Valley Rovers at Blarney. Five points without reply had the Milford girls in a comfortable position before Emer Watson's goal gave them a 1-6 to no score interval lead. Goals from Emer Watson and Christine O'Gorman sealed a win.

Ballygarvan  
Inniscarra 5-3  
2-7

## Camogie Mary Newman

BALLYGARVAN and Inniscarra served up a thrilling Under 14 A league final before Ballygarvan took the title on Saturday last. Inniscarra held the lead at the break after goals from Margaret Cosgrove and Carmel Cronin but Ballygarvan kept in touch with a Clar Bouse point and an Orla O'Riordan goal.

The victors set about narrowing the arrears from the resumption with an Orla O'Riordan goal, but Inniscarra A's two goals from Ballygarvan's Caoimhe Dillon sealed victory.

Granagh's  
Deirdre  
Sheehan and  
Cloughduv's  
Sinead Buckley  
battle it out in  
the MSC semi.



Carrigaline  
Barryroe 2-11  
1-3

A polished performance from Carrigaline saw them add the league title to their championship

crown when they took the Under 16 B league defeating Barryroe.

It was 1-6 to 0-1 at the interval after Carrigaline's Muireann Conlon, Terri O'Keeffe and Ciara O'Sullivan had all scored.



Susan Jackson, Carrigaline; Ciara O'Connor, Eire Óg and Miriam O'Shea, Ballinhassig, who took part in the Ballinhassig GAA Club's camogie blitz.

Picture: Crowley

# St. Finbarr's book place in final with win over Kilbrittain

St. Finbarr's  
Kilbrittain 2-11  
2-3

A DETERMINED second-half rally saw St. Finbarr's advance to book their place in the Cork senior 'B' camogie championship final at Innishannon last evening.

Despite the appalling weather conditions, both sides served up an entertaining opening half.

With Miriam Deasy and Valerie Maher exchanging goals inside the opening ten minutes, the sides were evenly matched.

Orla O'Sullivan had pointed to

edge the Barr's ahead before Miriam Deasy grabbed Valerie O'Keeffe's sideline cut and hand passed to the net.

With Jenny Duffy and O'Keeffe exchanging points, Kilbrittain held a slender 2-3 to 1-5 over St. Finbarr's at the break.

Barr's got the better start to the second half and points from Orla O'Sullivan and Colette O'Mahony edged them ahead.

Now hurling with determination, they pressed to extend their lead and Valerie Maher scored their second goal, they took control.

Battling to keep in touch, Kilbrittain worked hard but the more skilful St. Finbarr's showed their class and four unanswered points from Orla O'Sullivan and Valerie Maher (two apiece) saw them safely through.

Scorers: St. Finbarr's: V. Maher 2-2, O. O'Sullivan 0-5, C. O'Mahony 0-2, J. Duffy 0-1, G. O'Connor 1-1, Kilbrittain: M. Deasy 2-2, V. O'Keeffe 0-1. ST. FINBARR'S: E. Clifford, C. Harrington, C. Barry, D. Clarke, K. Buckley, Collette Kirby, L. O'Connell, Clare Kirby, G. O'Connor, J. Duffy, B. Maher, R. Myers, V. Maher, O. O'Sullivan, C. O'Mahony. KILBRITTAIN: S. McCarthy, N. O'Mahony, S. O'Donovan, D. O'Sullivan, V. O'Keeffe, E. O'Sullivan, D. Coughlan, C. Deasy, E. O'Sullivan, J. O'Regan, L. Kavanagh, M. O'Sullivan, E. Foley, M. Deasy, S. Sexton. Referee: D. Daly (Sarsfields).

Aghabullogue  
Ballygarvan 2-4  
1-5

AGHABULLOGUE held off a strong Ballygarvan challenge before advancing to a Senior 'B' semi-final meeting with Millford.

Level at 1-1 to 0-4 at the interval, Emer Dillon shot Ballygarvan into the lead inside two minutes of the restart when she goaled from a 45m free.

Aghabullogue fought their way back and two points from Tina Roche had the minimum between

the sides, before Ciara Murphy's goal saw the mid-cork girls take control.

Ballygarvan failed to grab the vital score and Aghabullogue held out to advance.

Scorers: Aghabullogue: M. Ennequess 1-0, C. Murphy 1-0, L. Murphy 0-2, T. Roche 0-2. Ballygarvan: E. Dillon 1-2, C. Kelly 0-2, A. O'Neill 0-1. AGHABULLOGUE: S.M. Crowley, J. Twomey, Margie Twomey, T. Murphy, Siobhan Buckley, Sinead Buckley, M. O'Leary, J. Crowley, M. Buckley, D. Twomey, T. Roche, L. Murphy, M. McSweeney, M. Ennequess, Mairead Twomey. BALLYGARVAN: M. O'Riordan, Z. Forrest, J. Brown, M. Lane, A. O'Neill, N. Brady, K. Brown, E. Dillon, M. Harrington, K. Dwane, C. Kelly, D. Daly, J. O'Sullivan, A. Murphy, S.A. O'Halloran. Subs: A. Brown for K. Dwane, K. Dinneen for S.A. O'Halloran. Referee: M. McSweeney (Bandon).

St. Finbarr's  
Kilbrittain 2-11  
2-3

TWO goals from Valerie Maher, one in each half, earned St Finbarrs their place in the Senior B county final when they defeated Kilbrittain on Sunday last.

Kilbrittain's Miriam Deasy grabbed an early lead for her side with an eight minute goal, but from the puck out Maher had the ball in the net after goalkeeper Sadie Mc Carthy failed to hold Rachel Myers shot.

Level midway through Deasy again had Kilbrittain ahead when she finished Val O'Keeffe's line ball to the net, but two points from Jenny Duffy and Gemma O'Connor narrowed the gap before O'Keeffe pointed a 45.

With conditions improving considerably St Finbarrs enjoyed the benefit of the strong wind and two points inside five minutes showed their determination. The slicker Barrs laid siege to Kilbrittain's goal and when Val Maher struck eight minutes into the half, the Barrs were on their way.

Aghabullogue  
Ballygarvan 2-4  
1-5

AGHABULLOGUE and Ballygarvan were level 1-1 to 0-4 after a close opening half in the Senior B quarter final in Ovens. Mary Ennequess goal midway through the half had edged Aghabullogue into the lead but Emer Dillon's two points had Ballygarvan back in contention.

On the resumption Ballygarvan hit the front when Dillon's free from 45 metres went to the net after just two minutes, but with Tina Roche pointing twice just the minimum separated the sides.

Ciara Murphy grabbed an Aghabul-

## Two goal Maher books the Barr's senior final spot

logue goal 10 minutes into the half, and now with their noses in front they were determined to hold their lead. Aileen O'Neill and Louise Murphy traded points, but it was the stronger Aghabullogue who held on and set up a meeting with Millford next weekend.

In the Junior B Bandon continued their winning ways with a powerful display against Buttevant, Valley Rovers' second string proved to strong for Cobh in Brinney, as was the case for the St. Catharines second string and Newcestown who had wins over Barryroe and Ballincollig.

It was a busy few days for Eire Óg who made it through to the Under 12 league final and a meeting with Douglas. Lisa Marie O'Mahony in goal caught the eye for Eire Óg as did Deirdre Twomey and Ella Kelleher.

In the under 14 B league semi final Eire Óg had to give way to a strong Enniskeane who will meet St Finbarrs in the final, Katie Buttimer, Mary O'Donovan and Mairead O'Sullivan worked to the finish for Enniskeane as they made sure of their final spot. Under 16 B championship saw city club Na Piarraig travel to Youghal and rec-

ord a a good win with Charlotte Kearney, Lisa Burns and Lorna Kelly to the fore. National Senior and Junior League semi finals take place on Saturday next in Bishopstown when All Ireland champions Tipperary meet Cork at 1pm and defeated Junior finalists Offaly meet Cork Juniors at 2.30pm. Both matches will generate huge interest.

Local action on Sunday has the second Senior B semi final with Milford and Aghabullogue clashing the Junior A replay Douglas against St Vincents takes place at Douglas, and Junior B championship continues with Grenagh meeting Aghabullogue, Kilbrittain meet Killeagh. The South East division will hold their Under 13 league semi finals in Riverstick on Saturday next, Ballygarvan will meet Carrigaline at 2p.m with Ballinhassig and Courneys meeting at 3.30.

Clubs are reminded to send collectors to the annual county board collection at the hurling final on Sunday next in Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Collectors to meet at the Blackrock end entrance to the covered stand between 2.15 and 2.30.

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Denise Cronin was a big loss to Cork in their drawn championship game and she can do a job against Tipp this time.



# Cork aim to Tipp balance their way

**NATIONAL** League takes centre stage this weekend when All-Ireland champions Tipperary come to Cork, as do junior runners-up Offaly, to take on the home side in the semi-finals.

When the foot-and-mouth scare took hold, it was decided to postpone the closing stages of the league until early October and as a result, fans will get the chance to see what is sure to be a classic as Cork and Tipperary meet again.

The All-Ireland semi-final games between these sides were without doubt the finest games since the introduction of the 15-a-side and the powers that be should have structured the championship in such a way that the sides would not have met until the final.

However, it's a similar story with the league and surely common sense will finally dawn one of these days. Until then we will continue to watch the two finest teams in the country compete at semi-final stages.

Once again it will be all systems go as Cork strive to defeat the old enemy. Twice in as many weeks Tipperary staged a comeback to deny Cork a place in the All-Ireland final when it looked as if Cork were on their way.

Admittedly, on the first day Denise Cronin



JOAN RYAN played a dual role for Valley Rovers as they recorded a 5-4 to 2-3 win over Cobh in the junior B championship.

Ryan grabbed a couple of goals in the opening half before taking over the goalkeeping duties for the second half when she turned in a star performance.

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Camogie correspondent

was a huge loss to Cork, while lining out minus Lynn Dunlea on the second day was also a blow to the side.

Right now Cork need to inject a bit of steel to a forward division that has also suffered the loss of Ciara Healy, who has a knee injury.

Cork should be looking for somebody to lead

their attack and add the badly needed drive and leadership up front. A player who comes to mind is Denise Cronin who showed against Dublin that she is not afraid to have a go. With a place in the final up for grabs, Cork will not let the chance of putting one over on Tipp go easily.

The champions will travel determined to go on and record a first league and championship double. In their All-Ireland victory over Kilkenny they succeeded as a unit and players of the calibre of Paula Bulfin, Emily Hayden and Philly Fogarty will once again mount a huge challenge to Cork's progress.

With Cashel having taken the Munster club crown last weekend the county is on a high and will travel in confident mood.

Offaly suffered a huge setback at the hands of Tipperary in the All-Ireland junior final, but nevertheless are focused on the league semi.

Steady progress has been made in the last 12 months and the mood in the county is up-beat.

League champions Cork were knocked out of the Munster championship by Tipperary and are more than capable of advancing to another league final.

Throughout the league they performed well but it will be interesting to see how the players have progressed in the interim.

## Ryan is star of the show for Valley

BANDON continued their progress in the Junior B championship with an impressive display against Buttevant.

Stronger in all sectors, the visitors advanced with ease to a quarter final meeting with Delaneys or Carrigaline.

Joan Ryan played a dual role for Valley Rovers as they recorded a 5-4 to 2-3 win over Cobh, grabbing two of her side's goals in the first half.

She then reverted to goalkeeper for the second half where she turned in a star performance.

Others to impress were Mary Crowley, Eileen Foley and Lucey Hawks.

St Catherine's second string had a 1-4 to 1-2 winning margin over Barryroe's second side in Conna, while the Newtown girls were too strong for a young Ballincollig side.

Na Piarsaigh's under 16B team made their trip to Youghal a winning one with Leanne Crowley, Christine McCarthy and Lorna Kelly all in determined mood as the visitors recorded a 5-2 to 4-1 winning score line.

Éire Óg made it through to meet Douglas in the Under 12 league final when they recorded a 2-3 to 0-2 semi final victory over Ballygarvan.

Denise Twomey, Ella Kelleher and Sarah Donovan impressed for Éire Óg.

Enniskeane booked their place in the Under 14B league final to meet St Finbarr's, after coming from a goal down at half time to defeat a young Éire Óg side 2-1 to 1-0.

Muireann Corkery opened for Éire Óg and it was the score that divided the sides at the break.

On the turnover Orla Coughlan had the sides level before the same player pointed to give her side the lead.

A determined Éire Óg failed to breach a solid Enniskeane defence and with Noelle Buttiner adding Enniskeane's second goal their final spot was secured.

● Clubs are reminded that the annual collection will take place at the county hurling final on Sunday at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Collectors are asked to be at gate 10 between 1.45pm and 2pm. All clubs to supply a minimum of four collectors.

## Classy 'Barrs advance to final

St Finbarr's  
Kilbrittain

2-11  
2-3

ST FINBARR'S turned in a superb display against Kilbrittain at Innishannon to book their place in the senior B county final.

A close first half saw Kilbrittain match the Barrs and at the interval it was Kilbrittain who led 2-3 to 1-5 after Val Maher and Miriam Deasy had swapped goals in the opening stages.

After the resumption Barrs looked determined and, with the busy Val Maher and Jenny Duffy excelling, Kilbrittain struggled to regain the momentum they had enjoyed in the opening half.

Orla O'Sullivan and Colette O'Mahony stretched the lead with points before Val Maher struck for the Barrs' second goal to effectively finished the game as a contest.

To their credit Kilbrittain did come in search of scores, but the Barrs defence with Clare Barry, Linda O'Connell and Ellen Clifford to the fore, thwarted Kilbrittain's best efforts.

Barrs finished with a flourish with four unanswered points from Orla O'Sullivan and Val Maher.

Aghabullogue edged out Ballygarvan by two points, 2-4 to 1-5, in the senior B quarter-final at Ovens.

Aghabullogue's Louise Murphy opened the scoring but Catriona Kelly replied with two Ballygarvan points.

The lead again changed hands midway through when Mary Ennaguess had the ball in the net, but Ballygarvan responded in the shape of Emer Dillon who had them on level terms by the short whistle.

A goal from Dillon within two minutes of the restart gave Ballygarvan the advantage but two Tina Roche points left the minimum between the sides.

A Ciara O'Mahony goal tilted the balance in Aghabullogue's favour. They will meet Milford in the semi-final next weekend.

## Results/ fixtures

**RESULTS**  
Munster Senior final: Cashel 0-9 Granagh/Ballingarry 0-6.  
Cork Senior B Championship Semi Final: St. Finbarr's 2-11, Kilbrittain 2-3.  
Senior B. Cham. Quarter Final: Aghabullogue 2-4, Ballygarvan 1-5.  
Junior B Championship: Valley Rovers 5-4, Cobh 2-3; St. Catherine's 1-4, Barryroe 1-2; Newtown 2-7, Ballincollig 0-2; Bandon 0-8, Buttevant 0-0.  
U14 B League Semi Final: Enniskeane 2-1, Éire Óg 1-0.  
U12 League Semi Final: Éire Óg 2-3, Ballygarvan 0-2.  
U16 B Championship: Na Piarsaigh 5-2, Youghal 4-1.

**FIXTURES**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 6**  
Senior A and Junior National League Semi Finals - Senior: Cork v Tipperary at Bishopscourt 1pm.  
Junior: Cork v Offaly at Bishopscourt 2.30pm.  
Under 14 B League Final: St Finbarr's v Enniskeane at Cloughduv 4.30pm.  
Junior B Championship: Kilbrittain v Kilshannig at Kilbrittain 5.30pm.  
South East Under 13 League Semi Finals: Ballygarvan v Carrigaline Riverstick 2pm; Ballinhassig v Courcy's at Riverstick 3.30pm.  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 7**  
Senior B Championship Semi Final: Milford v Aghabullogue at venue to be arranged 11.30am.  
Junior A Championship Replay: Douglas v St Vincent's at Douglas 11.30am.  
Junior B Championship: Mallow v Killeagh at Mallow 11am; Carrigaline v Delaneys at Delaneys 11am; Castlions v Valley Rovers at Castlions 10.45am.

# The double is on after weekend wins

WEATHER conditions failed to dampen the spirits as Cork recorded two National league semi-final victories and booked their final spots.

Playing host to the All-Ireland champions Tipperary was no easy feat but the home side stood up to the challenge to record a merited victory and advance to a final meeting with a Galway side who defeated Wexford.

Tipp fielded minus four of their starting All Ireland 15, but nevertheless were in a position to call up four of their All Ireland winning junior side.

Playing against the wind Cork led at the interval 2-1 to 0-3 after goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Una O'Donoghue five minutes from the break.

With the gale force wind to their backs for the second half Cork made the champions fight for every puck. Six points without reply had the home side in the driving seat before Criona Harte's goal ensure no way back for Tipperary.

The Junior game was the match of the afternoon, Cork having played with the wind lead 0-6 to 1-1 at the interval and it did not look as if it would be enough.

Offaly got the better start to the second half with a goal from Jackie Feigherty, and with Maggie Lynch adding a point Cork looked in trouble.

Never panicking Cork played excellently and worked extremely hard against the wind, hitting a purple patch with goals from Elaine McCarthy and Emer O'Farrell within a minute of each other.

Offaly fought back with two points but again it was Elaine McCarthy who shone when Offaly goalkeeper Fiona McLeish saved superbly from Ca-triona Kelly. McCarthy was on hand to finish to the net.

Locally, St Finbarrs were crowned Under 14 B League champions when they recorded a 3-2 to 0-2 victory over Enniskeane. For the Barrs Pauline Murphy, Dara Banks and Valerie Hosford shone, while a spirited Enniskeane had good displays from Brenda Lynch, Orla Coughlan and Marguerite

Nyhan. In the Senior B championship semi-final Milford had a 0-12 to 0-3 winning margin over Agh-bullogue in Ovens on Sunday.

Leading 0-8 to 0-2 at the half time break, Milford added further points from the Watson sisters Emer and Marie and Christine O'Gorman to ensure their place in the final where they meet St Finbarrs on Sunday next.

Junior championship dominated the weekend with all but one game completed. In the Junior A replay between Douglas and St Vincents it was once again a close affair with Douglas shading it with two points to spare. In the Junior B championship Carrigaline travelled to Delaneys and advanced after a polished performance saw them record a 3-8 to 1-2 winning margin. Castlemagner had a two points win over Newcestown, while Valley Rovers continued their winning streak with a good win away from home over Castleyons.

On Saturday Kilbrittain's second string had a winning performance over a young Kilshannig side.

Despite it being a busy weekend the county board held their annual collection at the county hurling final and with the All Ireland winning minor team being presented to the crowd before the game it added to the occasion.

The day was a wonderful success and the committee have asked me to pass on their thanks to all who supported the collection.

The weekend ahead has the Senior B final down for decision with St Finbarrs and Milford meeting on Sunday at 3.30.

Championship matches will continue in Junior and Under 16 with a full fixture sheet to be announced.

● The new Eire Og pitch in Ovens over the weekend hosted two National League games and the Senior B county semi-final within 24 hours of each other. County chairperson Sheila Golden was loud in her praise of the club and in particular Pat Malone and Sheila O'Brien, whose help and co-operation was second to none.

## NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

# Celebrations take their toll!

by Marion Graham

Cork 2-14, Tipperary 0-5

A combination of All Ireland final hang-over and the absence of some star players, notably Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy, who, unfortunately had a road mishap en route to Cork, but, happily came out uninjured, paved the way for a Cork victory in the National Camogie league semi final in wind swept Eire Og grounds, in Ovens, Cork on Saturday.

The last minute change of venue from Bishopstown plus the added fact that the grounds were approximately twenty miles at the far side of Cork City added to their problems. On the way we passed numerous pitches in excellent order and with excellent facilities, which makes one wonder why we had to travel for almost three hours to play this match.

Time and time again counties are asked to have a venue as near as possible to the visiting team, but for some reason this do not happen with Cork, it is always the same, - take the opposition as far into the county as possible.

## FIRST SCORE

Playing with the gale force wind in the first half the visitors was first to score with a Philly Fogarty point in the second minute. Tipperary pressed hard for the next ten minutes and was camped in the Cork square but was unable to capitalise on the possession they enjoyed.

Criona Harte levelled for Cork in the fifteenth minute. However, Eimear McDonnell put Tipperary ahead again in the twenty fourth minute and Emily Hayden put them two points ahead with a well taken score in the twenty sixth minute.

Disaster struck when Fiona O'Driscoll and Una O'Donoghue netted in the twenty seventh and twenty ninth minutes to leave a four-point gap at the interval.

With the aid of the strong wind in the second half Cork were now rampant and added a further 1-13 to Tipperary's 0-2.

The long All-Ireland campaign (including the celebrations) left the champions more leg weary than usual. Cork took full advantage and recorded a much sought after victory, in a year that has been both memorable and historic for Tipperary Camogie.

Tipperary Team and scorers: Sara O'Brien, Una O'Dwyer, Paula Bulfin, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Suzanne Kelly, Therese Brophy, Joanne Ryan, Emily Hayden (0-2), Niamh Harkin, Philly Fogarty (0-2), Louise Young, Claire Grogan, Lena Woods, Eimear McDonnell (0-1). Subs: Jenny O'Halloran for Claire Grogan, Julie Delaney for Louise Young.

Scorers for Cork Criona Harte (1-2), Fiona O'Driscoll (1-3), Una O'Donoghue (1-2), Lynn Dunlea (0-5), Jenny O'Leary (0-1), Elaine Bourke (0-1).

## ALL-IRELAND CLUB QUARTER FINAL

Newly crowned Munster Club Champions Cashel due to play London Champions at the weekend have got a walk over. They now await the winners of Freshford, Kilkenny Champions

and St. Ibarrr's, Wexford Champions, who drew two weeks ago in the Leinster Final. The replay of this final is on this weekend and the All-Ireland semi-final will take place in two weeks time. (More details next week).

# Cork end Tipp's winning run

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

In Ovens

Cork 3-14  
Tipperary 0-5

TIPPERARY'S unbeaten run in recent times became unstuck in the National senior camogie league semi-final when they were denied by a Cork side determined to get one back on their All Ireland conquerors.

Not even the dreadful blustery conditions at the exceptionally dry Eire Og pitch in Ovens could deter the home side from romping to a run-away victory. Pride to salvage was very

much the order of the day for the Leesiders who lined out with 13 of their championship side.

And the power of their challenge was apparent when playing into the gale in the opening 30 minutes they grabbed two excellent goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Una O'Donoghue, while simultaneously closing off the Tipp attack.

The Cork forward line was certainly back on song. In the second period they tacked on another goal and 13 points to secure a final placing with Galway and a step nearer to achieving a record seven-in-a-row titles.

This was clearly not Tipperary's day. On route to the match,

the Toomevara duo of Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy were involved in a car accident, which prevented them from lining out with the Blue and Gold.

And already without the services of goalkeeper Jovita Delaney and centre back Ciara Gaynor, their defence did not seem to be as watertight as in previous encounters.

Meanwhile, in the junior semi-final, Cork against the odds, weathered the Offaly storm to transform a two-point deficit into a six-point win (3-8 to 2-5). In the final the Leesiders will meet the winners of next weekend's other decider between Derry and Meath.

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# Cork seniors and juniors reach deciders as

Cork  
Tipperary

3-14  
0-5

by Tom Higgins

TIPPERARY, fielding eleven of their All-Ireland winning side, were easily defeated by a rampant Cork side in this National Senior League semi-final at Ovens on Saturday. The Premier county suffered the loss of free taker Noelle Kennedy and full forward Deirdre Hughes, involved in a car crash on their way to the game.

Thankfully, they were not seriously injured in the accident.

The home side fought for every ball to lead by 2-1 to 0-3 against a gale force crosswind in the opening period and continued their dominance the second half.

The All Ireland champions' reshaped attack was given little scope by a close marking Cork defence with Eithne Duggan, Stephanie Dunlea, Paula O'Connor and Sarah Hayes in superb form.

Tipperary had a point from play by

Philly Fogarty after two minutes but Cork levelled with a Criona Harte point in the 15th minute. Emer McDonnell restored Tipperary's advantage with a point in the 23rd minute and another from Emily Hayden but goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Una O'Donoghue shortly before the break put the National League holders in a commanding position.

Scorers: Cork: F. O'Driscoll 1-3, C. Harte 1-3, Lynn Dunlea 0-5 (0-3 frees, 0-1 '45'), U. O'Donoghue 1-2, J. O'Leary 0-1, Tipperary: F. Fogarty 0-2, E. Hayden 0-2, E. McDonnell 0-1.

D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, S. Hayes, L. Mellerick, V. Harris, F. O'Driscoll, U. O'Donoghue, E. Burke, L. Dunlea, C. Harte, J. O'Leary, Subs: J. Hannon for D. Cronin (46th minute), T. Doyle and C. Corkery for C. Harte and J. O'Leary (53rd); A. Murray and M. Corkery for G. Casey and L. Mellerick (55th).

TIPPERARY: S. O'Brien; P. Biffin, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, S. Nealon, S. Kelly, T. Brophy, N. Harkin, E. Hayden, P. Fogarty, L. Young, J. Ryan, E. McDonnell, L. Wood, C. Grogan, Subs: J. Delaney for L. Young (40th), T. O'Halloran for C. Grogan (44th)

Referee: A. Derham (Dublin)

## Cashel hoping to add to Tipp silver

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

View from the ground

CASHEL would dearly love to add the Jubilee Cup to the glittering array of silverware already won by Tipperary this season, but first they must face the might of Granagh/Ballingarry in tomorrow's Munster club camogie final.

Also when you consider that nine of Cashel's starting line-out picked up either an All-Ireland junior or senior medal two weeks ago in Croke Park, it would seem to be a mammoth task for the Limerick girls.

However, as club teams go, Granagh/Ballingarry are as fine a side as you will see in this championship. They are the existing provincial champions for the past five years.

Changes at the top too, with Pat Potter taking over as manager, have injected renewed enthusiasm into the team and also their experience at this level is a vital asset.

None more so, than in their full and centre back positions, where Ber Chawke and Mary O'Connor stand defiant.

But, with the likes of the three Grogan sisters, Philly Fogarty, Ann Barry and Emily Hayden to contend with, they will need all six backs in top form.

Vera Sheehan and Kay Burke will have the responsibility of getting fastball into their nifty full forward line where Joanne Clifford, Aoife Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien will be the aces in the pack.

But it will not be easy against Cashel, who are still looking for their first Munster title.

Una O'Donoghue at full back has had a tremendous year for the Blue and Gold. Paula Biffin is another key player, while the 2000 Player of the Year Jovita Delaney will also take some watching.

Cashel spokesman Ann Moloney says: "It is now or never. This is our fourth year winning the county final and Granagh/Ballingarry beaten us in Munster a couple of times.

"This year I feel we are more focused, it might be our year," she said.

## Cashel crowned queens of Munster

Cashel  
Granagh-Ballingarry

by Tom Higgins

IT HAS been a great year for camogie in the Premier County with Tipp winning both the senior and junior All-Ireland titles.

And yesterday on their home patch Cashel made their own bit of history when they collected their first Munster Senior Club title when they defeated the holders, Granagh-Ballingarry, in a low-scoring final under terrible weather conditions.

Cashel had the aid of the wind in the opening half and, thanks to some excellent scores from the Grogan sisters, Linda, Clare and Helen, turned over leading by 0-6 to 0-2.

Thanks to their superb defensive senior All-Ireland winning players, Jovita Delaney and Una O'Dwyer in defence, they were able to tighten up in the second period and gave the Granagh-Ballingarry forwards little scope.

Although the holders reduced the lead to two points, 0-7 to 0-5 with some excellent free-taking by Eileen O'Brien with 13 minutes left they could not get that all important goal and Cashel finished the stronger.

For the winners Jovita Delaney had an excellent game at full back while Una O'Dwyer, and captain Triona Hennessy (Bonnar) stood out in the half back line.

Senior intercounty players Emily Hayden and Paula Biffin won the battle at midfield while up front Philly Fogarty and Claire Grogan were particularly impressive.

Scorers: Cashel: C. Grogan 0-3 (0-2 frees), L. Grogan 0-2 (0-1 penalty), H. Grogan 0-2, P. Fogarty 0-1, M. Morrissey 0-1, Granagh-Ballingarry: E. O'Brien 0-4 (0-2, free 0-1 '45'), J. Cullinane 0-2, Cashel: S. Ricker, M. Kennedy, J. Delaney, K. O'Connell, H. Breen, U. O'Dwyer, T. Hennessy (capt), E. Hayden, P. Biffin, P. Fogarty, M. Morrissey, C. Grogan, L. Twomey, L. Gogan, H. Grogan, Subs: A. Barry for L. Twomey (52nd minute), Granagh-Ballingarry: S. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, B. Chawke, M. O'Gorman, L. Leslie, M. O'Connor, B. Molloy, V. Sheehan, K. Burke, J. Cullinane, D. Sheehan, A. McCarthy, E. O'Brien, A. Sheehan, J. Clifford, Sub: K. Lesley for A. McCarthy (34th minute). Referee: J. McGrath (Cork).

## Tipp and Offaly crumble

Offaly in the second game at Ovens.

After enjoying a strong wind, the Rebels only led 0-6 to 1-1 at half time. Offaly added a goal and a point in the opening five minutes. Elaine Darmody's goal in the 33rd minute gave the visitors hope and when Maggie Lynch added another point Offaly seemed to be in control.

After Elaine McCarthy's goal and points from Emer O'Farrell and Amanda Murphy, Offaly scored three points to leave only two in it. A goal from Elaine McCarthy five minutes

from time, followed by a point from Emer O'Farrell, settled matters.

Scorers: Cork: E. McCarthy 2-1, E. O'Farrell 1-2, C. Desmond 0-2, C. Kelly 0-1 (free), A. Murphy 0-1, Offaly: A. Hennessy 1-0, E. Dermody 1-0 (1'45), J. Feighery 0-1, M. Lynch 0-1 (free), M. Bergin 0-1, S. Daly 0-1, A. Glannon 0-1.

CORK: L. Long, A. O'Neill, J. Browne, A. M. Fleming, V. O'Keeffe, N. Ahern, J. O'Sullivan, E. O'Farrell, M. O'Connell, C. Desmond, C. Kelly, G. Collins, L. Dorgan, E. McCarthy, A. Murphy, Subs: N. Goulding for M. O'Connell (half time), N. Bowles for G. Collins (26th minute), D. Twomey for L. Dorgan (45th minute).

OFFALY: F. McLeish, C. Byrne, A. Kelly, M. Nugent, M. Molloy, M. Bergin, C. Carroll, M. Wyer, S. Carroll, E. Dermody, J. Feighery, M. Lynch, S. Daly, A. Hennessy, O. Casey, Sub: A. Glannon for M. Nugent.

Referee: E. Browne (Tipperary).

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# Ulster affair

Saturday September 29th will see Ulster capture the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship title one way or the other as Derry enter their first ever Intermediate Final against Antrim who last reached the ultimate back in '99, writes Máire Uí Scoláif.

This all Ulster affair came about as Antrim ousted Cork the defending champions in the semi-final 1-13 to 1-06, while Derry overcame Down 1-11 to 0-07 in the second semi-final.

This clash will have another interesting angle to it as it brings together two prominent managers, successful Derry camogie manager Dominic McKinley who hurled for Antrim in '89 against Tipperary, will come up against the former Antrim hurling Manager Jim Nelson, who has done a lot for Antrim camogie.

Derry, who were victorious in last year's All-Ireland junior final, lost this year's semi-final to Leinster champions Offaly. However, Derry were most impressive in their Intermediate semi-final when they overcame a disappointing Down side who sadly have not enjoyed one of their better years.

Such was Derry's dominance that no fewer than eleven players got their name on the scoreboard, but if Derry dominated this semi-final likewise Antrim had their star in Jane Adams who had one of her best performances to date scoring no less than 0-07.

Derry were fortunate that they were also able to welcome back Mary O'Kane for the semi-final following the birth of her child, and she too got her name on the scoring sheet! One of Derry's forwards Paula Bell has certainly been ringing in the goals during both intermediate and junior championship campaigns and she will probably take some

marking the next day.

Jim Nelson, will not be alone on the day as he hopes that captain and daughter Ciara will bring the Intermediate trophy to the Saffrons for the first time.

While this Intermediate championship may bring the curtain down on championship fever for this season the matter of the National Leagues, the Schwarzkopf Gael-Linn championships and the club championship have all still to come, so plenty to keep people going for the Autumnal days ahead.

Normally, Gael-Linn and the National Leagues would have been completed by now but due to the foot and mouth disease the completion of these was put back until October.

Camogie fans will also be able to look forward to the publication of the "Camogie Abu" Annual which will as ever contain stories from far and near and should entertain people young and old.

While the Oak Leaf County may be doing well on the adult side of things, they are seemingly looking after their younger players as recently their U14 team captured the U14 Ulster Championship Final from Down 4-03 to 0-02 which was played as a curtain raiser to the All-Ireland Intermediate championship semi-final Down v Derry.

Derry's young rising star Grainne McGuckin playing at midfield knocked in a handsome 2-03 even though she was rather contained in the opening half! The second half belonged to Derry who knocked in a further three goals having lead 1-0 to 0-01 at the break.



The Antrim panel that will take on Derry in the all Ulster intermediate final



The St Fingarr's team who beat Enniskeane in the U-14 B League final.

# Double joy as Cork put wind up rivals

Cork  
Tipperary

3-14  
0-5

**CORK** turned the table on old rivals Tipperary and in the process booked their place in the National League final. The victory capped a good day on the inter county front as the Cork juniors also advanced to the National League final with a victory over defeated All-Ireland finalists Offaly.

The senior game opened proceedings at the superb Eire Og pitch in Ovens and the All-Ireland champions fielded a strong side, including 11 of their All Ireland winning side.

Tipperary had a gale force wind to their backs in the opening half but they failed to shake off a determined Cork side who worked hard throughout and led at the break by 2-1 to 0-3, following r goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Una O'Donoghue five minutes before the interval.

Aided by the elements in the second half Cork held all the aces and points from Lynn Dunlea and Una O'Donoghue stretched their lead.

Emily Hayden replied for Tipp but Cork added four points without reply.

Clara Harte grabbed Cork's third goal mid way through and from here on in the result was never in doubt, with Cork adding further points from Fiona O'Driscoll, Criona Harte, Una O'Donoghue, Elaine Burke and Lynn Dunlea to book their final spot where they will meet Galway who defeated Wexford last Saturday.

Cork's midfielder Linda Mellerick was pleased with the performance, commenting: "It was tough having to meet Tipperary after losing in the championship. However we played well and were very determined. They were anxious to add the league title their All-Ireland and fought hard for every ball so its nice to have come out on top."

Selector Sheila O'Brien also expressed satisfaction at a job well done: "It was hard for the girls today but once the game started we showed determination."

"They have never won the league and were trying to make it a double so were delighted that we came out on top and are now looking forward



Cork's Denise Cronin under pressure from Tipperary's Philly Fogarty at Ovens. Picture: Gavin Browne

By MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY

Camogie

to the final with Galway on October Bank Holiday weekend.

The Cork junior team showed battling qualities to beat Offaly by 3-8 to 2-5.

They led 0-6 to 1-1 at the half-time whistle but, having played with wind advantage, it did not look as if it would be enough.

On the turnover Offaly took the lead with a Julie Feigerty goal and when Maggie Lynch added a point Offaly looked to be in the driving

seat. Cork worked hard and played with determination and were rewarded when Elaine McCarthy and Emer O'Farrell struck goals inside a minute.

Amanda Murphy pointed and now Offaly were struggling. Regaining their composure, Offaly struck back with three unanswered points and looked to be regaining their grip.

But Elaine McCarthy grabbed a vital goal after Catriona Kelly's shot was parried by the Offaly keeper.

Emer O'Farrell added a point to round off a marvellous day for a spirited and battling Cork side.

## Vincent's topple Douglas

DOUGLAS and St Vincent's replayed their Junior A championship tie on Sunday last and again it was a close affair.

Douglas made the running in the opening half and led 2-3 to 1-1 at the break after goals from Ger Burke and Eileen Morgan. St Vincent's fought back and with Michelle Cotter and Gillian Morrissey working hard they were back in contention.

Douglas held a narrow point lead coming up to full-time and with seconds remaining Louise O'Regan showed tremendous calm to slot over a free and stretch it to two.

Despite St Vincent's pressure they failed to breach a Douglas defence where Mary Harrington and Fiona McSweeney excelled.

Junior B championship continued with Carrigaline holding the upper hand over Delany's and making it through on a 3-8 to 1-2 scoreline.

Castlemagner had to fight hard before advancing at the expense of Newcestown's second string.

Valley Rovers had too much experience for Castletelyons in Castletelyons, while on Saturday Kilbrittain with Mary Sexton and Amanda Murphy to the fore, made no mistake advancing with a victory over Kilshannig.

Meanwhile, next weekend is a big one for St Finbarr's and Milford when they contest the County Senior B final at Ovens.

Milford, who lost out at the final hurdle last year to Eire Og after going to a replay, are a young team who have enjoyed unprecedented success both at underage and adult level since the club formation in the ninties.

Underage titles from U-14 to Junior 'A' have all found their way to North Cork under the guidance of Ann Watson who is the clubs leading light.

Success at colleges level with St Mary's Charleville has ensured that despite their young age the Milford girls are not lacking in experience. Marie Watson, Anna Geary, Regina Curtin and Aoife Dillon will make a huge effort to bring a Senior title to Milford.

Last year when the sides met the Barr's made the early running but lost out in the closing stages. This year they have looked a formidable outfit in all their games. Long serving Colette O'Mahony has come out of retirement and is a huge asset to the side, while younger players Valerie Maher, Karen Buckley and Colette Kirby have all showed a determined and mature approach in all their games.

The side is coached by former Barr's hurler Jerry Murphy and on their performances to date look set to go in as favourites take their first Senior B title.

## FIXTURES

### SATURDAY OCT 13

Under 12 League Final: Douglas v Eire Og, Ballinacorney 4pm.

Junior B Championship: Grenagh v Aghbullogue, Grenagh, 4pm.

Under 16 B Championship: Bandon v Kilsheg, Bandon 3pm; Buttevant v Ballinacorney, Buttevant venue and time to be arranged.

### SUNDAY OCT 14

Senior B County Final: Milford v St Finbarrs, Ovens, 3.30pm.

Junior A Championship Semi Final: Watergrasshill v Douglas, neutral venue or Watergrasshill, 11.30am.

Junior A Championship Quarter - Final: Glen Rovers v St Catharines, Glen Rovers, 1.30pm.

Under 16 A Championship: Ballinacorney v Barryroe, Ballinacorney, 12 noon.

Under 16 B Championship: Valley Rovers v Ballinacorney, 10.45am; Kildorney v Clonakilly, Kildorney, 3.30pm; Na Piarraig v Passage, Na Piarraig, 11am; Castletelyons v Bishopscourt, Castletelyons, 11.30am.



THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

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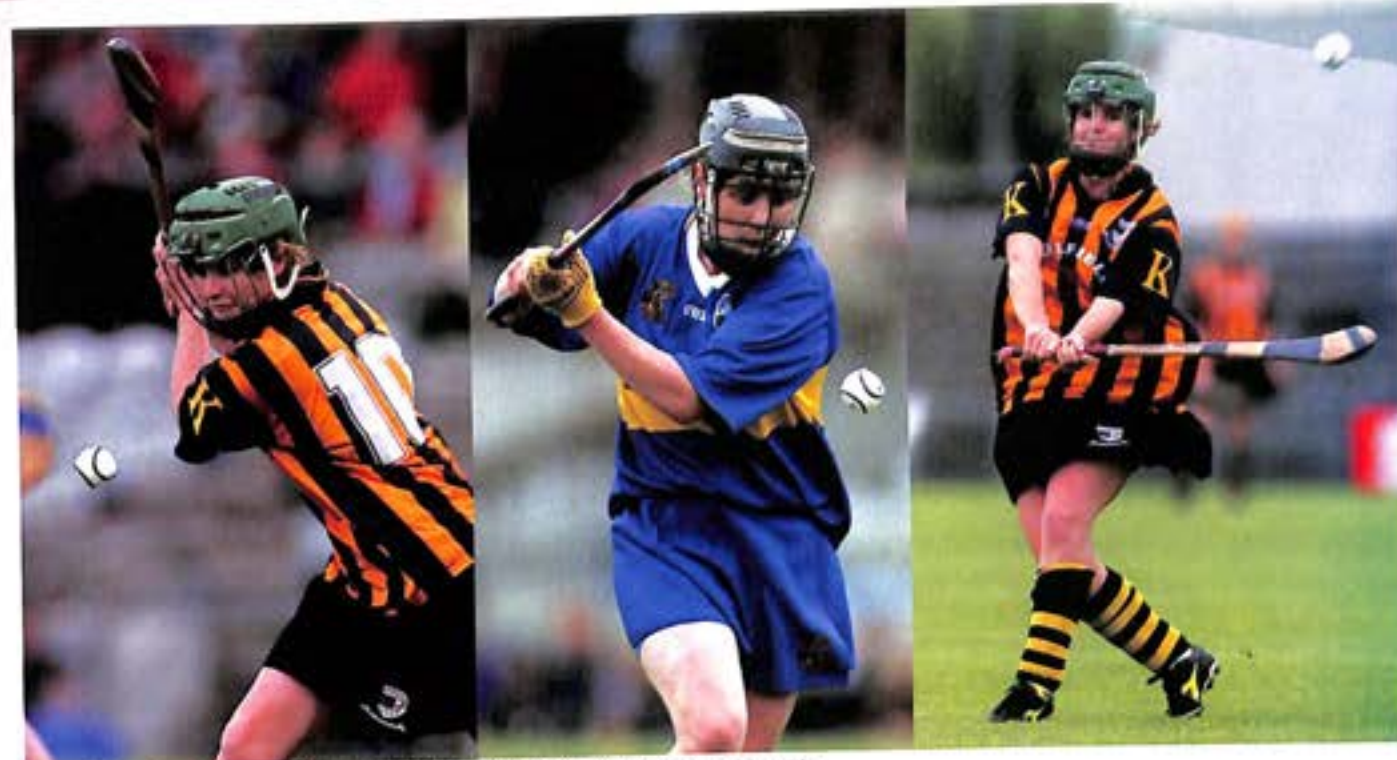
# TIPP CATS

The Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final between neighbours Tipperary and Kilkenny, on 16 September, has the potential to be a classic.



CATHY THE CAT: Catherine Doherty looks ahead to the final.

**T**he scene is set and the teams are ready to race on to the Croke Park sod for the 70th All-Ireland senior camogie final. It is a repeat of the decider of two years ago when Tipperary won their first ever title in a nail-biting finish at GAA headquarters. It has been a long road back for the new champions but here they are once again, looking good, in search of an historic three-in-a-row wins for the Premier County. But write Kilkenny off at your peril. This message came loud and clear at Cusack Park, Mullingar on August 18th when the black and amber upset the form-book by taking the scalp of Galway in the Foras na Gaeilge All Ireland camogie semi-final. The 'Cats', who earlier in the year struggled during their league campaign, are now back in Croke hoping to bring the O'Duffy Cup Nore side for the 13th time and for the first since 1994. This is not entirely an unrealistic expectation. Granted, the Cats will be the underdogs on this occasion, but in their win over Galway they showed a renewed enthusiasm and with many of their lesser known names coming to the fore, they will have nothing to fear on All-Ireland day. Kilkenny were something of an unknown quantity coming into this year's penultimate stage. The usuals, Sinéad and Máiréad Costello, Kelly Long, Brigid Mullaly, Lizzie Lyng, Sinéad Millea and Marina Downey all played their parts, but it was the likes of Marie Maher, Esther Kennedy, Edel Maher, Aoife Neary and Imelda Kennedy who turned in lion-hearted performances to upset a hotly fancied Galway side. Six points separated the teams at John Morrissey's full-time whistle, and on the day the Cats were full value for this margin. Like Kilkenny, the Westerners had come through the back door, but they had greatly improved in the intervening six weeks and must surely have been eye-balling Croke Park en route to Mullingar. But with two superb goals, one on either



EMER-CATS - Emer McDonnell of Tipperary flanked by Kilkenny's Sinéad Millea on either side.

side of the half, from the Cats' Martina Maher, Galway's game-plan fell into disarray. However, with players the calibre of Aine Hillary, Pamela Nevin, Therese Maher, Lourda Kavanagh, Martina Harkin, Veronica Curtin and Sharon Glynn they will regroup and return for the 2002 campaign. The work of Damien Coleman and Billy Carr should not go to waste. Cork and Tipperary have become the greatest sporting rivals in modern day camogie, and their meeting in the second Foras na Gaeilge semi-final in Mullingar was long awaited. Opinion was very much split before this tie. Many pundits believed that because Cork were coming in on the back of two successive defeats to Tipperary, their desire for vengeance would be evident in every challenge. Others felt that the blue and gold girls were a formidable force and here to stay. Cork had rung the changes on the managerial front since last year. Pa Finn took over from Tom Nott, Rose Desmond and Sheila O'Brien joined him as selectors. Michael Cleary, Biddy Phillips and Jim Madden continued to be at the helm in the Premier County. The big crowd was entertained by a cracking contest. Level twice in the opening half, two points between them at half-time, the Rebels clawing back a three-point advantage to lead by one, only for Tipperary's star player Deirdre Hughes to equalise at the death. All to play for once more. This time it was back to the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick for the replay on September 1st, a tense game before a huge attendance. Cork had made sweeping changes from the drawn game, with sub-keeper Ger Casey, Denise Cronin and Jennifer O'Leary coming into their

starting line-up. Tipp watched eagerly as the players trotted off to their allotted positions. Lynn Dunlea was a notable absentee for the Rebels, having injured her hand in the Cork county championship final a week earlier. But the blue and gold also had a few aces up their sleeve. Most obvious was the move of Suzanne Kelly to midfield to partner Paula Bulfin. The game developed into a battle royale. Both sets of defences were on top, and scores were hard to come by. That is, until the closing few minutes of play, when a superb Tipperary outfit came from two points down to slot home three unbelievable goals from Claire Grogan, Emer McDonnell and Noelle Kennedy to give them a stunning seven-point victory over shell-shocked Cork. It was arguably one of the finest ever displays of camogie to be seen at such a high level. Biddy Phillips, one of their most influential mentors since their emergence in 1999, was emotionally drained, but nevertheless a very happy Tipp woman after the game. "I never lost hope," she insisted. "We were level at half-time having played with the strong wind, but I knew there was a lot more in these girls. Then, when we clawed back with two points to spare and Cork came and got a goal and a point, I still believed we could do it. The goals were superb and now I am just so happy to be back in the All-Ireland final." Cork will be very disappointed after 120 minutes of uncompromising action against the Tipperary. At times, there was only a puck of a ball between them. It was a case of so near and yet so far for the Leesiders. Their relatively young team is gaining invaluable experience with every outing,

however, and they will be back again next year. Indeed, Cork will always be a danger in the championship series. And now to the 16th September, when Tipperary will be involved in both the Junior and Senior finals. The curtain-raiser will see a new name enter Croke Park, in the form of the Offaly junior team who are contesting their first ever All-Ireland title at this grade. Whilst they might be new to final day, they have been knocking on the door for a number of years and now can see the fruition of all their hard labour. The Premier County will be overwhelming favourites for the senior final. I am sure that Michael Cleary and company will bring his charges back down to earth after their fantastic semi-final victory. They have a brilliant all-round team, which will ooze with confidence after their 120-minute encounters with Cork. Last year's captain, Jovita Delaney is as dependable as ever in goals. They have a teak-tough back line, with Una O'Dwyer and Ciara Gaynor growing in stature with every outing at the spine of their defence. Other players like Claire Madden, Therese Brophy and Sinéad Nealon are also playing out of their skins. Up front, Philly Fogarty turned in a great hour in the replay, while Noelle Kennedy, Emer McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes and Claire Grogan always have to be marked closely. Kilkenny will have it all to do, but the black and amber can never be dismissed and will grab any opportunity that they get. With Angela Downey back involved, her husband Ted Browne and Brendan Williams at the helm, and the arrival of some exciting young talent, the All-Ireland rostrum is certainly not out of reach but it will take an enormous effort to deny Tipperary a third title on the trot. **C**

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Sunday 14th October 2001  
in Éire Óg G.A.A. Grounds, Ovens  
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1. Ellen Clifford

2. Clare Harrington

3. Deirdre Clarke

4. Clare Barry

5. Linda O'Connell

6. Colette Kirby

7. Karen Buckley

8. Clare Kirby

9. Gemma O'Connor

10. Jenny Duffy

11. Bernadine Maher

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13. Valerie Maher

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15. Colette O'Mahony

16. Barbara Ann Corcoran

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22. Laura Kelleher

17. Maria O'Sullivan

19. Maria McCarthy

21. Aileen Clarke

## Milford

1. Elizabeth Lenihan

2. Noelle O'Riordan

3. Leila Long (capt.)

4. Aoife Dillon

5. Deirdre Hayes

6. Anna Geary

7. Lisa Healy

8. Deirdre O'Reilly

9. Elaine O'Riordan

10. Eimear O'Friel

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# St Finbarr's finally end the heartbreak

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ST FINBARRS were crowned Cork Senior B Camogie Champions in Ovens yesterday and finally ended the heartbreak of coming so close on numerous occasions.

A close opening half saw both defences come under pressure but cope admirably.

Milford held a slender 0-5 to 0-4 lead at the break after the Barrs had battled back twice to cut the deficit. Barrs were grateful to their goalkeeper Ellen Clifford, who brought

off three fine saves in the opening half to deny Milford goals and keep her side in contention. On the resumption, it was nip and tuck with both sides battling for supremacy. Ten minutes into the half Orla O'Sullivan pointed a free to level matters and one sensed the Barrs were now beginning to gain the upper hand. In defence, Linda O'Connell and Claire Barry kept a tight reign on the Milford attack while further upfield Claire Kirby and Orla O'Sullivan worked tirelessly. Barrs took the lead in the 48th minute when the unmarked Claire Kirby picked up the

ball and struck smartly over the bar. Two minutes later Kirby struck again to stretch the Barrs lead with another point. Now sensing victory, Barrs drove on and when veteran forward Colette O'Mahony, who this year came out of retirement, grabbed a vital goal eight minutes from full time, the Barrs were on their way.

To their credit, Milford battled on bravely. Deirdre O'Reilly forced Ellen Clifford to again come to the rescue with a brilliant save with three minutes remaining and with the Barrs' defence withstanding the pressure, the title was finally safe. St.

Finbarrs' captain and goalkeeper, Ellen Clifford, was deservedly named as player of the match following her tremendous display for her side.

**Scorers:** St. Finbarrs: O. O'Sullivan 0-5 (1 free and 1 45), Claire Kirby 0-2, C. O'Mahony 1-0.  
**Milford:** E. O'Friel 0-2, E. Watson, M. Watson, R. Curtin 0-1.  
**ST. FINBARRS:** E. Clifford, captain, C. Harrington, D. Clarke, C. Barry, L. O'Connell, Colette Kirby, K. Buckley, Claire Kirby, G. O'Connor, J. Duffy, B. Maher, R. Myers, V. Maher, O. O'Sullivan, C. O'Mahony. Subs: M. McCarthy for J. Duffy.  
**MILFORD:** E. Lenihan, N. O'Riordan, L. Long, E. Dillon, D. Hayes, A. Geary, L. Healy, D. O'Reilly, E. O'Riordan, E. O'Friel, C. O'Gorman, M. Watson, E. Watson, R. Curtin, S. Lenihan.  
**Referee:** Peter Downey (Inniscarra).



Deirdre O'Reilly tries to get the ball away as Clare Barry, St Finbarrs closes in during the Senior B Camogie Final at Ovens.

Picture: Gerard McCarthy

## Jubilation as Barrs finally win Senior B crown

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Camogie

Mary Newman

THERE were celebrations in Togher as St Finbarrs were crowned Senior B camogie champions.

The opening half hour was a close affair with both sides evenly matched. Milford led 0-5 to 0-4 at the break with the St Finbarr's captain and goalkeeper Ellen Clifford bringing off three excellent saves to deny Milford.

On the resumption both sides battled hard to gain the upper hand. Ten minutes into the half Orla O'Sullivan had the sides level when she struck over a free and with their defence containing the Milford attack, the Barrs' confidence grew.

Clare Kirby grabbed the lead for St Finbarrs with an 18th-minute point and then stretched their lead with another Kirby point.

Milford worked hard but were always struggling against a St Finbarrs defence where Clare Harrington, Colette Kirby and Linda O'Connell were superb. Up front the Barrs always looked dangerous and with

Orla O'Sullivan, Val Maher and Colette O'Mahony giving it their all they grabbed the vital goal courtesy of Colette O'Mahony.

Now battling for survival Milford came in search of the vital goal and when Deirdre O'Reilly struck low and hard Ellen Clifford was equal to the challenge and saves well. The Barrs regrouped and despite Milford throwing all they had at them there was no denying it was St Finbarrs' day.

St Finbarrs' goalkeeper Ellen Clifford was named as Player of The Match and was duly presented with both the trophy and the county cup as captain of the Barrs side by cathaoirleach Sheila Golden.

Mention must also go to excellent referee Peter Downey from Inniscarra who was officiating at his first Senior final and whose performance ensured a smooth running game on a surface and pitch that was a credit to host club Eire Og.

Douglas retained the Under-12 league title with a su-

perb display against an Eire Og side who battled to the final whistle and were a credit to their club.

Two first half goals from Emma Heffernan helped Douglas gain the upper hand and lead at the break. On the turn over they were the stronger and with Rachel O'Sullivan, Ashling Barrett and Hilary O'Connor (a granddaughter of former hurling great Johnnie Clifford) superb they added on the scores to help them retain their title.

Watergrasshill booked their place in the Junior A county final with a victory over Douglas at Caherlag. St Catherine's proved too strong for Glen Rovers at the quarter final stages in the Glen Field.

In the Junior B championship there was just one game down for decision and here a close hour saw Aghbullogue come from behind to score a narrow one-point victory over Grenagh.

Ballinassig advanced in the under 16 A champion-

ship with a solid performance against Barryroe.

In the Under 16 B there were wins for Valley Rovers over Ballincollig, Clonakilty defeated Kildorrery, and Na Piarasigh, Killeagh and Bishopstown all made it to the next rounds with wins over Passage, Bandon and Castlelyons respectively.

Hopefully the week ahead weather wise will be favourable and again next weekend progress will continue to be made with championships. To look ahead St Catherine's and Brian Dillons meet in the Under 16 B championship on Saturday, on Sunday Milford meet Glen Rovers and Aghbullogue and Carrigaline meet in the A competition, while the B grade will continue with Watergrasshill hosting Mayfield, Kilbrittain meeting Blarney, Douglas meeting Erins Own and Newtownshandrum meeting Eire Og.

The Junior B championship has Mallow entertaining Killeagh on Saturday, while Youghal and Valley Rovers should be a game worth a visit in Innishannon on Sunday.

## Barrs' win banishes all the heartbreak

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

In Ovens

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THE year 2001 will go down in history as one of the most memorable for the St Finbarr's camogie team.

After three attempts, which ended in heartbreak, they finally won the Senior B

County title in thrilling fashion yesterday afternoon in Ovens.

The sweetest victory of all was how club stalwart and selector, Marion McCarthy described this marvellous win.

"It is a great relief to have won. We are absolutely on air. This victory means so much to our club especially when you see the likes of Colette O'Mahony win her first senior medal today after all her losses.

"In fact, it was Colette's goal 10 minutes from time that sealed their fate as

they battered down the hatches to close down a lively Milford attack.

"Our backline were superb, we actually kept Milford scoreless in the second half. To be honest we looked in trouble at half-time when we were a point down, but Ellen Clifford was brilliant," added McCarthy.

Clifford who captained the side from the goalkeeping spot capped a magnificent afternoon when she was chosen as player of the match, in particular for two

outstanding saves in the second-half.

Outside her Deirdre Clarke, Clare Barry, Linda O'Connell and Colette Kirby controlled the Milford attack, while at midfield Clare Kirby and Gemma O'Connor ensured ample supply to a busy forward line in which O'Mahony and Orla O'Sullivan were chief predators.

For Milford this young team will be back. They have come a long way in three short years and there is no doubt but their progress will continue again next season.

**'Barrs bid for title**  
Following the good wins by both Senior and Junior teams last Saturday, it's back to domestic action on Sunday, when the Final of the Senior 'B' C'ship goes ahead in Ovens at 3.30, between St Finbarrs and Milford.

It's St Finbarrs third final appearance, while Milford were runners up to Eire Og last year, and it is to their credit that they are back in this years decider.

Both had good victories in earlier rounds, in particular Milford who easily saw off the challenge of Valley Rovers and Aghabullogue, and with the majority of their player's having enjoyed unprecedented success in Under-age competitions, the winning habit will give them confidence.

Their team is back-boned by the Watson sisters, Maire and Emer, while Christine O'Gorman, Regina Curtin and Imelda Sexton all impressed in recent outings, and a strong feature of their team is an ability to pick off points from distance, a decided asset in the expected heavy conditions at this time of the year.

For the 'Barrs it may very well be a case of now or never, and having endured the disappointment of previous final defeats, another one may be hard to

accept. They have looked good in their games to date and the return of Collette O'Mahoney to the attack is a help, as her experience will be of benefit to the younger members of the squad.

Orla O'Sullivan, Claire Barry, Deirdre Clarke, Claire Harrington and Valerie Maher will lead their challenge, and having made a big effort all year, they enter the game as slight favourites.

It's a very important game for them and with a good under-age section working tirelessly, the desire to be back among the games elite is strong, and if they can cast aside the burden of previous defeats they have the capacity to win, however they would be foolish to underestimate Milford, as anything less than 100% would be fatal.

In the Junior 'A' C'ship Glen Rovers play St Catherine's also on Sunday in the Glen Field at 1.30.

The Blackpool side will be relatively strong as a number of players who were unavailable for their Senior game will line out, among them Cork midfielder Linda Mellerick, who will be a huge asset at this level.

St Catherine's were the 'B' winners last year and are enjoying a good run, which should make for an interesting encounter.

The first semi-final of this competition features Douglas and Watergrasshill at the latter's venue on Sunday at 11.30, and even without the injured Amanda O'Regan, Douglas should advance.

Saturday sees the Under 12 league final between Eire Og and Douglas in Ballinassig at 4 p.m.

October 28 is the date for the National League Finals and once again Cork will contest both, in Senior Galway provide the opposition, with Derry or Meath in the Junior decider, and it would be nice to finish the season with another league double, something achieved for the first time by these two teams last season.

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**GLYNN ON THE DOWN**  
Sharon Glynn and Galway fell to the challenge of Kilkenny in the Foras na Gaeilge camogie semi-final

## Mary makes history with East Cork appointment

by Damien Irwin

THERE was the whiff of something new and exciting at Midleton GAA Pavilion this week when the East Cork division officially announced the appointment of its first fulltime Games Development and Coaching Officer.

The new appointee is Mary O'Connor. Mary, a native of Killeagh is very well known in sporting circles both within and outside of the county.

She is a current dual star with the Cork camogie and women's football teams.

And she has worked for the last four years as the Gaa Development officer with the Limerick Institute of Technology under the auspices of the Munster Council.

She has now vacated that post to take up her new position with the East Cork division.

Her duties broadly entail the nurturing of hurling, camogie and football in the fifteen clubs in the division who have signed up to the scheme with most of her work being in the participating primary schools.

She has actually already started working in the primary schools of the division and received the warmest of welcomes at the recent launch in Midleton.

Chairman of the Juvenile Board, Peter Hogan, from Carrigtohill, was instrumental in the creation of the new position.

He, along with his working committee of John D. Cotter (St. Cathelines), John Fenton (Midleton), John Barry (Watergrasshill), Colman Motherway (Killeagh) Denis Burns (Carrig Na Bhfear) and Eamonn O'Neill (Fr. O' Neills) did all the spadework including the circulation of a survey to all of the juvenile clubs in the division.

They had to gain permission from Croke Park to set up the venture and had also to go through the Cork County Board with their proposal and they got the go ahead last month.

She will not work in isolation from the clubs but in conjunction with them.

She will work closely with the coaches who are already involved in juvenile affairs in the various clubs.



This is seen to be the most effective strategy.

Part of Mary's salary will be paid by a contribution from each of the fifteen participating clubs along with further contributions from the East Cork Juvenile Board, the East Cork Junior Board, corporate contributions and other grants where available.

**New East Cork Games Development and Coaching Officer Mary O'Connor with Peter Hogan (left) chairman East Cork Juvenile Board and Sean O'Brien, East Cork Oil.**

# Barrs end a wait for B crown

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MARY NEWMAN McCARTHY  
Camogie Notes

ST FINBARRS were crowned senior B county champions on Sunday last in Ovens and in the process ended years of heartbreak having contested the final and losing out on three occasions.

A close opening half saw the sides evenly matched with St Finbarrs' Orla O'Sullivan opening the scoring with a point. Milford's Regina Curtin replied and with Emer O'Friel and O'Sullivan exchanging points it was level after 10 minutes.

Emer O'Friel and Emer Watson gave Milford the advantage with points in the 11th and 18th minutes but again O'Sullivan kept the Barrs in touch with a point. With Marie Watson and O'Sullivan swapping points it was Milford who held a slender 0-5 to 0-4 interval advantage and were it not for Ellen Clifford in the Barrs' goal who brought off three great saves the lead would have been greater.

The opening 10 minutes of the second-half was even with both defences on top.

For the Barrs Clare Harrington, Karen Buckley and Deirdre Clarke held a tight reign, while Milford's Aoife Dillon, Anna Geary and Noelle O'Riordan were kept under pressure by the lively

Barrs forward.

Ten minutes into the half Orla O'Sullivan levelled matters when she pointed a 45 and now beginning to stamp their authority on proceedings the Barrs came in search of the lead.

Two Clare Kirby points with 10 minutes remaining gave them then advantage and now motivated they pressed on.

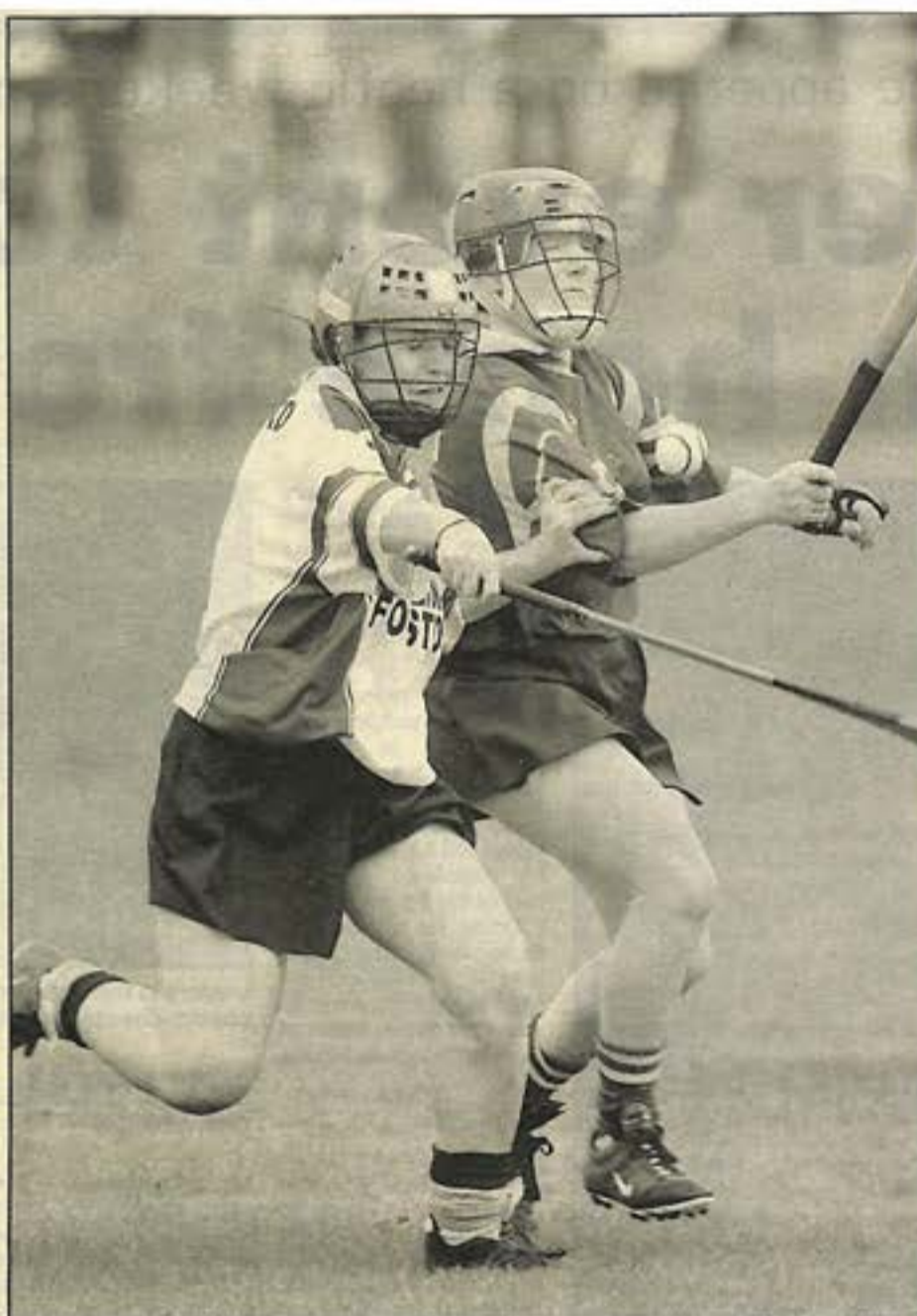
Colette O'Mahony grabbed a crucial goal to stretch the advantage to five points and the Barrs were in control.

Milford battled on and coming up field laid siege to the Barrs' goal. Clifford was called on to make a vital save with three minutes remaining and again she stood up to the challenge.

Milford did press but failed to breach a solid Barrs' defence where Linda O'Connell, Clare Harrington and Clare Barry played as if their lives depended on it.

After the game there were scenes of great joy as long-time St Finbarrs mentors Marion McCarthy, Marie Santry and Seanie Fitzpatrick all embraced and celebrated their victory.

Coach Jerry Murphy expressing relief at the final whistle told me



Noelle O'Riordan, Milford, and Linda O'Connell, Barrs, in action.

Picture: Ger McCarthy

"I always felt we were good enough to go all the way this year and it was something I kept telling the girls, they responded well and I am thrilled for them."

Club chairperson Clare Barry rushed to embrace coach Murphy who's words to her were "I told you that you were good enough."

These words more than any showed what Jerry Murphy had instilled in his side was a sense of belief.

St Finbar's goalkeeper Ellen Clifford was selected as player of the game following a tremendous performance.

**ST FINBARRS:** E Clifford, C Harrington, D Clarke, C Barry, I O'Connell, Colette Kirby, Clare

## Grassroots

### Player of the week

THIS week's Player of the Week is St Finbarrs' goalkeeper and captain Ellen Clifford whose performance helped her club take it first senior trophy last Sunday. She came to her side's rescue several times in the first half. She kept up the good work in the second half, producing a couple of top class saves.

Kirby, K Buckley, G O'Riordan, L Long, A O'Connor, J Duffy, B Dillon, D Hayes, A Geary, I Maher, R Myers, V Maher, O O'Sullivan, C O'Mahony, SUB M McCarthy for J Duffy.  
**MILFORD:** E Linehan, N Peter Downey Innishcarra.

## 'Hill turn on the style to secure place in decider

WATERGRASSHILL advanced to the final of the junior A championship following their victory over Douglas.

Theresa O'Regan, Marie O'Neill, Michelle McAteer and Marion Lynch impressed for the winners while Mary Harrington, Louise O'Regan and Carmel Downey gave their all for Douglas.

In the quarter-final, St Catherines were too strong for the home side at the Glen field.

Denise Twomey, Helen Lane, Debbie Mangan and Nicola Corcoran impressed against a Glen Rovers side for whom Linda Mellerick gave a top class performance.

St Catherines will meet Ballinhassig in the second semi final and, on their display both last Sunday and in earlier rounds, will be hot favourites to take the title.

The Junior B championship meeting of Aghbullogue and Greenish was a close affair, just one point between the sides at the final whistle.

Greenish made all the early running and led 2-1 to 0-2 at the interval, the goals coming from Linda Corker and Linda Doorman.

Aghbullogue, inspired by Helen Moynihan who grabbed two goals, upped their game after the restart.

Deirdre Foley and Jennie Vaughan replied with points for Grenagh, but Aghbullogue weren't finished and points from Emma Healy and Louise Roche saw them advance.

## FIXTURES

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20**  
Junior B Championship: Mallow v Killeagh at mallow 11.30  
Under 16 B championships: St Catherines v Brian Dillons at St Catherines 3p.m.  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 21**  
Junior B Championship: Youghal v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers 11.30am  
Under 16 A Championship: Carrigaline v Aghbullogue at Carrigaline 11.30; Glen Rovers v Milford in Glen Rovers 1 p.m.  
Under 16 B championship: Kilbrittan v Blarney at Kilbrittan 12 noon; Watergrasshill v Mayfield at Watergrasshill 11.30; Douglas v Erin's Own at Douglas 12; Newtownshandrum v Eire Og at Newtownshandrum 12.

# Ballinhassig advance after fine win over Barryroe

THE Under 16 A championship continued with Ballinhassig advancing at the expense of Barryroe.

In the Under 16 B there were wins for Valley Rovers, Clonakilty, Na Piarasigh, Bishoptown and Killeagh.

College competitions in both Cork and Munster have got under way.

In the Cork Colleges Senior B championship quarter-final Coachford College with good

performances from Mary Buckley, Emma O'Keeffe and Marie O'Leary were to strong for a Kinsale side who had very good performances from Majella McCarthy and Cork skills champion Sarah Downey.

In Munster Colleges Junior B championship Blarney recorded a victory over St Patrick's in Blarney.

Blarney had the better of the opening stages and led thanks

to goals from Eileen Ring, Alice O'Brien and Helena Fogarty.

St Patrick's showed more determination on the resumption and good play from Nicola Ring, Pamela Corkery and Jemma O'Regan kept them in touch, however the stronger Blarney responded and with Helena Fogarty, Tracy and Clare O'Brien and Clare O'Donovan all adding to the scores they ran out winners

**Douglas 6-4**  
**Eire Og 0-1**

Douglas made it back to back Under 12 league honours when they retained their title at the expense of a spirited Eire Og side who despite being in arrears fought to the final whistle at Ballinhassig on Saturday last.

Two goals in the opening half from Emma Heffernan settled Douglas and with Hilary O'Connor adding a point

they led by that margin at the break.

Eire Og had in the opening half to absorb tremendous Douglas pressure and with Eire Og goalkeeper Lisa Marie O'Mahony in sparkling form it inspired her team mates to battle on.

On the turn over Douglas extended their lead and goals from captain Rachel O'Sullivan, Niamh and Aileen O'Donovan helped clinch the title

for them.

For Eire Og Erin Corkery, Clionadh McCarthy and Sarah O'Donovan showed great determination while Lisa Marie O'Mahony gave a first class display in goal.

On the Douglas side the stars were the three O'Donovan sisters Niamh, Moira and Aileen while others to impress were Cliona Conway, Eilish Desmond and Ashling Barrett in this entertaining tie.

# Youghal cruise past Valley Rovers in semi-final victory

by Mary Newman

Youghal made it to the semi-final of the Junior B camogie championship with a victory over Valley Rovers, while Killeagh advanced to the quarter final with a win over Mallow.

Sharon Linehan, Emer Watson and Anna Geary led the Milford challenge when they defeated Glen Rovers in the Under 16 A championship at the Glen Field. Michelle Hegarty, Jemma O'Regan and Rachel Donovan

gave it their all for the home side. Carrigaline's Terri O'Keefe, Laura Kelleher Amy Collins and Elaine Cogan had too much strength for Aghbullogue in Carrigaline in the second Under 16 A championship clash over the weekend.

The Under 16 B championship results saw Douglas advance against Erins Own, with St Catherines too strong for Brian Dillons.

The Junior final was also scheduled to take place but as the semi final featuring Derry and Meath was not played on Sunday last it

now seems as if the Junior final may not take place.

Already the Galway and Cork teams have met this year with Cork coming out on top in the league and championship clashes therefore Galway will be going in determined to reverse those result.

They recorded a semi final victory over Wexford while Cork knocked out All Ireland champions Tipperary. While it was a disappointment not to have succeeded in the championship all the focus will now be on winning the league

and coach Pa Finn and his backroom team of Rose Desmond, Sheila O'Brien and Sandie Fitzgibbon will be looking for a big performance to bring the curtain down on their first season in charge.

As yet a venue has not been decided for the game but it will go ahead at a Tipperary venue on Sunday next.

The local championships will continue with St Catherines and Ballinhassig meeting in the Junior A semi final to find a winner to

meet Watergrasshill in the final. Ballinhassig had a good victory over Sars while St Catherines had impressive victories over Glen Rovers and Inniscarra in their path to the semi final.

Former players supporters and indeed anybody with an interest in the game are reminded that the superb publication "Cork's Camogie Story" by Mary Moran is still available for purchase, as only a limited number of copies were published anybody looking for a copy is advised to get one.

## Camogie

Heartiest congratulations to St Finbarrs who ended a frustrating spell by winning the Senior B title in Owens last Sunday, and they now return to the County C'hip proper for next season.

It was a well deserved victory and banished previous defeats from the memory bank, and how fitting that the goal that secured them victory was scored by their most celebrated player, long serving Collette O'Mahoney.

A special day also for Marion McCarthy who has rendered that club tremendous service and indeed the game in the County as well, word is they are still celebrating, though Marion may be a little hindered by an injury picked up thanks to an over exuberant supporter, but I am sure the pain was worth it.

A little bird told me that another great Barrs worker, Marion's sister Catherine missed the win as she was, and still

is sunning herself in the Canaries. Don't worry, the cup will be in the Airport on Saturday.

In the Junior C'chip, there were good wins for St Catherines and Watergrasshill who ousted a highly rated Douglas side to reach the Final.

This weekend's action is dominated by U-16 and Junior B C'chips, and trials in Carrigadrohid on Saturday at 11.30am.

## Camogie win for Rovers

Valley Rovers .....7-11  
Ballincollig.....1-0

Valley Rovers under 16 Camogie team was always on top of this match with Ballincollig in the first round of the county, due to the strong play of Majella McCarthy and Clodagh Deasy - their talented midfield duo.

Early scores from the impressive Margaret Murphy at full forward and the elusive Elma O'Mahony in the corner saw the Rovers take an early lead of 3-4 to nil at the end of the first quarter. They were well backed by Stacey O'Sullivan, Aoife Grainger and the hard hurling Marion Cottrell at centre forward.

Lisa O'Mahony hit over a great point and then a long free by Clodagh Deasy, followed by a brace from Majella McCarthy and Margaret Murphy, pushed Valleys further ahead.

The Rovers half back line was always dominant, with Lucy Hawkes at centre back, until she went off injured, together with the impressive Laura Davis and Aisling Lynch. An almost redundant full back line of Elmarie Cottrell, Sharon Whelton and Michelle Finn coped admirably with any Ballincollig foray in front of reliable custodian Orla Deasy.

The second half saw Margaret Murphy take up where she left off with some more excellent scores and with Claire O'Donovan and Diane Twohig combining for Claire to finish to the net.

In the last quarter, Ballincollig came into the game with Maria O'Donoghue, Denise O'Neill and Catherine O'Toole to the fore, and they were rewarded with a good goal from Maria O'Donoghue, while Ciara McSweeney, the 'keeper, made many fine saves.

Scorers - Valley Rovers: Margaret Murphy 3-5 (0-1 free), Elma O'Mahony 2-1, Majella McCarthy 0-3, Diane Twohig 1-0, Claire O'Donovan 1-0, Lisa O'Mahony and Clodagh Deasy 0-1 each.

Ballincollig: Maria O'Donoghue 1-0.

## Camogie colleagues form wedding day guard of honour for Helen

When Helen Walsh married Kevin McManemon at the Church of Our Lady, Gaggin, her team mates of the Eire Og Camogie Club joined a guard of honour as the bride and groom exited from the church.

Daughter of John and the late Mary Walsh of Gaggin, Helen has had a distinguished career on the camogie field competing at county, Munster and All-Ireland championships and leagues all over the country. A laboratory technician, she finds ample time to devote to her chosen sport and long before camogie became popular in Bandon she joined the Eire Og club during her college days.

Playing with the 'Brigade' she helped them to a number of county championship successes and soon caught the eye of the county selectors and her hour of glory came in 1999 when she led the Cork junior team to All-Ireland victory.

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It was indeed a proud moment for her as she led the victorious Cork team through the streets of Cork City to the podium in the South Mall on a misty September night. Waving the All-Ireland Cup on high, herself and her team mates were accorded a tumultuous reception by church and state.

Not resting on her laurels she graduated to the intermediate team in 2000 and played a key role all during the championship in guiding the team to the All-Ireland final.

Facing Limerick in the final,



Eire Og camogie team members form a guard of honour at Gaggin Church for colleague Helen Walsh who married Kevin McManemon recently.

they came up against a team which showed a gripping hunger for victory and on a number of occasions, when the Shannonsiders surged ahead, saw victory within their grasp, it was Helen who steadied the Cork team and her three well-taken points midway through the second half ensured a narrow victory for the maidens in the blood and bandage.

It is little wonder that this

display earned for her the 'Player of the Match' award and she later was adjudged the 'Bandon Opinion/First Active/Autumn Sportstar.' No doubt, two awards well deserved for sheer skill and determination with the will to win always and foremost on her mind.

Of course All-Ireland trophies are no strangers to the Walsh sideboard in Gaggin since her father John was Cork County

Ploughing Champion on many occasions during the 'Fifties and 'Sixties and won All-Ireland honours at Athenry in 1963.

We wish Helen and Kieran many years of married bliss and express the hope that Cork Camogie and Mayo football will maintain their sporting interests.

—JOHN SEXTON

● **FINAL POSTPONED:** The National Junior League semi-final between Meath and Derry did not take place at the weekend due to an unplayable pitch.

This now means that the junior final will not go ahead next weekend as was planned. The senior final between Cork and Galway is going ahead and the time and venue will be announced in due course.

● **PEARSES THROUGH:** Galway Camogie Champions Pearses had little trouble in disposing of Keady from Armagh by 4-14 to 1-6 in the All-Ireland Camogie Senior semi-final at Ballymacward yesterday.

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The Douglas team that took the honours in the under 11 section of the Seandún League.

# Coachford begin campaign in style

THE students are now well settled back at school and the backroom teams in the various academies are turning their thoughts to camogie competitions.

The Munster Colleges recently held a very successful AGM and laid the foundations for what they hope will be another successful year.

Secretary Mary Moran, in a detailed look back at the year's activities, reported a successful one for Munster teams.

Charleville annexed the Senior A title and went on to take the All Ireland title.

Their junior team also landed the A title and went on to make it an All-Ireland double.

The Senior B title went to Tipperary side Borrisoleigh who defeated Bandon.

Mercy Waterford were the winners of the Junior B title while Scoll Pol beat Crosshaven to take the Junior B plate.

Charleville were the winners of the first year competition to complete a good year on the Munster colleges scene for the North Cork school.

Sadly for Munster Colleges, Mary Moran was presenting her last secretary's report as she has decided to step down from the position she has so efficiently graced for the past 32 years.

In that time Mary's total commitment and dedication to the job was clear for all to see.

The role of secretary has been taken up by Rob Lotty from Coachford Community College. Rob

## Youghal secure semi-final berth

YOUGHAL advanced to the semi-finals of the junior B championship with a 3-9 to 3-0 win over Valley Rovers last Saturday.

Killeagh booked a quarter-final meeting with Castlemagner after their victory over Mallow.

In Under 16 A championship ties Carrigaline and Milford advanced at the expense of Aghabullogue and Glen Rovers.

In the U-16 B, Douglas beat Erin's Own while St Catherine's toppled Brian Dillon's.

By MARY NEWMAN-McCARTHY

Camogie correspondent

is also secretary of the Cork Colleges so a busy year lies ahead.

Already league action has got under way and a glance at the results shows that in the senior league Coachford annexed their opening points with a 3-11 to 3-3 victory over Tipperary side Borrisoleigh.

Bandon had a comfortable 4-7 to 0-4 win over Presentation Thurles.

In an all Tipperary meeting Borrisoleigh defeated Nenagh.

Nearer to home, Bandon got the better of their clash with Clonakilty on a 3-7 to 1-5 scoreline.

The Intermediate league has seen Coachford and Macroom record wins in their opening games.

All the focus will be on the championships and the draws were made for the competitions.

The Senior B first rounds were played last week and Coachford defeated Roscrea to set up a quarter-final meeting with Scariff who defeated Ursines Thurles.

Presentation Ballingarry had to much strength for Glanmire and go on to meet Hospital or Bandon who are due to meet this week.

St Josephs Tuilla had a victory over Borrisokane and now meet Cashel.

The draw for the Senior A competition sees St Patricks Shannon meet St Marys Nenagh in an all Tipperary clash.

Our Ladys Templemore and St Josephs Borrisoleigh face each other while the meeting of last year's finalists, Clonakilty and Charleville, offers a mouth-watering prospect.

The winners of the Clon/ Charleville clash have a semi-final date with Colaiste Mhuire Ennis while the winners of the all Tipperary clash will meet Shannon or Nenagh.

Junior A championship draws: Coachford v Clonakilty, St Marys Charleville v Mercy Waterford, Ennis v Templemore and Nenagh v Borrisoleigh. Semi-final pairings: Coachford or Clon v Charleville or Waterford, Ennis/Templemore v Nenagh/Borrisoleigh.

## All eyes will be on league decider

ALL eyes will be on the county senior side as they contest the National League final this weekend.

Normally well finished by now, the foot and mouth scare cancelled the competition until after the championship and as a result players have had a longer season than usual.

However, the drive to succeed is still there and hopefully the season will end on a high note for all concerned.

Following their exit from the championship, the players and backroom team had to lift themselves and face Tipperary again in the league semi-final. This they did in splendid fashion and booked their place against a Galway side who defeated Wexford in their semi final outing.

In that meeting with Tipperary many observers were of the opinion that the result did not matter to Tipperary and that they did not put in much of an effort.

However, that was not the case and while all of the Tipp side are the proud holders of All-Ireland honours, the National league title has never rested in Tipp.

Therefore the desire to take the title and do the double was very much in evidence so credit must go to the Cork side for making it to the final and taking the scalp of the All-Ireland champions.

Sunday's meeting will not be the first between Cork and Galway this year. In the championship opening round the sides played out a classic in Ballinasloe with Cork coming out on top.

Since then a lot of games have been played and now both sides have a chance to be crowned National league champions.

Since 1995 Cork have held the crown while Galway last were champions in 1994 and in '98 the sides met with Cork coming out on top.

Cork had good performances in their semi from Joanne O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick, Vivienne Harris and Criona Harte.

● Clubs are asked to note that the special meeting to elect the officer for the new juvenile county board for the coming year will take place on Wednesday November 7 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh at 8pm.

## Fixtures

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27

Junior B Championship: Kilbrittain v St Catherine's at Kilbrittain 4.30pm.

Under 16 A Championship: Cloughduv v Inniscarra at Inniscarra 11.30am.

Under 16 B Championship: Slisib Rua v Bishopstown at Bishopstown 2pm.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28

Junior A Championship Semi Final: Ballinhassig v St Catherine's at venue to be arranged 1.45pm.

Junior B Championship: Bandon v Carrigaline at Bandon 3pm; Castlemagner v Killeagh at Killeagh 12.30pm.

Under B Championship: St Finbarr's v Kilbrittain at St Finbarr's 11.30am.

MONDAY OCTOBER 29

Under 16 B Championship: Ballinora v Fr O'Neill's at Ballinora 3pm.

● Senior National League Final: On Saturday or Sunday - Cork v Galway; possible venue Nenagh.

## Pairings in the junior B championship

THE junior B colleges championship is divided into seven groups with four teams in each.

The winners of the groups will meet at the quarter-final stage.

Some games have been played and the draws and the groups areas follows:

Group A: Tuilla v Laurel Hill, Shannon v Corbally. Group B:

Colaiste Coilim v Bandon, Macroom v Fermoy. Group C: Newcastlewest v Kilfinane, Bruff v Hospital.

Group D: Ballyphehane v Glanmire, Middleton v Carrigaline.

Group E: St Als v Mount Mercy, Blarney v St Patricks. Group F: Roscrea v Borrisokane, Scariff v Cashel.

Group G: Lismore v Carrignavar, Loreto Youghal v Kilmac-

thomas.

Quarter-final pairings: Winners of group A v B; C v D; E v F and group G winner receive a bye.

An added incentive for the winners of the senior A and B and junior A and B championships is that the winners will represent Munster in the All-Ireland series so a competitive year's activity is forecast.

With the Munster finals in all competitions down for decision on the following dates.

Munster senior A and B finals on February 2, 2002. Junior A and B finals, February 9, 2002. The intermediate final is on February 23.

Over the coming months Grassroots will keep you posted with all the Munster College



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'98, '99, 2000.

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'78, '80, '82, '85, '87, '88, '89,  
'90, '93

**Áth Cliath (3)**  
'79, '81, '83.

**An Ghaillimh (1)**  
'94

**Loch Garman (1)**  
'78

**Tiobraid Árann (1)**  
'77

**Corcaigh**

Dearg agus Bán

1  
Geraoidín Ní Chathasaigh  
Geraldine Casey  
Inniscarra

2  
Siobhán Ní Cheallacháin  
Joanne O'Callaghan  
Cloughdubh

3  
Sinéad Ní Bhuachalla  
Sinéad Buckley  
Aghabullogue

4  
Jill Ní Annáin  
Jill Hannon  
Glen Rovers

5  
Denise Ní Chróinín  
Denise Cronin  
Glen Rovers

6  
Paula Ní Chonchubhair  
Paula O'Connor  
Newtownshandrum

7  
Sorcha Ní Aodha  
Sarah Hayes  
Courcy Rovers

8  
Linda Ní Mhaoligheiric  
Linda Mellerick  
Glen Rovers

9  
Béibhinne Ní Earchai  
Vivienne Hariss  
Bishopstown, **Captain**

10  
Fiona Ní Dhrisceoil  
Fiona O'Driscoll  
Fr. O'Neill's

11  
Úna Ní Dhonnchú  
Una O'Donoghue  
Cloughdubh

12  
Léan de Burca  
Elaine Burke  
Valley Rovers

13  
Lynn Ní Dhoinnlé  
Lynn Dunlea  
Cloughdubh

14  
Sinéad Ní Laoire  
Jennifer O'Leary  
Barryroe

15  
Criona Ní Airt  
Criona Harte  
Inniscarra

**An Bainisteoir**  
Pádraig Ó Finn  
Pat Finn

**IONADAITHE**  
16. Cór Ní Cheocháin Cora Keoghane Barryroe  
17. Rachel Ní Mhaolomhnaigh Rachel Moloney Courcy Rovers  
18. Mairéad Ní Fhinn Mags Finn Fr. O'Neill's  
19. Caitríona Ní Chorca Catherine Corkery Cloughdubh  
20. Máire Ní Chorca Marie Corkery Cloughdubh

**An Ghaillimh**

Marún agus Bán

1  
Siobhán Oirghinir  
Susan Emer  
Portumna

2  
Nollaig Ní Uallacháin  
Nollaig Houlihan  
Salthill

3  
Róisín Ní Chonchubhair  
Róisín O'Connor  
Kinvara

4  
Fiona Ní Éalaithe  
Fiona Healy  
Craughwell

5  
Pamela Ní Cnáimhin  
Pamela Nevin  
Mullagh

6  
Durelle Ní Chadhain  
Durelle Coen  
Athenry

7  
Stiofáinín Ní Ghrifin  
Stephanie Griffin  
Salthill

8  
Cearúilín Ní Mhuiri  
Caroline Murray  
St. Thomas's

9  
Sherry Ní Mhainnín  
Sherry Mannion  
Clarinbridge

10  
Veronica Ní Cúirtín  
Veronica Curtin  
Kinvara, **Captain**

11  
Treasa Ní Mheachair  
Therese Maher  
Shamrocks

12  
Aislinn Ní Chonghaile  
Aislinn Connolly  
Castlegar

13  
Caitríona Ní Bhuaigh  
Cathy Bowes  
Cappataggle

14  
Aoife Ní Loinscigh  
Aoife Lynskey  
Ardrahan

15  
Aoife Ní Liatháin  
Aoife Lane  
Ballinderrin

**An Bainisteoir**  
Liam Ó Ceara  
Billy Carr

**IONADAITHE**  
16. Emma Ní Giolla Chainnigh Emma Kilkenny Kinvara  
17. Rionach Nig Fhloinn Regina Glynn Athenry  
18. Aoife Ní Chonghaile Aoife Connolly Craughwell  
19. Clár Áine Ní Spealáin Claire Anne Spellman Shamrocks  
20. Lourda Chaomhánach Lourda Kavanagh Davitt's

Gabhtar buíochas le AIB atá ag tabhairt tacaíochta don Chumann leis na blianta fada anuas.

## Cork bid for seven in a row

In what surely must constitute a record, the Cork senior camogie team are bidding for their 7th league title in a row, when they face Galway in the final in Nenagh this week-end.

Unfortunately at the time of going to print the actual day is not yet known. It was fixed for Sunday but Cork sought change to Saturday, but this has not yet been confirmed.

It's amazing really for National competition to be treated in such a manner, and it is further aided by the fact that Cork and Tipperary, by far the two best teams in the competition, were in the same group yet ended up meeting in the semi-final. A similar scenario prevailed in the C'ship, when, even though it won't be acknowledged, a clash was made of the draw, and we witnessed the most one sided All-Ireland Final in years. The mind boggles at such inefficiency.

That aside, Cork will approach the game in determined fashion, despite being without a few key players who are unavoidably absent (holidays), but they still have a strong team on duty.

Ger Casey, Jill Hannon, Denise Cronin, Viv Harris, Linda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll have all fea-

red in winning league teams before, but that will not deter them from adding another one to their honours list.

Cork, to their credit, are probably the one team who took this competition seriously from the start of the year, and with no desire to lose it now they should make the record, regardless whether it's played on Saturday or Sunday.

The Junior Final was also down for decision but the postponement of the Derry v Meath game last Sunday means a deferral of one week.

St Catherine's v Ballinhassig in the Junior 'A' C'ship semi-final is the big game on the local scene. Both were impressive in their earlier rounds, particularly Catherine's who demolished Glen Rvs, and on that basis should make it to the final and a meeting with Watergrasshill in the final.

## Cork to finish off in style

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie news

CORK and Galway will bring down the curtain on the senior inter-county camogie scene this week-end when the two sides clash in the delayed 2001 National league final at McDonagh Park, Nenagh.

Because of the foot and mouth outbreak earlier in the year, the latter stages of the competition were deferred until this month. Because of the All-Ireland club final next weekend, the Westerners will be without their Pearses' compliment.

Players like Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary, Tracey Laheen, Martina Haverly, Martina Harkin, Carmel Hannon and Louise Curry will all have to sit it out.

However, they overcame Wexford in the semi-final a few weeks back with the services of only four of their regular team - Therese Maher, Aine Hillary, Veronica Curtin and Martina Harkin. It is unlikely though, that such a line-out would suffice against the defending champions Cork.

Cork, who came out with all guns blazing against Tipperary in the penultimate stage, will once again be fielding the strongest possible outfit available to them. Stephanie Dunlea and Eithne Duggan are on holidays but otherwise their entire panel is available for selection.

## Cork move up gear in second-half to retain title

Cork 6-9  
Galway 0-11

by Tom Higgins

CORK comfortably won their seventh national senior camogie League title

in-a-row at Nenagh on Saturday. However, the champions were far from impressive in the opening half, and it took a second-half transformation to see off Galway.

Galway got off to a flying start and were 0-6 to 0-1 up after 11 minutes.

In Cork's first significant attack in the 12th minute, keeper Fiona Goleary was forced to make a tremendous save from Jennifer O'Leary as Cork

came more into the game. However, that ended the scoring until the 22nd minute when Lynn Dunlea scored a goal to put Cork back in the game. Although Maher added a point for Galway a minute later, Cork finished the stronger with two Dunlea points to leave only the minimum between the sides at the break, 0-7 to 1-3.

Trainer Pa Finn must have given the Leesiders a lecture at the break as they were a different side on the turnover. Within 30 seconds, they went ahead when Jennifer O'Leary had the first of her three goals, and after Lynn Dunlea added a point from a free, O'Leary was in again to finish to the net to leave it 3-4 to 0-7. Cork took control to add a further

three points, and when O'Leary had her third goal in the 46th-minute to leave it 4-7 to 0-9, it was all over, and further goals from Una O'Donoghue and Catherine Corkery put the icing on the cake.

Scorers for Cork: J. O'Leary 3-1, L. Dunlea, 1-6 (0-2 frees, 0-1 "45"), U. O'Donoghue 1-0, C. Corkery 1-0, F. O'Driscoll 0-2, L. Mellerick 0-1. Galway: T. Maher 0-7 (0-3 frees), A. Connolly 0-3, C. Bowes.  
CORK: G. Casey; J. O'Callaghan, S. Buckley, M. Finn; D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, S. Hayes; L. Mellerick, V. Harris (capt); F. O'Driscoll, U. O'Donoghue, E. Burke; L. Dunlea, J. O'Leary, C. Harte. Subs: R. Moloney for C. Harte (46th minute); C. Corkery for P. O'Connor (52nd minute); C. Keohane for G. Casey (56th minute).  
GALWAY: F. Goleary; R. O'Connor, O. Broderick, F. Healy; P. Nevin, C. Murray, D. Coen; S. Griffin, R. Glynn; A. Connolly, T. Maher, A. Lane; C. Bowes, A. Lynskey, G. Kelly. Subs: R. Broderick for A. Lynskey (half time); C. A. Spellman and N. Gavin for G. Kelly and A. Lane (44th minute).  
Referee: J. Moloney (Tipperary).

## Rebel goal blitz lands them the league title

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

At McDonagh Park

Cork 6-9  
Galway 0-11

THE prospects look good for 2002.

On Saturday last in McDonagh Park, Nenagh a storming final 30 minutes from the Cork girls saw them come from a point in arrears at half-time to clinch their 11th national senior league camogie title and their seventh on the trot.

Goals proved crucial for the winners as they struggled in the opening period of play to come to terms with the tenacious start by the Westerners and in particular by centre-forward Therese Maher who put it up to the Leesiders right from the start.

"She was by far the best player on the field in the opening half," said Cork selector Rose Desmond.

"We found it difficult to hold her. She scored seven of her side's 11 points." However, a few stern words at half-time seemed to do the trick.

Within two minutes of the restart, Barryroe's Jennifer O'Leary found the net and with two more goals from the same player before the final whistle the Rebel County's ambition was realised.

Lynn Dunlea, in the first-half, Una O'Donoghue and substitute Catherine Corkery were also on hand to slot home the goals that eventually killed off the maroon and white.

Linda Mellerick, who had a very good hour along side Vivienne Harris at midfield, was delighted to finish off the season on a high note.

"While it does not make up for the All-Ireland defeat to Tipperary, it is nice to have won the league."

"It is very important to finish the year on a high note," she said.

Cork, who were without Eithne Duggan, Mary O'Connor and Stephanie Dunlea for this game, successfully introduced Joanne O'Callaghan, stalwart Mags Finn and Sinead Buckley.

What augurs well for the new season is that these players will try desperately hard to secure their spots when the league kicks off in the spring.

Next year will be very important for the Leesiders. Already three seasons without an All-Ireland success, it is crucial that Cork battle back into the championship ring. But for the moment, they can savour another National League title and rest up over the winter knowing that they are right there in contention when it comes to 2002.



Siile Burns, Carrig na bFéar and Emma Barrett, Kilmurray

# Record seven-in-a-row for rampant Rebels

Cork girls destroy Galway in National League final and make sporting history

Cork  
Galway

6-9  
0-11

CONTINUING to set records, the Cork camogie team brought the curtain down on Senior competitions for 2001 by taking the National League title and in the process made it seven titles in-a-row. It is a new record for the Cork girls who have carved themselves a place in sporting history.

Earlier in the season the competition had to be stopped due to the foot and mouth crisis but when competitions resumed the hunger to succeed was as great as ever. McDonagh Park in Nenagh was the venue for the meeting of Cork and Galway a pairing which we had seen meet earlier in the opening round of the championship where Cork again came out on top.

From the throw in on Saturday Galway made the early running and with Therese Maher on song they led by five points to one mid way through the opening half. Despite letting Galway dictate the earlier exchanges Cork battled hard and a Lynn Dunlea goal had them right back in contention to go in only trailing by a point 0-7 to 1-3 at the break. Within seconds of the restart Cork hit the front when Jennifer O'Leary struck for Cork's second goal and this was the tonic her side needed. With Linda Mellerick and Vivienne Harris working tirelessly, the Cork inside line enjoyed ample possession and when O'Leary grabbing two goals within minutes of each other Galway were now in deep trouble.

To their credit they fought hard and with Therese Maher, Cathy



Left: Cork captain Vivienne Harris receives the cup after winning the AIB league final from camogie president Pat Rafferty in Nenagh last Saturday.

Below: Cork's Criona Harte bursts past the Galway defence in last Saturday's AIB league final. Below left: Theresa Maher of Galway tries to burst past Cork captain Vivienne Harris and Mags Finn.

Pictures: Press 22



Bowes and Ashling Connolly pointing they kept in touch. Cork had points from Fiona O'Driscoll, Lynn Dunlea, Linda Mellerick and O'Leary and through the second half their superiority was always evident.

Catherine Corkery and Una O'Donoghue's added goals to ensure the defending champions remained on course to keeping their title and in the process create a new record.

Long serving Linda Mellerick was

pleased with the performance and happy to retain the title. "It was a lot tougher than it looked and they made us fight all the way for our win. However it is great to do seven-in-a-row and keep the record going. It is also nice to end the season on a winning note."

The win was a just reward for the hard work put in by the players in a season where the heartbreak of losing to Tipperary in the replay of the All-Ireland semi-final was a cruel

blow. However, they stuck together and coach Pa Finn can be proud of the way his charges performed and showed great character to bounce back and take this title.

For the record, Cork now lead the roll of honour with eleven Senior National League titles two ahead of Kilkenny.

**CORK:** G Casey, J O'Callaghan, S Buckley, M Finn, D Cronin, P O'Connor, S Hayes, L Mellerick, V Harris, F O'Driscoll, U O'Donoghue, E Burke, L Dunlea, J O'Leary, C Harte  
**Referee:** John Morrissey Tipperary

## Ballinhassig book their place in Junior A final

IN county camogie action, Ballinhassig cast aside the tag of underdogs with a gritty performance to knock out pre-match favourites St Catherines and book their place in the Junior A county final where they will meet Watergrasshill.

A goal from Sheila Holland 20 minutes into the game gave Ballinhassig a 1-5 to 0-5 interval lead after St Catherines, with points from Denise Twomey (two) and Helen Lane, had closed the gap which the lively Ballinhassig had opened up. St Catherines put the pressure on from the restart and points from Ann-Marie Hayes and Noreen Mulcahy had them back in

contention and with just one between the sides they pressed for an equaliser but the Ballinhassig defence held solid.

With twelve minutes remaining Ballinhassig extended their lead with a Sheila Holland point. With victory now in sight they pressed for home. The introduction of young Emer O'Sullivan paid dividends bringing new life into the forward line, a point by O'Sullivan and a late Trisha Holland point ensured Ballinhassig's final spot.

In the Junior B championship Carrigaline, with Emma Green grabbing three goals in the opening half, advanced at the expense of

Bandon. There was better news for the St Catherines Junior B side who made it to the semi final with a victory over Kilbrittain with Irene Brown, Andrea Mangan and Theresa Leahy all getting on the score-sheet for the Conna side.

Killeagh continued their progress and also made it to the semi final where they will meet Carrigaline after they had a good victory over Castlemagner. Inniscarra had goals from Margaret Cosgrove and Michelle O'Regan as they recorded a comfortable win over Cloughduv in the Under 16 A championship quarter-final. In the Under 16 B championship St Finbarrs advanced

at the expense of Kilbrittain.

Next weekend eyes will turn to Junior National League as the county set out to make it a double with the Junior team meeting Derry on Saturday in Dublin. In their path to the final the side recorded a good win over defeated All-Ireland finalists Offaly.

In that game Cork showed tremendous determination when playing against the driving wind and rain in the second half. However despite all the odds they battled hard and recorded a deserved victory to set Saturday's clash with a Derry side who defeated Meath last weekend.

# Mary sets up school for

**Bill Cody**

says everyone in Imokilly wants the new coach to succeed in her job

A stick-wielding Killeagh woman is patrolling east Cork, looking to set the GAA stars of tomorrow on the straight and narrow. However, Mary O'Connor is more a cause for celebration than concern as she's leading a far-sighted drive to keep the division's GAA players where they belong — at the top.

At the start of the current year, the East Cork Juvenile Board, led by chairman Peter Hogan, decided that the issue of coaching and development of Gaelic games in the schools and clubs of the Imokilly division urgently needed to be addressed.

The concern may come as a surprise, given the enormous success enjoyed by the Imokilly senior and juvenile teams and various clubs within the division during the last decade or so. However, this image conceals the stark reality that clubs are facing at grassroots level, where it is getting increasingly difficult to recruit coaches, selectors and trainers. There is also stiffer competition from other sports.

In an attempt to rectify matters, the board has now appointed a full-time games development and coaching officer. She is a well-known camogie and ladies football dual star Mary O'Connor, from Killeagh, who was introduced to board members and many other GAA leading officers in the division and county recently. Mr Hogan, in his address of welcome, extended a céad míle fáilte to all in attendance before introducing Mary O'Connor and congratulating her on her appointment. He said that the scheme had received the formal approval of both Central Council and the Cork County GAA Board.

County Board PRO Pat Horgan also congratulated Ms O'Connor, praising the Bord na nÓg officers for their initiative and congratulating the sponsors and the various clubs that contributed to the scheme. Divisional board chairman Ger Lane said they, too, were delighted with the new appointee and wished her well.

Other speakers included Bord na nÓg president Pat Foley and Denis Burns and John Fenton of the co-ordinating committee.

On behalf of the sponsors Sean O'Brien stressed that East Cork Oil Co were delighted to be involved as it was an opportune occasion for them to give something back to the general public who have supported the Middleton-based oil company over the last two decades.

The new officer hails from a prominent GAA family in Killeagh and is well known in sporting



Mary O'Connor coaching the camogie team at the Limerick Institute of Technology.

Picture: Kieran Clancy

## stars of tomorrow

circles. Mary is a member of both the Cork senior camogie and ladies football teams. She plays club football with Donoughmore and camogie with the Granagh/Ballingarry club in Co Limerick, with whom she has won county, provincial and All-Ireland honours.

In recent years Mary has been employed as a coaching officer attached to the Co Limerick GAA Board. Prior to that she had been

GAA Development Officer in the Limerick Institute of Technology.

Now she comes back to her native East Cork with a wealth of experience which, undoubtedly, she will put to good use in schools and clubs throughout the barony.

Her portfolio includes coaching and tutoring Gaelic games in the various clubs and schools that are participating in the scheme, as well as providing back-up training and

assistance to those already involved in a voluntary capacity or FÁS-related schemes. She will also be in a position to encourage and assist personnel from within the teaching staff to become involved in the development of Gaelic games within the schools structure, as well as advising juvenile club units in organisation and coaching.

And she will be instrumental in the promotion and running of club

summer camps.

So far, Mary is delighted with the general response and co-operation she has received from the teachers and officials she has encountered in her new job. "While I thoroughly enjoyed my work in Limerick, and made many friendships there over the last few years, it was always my ambition to return home and coach in my native county," says Mary, who commutes daily from her home-base in Killeagh.

"I work five days a week during school hours and I also facilitate the divisional juvenile clubs on request in the evenings," she explains. "I have a timetable where I visit and work with five separate schools for a period of four consecutive weeks prior to moving on to the next five schools."

"I am delighted to be working in the Imokilly division and I would like to express my gratitude to the teachers, pupils and club officials for the courtesy, co-operation and kindness they have shown me," concluded a woman who will be a welcome sight at any school or club in the division.

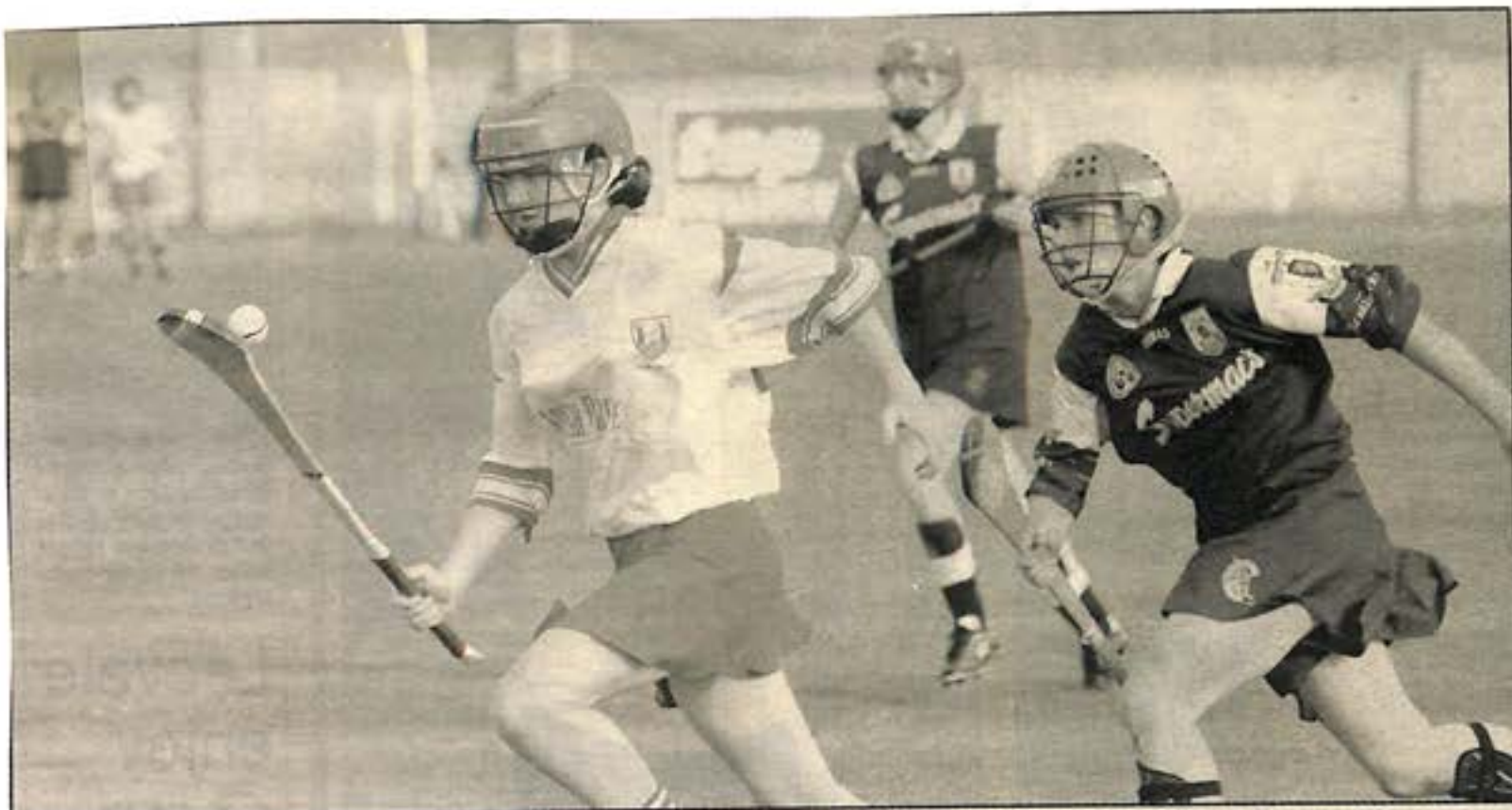
The officers of the juvenile board would like to place on record their gratitude to East Cork Oil, whose major financial contribution ensured that the scheme could go ahead.



Playing for Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final of 1996 in Croke Park, Mary O'Connor is tackled by Galway's Pamela Nevin.

Picture: Lorraine O'Sullivan

*'It was always my ambition to return home and coach in my native county'*



Cork's Criona Harte in deep concentration as she tries to escape Galway's Sherry Mannion in the national league match at Nenagh. Picture: Press 22

## Cork in seventh heaven as they keep title

Cork 6-9  
Galway 0-11

CORK retained their senior national league title and in the process made it a record seven in a row when they finally wore down a tenacious Galway side in Nenagh on Saturday last.

Galway made the perfect start and led 0-6 to 0-1 by the midway stage.

Lynn Dunlea grabbed a Cork goal eight minutes from half time but Galway responded with a Therese Maher point before Dunlea, with two further points, put the minimum between the sides at the interval.

A transformed Cork hit the front within 30 seconds of the restart when Jennifer O'Leary struck for a goal.

Two further O'Leary goals within minutes had put the game out of Galway's reach before Una O'Donoghue and substitute Catherine Corkery also found the net for Cork.

For Cork it was a nice end to a year when despite All Ireland glory eluding them, the new back room team and the players under coach Pa Finn are to be applauded for their success.

● Cork and Derry meet in the National Junior league final on Saturday next in Dublin as Cork set out to emulate the feats of the senior team last weekend and also hope to retain the title won for the first time in the county's history last season.

The league campaign was a good one for the junior side, recording wins over Tipperary, Kilkenny and Galway before the foot and mouth crisis saw the competition put on hold.

By the time the competition had resumed Cork had been stripped of their Munster Championship crown by a Tipperary side who went on to take All-Ireland Junior honours. Cork faced the defeated All Ireland finalists Offaly in a league semi-final meeting and advanced to Saturday's decider.

● The Cork Under 16 A championship saw Inniscarra gain the upper hand on Cloughduv and set up a quarter final meeting with Newcestown.

In the Under 16B championship there were victories for St Finbarr's and Fr O'Neill's over Kilbrittain and Ballinora.

## Results/ fixtures

### RESULTS

Junior A Championship Semi Final: Ballinhassig 1-8, St. Catherine's 0-7.

Junior B Championship: Carrigaline 5-8, Bandon 1-2; Killeagh 5-5, Castlemagner 2-2; St. Catherine's 1-5, Kilbrittain 1-0.

U16 A Championship: Inniscarra 2-6, Cloughduv 0.

U16 B Championship: St. Finbarr's 4-2, Kilbrittain 1-1.

### FIXTURES

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

Junior National League Final: Cork v Derry Dublin 2pm.

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

Under 16 A Championship Quarter Finals: Inniscarra v Newcestown at Newcestown 11.30am; Carrigaline v Ballinhassig at Carrigaline 12 noon; Milford v Ballyhea at Milford 12 noon.

Under 16 B Championship: Clonakilty v Eire Og at Clonakilty - time to be arranged; Bishopscourt v Slough at Bishopscourt - time to be arranged.

Junior B Championship: Aghbullogue v St Finbarr's at Aghbullogue 12 noon.

# CIT to host first Ashbourne final

**VICTORY** over Mary Immaculate Training College in the Ashbourne Cup qualifier means Cork Institute of Technology will host the final for the first time in the team's history.

The premier camogie competition in third level, which dates back to 1915, is played for the Corn Mhic Giolla Bhríde trophy which was donated by Lord Ashbourne.

The universities of Dublin, Cork and Galway contested the early competitions before being joined by Queens University, Belfast in 1934. Later Maynooth, Trinity and regional colleges' participation expanded the competition.

In modern times, the competition has taken on a new significance with its expansion through the participation of the third-level institutes. In 1999 Waterford Institute of Technology lifted the trophy for the first time and while UCC have enjoyed tremendous success, taking 29 titles, UCD hold the record with 34.

The hosting of such a prestigious competition is a huge undertaking for CIT but one which they are looking forward to.

Without doubt, the driving force behind the success of camogie in CIT has been Miriam Deasy from the Kilbrittain club.

A former student at CIT, Miriam took up the role of sports officer in the college and has worked tirelessly with the team. Last year success came their way, winning the Purcell Cup.

## Grassroots



THIS week's nominated player is Cork senior Jennifer O'Leary.

Her contribution of three goals and a point in her first Senior National League final helped the county to retain their title and record seven in a row titles as they defeated Galway 6-9 to 0-11.

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Camogie correspondent

and they now face the Ashbourne with confidence.

After her side defeated Mary Immaculate, Miriam told *Grassroots*: "It's great that we will be hosting the competition and we are looking forward to it. It will be a huge undertaking and we are determined to make it a successful one."

"Camogie here in CIT has gone from strength to strength and the players are very determined that we will get through to the closing stages of the competition."

In that game two goals in the opening half

from Orla O'Sullivan gave the Cork college a 2-3 to 0-3 interval lead. Aided by the wind in the second half the Limerick girls set about cutting the deficit with Galway inter-county star Carmel Hannonn and Tipperary's Helen Grogan grabbing goals to put Mary Immaculate back in the game.

This drive by the Limerick side, who are coached by Eamonn Cregan, put the CIT defence under pressure but with Nora Ahern, Eimear O'Sullivan and Sinéad Buckley all performing well, the CIT defence curtailed the Limerick threat. Orla O'Sullivan and Val O'Keeffe added points to give CIT some breathing space.

Helen Grogan struck for a Limerick goal with time almost up leaving CIT holding a slender one point lead.

The final minutes were played at a hectic pace with both sides battling for supremacy. Credit to the CIT girls whose determination and pride saw them defend as if their lives depended on it and hold out to record a victory and ensure their participation in the Ashbourne Cup.

Ashbourne Cup draws as follows: Preliminary rounds to be played on February 3, St Mary's v Waterford Institute of Technology; Cork Institute of Technology v UCD or Carlow Institute of Technology; University of Limerick v UCC; NUIG v Athlone Institute of Technology.

The winning teams will contest the semi-finals while the losers will contest the Ashbourne Shield on the Ashbourne weekend in Cork.

## Ballinhassig secure a place in final

BALLINHASSIG advanced to the county junior A championship final with four points to spare over St Catherine's at Ballynoe on Sunday. From the start Ballinhassig took the game to their opponents and 20 minutes into the contest led 0-5 to 0-2. A Sheila Holland goal stretched that advantage with nine minutes to the break.

St Catherine's came back in the game, however, with Denise

Twomey and Helen Lane adding three points before the break. After the break St Catherine's players Anne Marie Hayes and Noreen Mulcahy set about cutting the deficit. With Catherine's pressing for an equaliser the Ballinhassig defence came into their own. Cathy Coleman was called on to make a save from Helen Lane and did so with confidence.

Sheila Holland's points and the

introduction of young Emer O'Sullivan paid immediate dividends and knocking over a superb point, she stretched the advantage to three. Ballinhassig added a late point from Trisha Holland to book their place against Watergrasshill on November 11.

● The junior B championship action over the bank holiday weekend saw Carrigaline shake off the challenge of Bandon and advance to the

semi-final, where they will meet a Killeagh side who recorded a victory over Castlemagner. St Catherine's' second string continued on their winning streak when they had a 1-5 to 1-0 win over Kilbrittain on Saturday. Elaine Harper, Marie Twomey and Josephine McGee were in impressive form for the St Catherine's side, who now await the result of the St Finbarr's/Aghbullogue clash.