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CORK RETAIN SENIOR CROWN

Cork secured their 19th All-Ireland title when they got the verdict by four points over Galway in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie championship final, played before an audience of 10,436 in a wet and wind swept Croke Park, on Sunday September 6th.

This was the third successive meeting of the sides. In 1996, Galway made history, winning their first title by two points. Cork got revenge last year by four points. They met in the National League and again four points was the difference in Cork's favour.

The teams were evenly matched and gave a fantastic display of speed, style and skill in the first All-Ireland to be televised live.

Although Cork played with the wind in the first half, Galway were first to score, a point from a free by Colette Nevin followed by an Imelda Hobbins point from play. Cork's very accurate free taker, Lynn Dunlea, had equalised by the 5th minute. Points were exchanged twice before two points by Colette Nevin gave Galway the lead on the 19th minute. This was short-lived as Irene O'Keefe collected a Linda Mellerick pass and sent a sizzling ball to the net. Galway replied immediately with a point by the hard working Therese Maher and from the puck out a Sinead O'Callaghan shot rebounded off the crossbar into the hands of Irene O'Keefe who blasted to the net for her second goal inside of a two minute period. Galway's spirits were not daunted as they again exchanged points, leaving the score at half time Cork 2-7 Galway 0-9.

Cork turned over against a strong wind and Lynn Dunlea added a point from a thirty on the 3rd minute. Galway notched off four points from play to leave just one point separating the sides on the 14th minute. Points were again exchanged on two occasions and Fiona O'Driscoll sent over a point on the 22nd minute to give her side a two point lead. Galway substitute Denise Gilligan gained possession



Cork captain Eithne Duggan receives the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy from Fileas Ni Bhreaslaín

and from ten metres out and only the goalie to beat, sent the sliotar inches wide. Cork notched two more points from frees by Lynn Dunlea and retained the O'Duffy Cup on a scoreline of 2-13 to 0-15.

Scorers: Cork - Lynn Dunlea 0-9, Irene O'Keefe 2-0, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-3, Mary O'Connor 0-1.

Galway - Colette Nevin 0-7, Therese Maher 0-3, Aine Hillary, Sharon Glynn, Anne Forde, Veronica Curtin and Imelda Hobbins 0-1 each.

Cork - Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris, Mags Finn, Ursula Troy, Mary O'Connor, Linda Mellerick, Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keefe, Lynn Dunlea. Subs - Miriam Deacy for U Troy, Paula O'Connor for M Deacy.

Galway - Louise Curry, Olivia Broderick, Anne Broderick, Tracey Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Therese Maher, Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary, Collette Nevin, Imelda Hobbins, Veronica Curtin, Ann Forde. Sub - Denise Gilligan for V Curtin.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary.

The O'Duffy Cup was presented to captain Eithne Duggan by an t-Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael Fileas Ni Bhreaslaín.

Player of the Match - Irene O'Keefe, Cork.

Not all gloom for Galway

Galway secured their sixth All-Ireland junior title after a thrilling encounter against a gallant Tipperary side in the All-Ireland junior decider which was the curtain raiser to the senior. This was an excellent final again with a winning margin of four points in the Connacht sides favour. The sides were level on two occasions inside the first eight minutes until Galway, playing with the aid of a strong wind, went ahead by two points. Sheena Howard rattled the net on the 14th minute to give Tipperary the lead. Two minutes later Brenda Daniels had the ball in the Galway net. Points were exchanged and at the break Galway held



A jubilant Galway junior captain, Ann Dolan, receives the All-Ireland Cup from the Camogie President



The Cork squad that has put All-Ireland titles back to back

a slender one point advantage 1-6 to 1-5.

Galway's scoring ace Laura Kavanagh notched off three points from frees before Grainne Shanahan had Tipperary's second goal. Joanne Ryan levelled the scoring on the 15th minute but goals by Lourda Kavanagh and Sandra Tannian ended Tipperary's hopes of victory.

Final score: Galway 3-11 Tipperary 2-10

Scorers: Galway - Lourda Kavanagh 1-9, Sandra Tannian and Brenda Daniels 1-0 each, Caroline Murray and Aoife Lynskey 0-1 each.

Tipperary - Grainne Shanahan and Sheena Howard 1-1 each, Alice Deane 0-4, Philomena Fogarty 0-2, Joanne Ryan, Niamh Dwyer 0-1 each.

Galway - Aoife Connolly, Ann Dolan, Rita Broderick, Alva Kelly, Fiona Healy, Michelle Glynn, Caroline Murray, Veronica Sweeney, Aoife Lynskey, Lourda Kavanagh, Brenda Daniels, Sandra Tannian. Sub - Eileen Earls for F Healy.

Tipperary - Louise Ryan, Siobhan Cusack, Meadhbh Corcoran, Tess Bourke, Niamh Connolly, Philomena Fogarty, Alice Deane, Angela McDermott, Joanne Ryan, Sheena Howard, Grainne Shanahan, Niamh Dwyer. Subs - Mary Looby for N Dwyer, Fiona Loughnane for T Bourke. Referee - Catherine McAllister (Antrim).

The Whirlpool All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens Results

Final

Lisdowney, Kilkenny 3-5

Granagh/Ballingarry 1-6

Shield Final:

O'Donovan Rossa, Antrim 3-2

Kilkerley, Louth 0-5

Player of the Tournament: Jane Adams, O'Donovan Rossa.

On Sunday next the 7th All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final is down for decision when Down contest their third final against newcomers Cork. Down appeared in the inaugural in 1992 and were defeated by Dublin. In 1996 they lost to Limerick. Cork had an easy passage over Armagh in the first round and in the semi-final had a close call when defeating Limerick by the minimum score 3-5 to 1-10. Down got a bye in the first round and also had one point to spare in the semi-final against Antrim 2-14 to 3-10. Cork will be hoping to add the intermediate crown to the senior while Down will be hoping it will be third time lucky for them.



The victorious Galway junior panel

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Gaelic Sport

By Mary Moran



CAMOGIE'S INCREASING POPULARITY



SEAN O'DUFFY
The Mayo man had a huge influence on the spread of camogie.

Founded by the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League in 1904, the Camogie Association flourished in the initial years. As the first surge of enthusiasm started to wane, along came Mayoman, Sean O'Duffy, who was to have a huge influence on the spread of the game throughout the country.

He worked ceaselessly for camogie for the remainder of his life and is one of the reasons why the game is in such a healthy state today. The All-Ireland Championship commenced in 1932. Dublin and Cork shared the first dozen titles. The Association endured a difficult time in the Forties as splits and strife reversed the progress that had been made up to then.

All counties had returned to the council rooms and the playing fields by the early Fifties. Competition for top honours was very keen. The O'Duffy Cup, the symbol of camogie supremacy, rested in Dublin when *Gaelic Sport* hit the bookshelves for the first time in 1958. Kathleen Mills, who holds a never to be equalled record of fifteen All-Ireland Senior medals, captained a Dublin side laden with stars that overcame Tipperary in the All-Ireland Final.

Una O'Connor,
Gerry Hughes,
Annette Corrigan,

Kathleen Ryder, Doreen Brennan, Brid Reid and Annie Donnelly wore the light blue on that occasion. Tipperary, who challenged Dublin's ascendancy again in 1961, fielded stylish performers in Kathleen and Terry Griffin, Kathleen Downes, Bridie Scully, Kathleen England and Tess Moloney.

Galway threw down the gauntlet to Dublin in 1960 and 1962. Eileen Naughton, Patsy Colclough, Vera Henaghan, Sheila Tony, Frances Fox and Kathleen Flaherty had to concede to the slick Dublin outfit.

Bitter defeats in 1963, 1964 and 1966 steeled Antrims resolve to claim the title. Lead by Sue Cashman, who was honoured with a Caltex Award for her performance, Antrim held Dublin in 1967 and won the replay in an emotional charged game. Moya Forde, Mairead McAtamney, Marion McFetridge, Lily Scullion, Mave Gilroy and Mairead Quinn brought Dublin's run of eighteen titles in nineteen years to a halt. The attendance at that game would have found it hard to believe that Dublin were to win only one All-Ireland title in the next thirty years.

Wexford sprang from nowhere in 1968. A team built around Margaret O'Leary, Bridget Doyle, Joan Murphy, Teresa Shields, Mary Walsh, Mary Doyle and Bernie Murphy won Leinster and All-Ireland titles for the first time and retained the double in 1969.

Cork awakened from their twenty-seven years slumber to capture four titles in a row 1970-1973. Players with great natural ability made up the side. Goalkeeper Mel Cummins, Marie Costine, Hannah Dineen, Anne McAuliffe and

SHEILA WALLACE
Ard Runaí, has made a major impact in past decade



Deirdre Sutton were excellent defenders. Betty Sugrue, Pat Moloney, Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy, Marion Sweeney, Marion McCarthy and Anne Comerford shone further afield.

The late Sixties saw expansion on all camogie fronts. The setting up of the All-Ireland Colleges Championship, the introduction of underage camogie at club level and the addition of new All-Ireland Championships brought new players to the game and improved playing standards. Down annexed both All-Ireland Junior and Minor Championships as they came on stream.

Exciting newcomers came on stage in 1974. In twenty-one seasons, Kilkenny amassed twelve All-Ireland Senior titles thus leapfrogging over Antrim and Wexford on the Roll of Honour. Kilkenny proved invincible from 1985 to 1991. Many truly outstanding performers wore the famed black and amber. The Downey twins, Angela and Ann, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Ann Carroll, Helena O'Neill, Bidy O'Sullivan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Clare Jones, Gillian Dillion and Sinead Millea drew admiration from friend and foe to Kilkenny terms.

Cork captured the O'Duffy Cup eight times in the past



The Downey Twins
Ann and Angela won admiration from friend and foe for their native Kilkenny.

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twenty years. Clare Cronin, Cathy Landers, Mary O'Leary Sandie Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Lynn Dunlea, Eithne Duggan and Vivienne Harris have been added to the long list of outstanding players from the Rebel County.

Galway won all before them at underage and colleges camogie. Despite concentrated efforts they found difficulty in converting these successes into an All-Ireland Senior victory. In 1996, a team led by Imelda Hobbins and containing Sharon Glynn, Denise Gilligan, Pamela Nevin, Martina Harkin, Olive Costello and Louise Curry, made a historic breakthrough.

In the forty year period under review, three counties, Wexford, Kilkenny and Galway made the grade at the highest level and engraved their names on the O'Duffy Cup. The hard luck story of that era surely belongs to Tipperary who contested five All-Ireland Senior finals. Among those who came to mind are Lily Parle (Wexford), Lilian Howlett (Waterford), Noreen Duggan (Cork), Josie Ruane (Mayo), Sarah Ann Quinn (Derry), Claire Hanrahan (Kilkenny), Eileen Naughton (Galway), Joan Clancy (Cork), Lily Reynolds (Armagh), Susan Lennon (Louth), Geraldine Callinan (Laois), Carrie Clancy (Limerick) and the Griffin sisters, Kathleen and Terry (Tipperary).

The game itself has undergone significant changes in style and tactics. The great Dublin side moved the ball with purpose and precision but the players held their own places. They opened up the game with pinpoint crosses and passes which lethal finishes capitalised upon.



Kathleen Mills, Dublin

The players of Kilkenny and Cork have brought the game closer to hurling. They cover much more ground running with the ball at the opposition. They catch or pick the ball, strike on the run and specialise in taking points. Their training schedules are more arduous than their predecessors and, consequently, they are fitter. Quality ground camogie is a thing of the past.

The size of the pitch and the duration of the game for inter-county competition have been extended. The controversial Points Bar was dismantled. However, the next decade may see greater changes if the proposed fifteen-aside game on the full sized hurling pitch is voted in.

Off the pitch there have been significant changes also. The most noteworthy of these has been the appointment of a full-time Ard Runai/Development Officer. Jo Golden was the first incumbent of the office. She

was followed for short periods by Seamus McAleenan and Anne Sheehy before the present occupant Sheila Wallace made the position her own. The provision of a permanent home for the Ard Runai in the Croke Park complex was a major step in the right direction.

Sheila McNulty, who filled the role of Ard Runai from 1953 to 1975, played a major role in the shaping of the modern Association. In her capacity as Trustee, she continues to guide and steer the less experienced administrators in the right direction. The present Treasurer, Jo Golden and Ard Runai, Sheila Wallace, have made a huge impact in the past decade or so.

Coaching has played its part in improving playing standards. Where top class coaching has been available, e.g. St.Raphael's College, Loughrea, or St. Mary's, Charleville, the results have been exceptional. The standard achieved by the National Feile Champions and the All-Ireland Minor Champions is proof of how the game has progressed.

Another area of significant growth is in the Higher Institutes of Education. The Universities, Teacher Training Colleges and Institutes of Technology constitute a vibrant arm of the Association. Competitions are keenly contested by players already known in the inter-county arena.

The most striking difference between 1958 and 1998 is the large number of young players currently enjoying the game. Girls are introduced to camogie at a much younger age nowadays and many graduate to a very high level of skill. Camogie has come a long way in the past four decades. Sean O'Duffy would be pleased with its progress.



Bridget Doyle, Wexford



Maeve Gilroy, Antrim



Linda Mellerick, Cork

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Girl power brings home O'Duffy cup

SUNDAY September 6th was a proud day for Bishopstown.

For this was the day that the Cork senior camogie team defeated Galway in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.

And there was none prouder of the girls than Councillor Pat Murray who is a selector for Bishopstown Camogie Club.

And on the winning team were Bishopstown girls, Eithne Duggan who was the team captain, Vivienne Harris and Trish Doyle.

Pat was responsible for introducing all three players to camogie and that proved to be a smart move when the girls brought home the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Cup to Cork last Monday. Cllr Murray who has a great love of sports and is very involved in encouraging young people to take part in sport said he was very satisfied to see the girls walk up the steps of the Hogan

Stand at Croke Park and it was especially satisfying to see the first Bishopstown captain receive the O'Duffy Cup.

However Cllr Murray said that while huge praise must go to the girls, their families, many friends and supporters also deserve much praise.

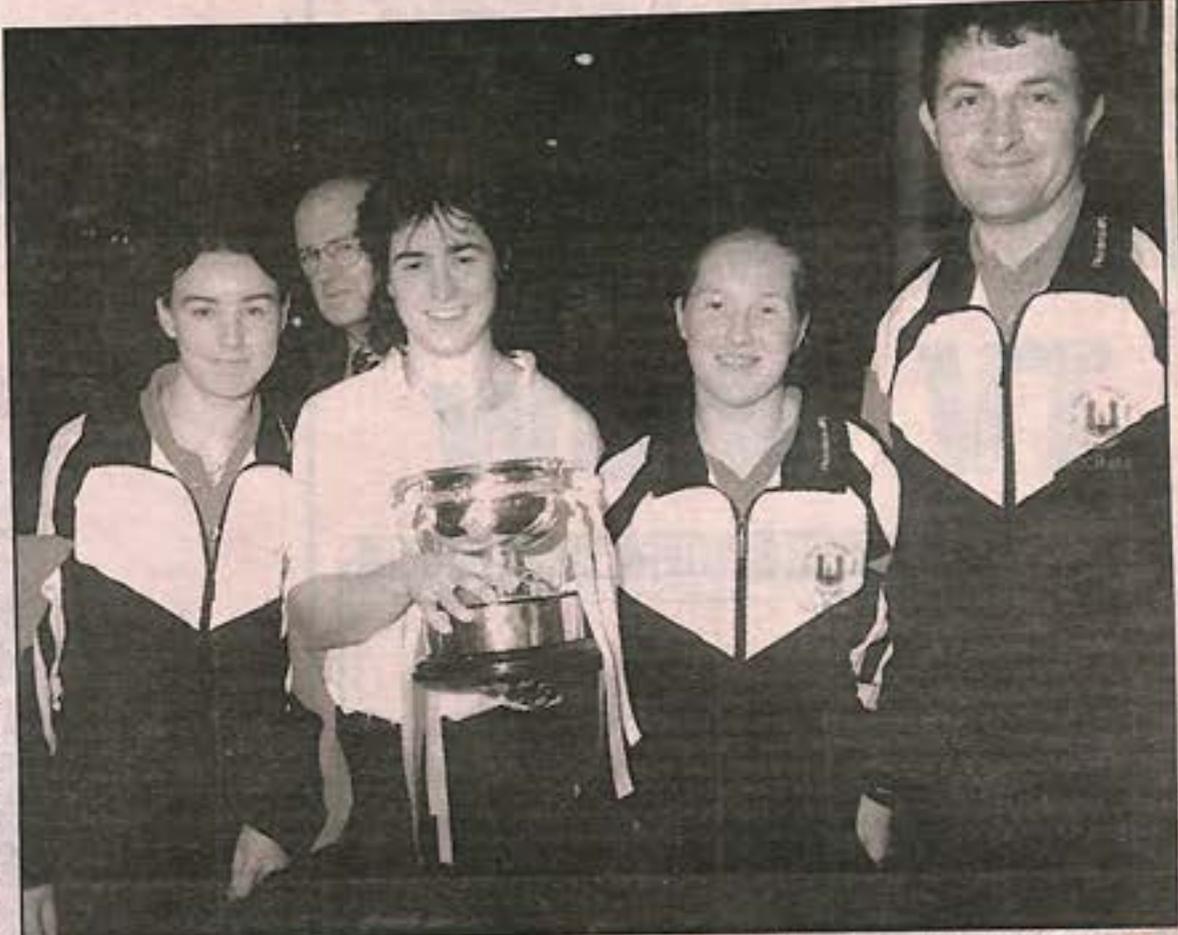
A large Cork contingent, both young and old, travelled to Dublin to support and shout encouragement to the team and their cheers were deafening when the girls beat Galway to take home the cup.

Thank you

A big thank you also goes to the many people who came out to greet the team on their return to Cork.

And a delighted Pat Murray will not be able to rest on his laurels for long as he is currently training the Cork Intermediate camogie team who contest the All-Ireland final against Down at Pairc Uí Rinn on Sunday, September 20th at 3pm.

Hopefully, this will be the third All-Ireland camogie title to find its way to Cork this year.



Pride in Cork: Photograph shows from left to right: Vivienne Harris, Eithne Duggan (Captain), Trish Doyle and Councillor Pat Murray (Selector), proudly holding the O'Duffy Cup.

Barryroe	2-8
Aghabullogue	1-4

BARRYROE won the Senior B Championship replay at Ballygarvan yesterday morning.

Aghabullogue started brightly and had run into an early 1-2 to 0-0 lead before Barryroe opened their scoring, the Aghabullogue goal came 10 minutes into the half from Louise Murphy with Eileen Buckley and Helena Moynihan pointing.

Barryroe continued their pressure and were awarded with a well taken goal from captain Josephine Whelton. The same player extend their lead further six minutes later when she again finished to the Aghabullogue net. Now well in control Barryroe pressed forward and

three further points from 15-year-old Jennifer O'Leary ensured them a place in the semi final where they will meet neighbours Kilbrittain.

Scorers: Barryroe: J Whelton 2-0, K O'Leary 0-6 (4 30's, 2 frees), A McCarthy, G Collins 0-1.
Aghabullogue: L Murphy 1-1, H Moynihan 0-2, E Buckley 0-1.
AGHABULLOGUE: S Crowley; D Twomey, M Twomey, L Ronan; T Roche, J Twomey, M Ennigus, T McCullagh; E Buckley, L Murphy, M Noonan, H Moynihan (capt). Sub: S Buckley for M Ennigus.
BARRYROE: C Keohane; A Sheehy, P O'Leary, L McCarthy; R Holland, D Walsh, K McCarthy, E O'Regan; E McCarthy, J O'Leary, J Whelton (capt), G Collins. Sub: E Donovan for D Walsh, AM Fleming for G Collins.
Referee: B Joyce (Killeagh).



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CORCAIGH v. AN DÚN

Fite fuaite ar a chéile atá stair Chorcaí agus stair An Dúin i leith Chraobhchomórtas na hÉireann.

Corcaigh agus An Dún contested the inaugural All-Ireland Junior Championship Final in 1968 and the inaugural Minor Championship Final in 1974. An Dún a bhí chus tosaigh ar an dá ócáid sin.

An Dún reached the inaugural Final of the Intermediate Championship in 1992 but fell to Áth Cliath on that occasion.

On this their first meeting in the Intermediate Final, each county is seeking its first title at this level.

Is í seo an chéad uair do Chorcaigh an Cluiche Ceannais seo a bhaint amach, ach baineadh amach ag An Dún dhá uair cheana féin é. An Dún encountered Luimneach in its second Final in 1996.

Mar sin, pé foireann ag a mbíonn an bua inniu, beidh ainm nua inscríobha ar Chom Puirseíl.

Sraithchomórtas na Sóisear 1998

An Dún and Corcaigh have already met in a final this year, that of the National Junior League. Ba é an scór a bhí ann ar an ócáid sin na:

An Dún 0-20, Corcaigh 0-12.

Na Captaein



Sinéad Ní Chathaláin, Corcaigh



Colleen Ní Eidhin, An Dún

An Craobhchomórtas Idirmheánach, 1998

Na Cluichí Leathceannais
Corcaigh 4-16, Ardmhacha 0-6
An Dún 2-14, Aontroim 3-10

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AN DÚN



Ar chúil (ó chlé) – N. Mhic Aoidh, C. Ní Mhaolchalann, M. Nic Giolla Fhinnéin, C. Nic Craith, E. Ní Mhásúin, T. Nic Gabhann, J. Ní. Bhrannuibh.
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – A. Ní Mhuireagáin, C. Ní Chuinneagáin, P. Ní Uaithe, D. Shabhaois, C. Ní Eidhin, Captaen, V. Ní Eidhin, S. Mhic Éinri, M. Ní Mhuiri, D. Nic Gríogáin.

CORCAIGH



Ar chúil (ó chlé) – P. Ó Muiri (Roghnoir), C. Giltinan, L. Bhreatnach, O. Ní Shúilleabháin, L. de Búrca, E. Ní Shúilleabháin, S. Ní Bhuachalla, J. Ní Annáin, Á. Ní Laoire, K. Ní Fhoghlú, M. Ní Chorca, C. Uí Dhuinn (Roghnoir).
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – Ú. Ní Dhonnchú, E. Ní Airt, G. Ní Chathasaigh, T. de Róiste, L. Ní Chonail, S. Ní Chathaláin, Captaen, O. Ní Mhurchú, C. Ní Aodha, E. Ní Dhuinnin.



Corcaigh

Dearg agus Bán

1
GEARÓIDÍN NÍ CHATHASAIGH
Geraldine Casey
Inniscarra

2
ENDA NÍ DHUINNÍN
Enda Dinneen
Inniscarra

3
JILL NÍ ANNÁIN
Jill Hannon
Glen Rovers

4
LÉAN BHREATNACH
Helen Walsh
Éire Óg

5
CEARÚILÍN GILTINAN
Caroline Giltinan
Newtownshandrum

6
ÉIMHEAR NÍ SHUILLEABHÁIN
Eimear O'Sullivan
Kilbrittain

7
MÁIRE NÍ CHORCA
Marie Corkery
Cloughdubh

8
TÍNA DE RÓISTE
Tina Roche
Aghabullogue

9
SINÉAD NÍ CHATHALÁIN
Sinéad Cahalane
Fr. O'Neills
Captaen

10
LÉAN DE BURCA
Elaine Burke
Valley Rovers

11
CRIONA NÍ AIRT
Criona Harte
Inniscarra

12
ÚNA NÍ DHONNCHÚ
Oonagh O'Donoghue
Cloughdubh

IONADAITHE:

- 13. ORLAIGH NÍ MHURCHÚ
Orla Murphy, Glen Rovers
- 14. EMMA NÍ AIRT
Emma Harte, Glen Rovers
- 15. LINDA NÍ CHONAILL
Linda O'Connell, St. Finbarr's
- 16. SORCHA NÍ AODHA
Sarah Hayes, Courcey Rovers

- 17. ÁINE NÍ LAOIRE
Annette O'Leary, Kilbrittain
- 18. KAREN NÍ FHOGHLÚ
Karen Foley, Kilbrittain
- 19. ORLAIGH NÍ SHUILLEABHÁIN
Orla O'Sullivan, St. Finbarr's
- 20. SINÉAD NÍ BHUACHALLA
Sinéad Buckley, Aghabullogue

Gabhtar buíochas le

An Dún

Dearg agus Dubh



1
TREASA NIC GABHAIN
Teresa Magowan
Beann Dearg

2
DONNA NÍ GHRÍOGÁIN
Donna Greeran
Liatroim Fontenoy's

3
POILÍN NÍ UAITHNE
Pauline Green
Drumaness

4
EDEL NÍ MHÁSÚIN
Edel Mason
Dunloy

5
DEIRDRE SHABHAOIS
Deirdre Savage
Portaferry

6
COLLEEN NÍ EIDHIN
Colleen Hynds
Beann Dearg
Captaen

7
MAJELLA NÍ MHUIRÍ
Majella Murray
Liatroim Fontenoy's

8
VALERIE NÍ EIDHIN
Valerie Hynds
Beann Dearg

9
JENNIFER NÍ BHRANNUIBH
Jennifer Braniff
Ballycran

10
MÁIRÍN NIC GIOLLA FHINNÉIN
Mairin McAleenan
Liatroim Fontenoy's

11
SIOBHÁN MHIC ÉINRÍ
Joan Henderson
Breda

12
CLÁR NIC CRAITH
Claire McGrath
Beann Dearg

IONADAITHE:

- 13. NUALA MHIC AOIDH
Nuala Magee, Beann Dearg
- 14. CATHY NÍ MHAOLCHALLANN
Cathy Mulholland, Ballyholland
- 15. CIARA NIC CUINNEAGÁIN
Ciara Cunningham, Attical
- 16. NICKI NIC AOIDH
Nicki Magee, Beann Dearg

- 17. MEADHBH NIC NÉILL
Maeve McNeill, Anneclone
- 18. ÁINE NÍ MHUIREAGÁIN
Ann Morgan, Liatroim Fontenoy's
- 19. TREASA NÍ BHROIN
Teresa Burns, Liatroim Fontenoy's
- 20. AINGEAL NÍ FHARANNÁIN
Angeline Fearon, Attical

a bhronn na boinn orainn

CORN PUIRSÉIL

Bronnadh Corn Puirseil ag an Ardchomhairle don chéad Chluiche Ceannais i 1992. I ndíl-chuimhne ar Úna Bean Uí Phuirseil, Iar-Uachtarán, a bronnadh an corn. Úna, from Ballingarry, Limerick, represented both Luimneach and Áth Cliath. She won an All-Ireland medal with Áth Cliath in 1938. Bhuaidh sí Comórtas Mhic Giolla Bhríde le linn di bheith ina scoláire in U.C.D.

An Craobhchomórtas Idirmheánach

Cuireadh tús leis an gCraobhchomórtas Idirmheánach i 1992 agus seo é scéal an chomórtais ó shoin i leith:

Buaiteoirí	Tánaistí
1992 Áth Cliath	An Dún
1993 An Clár	Áth Cliath
1994 Ardmhacha	Cill Dara
1995 An Clár	Tiobraid Árann
1996 Luimneach	An Dún
1997 Tiobraid Árann	An Clár

Na Captaein

Is iad siúd a leanas a bhí ina gcaptaein nuair a buadh Corn Puirseil ag a gcontaetha:

- 1992: Cathy Walsh, Áth Cliath
- 1993: Frances Whelan, An Clár
- 1994: Mary Black, Ardmhacha
- 1995: Sinéad O'Brien, An Clár
- 1996: Helen Clifford-McCarthy
Luimneach
- 1997: Deirdre Hughes,
Tiobraid Árann

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Camogie ladies set to complete hat-trick

CORK Intermediate team will be hoping to complete an brilliant run of national titles for the county, this weekend, when they play hosts to Down in the All Ireland Final on Sunday.

The rebel county has already scooped the senior and minor camogie crowns, as well as the minor hurling title.

A third camogie title would be an

By DAMIAN LAWLOR

amazing hat-trick for the ladies' teams.

Pat Murray's intermediate camogie side will be hoping to make it a year to remember for Leisiders.

Meanwhile, the much-fancied Under-21 hurling team play Galway in their decider and another win is on the

cards for this promising young team.

But St Finbarr's girls Linda O'Connell and Orla O'Sullivan will be hoping that the intermediate camogie side will capture all the limelight in Pairc Ui Rinn on Sunday, at 3pm.

Training

Their Bishopstown trainer, Pat Murray has his troops in good shape after some vigorous training and the

side, although losing some regulars to the senior side, really fancies its chances of capturing All-Ireland honours.

"This could be a great day for Cork and I would hope that we get a lot of support from Cork people for our match against Down.

"We have done lots of training and we are looking forward to our first ever win at this grade," Pat said.

Cork bid to make history against Down

WITH morale high within the county following the capturing of the senior and minor All Ireland camogie titles, Cork attempt to create their own bit of history tomorrow when the intermediate team take on Down in the All Ireland final in Parc Ui Rinn.

If successful they would be the first county ever to achieve this feat in the same year.

In their path to the final, Cork had a comprehensive victory over disappointing Armagh. In the semi final Limerick went in as raging favourites having run the Galway senior team to 2 points in the first round of the senior championships.

Having lost the senior opening round game Limerick were eligible to participate in the intermediate championships and were favourite to take the title. However, they met a spirited Cork side who would not contemplate defeat. Leading at half time by one point they came out to play against the very strong wind but turned in a superb display to advance to the final.

However, since then the team has lost three players. - Captain and goal-

keeper Leonie Nolan and Trisha Doyle, both of whom were substitutes on the winning Senior team.

Aghbullogue's Sinead Buckley is out with a hand injury.

The team are captained by Sinead Cahalane who won a junior All Ireland medal in 1996 and whilst the selectors have not yet named their team its expected that Ger Casey will take over the goalkeeping duties and that Gill Hannon will be drafted in to the defence. The team is certain to include the experienced Emer O'Sullivan, Criona Harte, Caroline Kiltenan and Helen Walsh.

Since the competition's inception in 1992, Down have appeared in two deciders, losing in 1992 to Dublin and 1996 to Limerick.

Tomorrow they hope to make it third time lucky. And, as they do not field in the senior grades they are in a position to put out their strongest team.

Having earlier in the year travelled to Cork to take the junior national league title they will be full of confidence. They defeated last years All Ireland junior champions Antrim in the

semi-final by the narrowest of margins with only one point separating the sides.

They are coached by Intercounty and Colleges Star Bernie McAnny and have a very experienced team with many of the side having played with UUJ and Queens University Belfast.

An indication of the strength of the Down side was that in the league final no fewer than nine of their team managed to get their names on the score-sheet.

Having taken their first league title they will be keen to add an All Ireland title.

There are Cork championship games in the junior and under 16 grades.

Cork Intermediate Panel: Ger Casey, Caroline Giltenan, Helen Walsh, Orla O'Sullivan, Elaine Burke, Emer O'Sullivan, Sinead Buckley, Gill Hannon, Annette O'Leary, Karen Foley, Marie Corkery, Una O'Donoghue, Emma Harte, Tina Roche, Linda O'Connell, Sinead Cahalane, Orla Murphy, Criona Harte, Sarah Hayes, Enda Dineen. **Down Panel:** Trace McGowan, Donna Greeman, Edel Mason, Nuala McGee, Deirdre Savage, Pauline Green, Teresa Byrne, Ann Morgan, Nicki Magee, Caitlin Hynds, Valerie Hynds, Jenny Braniff, Majella Murray, Joan Henderson, Claire McGrath, Ciara Cunningham, Maureen McLenan, Angelina Fearon, Cathy Mulholland, Maebh McNeill.

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Down capture All-Ireland title with victory

Down 1-12
Cork 1-8

by Tom Higgins

DOWN, beaten in its inaugural year, 1992, by Dublin and by Limerick in 1996, made it third-time lucky at Pairc Ui Rinn, Cork, yesterday when they captured their first All-Ireland Intermediate camogie title when they defeated a young home side by four points.

This was a game which the visitors should have won by a wide margin, as they were much the better side, but they wasted some glorious opportunities which would have put the game well out of Cork's reach well before half-time

had they availed of their chances. Down played with the wind in the opening period and shot eight wides, compared to one for Cork, and were 1-7 to 1-5 up at the break against the Rebels, whose forwards were starved of opportunities in that period.

Defences were totally on top with the Down backline faster to the ball and with their forwards getting some glorious chances should have been well ahead. However, the Cork defence gave the Northerners few clear-cut chances and they relied mainly on their top scorer, Mairin McAleenan, for most of their scores, from placed balls although she did get a splendid goal in the 19th minute.

Joan Henderson received a long

clearance from defence and then parted to McAleenan who cut inside Cork full-back Enda Dineen to give goalkeeper Geraldine Casey no chance with an angled shot. This put Down 1-6 to 0-4 in front and they looked to be coasting.

But in one of the few breakaways in the half Cork gave themselves some hope with a goal from Oonagh O'Donoghue in the 28th minute. She picked up the ball on the right-half side of the field and raced goalward before lobbing the ball into the Down goalmouth. It was midjudged by Teresa Magowan and dropped into the net to her dismay.

Although Cork played with the aid of the breeze in the second half they were given little scope by a tight-marking Down defence, and it was only in the

last ten minutes that they began to show their fighting spirit.

But they could not breach the Down defence and it was in fact the Northerners who did most of the attacking, adding a further seven wides to their tally before coming out worthy winners at the end.

For Down Edel Mason was really outstanding at centre-back while she got excellent support from Pauline Green. Their captain, Colleen Hynds, had an excellent game in the middle of the field while Mairin McAleenan was their star player at centre-forward and got excellent support from Joan Henderson and Claire McGrath.

For Cork Geraldine Casey did nothing wrong in goal while Jill Hannon

AIB All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie final Down 1-12 Cork 1-8

Down end their All-Ireland jinx

DOWN'S frustrations with the All-Ireland Camogie championship are over but how they made their supporters sweat in yesterday's final in Pairc Ui Rinn.

Over the hour Down managed to clock up 16 wides - eight in each half while the home side shot three. It was Down's poor shooting which kept the game in the boiling pot for so long.

Playing with the aid of the first half breeze Down looked lethargic, falling 0-4 to 0-2 behind at the end of the first quarter.

However, Mairin McAleenan then took the game by the scruff of the neck, shooting three points from very difficult angles and then collecting a Joan Henderson pass to set off a 30 yard run which finished with a flashing shot to the corner of the net.

Claire McGrath dispossessed Cork's Enda Dineen to kick Down ahead

by 1-6 to 0-4 in the 23rd minute.

However, more nervousness in defence gave Oonagh O'Donoghue the chance to shoot a Cork goal. Two points ahead and facing a stiff breeze, Down needed to get quickly back on the scoreboard.

However with defence in superb form the chances kept coming for Down. Ciara Cunningham and Joan Henderson could have killed off the Cork girls with goals but Valerie Hynds and Joan Henderson did put four points between the sides.

Cork exerted a lot of pressure in the final ten minutes but Terese McGovern and her defence held tight and Down finished worthy winners of Corn Puirseil for the first time.

Defence was solid with Donna Greenan, Edel Mason and Pauline Green superb.

Midfield was in and out of the game but the switch of Jennifer Braniff and Valerie

Hynds in the second-half benefited both players.

Mairin McAleenan again delivered under pressure while Joan Henderson was a thorn in the Cork defence for the full hour.

There will be big chances in camogie next year with the switch to 15-a-side. Many counties will take time to get it right in the new system. This young Down side looks well equipped to adapt to the larger pitch and, of course, senior camogie.

Down: T McGovern, D Greenan, P Greene, E Mason, D Savage, C Hynds (capt), N Magee, V Hynds (0-1), Jennifer Braniff (0-1), Mairin McAleenan (0-7), J Henderson (0-2), Claire McGrath (0-1). **Subs:** C Cunningham for C McGrath (46), C Mulholland for Edel Mason (59).

Cork: G Casey, E Dineen, J Hannon, H Walsh, C Giltenan, E O'Sullivan, M Corkery, S Hayes, Sinead Cahalane (capt) (0-1), E Burke, C Harte (0-7), O O'Donoghue. **Subs:** O O'Sullivan E Burke 40 minutes, Tina Roche for S Hayes 51 minutes.

Referee: B Phillips

over Cork

and Helen Walsh tried very hard in the half-back line. However, the Cork forwards were never really on song and apart from Criona Harte, who was deadly accurate from free, only Oonagh O'Donoghue and Sinead Cahalane caught the eye.

Scorers: Cork: C. Harte 0-7 (0-5 frees), O. O'Donoghue 1-0, S. Cahalane 0-1. **Down:** M. McAleenan 1-7 (0-3 frees, 0-1 "30"), J. Henderson 0-2, C. McGrath 0-1, J. Braniff 0-1, V. Hynds 0-1. **CORK:** G. Casey; E. Dineen; J. Hannon, H. Walsh, C. Giltenan, E. O'Sullivan, M. Corkery, S. Hayes; S. Cahalane (capt), E. Burke, C. Harte; O. O'Donoghue. **Subs:** O. O'Sullivan for E. Burke (39th minute); T. Roche for S. Hayes (51st minute). **DOWN:** T. McGovern; D. Greenan; D. Green; P. Green; E. Mason; D. Savage; C. Hynds; N. Magee; V. Hynds; J. Braniff; M. McAleenan; J. Henderson; C. McGrath. **Subs:** C. Cunningham for C. McGrath (46th minute); C. Mulholland for P. Green (59th minute). **Referee:** B. McPhillips (Tipperary).



Mary Moran's Camogie Affairs

Cork's left forward, Irene O'Keeffe announced during the week leading up to the All-Ireland Senior Final between Cork and Galway that she would call it a day at the final whistle. Four All-Ireland Senior medals hold pride of place in her trophy cabinet. A fifth medal would be nice but most of all she wished to hit the back of the net at Croke Park before stepping down.

Irene has scored many a vital goal for Cork in an illustrious career. However, up to now, goals in Croke Park have proved elusive. It will be remembered, of course, that Irene gave something of an exhibition of point scoring in the 1992 final when she lofted the ball over the bar seven times from play.

Seventeen minutes into this year's decider, Cork players were struggling to find their rhythm. Four converted frees by Lynn Dunlea kept Cork in touch with a Galway side that was full of running and enjoying supremacy in midfield. A long ball from Linda Mellerick found Irene in space some yards in front of goal. She hit it sweetly to the net.

Two minutes later she was first to react when a point attempt by Sinead O'Callaghan came off the post and travelled along the end line. She won the race for possession, passed Anne Broderick on the inside and Tracy Laheen on the outside before releasing a powerful shot which Louise Curry in the Galway goal had no hope of saving. These goals left Cork four points in front at half time. But with the gale force wind and driving rain to face in the second half, the crowd wondered if Cork's lead would be sufficient to retain their crown.

Linda Mellerick decided to retire from inter-county camogie in the wake of last season's final when she captained Cork to glory for the second time. However, she changed her mind while enjoying a sunshine holiday with her team-mates early in the year. On reflection, Cork supporters were happy that Linda reversed her decision. In the second half, she gave a magnificent display. Superbly fit, Linda fell back to aid her besieged defence and carried the ball forward into the eye of a virtual storm and created chances for the girls in front. She kept this energy-sapping play going for the full half hour breaking the hearts of the Galway players.

Denise Cronin was another heroine for the Rebels. She defended skillfully and courageously under enormous pressure. When Galway forward,

Denise Gilligan found herself in possession in front of goal in the dying minutes of the game, Denise dashed fearlessly to close down her angle and save the day. Nine points from ten chances was free-taker Lynn Dunlea's return for the hour. Not many hurlers or footballers could boast of such impressive figures in the heat of an All-Ireland Final.



A delighted Eithne Duggan, Cork Captain, holds the O'Duffy Cup aloft following her team's win over Galway on September 6th last, on a score of 2-13 to 0-15.

Captain Eithne Duggan, Fiona O'Driscoll and goalkeeper, Cora Keohane were others to catch the eye in what was a truly wonderful team performance by Cork.

At times Galway dominated the play. They won the midfield exchanges but their inability to score goals told in the end. Colette Nevin and Therese Maher, who played colleges camogie with St. Raphael's, Loughrea this season, made quite an impact. Colette's free-taking was first class while Therese struck three glorious points on the run. As usual Sharon Glynn commanded the middle of the field. Pamela Nevin, Anne Broderick and Tracy Laheen defended flawlessly. Galway have a very young side and with a winning junior side to draw from, their prospects look very bright for the future.

Galway and Tipperary served up a memorable exhibition of camogie in the All-Ireland Junior Final as curtain-raiser to the senior game. The conditions at Croke Park in the early afternoon were appalling. Driving rain and gale force winds did not deter these skillful exponents of the game. It took a stunning second half performance by Galway to see off the spirited challenge of a gallant Tipperary side.

Lourda Kavanagh, who received the Player of the Match Award, gave a brilliant display at centre-forward. Michelle Glynn, Brenda Daniels, Ann Dolan and

A Sandra Tannian also stood out on a fine Galway team. Tipperary appeared to be heading for victory when they retired to the dressingroom only a point behind their opponents having coped with the terrible conditions in the first half. However, it was Galway who stepped up their performance in the second period and curtailed the Tipperary attack to 1-5.

Angela McDermott played herself to a standstill in the middle of the field for Tipperary. Alice Deane, Siobhan Cusack, Philomena Fogarty and Sheena Howard caught the eye with their accomplished play. The majority of the Tipperary players are very young but they have the skill necessary to make it in the near future.

Cork's class told in the All-Ireland Minor Final against Derry last month. With wins over Tipperary and Galway, big names in minor camogie, behind them, they were determined to take the title that has eluded them since 1985. Watch out in the future for Sarah Hayes, Catriona Kelly, Ciara Healy, Rosarii Holland, Rachel Moloney and Niamh Bowles.

Irene O'Keeffe's goals paved way for Cork victory

Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Thirty Years Ago

This week we take a look back to the 1968 Gael Linn Inter-Provincials. Ulster, who won their first and only senior title in 1967 by defeating Leinster 5-4 to 5-1 at Parnell Park, were back again to face Leinster in the final, but this time Leinster turned the tables and took the trophy for the 8th time out of 13 attempts, when they scored a deserving victory at Croke Park.

Leinster 7-0 Ulster 2-5

The winners, whose combination and teamwork played a major part in this victory, were the fitter side and this was particularly evident in the second half.

Ulster, though there were eight of the Antrim side on the team, played as individuals and thus much of their valuable approach work was wasted. The first half was closely contested with Ulster taking an early lead when Mairead Quinn pointed. Leinster however, scored two goals to lead two goals to one after fifteen minutes. This was Ulster's best period and they scored points on the 15th, 17th and 20th minutes only to be pulled back by a Leinster goal quickly on the re-start.

The Northerners started to tire after about ten minutes and allowed Leinster to get completely on top. They added five goals, one of which was disallowed for a square infringement, without a reply from the holders until just on full time when Patricia Crangle goaled for the losers. Alice Hussey, who played at centre back for Leinster was the most outstanding player on view. She got great assistance from team mates Carmel O'Shea, Joan Murphy and goalie Teresa Shiels. Margaret O'Leary dominated at midfield where Mary Sherlock also had a good game. Moya Forde played well for Ulster at full back and she got most assistance from Kathleen Kelly, Sue Cashman and Mairead McAtamney did some fine striking, while Mairead Quinn and Lily Scullion tried hard in attack.

Scorers: Leinster: Judy Doyle 3-0, Mary Walsh 2-0, Mary Sherlock 1-0.

Ulster: Lily Scullion and Pat Crangle 1-0 each, Mairead Quinn and Sue Cashman 0-2 each, Mairead MaAtamney 0-1.

Leinster team - Teresa Shiels (Wexford), Mary Holohan (Kilkenny), Joan Murphy (Wexford), Ally Hussey (Dublin), Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny), Mary Sherlock (Dublin), Margaret O'Leary (Wexford), Brid Kinsella (Kilkenny), Kit Kehoe (Dublin), Mary Walsh (Wexford), Capt Judy Doyle (Dublin), Mary Doyle (Wexford).

Ulster team - Teresa Cassidy (Antrim), Moya Forde (Antrim), Capt Moira Caldwell (Down), Eileen Coulter (Down), Kathleen Kelly (Antrim), Mairead McAtamney (Antrim), Sue Cashman (Antrim), Barabara Sands (Down), Pat Crangle (Down), Mairead Quinn (Antrim), Eileen Collins (Antrim), Lily Scullion (Antrim).

The 1998 camogie season is now drawing to a close with just one All-Ireland final to go. That is the club championship in November.

Counties are making plans for their Conventions and for coaching and referee courses.

For the 1999 season, all competitions run under the auspices of county boards, provincial councils and central council will be played on the full size GAA pitch instead of the present day 110 metres long to 80 metres wide.

The twelve player line out will change to 15 aside.

The first competition to be played under the new rules will be the 1999 National Junior League which commences this October.

In 1993 and '94 the National Junior and Senior Leagues were played as a 15-a-side test series. This was a Kilkenny motion and the county won the senior in '93 and Galway won it in '94.

There were very few complaints of the system, however, when it came to an end a true evaluation could not be made as it was only tried out with the National Leagues, all other competitions were played 12 a-side. Therefore all reverted to the 12 a-side method.

It may be difficult for some clubs in rural areas to comply with the extra players. They will have to increase their playing membership.

If it proves successful it will be a great boost for the game coming up to the millennium and working towards the Centenary of the Association in 2004.



The Tipperary team which contested this year's All-Ireland junior final

Ballingarry romp home and collect

Grenagh-Ballingarry
Cashel

1-17
2-5

BALLINGARRY, the Limerick Champions, won the Munster Club camogie title for the third year in a row when they beat Cashel in an unusual final in Golden Co. Tipperary.

They set a cracking pace when backed by the wind and eight points by Eileen O'Brien helped them to lead 0-13 to 0-1 at the interval.

Cashel moved Jovita Delaney to lead the attack in the second half and she scored 1-2.

Twice Limerick goalkeeper Breeda O'Brien made superb saves and on another occasion the woodwork came to O'Brien's rescue as Cashel took complete control.

O'Brien finished with a total of 0-11 to be the games top scorer.

Scorers: Grenagh - Ballingarry; E O'Brien 0-11, V Sheehan 1-1, M O'Connor 0-3, D Sheehan 0-2, Cashel; J Delaney & N Coffey 1-2, H Campion 0-1.

GRENAGH - BALLINGARRY: Breeda O'Brien; L Lesley, Bernice O'Brien, M Sheehan; B Shawlke, K Burke, D Sheehan, M O'Connor; J Cullinane, E O'Brien, P McKenna, V Sheehan. Sub; I Guade for M Sheehan (43).

CASHEL: T Burke; J Delaney, M Kennedy, U O'Dwyer; T Bonnar, M Stokes, K Moloney, H Campion; P Fogarty, E Hayden, N Coffey, A Barry. Subs; A Fitzgerald for Kennedy (46), G Ryan for Hayden (56).

Referee: M Pollard (Waterford).

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Granagh-Ballingarry Munster champs again

By **CORMAC LIDDY**

Granagh
Ballingarry 1-17
Cashel 2-5
GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY players and officials must have had mixed emotions at the end of this extraordinary Munster club camogie final at Golden, county Tipperary, on Saturday.

There was tremendous jubilation when the final whistle blew as it meant that the local club had become Munster champions for the third season in a row but deep down all will be aware that a big improvement will be needed for their All-Ireland semi-final against the Connacht champions in November.

Backed by the breeze in the first half Granagh-Ballingarry made a cracking start and by half-time they led 0-13 to 0-1.

Indeed the Cashel point came just seconds before the break.

Eileen O'Brien had con-

tributed eight of her sides first half points-she had three more subsequently.

Cashel could hardly believe their plight and all the more so as they realised they had shot eight wides some of them from easy positions.

It was a much different affair in the second half and, at times, it seemed as if only Cashel were in action as Granagh-Ballingarry appeared to ease off. This was understandable bearing in mind their huge interval lead and they might well have paid a price.

But the nearest Cashel ever came was to within seven points and Vera Sheehan's well-taken goal eleven minutes into the second half had her side 1-14 to 0-3 in front. The goal followed good work by Maureen O'Connor who spotted Sheehan as she slipped but still managed to kick the ball to Sheehan who slammed it to the net.

Cashel moved Jovita Delaney to lead their attack for the second half and she had a thundering game though Bernie O'Brien also shone in the Granagh-Ballingarry defence. Delaney got a superb goal and might well have had two or three more. Twice Breda O'Brien rescued her side and then another effort

went wide off the woodwork while on another occasion Delaney was inches wide.

But anything other than a win for Granagh-Ballingarry would have been an injustice. Some of their play, especially in the opening half, was of the highest standard.

Captain Eileen O'Brien was superb throughout and Vera Sheehan took her goal in splendid manner with Patsy McKenna also making a solid contribution.

Overall it was a team display by Granagh-Ballingarry but special mention must be made of Breda O'Brien who was a marvellous goalkeeper with Bernie O'Brien and Mary O'Connor also turning in five star performances.

To win a Munster championship three years in a row takes tremendous dedication and this team certainly deserves an All Ireland...and it could well come. Even if not this year then in the next few because it is, largely, a very young side with tremendous potential.

It was so much one-way traffic in the first half that it is sufficient to state that in addition to Eileen O'Brien's eight points Granagh-Ballingarry also had points from Maureen O'Connor, 0-3, Deirdre

Sheehan and Vera Sheehan. Some of them were marvellous efforts after good build-up though a majority came from frees.

After Cashel were unlucky not to get a goal immediately on the re-start O'Brien pointed a free and when Vera Sheehan had her goal after eleven minutes it made it 1-14 to 0-3

and Granagh-Ballingarry then soaked up the pressure to the finish but they had more than sufficient on the scoreboard to hold out for a very comfortable win.

Granagh-Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien, Laura Lesley, Bernie O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Ber Chawke, Kay Burke, Deirdre Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Joanne Cullinane, Eileen O'Brien, capt., Patsy McKenna, Vera Sheehan.

Sub, Ide Quaid for Maureen Sheehan, 53 mins.

Cashel: Teresa Burke, Jovita Delaney, Michelle Kennedy, Una O'Dwyer, Triona Bonnar, Maeve Stokes, Kaiffe Moloney, Helen Campion, Philomena Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Norma Coffey, Ann Barry.

Subs, AM, Fitzgerald for Kennedy, 46 mins, Geraldine Ryan for Hayden, 56 mins.

Referee, M. Pollard, Waterford.



Vera Mulcahy presents Eileen O'Brien with the Munster senior club camogie championship trophy.



Champions again...the Granagh-Ballingarry camogie team who won the Munster senior club championship for the third year in a row at Golden last Saturday.



Irene Rafferty (nee O'Leary), a former Cork camogie star, of Fairfield Road, Cork, who received The Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland degree in Dublin, with her husband, Pat; her sister and parents.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Down collected their first All-Ireland Intermediate Championship when they got the better of Cork in a sparkling encounter at Páirc Uí Rinn. It was third time lucky for the 'Mourne' girls and it was any sides game going into the final quarter. The first half was a ding dong affair, with the sides exchanging points on three occasions. Down's scoring ace Mairin McAleenan had the first goal of the game on the 19th minute to put her side 1-5 to 0-4 in front.

Claire McGrath and Criona Harte exchanged points. A great run by Oonagh O'Donoghue gave Cork their goal on the 28th minute, leaving one point separating the sides. Joan Henderson had the last say for Down in this half leaving the half time score: Down 1-7, Cork 1-5.

In the second half, points were exchanged on three occasions. However, two points still separating the sides. Valerie Hynds and Joan Henderson added two further points for Down on the 17th and 18th minutes which were the last scores of the game.

Both sides held each other scoreless for the last twelve minutes.

Final score: Down 1-12 Cork 1-8

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 1-7 (0-5f), Joan Henderson 0-2, Valerie Hynds, Jennifer Braniff and Claire McGrath 0-1 each.

Cork: Criona Harte 0-8 (0-6f), Oonagh O'Donoghue 1-0. Down team: Teresa Magowan, Donna Greeran, Pauleen Green, Edel Mason, Deirdre Savage, Colleen Hynds (Capt), Nuala McGee, Valerie Hynds, Jennifer Braniff, Mairin McAleenan, Joan Henderson, Claire McGrath. Subs: Cathy Mulholland for E Mason, Ciara Cunningham for C McGrath.

Cork team: Geraldine Casey, Enda Dinneen, Jill Hannon, Helen Walsh, Caroline Giltinan, Eimear O'Sullivan, Marie Corkery, Sarah Hayes, Sinead Cahalane (Capt), Elaine Burke, Criona Harte, Oonagh O'Donoghue. Subs: Orla O'Sullivan for S Hayes.

Referee: Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary

This has been a historic year for Down. As well as winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship, they earlier collected their first National Junior League title by also defeating Cork.

When they won their first All-Ireland Junior Championship in an inaugural year, 1968, ironically Cork were their opponents. In 1974 Down again won the first All-Ireland Minor Championship at the expense of the 'Rebel' county.

Their scoring ace Mairin McAleenan is among the top forwards in the game. The Leitrim/Fontenoy's club player commands the centre forward position.

In the National League campaign this year she scored nine goals and thirty five points. Now that the Mourne County have made the breakthrough they could be on the road to further success.

St Vincents, Dublin got the upperhand of Freshford, Kilkenny in this Leinster senior club championship final played at St. Vincent Park.

It was a sparkling game from start to finish with little separating the evenly-matched teams at any time. Carmel O'Byrne was St Vincent's scoring ace, notching off 1-11 of her team's total. After an exciting first half, the winners led 0-6 to 1-2, Freshford's goal coming from Imelda Kennedy. The Kilkenny champions added a further goal by Gillian Dillon but O'Byrne's accurate shooting from play and from placed balls pushed her side into a three point lead.

Final Score: St Vincents 1-14 Freshford 2-8

Scorers: St Vincents: Carmel O'Byrne 1-11 (0-6f), Denise O'Leary, Denise Smyth and Louise Lynch 0-1 each.

Freshford: Imelda Kennedy 1-4, Gillian Dillon 1-0, Martina Maher, Esther Kennedy and Sinead Costelloe 0-1 each.

St Vincents team: Mary Regan, Trish Clinton, Karen Murray, Germaine Noonan, Niamh Cregan, Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary, Adrienne McGovern, Louise Lynch, Emer Brannigan, Denise Smyth, Carmel O'Byrne.

Freshford: Helen McGrath, Paula Dowling, Emma Fitzpatrick, Sinead Costelloe, Mary Ellen Butler, Esther Kennedy, Margaret Kavanagh, Mary C Ryan, Maread Costelloe, Gillian Dillon/Maher, Martina Maher, Imelda Kennedy. Sub: Cathleen Ryan for E Fitzpatrick

Referee: Jack O'Brien, Wexford

Leinster's "Milk Cup" tournament gets underway on Sunday next. The following is the draw with first-mentioned having the venue for the first round. The semi-finals and final will be hosted by St Anne's Louth on the Bank Holiday weekend.

(A) St Munnas, Westmeath v Kilmessan, Meath

(B) Broadford, Kildare v Kilkenny, Louth

(C) Trim, Meath v Raharney, Westmeath

(D) St Anne's, Louth v St Laurences, Kildare

Semi-final: (B) v (A) ... (D) v (C)



Bertie Ahern meets the Galway players prior to the 1998 senior final

Tipp favourites in semi-final tie with Cork

INTER-COUNTY action once again dominates a full calendar of camogie fixtures this weekend when the Cork U-18 side take on Munster champions Tipperary in the semi-final at the Ragg tomorrow at 3.00 p.m.

Following on their victory over Limerick in the opening round, Tipperary will go into tomorrow's encounter as firm favourites.

They are in a position to field no fewer than six of last year's side who defeated Cork in a thrilling final, where it took extra time to decide a winner.

They field four of the county senior team who lost out narrowly to Galway in the All-Ireland senior semi-final.

Emily Hayden, Una O'Dwyer, Caítriona Hennessey and Eimear McDonnell will all have gained vast experience playing at senior level, whilst Sheena Howard has had the experience of playing in this year's junior All-Ireland final.

The team is coached by Tony Lanigan from the Holycross club, who is joined by county chairman Noel Hennessey and Patsy Carroll on the selection committee, and having taken the corresponding minor (U-16) Munster title two years ago, Tipperary will be confident of putting one over on Cork, who are seeking the county's third Munster championship title for 1998, with the senior and minor titles already having gone to Cork.

The Cork side is captained by Aghabullogue's Sinéad Buckley, who missed the All-Ireland intermediate final through injury.

The full team is as follows: In goal, Sandra Ricken, right corner back Linda O'Connell, left corner back Caroline Giltinan, full back Sinéad Buckley, centre back

Sarah Hayes, centre field line will comprise of Valerie O'Keefe, Elaine Buckley and Eimear O'Sullivan. Senior panellist Caoimhe Harrington will line out in the vital centre forward position. Cork minor Ciara Healy will hold down the full forward position, on her right wing she will have Una O'Donoghue and left wing forward Criona Hart.

It's a strong Cork side, all of whom have had previous inter-county experience, with the most experienced being Caoimhe Harrington, who already this year has taken honours at senior level, whilst Ciara Healy and Sarah Hayes have taken All-Ireland honours with the Cork minors. The team is coached by Derek McCarthy from the St Finbarr's club, who is joined by county secretary Tracey Sheehan and Tadie Roche on the selection committee.

Cork will be going all-out to avenge last year's defeat, but face a tough hour from a strong Tipperary outfit.

On the domestic front the clash of the day will be junior "A" championship, where neighbours Ballygarvan and Ballinacorney meet at Ballinacorney. Ballygarvan, having been promoted this season to the "A" grade following their victory in last year's county "B" championship final, will be going all-out to topple their neighbours Ballinacorney. In the junior "B" championship, Barryroe make the journey to St Finbarr's to take on the home side, whilst in the U-16 "A" championship, Aghabullogue travel to Glen Rovers. There are five games down for decision as the U-16 "B" championship nears to its conclusion.

SEE Digest for fixtures

Tipp girls through to decider

Tipperary 6-10
Cork 3-13

IN a game that produced 32 scores, holders Tipperary qualified for the Munster U18 Camogie Championship final at the Ragg yesterday.

Caítriona Hennessey gave the winners their opening goal three minutes into the game when she finished to the net after Sandra Ricken had blocked the initial effort from Emer McDonnell.

But Cork's response was immediate when Una O'D-

onoghue scored a good goal. After 21 minutes Cork led 1-4 to 1-3 but this was to be changed quickly by Caítriona Hennessey who in the space of three minutes had her side ahead by two goals, the first from a hand pass and in the 24th minute she sent a 20 metre free to the net surprising the Cork defence.

To their credit Cork responded well with an Elaine Burke goal, Sarah Hayes and Criona Harte narrowed the deficit with points but it was Emily Hayden who had the last say when she pointed to leave it 3-5 to 2-4

in favour of Tipperary at the break.

One minute into the second half Tipperary stretched their advantage with a Philomena Fogarty goal. The sides had exchanged points by the third minute when Cork's cause was boosted with a Caoimhe Harrington goal to put Cork back in the game. With Tipperary continuing to win the centre field battle the Cork defence were under pressure. A high ball into the square was blocked into the path of Norma Maher who made no mistake from close

range.

Cork reduced the gap to 2 points, 3-12 to 5-8, but an Emily Hayden goal wrapped it up for Tipp.

Scores: Tipperary: C Hennessey 3-4 (4 frees), E Hayden, P Fogarty, N Maher 1-1, J Ryan 0-3. Cork: Criona Harte 0-7 (3 frees, 1 30), Caoimhe Harrington 1-2, O O'Donoghue, E Burke 1-0, C Healy 0-3, S Hayes 0-1. TIPPERARY: L Ryan, U Dwyer, H Campion, E Hayden; N Connolly, GA Ryan, P Fogarty; S Howard, N Maher, E McDonnell, N Coffey, C Hennessey (capt). Subs: N Harkins for H Campion, D McDonnell for S Howard. CORK: S Ricken; S Buckley (capt), L O'Connell, C Giltinan, S Hayes; V O'Keefe, E Burke, E O'Sullivan, C Harrington, U O'Donoghue, C Harte, C Healy. Subs: G Collins for E O'Sullivan, K O'Reilordan for V O'Keefe.

Arch-rivals primed for an epic encounter in championship semi-final

THE draw has thrown up an intriguing pairing for the semi-final of the Senior 'B' Camogie Championship tomorrow when arch-rivals Kilbrittain and Barryroe meet at Ballinspittle.

With the rivalry so intense it's bound to be a tight contest as both strive to reach the final hurdle.

Kilbrittain have reached the final on one occasion when they lost out to Inniscarra in 1996 whilst Barryroe will be aiming to reach their first. It's been a case of neighbours all the way for both clubs in their path to tomorrow's

clash. Barryroe defeated Courcy Rovers in their opening game. However they were forced to a replay by Aghabullogue in the quarter-final and were considered lucky on the first day to have got a second bite of the cherry whilst in the replay they played exceptionally well and were worthy winners.

They will have inter-county senior goalie Cora Keohane between the posts. Rosary Holland, Deirdre Walsh and Paula O'Leary are all solid defenders and young 15-year-old Jennifer O'Leary who

contributed six points in the outing versus Aghabullogue will have to be marked tightly by the Kilbrittain defence, as will captain Josephine Whelton who was the ace in the pack contributing two vital goals. They are a young side very determined for victory and it will take a mighty effort from Kilbrittain to stop them. However as they have proved so often in the past, Kilbrittain will not give in without a fight and the experience of having reached the final previously will stand to them. They will look to their inter-county players

Miriam Deasy and Emer O'Sullivan to lead their challenge and the return home from Australia of Mary Sexton has been a tremendous boost to their cause.

They defeated Valley Rovers in their opening round which was a quarter-final game on August 9. But because of players' involvement with the inter-county teams they have had to wait nine weeks for tomorrow's game. It's been a long time without a championship game and it may work against them.

However, as in all local derby

clashes they will not want to give best to their neighbours. Ballinspittle is the place to be for a thriller at 12.00 noon tomorrow.

It's also an all local clash in the Junior 'A' championship semi-final where Ballinacorney and Tracton meet at Ballinacorney. Having lost out in last year's final the Ballinacorney girls will be looking for a chance to make amends this year and go all the way, however they are in for a tough hour for a determined Tracton outfit who had just a goal to spare over Killeagh in their last outing.

The replay of the Junior 'A' Championship quarter final will see St. Vincents and Castle-magor once again meet to try and find a winner to meet Watergrasshill whilst Milford and Cloughduv will battle it out to try and reach the Junior B Championship Final.

In a quarter-final clash in the same competition, Youghal and Ballinora will meet at Ballinora. The U-16 'A' and 'B' Championships continue with four games down for decision over the week-end.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The national junior league gets underway on Sunday and will be the first to be played in one year (15 aside) on a full sized GAA pitch.

It sure will create a big interest. There are six fixtures on the board.

Wexford host last year's beaten finalists Cork in what should be an entertaining tussle. Wexford reached the semi-final last year but since then some of their star performers including Kate Kelly have been upgraded to senior. Cork look a well balanced side with players such as Enda Dineen, Helen Walshe, Marie Corkery, Elaine Burke, Criona Harte and Oonagh O'Donoghue. They look set to get off on a winning note.

All-Ireland junior champions Galway take on Clare. The Munster county did not do so good in the competition last year and may find the visitors carrying too much strength with performers such as Rita Broderick, Veronica Sweeney, Michelle Glynn, Lourda Kavanagh, Aoife Lynskey and Sandra Tannian.

Carlow have the venue against neighbours Kilkenny. This should be a sparkling encounter. Carlow were defeated by Cork in the quarter-final last year and went on to do well in the All-Ireland junior championship where they were defeated by eventual winners Galway in the semi-final. They will be looking for a good performance from Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Mairead Hogan, Olivia Maye, Charmaine Gibson and Marie Sheehan to get off the mark. Kilkenny had a poor performance in the league last year and will be looking forward to a better run this season, but may find it hard to get the upperhand on their opponents.

Dublin host Armagh. When the sides met last year, Armagh had a 2-9 to 1-9 victory. Since then, Dublin are an improved side and should turn the tables.

Kildare show their hospitality to Cavan at Leixlip (2.30pm). This should be an evenly contested encounter. Neither sides impressed last season. The venue will be an advantage to Kildare who will depend on Miriam Malone, Melanie Treacy, Aisling Treacy, Elaine Miley and Liz O'Donoghue to secure their first points.

However, Cavan will be hard to overcome. They have star performers in Eimear Brennan, Marie Brady, Louise Adams, Evelyn Smyth and Margaret Carroll.

Tipperary take on neighbours Limerick at Mary Immaculate College, 2.30pm. Both sides have a host of talented young players. Tipperary are strongly fancied here as they made it to the 1998 All-Ireland Junior Championship final where they gave way to Galway.

They will parade players of the calibre of Siobhan Cusack, Tess Burke, Alice Deane, Angela McDermott, Sheena Howard and Niamh Dwyer.

Dublin got the upperhand on Wexford in this Leinster senior championship semi-final played at Monamolin. Three first half goals by the winners provided a killer blow to the home side who trailed 3-4 to 1-4 at the break. While Wexford had the better of the second half exchanges, they failed by two points at the finish.

Final Score: Dublin 3-9 Wexford 2-10
Scorers: Dublin: Denise Smyth 2-0, Cathy Walshe 1-0, Adrienne McGovern, Denise O'Leary, Louise O'Hara and Patricia Clinton 0-2 each, Carmel Gray 0-1.

Wexford: Kate Kelly 0-9, Mags Kelly and Helen Jacob 1-0 each, Elaine Holohan 0-1.
Referee: Patrick Reynolds, Louth.

Tipperary booked their ticket to the Munster Under 18 final when they had a good win over Cork at The Ragg. The winners led 3-5 to 2-6 at the break.

Final Score: Tipperary 6-10 Cork 3-13
Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 3-4, Nora Maher 2-1, Philomena Fogarty 1-1, Joanne Ryan 0-3, Emily Hayden 0-1.
Cork: Caoimhe Harrington 1-2, Criona Harte 0-5, Elaine Burke 1-1, Oonagh O'Donoghue 1-0, Ciara Healy 0-3, Sarah Hayes 0-2.
Referee: Maura McNicholas, Clare

Derry and Down must meet again in the Ulster Under 18 quarter-final as they finished all square at Castledawson. It was a ding dong battle. The sides were level at the break:

Derry 0-6, Down 1-3
Final Score: Derry 1-9 Down 2-6
Scorers: Derry: Paula McAtamney 0-6, Tracey McErlean 1-1, Paula McKenna and Dymna Burke 0-1 each. Down: Michelle Goss 1-2, Angeline Fearon 0-4, Michelle Murphy 1-0.
Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim

For the third year on the trot Derry defeated Down to lift the Ulster Under 14 Cup. The winners led 3-6 to 1-0 at the interval but were held scoreless in the second half. However, they were not worried as they had a 3-6 to 2-2 victory. Scorers: Derry: Caitriona O'Kane 3-0, Breige McNicholl and Ciara Cushnam 0-3 each. Down: Fionnuala Carr 1-1, Grace O'Reilly 1-0, Lisa McCrickard 0-1.
Referee: Geraldine Butler, Antrim



Cork's senior stars celebrate their 1998 All-Ireland win

Barryroe qualify for B decider

Barryroe 3-4
Kilbrittain 1-8

BARRYROE qualified for their first Senior B Camogie Championship final when, in a thrilling encounter at the superbly prepared Courcy Rovers grounds at Ballinspittle, they had two points to spare over their divisional rivals, Kilbrittain.

From the throw-in, Barryroe took the lead, when Geraldine Collins rounded her marker and finished from close range.

Aided by the strong wind, Barryroe goalie, Cora Keohane dropped a long puck-out into the square which was finished su-

perbly to the net by Eilís McCarthy to extend their lead. At the break Kilbrittain held a 1-6 to 2-0 lead and were looking good. Four minutes into the second half, Elaine McCarthy struck over a point to narrow the gap, Miriam Deasy replied six minutes later for Barryroe but amazingly, this was to be their only score until the 24th minute. However, Barryroe, sensing victory, came forward in waves and it was only a matter of time before they broke through the Kilbrittain defence who were under enormous pressure. Jennifer O'Leary added points for Kilbrittain in the 23rd and 25th minutes

to ensure victory for her side and Barryroe have determination and the 15 year old goal-poacher, Jenny O'Leary to thank for their place in the final where they will meet the winners of the St Finbarrs Eire Og clash which takes place next weekend.

Scorers: Barryroe: J O'Leary 1-2, (1 free), E McCarthy 1-1, G Collins 1-1.
Kilbrittain: E O'Regan 1-1, M Deasy 0-3, E Foley 0-2 (1 free), V O'Keefe 0-1 (free), E O'Sullivan 0-1 (free).
BARRYROE: C Keohane, A Sheehy, R Holland, L McCarthy, K McCarthy, D Walsh, E O'Regan, E McCarthy, J O'Leary, G Collins, J Whelton (captain).
KILBRITTAIN: R Hayes, M Brennan, S Donovan, E O'Brien, V O'Keefe, A O'Leary, E O'Sullivan (captain), E O'Regan, S Sexton, M Deasy, M Sexton, E Foley Subs: K Foley for S Sexton, D Coughlan for V O'Keefe.

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Victorious camogie players show off All Ireland cup at school

A HERO'S welcome greeted young Trish Doyle from Banteer who arrived back at Scoil Mhuire in Kanturk during the week, proudly carrying her All-Ireland camogie medal.

Trish completed her secondary education in Kanturk two years ago, and is now studying engineering in Trinity College Dublin, but continues to play club camogie with Bishopstown and is on the Cork panel.

To loud cheers from her former schoolmates, Trish paid tribute to the staff at Scoil Mhuire who were, she said: "Very supportive and understanding while I was here."

She added: "They knew how much the sport meant to me. While I was here the school was getting a camogie team going, and I would like to see that continue."

Joining Trish with the O'Duffy Cup were team captain Eithne Duggan and coach Tom Nott. They were all welcomed by teacher and sports co-ordinator John O'Shea, who also congratulated team member Irene O'Keefe, associated with the school for many years during her time working in Kanturk.

Eithne pointed out that the star on this particular day was Trish, and she said: "It's great for Trish to be able to walk in here to the people she went to school with as an All-Ireland champion."

Acknowledging the



Back from left — Captain Cork camogie team Eithne Duggan, Norita Duggan, Eileen Heffernan, Lorraine Duggan and coach Tom Nott. front from left — Deirdre O'Reilly, Catriona Guiney, past pupil Tricia Doyle, Margaret Hannon, Mairead Collins. Members of the victorious Cork camogie team brought the cup back to their Alma Mater Scoil Mhuire.

Pic: Mark Condren

By Trish O'Dea

strong sporting tradition at Scoil Mhuire, Eithne urged: "Those of you who don't play, get a hurley and get out there. It's great fun and you will make great friends."

Stressing the amount of time and effort put in by his charges to be such a successful side, Tom Nott compared the huge coverage given to the O'faly All-Ireland hurling champions to the coverage received by the Cork camogie team, who have done as much and more to deserve the limelight.

Tom pointed out that his team have won the All-Ireland and Munster titles, the National League title, most of them

were on the Munster side that won the Inter-Provincial title and many more won club titles.

He said: "If a hurler won that much in one year they would be putting it up as one of the greatest achievements ever."

Paying tribute to the girls he said: "Many of them travel fierce mileage and they do it two to three times a week in the run up to the All-Ireland Championship. They do it because they want to do it. They are great players and they deserve everything they get."

Tom compared sport to study and urged the students to "aim to get to the highest point. Don't be just content to do what you are asked to do,

aim for the highest."

He said: "These are great players because they practise on their own, they don't wait for training to be called."

"It's great for the teachers here to see Trish coming back having reached the top of the sport of her choice," Tom added.

Joining the county heroes on the podium was current Scoil Mhuire student Deirdre O'Reilly, who recently brought a gold medal back from the Community Games with Milford.

Trish Doyle praised Deirdre and wished the school the best in their future sporting endeavours.



Trish Doyle, Irene O'Keefe and Eithne Duggan v

Cork All-Ireland Camogie players meet first years

MEMBERS of the Cork All-Ireland winning camogie team recently visited St Mary's School along with team coach Tom Nott, who with the captain, Eithne Duggan, addressed the first-year students and camogie players.

Among the members of the Cork team who retained their title with a great victory over Galway in the All-Ireland final were present student Caoimhe Harrington and now past students Sinéad O'Callaghan, Ursula Troy and Muireann Harrington, who was injured for the game. Charleville's Sinéad O'Callaghan was also awarded *The Examiner* National Youth Award for Camogie for 1998.

Other St Mary's students who figured on Cork teams this year were Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher, both of whom were on the minor team,

Michael McGrath's
CHARLEVILLE

and Caroline Giltinane, who was on the Cork Intermediate team.

In addition, four students have been awarded third-level camogie scholarships. They were Sinéad O'Callaghan who goes to UCC, Angela Sheehy who will attend Waterford Institute of Technology, while Breda O'Brien and Deirdre Sheehan will have enrolled at Limerick Insti-

tute of Technology.

In inter-varsity competitions past pupils Ursula Troy and Muireann Harrington were on the UCC team that won the coveted Ashbourne Cup in the colleges competition.

St Mary's School Deputy-Principal John Boyd congratulated all the girls on their magnificent achievements and paid tribute to the St Mary's

coaches, Vincent Harrington and Catherine O'Keefe for the game not alone in the school but also in counties Cork and Limerick.

Mr Boyd noted how the school's camogie players had done very well in the leaving certificate and junior certificate examinations. "This is no surprise to me as sport like camogie is a great character builder for young people. They know from their training that they have to work hard for what they get out of life."

Mr Boyd said St Mary's had now become the most successful school ever in the history of colleges camogie and that is in a short 12-year history of participation in the competition.

He ended by wishing the senior team every success in their quest for four-in-a-row All-Ireland honours

in the new season and said he hoped the juniors would achieve the elusive double in 1999. Mr Boyd also tendered best wishes to the school's 7-a-side team who will be bidding to win the sevens title for an unprecedented seventy years in a row.

Ballygarvan crowned South East champs

Ballygarvan ... 5-13, Carrigaline ... 2-6.

A superb first half performance during which they scored 5-6, say Ballygarvan being crowned South-East under-15 camogie champions at Ballinhassig on Saturday last.

However, the second half proved to be a completely different spectacle as Carrigaline gamely put it up to the new champions and as a result were to witness a wonderful game of camogie in the second moiety.

Amazingly, it was Carrigaline who started in a whirlwind fashion when after thirty seconds, Laura Kelleher had the ball in the back of the Ballygarvan net from a Niamh Murphy delivery. But Ballygarvan responded swiftly and by the 6th minute had registered 2-2, with the goals coming from Fiana Wynn and their scorer-in-chief Catriona Kelly.

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Niamh Murphy pointed for Carrigaline in the 7th minute, before Ballygarvan again bounced back with another total of 2-2 by the 16th minute, the goals again scored by Catriona Kelly and Julie O'Sullivan.

However, the winners with Eimear Dillon, starring at midfield and notching her third point of the half, continued to dominate and after Julie O'Sullivan had secured her second major, Carrigaline to their credit, added points per Amy Collins and Niamh Murphy to leave the half-time score at 5-6 to 1-3.

Carrigaline resumed with Grace Harrington at midfield and after ninety seconds, Aisling O'Connor had pounced for a great goal. With improved performances from Laura Kelleher, Jan Kiernan, Amy Collins and Grace Harrington, Carrig kept up the pressure on Ballygarvan and as a result the game

became more competitive, but a very strong Ballygarvan defence in which Zelda Forrest, Jennifer Brown and Sinead Collins held firm, saw Carrig kept at bay until Niamh Murphy and Mairead Conlon pointed by the 14th minute of the half to make it 5-8 to 2-5.

SKILLS

However in the closing ten minutes, Catriona Kelly both from play and placed balls, showed her skills with five points while Niamh Murphy replied for the Carrig girls, who certainly recovered from a bad start to give a great display against a good Ballygarvan team ably led by their dual stars in Eimear Dillon and Catriona Kelly.

Following the game, Ms. Mary Bugler, chairperson of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Board, presented the plaque to the victorious Ballygarvan captain, Jennifer Browne, much to the delight of their team-mates, mentors and supporters.

Scorers: Ballygarvan - C. Kelly (2-7, 0-6 frees), J. O'Sullivan (2-0), E. Dillon (0-3), F. Wynn (1-0), D. Daly (0-2), A. O'Neily (0-1). Carrigaline - L. Kelleher and A. O'Connor (1-0 each), N. Murphy (0-3), A. Collins (0-2 frees), M. Condon (0-1).

Ballygarvan: Sally Ann O'Halloran, Sinead Collins, Zelda Forrest, Katie Brown, Jennifer Brown, Aidean O'Neill, Eimear Dillon, Deirdre Daly, Fiona Wynn, Julie O'Sullivan, Catriona Kelly, Joan Alexander. Subs used: Aoife Murphy and Suzanne O'Sullivan.

Carrigaline: Ann Kiety, Aoife Collins, Vicky Doherty, Eimear Morgan, Amy Collins, Jan Kiernan, Niamh Murphy, Jacqui O'Keefe, Muireann Conlon, Aisling O'Connor, Grace Harrington, Laura Kelleher. Subs user, Caroline O'Keefe and Clare O'Regan.

Referee: Oliver Webb, Tracton.

— "Carrigdhoun."

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S.E. camogie championship



Ballygarvan, who lost to Courceys in the South East under 16 camogie championship at Ballygarvan.

Camogie Club becoming stronger

Clonakilty Camogie Club was founded five years ago, as Jim O'Reilly was very much in favour of getting a camogie club going. He organised a meeting to set it up and, from there, the club has gone from strength to strength.

Since it has started, they have taken part in the County Board league and championship competitions, with the highlight being the under 12s winning the West Cork league two years ago, but narrowly beaten by St. Finbarr's in the quarter-final of the county.

The town's business people have responded very well to the camogie club, sponsoring various tournaments, for which the club is grateful. O'Neill Bros. Sports Supplies have sponsored sets of jerseys and various equipment; tournaments were sponsored by Dave McCarthy, Newsagency, John Lowney, Jeweller Shop, Willie O'Regan, Windows, and Conor O'Sullivan, mechanic. Refreshments were sponsored by Deasy & Co. and Harte's Spar Supermarket.

Since the club has been set up, three of the Clonakilty girls were on the local secondary school team which won the Munster final. These players were Grace O'Regan, Louise Daly and Susan Forristal.

The club wouldn't be as successful as it is without the backroom staff and helpers, Fintan O'Regan, Pa McCarthy, Siobhan O'Regan, Mary Crowley, Frances Sutton, Carmel Collins and Breda Coady.

Presently the under 12s are under the guidance of a Waterford lady, Imelda Walsh. The under 14s are looked after by Carmel Collins, Mary Crowley and Breda Coady.

The officers and committee are: Chairman, Kevin Finn; Secretary, Carmel Collins; Treasurer, Eileen O'Sullivan.

Committee: Michael Dorgan, Andy O'Leary, Imelda Walsh, Breda Coady, Anne McCullagh, Sheila O'Leary, Willie O'Regan and Margaret O'Regan.



The Clonakilty under 12 camogie team of Terese O'Leary, Niamh O'Sullivan, Ann Marie Coughlan, Hazel O'Regan, Amy Dorgan, Aoife Deasy, Ciara Nagle, Clodhna O'Leary, Cliona O'Regan, Laura Ryan, Ashling Hayes, Katie Cullinane, Suin McCullough, Orla Sheehy and Ciara McCarthy, pictured with Imelda Walsh, coach.



The U14 Clonakilty camogie team, Caroline O'Leary, Geraldine Murray, Louise Daly, Grace O'Regan, Nicola O'Donovan, Jessica White, Josephine McCarthy, Jane Lowney, Sheila Cullinane, Laura Guest, Annes O'Leary, Susan Forristal, Ashling Finn, Michelle Deegan, Geraldine McCarthy and Laura Moloney. (Photos: George Maguire)

PEDIGREE CHUMS

The Mini - Sevens camogie exhibition game at this year's Hurling final brought together a unique gathering of children with pedigree. The team wearing the Offaly colours had the following names incredibly numbered 1 to 5: Claire Grogan - daughter of John Grogan of Tipperary; Ursula Jacob - daughter of Mick Jacob of Wexford; Fiona Bermingham - daughter of Offaly's Brendan Bermingham; Miriam Kerins - sister of current Galway star Alan Kerins and wearing no. 5 was Aoife Kelly - daughter of former Offaly great Joachim Kelly. On the opposing team wearing No. 6 was Catherine Kavanagh whose brother, Michael, lined out at wing - back for Kilkenny. You can't beat breeding.

Éire Óg and Barrs battle for final spot

IT'S a busy camogie weekend once again.

Éire Óg and St. Finbarr's clash at Ballincollig tomorrow to decide who goes forward to meet Barryroe in the senior B championship final, at Ballyanley, Watergrasshill meet Castlemagner in the Junior A championship semi-final whilst the quarter-final of the Junior B championship sees Ahabullogue take on Barryroe.

The clash of Éire Óg and St. Finbarr's is sure to draw a large crowd to the Ballincollig venue tomorrow as both clubs strive to reach the final of the Senior B championship.

In former years, Éire Óg have been a major force in Cork camogie, winning senior county championship titles in the '70's and '80's, however, following a few lean years, the club re-graded to the intermediate grade and last year won the intermediate championship title.

They are a young side, built around the experienced Marion McCarthy, who lines out in goal.

Marion is the holder of eight All-Ireland senior championship medals and has given tremendous service to Éire Óg.

She is the only surviving member from the club's glory years of the '70's and '80's and is the holder of four Cork County senior championship medals with Éire Óg.

Younger players Helen Walsh, Ellen O'Herlihy and Yvonne O'Leary are all more than capable of getting Éire Óg through to the final hurdle but they will have a tough contest on their hands against the Barrs.

The Togher girls have been in contention at this grade for several years having reached the final on two occasions, losing out to Fr. O'Neill's and in last year's decider to Newtownshandrum. However, they are determined to atone for those results this year.

In their victory over Brian Dillons they looked a well-organised side. They are captained by Claire Barry who lines out at full back.

Their lineup also includes former inter-county star, Collette O'Mahoney, Orla O'Sullivan and Ellen Clifford.

The side is coached by former St. Finbarr's hurlers, Gerry Murphy and Donie Dolan.

On form, they look to be on course to reach the decider.

In the Junior A championship semi-final, Castlemagner and Watergrasshill do battle to decide Tracton's opponents in the final.

Castlemagner had to go to a replay with St. Vincent's to reach tomorrow's encounter. These games will have stood to them as they came through with determination and spirit.

However, the Watergrasshill girls will be equally motivated for tomorrow's clash.

In their path to the game they had good victories over St. Finbarr's and Inniscarra, and with neither of the sides having had success at this level for a number of years it promises to be an enthralling contest.

With Barryroe having their senior team safely through in the senior B final, their thoughts now turn to the junior B quarter-final where they meet Ahabullogue.

Defeated in last year's final, the Mid-Cork girls will be hoping to go a step further in this year's championship.

In the U-16A championship, Cloughduv meet Bishopstown and in the U-16 B championship, Ballinora take on Fr. O'Neill's.

Action on the inter-county calendar starts with the opening game in the 1998/99 Junior National League at Bunclody, where Cork take on Wexford.

This contest is being played on a 15-a-side basis as a test series for next year's 15-a-side.

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By P.J. FULHAM

REBELS WERE RAMPANT IN '78

This week we glance back at camogie in 1978

Cork won their 11th All-Ireland senior championship title when they defeated Dublin 6-4 to 1-4.

Cork team: Marion McCarthy, Marie Costine, Marie Ryan, Cathy Landers, Patricia Riordan, Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary O'Leary, Marie Sweeney, Pat Moloney, Mary Geaney. Subs: Marie O'Sullivan, Margo Twomey, Claire Hackett, and Marion McCarthy.

Derry won its second and last All-Ireland Junior Championship overcoming Cork 3-4 to 1-4.

Derry team: Patricia McCloskey, Mary Lee, Brigid McLaughlin (Capt), Sarah Ann Quinn, Eileen McQuinnan, Margaret Convery, Brid Williams, Sharon Loftus, Kathleen Marrion, Caroline McWilliams, Brigid McCloskey, Bernadette Deighan. Subs: Bernadette McGowan, Sinead Burke, Martina O'Kane, Cathleen McErlean.

Cork won the All-Ireland minor championship defeating Dublin 5-1 to 3-4. This was their third title and the first of three in a row.

Cork team: Helan O'Hea, Ann Lee, Fidelma O'Connor, Anne O'Shea, Ger O'Donovan, Ann Marie Landers, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy, Lillian Zintant, Martha Kearney (Capt), Claire Kelleher. Subs: Teresa Kelleher, Una Downey, Helena Felle Madden.

Ballagran, Limerick won their only All-Ireland Club Championship title. Their opponents were Buffers Alley, Wexford with the lowest score ever recorded in a club final 1-3 to 0-1. They were captained by Pauleen McCarthy.

The National senior league was in its second year and Wexford won its only title over Cork 2-5 to 0-4.

Leinster won its 12th Senior Gael Linn title defeating Connacht 4-9 to 2-2. Angela Downey, Kilkenny won the first of her twelve Gael Linn medals.

Leinster team: Shiela Murray (Dublin, Capt), Margaret Lacey (Wexford), Ann Downey (Kilkenny), Bridie Martin (Kilkenny), Catherine Docherty (Dublin), Anna McManus (Dublin), Dorothy Walsh (Wexford), Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny), Mary Purcell (Kilkenny), Mary Mernagh (Dublin), Angela Downey (Kilkenny), Brigid Doyle (Wexford).

Munster won the Junior Gael Linn accounting for Ulster 3-2 to 2-1.

Munster team: Patricia Fitzgibbon (Cork), Mary Maher (Cork), Helan O'Sullivan (Limerick), Betty Joyce (Cork), Marie Coughlan (Cork Capt), Liz Lynch (Cork), Angela O'Sullivan (Limerick), Anne Delaney (Cork), Sarah Ryan (Cork), Martha Kearney (Cork), Eileen Kavanagh (Cork), Annette O'Donovan (Cork).

UCG WON THE ASBOURNE CUP

Mary Immaculate, Limerick won the Purcell Cup, Presentation, Athenry the All-Ireland senior colleagues and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel the All-Ireland junior colleges

Croagh Kilfinney, Limerick won the National Feile na nGael.

St Pauls, Kilkenny secured the All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens, the first of three-in-a-row. They are the only club to have achieved this.

Buffers Alley, Wexford won the first of seven Leinster Club Championship titles on the trot.

Wicklow won its only Leinster Junior Championship.

Roscommon recorded its only victory in the Connacht Minor Championship.

Deirdre O'Shea, Cork won the Feile na nGael Individual Skills Contest. Deirdre held on to the title the following year and is the only player so far to do so.

Sandie Fitzgibbon, Cork won the first of her three All-Ireland minor championship medals.

Sile De Bhailis Ardrunai played with Dublin in the All-Ireland senior Championship final.

Maread Magill, Antrim was the recipient of the B & I 'Player of the Year award'.

Carol Blayney, Antrim received the Gaelic Stars/AIB Award.

Sarah Ann Quinn, Derry secured the honour of the Levi Under 18 award.

Some of the referees who officiated at All-Ireland finals were:

Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny the senior final, Phyllis Breslin Dublin the junior. Phyllis is now Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.

Elsie Walsh, Wexford the minor final. Elsie is currently secretary of the national coaching committee.



Bertie Aherne with Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, Phyllis Breslin, who refereed the 1978 All-Ireland Junior camogie final

Cork juniors launch campaign on right note

Cork 4-6
Wexford 2-6

CORK got their 1998/1999 junior national camogie league campaign off to a winning start at Bunclody yesterday when in the first game played at 15-a-side, they ran out comfortable winners over Wexford.

Cork laid the foundation for victory 15 minutes into the game with two goals inside a minute from Criona Harte and Una O'Donoghue. The third Cork goal from Valerie O'Sullivan saw the Leesiders lead 3-3 to 0-5 at half-time.

On the turnover Wexford rallied and a Michelle O'Leary goal six minutes into the half was followed quickly by an Aoife

O'Connell point to leave just three points between the sides. Criona Harte again settled Cork with a well-taken goal but Wexford fought back and were rewarded with a goal from Aoife O'Connor. However three points, two from Criona Harte and one from Gill Hannon saw Cork run out convincing winners.

Scorers: Cork: C Harte 2-3 (0-3 frees), U O'Donoghue 1-1, V O'Sullivan 1-0, T Roche, J Hannon 0-1. Wexford: M O'Leary, A O'Connor 1-2, R Breen, E Kavanagh 0-1.

CORK: G Casey, S Buckley, T Ryan, E Dineen, T Roche, K Hickey, A O'Regan, E O'Sullivan, S Cahalane, G Collins, B Morley, J Hannon, C Harte, V O'Sullivan, U O'Donoghue. Subs: E Harte for K Hickey, M Ennagess for G Collins, L Power for A O'Regan.

WEXFORD: L Byrne, A Quinlan, H Jacob, M Jordan, B Hoollihan, O Gahan, S O'Gigley, T Bergan, J Redmond, E Kavanagh, R Breen, M O'Leary, M Walsh, A O'Connor, E

Quigley. Subs: J Heffernan for E Cuigley, M Butler for J Redmond, L Hoollihan for M Walsh. Referee: B McPhillips (Tipperary).

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with victory over Wexford

to points from Orla O'Sullivan, Colette O'Mahony and Clare Turby's superb long range effort gave them an interval lead of 0-6 to 0-3.

Determined to atone for their play in the opening half Éire Óg set about their task from the throw in, with Ellen O'Herlihy and Emily Foley playing well it ensured a steady supply to their inside forwards.

When they extended their lead to three points, Éire Óg looked set for victory. However the Barrs had other ideas and despite not having scored yet in the second half they continued to press hard for the equaliser.

Three minutes from full-time, Colette O'Mahony's effort hit the crossbar and

came back into play and was cleared up field by the Éire Óg defence.

The Barrs' determination was rewarded when Rachel Myres' effort was blocked by Éire Óg goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy, but she could do little to prevent substitute Joanne Browne finishing to the net to force a replay at the end of an excellent contest.

Scorers: Éire Óg: D Healy 0-8 (6 frees), A O'Regan 0-1, Finbarrs: C O'Mahony 0-4 (3 frees), 1 30L J Brown 0-1, O'Sullivan, C Kirby 0-1.

ST FINBARR'S: E Clifford, C Barry, L O'Connell, C Cronin, C Kirby, R Myres, M McCarthy, O O'Sullivan, Nash, B Maher, C O'Mahony. Subs: J Browne for R Myres.

ÉIRE ÓG: M McCarthy, Y O'Leary, Y Corbary, C Cronin, D O'Sullivan, A O'Regan, E O'Herlihy, E Foley, C O'Connell, E McKenna, H Walsh, D Healy. Subs: C Sheehan for O'Regan, L O'Leary for C Cronin.

Referee: O Webb.

Éire Óg 0-9
St Finbarr's 1-6

ÉIRE ÓG and St Finbarr's will have to meet again to decide who goes into the senior B camogie championship final against Barryroe after they finished all square at Ballincollig yesterday.

Despite dominating proceedings, Éire Óg found themselves trailing four points to one, 15 minutes into the game as the Barrs availed of the limited chances that had come their way. Éire Óg with pointed frees from Deirdre Healy came more into the game but the Barrs thanks



Cork Ladies All Ireland Trophies come to St Mary's Secondary School, Macroom. Front from left: Brid Downey Kelleher, Teacher; Lynn Dunlea, All Ireland Camogie; Mary Kelleher, Intermediate All Ireland Football; Catherine Corkery, Munster Minor Football; Una O'Donoghue, All Ireland Minor Trophy. Back from left: Angela Sheehan; Tom Nott, Coach; Ursula Troy; Marian O'Brien; Jim O'Leary, Principal St Mary's, and Charlie McLaughlin, Trainer.

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At the reception for the representatives of the victorious Cork teams when they visited St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, were, from left, Una O'Donoghue, Cork intermediate All-Ireland team, Angela Sheehan, selector and former teacher at St. Mary's, Lynn Dunlea, top scorer in the final and past pupils of St. Mary's, and Katherine Corkery, Cork under 16 team.



All-Ireland senior camogie medal winner with Cork, Lynn Dunlea pictured with the trophy and St Mary's Secondary School Principi Jim O'Leary on a recent visit to the school where Lynn is a past pupil.

Inniscarra girl wins Jurys Sports Award

Irene O'Keeffe, Inniscarra, is Jury's Sports Star for the month of September. The Cork camogie player received her award from Mr. Joe Quinn, general manager of the Cork Hotel. Cork's All-Ireland camogie success was recalled on Thursday last when Irene was presented with her trophy. She was full-forward on the Cork team and two magnificent goals she scored in the All-Ireland final helped Cork beat Galway to take the title. Her success brought her personal collection of All-Ireland senior inter-county championship medals to five, in a career that has stretched back to 1991. She now plans to retire from inter-county camogie, but it is expected she will continue to play with Inniscarra. Cork County Board Chairperson, Ms. Sheila Golden, played warm tribute to the great sports lady and stressed she was both a brilliant inter-county player with Cork and an outstanding club member at Inniscarra.

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Camogie team qualify for junior semi-final

CASTLEMAGNER had an exciting victory on Sunday at Castlemagner against St Vincent's in the Junior A camogie championship quarter final replay. The final scoreline was Castlemagner 2-4, St Vincents 0-7.

The local side got off to a dream start scoring 1-1 in the early minutes, however St Vincent's came strongly into the game and scored four points in quick succession to Castlemagner's one point. Some fine defensive work by the Castle backs and an excellent save by goalie Angela Murphy gave Castlemagner a half time lead of one point.

Castlemagner

Early into the second half St Vincents got a point to level the game. There were some exciting tussles as both teams tried to get the winning scores. In the final ten minutes Castlemagner displayed great determination which led to an excellent goal scored by Elaine O'Donovan, followed by a quick point. St Vincents fought back to score a point. However Castlemagner urged on by their great supporters held onto their lead of a goal at the final whistle.

Castlemagner will

now meet Watergrass Hill in the semi-final on Sunday next, October 18. The club wishes to thank all those who helped with the organisation of the fixture and to its supporters for turning out in large numbers.

Team: A Murphy, C Healy, I McSweeney, S Roche, B Murphy, M Sheehan, Mairead Lucey, L Duggan, E O'Donovan, M Lucey, C Sheehan, R Healy.

Subs: D Cronin, N Duggan (both played), B Lucey, J Twohig.

O'Keeffe lands top award after another great season

CORK'S All-Ireland camogie success was recalled yesterday when Irene O'Keeffe was presented with the Jurys Sportstar Award for September.

O'Keeffe was full-forward on the Cork team and two fantastic goals she scored in the All-Ireland final helped Cork beat Galway to take the title.

Her success brought her personal collection of All-Ireland senior inter-county championship medals to five in a career that has stretched back to 1991.

She was presented with her award by Joe Quinn, General Manager, Jurys Hotel, Cork, who said that while Irene announced after the All-Ireland final that she intended to retire from inter-

county camogie, he was sure she would continue to enjoy success with her club, Inniscarra.

Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork County Board, said that Irene was both a brilliant inter-county player with Cork and also an outstanding club member at Inniscarra.

Cork camogie player Irene O'Keeffe receiving the Jurys Sportstar of the Month award from Joe Quinn, general manager, along with team members Fiona O'Driscoll, Leona Nolan, Eithne Fitzgerald and Megs Finn.



The Bellaghy side which won the Derry camogie championship. John's sister Elizabeth-Anne is pictured fourth from right in the back row

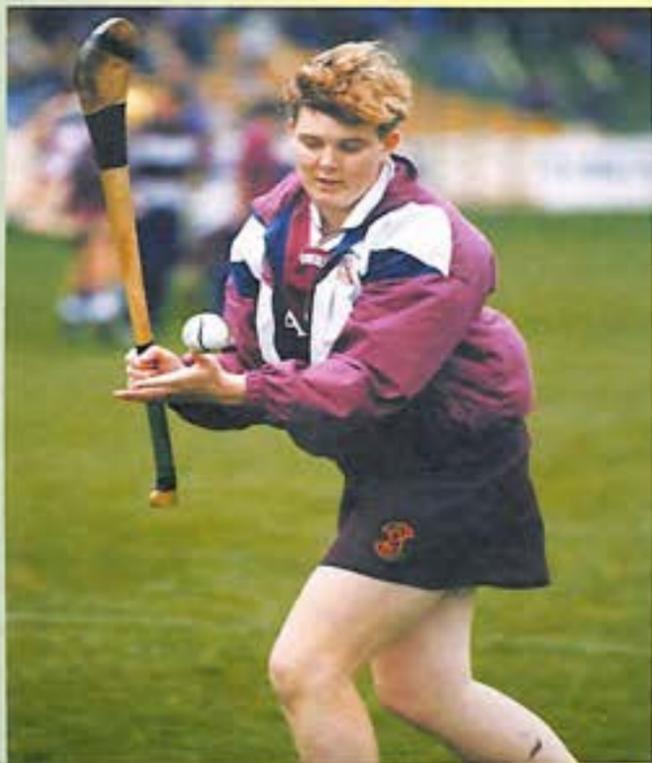
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On Sunday next the semi-finals of the All-Ireland senior club championship take place. They should be two outstanding encounters. The holders Pearses, Galway face a challenge on home ground from Munster champions Granagh/Ballingarry of Limerick in a repeat of the 1996 decider where the Connacht champions were victorious. This year they are seeking their third All-Ireland on the trot. They have a strong contingent with many members of the Galway All-Ireland senior and junior teams. The Glynn sisters Sharon and Michelle, Louise Curry, Tracey Laheen, Aine Hillary, Ann Forde and Veronica Sweeney will be a force to reckon with and adding more strength to the side is the return of last years Galway senior team captain Martina Harkin. Martina spent a spell in Boston, and was a member of the Eire Og team that won the North American senior championship this year, playing a major role scoring 1-2. Another club member Aisling Ward was playing for the opposition Emerald Isle.

This is Granagh/Ballingarry's third time as two-in-a-row Munster champions. They lost out to last years All-Ireland finalists, Lisdowney, Kilkenny in the semi-final 3-15 to 3-13. They cannot be underestimated. They have a good young squad and will field many Limerick and St Mary's Charleville stars: Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie, Kay Bourke and Jean Cullinane. It all points to a cracker with the champions favourites to advance.

The other semi-final will be an edge of the seat affair when the Leinster champions St Vincents Dublin take on Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down at St Vincents Park at 2.30pm.



Galway and Pearses star Sharon Glynn, who will be in action in an All-Ireland club semi-final this Sunday

St Vincents captured the Dublin title when they defeated Ballyboden St Enda's in the final.

Under the guidance of Ben Dorney they started the season with the ambition to reach the All-Ireland Club Championship final. In the Leinster semi-final they accounted for St Ibar's Wexford and went on to get the upperhand of Freshford, Kilkenny 1-14 to 2-8 to take their first Leinster title. This was a wonderful boost to the club and county. They have a great mix of youth and experience which include county players such as: Patricia Clinton, Germaine Noonan, Louise Lynch and Emer Brannigan.

However they will meet with stiff opposition from the visitors Leitrim/Fontenoy's. In the Ulster final they had a 4-14 to 1-2 victory over Dunloy Cuchulainn's of Antrim to lift their third Ulster title in four years.

In the All-Ireland quarter-final they recorded a comprehensive victory over Pearses, London 3-15 to 0-5. They are an experienced side, fielding many of Down's County team who won their first All-Ireland Intermediate Championship and National Junior League this year.

Their star forward Mairin McAleenan is noted for her high scoring ability. Other prominent players are Majella Murray, Nuala Magee, Rosaleen Cunningham and Roisin O'Higgins. They will be going all out to keep the Down flag flying by securing another 'First'. An Ulster club has never won this competition. The last Ulster Club to contest a final was Eglis, Tyrone in 1991.

This tie points to a cliff hanger.

St Vincents Panel: Roisin Brady, Emer Brannigan, Liz Buckley, Sonya Byrne, Patricia Clinton, Agnes Cosgrove, Niamh Cregan, Aoife Cullen, Ursula Hannon, Louise Lynch, Adrienne McGovern, Patsy Murphy, Karen Murray, Germaine Noonan, Terri O'Boyle, Denise O'Leary, Carmel O'Byrne, Siobhan Peel, Sinead Power, Mary Regan, Denise Smith.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS:

Dublin 7-6 Armagh 0-8
 Scorers: Dublin: Irene Kirwan (2-3), Fiona Ni Chorcorain 2-2, Sinead Elliott 2-0, Orla Connolly 1-0, Gillian McCluskey 0-1.

Armagh: Bernie McBride 0-6, Pauleen Fahy and Bernice Gribbon 0-1 each
 Referee: John Pender, Kildare

Kilkenny 2-6 Carlow 2-4
 Scorers: Kilkenny: Kathleen Atkins and Caitriona Ryan 1-0 each, Laura Sweeney and Lizzie Ling 0-3 each.
 Carlow: Mary Coady 1-1, Olivia Maye 1-0, Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean and Ann Marie Ryan 0-1 each.

Referee: Breda Byrne, Wicklow

Cork 4-6 Wexford 2-6
 Scorers: Cork: Criona Harte 2-3, Oonagh O'Donoghue 1-1, Valerie O'Sullivan 1-0, Jill Hannon and Tina Roache 0-1 each

Wexford: Michelle O'Leary and Aoife O'Connor 1-2 each, Rosemary Breen and Ailish Kavanagh 0-1 each. Referee: Bidy Phyllips, Tipperary
 Tipperary 5-11 Limerick 0-5

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The proud coach of Sacred Heart Secondary School camogie team, RTE Radio Cork sports commentator and teacher, Mr. Liam Nash, with Jennifer O'Leary, Rosarie Holland and Edel Foley, and, front, Geraldine Collins and Geraldine Casey, pictured with school principal Sr. Eilis McGrath.

*Sacred Heart school's
 input to camogie success*

1998 was a magnificent year for Cork camogie and Sacred Heart Secondary School made a significant input to the various successful teams.

Cork seniors retained their All-Ireland title with a great win over Galway in the first "live" televised camogie All-Ireland and past pupil Cora Keohane had a great game in goal for Cork. She now has

established herself as the top goalkeeper in the county.

The Cork minors also won the All-Ireland and three players from Sacred Heart, Rosarie Holland, Jennifer O'Leary and Adelle Foley, played significant roles.

After a tremendously hard-fought championship, which included wins over Tipperary after extra time and a one-point win over Galway in the semi-final, they beat a very good Derry team in the final with Rosarie Holland out-

standing as full-back and Jennifer O'Leary very impressive in attack.

Geraldine Casey, who was selected in goal for the Irish under 18 hockey team earlier in the year, was in goal for the Cork intermediate team which lost to Down in the All-Ireland final and Geraldine Collins, one of the best under age forwards in the county, was selected on the Cork under 18 team which lost to Tipperary in the Munster semi-final.

Granagh-Ballingarry girls clinch all-Ireland

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY are just an hour away from the All-Ireland club senior camogie title.

They travelled to Ballymacward last Sunday to face up to the champions Pearse's of Galway, and had seven points to spare, 2-11 to 2-4.

It was, said mentor and player Bernie Chawke, a marvellous occasion for them.

"The boys stayed at home this time and beat Newcastle West in the county junior hurling final, and we completed a great double in winning our semi."

The showdown, against St. Vincent's of Dublin, will be played at a Limerick venue on Sunday fortnight.

"We would like to have it in Ballingarry, but with the weather as it is, you don't know. We will just have to wait and see."

A senior club

since the 1970s, it would be the crowning glory for Granagh-Ballingarry if they were to attain national honours.

Their path to the final has been impressive, having recorded wins over Killeedy and Croagh-Kilfinny at local level, Bodyke and Cashel in the provincial series, and then Pearses, who, incidentally, were hoping for their third successive All-Ireland.

Back to Bernie:



Laura Lesley who was in great form for Granagh-Ballingarry in their All Ireland camogie semi-final win over the holders, Pearses of Galway.

All-Ireland club camogie semi-final: St Vincent's (Dublin) 3-12 Liatroim Fontenoys 1-8

Fontenoys are foiled by St Vincent's

ST VINCENT'S of Dublin powered their way to the All-Ireland Club camogie final with a convincing win over Liatroim Fontenoys in Raheny yesterday.

St Vincent's had a greater physical presence throughout the field and, as the game progressed, their movement off the ball and ability to hold possession wore down the Ulster champions.

They now deservedly go through to play Granagh-Ballingarry in three weeks' time after the Limerick team stopped Pearses of Galway's three-in-a-row bid.

Liatroim found it very difficult to get going in the game. Their defence was under constant pressure and, while they played well, the pace and power of the goalscorers Denise Smyth and Louise Lynch was a constant trouble.

At midfield the Ulster champions struggled and were forced to withdraw Majella Murray, their best player on the day, from full-forward to try and move the ball faster.

Mairin McAleenan was very tightly marked by Trish Clinton and her early misses from frees seemed to deflate both her own and her team's

confidence. It was two points each after eight minutes - both Liatroim points from Majella Murray. However, Denise Smyth, Denise O'Leary and Adrienne McGovern pointed to give the home side a grip on the game before O'Leary and Louise Lynch shot their goals.

Lynch scored the third St Vincent's goal six minutes into the second half but Liatroim refused to give in and fought their way back with a goal from Rosaleen Cunningham and three points from Mairin McAleenan.

However, St Vincent's finished strongly with two points each from Denise Smyth and Denise O'Leary.

St Vincent's: M Regan, P Murphy, N Cregan, Trish Clinton, G Noonan (capt), U Hannon, D O'Leary (0-6), R Brady, L Lynch (2-2), A McGovern (0-1), D Smyth (1-3), E Brannigan. **Subs:** L Buckley for E Brannigan (54 mins), A Cullen for G Noonan (58 mins), S O'Byrne for A McGovern (58 mins).
Liatroim Fontenoys: J Brown, M O'Higgins, D Greeran, N Magee, A Morgan, L McCrickard, B Kelly, B Gallagher, C McCrickard, M McAleenan (0-4), R Cunningham (1-0), M Murray (capt)(0-4). **Subs:** L Quinn for R Cunningham (50 mins), E McCrickard for A Morgan (55 mins).
Referee: B Phillips (Tipperary).

final spot

"We have won three Munster titles in a row, but that will mean very little unless we beat St. Vincent's. We have worked very hard to get this far and, in the process, have played some fine camogie."

Their panel, she said, was still on the young side, but they are handicapped this season in that many of their players are studying in Cork, Tralee, UL, and elsewhere.

"In the past, we had a number who

were students at St. Mary's in Charleville...now, we have just one going there, Eileen O'Brien."

Eileen was once again the principal playmaker in the semi finals, scoring an impressive 1-7.

The weather conditions on the day were not good, and neither was there a big attendance, due mainly to the Galway senior hurling final replay.

Granagh-Ballingarry realise that it will be tough

against St. Vincent's, a very experienced side.

With home advantage, though, the pendulum is slightly in their favour.

There is a good balance to their team this season. The trainer manager is Mike Chawke assisted by Ge O'Donovan.

The team which beat Pearse's, having led 1-4 to 0-1 at half-time, was: Brenda O'Brien; Berni O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Berni Chawke, Laura Les

Ann Frazer cup final

Burgess..... 3-5
Cashel..... 1-3
BURGESS recorded a fine win over County Champions Cashel in The Ann Frazer Cup (Senior League). Going into this game Cashel were firm favourites, but Burgess never let Cashel into the game and led from the start. This was a great boost for Burgess who have not won any medals this season so far, but who are still in the running for the u/18 'A' championship.

INTERMEDIATE COUNTY FINAL
Templemore..... 5-11
Holycross..... 3-5
This was a repeat of the Junior Co. Final of two years ago, but Templemore made no mistake this time round and ran out easy winners in the end. Templemore will now play in the Senior Division next season.

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Finalists in S.East camogie blitz



Ballygarvan, who defeated Courcey Rovers in the South East under 10 camogie blitz in Ballinspittle recently.



Courcey Rovers who were defeated by Ballygarvan in the South East under 10 camogie blitz in Ballinspittle recently.

Watergrasshill clinch title after 29-year gap

Watergrasshill 6-6
Tracton 1-5

WATERGRASSHILL bridged a 29 year gap when they took the Cork Junior A Camogie Championship title in tremendous fashion at the splendid Glenville venue yesterday. Tracton settled quickly with a third minute point from the impressive Jackie Lyons. Watergrasshill responded three minutes later when the alert Maeve Butler-Waters batted the ball back to the in-running Mary Buckley who kicked to the net to give the 'Hill a lead they never relinquished.

Though Tracton tried hard, with Cork minor, Brid O'Neill and Amy O'Donoghue dominating, Watergrasshill came forward continuously and when O'Neill sent a 30 metres free to the net, the dye was cast. Three more goals sealed it for Watergrasshill.

Scorers, Tracton: J. Lyons 0-5 (0-4 from frees), M. Jaegg 1-0. Watergrasshill: M. Buckley 3-0, M. Lynch 2-1, B. O'Neill 1-3 (goal from free), M. Butler-Waters, A. O'Donoghue 0-1 each. **TRACTON:** S. Corkery, M. Lane, G. McCarthy, E. Collins, J. Lyons, J. Kingston, T. Harrington (captain), N. Hayes, A. Twomey, C. Collins, N. Lynch, M. Jaegg. **WATERGRASSHILL:** L. O'Brien, K. Barry (captain), M. Cronin, M. Dorgan, L. O'Neill, J. Aherns,

A O'Donoghue, Margaret Buckley, B. O'Neill, Mary Buckley, M. Lynch, M. Butler-Waters, Subs: M. O'Reilly for J. Aherns, S. Dorgan for Margaret Buckley, T. O'Regan for M. Butler-Waters. Referee: J. McGrath, Carrigaline.

Eire Og 2-6
St Finbarr's 1-9
(Abandoned 14 minutes into extra time).

WITH six minutes remaining in extra time in this Senior B Camogie championship semi final replay, referee Oliver Webb abandoned the game because of an incident involving mentors from both sides on the sideline.

However, this should not detract

from what was an excellent contest and one must have a degree of sympathy for the players who were totally blameless for this incident.

Rachel Myers scored a goal five minutes into the game for the Barrs, but a goal from Alana McKenna for Eire Og left the Barrs ahead 1-3 to 1-2 at the interval.

During the second half the Barrs stretched their advantage to three points, thanks to the accuracy of free-taker, Colette O'Mahony.

However, Eire Og continued to exert pressure and were rewarded when Deirdre Healy rounded the defence and scored a goal to level

matters. Extra time was called. As the game was unable to be completed its now up to the County Board to decide what course of action they will take.

Scorers, St. Finbarr's: C. O'Mahony 0-6 (5 from frees), R. Myers 1-2, D. O'Sullivan 0-1. Eire Og: D. Healy 1-5, (5 from frees), A. McKenna 1-0, H. Walsh 0-1. **ST. FINBARR'S:** M. O'Sullivan, C. Barry, L. O'Connell, C. Cronin, Colette Kirby, Clare Kirby, J. Duffy, J. Browne, O. O'Sullivan, C. O'Mahony, N. Nash, R. Myers. Subs: B. Maher for N. Nash, M. McCarthy for J. Duffy. **EIRE OG:** M. McCarthy, G. O'Leary, Y. Corkery, C. O'Callaghan, D. Sheehan, E. O'Herlihy, A. O'Regan, E. Foley, C. Crowley, A. McKenna, H. Walsh, D. Healy. Subs: G. Barry for A. O'Regan, C. Sheehan for C. Crowley. Referee: Oliver Webb, Tracton.

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By P.J. FULHAM

On Sunday next the second round of the National Junior League takes place. Waterford who have not entered the league for some time have their first outing when they host Wexford. The Slaneysiders have already dropped two points to Cork, but may have too much experience for Waterford and look set to collect their first points.

Monaghan, who have not taken part in the league since 1994 have a tough assignment when they host Dublin who have already two points under their belt from an outing against Armagh and may collect their second brace of points.

Armagh host Kildare. They met at this stage of the competition last year when Armagh got the verdict by three points. The Orchard County have lost out to Dublin in this campaign and will be anxious to get on the winning trail. Kildare scored a win over Cavan and will be going all out for more glory. However, home venue may be an advantage to Armagh but Kildare are classed favourites.

Derry and Antrim make their debut. Derry are the Ulster champions and were defeated by Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final after a replay.

They also reached the junior league quarter final last season and are a strong outfit. When the sides met last season Derry were victorious 3-11 to 1-3 and should collect the points here.

Down host Tyrone in their first outing. Down have been very successful during the year winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship and the National League and with a new selection of players will have great determination to do well again. It should be close going down to the wire.

This week we take a look at events in Leinster in 1978. An Under 14 championship was inaugurated and former Carlow Gael, the late Frank Darcy presented the Council with a Perpetual Cup for the competition, which was won by Dublin when they defeated Meath 7-2 to 1-0.

The minor championship was also won by Dublin who went on to the All-Ireland final only to be defeated by Cork, 5-4 to 3-4.

The Junior Championship for the Smyco Cup was won by Wicklow. This was the Garden Counties only victory in the competition. They ousted Wexford 2-4 to 0-1 and were the knocked out by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final after a replay, 3-5 to 2-2.

Wexford won the Leinster senior championship, while in the Open Draw Kilkenny, Wexford



A man who knows how to guide a side to success, Cork Manager Tom Nott

and Dublin reached the All-Ireland semi-finals. Dublin advanced to the final and lost to Cork 6-4 to 1-2.

The Leinster B League was in its second year and was won by Meath. Myshall, Carlow, Kiltegan, Wicklow, St Anne's Louth, Buffer's Alley, Wexford, Celtic, Dublin and St Paul's, Kilkenny took part in the Club Championship and in the final Buffer's Alley defeated St Paul's by a single point, 1-3 to 1-2 and lost to Ballyagran, Limerick in the All-Ireland final, 1-3 to 0-1.

1978 OFFICERS OF LEINSTER COUNCIL

Cathaoirleach: Kay Timmons, Dublin

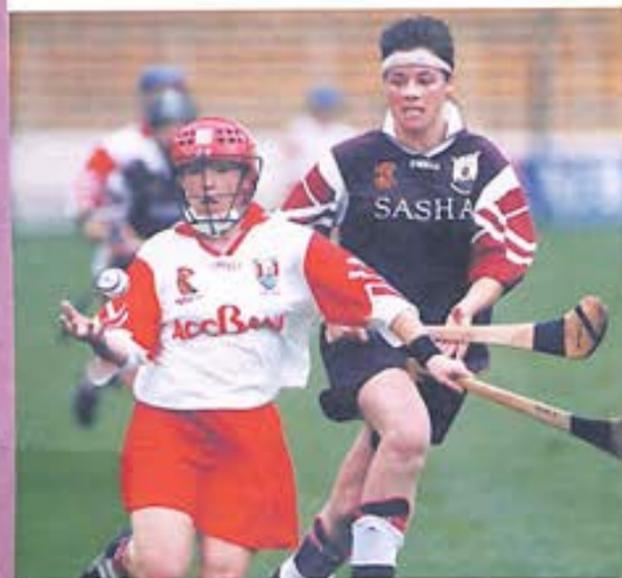
Leas-Cathaoirleach: Kathleen Walsh, Wicklow

Runai: Beatrice Treacy, Kilkenny

Cisteoir: Marie Cribbon, Kildare

Clairahoir: Sophia Brack, Dublin (RIP)

Marie Woods (Nee Cribbon) is still Cisteoir while Kay Timmons is Dublin's Delegate to Leinster Council



Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll races away from Tracey Laheen of Galway in the '98 final

Cork Institute of Technology rewards sporting students

FORTY sports bursaries were presented to students of the Cork Institute of Technology at a special function in the Metropole Hotel last night.

Presently there are 35 sports clubs in the college and the bursaries were awarded to students across the board.

The traditional sports of Gaelic football, hurling, Ladies Football and Camogie are well represented among the award winners.

The ladies soccer bursary is a first for CIT and it reflects the strength of this club in the college.

In all 17 clubs were recognised and 24 first year students gained awards.

There were also three Comhairle na Mumhan GAA scholarships, they were presented to Cork senior footballer Alan O'Regan, Pat Mulcahy (Cork senior hurler) and Paula Walsh (Waterford ladies footballer).

The complete list of award winners are as follows:

- Karate** - Gary Weldon, Aileen O'Sullivan, Barry Walsh, Paul Byrne.
- Football** - James O'Connell, Austin Conatible, Derek Kavanagh, Graham Carty, Eugene Courtney.
- Hurling** - Pat Ryan, Johnny Sheehan, Shane Doyle, Donncha Falvey, Peter Murphy, Pat Sexton and Alan O'Connor.
- Camogie** - Eimear O'Sullivan, Valerie O'Keefe
- Ladies Football** - Iala McSweeney
- Rowing** - Gerard Bowen, Ross O'Donovan.

- Cycling** - Alan O'Crowley
- Athletics** - Michael O'Connor, Tony Lilly, Eileen Kelly, Brian Deasy.
- Tae Kwon Do** - Elaine Moran, Ruairi O'Brien.
- Hockey** - Dave Eakins, Andrew Whittaker.
- Basketball** - Juliet Murphy, Thomas O'Sullivan.
- Ladies Soccer** - Catherine Cooks.
- Soccer** - Kenneth McCarthy.
- Golf** - Claran Nicholson.
- Tennis** - Yvonne Flynn.
- Sailing** - Martin Darrer.
- Rugby** - Adam Sherrard, Darragh Griffin, Henry Hegarty.

Meanwhile, Sports Scholarships and Bursaries for the academic year of 1998/1999 were presented by the President of NUI, Galway, Dr. Pat Fottrell at an awards ceremony in the University's

Aula Maxima yesterday.

- Athletics** - P. McNamara.
- Camogie** - V. Curtin.
- Football** - D. Rooney, D. Dolan, E. Morrissey.
- Hockey** - O. Canavan.
- Hurling** - D. Tierney, B. McMahon.
- Rugby** - D. Mescal.
- Ladies soccer** - M. O'Donnell.
- Mens soccer** - K. Foley.
- Guinness Group Sales Hurling Scholarships (worth £1000 each)** - C. Dillon, T. Fahy, G. Lynskey.
- NUIG Bursaries (worth £500 each):** Athletics - G. Thornton.
- Basketball** - F. Gavin.
- Gaelic Football** - G. Brady, F. Carroll, J. Tierney.
- Golf** - B. Mooney, E. Moriarty.
- Hockey** - E. Newell.
- Hurling** - S. O'Donoghue.
- Judo** - C. Coyle.
- Soccer** - A. O'Donnell, R. Dunne.

Mellerick and Wall are honoured with Allstars Player of the Month awards

by Brendan Larkin

CORK camogie star Linda Mellerick has been honoured with the Eircell GAA Allstars Player of the Month for her outstanding display in the All-Ireland final.

The Glen Rovers player received her award at a luncheon in Croke Park yesterday from GAA President Joe McDonagh in the presence of a number of her county team-mates and county board officials.

"This puts the icing on the cake for me", said an obviously delighted Miss Mellerick. "I was stunned when I first hear that I had won.

While I'm absolutely delighted at winning, it is a reward for all the Cork team, who played so magnificently in the All-Ireland final.

"Whatever chance I had of retiring I've none now after this award. It is just the incentive I needed to keep going for another year.

"I've been playing camogie for 18 seasons now and it's not getting any easier, but when you win such a prestigious award as this, it makes all the hard work and sacrifices worthwhile", she said.

In her years at the top, Linda has won every honour in camogie, including five senior All-Ireland medals

(two of them as captain in 1993 and 1997), interprovincial honours with Munster and four All-Ireland club medals with Glen Rovers.

Her display in this year's All-Ireland final was unforgettable as she covered every inch of Croke Park urging her colleagues to victory.

When Galway applied the pressure in the second-half, Cork were in need of inspiration, it was Linda who provided the leadership with her surging runs turning defence into attack and she played a starring role in breaking the heart of the Galway challenge.

Aine Wall of Waterford

was also honoured for her outstanding display in the All-Ireland ladies football final replay against Monaghan recently.

She is the third recipient from the Decies county to be honoured this year. Both Stephen Frampton and Tony Browne received awards for their hurling displays in June and July respectively.

In 1993 Aine captained her club Ballymacarbery to All-Ireland club championship title and in addition to her five All-Ireland senior medals, she also the holder of three National League medals and seven All-Star awards.

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At the Eircell Awards were Joe McDonagh, GAA President, Stephen Brewer, Eircell, Aine Wall (Waterford) for ladies football and Linda Mellerick (Cork) camogie.



ALL-STARS . . . the Eircell All-Stars of the month, Aine Wall of the Waterford ladies football team (left) and Linda Mellerick of the Cork camogie team, receive their awards from GAA President Joe McDonagh and Stephen Brewer, chief executive of Eircell at Croke Park yesterday
Pic: Ray McManus

Local girl Linda scoops player of the year award

CORK CAMOGIE player Linda Mellerick, was awarded with the first ever Eircell Camogie Player Award, presented in recognition of her sporting achievements on the pitch this year.

Linda, a daughter of Micheal and Anne Mellerick, Mourne Abbey, Mallow, was awarded the trophy in Croke Park, Dublin, on Monday last alongside Aine Wall, from Waterford, who was presented with an award for Ladies Gae

By Helen Hogan
lic Football.

The presentation, given in conjunction with the Eircell GAA All-Stars, is in recognition of the contribution that the two women have made to Irish sport, and in particular to womens' sport.

Linda, who plays with Glen Rovers, Cork, said she was over the moon when she heard she had been chosen to receive the award.

Almost 20 of her Camogie friends and colleagues joined her on the trip to Dublin, including trainer Tom Nott and Chairperson of the County Board, Sheila Golden.

About the award, Linda said "There are some excellent players in the country. I admire a lot of camogie players and to top them is a tremendous feeling," she said.

During this year in particular, she said, camogie received more recognition than

ever. She said "I think TV this year has done an enormous amount," and that the All-Ireland Camogie final was one of the most viewed programmes of that week, she said.

Linda played centre field in the game and said it had been 'an exciting, good game.'

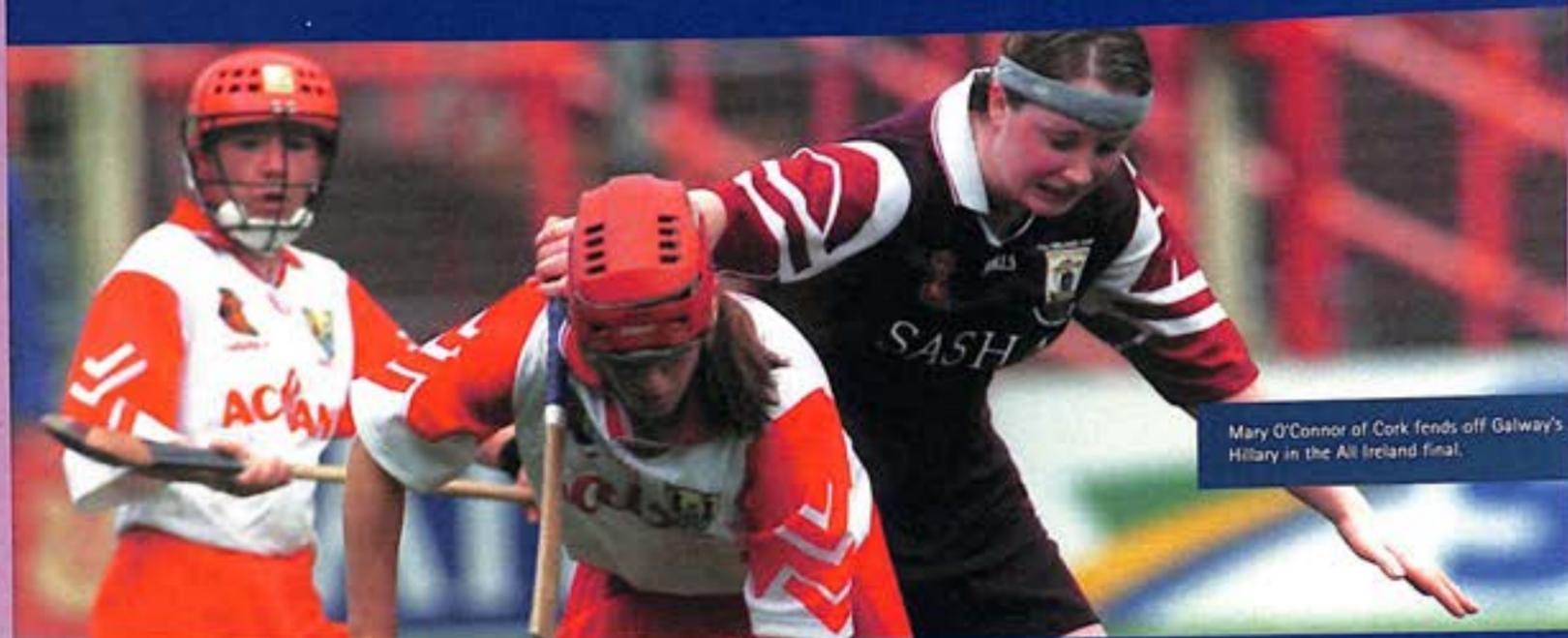
Indeed, this award is just another boost for a team that have achieved an enormous amount this year.

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Nott's Landing

Therese O'Calaghan meets the manager of the victories Cork camogie team



Mary O'Connor of Cork fends off Galway's Hilary in the All Ireland final.

■ Tom Nott is not one for the limelight, yet, never very far away from success. As manager of the Cork Senior Camogie team he has had his ups and downs, but 1998 was certainly one of the ups. Facing a daunting task in charge of the reigning All Ireland Champions, it wasn't going to be easy motivate his charges for another long campaign. But this man is no stranger to such tasks. He had a previous involvement in 1978 with the ladies inter-county team, and his shrewd managerial qualities brought four All Ireland Senior Titles back Leaside. An enforced break didn't see him back in charge until 1995, and unbelievably since then, the only title that has eluded his charges was the 1996 All Ireland.

■ On reflection, Tom pinpoints their first National League game the first Sunday in March as the day he felt he had the nucleus of another winning combination. Tipperary were the opposition, and despite terrible conditions and a tremendous battle, the Cork girls got the year off to a winning note. It took a lot of heart and determination, which was still very evident despite the long year behind them. The following week they easily accounted for a weak Wexford side and progress was evident. St. Patrick's Day was spent on holidays in the Canary Islands, but not for Tom. Instead, the former Na Piarsaigh club hurler plotted out his plan for their remaining two league matches and qualification for the play offs. Cork topped the table with maximum points and went on to meet Galway in the final in Ballinasloe. Galway came at the Rebel County late in the second half, but what particularly pleased this manager was the manner in which they fought to hold on to their crown. They showed a hunger which wouldn't normally be associated with title holders. He was very happy on the road home that day.

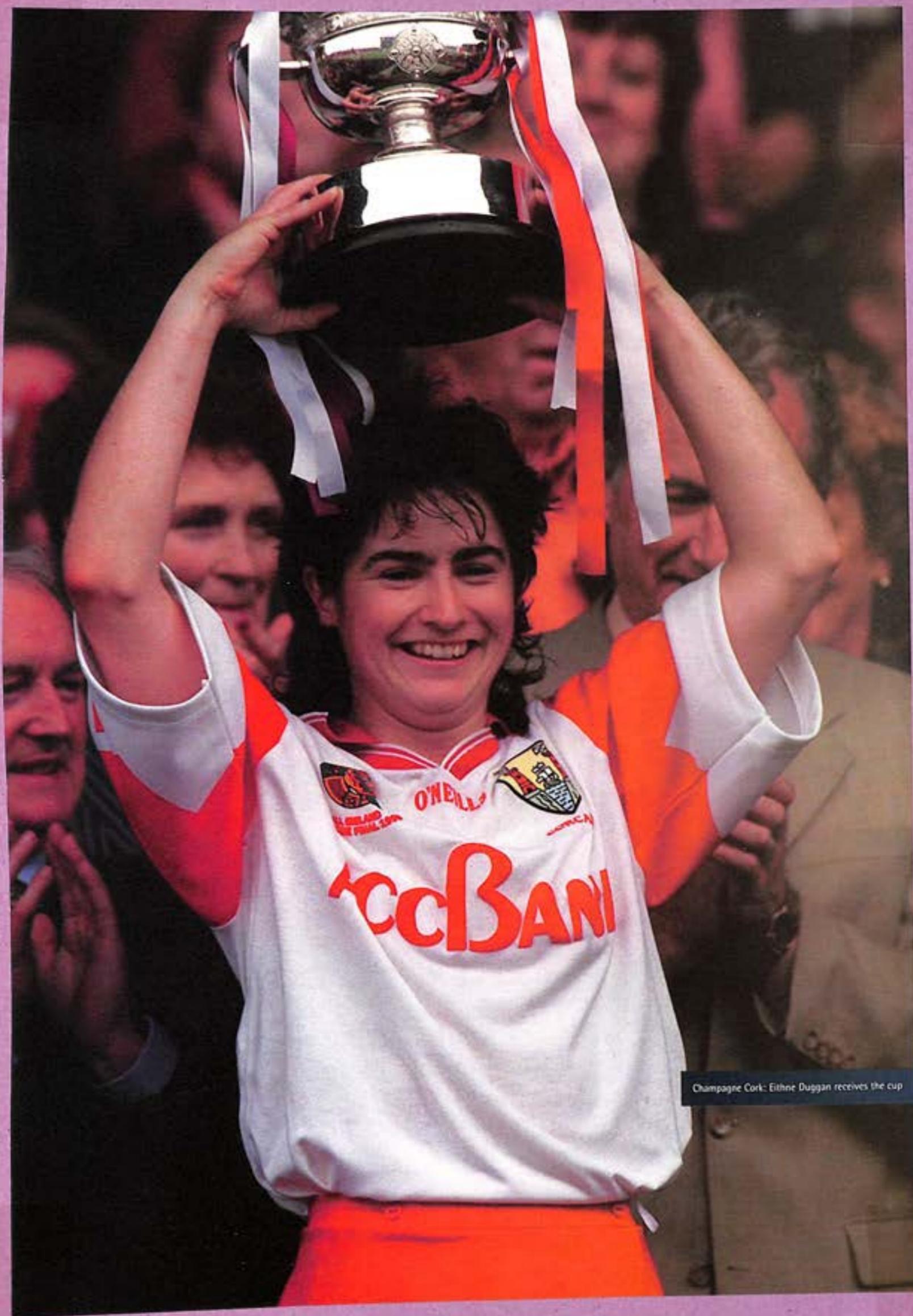
■ Another factor he attributes to Cork's success was the strength of his panel. He is a firm believer that you need to be able to rely on all you players - and this was something that came into practice early on in the championship. With the league title safely under

their belt, preparations got underway with training every Tuesday and Thursday night, for what he hoped, would be a return journey to Croke Park. It was off to O'Toole Park for round one with the home team Dublin providing the opposition. But the champions were dealt a severe blow with four of their first team out through injury. Others managers would have panicked, but not this one. He knew deep in that panel he had the girls who would come up trumps for him, and on the day they didn't let him down. Young championship debutants Caoimhe Harrington and Paula O'Connor were inspirational, and also served warning to the more mature members that permanent inclusion on the team was high on their agenda. Tom was delighted - he now had a balanced team, and set to work for another All Ireland Semi-Final.

■ Club championship had also to be allowed for, and Tom ensured that none of his players were over burdened with endless nights of hard training sessions. Freshness, he claims, is vital to achieving the best results. It was very evident from the player's displays that all were enjoying the game. Next up was Nowlan Park and the unique occasion of both semi-finals being played as a double header. The vibes from Clare were that they had a side capable of dethroning the favourites, but Tom, although he heeded, knew there was only one team to beat Cork - and that was Cork themselves. He repeated it over and over to the girls, until they were blue in the face from him. Clare didn't beat them, and with the regulars back in the side recorded a big 2-15 to 1-9 victory. Galway beat Tipperary, and Tony Ward's girls were once more facing the might of Cork on All Ireland Day.

■ Training was upped to three times a week and according to Tom, their attitude was a true indication of the players' eagerness to win. They went to Croke Park, and on Sep 6th no man could have been happier than Tom Nott. It wasn't the win, but the way they won. It reminded him of a Sunday way back in March.

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Champagne Cork: Eithne Duggan receives the cup

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The Munster senior camogie club champions, Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick put in a sparkling performance to dethrone the champions Pearses, Galway in the All-Ireland senior club championship semi-final played at Ballymacward.

The home side were going for three titles on the trot, but had little answer for Granagh/Ballingarry who showed great appetite and were very much in command all through the game.

Charleville College star, Eileen O'Brien was in great scoring form notching off 1-7 (0-7 frees), Pearses never seemed to settle to their usual form and trailed by 0-3 at the interval after an O'Brien goal was cancelled out by Sharon Glynn to leave the half time score: Granagh 1-4 Pearses 1-1.

The Munster Champions continued to hold the upper hand in the second half with a further goal by Ida Quaid. Pearses fought on gallantly with a goal by Shauna Ward and some well taken points to Mairead Meehan and Ann Forde. They were dealt a severe blow when Sharon Glynn had to retire.

Final score: Granagh/Ballingarry 2-11, Pearses 2-4

Scorers: Granagh, Eileen O'Brien 1-7, Ida Quaid 1-0, Vera Sheehan 0-2, Jean Cullinane and Mary O'Connor 0-1 each. Pearses: Shauna Ward and Sharon Glynn 1-1 each, Mairead Meehan and Ann Forde 0-1 each.

Granagh Team: Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Patricia McKenna, Bernie Chalke, Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien, Mary O'Connor, Vera Sheehan (Capt), Ida Quaid.

Pearses team: Louise Curry, Aisling Ward, Martina Haverty, Tracey Laheen, Colette Deeley, Martina Harkin, Michelle Glynn, Veronica Sweeney, Shauna Ward, Ann Forde (capt) Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary.

Subs: Mairead Meehan, Orla Kilkenny
Referee: John Pender, Kildare

St Vincents, Dublin had a comprehensive win over Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down in their semi-final played at St Vincent Park. It was a great win for the Leinster Champions. Ben Dorney's charges gave an excellent display of speed and skill that really rocked the visitors.

Down's scoring ace Mairin McAleenan came up against a stone wall defence of Patsy Murphy, Trish Clinton and Niamh Cregan and just managed two points from play.

Vincents showed their mettle from the throw in and two goals by Louise Lynch gave them a 2-5 to 0-4 lead at the break.

Despite a second half goal by Fontenoy's Rosaleen Cunningham the issue was never in doubt, as Denise Smyth had the winner's third goal, and Denise O'Leary sent over some well taken points to march in to the All-Ireland Club Championship final on November 22nd.

Final score: St Vincents 3-12
Leitrim/Fontenoy's 1-8

Scorers: St Vincents, Louise Lynch 2-2, Denise O'Leary 0-7, Denise Smyth 1-2,

Adrienne McGovern 0-1.
Leitrim/Fontenoy's: Mairin McAleenan 0-4, Rosaleen Cunningham 1-1, Majella Murray 0-3.

St Vincent team: Mary Regan, Patsy Murphy, Niamh Cregan, Trish Clinton, Germaine Noonan (capt), Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary, Roisin Brady, Louise Lynch, Adrienne McGovern, Denise Smyth, Emer Brannagan

Subs: Sonya Byrne, Aoife Cullen, Liz Burkley
Leitrim/Fontenoy's: Joan Brown, Maureen O'Higgins, Donna Greenan, Ann Morgan, Brenda Gallagher, Bernice Kelly, Lisa McCrickard, Nuala Magee, Rosaleen Cunningham, Mairin McAleenan, Majella Murray, Caitriona McCrickard. Subs: Lisa Quinn
Referee: Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary

There are two matches in the National junior league on Sunday. Offaly make their debut in this year's competition when they host Tipperary.

The Faithful County always put in a good show in the National League but just fall short of honours. They reached the quarter final last season and had to give way to the eventual winners Down. They will come up against stiff opposition from Tipperary, a county that are expected to do well in this competition. They were also defeated by Down in last seasons semi-final but went on to contest the All-Ireland Junior Championship final against Galway.

In their recent outing against Limerick they were in top form scoring 5-11 to Limerick's 0-5, and are expected to collect their second brace of points.

Carlow travel to cross swords with last years beaten finalists Cork. Carlow, as Leinster champions suffered a surprise defeat in their first outing to Kilkenny, while Cork have two points from their win over Wexford, 4-6 to 2-6 and with home venue they will be hard to overcome.



Cork's supporters celebrate after their All-Ireland win at Croke Park in September

Camogie Presentation



Mary Bugler, Chairperson, Carrighoun Camogie Board seen presenting the South East under 15 camogie trophy to Jennifer Brown, captain Ballygarvan after her side defeated Carrigaline in the final at Ballinbassig.



Sarah Hayes, pictured with the Senior Sportsperson of the Year Award at the Kinsale Community School Awards night.

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Milford come of age as powerful first-half display secures title

Milford 2-9
Barryroe 1-6

MILFORD took their first Cork camogie trophy at adult level at the Nemo Rangers grounds yesterday. A tremendous performance saw them lead 0-6 to 0-1 at half time, with five points from Siobhan Lenihan and one from Regina Curtin. Jane Keohane put one on the board for Barryroe. Eight minutes into the second half Milford had stretched their lead 0-8 to 0-1 and were looking good, but then

Barryroe kicked into action and hit four unanswered points in four minutes. Rejuvenated, they continued to press and were rewarded with a 15th minute goal from 14-year-old substitute Marie Moloney to level matters 1-5 to 0-8 with ten minutes remaining. Milford captain Lena Long pointed a long-range effort. In reply, Marie Moloney's blistering shot for goal struck the crossbar and was tapped over by the alert Helen Keohane to level matters. Milford pressed and a long ball into the square was finished

to the net by Regina Curtin. Three minutes later Emer O'Freee sealed victory with a superb goal.

Scorers: Milford; S Lenihan 0-7 (3 30's 2 frees), R Curtin 1-1, E O'Freee 1-0, L Long 0-1 (free). Barryroe; M Moloney 1-1 (1 free), M Sheehy 0-3 (2 ft), H Keohane, J Keohane 0-1. MILFORD: B Geary, C O'Gorman, E Savage, N O'Riordan; A Dillon, D Hayes, L Long (Capt), E Reilly; E O'Freee, S Lenihan, R Curtin, M Watson. BARRYROE: I Griffin; G Carl (Capt), E Carl, M Sheehy, F Walsh; E Griffin, E Collins, I Dineen, J Keohane; F Collins, H Keohane, M O'Regan-Welton, Sub: M Moloney for F Walsh, M Flemming for M O'Regan-Welton. Ref: T Sheehan (Mayfield).

St Finbarrs 0-9
Eire Og 0-6

ST FINBARRS advanced to meet Barryroe in the Senior B Camogie Championship final when they defeated Eire Og at Ballyanley yesterday in a second replay. It was Eire Og who held a slender three points to two lead at the interval, courtesy of Helen Walsh.

Four minutes into the second half, Eire Og led 0-5 to 0-2, thanks to two excellent points from Walsh. Colette

O'Mahony pointed a free two minutes later to cut the deficit, but Deirdre Healy replied for Eire Og in the seventh minute. Surprisingly, this was to be Eire Og's last score of the game.

The switching of Orla O'Sullivan to centre field and the introduction of lively Bernadine Maher and Maria McCarthy was crucial for the Bars.

Fifteen minutes into the game Clare Kirby had them on level terms. Two minutes later, Colette O'Mahony popped over her fourth point of the game to give the Barrs the lead for the first

time. Two further points from O'Mahony ensured the Barrs a place in next Sunday's final.

Scorers — St Finbarrs: C O'Mahony 0-6 (4 f, 1 30), O O'Sullivan, C Kirby, J Duffley 0-1; Eire Og: H Walsh 0-5 (1 f), D Healy 0-1. ST FINBARRS: M O'Sullivan; C Barry (capt), L O'Connell, C Cronin, C Kirby, J Duffley, Clare Kirby; J Browne, O O'Sullivan, C O'Mahony, E Clifford, B Myers, Subs; M McCarthy, B Maher for J Duffley and J Browne. EIRE OG: M McCarthy; Y O'Leary (capt), Y Corkery, C O'Callaghan, D O'Sullivan; E Foley, E O'Herlihy, H Walsh, A McKenna; D Healy, C Sheehan, L O'Leary, Subs; A O'Regan, C Crowley for A McKenna and C Sheehan. Ref: J McGrath (Carrigaline).

Blueprint set up to recommend camogie merger with GAA

by Conor George

A BLUEPRINT for the future of the Camogie Association will be recommending a merger with the GAA at a special meeting in Croke Park tonight.

The Development Committee set up 12 months ago will recommend that the merger be phased in over a three year period following its adoption in principle by the Annual Congress of both organisations.

The recommendation will also propose that at the end of this period camogie members would be full voting members of the GAA. The benefits of this merger for the Camogie Associ-

ation would be, according to the committee, that it would add the organisational strength of the GAA, enabling camogie people to play a full part in their local GAA clubs and replace the present loose external association.

Such a development would facilitate the sharing of overheads and would greatly strengthen camogie and enhance its ability to develop rather than just survive. This recommendation comes at the end of a 12 month National study carried out by a six member Development Committee charged by Cumann Camagaochta na nGael to review and formulate a development plan for the future.

Under the terms of reference dictated to the committee by the Association they were charged with reviewing and analysing all aspects of the association in regard to structure, membership, competition, management and administration skills, financial resources, sponsorship and public image.

They were also asked to establish development targets to be reached over a five to ten year period, select methods of achieving those targets, formulate an action plan and suggest methods of implementing the action plan.

The committee are also recommending that the current rule book of the Camogie Association be revised and re-

written, that matches consist of 15 players on each team (a system that is currently in action in junior league matches) and that a greater emphasis be placed on recruiting members from Primary and Secondary schools as well as from those attending third level.

The committee also recommends that a full time Development Officer be recruited with responsibilities for organisational and membership development, development of sponsorship and public relations which it also suggests that a Coaching Officer be appointed.

Other recommendations include compulsory coaching courses being organised for referees annually as well as a

core group of assessors at each level being recruited to oversee all referees at all levels of the game as well as a drive in the coaching aspect of the game.

The most important recommendation to emerge from the 12 month study is the proposed merger with the GAA. Greater integration between the two organisations was mooted as far back as the MacNamee Commission in 1971 and again in 1985 while discussions to this end took place in 1992/93 but they were not pursued to finality.

Such a merger would require constitutional change in both organisations and the Development Committee recommends that an expert sub group be set

up to develop the detailed constitutional amendments and organisational structure of the merged organisation.

Those charged with formulating the Development Plan for the Camogie Association were Sean MacThaidh Chairman of GAA Policy & Planning Committee, former camogie players Kathryn Davis and Therese O'Callaghan, camogie referee and officer Miriam O'Callaghan, former Minister of State Eithne Fitzgerald and Cathaoirleach Down Camogie Board Fionnuala McGrady.

The full report from the group will be presented to Cumann Camagaochta na nGael in Croke Park tonight.

St Finbarr's and Eire Óg in third attempt at a decision

ONE hundred and 24 minutes of camogie has failed to produce a winner in the Senior 'B' Camogie Championship semi final.

So it's all back again to Ballyanley on Sunday for the girls from St Finbarr's and Eire Og. In last weekend's replay the game ended suddenly when in extra time the referee abandoned the game due to a sideline incident.

In the first game it was the Barrs with a last minute goal from substitute Joanne Browne

who forced a replay. But last weekend it was the turn of Eire Og's Deirdre Healy who, on the stroke of full time, goaled to send the game to extra time.

When abandoned both teams were still level having each scored a point. There is little between the sides who are very evenly matched. It again promises to be a close affair where hopefully a winner will emerge to meet Barryroe who are waiting patiently for the final.

The Junior 'B' Championship final takes place at Glen Rovers on tomorrow evening when Barryroe meet Milford. Barryroe won the title in 1994 and are captained by Geraldine Carroll. They are a very young side, drawn mainly from their successful U16 and U18 teams of the last two years. The return from Australia of Jane Keohane has strengthened the side and they also include the experienced Marie O'Regan in their line-out.

For Milford 1998 has been a dream debut in adult competitions reaching the final at their first attempt. They are captained by the experienced Lelia Long who previously played with Limerick side Feonagh/Kilmeedy and Newtownshandrum whilst the remainder of the side is very young — all under 16. They are a strong side with Aoife Dillon, Christine Gorman and Eimear O'Friel all fine exponents of the game. Coach is former Limerick

inter county player Anne Watson who won All-Ireland junior honours in Limerick in 1977 and All-Ireland Club Championship honours with Croke/Kilfinney.

We look set to be in for an exciting finish to the Junior 'B' Championship for 1998.

On the inter county calendar, Carlow travel to Cork to meet the home side who following their recent victory over Wexford will be hoping to notch up another two league points.

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Granagh-Ballingarry on the brink of historic

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

WITH All-Ireland senior titles rather thin on the ground in Limerick, it is left to the camogie girls of Granagh-Ballingarry to lift spirits on Sunday, when they square up to a powerful St Vincent's of Dublin, in the club final.

First advantage is to the Limerick club who host the big game in Ballingarry, with a 2.00 start.

Both have it in common that they are going for a first senior crown, though in Granagh-Ballingarry's case, they went under in the decider two years ago, to Pearse's of Galway.

The Munster champions of three-years-in-a-row, trained by former county footballer Mike Chawke, whose wife Bernie is a key player, have blazed a trail of glory over the last num-

ber of years, having claimed no fewer than half-a-dozen county titles.

Also, it was they who backboned the Limerick team which claimed All-Ireland junior and intermediate All-Ireland honours, in 1995 and 96, respectively.

Those teams were trained by Eamonn Cregan whose daughter Niamh played a central role. By a strange twist of fate, Niamh is now trading her skills with St Vincent's and will be in their team on Sunday.

As further testimony to their greatness, Granagh-Ballingarry members also powered St Mary's Charleville to All-Ireland colleges honours.

Mike Chawke, whose dedication to the cause is much appreciated by the entire panel, is, naturally enough, delighted that they have kept Limerick to the forefront.

"Yes, we have had our good years, but the All-Ireland is the one

that we really want. As I see it, all our efforts this season will go down the drain if we don't win on Sunday."

He is expecting a crowd in the region of 3,000 for the final. "We have our own dedicated fans, but this is an All-Ireland final, and it adds to the occasion that a Dublin team is providing the opposition."

There is a nice mix of youth and experience in the Granagh-Ballingarry squad. There are two 16 year olds, Eileen O'Brien and Catherine Lesley, both of whom have older sisters as established members.

The most seasoned is Bernie Chawke, sister of Bruree's Jim O'Brien, who was on the 1973 All-Ireland title winning team with Eamonn Cregan.

Patsy McKenna, one of two married members, is another whose experience will be called upon on Sunday, and the same applies to Jean Cullinane, sisters



Three members of the Granagh-Ballingarry panel, Caroline O'Connor, Kay Burke and Laura Lesley, pictured during a training session.



Vera Sheehan who hopes to captain Granagh-Ballingarry to All-Ireland final glory on Sunday at Ballingarry.

All-Ireland glory

Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Ida Quaid and Kay Burke.

Add in the O'Brien's, Breda and Bernie, Laura Lesley and Mary O'Connor, all of whom have contributed greatly to this season's exciting run.

On their path to the final, Granagh-Ballingarry played six games, five of which were away from home.

Said Mike: "It was pre-ordained that the Munster champions would have home venue for the final, in that they had to travel for the semis."

Their record in the national competition is quite impressive. Having lost in the decider two years ago, they went out at the semi-stage in 1997, to Lisdowney.

The 18 strong panel prefer a low key build up to the final. They have got on with training in their own quiet way, without any fuss.

Back to Mike: "We are fortunate in that most of the girls are living locally. There is a very good atmosphere within the club, and while money is not exactly flush, we do have a good sponsor in Brian Geary Car Sales."

Though accustomed to success, the novelty of winning has not worn off them.

Take Eileen O'Brien, top scorer. A veteran, at 16, she has more medals than most leading Irish sports people, but it is the thrill of playing in the top flight which excites her.

Vincent's, who beat Leitrim Fontenoy's 3-12 to 1-8 in the semi-finals, will have reason to pay special attention to sharpshooter Eileen. Likewise, Granagh-Ballingarry will be keeping tabs on their top scorer, Louise Lynch, whose speciality is in finding the net.

Vincent's travel with top class credentials, and will not be in the

least bit put off by surroundings new to them.

They, too, have come through a tough campaign.

Excitement has been building in Granagh-Ballingarry for the past fortnight, and the approach leads leading to the ground will be awash with colour on Sunday.

Mike Chawke, who works at Aughinish, took over the reins when Tom Treacy retired after eight years service, reckons that there will be precious little between the teams.

"Home advantage is nice but on the other side of the coin, it could put extra pressure on us in front of our own supporters. We are, I suppose, battle hardened."

There was a relaxed approach to last Saturday's training session, and if they can bring the same approach onto the pitch, the long awaited national club title could be theirs.

SPORT



Sisters in search of All-Ireland glory with Granagh-Ballingarry

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Granagh/Ballingarry prepare for big day



Laura Lesley, Patricia McKenna, and Bernie Chawke pictured at a training session.



Sisters Bernie, Breda and Eileen O'Brien, who will be hoping for All Ireland glory on Sunday.



Alex Higgins, on behalf of Golden Vale, Glenwilliam Branch, presenting a sponsorship cheque to Vera Sheehan, captain, Granagh-Ballingarry watched by Eileen O'Brien and Bernie Chawke.



Laura Lesley, Eileen O'Brien, Claire Lenihan and Kathryn Leslie at training for Sunday's final.



Sisters Deirdre, Maureen, and Vera Sheehan, who will be helping Granagh-Ballingarry in Sunday's All-Ireland final.



Ready for action...Bernie Chawke, Eileen O'Brien and Kay Burke.

CAMOGIE PLAYER OF THE MONTH



May - Katy O'Shea



June - Deirdre Sheehan, Granagh-Ballingarry



July - Pauline McCarthy



Limerick

August - Laura Lesley, Granagh-Ballingarry



September - Rose Collins, Fr. Dorans



October - Mairead Kelly, Galway.

Granagh-Ballingarry face stiff test

by Diarmuid O'Flynn

A HUGE crowd is expected at tomorrow's All-Ireland Camogie Senior Club Championship final in Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, in what should be a super game between local side Granagh/Ballingarry and Dublin's St Vincent's.

Granagh/Ballingarry enter the match as favourites, by virtue of their semi-final win over Pearses of Galway, champions for the past two years. They are still a very youthful team, the majority Under-21, but have a wealth of All-Ireland experience. Captained by the brilliant Vera Sheehan, they can also call on her sister Deirdre, O'Brien girls, Eibhlín, Bernie and Breda, and the skilful Jean Cullinane, who all won All-Ireland medals galore with St Mary's, Charleville, the outstanding North Cork camogie school.

However, probably the most important change from the unlucky side of two years ago, is the addition of Mary O'Connor. From Killeagh in Cork, she is a GAA Development Officer at Limerick Institute of Technology and this year transferred her allegiance to Granagh/Ballingarry. She is an outstanding athlete, with great skills.

O'Connor is going for her fifth All-Ireland of this year! Already, she has a senior championship and National League with Cork in camogie, along with a senior Interprovincial, while in ladies football this versatile girl also won an intermediate title with Cork.

Just as Granagh/Ballingarry are built around an outstanding school side, so St Vincent's (coached by Ben Dorney, who kept an outstanding goal for Cork senior club, Ballyhea, for many years) have their own camogie

nursery, as most of them are from Maryfield College. While right-back, Niamh Cregan, daughter of Limerick coach Eamonn, is one of their better-known players nationally, they too have a wealth of inter-county and All-Ireland-winning talent to call on. Goal-keeper Mary O'Regan is an outstanding stopper; centre-back Trish Clinton has a wealth of big-day experience, while their eminent midfielder Denise O'Leary has represented her province for years. In attack, the experienced Louise Lynch combines with the youthful Denise Smith to form a very dangerous attacking duet.

According to Mr Dorney however, the real strength of Vincent's doesn't rest on any individual, but on their team-work — they are a very balanced side. They have had 130 training sessions, according to Ben, and over

the past few months, have taken on most of the top inter-county sides in challenge games.

On that basis alone, they will present a formidable challenge to the Limerick girls, even on their own patch. Granagh/Ballingarry will take that challenge lightly at their peril.

Meantime, the end of a very long season is in sight for the women of St Finbarrs and Barryroe who meet tomorrow afternoon in the final of the Cork Senior 'B' Camogie Championship at Ballyanley.

For St Finbarr's it is their third Sunday in a row to be out in competition as last weekend they overcame Eire Og in the replay of the previous Sunday's showdown.

It's their third appearance in the Senior 'B' Final having contested last year's decider, where they lost out to

Hogan Stand

Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

ALL-IRELAND CLUB FINAL

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship final takes place and is sure to produce lots of fire power, when Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick clash with St Vincents, Dublin. This is an encounter that should draw a large attendance.

Granagh/Ballingarry have been knocking at the door for the past two years and are hoping that it will be third time lucky. The club was founded in 1977 and won its first title in 1979, the County Under 14 championship. In 1991 the Under 14 team won Division One of Feile na nGael which was held in Tipperary and the same year the team won the National Community Games in Mosney. Of that winning panel 8 girls are still involved with the present senior squad. Breda, Bernie and Marie O'Brien, Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Caroline O'Connor, Jean Cullinane and Laura Leslie.

1992 was a golden year for the club collecting seven titles: - Under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18, under 21, intermediate and senior. The following year the silverware continued to flow to the parish when they won all competitions again with the exception of the intermediate as the team had gone senior.

Great credit must go to Michael O'Brien who has put in a lot of work with underage teams up to under 18. The manager/trainer Mike Chawke gets full commitment and dedication from the panel.

On the path to this final they accounted for Bodyke, Clare; Bishopstown, Cork; and Cashel, Tipperary in the Munster final. They have a young squad blended with experience, nine of whom hold All-Ireland senior colleges medals with that great nursery of the game St Mary's, Charleville: - Eileen, Marie and Breda O'Brien, Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Laura and Kathryn Leslie, Jean Cullinane and Claire Lenehan.

There are three sets of sisters on the panel: - Bernie, Breda and Eileen O'Brien (their father Mick is Chairman of the club), Maureen, Deirdre and Vera Sheehan (capt), Laura and Kathryn Leslie.

There are four first cousins: Jean Cullinane, Marie O'Brien and

the Leslie sister and their Aunt Bernie Chawke. Bernie is married to Mike who is team Coach/Manager/Trainer. Bernie won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with Ballyagran in 1978.

Marie O'Brien is daughter of Jim O'Brien who played corner back with Limerick in 1973. Mary O'Connor won an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Cork this year.

St Vincents, Dublin was formerly known as Marino which was formed in 1973 by Dublin Greats Kay and Connie Lyons and Wexford man Jim Dempsey. The club came about as a result of Community Games in the area. In 1974 they won the first of three All-Ireland Community Games titles. Marino won every competition in Dublin and some of their most notable achievements were winning the Under 11 championship from 1974 to 1981, National Feile na nGael titles in 1981 and '82. They were six times senior A Champions including a historic five in a row from 1992 to '96.

In October 1996, Marino disbanded and amalgamated with St Vincents Hurling, Football and Camogie Club. In that year the Senior B team brought home the championship and the senior A team won the league.

Since last February, St Vincents girls and trainer Ben Dorney set their sights on the All-Ireland Club Championship. On the path to the final they disposed of St Ibars, Wexford and Freshford, Kilkenny in the Leinster final 1-14 to 2-8 to take their first Leinster title.

Their panel carries a wealth of experience: Germaine Noonan, captain, has won virtually every honour the game has to offer including an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Dublin in 1984.

Ursula Hannon, originally from Galway holds an All-Ireland club championship medal with Pearses. Niamh Cregan, daughter of Eamon won All-Ireland junior and intermediate medals with Limerick in 1995 and '96. Ten of her team-mates from the intermediate team will be with the opposition.

The following won All-Ireland Colleges medals with Maryfield College in 1984: Mary Regan, Sinead Power, Denise O'Leary, Roisin Brady, Patricia Clinton and Carmel O'Byrne. Carmel also holds an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Dublin in 1984.

Ben Dorney's charges gave a spirited display against Ulster champions, Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down in the All-Ireland semi-final coasting to victory on a score of 3-12 to 1-8, while Granagh/Ballingarry faced a stiff test in their semi-final tie against the champions Pearses, Galway at Ballymacward. The Limerick club showed their true mettle in a fast skilful game which gave them a 2-11 to 2-4 victory.

Both sides will be hungry for victory as neither have won this competition. Granagh won their first Munster title in 1996, and were defeated by Pearses in the All-Ireland final 1-8 to 2-3. They were knocked out by Lisdowney, Kilkenny at the semi-final stage last year 3-15 to 3-13. They will be quietly confident of victory on home ground, while St Vincents girls do not intend to come back empty handed.

It should be an outstanding affair going down to the wire.



St Vincent's - 1998 All-Ireland senior club finalists: Front (L-R): Patsy Murphy, Niamh Cregan, Denise Smith, Germaine Noonan (Capt), Karen Murray, Carmel O'Byrne, Elizabeth Buckley, Siobhan Peel, Terri O'Boyle, Ursula Hannon. Back (L-R): Roisin Brady, Denise O'Leary, Mary Regan, Patricia Clinton, Emer Brannigan, Agnes Cosgrove, Ben Dorney (Trainer), Aoife Cullen, Sinead Power, Adrienne McGovern, Sonya Byrne, Louise Lynch

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TEAMWORK THE KEY AS GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY GIRLS BID TO WIN FIRST ALL IRELAND SENIOR TITLE

To beat All Ireland champions at any time is cause for major celebration. The reaction among the Granagh/Ballingarry camogie team to their win over Pearses of Galways in Ballymacward on November 1st was for them, low key, the reason being the black and whites hadn't yet achieved their goal for the year. With one game to go in this year's Club Championship, Granagh/Ballingarry's desire and determination to be the best in the country burns as strong as ever.

St. Vincent's, the reigning Leinster champions, provide the opposition to the Munster three in a row winners in what promises to be a hard fought final with the winners taking the All Ireland Club Title for the first time.

St. Vincent's beat Freshford of Kilkenny to win their first Leinster title since amalgamating with Marino Camogie Club, who had a proud tradition of camogie in Dublin. They have a hugely experienced panel, ten of

whom featured in the Dublin senior panel this year. Team captain Germaine Noonan and Carmel O'Byrne were members of the Dublin team which won the All Ireland title in 1984. Niamh Cregan, daughter of Limerick's team



Ace scorer Eileen O'Brien will line out in the number nine jersey and Laura Lesley will be at corner back.



The O'Brien sisters, Breda, Bernie and Eileen are bidding to make history on Sunday.

manager Eamon, recently played with Croagh/Kilfinny before transferring to Dublin where she works. Ursula Hannon is a sister of Galway senior star Carmel. Denise O'Leary, Trish Clinton and Patsy Murphy hold All Ireland minor medals from 1982. While Dublin teams haven't fared that well at inter-county level or club level during the nineties, St. Vincent's will be all out to emulate Crumlin, the last Dublin team to win the All Ireland Club in 1985.

Granagh/Ballingarry have reached their second final in three years as a result of winning six championship matches. They beat Killeedy in the Limerick semi-final back in May as expected, but won the Limerick title against

Croagh more easily than anticipated. On August 8th they started off the defence of their Munster crown with a game against the Clare champions Bodyke which was won on a scoreline of 4-14 to 0-7. Granagh/Ballingarry travelled to Bishopstown on August 8th where they were lucky to come away with a win. On a very windy day they were eight points down at half-time. With fifteen wins left they were still eight points down. After a five minute break in play due to an injury to Mary O'Connor, Granagh/Ballingarry got their act together and went on a scoring spree in the last quarter to win by eight points. Final score 4-7 to 0-11.

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Breda O'Brien - Goalkeeper with club and county, has won All Ireland at Junior and Intermediate with Limerick. Won 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands with club at U/14 level. She won 1 Senior All Ireland Colleges with St. Marys, Charleville. With club won 6 County and 3 Munster plus numerous county titles at underage level. Mike Houlihan is her favourite player. Ambition is to win an All Ireland Club medal. Student at L.I.T.

Bernie O'Brien - Full back. One of three sisters on the team. Has won All Ireland with Limerick at junior and intermediate grade. Won 2 All Irelands at junior level with St. Marys College, Charleville. With club has won 11 County medals and 3 Munster Club plus numerous underage county at club level. Niall Buckley of Kildare is her favourite player. Player of Game in '96 All Ireland Club Final. Works with Kirby Electrical, Limerick.

Patsy McKenna Flynn - Right corner back. National school teacher and part time greyhound trainer. Has won 11 Senior County and 3 Munster Senior Club. One of the fastest players on the panel. Davy Clarke is her favourite player and she would love to win the All Ireland Club next Sunday.

Laura Lesley - Left corner back and a student of childcare in Cork. Has won 1 All Ireland with Limerick at intermediate level. With St. Marys, Charleville she has won 2 Junior and 3 Senior All Ireland medals. Played corner forward in the '96 final. Danny Deady of Bruree is her favourite player.

Ber Chawke - Centre back. Housewife and club treasurer. Plays in her third final next Sunday. With Limerick won All Ireland Junior. Has won 1 All Ireland Senior Club, 6 Munster Club and 16 County Senior medals, plus numerous underage. Has won 2 Junior and 2 Senior Gael Linn with Munster. Limerick Player of the Year in 1992. Her hobbies are badminton, reading and supporting Liverpool F.C. Her favourite player is Sandie Fitzgibbon of Cork.

Jean Cullinane - Right midfielder. Fast and skillful player, a student at U.L. With Limerick won All Ireland at junior and intermediate grade. With club 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands at under 14 level. Numerous underage at club level plus 5 County and 3 Munster. With St. Marys College she won 2 Senior and 1 Junior. Her hobbies are reading and watching T.V. D.J. Carey is her favourite player.

Deirdre Sheehan - Centre midfielder and a student at L.I.T. Can also play centre back or in forwards. With Limerick won All Ireland at Intermediate and Junior grade. Won 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands at U/14 level. Had the honour of captaining St. Marys, Charleville to their first All Ireland Colleges win. With club has won 5 County and 3 Munster Senior medals as well as numerous underage. Her hobbies are playing soccer and music. Her favourite player is Deirdre Hughes.

Kay Burke - Leftside midfielder. Accounts clerk with F.D.C., Kilmallock. With Limerick won All Ireland at intermediate and junior level. One Gael Linn Junior with Munster. Has won 3 medals at County level and 3 at Munster Senior Club level with club. Her favourite player is Brian Whelehan and her ambition is to win an All Ireland at senior club level.

Eileen O'Brien - Student at St. Mary's College, Charleville. Corner forward and free taker. Has been consistently good in all games this year. Still under 16. Won All Ireland Intermediate with Limerick. With St. Marys has won 3 All Ireland Senior and 1 Junior. Has 2 Feile and 1 Community Games U/14 with club. With club she has also won numerous underage and 3 County Senior and 3 Munster Senior Club. Favourite player is Claran Carey and she supports Arsenal.

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Mary O'Connor - Plays in the forwards with club and centre midfield with native Cork. She is a G.A.A. Games and Promotions Officer in Limerick and lives in Granagh where she has developed a taste for Norina's bacon and cabbage. Joined Granagh/Ballingarry this year. With Cork she has won 2 Senior All Irelands, 3 Munster medals. Has won 3 Senior Gael Linn with Munster. With club she won her first Senior Club medal at County and Munster level this year. Going for her 3rd All Ireland next Sunday having won All Irelands at camogie and ladies football this year with Cork. Denise Cronin is her favourite player. Her hobbies are music, football and supporting Man Utd.

Vera Sheehan - Corner forward and club captain. A skillful, versatile player with tremendous heart and determination. Has won All Ireland junior and intermediate with Limerick. With St. Marys Charleville won 2 Senior and 1 Junior Colleges All Ireland. With club won 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands and has won numerous underage plus 5 Senior and 3 Munster Club medals. Limerick Player of Year in 1996. Her hobbies are soccer - Liverpool when they win - music and ladies football. Her favourite player is Vivienne Harris, Cork.

Ida Quaid - Full forward. Technical consultant with Cappemini in Dublin. Has won numerous underage medals with club. Has won 11 Senior County and 3 Munster Senior Club. With Limerick has won 1 Junior and 1 Intermediate All Ireland. Made her singing debut at seven a side in September. Reading and socialising are her hobbies. Eileen O'Brien is her favourite player.

Maureen Sheehan - Corner back. Was captain when the club last reached the All Ireland Final in 1996. Works with Golden Vale, Charleville. A solid defender and tight marker. Has won numerous underage with club plus 8 Senior County and 3 Munster Senior Club. Her hobbies are walking, swimming and playing soccer. Her favourite player is Mike Houlihan.

Marie O'Brien - Corner back. Student at Tralee I.T. A very solid defender. With Limerick won 1 Intermediate All Ireland. While a student at St. Marys, Charleville, won 3 All Ireland Senior and 2 Junior medals. She won 2 Feile All Irelands at under 14 level with club and has numerous underage plus 3 County, Senior and 3 Munster Senior Club. Her hobbies are basketball and reading. Mark Foley is her favourite player.

Claire Lenihan - Versatile player. Has played in goals and outfield for club this year. A student at St. Marys, Charleville, where she has won 3 senior and 1 junior All Ireland medals. With club has won numerous underage plus 2 Senior and 2 Munster Senior Club. Her hobbies are swimming and tennis.

Caroline O'Connor - Forward and is a 4th year physical education student at U.L. has won 3 County Club and 3 Munster Club medals. Has won medals at under age with club plus 2 All Ireland Feile and 2 Community Games at under 14 level. Her hobbies are hockey, reading and watching T.V.

Kathryn Lesley - Corner back and a student at St. Marys, Charleville, where she has won 1 Senior All Ireland Colleges. With club has won 1 Feile All Ireland and numerous underage medals. She has also added 2 Senior County and 2 Munster Senior to her collection. Has been known to give the "Wild Rover" a blast. Her favourite players are Brian Lohan and Eileen O'Brien.

Sheila Treacy - Corner forward and one of the most dedicated members of the club. She is a founder member of the club and is Club Secretary. She works as a sales assistant with O'Sullivan's Shoes in Limerick. Has won numerous underage with club plus 11 Senior County and 3 Munster Club. Her hobbies are walking and socialising. Her favourite player is Ber Chawke. Her brother Tommy and sisters Mairead, Claire and Joanne have given great service to the club over the last twenty years.

Greanach/Baile an Gharraí, Luimneach



Tá an Chamógaíocht á imirt i mBaile an Gharraí ó 1930 i leith. Níorbh fhada gur tharraing an Club cáil air féin ar pháirc na himeartha. Baile an Gharraí won the West Limerick Championship in 1935 when it defeated Killoughteen by 1-0 to 0-0. The Club went on to win the County Championship with a score of 8-0 to 1-1 against Fedamore. It retained the title in 1936 at the expense of Bruree.

Daichead bliain, nach mór, ina dhiaidh sin, tháinig Greanach/Baile an Gharraí ar an saol i 1977. The first Officers were: Uachtarán, Mick Fitzgerald; Cathaoirleach, Jimmy Stapleton; Rúnaí, Sheila Treacy, Cisteoir, W. Biggane.

The first of the numerous County titles to come to the new Club was the under-fourteen title in 1979. d'Imigh an club ó neart go chéile ins an chéad dá dbeichmhear eile. The under-21 team has won twelve Championship titles in a row since 1984. 1991 saw the under-14 team win Division 1 of Féile na nGael and Gold at the community Games. Bliain faoi leith a bhí ann don chlub i 1992. Each of its seven teams, from under-12 to Senior, won the county title in its grade. The Club is fortunate to have coaches of the calibre of John O'Connor, Michael O'Brien and the present Senior trainer, Mike Chawke. Tháinig bláth ar a gcuid oibre i 1996 nuair a bhain an Club Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach don chéad uair ariamh.

Although disappointed to lose the 1996 All-Ireland Final to Na Piarsaigh, An Ghailimh, the Club went on to retain the Munster title in 1997 and 1998 and turned the tables on Na Piarsaigh in this year's semi-final. Ba mhór ar fad ag muintir Luimní é ach an bua a bheith ag Greanach Baile an Gharraí inniu. Gura fada buan i an Chamógaíocht sa Chlub agus sa Chontae.

Naomh Uinsionn, Muirinne, Áth Cliath



ar chúl (ó chlé): R. Ní Bhrádaigh, D. Ní Laoire, M. Ní Riagáin, P. Chliontún, E. Ní Bhranagáin, Ú. Ní Choscraigh, chun tosaigh (ó chlé): P. Ní Mhurchú, N. Ní Chriagáin, D. Ní Gabhann, G. Ní Nuanáin, Captaen, K. Ní Mhuiri, C. Ní Bhroin, E. Ní Bhuachalla, S. Peol, T. Ní Bhaill, U. Ní Annáin.

Bunaíodh Club Camógaíochta i Muirinne, Áth Cliath, i 1973 agus is ag dul ó neart go chéile atá an club féin agus an chamógaíocht ó shoin i leith sa cheanntar. The club was founded by former noted Áth Cliath players Kay and Connie Lyons and by a Loch Garman man, Jim Dempsey.

Community Games were much to the fore in the area of Marino and, with the participation of a Camogie team in the Games, came the need to cater for the young players. Ní fhéadfaí a shárú de Kay, Connie agus Jim a fháil chun cur chuige agus Club a bhunú. In 1974, the Club won the first of its three Community Games All-Ireland titles. d'Éirigh thar barr le Cumann Muirinne i gcomórtais Áth Cliath. The Club had the distinction of winning every competition in the county at one time or another, most notably the under-11 championship from 1974 to 1981 and six Senior A championships, including an historic five-in-a-row between 1992 and 1996. These were joined by National Féile na nGael titles in 1981 and '82.

Cuireadh tús le ré nua don chlub i 1996 nuair a tháinig Muirinne agus Naomh Uinsionn le chéile. The amalgamated clubs are now known as St. Vincent's Hurling, Football and Camogie Club. In its first year, the Camogie players brought the Áth Cliath Senior B Championship and Senior A League titles to the Club. To the delight of the entire club, the girls, with their coach, Ben Dorney, brought home the 1998 Áth Cliath and Cúige Laighean Club Championship titles and have qualified for their first All-Ireland Club Final. Is ag síor-fhás atá an roinn chamógaíochta agus seacht bhfoireann agus aon chéad ochtó ball ann faoi láthair, scoláirí ó Maryfield College agus scoil Naomh Uinsionn ina measc.

Go raibh luach a saothair acu uilig sna blianta atá rompu amach.

Greanach/Baile an Gharraí, Luimneach

Dubh agus Bán

1
Brid Ní Bhriain
Breda O'Brien

2
Briainín Ní Bhriain
Bernie O'Brien

3
Pádraigín Ní Chionnaoith
Patricia McKenna

4
Briainín Uí Chreabháin
Bernie Chawke

5
Laura Leaslaoi
Laura Lesley

6
Sinéad Ní Chuileannáin
Jean Cullinane

7
Deirdre Ní Shíocháin
Deirdre Sheehan

8
Cáit de Burca
Kay Burke

9
Eibhlín Ní Bhriain
Eileen O'Brien

10
Máire Ní Chonchubhair
Mary O'Connor

11
Vera Ní Shíocháin
Vera Sheehan
Captaen

12
Íde Nic Uaid
Ida Quaid

IONADAITHE

13. Máirín Ní Shíocháin
Maureen Sheehan

16. Cearúilín Ní Chonchubhair
Caroline O'Connor

14. Máire Ní Bhriain
Marie O'Brien

17. Cáit Leaslaoi
Kathryn Lesley

15. Clár Ní Leannacháin
Claire Lenehan

18. Síle Ní Threasaigh
Sheila Treacy

Naomh Uinsíonn, Muirinne, Áth Cliath

Gorm agus Bán

1
Máire Ní Riagáin
Mary Regan

2
Pádraigín Ní Mhurchú
Patsy Murphy

3
Niamh Ní Chriagáin
Niamh Cregan

4
Pádraigín Chlontún
Patricia Clinton

5
Germaine Ní Nuanáin
Germaine Noonan
Captaen

6
Ursula Ní Annáin
Ursula Hannon

7
Denise Ní Laoire
Denise O'Leary

8
Róisín Ní Bhrádaigh
Róisín Brady

9
Labhaoise Ní Loinsigh
Louise Lynch

10
Adrienne Nig Shamhráin
Adrienne McGovern

11
Denise NicGabhann
Denise Smith

12
Emer Ní Bhranagáin
Emer Brannigan

IONADAITHE

13. Sonya Ní Bhroin
Sonya Byrne

17. Terri Ní Bhaoil
Terri O'Boyle

14. Aoife Ní Chuilinn
Marie O'Brien

18. Siobhán Peel
Siobhán Peel

15. Sinéad de Paor
Sinéad Power

19. Úna Ní Choscraigh
Agnes Cosgrave

16. Éilís Ní Bhuachalla
Elizabeth Buckley

20. Avis Ní Bhroin
Avis O'Brien

Attacking Ballingarry prevail

Granagh/Ballingarry 1-19
St Vincents 1-8

by Tim O'Brien

A COMMITTED Granagh/Ballingarry side, hungry for success after some near misses, eclipsed Leinster champions St Vincents of Dublin in yesterday's All-Ireland senior club camogie final on home soil.

Chasing their first All-Ireland, the Limerick girls laid the foundation for their victory by launching attack after attack in the early stages and, through the unerring accuracy of St Marys' Charleville schoolgirl, Eileen O'Brien, they had jumped into an eight points lead after 20 minutes.

The defence of Bernie Chawke and Laura Lesley, together with midfielders Deirdre Sheehan (who landed a beauty from 65 yards) and Kay Burke were composure personified and, although St Vincents threatened at times, they had no answer when the home team surged forward in search of the telling scores.

Granagh/Ballingarry owed a lot also to a sparkling attack and, besides the brilliant O'Brien, the star performer here was Cork inter-county player Mary O'Connor, whose tremendous striking on heavy underfoot conditions drew round after round of applause.

The former Killeagh player received wonderful support from team captain Vera Sheehan, while full-forward Ida Quaid proved a handful for various Dublin defenders.

Granagh/Ballingarry led by 1-12 to two points at the interval, and it was no surprise that it was Quaid who got the important goal in the 29th-minute following a superb delivery by O'Connor.

St Vincents, for whom Denise O'Leary and Louise Lynch were outstanding, improved as the game progressed, and it is to their credit that they chipped away at the big lead after the change of ends.

With ten minutes remaining the Granagh/Ballingarry advantage was down to nine points — mainly through O'Leary's contribution, and especially when she shook the net with a great 21



Ballingarry's Mary O'Connor shoots goalwards during the Ladies All-Ireland Camogie Final against St Vincents yesterday. Picture: Press22

yards free strike. But any hopes of a full recovery were shattered as O'Connor, Sheehan, O'Brien and Jean Cullinane sent over points from all angles.

O'Brien finished with a personal tally of 11 points, while O'Leary had all except two points of the Dublin scores.

There were just no weak links on the Granagh/Ballingarry side and the final whistle signalled the start of celebrations that are certain to continue in the twin parishes for some time. The result is a great boost for the game in the county and follows on the national club successes of Croagh-Kilfinney and Ballygran in recent years.

A proud occasion also for defender Bernie Chawke who, some 21 years ago, helped Limerick to All-Ireland junior glory for the first time. The victory was extra special this time, however, as her

husband Mike was the team coach. He had this to say: "It is so wonderful to win after seven years in charge but, in a way, I am sorry for Vincents as no team in the land could have stayed with us today. It was a tremendous all round performance and I am so delighted for the girls who commenced training for this great occasion last St Patrick's Day."

Scorers: Granagh/Ballingarry 0-11, I Quaid 1-1, M O'Connor 0-3, D Sheehan 0-2, V Sheehan 0-1, J Cullinane 0-1, St Vincents D O'Leary 1-6, L Lynch 0-1, D Smith 0-1.
GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY: Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, P McKenna, B Chawke, L Lesley, J Cullinane, D Sheehan, K Burke, E O'Brien, M O'Connor, V Sheehan, I Quaid. Subs M Sheehan for McKenna, M O'Brien for Lesley, S Treacy for Quaid.
ST VINCENTS: M Regan, P Murphy, N Cregan, P Clinton, G Noonan, U Hannon, D O'Leary, R Brady, L Lynch, A McGovern, D Smith, E Brannigan. Subs A O'Brien for Murphy, S Byrne for Brady, E Buckley for Hannon. Referee: B Phillips (Tipperary).

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Granagh-Ballingarry are simply the best

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Granagh-B'garry, 1-19
St. Vincent's.....1-08

THE end of one era, and the opening of another... Camogie said farewell to the 12 a-side format on Sunday, the day that Granagh Ballingarry opened a new chapter in their own proud history by claiming the All-Ireland senior club title, for the first time.

In beating St. Vincent's of Dublin by an



Champions of Ireland....the Granagh-Ballingarry team who won the All-Ireland senior club camogie championship by beating St. Vincent's at Ballingarry on Sunday.



Ide Quaid crashes through the St. Vincent's defence to score her side's only goal of the All Ireland senior club final.



11 points margin—the same total as wonder girl, teenager Eileen O'Brien, put on the scoreboard—the west Limerick girls thrilled their legion of fans with a performance that must rank as one of the finest ever seen in the competition.

Three years of frustration, which saw them pipped at the final and semi final stages, were put in cold storage, when captain Vera Sheehan proudly hoisted the silverware.

Vera and her team-mates knew at half time that they already had one hand on the trophy. At that stage, it was 1-12 to 0-2, almost too good to be true. No way were they going to release their grip.

Such was their dominance—eight points ahead after quarter-of-an-hour, that the final turned out to be something of an anti-climax.



Phyllis Brislane, President of the camogie Association, presenting the

cent's knew it was only a matter of playing out time.

Comfortable in most positions, Granagh Ballingarry were in a similar mood. With seven minutes remaining, there were still 11 points between the teams, and that was the way it finished.

They will talk about this day in Granagh-Ballingarry for generations to come.

It seemed that every man, woman and child was out to lend support.

Granagh curate Fr John Duggan could not hide his delight. "It is no more than was deserved. We are a very small community back here, and these girls have given us a sense of great pride."

Preparations, said the manager, started last St. Patrick's Day.

Now, Granagh-Ballingarry must meet a new challenge next season, when it will be 15-a-side.

They will be ready to defend their trophy.

Granagh Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien; Bernie O'Brien; Patricia McKenna; Bernie Chawke; Laura Lesley; Jean Cullinane 0-1; Deirdre Sheehan 0-2; Kay Burke; Eileen O'Brien 0-11; Mary O'Connor 0-3; Vera Sheehan 0-1; Ida Quaid 1-1.

Subs: Maureen Sheehan for McKenna; Marie O'Brien for Lesley; Sheila Treacy for Quaid. Subs not used: Claire Lenehan; Caroline O'Connor; Kathryn Lesley.

St. Vincent's: Mary Regan; Patsy Murphy; Niamh Cregan; Patricia

again with an exciting run, which ended with she kicking over the bar.

Ida Quaid, Eileen O'Brien and Deirdre Sheehan extended the lead. It was time for a goal, to put a gloss on things. It came in injury time. Mary O'Connor sent in a long ball, and Ida Quaid palmed to the net. Vincent's response was a point from Denise O'Leary.

Within two minutes of the restart, Eileen O'Brien was on target again.

Fourteen points in front, and sailing.

The Dubliners, given the run around at the back, now found themselves on a damage limitation exercise, and, to their credit, they put in a more respectable second half.



Jean Cullinane gets in her strike in the All-Ireland final.



Mary O'Connor strikes for a point for Granagh-Ballingarry in the final. (LL)



Happy Granagh-Ballingarry supporters at the All-Ireland final. (LL)

...refused to throw in the towel, but it was always inevitable that they would be left to pick up the losers medals.

Manager Mick Chawke, husband of Bernie's, summed it up at the presentation ceremony when he told the press corp that it would have taken a great team to deprive them of their hour of fame.

St. Vincent's, short in flair and temperament, simply did not fit into that category. Maybe it was that they froze on the day; after all, their path to the final had been impressive.

The winners game plan was simple...take the points and the goals will look after themselves.

The points rush started inside 50 seconds, when Eileen O'Brien found her range from a free. It continued relentlessly. What did surprise was that in the second half, they failed to put two together, until the 52nd minute, when Mary O'Connor and Deirdre Sheehan, were on target.

There was never need to fret, though, as Granagh Ballingarry were always comfortably ahead. Had more been asked of them, they had the talent to respond.

Mick's wife Bernie Chawke, the most experienced member of the squad, was almost in tears at the finish.

This was the moment for which she had waited so long. She excelled at number four, with solid defensive play and sweet striking of the ball. To make it a momentous day for her family, three nieces, Jean Cullinane, Laura Leslie and substitute Marie O'Brien - the latter a daughter of 1973 All-Ireland medal winner Jim O'Brien - shared in the glory. Another Lesley, this time Kathryn, was on the subs bench.

They weren't the only family to walk off with a



Supporting Granagh-Ballingarry in the All-Ireland club final against St. Vincent's.

hatful of medals.

Chief playmaker Eileen O'Brien was joined by her sisters, Breda and Bernie, and the Sheehan's, Vera and Deirdre, added two to their already impressive collection.

This was a marvellous achievement by Granagh-Ballingarry, with teamwork very much a hallmark of their success. It was obvious from a very early stage that they were in the mood to make amends for previous lapses. Imaginative and forceful, they had all the aces.

St Vincent's, appearing in their first ever final, and whose preparation included an overnight stopover, hardly expected this type of

challenge on a pitch that was heavy and soggy, following overnight rain.

Granagh-Ballingarry hit them from all angles. Showing deft stick work, superb skills and fearless in close exchanges, they hunted in packs, using the wings to great advantage.

There was little that Emer Cregan-daughter of hurling boss Eamonn Cregan-and her fellow defenders, could do to halt them.

Nine of Eileen O'Brien's points were from placed balls, which, had they not been conceded, would probably have resulted in scores anyway. She finished with two more than Denise O'Leary, all of whose contribution was

from frees.

The visitors were denied mention on the board until the 21st minute, and ended the half with just two points. A 13 points deficit was much too hot to handle.

Yet, they must have fancied their own prospects with a threatening run, after 30 seconds. They broke on the left, and Germaine Noonan's delivery looked destined for the net, until an alert Breda O'Brien clutched it from the air.

The ball was despatched downfield, and her sister Eileen took the heat off her side in delivering between the uprights.

Cork-born Mary O'Connor tacked on another, and the rollercoaster was on its way.

Spreading the ball wide, Granagh Ballingarry won a succession of frees against opponents who simply could not cope. Eileen O'Brien made it 0-4 to nil, after nine minutes, and Ide Quaid set her up for another.

When Eileen was not finding space for herself, she was carving openings for others. One inch perfect cross was volleyed over by Vera Sheehan.

The midfield trio of Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan and Kay Burke, were impassable. Behind them, Bernie O'Brien, Patricia McKenna and Laura Lesley provided ample support for the energetic Bernie Chawke. There was just no way through for Emer Brannigan and Adrienne McGovern.

There was a buzz about the front line which suggested more scores were waiting to follow.

St. Vincent's faced an eight points deficit, and panic was setting in.

Denise O'Leary settled them with a pointed free, but Mary O'Connor had them chasing the game



Bernie Chawke shows great concentration for Granagh-Ballingarry. (LL)



Eileen O'Brien leads yet another attack by Granagh-Ballingarry.

Granagh Ballingarry found it difficult to keep concentration levels going, and the next two points went against them.

The winners shored up defence, with Mary O'Connor and Kay Burke dropping back to curb the Vincent's mini revival.

A the three quarter stage, it was 1-15 to 0-6.

Even though Denise O'Leary struck a good goal from a 20 yards free, Vin-

Clinton, Germaine Noonan; Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary 1-6, Roisin Brady; Louise Lynch 0-1, Adrienne McGovern, Denise Smith 0-1; Emer Brannigan.

Subs. Sonya Byrne for Brady, Elizabeth Buckley for Hannon, Avis O'Brien for Murphy.

Referee: Breda Phillips (Tipperary).

The attendance was about 2,000.



The Granagh-Ballingarry team show their delight at the finish of the All-Ireland senior club championship.

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Granagh/Ballingarry All-Ireland Camogie Queens



Bernie Chawke (Granagh/Ballingarry) and Louise Lynch (St. Vincents) in action.



Msgr. of the Most Holy Trinity, Dublin, President of the National Camogie Association, presents the trophy to the Granagh/Ballingarry All-Ireland Camogie Queens.



Vera Sheehan (captain) Granagh/Ballingarry

Granagh/Ballingarry All Ireland Camogie Queens



Bernie Chawke (Granagh/Ballingarry) and Louise Lynch (St. Vincents) in action.



Vera Sheehan (captain) accepted the Bill Carroll Cup from Phyllis Breslin, as Granagh/Ballingarry had won the All Ireland Inter Club Camogie Final.



Player of the Match Ida Quaid received a Belbeek Irish Pottery Award from Phyllis Breslin, President of the National Camogie Association.



Goalmouth action during the All Ireland Final.



ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

The Brian Geary sponsored Granagh/Ballingarry starlets, crowned a magnificent year when they won the All Ireland Camogie Inter Club Championship Final which was played in Ballingarry. Front Row L/R: Clare Lenihan, Eileen O'Brien, Ida Quaid, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Connor (mascot), Laura Lesley, Mary O'Connor, Bernie O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Sheila Treacy, Caroline O'Connor, Kathryn Lesley, Kay Burke, Breda O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Bernie Chawke and Patsy McKenna Flynn.

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GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY 'STARLETS' LIFT ALL-IRELAND 'CROWN'

At twenty past three on Sunday evening last, Granagh/Ballingarry's captain - courageous Vera Sheehan not only lifted the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Cup over her head but also banished three years of near misses and began a night of celebration for her team-mates and large band of supporters.

Determined to put the near miss of '96 behind them, the black and whites attacked the St. Vincent's goal from the first whistle. Led superbly at full forward by player of the game Ida Quaid, Granagh/Ballingarry were dominant over the Dublin side St. Vincent's in all sectors of the field. With Eileen O'Brien in superb scoring form both from frees and play and backed up by some great points from Ida Quaid, Vera Sheehan and Mary O'Connor, it was no surprise that Granagh/Ballingarry's last score of the half was a goal that really put the icing on a wonderful first half display. A long ball from Mary O'Connor fell into the path of Ida Quaid who rounded her marker and when faced by the keeper had the experience to palm over her head to round off, what was for her a dream first half performance. The new champions led at the break by 1-12 to 0-2. The first half saw Ber Chawke dominant at centre back with great covering performances from Bernie O'Brien, Patsy McKenna and Laura Leslie with a result that Breda O'Brien had very little to do in goals. The midfield trio of Kay Burke, Deirdre Sheehan and Jean Cullinane dominated over a variety of opponents with a result that the forwards, Vera Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Eileen O'Brien and Ida Quaid got a plentiful supply of great ball, as reflected on the scoreline of half time.

from Deirdre Sheehan and three points from frees from Eileen O'Brien completed Granagh/Ballingarry's second half scoring to leave the final score Granagh/Ballingarry 1-19 to 1-8 for St. Vincent's. To the delight of huge home support Vera Sheehan accepted the All-Ireland Cup from President of the Camogie Association Phyllis Brislane and after a long campaign and two near misses the All-Ireland Cup came to reside in Limerick for the third time.

Granagh/Ballingarry - Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Ber Chawke, Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien, Mary O'Connor, Vera Sheehan (Capt), Ida Quaid. Subs: Maureen Sheehan, Marie O'Brien, Claire Lenihan, Kathryn Leslie, Caroline O'Connor and Sheila Treacy.
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Niamh Cregan (no. 3), St. Vincent's and Kay Burke (no. 8) Granagh/Ballingarry in action during the All Ireland Camogie Final.



Referee Biddy Philips pictured with the respective captains, Germaine Noonan (St. Vincent's) and Vera Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry) prior to the All Ireland Camogie Final in Ballingarry.



Team captain Vera Sheehan is hopeful of leading Granagh/Ballingarry to victory in the All-Ireland Senior Inter-Club Camogie Final, versus St. Vincent's, Dublin in Ballingarry at 2.00p.m. on this Sunday, November 22nd.



BLESS ME FATHERS

Granagh/Ballingarry team captain Vera Sheehan, holding the All Ireland Camogie Championship Cup, pictured with Fr. John Duggan and Fr. Joe Cussen.



TOP BRASS

Sheila Wallace (Ard Rúnaí) and Phyllis Breslin (President) were at the All Ireland Camogie Final in Ballingarry.

...medals haul

of St. Vincent's semi-final win, and the conclusion of the season was that the best option was to go for points. They had that strong look about them in defence. I told the girls to go for points at every opportunity and we finished with 19. Our average over the season was 22 per game, and when our goal is missed our goal is missed how many points, that's why it finished on Sunday."

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that their win will give the profile an even higher This week-end, Mike and Bernice will be on their way to Lancashire on a very special mission. There will be a parting of the ways on the M5, with Mike heading for Old Trafford, to see his favourites Manchester

United in action, against Leeds United, while Bernice follows the footsteps of her idols, Liverpool, while Paddy Blackwell, at Anfield after a hard year on the camogie field... we are along with our children Mike, explaining that they had used the good offices of the good Houlihan, Liam Manchester, in the who officiated at their wedding, to secure their match day tickets. Apparently, Liam has a leg in with both clubs.

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Roscrea Community College Sports News

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Granagh-Ballingarry intend to add to their medals haul

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THERE are more All-Ireland medals in the Granagh-Ballingarry area than anywhere else in the county.

Their senior camogie team, in defeating St. Vincent's of Dublin, picked up 18 pieces of silverware at the weekend.

And, promises coach Mike Chawke, there are more on the way.

Nine of that team had earlier won All-Ireland senior colleges medals with St. Mary's College, Charleville. They had also been successful in Feile na nGael, back in 1991. They had 10 representatives on the Limerick team that won the All-Ireland intermediate title last year.

Yes, Granagh-Ballingarry have blazed a trail of glory in camogie, at local, provincial and national levels.

As Granagh curate Fr John Duggan commented on Sunday: "These

girls have really put us on the map."

To quote Phyllis Breslin, president of the Camogie Association, reaching an All-Ireland club championship final is the pinnacle of achievement for any club, an achievement that brings great joy, not only to the players, but to the entire club, the families and the local community.

Those who have their sights set on Granagh-Ballingarry's All-Ireland had better not get too carried away.

This team is ready for the long road. All have been there, seen it all, and want more. Such is the wealth of talent coming through, that the club's future is in safe hands. Neither has the novelty of winning worn off.

Eleven of last Sunday's panel are aged under 21. Jean Cullinane, for example, celebrated her 20th birthday on Monday. Eileen O'Brien, top scorer in the championship, is

only 16.

The most senior player is Bernie Chawke who, in 1978, won a senior All-Ireland club title with Ballygran. Asked if she had any intention of standing down, she replied with an emphatic 'no'.

Next season, Granagh-Ballingarry will have to adopt a new format—a 15-a-side game. There are other changes as well, such as a longer playing field and a wider goal area.

"I don't agree with the changes, but we'll be ready for them", said Mike Chawke, who has a strong family connection with the team.

Not only is wife Bernie a key defensive figure, but she has four nieces on the panel, Jean Cullinane, Laura and Kathryn Lesley and Marie O'Brien, the latter a daughter of former Limerick hurling great, Jim O'Brien.

Mike fears that the skill factor will disappear on the full length pitch.



Vera Sheehan holds the cup aloft.

"I understand it is to be a two year experiment, so we will wait and see what happens."

The people of the twin parishes gathered at Chawkes Cross on Sunday night and celebrated in front of the biggest bonfire ever seen in the area.

Said Mick: "The buzz was just unbelievable...people who hadn't seen each other for years came together to celebrate with us. It was really the coming together of the community."

On Monday, players went to the local national schools with the trophy, and were warmly received.

There were eight players from Granagh on the team, two from Ballingarry, and one each from Broadford and Cork. Mary O'Connor, a valuable acquisition to the squad, won an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Cork this year.

Mick studied a video

of St. Vincent's semi-final win, and the conclusion reached was that the best option was to go for points. "They had that strong look about them in defence. I told the girls to go for points at every opportunity, and we finished with 19. Our average over the season was 22 per game, and when our goal is translated into points, that's how it finished on Sunday."

He singled out Eileen O'Brien as the player of the championship. "She is only a kid, at 16, has won every meaningful trophy and yet is so modest. Eileen just takes everything in her stride."

Now, Mike is hoping that their win will give the game an even higher profile in Limerick.

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United in action, against Leeds United, while Bernie follows the fortunes of her idols, Liverpool, who play Blackburn Rovers, at Anfield.

"That's our little treat, after a hard year on the camogie front...we are taking our two children along with us", said Mike, explaining that they had used the good offices of Fr. Liam Houlihan, based in the Manchester area, and who officiated at their wedding, to secure their match day tickets.

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History was made at Borrisokane last week when Colaiste Phobal Ros Cre won their first ever trophy and they did it in style.

Borrisokane, who had won this cup for the last three years, were comprehensively outplayed by a spirited Roscrea outfit.

Roscrea played with the wind and had four quick points before Borrisokane settled them, two brilliant goals by Bronwyn Keeshan put them in a commanding position by half time. Their total domination of the first half stemmed from the Roscrea midfield and half-back lines.

Captain, Eilise Moloney was in splendid form at midfield and the team responded to her promptings and leadership. Not far behind was Aisling Minogue who after a shaky ten minutes turned in a towering performance with many fine clearances under pressure. Sharon Hynes controlled the half back with coolness and skill.

The full back line was marshalled by Aisling Corcoran who was unbeatable. The fact that Borrisokane scored only once from play speaks volumes for the overall performance of the backs.

Junior corner backs, Carrianna Ryan and Aoife Parlon were in total control all through. Carrianna excelled with her ground strokes while Aoife played with great fire and intelligence.

Goalkeeper Orla Hannon, largely unemployed in the first half, made two excellent saves in the second half, one in particular from a close-in free.

In the forward line Bronwyn Keeshan and Jeannette Feighery shared the honours. In the first half Bronwyn was the most impressive and her two goals and a smashing point were absolutely crucial. Jeannette Feighery really opened up in the second half when switched to centrefield from where she contributed 2-4. Eileen Ryan was a constant threat at corner forward. Arlene Crean and Aoife Dooley gave of their best until being replaced by Emma Tierney and Sylvia O'Rourke. Emma had an excellent second half at centrefield and Sylvia picked up a fine point from the corner.

Player of the match: There are so many to choose from. Bronwyn Keeshan for her first half scoring spree. Aisling Minogue for a very gutsy performance. Sharon Hynes dependable and skilled. Jeannette Feighery scoring at will from centrefield. This time the choice is Eilise Moloney. Eilise, former Sacred Heart student and now doing Secretarial course in the Vocational School, was the obvious choice as captain. It was her leadership and exhibition of hurling that set Colaiste Phobal Ros Cre on their way to the school's first ever title.

Team and Scorers: Orla Hannon, Aoife Parlon, Aisling Corcoran, Carrianna Ryan, Sharon Hynes, Arlene Crean, Eilise Moloney (0-2), Aisling Minogue, Eileen Ryan (0-1), Jeannette Feighery (2-4), Bronwyn Keeshan (2-1). Subs used: Emma Tierney, Sylvia O'Rourke (0-1). Subs not used: Carrianna Hynes, Deborah England, Jade Carney, Sinead Feehan, Therese Brennan, Caroline Teehan, Miranda Kennedy, Aine Whelan, Miriam Kennedy, Valerie Meagher, Sarah Doran, Geraldine Beglin and Collette Fletcher. The trainers of this team were Miss Hynes and Miss Coss.

Rockies make history

50 YEARS AGO

BLACKROCK made camogie history when they won the Cork County Senior Championship title as a result of their hard earned 3-2 to 2-2 win over the East Cork Selection (holders) in their first ever final at the Douglas Grounds, where Mauna Hayes, K. Cashman and N. Dempsey scored for the "Rockies" while Ms. N. Duggan scored for East Cork. The teams were - Blackrock: P. Warren, M. Delea (Capt), K. Cashman, M. Cashman, Maide Hayes, T. Healy, N. Dempsey, Mauna Hayes, E. O'Shea, E. O'Leary, M. Honnebery, E. O'Shea, East Cork: R. Coleman, M. Walsh, M. Aherne, N. Duggan (Capt), K. Barry, E.

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LADIES HONOURED WITH EIRCELL MONTHLY AWARDS

There was a double celebration at Croke Park on the 9 November, when Eircell honoured Linda Mellerick (Cork) in Camogie and Aine Wall (Waterford) in Ladies Gaelic Football with an Eircell All Stars Players of the Month Award.

Both ladies were presented with their Awards at a special luncheon by Joe McDonagh, President of the GAA and Stephen Brewer, Chief Executive, Eircell.

Linda Mellerick finished off another great game in the season with Cork's victory in the All-Ireland Senior Final. With Waterford's win over Monaghan in the replay of this year's All-Ireland Ladies Football Final, Aine Wall who plays with the Ballymacarbery Club brought her collection of Senior All-Ireland medals to five.

Speaking at the lunch, Stephen Brewer, Eircell said, "Eircell are delighted that the Selection Committee have honoured the ladies this month. Ladies Gaelic Games are growing in popularity and this month's winners, Linda Mellerick and Aine Wall are very worthy winners indeed."

Linda Mellerick is the second Cork player to be honoured in the Eircell GAA All Stars Player of the Month Awards. Brian Corcoran received Player of the Month in May for his performance on the Cork hurling team.

Meanwhile, Aine Wall is the third winner of an Award from Waterford. Both Stephen Frampton and Tony Browne received their Awards in June and July respectively.

EIRCELL GAA ALL STARS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARDS OCTOBER 1998

Linda Mellerick (Cork) Camogie,

After playing with St Patricks School in Cork, Linda graduated to minor ranks with Cork, then to junior and inevitably to senior competition with the county. She is now one of Cork's

longest serving players. Linda captained Cork to their All-Ireland Senior Championships in 1993 and 1997 and was also the Captain of her club, Glen Rovers when the Club won it's historic Senior Championship in Cork Camogie.

She now holds All-Ireland Senior, Junior, Minor and College All-Ireland medals as well as Senior National League medals and has won interprovincial medals with Munster.

Aine Wall (Waterford) Ladies Gaelic Football

Aine Wall, who made her senior debut with Waterford in 1987, is one of the county's most prolific scorers. After beginning her inter-county career at corner forward she then moved out to the wing but has since settled down at full forward.

In 1993 she captained Ballymacarbery to the All-Ireland Club Championship title and in addition to her five All-Ireland Senior medals, she also holds three National League medals, five medals in seven a side championships and holds seven All Stars Awards.



The Eircell All-Star Players of the Month for October, Linda Mellerick, Camogie, Cork and Aine Wall, ladies football, Waterford

St. Mary's earn replay

St. Mary's C.M.S.,
Nenagh 1-4,
St. Patrick's C.S.,
Shannon 2-1

St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh junior camogie team staged a fine second half come back to earn an exciting draw with St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon in a Munster quarter-final clash in Nenagh.

St. Mary's appeared in big trouble when they trailed by 2-1 to 0-1 at half time. However, the Nenagh students dug deep in the

second half and a goal from Marie McCarthy in the final five minutes earned St. Mary's a deserved draw.

St. Mary's C.M.S.: Emma Dunlea, Carmel Ryan, Siobhan O'Doherty, Bridin Hackett, Michelle Slattery (Capt.), Orla McDonagh, Grainne Gleeson, Jenny Ryan, Mary Coughlan, Aileen Forde (0-4, 2 frees), Marie McCarthy (1-0), Margaret Hogan.

Subs used: Aine Mulcahy, Louisa Duff, Dawn Ryan.

Greyhound racing



Liam Harte (ACC, sponsors) with the trophy for the feature event at the Cork Camogie Board benefit meeting at Cork tomorrow night. Also included are Cork track manager Noel Holland and Cork camogie stars Eithne Duggan (captain), Irene O'Keeffe and Cora Keohane.

Picture: Eddie O'Riordan

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Bernie Chawke (centre) pictured with her four nieces, Catherine and Laura Lesley, Marie O'Brien and Jean Cullinane, after they had all assisted Granagh/Ballingarry camogie team to win the All Ireland Inter-Club Championship Final. They are proudly holding the Bill Carroll Cup.

Junior League, Offaly 5-4, Tipperary 4-6. Tipperary travelled to Rath, Co. Offaly on Sunday to play the home side in the second round of the National Junior League. Tipperary had one win under their belt over Limerick, and a win over Offaly would put them in a strong position.

Offaly seemed to settle more quickly and had 1-1 on the score board before Tipperary had their first point from Joan Stakelum. Alice Deane and Norma Coffey added a goal and a point.

However, with twenty minutes of the first half gone, Offaly hit a purple patch, and with the aid of poor defending, added four goals before the interval.

Trailing by 12 points, Tipp had it all to do, and after five minutes the deficit was reduced to nine points by a Muireann O'Donoghue goal. This was the first of Tipperary's three second half goals, and in fact, Tipp were by far the better side in the second half and scored 3-4 to Offaly's 0-2.

However, time ran out for the Tipp girls and Offaly shaded it by one point. This was a very poor first half performance by Tipperary, but when they got it together they really pressed Offaly all the way and were unfortunate not to have shared the points.

Tipperary: Louise Ryan, Siobhan Doran, Tess Bourke, Jane Ryan, Maeve Corcoran 1-0, Mary Looby, Niamh Connolly, Alice Deane 1-1, Angela McDermott, Norma Coffey 1-3, Siobhan Ryan, Philomena Fogarty, Sara Stapleton, Joan Stakelum 0-1, Muireann O'Donoghue 1-0. Subs: Grainne Shanahan 0-1 for Angela McDermott.

MILFORD

CAMOGIE CLUB

Milford Junior B Camogie team travelled to the Nemo Rangers G.A.A. pitch on Sunday to play Barrynoe in the County Final. Our girls started well with Lelia Long, our captain dominating at midfield and Siobhan Lenihan in fine shooting form scoring five points.

Regina Curtin scored a point from play. We were leading 0-6 to 0-1 at half-time.

Milford kept the pressure up at the start of the second half with further points from Lelia Long and Siobhan Lenihan. Barrynoe came back into the game scoring few points in succession. At this stage the score was Milford 8 points, Barrynoe 5 points. Barrynoe continued the pressure, culminating in a great goal from play. Milford were in trouble at this stage, but Lelia rallied her troops once again and a good ball in by Marie Watson was steered to the net by Siobhan Lenihan. With Marie Watson now at midfield and Lelia dominating at centre back, Milford finished in style with a goal by Eimear O'Friel.

This was a prize performance from a very young team with everyone playing their part.

Amid great scenes of jubilation, Lelia Long was presented with the cup by Sheila Golden of the Camogie Board. Lelia in her speech thanked all the players for their commitment and paid special tribute to Anna Watson for the tremendous amount of work in preparing the team. She thanked Barrynoe for the very sporting game, the match referee and officials. Finally, she thanked the supporters who travelled to the game. This has been a brilliant year for Milford Camogie Club, winning three County Finals and the prospect of an Under 16 Title

is still on the cards.

Team: B. Geary, C. O'Gorman, A. Dillon, N. O'Riordan, E. Savage, D. Hayes, L. Long (0-1), D. O'Reilly, E. O'Friel (1-0), S. Linchan (1-7), R. Curtin (0-1) and M. Watson. Subs: S. Linehan (used), C. Kirwin, E. Linehan, I. Sexton, S. O'Reilly, N. Curtin and A. M. Curtin.

MILFORD PLAYERS MEETING

All players are requested to attend a players meeting in the Hall on Saturday night November 28th at 8.15pm to be introduced to the new player coach. A full attendance is requested.

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When Granagh-Ballingarry of Limerick recently won the All-Ireland Club Camogie title, their players were mostly from the under-21 ranks. There was one notable exception...star defender Bernie Chawke won an All-Ireland senior medal with Ballyragan in 1978! And Bernie had plenty of reason to celebrate the recent win over St. Vincents... her husband Mick is the team's coach while three of her nieces, Jean Cullinane, Laura Leslie and substitute Marie O'Brien also played notable parts in the victory. Marie O'Brien is a daughter of Jim O'Brien who won an All-Ireland SH medal with Limerick in 1973 when he was a team colleague of Eamon Cregan's. Eamon's daughter Niamh was on the St. Vincents team in the recent final. One of the brightest stars on the winning team was Eileen O'Brien who scored 0-11 against the Dublin girls and who emerged as the top scorer in the championship... Eileen is just 16 years of age! The game marked the end of an era; henceforth there will be 15 players on championship teams rather than 12.

There was a new name on the list of referees for the 3rd round of National League fixtures played two weeks ago. Derry's Mickey Convery took charge of the game between Donegal and Cork at Ballybofey.



Lelia Long, captain of Milford Junior B team, receiving the cup from Sheila Golden, Cathaoirleach of the Cork County Board.

St. Mary's face Templemore

St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh play their Munster schools senior camogie championship second round tie with Our Lady's, Templemore on today (Wednesday).

The game is a repeat of last year's semi-final when the Templemore students emerged victorious, but hopes are high that the Nenagh side can gain revenge.

The team's form is good going into the game. St. Mary's have defeated Scariff in a recent senior league clash and overcame another Clare side Shannon Comprehensive in a challenge game last week.

The St. Mary's team will be selected from the following panel: Amy Kissane, Emer Guilfoyle, Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Niamh Hogan, Siobhan McCarthy, Emer McDonnell, Denise Ryan, Sinead Gaynor, Aileen Forde, Marie McCarthy, Carmel Ryan, Siobhan O'Brien, Karen O'Brien, Michelle Slattery, Deirdre Troy, Deirdre Kyne and Eileen Ryan.

The winners of this game will play either St. Mary's, Charleville or the winners of the Shannon V Scariff clash.

St. Mary's are fortunate to be able to call upon the services of a number of their excellent junior side of two years ago, so coach Ger Dullea is hopeful his charges can produce a good display.

Meanwhile, St. Mary's junior side play Shannon in the Munster quarter-final on Monday next, November 23rd in Nenagh.

MUNSTER SCHOOLS SENIOR CAMOGIE SEMI-FINAL:

Super St. Mary's reach Munster final

ST. MARY'S C.M.S., NENAGH 4-9;
OUR LADY'S, TEMPLEMORE 2-4

St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh booked their place in the Munster schools senior camogie championship final with a well deserved eleven point victory over Our Lady's, Templemore in Templemore on Wednesday last.



St. Mary's Secondary School senior camogie team that has qualified for the Munster final. Front: Deirdre Kyne, Denise Ryan, Deirdre McDonnell, Anna Woods, Eimer Guilfoyle, capt, Eimer McDonnell, Deirdre Troy, Marie McCarthy, Karen O'Brien. Back: Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Amy Kissane, Eileen Ryan, Siobhan O'Brien, Aileen Forde, Carmel Ryan, Niamh Hogan, Ger Dullea (coach).

Sharpshooter Emer McDonnell was in terrific form for the Nenagh girls finishing with a splendid personal tally of 1-7.

The Nenagh students got off to a terrific start and led by 1-6 to 1-0 at half-time. All of the St. Mary's first half scores came from Emer McDonnell.

Our Lady's, Templemore fought bravely in the second half to get back into contention, but two well-taken goals by Denise Ryan helped St. Mary's run out convincing winners.

The Nenagh students now advance to the provincial final on Saturday February 6th, '99 where great rivals Charleville seem likely opponents.

St. Mary's opened brightly and took the game to their opponents from the outset. Emer McDonnell was in brilliant form striking over five points without reply in the opening quarter. Templemore came right back into contention with a goal from Linda Grogan in the 22nd minute.

However, the Nenagh students finished the half on the ascendancy with two further points from Emer McDonnell

and a fine goal from the same player.

DETERMINED FASHION
St. Mary's led by 1-6 to 1-0 at half-time, but Our Lady's began the second period in determined fashion and three pointed thirties brought them to within three points of their opponents. Indeed, the Templemore side could well have been on level terms but for a tremendous save by St. Mary's goalkeeper, Amy Kissane.

Denise Ryan helped ease Nenagh nerves with two well taken goals and a further goal and a point from Siobhan McCarthy helped St. Mary's into a very comfortable lead. Emer McDonnell then added another point for the Nenagh side, before Templemore substitute Claire Grogan had a consolation goal for her side.

It was an excellent performance by the Nenagh side with each of the thirteen players involved contributing handsomely to the victory.

St. Mary's had excellent performances from Emer McDonnell, ace forward, Denise Ryan and Siobhan

McCarthy; Amy Kissane, Sheena Howard and Mary Rose Ryan in defence; Anna Woods overcame injury to turn in a fine performance at midfield where she was ably-assisted by Deirdre McDonnell, a twin sister of Emer's.

SCORERS AND TEAMS
St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh: Amy Kissane, Emer Guilfoyle (Capt.), Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Niamh Hogan, Siobhan McCarthy (1-1), Emer McDonnell (1-7, 3 frees, 1 '30), Denise Ryan (2-0), Sinead Gaynor.

Sub used: Aileen Forde.
Our Lady's, Templemore: Michelle Purcell, Niamh Harkins, Sarah Ryan, Siobhan Burke, Geraldine McGrath, Genevieve Rowland, Lorraine Burke, Norma Maher, Deirdre Delaney, Linda Grogan (1-4, 3 '30's), Noelle Bergin.

Sub used: Claire Grogan (1-0).
Referee: Biddy Phillips (Thurles)

Both schools would like to thank referee Biddy Phillips for her efficient handling of the game.

Courcey girls take the league

COURCEY Rovers and Valley Rovers met in the Carrighoun Under 17 Camogie League Final at Ballinspittle on Sunday morning last with the Courceys lifting the title on a 2-13 to 4-3 scoreline.

The Courceys should be very grateful to Rachel Moloney as she contributed all her sides scores in this eagerly contested final. Courceys had the better of the opening half to lead at the interval by 0-5 to 0-1 and two minutes into the second half had raced into an eight point lead.

But the Valleys fought back in great style and by the 5th. minute had reduced the deficit to two points following two Sarah Donovan goals.

Courceys pulled away again and raced into an eight point lead once more at the three quarter stage.

But credit the Innishannon side who kept battling away and were rewarded with two late goals by Elaine Burke but it was too little too late and the Moloney inspired Courcey side held on.

Barryroe's title

BARRYROE'S superb defensive display made the difference as they were crowned Cork County Senior B camogie champions by defeating St Finbarrs 1-7 to 0-6 at Redmonds Grounds yesterday.

Cork minor Rosarie Holland was later named Player of the Match to round off a memorable year for the club who are only in their second year in the Senior B grade.

Scores: Barryroe: J O'Leary 0-4 (2 frees, 1 '30), G Collins 0-3 (two frees), E McCarthy 1-0.
St. Finbarrs: D O'Sullivan 0-2, B Maher, M McCarthy, C O'Mahony (free), C Kirby 0-1.
BARRYROE: C Keohane; A Sheehy, P O'Leary, R Holland, L McCarthy; K McCarthy, D Walsh, E O'Regan, E McCarthy; J O'Leary, J Collins, J Cahalane (capt).
ST FINBARRS: M O'Sullivan; C Barry (capt), O O'Sullivan, C O'Neil; L O'Connell, C O'Mahony, C Kirby, J Duff, E Clifford; R Myers, J Brown, C Kirby. Subs: M McCarthy for E Clifford, B Maher for J Duff.

Camogie club hits the big time

BARRYROE Camogie Club was formed back in 1985 but the going was tough in the early years.

According to founder member Mae Whelton, "we used to come home well beaten but the girls never got disheartened. I remember when the club was founded the then Camogie County Board chairperson Mary O'Callaghan, now deceased, told us it would take five or six years before we won anything."

Eventually a county junior B title came the way of the

light blues and then followed honours at junior A level as well as the intermediate grade before last Sunday's county senior B final triumph over St Finbarr's put Barryroe into the A grade and up with the best next season.

"Last Sunday's game was on and off and we didn't know where it was going to be played," stated Mae.

"At Mass (on Sunday) Fr Hurlley read out a notice for the team to assemble at the Creamery Cross at 10.30 for

a mystery tour. Eventually the final went ahead at Redmond's grounds and it was a terrific.

"We had to defend desperately in the last 10 minutes against a very good Barr's side. We managed to hold onto our lead and there were great celebrations afterwards."

And well deserved they were, too.

Hopefully next year we'll be hearing a lot more about the club's exploits at senior A level.

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Bord na Gaeilge

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The Camogie Association recently launched a development plan for the future in Croke Park. This report examines the whole scope of the Association and aims to bring it into the new millennium as a stronger and more vibrant body.

The Development Committee addressed three questions

1. Where are we now?
2. Where do we want to go?
3. How do we get there?

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Association's most valuable resource is its membership and only a totally inclusive process will ensure that the membership takes ownership of the plan, helps it to take on a life of its own and provides the energy which the written document requires if it is to become a reality. To this end, the Development embarked on a nationwide campaign to elicit the views of as wide range of camogie people as possible.

The nature of the consultation process ensured that a lot of discussion took place on a wide variety of issues. The Committee identified the main themes and key issues which emerged from the analysis and the results, although to some extent impressionistic rather than a mathematical or scientific analysis, are presented in a way which it is hoped fully captures the mood and flavour of the participants views.

The Committee used the S.W.O.T. analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) management tool to



Action from the All-Ireland junior camogie final between Galway and Tipperary



The players and match officials are introduced to An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern before the All-Ireland senior final

give the consultation process and, in particular, the meetings some focus.

The Development Trust Committee proposes that priority be given to the following aspects of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael in planning strategically for the future. Structures and Organisation, Games, Coaching, Refereeing, Publicity and Sponsorship

The report contains many recommendations in relation to the improvement and development of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. This is no way to detract from the outstanding work carried out on an on-going basis by the dedicated members of the Association. This was very evident of the Committee members as demonstrated in the level of co-operation received and the quality of submissions presented during the consultation process with all levels of the association. The committee wished to record its appreciation to all who contributed to the formulation of this report.

It is recognised that the recommendations contained in the Report can only be implemented on a phased basis and, consequently, the membership will have to prioritise and adopt a time framework. It is considered important, therefore, that the residential workshop and open forum process be put in place at an early date.

The committee wishes to record its appreciation of the support and assistance received from Ardchomhairle, from Síle de Bhailis, Ardrúnaí, and from Jo Nic Uaildrich, Cisteoir.

Tipp and Cork final winds up season

THE last inter-county camogie competition for 1998 will be decided tomorrow when Cork and Tipperary meet in the Munster Intermediate Championship final at Redmonds GAA grounds.

The competition is run on a separate basis to the All-Ireland series and any player who holds a Munster Intermediate Championship medal is ineligible to play.

As a result of winning the 1997 championship, Cork have been forced to field a new team this season.

They recorded a superb victory over Limerick in the semi-final and will go

into the decider in a determined and confident mood.

The introduction of several of the victorious All-Ireland winning minor team will be seen as a step in the right direction, giving the youngsters valuable experience at adult level.

However, they face a tough task when they take on a Tipperary side who last won the Munster Intermediate Championship in 1993 and therefore will be fielding a well established side who have been together for a number of years.

The team reached the All Ireland

Junior Championship final and were narrowly defeated by Galway.

They are captained by Alice Deane and the side also contains Angela McDermott, who was a member of the Cork Junior Panel last season and who also won a county senior championship medal with Bishopstown in 1997. However, this season she has transferred her allegiance back to her native club and county.

The inclusion also of Philomena Fogarty and Siobhan Ryan make them a formidable obstacle for the Leesiders.

However, with the possibility of this

being the last inter-county game under the 12 aside format, both counties will be anxious to take the title.

On the Cork front Kilbrittain play host to St. Catherine's in the U-16B Championship final, while the U18 championship gets underway with Youghal travelling to Kildorrery and Ballinhassig making the journey to Bishopstown.

● Camogie followers are reminded that the Cork Senior Camogie team are holding a benefit meeting at the Cork Greyhound Stadium tonight starting at 8pm.

Cork finish season with another victory

Cork	0-12
Tipperary	1-6

CORK rounded off their Inter County season on a high note when they took the Maura Ni Ceallachain trophy for the third year in a row with a superb victory in the Intermediate Camogie Championship final at Mayfield yesterday.

Having lost out in the Intermediate All Ireland final earlier in the year, Cork were determined to make amends and they opened proceedings with points from Sheila Morley and Una O'Donoghue in the first and fifth minute.

Tipperary took the lead six minutes into the game when Siobhan Ryan sent a close in free to the net. The same player pointed one minute later to stretch the Tipperary lead, however, Cork responded with Rachel Moloney converting a free and with three points from Sarah Hayes and Orla O'Sullivan they opened up a two point lead.

Siobhan Ryan converted a Tipperary free on the stroke of half time to leave the visi-

tors trailing 0-6 to 1-2 at the interval.

The holders showed their determination in the second half from the throw in and with two Rachel Moloney points by the 16th minute they held a 0-10 to 1-3 lead but a lapse in concentration allowed Tipperary to take over with captain Alice Deane and Joanne Ryan coming more into the game.

Tipperary did have a close in free which the Cork girls blocked and freed and with it came the final whistle and the title for Cork to round off a superb year on the inter county scene where they have annexed two All Ireland titles, three Munster Championships and one National League title.

Score: Cork: R Moloney 0-6 (3 F), O O'Sullivan 0-3, S Hayes, U O'Donoghue, S Moloney 0-1. Tipperary: S Ryan 1-4 (1-3 F), J Ryan, S Cusack 0-1 (free).

CORK: G Casey, S Buckley, C Giltinan, J Hannon, H Walsh, A Buckley, S Morley (Capt.), M Corkery, R Moloney, O O'Sullivan, U O'Donoghue, S Hayes. Subs: G Collins for M Corkery, K Foley for R Moloney.

TIPPERARY: L Ryan, P Fogarty, T Burke, S Cusack, N Connelly, A McDermott, J Ryan, A Deane, N Coffey, S Ryan, G Shannon, J Stakelum.

Referee: O Murphy (Clare).

Through to camogie final

A place in the U 16 final was at stake when the Kilbrittain-Timoleague girls and St. Catherine's met in Bandon on Saturday last. The Conna girls had the breeze and sun in the first half, but it was the Black and Amber girls who made the better start and dominated the early exchanges. Julie O'Regan had a goal and a point, Aidel Foley followed with a similar brace of scores and Julie O'Regan finished the half with a point to let the half time score 2-3 to 0-2 in favour of Kilbrittain. With the elements in their favour the local girls were expected to consolidate their position but St. Catherine's started the livelier and indeed for most of the second half the Kilbrittain backs were under pressure. Michelle Hayes had to make some good clearances while Ellen O'Donovan, Elaine Sexton and Aidel Foley had to play good camogie to keep their advantage. One point for Catherine was the total scoring in the second half and it will be some weeks before the final will be played. Team: M. Hayes, A. O'Rourke, T. Moloney, E. O'Sullivan, E. O'Donovan, M. O'Sullivan, E. Murphy, E. Sexton, J. O'Regan, A. Foley, C. Deasy, M. Fullam, J. Harrington, R. Ahern. Subs: M. O'Brien, N. O'Mahony, E. O'Regan.



Niamh Bonar who was conferred recently with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Hons) at the National University of Ireland, Galway. Niamh is a daughter of Eileen and Pat Bonar Dromin Road, Nenagh.



The sky was the limit as these players including Jean Cullinane (6), Granagh/Ballingarry, looked up in search of the sliothar during the All Ireland Camogie Final, in Ballingarry.

Canovee - Cloughduv

DURING the late 1970's the parish of Kilmurry was without an active camogie club for the first time in many years. The fame of Canovee was long since past and the only connection between the founding of Cloughduv Camogie Club and the Canovee intermediate team of 1973 was Anne Barry Murphy, who was a sub on that team. The first meeting of Cloughduv Camogie Club was held on 17th December, 1981, in Barry Murphy's of Coolmakee and the historic meeting was attended by Mary O'Sullivan, Carrigadrohid, Geraldine Lynch, Knocknahiland, Bridgit O'Sullivan and Garry O'Sullivan, Rathcullen, Catherine Kenneally, Inchirahilly, Mary Cooper, Knockshanovee, Kay O'Leary, Cloughduv, Denis Carroll, Cloughduv, John Barry Murphy and Anne Barry Murphy.

Chairperson's tribute to Cork camogie players after inter-

AT the recent Cork camogie convention outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden congratulated the county on the marvellous success at inter-county level during the year.

She had particular praise for the senior and minor team who took All Ireland titles.

Munster honours also came to the county at Under 16, Senior and intermediate grade.

However, she did express concern at the lack people working at administration level and she also claimed that the problem of referees must be addressed.

Outgoing President Mary Moran, who was completing her five year term, complimented all the officers.

She also reminded delegates about the new development plan for camogie which will shortly be coming before the clubs and the county board for their approval.

Glowing tributes were paid to Miss Moran for her contribution.

Tributes were also paid to outgoing secretary Tracey Sheehan from Mayfield Club who did not seek re-election. The board did elect a new secretary when Shirley Maloney Courcey Rovers defeated Annette O'Leary from the Kilbrittain Club.

Amongst the motions passed was one from the Eire Og Club that referees ex-

penses be paid on submission of the referees report for all league and championship games in the senior A, B, Junior A B grades and for championship matches in the Under 18, and under 16A and B grades. And then for league matches at quarter final, semi-final and final stage in the under 18, 16, 14 and 12 grades. The payment is to be administered by the County Board with the amount fixed and reviewed annually at convention.

Camogie fraternity hold convention

OFF the field activities are high on the list of priorities with the camogie fraternity, with the Cork County Convention taking place this evening at the Metro-pole Hotel.

There will be a few changes in the officership for the coming season with outgoing President, Mary Moran, having completed her five year term. She is handing over to Lily O'Sullivan from the Ballincollig club.

Secretary Treacy Sheehan, Mayfield, is also stepping down from her position and we will see a contest between Shirley Maloney (Courcey Rovers) and Annette O'Leary (Kilbrittain) who are both seeking election.

Long-serving Vice Chairperson, Marion McCarthy, St Finbarrs, has also indicated that she is not going forward for the position. However, there is no other nomination on the agenda.

There are 11 motions down for discussion, including one from the Eire Og club who are calling for referees expenses to be paid by the club.

Result: Under 16 B Championship quarter-final replay — Milford 2-4, Eire Og 0-4.

CAMOGIE

Cork (holders) and Galway, who have met in the last three Bord na Gaeilge Senior All-Ireland Finals, will not meet in the decider in 1999.

When the draw was made Cork were paired against Wexford in the Preliminary Round with the winners going on to face Limerick in the quarter-final. In the other quarter-finals Kilkenny travel to face Galway in a repeat of the 1997 All-Ireland semi-final while Tipperary, who were pipped by Galway in last year's All-Ireland semi-final, take on Clare, and Intermediate champions Down are rewarded with a home tie with Dublin.

The draw for the Intermediate Championship is: (a) Clare v Dublin; (b) Armagh v Galway; (c) Cork v Wexford. (d) Antrim v Limerick. Semi-Finals: a v b; c v d.

county wins

The County Board will be re-imbursed by the clubs proportionate to the number of teams registered in the relevant grade.

A motion from the Watergrasshill club that divisional boards be set up was defeated after a lengthy discussion.

Officers elected: President Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; Chairperson Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Vice Chairperson Marion McCarthy, St. Finbarrs; Secretary Shirley Maloney, Courcey Rovers; Treas. Mary McSwiney, Bandon; Registrar Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; PRO Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers.



The now famous Keohane sisters from Lislevane, have done the Barryroe Camogie Club proud, playing at all levels from u-14 to Cork senior rank. From left standing: Claire, Cora (Cork goalkeeper, All Ireland medallist), Sharon and Jane. Front from left: Helen, Nicola and Fiona.

Community College Sports News:

Camogie: Roscrea Community College 14-7 - Borrisokane Community College 1-2: After capturing the senior cup last week, it was the turn of our Juniors to have a try. The game started with Roscrea coming out with all guns blazing. Jeanette Feighery scored the first point of the game which settled the girls down. After this Roscrea got their own way with early goals coming from Caroline Crean and Bronwyn Keeshan. The Roscrea girls were dominant all through the match. At half time Roscrea defence had stopped Borrisokane from scoring anything. Great defensive work from Katriona Ryan and Aisling Minogue meant Borrisokane only scored three times during the whole match.

The full forward line really gave Borrisokane a roasting, scoring in total 11-2 between them. This match saw a return to last year's form for Catriona Hynes who scored four goals. At corner forward Caroline Crean snatched two early goals and was always dangerous. Goalie, Sinead Feehan had little to do but saved a few shots in the opening ten minutes, while Aoife Parlon and midfielder Margaret Kennedy were sound all through. Though not scoring

Report pitches fair play

A SHORTAGE of GAA playing pitches for 5,000 camogie players in Cork city and hinterland has been highlighted in a major new report.

The Cork Recreational Needs Report commissioned by Cork Corporation and Cork Council highlights the lack of GAA pitches for

camogie players.

The report, compiled by Dublin planning consultants and landscape architects Cunnane Stratton Reynolds, suggests there should be further investigation of the specific needs of women wishing to take part in GAA sports.

"There are some 5,000 camogie players in the

city and county areas with 53 clubs, but only a small number of pitches are allocated specifically for camogie use," the report states.

But the report adds that it's Cork County Camogie Board's priority to immediately get at least one exclusive camogie pitch provided in Cork city's environs.

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GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY CLAIM ALL-IRELAND CLUB CROWN

Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick, secured the All-Ireland Club Championship crown when they defeated a gallant St. Vincents, Dublin, side in the final played at Ballingarry. This was the last final of 1998 and the last one to be played twelve aside on the small pitch until the year 2000, when the Association will either continue with next year's test series of fifteen players aside on the full size pitch or revert back to the twelve aside system.

Granagh/Ballingarry claimed the Munster title for the past three years with a team that only showed one change during that period. Their defeats numbered just two: the All-Ireland final of 1996 and last year's semi-final.

St Vincents, appearing in their first final were slow to get off the mark and Granagh had eight points on the scoreboard before Denise O'Leary got St Vincents first score, a point on the 16th minute. The killer blow came when Ida Quaid rattled Vincent's net just before the break to give Granagh a cushion of 1-12 to 0-2.

Granagh star Eileen O'Brien was responsible for seven points in the first half and a total of eleven in all.

On the resumption the Leinster Club came more to grips with the game with Denise O'Leary giving a star performance. Her goal on the 20th minute reduced the deficit to nine points 1-15 to 1-6, and despite getting the better of their opponents on the scoreboard in this half, the first half deficit was too great to overcome.

Final score: Granagh/Ballingarry 1-19

St Vincents 1-8

There were jubilant scenes as captain Vera Sheehan

hoisted the Bill Carroll Cup. Scorers: Granagh/Ballingarry - Eileen O'Brien 0-11, Ida Quaid 1-1, Mary O'Connor 0-3, Deirdre Sheehan 0-2, Jean Cullinane and Vera Sheehan 0-1 each.

St Vincents - Denise O'Leary 1-6, Louise Lynch and Denise Lynch 0-1 each.

Granagh- Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Patricia McKenna, Bernie Chawe, Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien, Mary O'Connor, Vera Sheehan (Capt.), Ida Quaid. Subs - Maureen Sheehan for P McKenna, Marie O'Brien for L Leslie, Shiela Treacy for I Quaid.

St Vincents - Mary Regan, Patsy Murphy, Niamh Cregan, Patricia Clinton, Germaine Noonan (Capt), Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary, Roisin Brady, Louise Lynch, Adrienne McGovern, Denise Smith, Emer Brannigan. Subs - Sonya Byrne for R Brady, Elizabeth Buckley for U Hannon, Aoife Cullen for P Murphy.

Referee: Biddy Phillips (Tipperary)

Kilmessan, Meath won the Milk Cup Tournament for the first time, defeating the holders St Laurence's Kildare 1-6 to 1-3 in the final played at Kilmessan.

The game was excellent, despite the underfoot conditions. The score at half time: Kilmessan 1-3 St Laurences 1-1.

Scorers: Kilmessan - Anne Marie Dennihey 1-4, Sinead Browne and Jackie Boland 0-1 each.

St Laurences - Ciara Tallon 1-0, Aisling Treacy 0-2, Reiltin Treacy 0-1.

Kilmessan - Susan Mulligan, Vonnice O'Neill, Breda Dennihey, Ann Marie Dennihey, Karen Ward, Aileen Donnelly, Frances Lynch, Ann Gorman, Lisa Tyrell, Jackie Boland, Alison Lynch, Sinead Brown. Sub - Margaret Stephens for A Lynch

St Laurences - Dolores Browne, Liz O'Donoghue-Byrne, Melaine Treacy, Ruth Treacy, Roxanne Treacy, Reiltin Treacy, Aisling Treacy, Elaine Miley, Ciara Talon, Naoimhi Treacy, Kate Treacy, Suzanne Keatley. Sub - Patricia Aspel for K Treacy.

Referee - Patrick Reynolds (Louth)

Player of the Match: Jackie Boland, Kilmessan



Kilmessan of Meath, winners of the Milk Cup Tournament



MARY CAREY (Lady Captain, Gort Golf Club) presenting her Junior Captains Prize to the winner Elaine Kerins. On left is Nuala Spelman (Club President).

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The Camogie Association celebrate its Centenary in 2004 and preparations have already begun. A special committee is being set up to plan for this historic event.

All units are in the process of bringing its history up-to-date with the view to having the Association's history complete by then.

A Development Committee was set up and have already proposed radical changes to bring Ireland's largest sporting organisation for ladies into the 21st century.

Camogie is an exciting, fast and skillful game. 'The Riverdance of Sport' with a potential to attract many more players and supporters.

The changes recommended by the Development Committee will enhance the appeal of the game, strengthen its organisational structure and turn the focus towards future growth and development.

While it may be argued that change is needed, the Association must be careful not to lose sight of its identity. Next year's test series will give an indication as to whether the fifteen players aside on the full pitch will be successful or not.

The All-Ireland Colleges' Convention was held recently. All Officers were returned unopposed:

President: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Secretary: Mary Moran, Cork.

Treasurer: Lily Spence, Antrim.

The following All-Ireland draws and dates were decided:

Senior A & B Championship semi-finals: Munster v Ulster at Munster venue and Leinster v Connacht at Leinster venue. Both on March 13th, 1999 with the finals on April 17th, 1999.

Junior A & B Championship semi-finals: March 6th 1999, Ulster v Munster at Munster venue and Connacht v Leinster at Connacht venue. Finals on March 20th, 1999.

The All-Ireland Sevens will be held in Dublin on May 8th, 1999.

Down secured the Ulster Senior Championship title with a 3-10 to 2-7 win over Derry. The Oak Leaf county opened the scoring after two minutes of play with a goal by Aileen Tohill. Down came to grips with the game and a great move by Valerie Hynds and Majella Murray resulted in a goal by Cathy Mulholland. A further goal for Derry by Bronagh Birt came on the twenty-first minute but Down had the last say of the half when Cathy Mulholland had her second goal. Half-time score: Down 2-4 Derry 2-3

The second-half was score for score and by the fifteenth minute the sides were level. Down's Mairin McAleenan picked off some lovely scores from frees (1-6 in all) while Derry failed to register a score for the remainder of the game.

Scorers - Down: Mairin McAleenan (1-6), Cathy Mulholland (2-0), Deirdre Savage, Valerie Hynds, Joan Henderson and Claire McGrath (0-1) each.

Derry: Martina Mulholland (0-5), Aileen Tohill and Bronagh Birt (1-0) each, Shauna McCaul and Mary O'Kane (0-1) each.

Down - Teresa McGowan, Donna Greenan, Nuala Magee, Pauline Green, Colleen Hynds (capt), Mairin McAleenan, Valerie Hynds, Jennifer Braniff, Majella Murray, Joan Henderson, Cathy Mulholland. Subs - Claire McGrath for J. Henderson, Ciara Cunningham for Majella Murray.

Derry - Aileen Crilly, Grainne Maguire, Rhonda Doherty, Siobhan Convery (capt), Claire Doherty, Shauna McCaul, Roisin McCloskey, Martina Mulholland, Claire McNicholl, Mary

O'Kane, Bronagh Birt, Aileen Tohill. Subs - Claire Scullion for R. Doherty, Kathy McDonnell for S. McCaul.
Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.
Player of the Match: Mary O'Kane, Derry.

Derry collected the Ulster U-18 title with a comfortable victory over Cavan. Captain Paula McAtamney shot a first half goal and then sent over seven points. Tracey McErlean also netted before the break to give Derry a 2-7 to 0-1 lead.

Final score: Derry 3-12 Cavan 0-2.

Scorers - Derry: Paula McAtamney (1-7), Tracey McErlean (2-0), Aisling Keeley (0-2), Bernice McLoughlin, Aisling Grougan and Ailish McPeake (0-1) each.

Cavan - Nicola Clegg and Sinead Duffy (0-1) each.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS

Cavan 3-6

Monaghan 1-4

Scorers Cavan - Olive Scorr and Patricia McKenna (1-1) each.

Brid Dolan (1-0), Eimear Brennan (0-3), Rosie Mulligan (0-1).

Monaghan - Aine McKenna (1-1), Rosie Merrie (0-3).

Clare 2-6

Limerick 1-6

Galway 4-7

Offaly 1-8

We now take a break until the New Year. I wish all readers of 'Camogie World' a very happy Christmas and a world of thanks to the Editor and staff of Hogan Stand for the space afforded us during the year.



1998 will be remembered as the year the Camogie Association moved forward. Players such as Veronica Curtin can look forward to an even higher profile in 1999

St. Pat's no match

St. Mary's, Charleville4-13
St. Patrick's, Shannon0-5

ALL-IRELAND champions of the past three seasons, St. Mary's of Charleville proved much too strong for the Clare representatives in last week's Munster Colleges senior camogie championship.

St. Patrick's always knew they were up against it and must have feared a right pasting when they trailed the defending champions by 2-7 to 0-2 at half time.

The Shannon school battled on gamely even in the knowledge that they hadn't the remotest chance of clawing back the leeway. Indeed, it was a game in which they failed to score from play with Laura Linnane and Claire McMahon their point scorers from frees.

They had their best players in Grace Wallace, Nicole O'Meara, Lorna Hogan, Sinead Twomey, Laura Linnane and Margaret Long.

ST. PATRICK'S: Sharon Coleman, Grace Wallace, capt., Nicole O'Meara, Maria Hehir, Caitriona Foley, Sinead Twomey, Lorna Hogan, Siobhan Kelly, Laura Linnane (0-3f), Marie McKeogh, Claire McMahon (0-2f) and Margaret Long.

Subs: Audrey Shanahan for Hehir; Kerrie Brennan for McMahon and Leanne McKenna for Kelly.

CAMOGIE - St. Brigid's camogie club players helped Kilkenny win the Leinster senior camogie final when they beat Dublin by 3-7 to 1-5.

They were Tracey Millea, Margaret Comerford and Sinead Millea.



Canovee Intermediate camogie players who were County Champions in 1973 were honoured at Canovee/Cloughduv GAA Social at the Auld Triangle, Macroom.

O'Callaghan and Dillon celebrate magnificent year

by Diarmuid O'Flynn

SOME achievements often go unnoticed solely because they are earned in minority sports. Such was the case this year for Joanne O'Callaghan and Emer Dillon.

Joanne and Emer are two young girls of rich sporting talent. This year, they were both on the Cork minor camogie side that won Munster and All-Ireland glory. Both played a major role in bringing that particular title to Cork for the first time since 1983. By itself, a praiseworthy achievement.

But the girls' sporting heroics don't stop there. Recently, in Kilkenny, they both again played starring roles, as the Munster under-16 hockey team won the inter-provincial

championship. As a result of their performances in that series, the two girls are now on the Irish under-16 panel that goes into training shortly for the international season, and last Saturday, made the cut as that panel was reduced from 26 to 22.

Joanne plays her club camogie with famed Cloughduv, and her hockey with Christ the King School, while Emer lines out with Ballygarvan in camogie and Mount Mercy in hockey.

Both are just 15 years old, both have numerous county medals with their club sides, and both also play at senior level — Joanne with her club, Emer with Carrighoun, the divisional side.

Magnificent achievements by two very talented girls. Joanne O'Callaghan, Emer Dillon. Watch out for those names.



Joanne O'Callaghan (left) with Emer Dillon at the recent hockey inter-pros in Kilkenny.

Coen new Galway senior camogie team manager after defeating Ward

FORMER Mullagh goalkeeper Tommy Coen has been elected the new manager of the Galway senior camogie team — he defeated the outgoing team boss Tony Ward at the County Board's annual convention in Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe last Sunday.

There was a three way battle for the post with Coen, associated with Shamrocks Club, polling 30 votes on the first count, three ahead of Ward with Ballinderreen's Billy Carr trailing with just six votes. On the second count, Coen had nine votes to spare, 36 to 27.

The new Galway manager, who revealed that Des Coen would be one of his selectors, thanked the delegates who had supported him and expressed the hope that he would be successful. Tony Ward spoke of his disappointment but congratulated Tommy Coen on his victory.

Michael Broderick, who guided Galway to the junior All-Ireland title, was re-elected as intermediate and junior manager, while Collette Walsh was returned as minor team manager for the coming year.

While there were many motions up for discussion, the most significant was that the U-10 and U-12 championship would remain at 12-a-side for the coming year, while all other competitions were to be played at 15-a-side.

All of the outgoing officers were returned unopposed. Life President, Frank O'Grady; Chairman, John Joe Donoghue; Vice-Chairperson, Michael Kennedy; Secretary, Martina

Uniacke; Assistant Secretary, Margaret Dolan; Treasurer, Donal Burke; Assistant Treasurer, Noeleen Cormican; PRO Collette Walsh; Registrar, Martin O Dubhghaill.

Secretary Martina Uniacke gave a detailed and comprehensive report in which she thanked her fellow officers and all the club delegates. She congratulated the Galway junior team on All-Ireland success, she thanked all the local media that helped to promote camogie and finally she thanked her assistant Margaret Dolan in particular for all help and effort.

Treasurer Donal Burke presented a comprehensive financial report, in a year where Galway had two teams in All-Ireland finals and while the Board goes into the New Year in debt, it is only a minor debt compared to other years and with the efforts of everyone the debt should be cleared.

The reports from the various sub-committees were next. Michael Kennedy spoke on behalf of the senior fixtures committee. He highlighted the fact that all senior competitions were completed with the exception of two league finals and the under-18 competition. A total of 215 games were fixed and he thanked the senior fixture members especially Secretary Angela Cooney.

Ann Fahy spoke on behalf of the underage A fixtures. Again all competitions were completed and over 330 underage games were played. Mary Kennedy from Ardrahan gave a report on behalf of the underage B fixtures. She thanked all the clubs involved and all competitions were completed. Noeleen Cormican spoke as Secretary of the Referees Committee. She encouraged more people to get involved in refereeing. She also spoke about the importance of the

Camogie Board securing their own pitch in the near future.

The Chairperson John Joe Donoghue now gave his report and like all the other officers he thanked everyone that helped him in his first year as Chairperson. He thanked the G.A.A. clubs and Board for all their help and co-operation. He congratulated the Galway senior football team on their great year, and while the senior camogie loss to Cork was disappointing the junior win was a big compensation.

County Board Convention

ANOTHER low key convention is expected next Monday night when the County Board gets together for its annual general meeting at the Sacre Coeur Hotel (7 p.m.). Just three motions are on the agenda for discussion, while none of the main officers' posts are being contested. On the finance side, the Board made a profit of almost £8,000, down over £2,000 on the previous year.

Final place for Camogie Team

Portumna Community School qualified for the Connacht Senior Camogie Final with a hard earned victory over St. Brigid's, Loughrea at a windy Kiltoneirion on Thursday last. Playing with the aid of the wind portumna went into a two point lead in the early stages thanks to four points from Lourda Kavanagh. Things looked good for the Community School at this stage when Maria Burke finished a Lourda Kavanagh free to the net. The second quarter saw the spoils divided more evenly until just before half time, after good pressure from the forwards, Lourda Kavanagh found the net.

Portumna

Loughrea stormed into the second half and it took some excellent play by an Ailbhe Kelly led defence to keep their tally to just one point. The Portumna midfield became more dominant with Claire Conroy particularly to the fore and she capped her second half display with a magnificent pointed free from all of seventy yards.

Two further pointed frees from Lourda Kavanagh put Portumna further ahead, but Loughrea were battling hard for scores and Portumna were fortunate to see a great shoot go off the crossbar after the Portumna defence had repelled several attacks. Loughrea got the goal that their second half defence always promised to leave four points between the teams and with that their next score vital it was Loraine Donnelly who sealed victory with a great point from the right wing.

Portumna: Karen Power, Phillipa Coleman, Colette Duffy, Niamh Hanney, Ailbhe Kelly, Dorrine Moran, Claire Conroy, Edel Pierce, Lourda Kavanagh, Lorraine Donnelly, Wendy Donnelly, Maria Burke. Subs: Sarah Moran, Eleanor Roche, Teresa Roche, Helena Hayes.

Pearses complete Co. camogie double

Pearses.....1-13 :: Shamrocks.....2-3

THE Pearses senior camogie team added the County Senior League Cup to the Championship when they defeated Shamrocks in the final played in Duggan Park. This was an excellent game for the time of year and the conditions. Both teams fielded were short regulars, Shamrocks without Dympra and Gretta Maher, while Pearses were without Ann Forde, Louise Curry, Colette Deely and Sharon Glynn whose introduction in the second half had a huge bearing on the game.

Pearses opened the scoring with a fine long range popit from Michelle Glynn, which was followed by two pointed frees from Aine Hillary. With Tracey Laheen and Aishling Ward in excellent form in the Pearses defence, Shamrocks found it difficult to penetrate. A good point from play from Shauna Ward gave Pearses a four point lead heading to half-time, but this was short-lived as the ever dependable Rita Coen shot home a Shamrocks goal to leave Shamrocks a point adrift. However, a free from Aine Hillary gave Pearses a two point lead at half-time.

Playing with the breeze in the second half, Pearses seemed to up the tempo and the introduction of Sharon Glynn gave the Pearses forward line the momentum it required. Orla Kilkenny a constant threat to the Shamrocks defence was fouled and Sharon Glynn pointed the resultant free. Therese Maher replied with two pointed Shamrocks frees to leave two points between the sides again. Pearses now began to pull away. Orla Kilkenny pointed a good individual effort which was followed by a fine point from Mairead Meehan.

Subsequently Orla Kilkenny was fouled and Sharon Glynn blasted the free to the net to register Pearses only goal. The goal seemed to settle Pearses yet again and points from Martina Harkin and Sharon Glynn (three) and another from Aine Hillary, after a fine build up involving Michelle Glynn and Sharon Glynn, closed the Pearses tally at 1-13. Shamrocks did register 1-1 in the final minutes from Therese Maher and a goal from Michelle Maher but it was too little too late.

Shamrocks had good performances from Noreena Healy in goals, Teresa Fallon, Therese Maher and Rita Coen, while Pearses had fine displays from those already mentioned plus Veronica Sweeney, Tricia Burke, Martina Haverty and Aggie Burke. Pearses introduced Eileen Hannon in the second half and her introduction was also important.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT:

Bliainiris dheas snasta fáilte agus Ó Mháire Uí Scoláir duine da choiste eagarthóireachta. Camogie Abú 1998 le réamhrá Fileas Ní Bheislea Uachtarán an Chumainn. Bliainiris 60 leathanach leis an méid céanna altanna atá anseo agus teachtaireacht Ó Uachtarán CLG Seosamh Mac Donnachadha. Ar an bhliain seo chugainn beidh 15 ar na foirne camógaíochta agus tá mol ann fosta go mbeidh níos mó dlúthbhaint acu le CLG cluichí camógaíochta a imirt roimh na cluichí peile agus iomána. Tá an-éagúslacht ábhair ins na iris seo agus an teanga Ghaeilge chun ann. Bronntanas deas don Nollaig £3.95

Dár leitheoirí go léir Nollaig fa shéan as fa mhaise Bliain Úr Shonasaich i 1999.



Beidh Linda Mellerick ag súil leis an bliain iontach a bhí aici i 1998

Sports star for November



Frank Nolan, general manager of the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, presenting the West Cork Sports Star of the Month for November, 1998 to Cork and Barryroe camogie player, Cora Keohane. Also included is Con Downing, *Southern Star*, adjudicator, while Paudie Palmer of County Sound was unavoidably absent for the presentation.



Members of the Cork All-Ireland winning team (back row l-r) Rosarie Holland, Liz Buglar, Jenny O'Leary, Emer Dillon. Front row (l-r): Johanne O'Callaghan, Ciara Healy, Amanda O'Regan, Aine Kelleher, Niamh Bowles.

City club honour All-Ireland minor winning star

Douglas pay tribute to Cork ace

THE year just gone was a first for Douglas Camogie Club on a number of fronts.

Amanda O'Regan helped Cork win the All-Ireland minor title and the club won the county U-16 league and were runners-up in the U-14 league.

Honoured

A function was held at the club pavilion where the successful county minor team and senior captain Eithne Duggan were guests of honour.

The club's two un-

der-age teams received their medals.

Amanda was presented with a framed photo of the Cork minor team by Mary Maher, Chairperson of the camogie club.

Matt Twomey, Chairman of the hurling and football club, also made a presentation to Amanda.

The county minor medals were presented to the Douglas players by Eithne Duggan, while Sheila Golden, Chairperson of the camogie board, presented the U-14 medals.



Matt Twomey, Chairman Douglas H&F Club, making a presentation to Amanda O'Regan, All-Ireland Minor camogie winner with Cork.

CORK RETAIN SENIOR CROWN

Cork secured their 19th All-Ireland title when they got the verdict by four points over Galway in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie championship final, played before an audience of 10,436 in a wet and wind swept Croke Park, on Sunday September 6th.

This was the third successive meeting of the sides. In 1996, Galway made history, winning their first title by two points. Cork got revenge last year by four points. They met in the National League and again four points was the difference in Cork's favour.

The teams were evenly matched and gave a fantastic display of speed, style and skill in the first All-Ireland to be televised live.

Although Cork played with the wind in the first half, Galway were first to score, a point from a free by Colette Nevin followed by an Imelda Hobbins point from play. Cork's very accurate free taker, Lynn Dunlea, had equalised by the 5th minute. Points were exchanged twice before two points by Colette Nevin gave Galway the lead on the 19th minute. This was short-lived as Irene O'Keefe collected a Linda Mellerick pass and sent a sizzling ball to the net. Galway replied immediately with a point by the hard working Therese Maher and from the puck out a Sinead O'Callaghan shot rebounded off the crossbar into the hands of Irene O'Keefe who blasted to the net for her second goal inside of a two minute period. Galway's spirits were not daunted as they again exchanged points, leaving the score at half time Cork 2-7 Galway 0-9.

Cork turned over against a strong wind and Lynn Dunlea added a point from a thirty on the 3rd minute. Galway notched off four points from play to leave just one point separating the sides on the 14th minute. Points were again exchanged on two occasions and Fiona O'Driscoll sent over a point on the 22nd minute to give her side a two point lead. Galway substitute Denise Gilligan gained possession



Cork captain Eithne Duggan receives the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy from Fileas Ni Bhreaslaín

and from ten metres out and only the goalie to beat, sent the sliotar inches wide. Cork notched two more points from frees by Lynn Dunlea and retained the O'Duffy Cup on a scoreline of 2-13 to 0-15.

Scorers: Cork - Lynn Dunlea 0-9, Irene O'Keefe 2-0, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-3, Mary O'Connor 0-1.

Galway - Colette Nevin 0-7, Therese Maher 0-3, Aine Hillary, Sharon Glynn, Anne Forde, Veronica Curtin and Imelda Hobbins 0-1 each.

Cork - Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris, Mags Finn, Ursula Troy, Mary O'Connor, Linda Mellerick, Sinead O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Irene O'Keefe, Lynn Dunlea. Subs - Miriam Deacy for U Troy, Paula O'Connor for M Deacy.

Galway - Louise Curry, Olivia Broderick, Anne Broderick, Tracey Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Therese Maher, Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary, Collette Nevin, Imelda Hobbins, Veronica Curtin, Ann Forde. Sub - Denise Gilligan for V Curtin.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary.

The O'Duffy Cup was presented to captain Eithne Duggan by an t-Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael Fileas Ni Bhreaslaín.

Player of the Match - Irene O'Keefe, Cork.

Not all gloom for Galway

Galway secured their sixth All-Ireland junior title after a thrilling encounter against a gallant Tipperary side in the All-Ireland junior decider which was the curtain raiser to the senior. This was an excellent final again with a winning margin of four points in the Connacht sides favour. The sides were level on two occasions inside the first eight minutes until Galway, playing with the aid of a strong wind, went ahead by two points. Sheena Howard rattled the net on the 14th minute to give Tipperary the lead. Two minutes later Brenda Daniels had the ball in the Galway net. Points were exchanged and at the break Galway held



A jubilant Galway junior captain, Ann Dolan, receives the All-Ireland Cup from the Camogie President



The Cork squad that has put All-Ireland titles back to back

a slender one point advantage 1-6 to 1-5. Galway's scoring ace Laura Kavanagh notched off three points from frees before Grainne Shanahan had Tipperary's second goal. Joanne Ryan levelled the scoring on the 15th minute but goals by Lourda Kavanagh and Sandra Tannian ended Tipperary's hopes of victory. Final score: Galway 3-11 Tipperary 2-10

Scorers: Galway - Lourda Kavanagh 1-9, Sandra Tannian and Brenda Daniels 1-0 each, Caroline Murray and Aoife Lynskey 0-1 each.

Tipperary - Grainne Shanahan and Sheena Howard 1-1 each, Alice Deane 0-4, Philomena Fogarty 0-2, Joanne Ryan, Niamh Dwyer 0-1 each.

Galway - Aoife Connolly, Ann Dolan, Rita Broderick, Alva Kelly, Fiona Healy, Michelle Glynn, Caroline Murray, Veronica Sweeney, Aoife Lynskey, Lourda Kavanagh, Brenda Daniels, Sandra Tannian. Sub - Eileen Earls for F Healy.

Tipperary - Louise Ryan, Siobhan Cusack, Meadhbh Corcoran, Tess Bourke, Niamh Connolly, Philomena Fogarty, Alice Deane, Angela McDermott, Joanne Ryan, Sheena Howard, Grainne Shanahan, Niamh Dwyer. Subs - Mary Looby for N Dwyer, Fiona Loughnane for T Bourke. Referee - Catherine McAllister (Antrim).

The Whirlpool All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens Results

Final

Lisdowney, Kilkenny 3-5

Granagh/Ballingarry 1-6

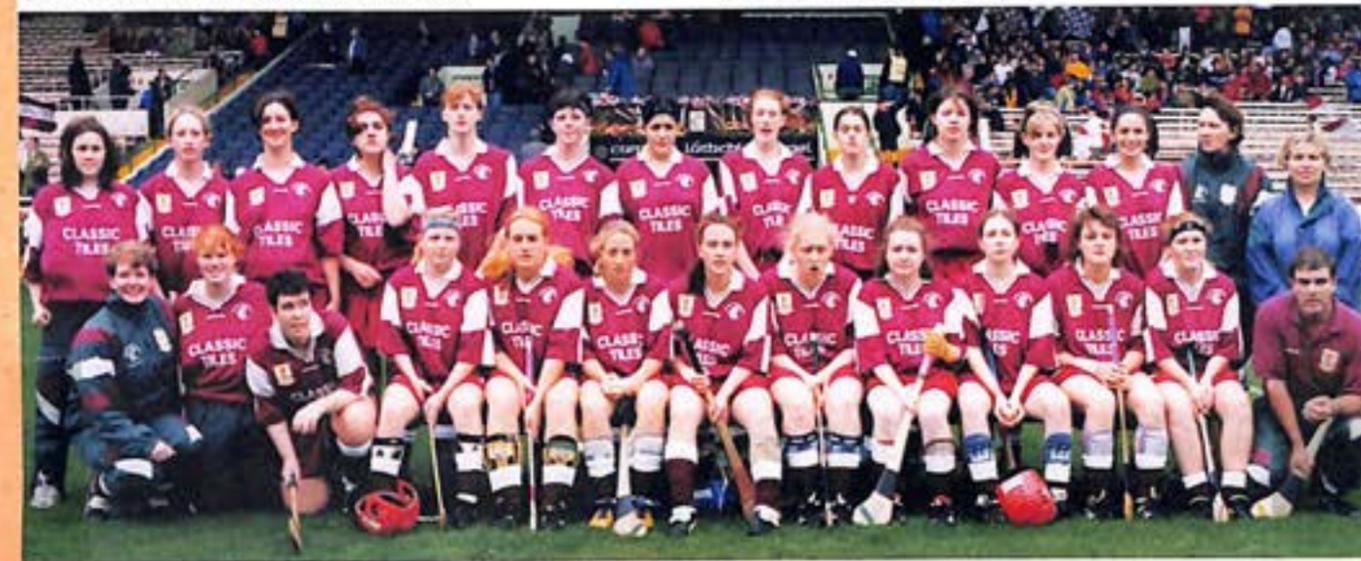
Shield Final:

O'Donovan Rossa, Antrim 3-2

Kilkerley, Louth 0-5

Player of the Tournament: Jane Adams, O'Donovan Rossa.

On Sunday next the 7th All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final is down for decision when Down contest their third final against newcomers Cork. Down appeared in the inaugural in 1992 and were defeated by Dublin. In 1996 they lost to Limerick. Cork had an easy passage over Armagh in the first round and in the semi-final had a close call when defeating Limerick by the minimum score 3-5 to 1-10. Down got a bye in the first round and also had one point to spare in the semi-final against Antrim 2-14 to 3-10. Cork will be hoping to add the intermediate crown to the senior while Down will be hoping it will be third time lucky for them.



The victorious Galway junior panel

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Gaelic Sport

By Mary Moran



CAMOGIE'S INCREASING POPULARITY



SEAN O'DUFFY
The Mayo man had a huge influence on the spread of camogie.

Founded by the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League in 1904, the Camogie Association flourished in the initial years. As the first surge of enthusiasm started to wane, along came Mayoman, Sean O'Duffy, who was to have a huge influence on the spread of the game throughout the country.

He worked ceaselessly for camogie for the remainder of his life and is one of the reasons why the game is in such a healthy state today. The All-Ireland Championship commenced in 1932. Dublin and Cork shared the first dozen titles. The Association endured a difficult time in the Forties as splits and strife reversed the progress that had been made up to then.

All counties had returned to the council rooms and the playing fields by the early Fifties. Competition for top honours was very keen. The O'Duffy Cup, the symbol of camogie supremacy, rested in Dublin when *Gaelic Sport* hit the bookshelves for the first time in 1958. Kathleen Mills, who holds a never to be equalled record of fifteen All-Ireland Senior medals, captained a Dublin side laden with stars that overcame Tipperary in the All-Ireland Final.

Una O'Connor,
Gerry Hughes,
Annette Corrigan,

Kathleen Ryder, Doreen Brennan, Brid Reid and Annie Donnelly wore the light blue on that occasion. Tipperary, who challenged Dublin's ascendancy again in 1961, fielded stylish performers in Kathleen and Terry Griffin, Kathleen Downes, Bridie Scully, Kathleen England and Tess Moloney.

Galway threw down the gauntlet to Dublin in 1960 and 1962. Eileen Naughton, Patsy Colclough, Vera Henaghan, Sheila Tony, Frances Fox and Kathleen Flaherty had to concede to the slick Dublin outfit.

Bitter defeats in 1963, 1964 and 1966 steeled Antrims resolve to claim the title. Lead by Sue Cashman, who was honoured with a Caltex Award for her performance, Antrim held Dublin in 1967 and won the replay in an emotional charged game. Moya Forde, Mairead McAtamney, Marion McFetridge, Lily Scullion, Mave Gilroy and Mairead Quinn brought Dublin's run of eighteen titles in nineteen years to a halt. The attendance at that game would have found it hard to believe that Dublin were to win only one All-Ireland title in the next thirty years.

Wexford sprang from nowhere in 1968. A team built around Margaret O'Leary, Bridget Doyle, Joan Murphy, Teresa Shields, Mary Walsh, Mary Doyle and Bernie Murphy won Leinster and All-Ireland titles for the first time and retained the double in 1969.

Cork awakened from their twenty-seven years slumber to capture four titles in a row 1970-1973. Players with great natural ability made up the side. Goalkeeper Mel Cummins, Marie Costine, Hannah Dineen, Anne McAuliffe and

SHEILA WALLACE
Ard Runaí, has made a major impact in past decade

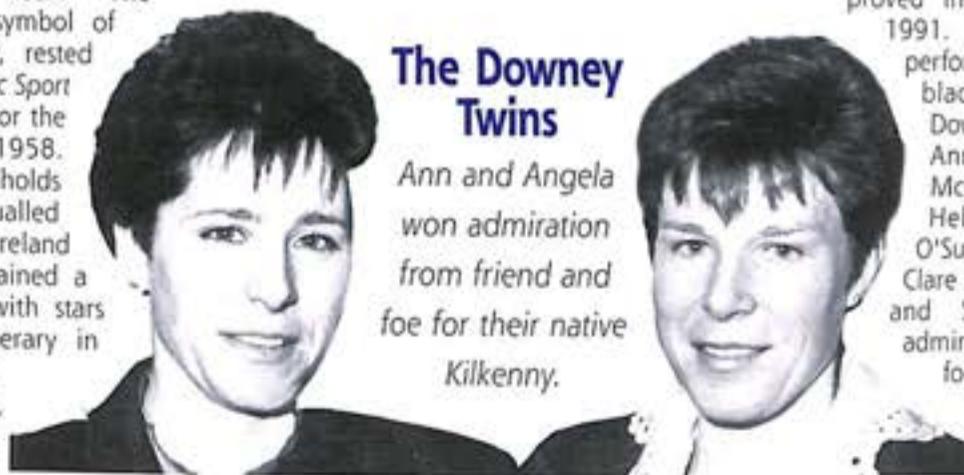


Deirdre Sutton were excellent defenders. Betty Sugrue, Pat Moloney, Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessy, Marion Sweeney, Marion McCarthy and Anne Comerford shone further afield.

The late Sixties saw expansion on all camogie fronts. The setting up of the All-Ireland Colleges Championship, the introduction of underage camogie at club level and the addition of new All-Ireland Championships brought new players to the game and improved playing standards. Down annexed both All-Ireland Junior and Minor Championships as they came on stream.

Exciting newcomers came on stage in 1974. In twenty-one seasons, Kilkenny amassed twelve All-Ireland Senior titles thus leapfrogging over Antrim and Wexford on the Roll of Honour. Kilkenny proved invincible from 1985 to 1991. Many truly outstanding performers wore the famed black and amber. The Downey twins, Angela and Ann, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Ann Carroll, Helena O'Neill, Bidy O'Sullivan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Clare Jones, Gillian Dillion and Sinead Millea drew admiration from friend and foe to Kilkenny terms.

Cork captured the O'Duffy Cup eight times in the past



The Downey Twins
Ann and Angela won admiration from friend and foe for their native Kilkenny.

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twenty years. Clare Cronin, Cathy Landers, Mary O'Leary Sandie Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Lynn Dunlea, Eithne Duggan and Vivienne Harris have been added to the long list of outstanding players from the Rebel County.

Galway won all before them at underage and colleges camogie. Despite concentrated efforts they found difficulty in converting these successes into an All-Ireland Senior victory. In 1996, a team led by Imelda Hobbins and containing Sharon Glynn, Denise Gilligan, Pamela Nevin, Martina Harkin, Olive Costello and Louise Curry, made a historic breakthrough.

In the forty year period under review, three counties, Wexford, Kilkenny and Galway made the grade at the highest level and engraved their names on the O'Duffy Cup. The hard luck story of that era surely belongs to Tipperary who contested five All-Ireland Senior finals. Among those who came to mind are Lily Parle (Wexford), Lilian Howlett (Waterford), Noreen Duggan (Cork), Josie Ruane (Mayo), Sarah Ann Quinn (Derry), Claire Hanrahan (Kilkenny), Eileen Naughton (Galway), Joan Clancy (Cork), Lily Reynolds (Armagh), Susan Lennon (Louth), Geraldine Callinan (Laois), Carrie Clancy (Limerick) and the Griffin sisters, Kathleen and Terry (Tipperary).

The game itself has undergone significant changes in style and tactics. The great Dublin side moved the ball with purpose and precision but the players held their own places. They opened up the game with pinpoint crosses and passes which lethal finishes capitalised upon.



Kathleen Mills, Dublin

The players of Kilkenny and Cork have brought the game closer to hurling. They cover much more ground running with the ball at the opposition. They catch or pick the ball, strike on the run and specialise in taking points. Their training schedules are more arduous than their predecessors and, consequently, they are fitter. Quality ground camogie is a thing of the past.

The size of the pitch and the duration of the game for inter-county competition have been extended. The controversial Points Bar was dismantled. However, the next decade may see greater changes if the proposed fifteen-aside game on the full sized hurling pitch is voted in.

Off the pitch there have been significant changes also. The most noteworthy of these has been the appointment of a full-time Ard Runai/Development Officer. Jo Golden was the first incumbent of the office. She

was followed for short periods by Seamus McAleenan and Anne Sheehy before the present occupant Sheila Wallace made the position her own. The provision of a permanent home for the Ard Runai in the Croke Park complex was a major step in the right direction.

Sheila McNulty, who filled the role of Ard Runai from 1953 to 1975, played a major role in the shaping of the modern Association. In her capacity as Trustee, she continues to guide and steer the less experienced administrators in the right direction. The present Treasurer, Jo Golden and Ard Runai, Sheila Wallace, have made a huge impact in the past decade or so.

Coaching has played its part in improving playing standards. Where top class coaching has been available, e.g. St.Raphael's College, Loughrea, or St. Mary's, Charleville, the results have been exceptional. The standard achieved by the National Feile Champions and the All-Ireland Minor Champions is proof of how the game has progressed.

Another area of significant growth is in the Higher Institutes of Education. The Universities, Teacher Training Colleges and Institutes of Technology constitute a vibrant arm of the Association. Competitions are keenly contested by players already known in the inter-county arena.

The most striking difference between 1958 and 1998 is the large number of young players currently enjoying the game. Girls are introduced to camogie at a much younger age nowadays and many graduate to a very high level of skill. Camogie has come a long way in the past four decades. Sean O'Duffy would be pleased with its progress.



Bridget Doyle, Wexford



Maeve Gilroy, Antrim



Linda Mellerick, Cork

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Girl power brings home O'Duffy cup

SUNDAY September 6th was a proud day for Bishopstown.

For this was the day that the Cork senior camogie team defeated Galway in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.

And there was none prouder of the girls than Councillor Pat Murray who is a selector for Bishopstown Camogie Club.

And on the winning team were Bishopstown girls, Eithne Duggan who was the team captain, Vivienne Harris and Trish Doyle.

Pat was responsible for introducing all three players to camogie and that proved to be a smart move when the girls brought home the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Cup to Cork last Monday. Cllr Murray who has a great love of sports and is very involved in encouraging young people to take part in sport said he was very satisfied to see the girls walk up the steps of the Hogan

Stand at Croke Park and it was especially satisfying to see the first Bishopstown captain receive the O'Duffy Cup.

However Cllr Murray said that while huge praise must go to the girls, their families, many friends and supporters also deserve much praise.

A large Cork contingent, both young and old, travelled to Dublin to support and shout encouragement to the team and their cheers were deafening when the girls beat Galway to take home the cup.

Thank you

A big thank you also goes to the many people who came out to greet the team on their return to Cork.

And a delighted Pat Murray will not be able to rest on his laurels for long as he is currently training the Cork Intermediate camogie team who contest the All-Ireland final against Down at Pairc Uí Rinn on Sunday, September 20th at 3pm.

Hopefully, this will be the third All-Ireland camogie title to find its way to Cork this year.



Pride in Cork: Photograph shows from left to right: Vivienne Harris, Eithne Duggan (Captain), Trish Doyle and Councillor Pat Murray (Selector), proudly holding the O'Duffy Cup.

Barryroe	2-8
Aghabullogue	1-4

BARRYROE won the Senior B Championship replay at Ballygarvan yesterday morning.

Aghabullogue started brightly and had run into an early 1-2 to 0-0 lead before Barryroe opened their scoring, the Aghabullogue goal came 10 minutes into the half from Louise Murphy with Eileen Buckley and Helena Moynihan pointing.

Barryroe continued their pressure and were awarded with a well taken goal from captain Josephine Whelton. The same player extend their lead further six minutes later when she again finished to the Aghabullogue net. Now well in control Barryroe pressed forward and

three further points from 15-year-old Jennifer O'Leary ensured them a place in the semi final where they will meet neighbours Kilbrittain.

Scorers: Barryroe: J Whelton 2-0, K O'Leary 0-6 (4 30's, 2 frees), A McCarthy, G Collins 0-1.
Aghabullogue: L Murphy 1-1, H Moynihan 0-2, E Buckley 0-1.
AGHABULLOGUE: S Crowley; D Twomey, M Twomey, L Ronan; T Roche, J Twomey, M Ennigus, T McCullagh; E Buckley, L Murphy, M Noonan, H Moynihan (capt). Sub: S Buckley for M Ennigus.
BARRYROE: C Keohane; A Sheehy, P O'Leary, L McCarthy; R Holland, D Walsh, K McCarthy, E O'Regan; E McCarthy, J O'Leary, J Whelton (capt), G Collins. Sub: E Donovan for D Walsh, AM Fleming for G Collins.
Referee: B Joyce (Killeagh).



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CORCAIGH v. AN DÚN

Fite fuaite ar a chéile atá stair Chorcaí agus stair An Dúin i leith Chraobhchomórtas na hÉireann.

Corcaigh agus An Dún contested the inaugural All-Ireland Junior Championship Final in 1968 and the inaugural Minor Championship Final in 1974. An Dún a bhí chus tosaigh ar an dá ócáid sin.

An Dún reached the inaugural Final of the Intermediate Championship in 1992 but fell to Áth Cliath on that occasion.

On this their first meeting in the Intermediate Final, each county is seeking its first title at this level.

Is í seo an chéad uair do Chorcaigh an Cluiche Ceannais seo a bhaint amach, ach baineadh amach ag An Dún dhá uair cheana féin é. An Dún encountered Luimneach in its second Final in 1996.

Mar sin, pé foireann ag a mbfionn an bua inniu, beidh ainm nua inscríobha ar Chorn Puirseíl.

Sraithchomórtas na Sóisear 1998

An Dún and Corcaigh have already met in a final this year, that of the National Junior League. Ba é an scór a bhí ann ar an ócáid sin na:

An Dún 0-20, Corcaigh 0-12.

Na Captaein



Sinéad Ní Chathaláin, Corcaigh



Colleen Ní Eidhin, An Dún

An Craobhchomórtas Idirmheánach, 1998

Na Cluichí Leathceannais
Corcaigh 4-16, Ardmhacha 0-6
An Dún 2-14, Aontroim 3-10

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AN DÚN



Ar chúil (ó chlé) – N. Mhic Aoidh, C. Ní Mhaolchalann, M. Nic Giolla Fhinnéin, C. Nic Craith, E. Ní Mhásúin, T. Nic Gabhann, J. Ní. Bhrannuibh.
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – A. Ní Mhuireagáin, C. Ní Chuinneagáin, P. Ní Uaithe, D. Shabhaois, C. Ní Eidhin, Captaen, V. Ní Eidhin, S. Mhic Éinri, M. Ní Mhuiri, D. Nic Gríogáin.

CORCAIGH



Ar chúil (ó chlé) – P. Ó Muiri (Roghnoir), C. Giltinan, L. Bhreatnach, O. Ní Shúilleabháin, L. de Búrca, E. Ní Shúilleabháin, S. Ní Bhuachalla, J. Ní Annáin, Á. Ní Laoire, K. Ní Fhoghlú, M. Ní Chorca, C. Uí Dhuinn (Roghnoir).
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – Ú. Ní Dhonnchú, E. Ní Airt, G. Ní Chathasaigh, T. de Róiste, L. Ní Chonail, S. Ní Chathaláin, Captaen, O. Ní Mhurchú, C. Ní Aodha, E. Ní Dhuinnin.



Corcaigh

Dearg agus Bán

1
GEARÓIDÍN NÍ CHATHASAIGHGeraldine Casey
Inniscarra**2**
ENDA NÍ DHUINNÍNEnda Dinneen
Inniscarra**3**
JILL NÍ ANNÁINJill Hannon
Glen Rovers**4**
LÉAN BHREATNACHHelen Walsh
Éire Óg**5**
CEARÚILÍN GILTINANCaroline Giltinan
Newtownshandrum**6**
ÉIMHEAR NÍ SHUILLEABHÁINEimear O'Sullivan
Kilbrittain**7**
MÁIRE NÍ CHORCAMarie Corkery
Cloughdubh**8**
TÍNA DE RÓISTETina Roche
Aghabullogue**9**
SINÉAD NÍ CHATHALÁINSinéad Cahalane
Fr. O'Neills
Captaen**10**
LÉAN DE BURCAElaine Burke
Valley Rovers**11**
CRIONA NÍ AIRTCriona Harte
Inniscarra**12**
ÚNA NÍ DHONNCHÚOonagh O'Donoghue
Cloughdubh**IONADAITHE:**

13. ORLAIGH NÍ MHURCHÚ
Orla Murphy, Glen Rovers
14. EMMA NÍ AIRT
Emma Harte, Glen Rovers
15. LINDA NÍ CHONAILL
Linda O'Connell, St. Finbarr's
16. SORCHA NÍ AODHA
Sarah Hayes, Courcey Rovers

17. ÁINE NÍ LAOIRE
Annette O'Leary, Kilbrittain
18. KAREN NÍ FHOGHLÚ
Karen Foley, Kilbrittain
19. ORLAIGH NÍ SHUILLEABHÁIN
Orla O'Sullivan, St. Finbarr's
20. SINÉAD NÍ BHUACHALLA
Sinéad Buckley, Aghabullogue

Gabhtar buíochas le

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An Dún

Dearg agus Dubh

**1**
TREASA NIC GABHAINTeresa Magowan
Beann Dearg**2**
DONNA NÍ GHRÍOGÁINDonna Greeran
Liatroim Fontenoys**3**
POILÍN NÍ UAITHNEPauline Green
Drumaness**4**
EDEL NÍ MHÁSÚINEdel Mason
Dunloy**5**
DEIRDRE SHABHAOISDeirdre Savage
Portaferry**6**
COLLEEN NÍ EIDHINColleen Hynds
Beann Dearg
Captaen**7**
MAJELLA NÍ MHUIRÍMajella Murray
Liatroim Fontenoys**8**
VALERIE NÍ EIDHINValerie Hynds
Beann Dearg**9**
JENNIFER NÍ BHRANNUIBHJennifer Braniff
Ballycran**10**
MÁIRÍN NIC GIOLLA FHINNÉINMairin McAleenan
Liatroim Fontenoys**11**
SIOBHÁN MHIC ÉINRÍJoan Henderson
Breda**12**
CLÁR NIC CRAITHClaire McGrath
Beann Dearg**IONADAITHE:**

13. NUALA MHIC AOIDH
Nuala Magee, Beann Dearg
14. CATHY NÍ MHAOLCHALLANN
Cathy Mulholland, Ballyholland
15. CIARA NIC CUINNEAGÁIN
Ciara Cunningham, Attical
16. NICKI NIC AOIDH
Nicki Magee, Beann Dearg

17. MEADHBH NIC NÉILL
Maeve McNeill, Anneclone
18. ÁINE NÍ MHUIREAGÁIN
Ann Morgan, Liatroim Fontenoys
19. TREASA NÍ BHROIN
Teresa Burns, Liatroim Fontenoys
20. AINGEAL NÍ FHARANNÁIN
Angeline Fearon, Attical

a bhronn na boinn orainn

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CORN PUIRSÉIL

Bronnadh Corn Puirseil ag an Ardchomhairle don chéad Chluiche Ceannais i 1992. I ndíl-chuimhne ar Úna Bean Uí Phuirseil, Iar-Uachtarán, a bronnadh an corn. Úna, from Ballingarry, Limerick, represented both Luimneach and Áth Cliath. She won an All-Ireland medal with Áth Cliath in 1938. Bhuaidh sí Comórtas Mhic Giolla Bhríde le linn di bheith ina scoláire in U.C.D.

**An Craobhchomórtas
Idirmheánach**

Cuireadh tús leis an gCraobhchomórtas Idirmheánach i 1992 agus seo é scéal an chomórtais ó shoin i leith:

Buaiteoirí	Tánaistí
1992 Áth Cliath	An Dún
1993 An Clár	Áth Cliath
1994 Ardmhacha	Cill Dara
1995 An Clár	Tiobraid Árann
1996 Luimneach	An Dún
1997 Tiobraid Árann	An Clár

Na Captaein

Is iad siúd a leanas a bhí ina gcaptaein nuair a buadh Corn Puirseil ag a gcontaetha:

- 1992: Cathy Walsh, Áth Cliath
- 1993: Frances Whelan, An Clár
- 1994: Mary Black, Ardmhacha
- 1995: Sinéad O'Brien, An Clár
- 1996: Helen Clifford-McCarthy
Luimneach
- 1997: Deirdre Hughes,
Tiobraid Árann

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Camogie ladies set to complete hat-trick

CORK Intermediate team will be hoping to complete an brilliant run of national titles for the county, this weekend, when they play hosts to Down in the All Ireland Final on Sunday.

The rebel county has already scooped the senior and minor camogie crowns, as well as the minor hurling title.

A third camogie title would be an

By DAMIAN LAWLOR

amazing hat-trick for the ladies' teams.

Pat Murray's intermediate camogie side will be hoping to make it a year to remember for Leisiders.

Meanwhile, the much-fancied Under-21 hurling team play Galway in their decider and another win is on the

cards for this promising young team.

But St Finbarr's girls Linda O'Connell and Orla O'Sullivan will be hoping that the intermediate camogie side will capture all the limelight in Paire Uí Rinn on Sunday, at 3pm.

Training

Their Bishopstown trainer, Pat Murray has his troops in good shape after some vigorous training and the

side, although losing some regulars to the senior side, really fancies its chances of capturing All-Ireland honours.

"This could be a great day for Cork and I would hope that we get a lot of support from Cork people for our match against Down.

"We have done lots of training and we are looking forward to our first ever win at this grade," Pat said.

Cork bid to make history against Down

WITH morale high within the county following the capturing of the senior and minor All Ireland camogie titles, Cork attempt to create their own bit of history tomorrow when the intermediate team take on Down in the All Ireland final in Parc Uí Rinn.

If successful they would be the first county ever to achieve this feat in the same year.

In their path to the final, Cork had a comprehensive victory over disappointing Armagh. In the semi final Limerick went in as raging favourites having run the Galway senior team to 2 points in the first round of the senior championships.

Having lost the senior opening round game Limerick were eligible to participate in the intermediate championships and were favourite to take the title. However, they met a spirited Cork side who would not contemplate defeat. Leading at half time by one point they came out to play against the very strong wind but turned in a superb display to advance to the final.

However, since then the team has lost three players. - Captain and goal-

keeper Leonie Nolan and Trisha Doyle, both of whom were substitutes on the winning Senior team.

Aghbullogue's Sinead Buckley is out with a hand injury.

The team are captained by Sinead Cahalane who won a junior All Ireland medal in 1996 and whilst the selectors have not yet named their team its expected that Ger Casey will take over the goalkeeping duties and that Gill Hannon will be drafted in to the defence. The team is certain to include the experienced Emer O'Sullivan, Criona Harte, Caroline Kiltinan and Helen Walsh.

Since the competition's inception in 1992, Down have appeared in two deciders, losing in 1992 to Dublin and 1996 to Limerick.

Tomorrow they hope to make it third time lucky. And, as they do not field in the senior grades they are in a position to put out their strongest team.

Having earlier in the year travelled to Cork to take the junior national league title they will be full of confidence. They defeated last years All Ireland junior champions Antrim in the

semi-final by the narrowest of margins with only one point separating the sides.

They are coached by Intercounty and Colleges Star Bernie McAnny and have a very experienced team with many of the side having played with UUJ and Queens University Belfast.

An indication of the strength of the Down side was that in the league final no fewer than nine of their team managed to get their names on the score-sheet.

Having taken their first league title they will be keen to add an All Ireland title.

There are Cork championship games in the junior and under 16 grades.

Cork Intermediate Panel: Ger Casey, Caroline Giltinan, Helen Walsh, Orla O'Sullivan, Elaine Burke, Emer O'Sullivan, Sinead Buckley, Gill Hannon, Annette O'Leary, Karen Foley, Marie Corkery, Una O'Donoghue, Emma Harte, Tina Roche, Linda O'Connell, Sinead Cahalane, Orla Murphy, Criona Harte, Sarah Hayes, Enda Dineen. **Down Panel:** Trace McGowan, Donna Greeman, Edel Mason, Nuala McGee, Deirdre Savage, Pauline Green, Teresa Byrne, Ann Morgan, Nicki Magee, Caitlin Hynds, Valerie Hynds, Jenny Braniff, Majella Murray, Joan Henderson, Claire McGrath, Ciara Cunningham, Maureen McLenan, Angelina Fearon, Cathy Mulholland, Maebe McNeill.

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Down capture All-Ireland title with victory

Down 1-12
Cork 1-8

by Tom Higgins

DOWN, beaten in its inaugural year, 1992, by Dublin and by Limerick in 1996, made it third-time lucky at Paire Uí Rinn, Cork, yesterday when they captured their first All-Ireland Intermediate camogie title when they defeated a young home side by four points.

This was a game which the visitors should have won by a wide margin, as they were much the better side, but they wasted some glorious opportunities which would have put the game well out of Cork's reach well before half-time

had they availed of their chances. Down played with the wind in the opening period and shot eight wides, compared to one for Cork, and were 1-7 to 1-5 up at the break against the Rebels, whose forwards were starved of opportunities in that period.

Defences were totally on top with the Down backline faster to the ball and with their forwards getting some glorious chances should have been well ahead. However, the Cork defence gave the Northerners few clear-cut chances and they relied mainly on their top scorer, Mairin McAleenan, for most of their scores, from placed balls although she did get a splendid goal in the 19th minute.

Joan Henderson received a long

clearance from defence and then parted to McAleenan who cut inside Cork full-back Enda Dineen to give goalkeeper Geraldine Casey no chance with an angled shot. This put Down 1-6 to 0-4 in front and they looked to be coasting.

But in one of the few breakaways in the half Cork gave themselves some hope with a goal from Oonagh O'Donoghue in the 28th minute. She picked up the ball on the right-half side of the field and raced goalward before lobbing the ball into the Down goalmouth. It was midjudged by Teresa Magowan and dropped into the net to her dismay.

Although Cork played with the aid of the breeze in the second half they were given little scope by a tight-marking Down defence, and it was only in the

last ten minutes that they began to show their fighting spirit.

But they could not breach the Down defence and it was in fact the Northerners who did most of the attacking, adding a further seven wides to their tally before coming out worthy winners at the end.

For Down Edel Mason was really outstanding at centre-back while she got excellent support from Pauline Green. Their captain, Colleen Hynds, had an excellent game in the middle of the field while Mairin McAleenan was their star player at centre-forward and got excellent support from Joan Henderson and Claire McGrath.

For Cork Geraldine Casey did nothing wrong in goal while Jill Hannon

AIB All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie final Down 1-12 Cork 1-8

Down end their All-Ireland jinx

DOWN'S frustrations with the All-Ireland Camogie championship are over but how they made their supporters sweat in yesterday's final in Paire Uí Rinn.

Over the hour Down managed to clock up 16 wides - eight in each half while the home side shot three. It was Down's poor shooting which kept the game in the boiling pot for so long.

Playing with the aid of the first half breeze Down looked lethargic, falling 0-4 to 0-2 behind at the end of the first quarter.

However, Mairin McAleenan then took the game by the scruff of the neck, shooting three points from very difficult angles and then collecting a Joan Henderson pass to set off a 30 yard run which finished with a flashing shot to the corner of the net.

Claire McGrath dispossessed Cork's Enda Dineen to kick Down ahead

by 1-6 to 0-4 in the 23rd minute.

However, more nervousness in defence gave Oonagh O'Donoghue the chance to shoot a Cork goal. Two points ahead and facing a stiff breeze, Down needed to get quickly back on the scoreboard.

However with defence in superb form the chances kept coming for Down. Ciara Cunningham and Joan Henderson could have killed off the Cork girls with goals but Valerie Hynds and Joan Henderson did put four points between the sides.

Cork exerted a lot of pressure in the final ten minutes but Terese McGovern and her defence held tight and Down finished worthy winners of Corn Puirseil for the first time.

Defence was solid with Donna Greenan, Edel Mason and Pauline Green superb.

Midfield was in and out of the game but the switch of Jennifer Braniff and Valerie

Hynds in the second-half benefited both players.

Mairin McAleenan again delivered under pressure while Joan Henderson was a thorn in the Cork defence for the full hour.

There will be big chances in camogie next year with the switch to 15-a-side. Many counties will take time to get it right in the new system. This young Down side looks well equipped to adapt to the larger pitch and, of course, senior camogie.

Down: T McGovern, D Greenan, P Greene, E Mason, D Savage, C Hynds (capt), N Magee, V Hynds (0-1), Jennifer Braniff (0-1), Mairin McAleenan (0-7), J Henderson (0-2), Claire McGrath (0-1). **Subs:** C Cunningham for C McGrath (46), C Mulholland for Edel Mason (59).

Cork: G Casey, E Dineen, J Hannon, H Walsh, C Giltinan, E O'Sullivan, M Corkery, S Hayes, Sinead Cahalane (capt) (0-1), E Burke, C Harte (0-7), O O'Donoghue. **Subs:** O O'Sullivan E Burke 40 minutes, Tina Roche for S Hayes 51 minutes.

Referee: B Phillips

over Cork

and Helen Walsh tried very hard in the half-back line. However, the Cork forwards were never really on song and apart from Criona Harte, who was deadly accurate from free, only Oonagh O'Donoghue and Sinead Cahalane caught the eye.

Scorers: Cork: C. Harte 0-7 (0-5 frees), O. O'Donoghue 1-0, S. Cahalane 0-1. **Down:** M. McAleenan 1-7 (0-3 frees, 0-1 "30"), J. Henderson 0-2, C. McGrath 0-1, J. Braniff 0-1, V. Hynds 0-1. **CORK:** G. Casey; E. Dineen; J. Hannon, H. Walsh, C. Giltinan, E. O'Sullivan, M. Corkery, S. Hayes; S. Cahalane (capt), E. Burke, C. Harte; O. O'Donoghue. **Subs:** O. O'Sullivan for E. Burke (39th minute); T. Roche for S. Hayes (51st minute). **DOWN:** T. McGovern; D. Greenan; D. Green; P. Green; E. Mason; D. Savage; C. Hynds; N. Magee; V. Hynds; J. Braniff; M. McAleenan; J. Henderson; C. McGrath. **Subs:** C. Cunningham for C. McGrath (46th minute); C. Mulholland for P. Green (59th minute). **Referee:** B. McPhillips (Tipperary).

Camogie Affairs

Mary Moran's

Cork's left forward, Irene O'Keeffe announced during the week leading up to the All-Ireland Senior Final between Cork and Galway that she would call it a day at the final whistle. Four All-Ireland Senior medals hold pride of place in her trophy cabinet. A fifth medal would be nice but most of all she wished to hit the back of the net at Croke Park before stepping down.

Irene has scored many a vital goal for Cork in an illustrious career. However, up to now, goals in Croke Park have proved elusive. It will be remembered, of course, that Irene gave something of an exhibition of point scoring in the 1992 final when she lofted the ball over the bar seven times from play.

Seventeen minutes into this year's decider, Cork players were struggling to find their rhythm. Four converted frees by Lynn Dunlea kept Cork in touch with a Galway side that was full of running and enjoying supremacy in midfield. A long ball from Linda Mellerick found Irene in space some yards in front of goal. She hit it sweetly to the net.

Two minutes later she was first to react when a point attempt by Sinead O'Callaghan came off the post and travelled along the end line. She won the race for possession, passed Anne Broderick on the inside and Tracy Laheen on the outside before releasing a powerful shot which Louise Curry in the Galway goal had no hope of saving. These goals left Cork four points in front at half time. But with the gale force wind and driving rain to face in the second half, the crowd wondered if Cork's lead would be sufficient to retain their crown.

Linda Mellerick decided to retire from inter-county camogie in the wake of last season's final when she captained Cork to glory for the second time. However, she changed her mind while enjoying a sunshine holiday with her team-mates early in the year. On reflection, Cork supporters were happy that Linda reversed her decision. In the second half, she gave a magnificent display. Superbly fit, Linda fell back to aid her besieged defence and carried the ball forward into the eye of a virtual storm and created chances for the girls in front. She kept this energy-sapping ploy going for the full half hour breaking the hearts of the Galway players.

Denise Cronin was another heroine for the Rebels. She defended skillfully and courageously under enormous pressure. When Galway forward,

Denise Gilligan found herself in possession in front of goal in the dying minutes of the game, Denise dashed fearlessly to close down her angle and save the day. Nine points from ten chances was free-taker Lynn Dunlea's return for the hour. Not many hurlers or footballers could boast of such impressive figures in the heat of an All-Ireland Final.

Captain Eithne Duggan, Fiona O'Driscoll and goalkeeper, Cora Keohane were others to catch the eye in what was a truly wonderful team performance by Cork.

At times Galway dominated the play. They won the midfield exchanges but their inability to score goals told in the end. Colette Nevin and Therese Maher, who played colleges camogie with St. Raphael's, Loughrea this season, made quite an impact. Colette's free-taking was first class while Therese struck three glorious points on the run. As usual Sharon Glynn commanded the middle of the field. Pamela Nevin, Anne Broderick and Tracy Laheen defended flawlessly. Galway have a very young side and with a winning junior side to draw from, their prospects look very bright for the future.

Galway and Tipperary served up a memorable exhibition of camogie in the All-Ireland Junior Final as curtain-raiser to the senior game. The conditions at Croke Park in the early afternoon were appalling. Driving rain and gale force winds did not deter these skillful exponents of the game. It took a stunning second half performance by Galway to see off the spirited challenge of a gallant Tipperary side.

Lourda Kavanagh, who received the Player of the Match Award, gave a brilliant display at centre-forward. Michelle Glynn, Brenda Daniels, Ann Dolan and

A Sandra Tannian also stood out on a fine Galway team. Tipperary appeared to be heading for victory when they retired to the dressingroom only a point behind their opponents having coped with the terrible conditions in the first half. However, it was Galway who stepped up their performance in the second period and curtailed the Tipperary attack to 1-5.

Angela McDermott played herself to a standstill in the middle of the field for Tipperary. Alice Deane, Siobhan Cusack, Philomena Fogarty and Sheena Howard caught the eye with their accomplished play. The majority of the Tipperary players are very young but they have the skill necessary to make it in the near future.

Cork's class told in the All-Ireland Minor Final against Derry last month. With wins over Tipperary and Galway, big names in minor camogie, behind them, they were determined to take the title that has eluded them since 1985. Watch out in the future for Sarah Hayes, Catriona Kelly, Ciara Healy, Rosarii Holland, Rachel Moloney and Niamh Bowles.



Irene O'Keeffe's goals paved way for Cork victory

Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Thirty Years Ago

This week we take a look back to the 1968 Gael Linn Inter-Provincials. Ulster, who won their first and only senior title in 1967 by defeating Leinster 5-4 to 5-1 at Parnell Park, were back again to face Leinster in the final, but this time Leinster turned the tables and took the trophy for the 8th time out of 13 attempts, when they scored a deserving victory at Croke Park.

Leinster 7-0 Ulster 2-5

The winners, whose combination and teamwork played a major part in this victory, were the fitter side and this was particularly evident in the second half.

Ulster, though there were eight of the Antrim side on the team, played as individuals and thus much of their valuable approach work was wasted. The first half was closely contested with Ulster taking an early lead when Mairead Quinn pointed. Leinster however, scored two goals to lead two goals to one after fifteen minutes. This was Ulster's best period and they scored points on the 15th, 17th and 20th minutes only to be pulled back by a Leinster goal quickly on the re-start.

The Northerners started to tire after about ten minutes and allowed Leinster to get completely on top. They added five goals, one of which was disallowed for a square infringement, without a reply from the holders until just on full time when Patricia Crangle goaled for the losers. Alice Hussey, who played at centre back for Leinster was the most outstanding player on view. She got great assistance from team mates Carmel O'Shea, Joan Murphy and goalie Teresa Shiels. Margaret O'Leary dominated at midfield where Mary Sherlock also had a good game. Moya Forde played well for Ulster at full back and she got most assistance from Kathleen Kelly, Sue Cashman and Mairead McAtamney did some fine striking, while Mairead Quinn and Lily Scullion tried hard in attack.

Scorers: Leinster: Judy Doyle 3-0, Mary Walsh 2-0, Mary Sherlock 1-0.

Ulster: Lily Scullion and Pat Crangle 1-0 each, Mairead Quinn and Sue Cashman 0-2 each, Mairead McAtamney 0-1.

Leinster team - Teresa Shiels (Wexford), Mary Holohan (Kilkenny), Joan Murphy (Wexford), Ally Hussey (Dublin), Carmel O'Shea (Kilkenny), Mary Sherlock (Dublin), Margaret O'Leary (Wexford), Brid Kinsella (Kilkenny), Kit Kehoe (Dublin), Mary Walsh (Wexford), Capt Judy Doyle (Dublin), Mary Doyle (Wexford).
Ulster team - Teresa Cassidy (Antrim), Moya Forde (Antrim), Capt Moira Caldwell (Down), Eileen Coulter (Down), Kathleen Kelly (Antrim), Mairead McAtamney (Antrim), Sue Cashman (Antrim), Barbara Sands (Down), Pat Crangle (Down), Mairead Quinn (Antrim), Eileen Collins (Antrim), Lily Scullion (Antrim).

The 1998 camogie season is now drawing to a close with just one All-Ireland final to go. That is the club championship in November.

Counties are making plans for their Conventions and for coaching and referee courses.

For the 1999 season, all competitions run under the auspices of county boards, provincial councils and central council will be played on the full size GAA pitch instead of the present day 110 metres long to 80 metres wide.

The twelve player line out will change to 15 aside.

The first competition to be played under the new rules will be the 1999 National Junior League which commences this October.

In 1993 and '94 the National Junior and Senior Leagues were played as a 15-a-side test series. This was a Kilkenny motion and the county won the senior in '93 and Galway won it in '94.

There were very few complaints of the system, however, when it came to an end a true evaluation could not be made as it was only tried out with the National Leagues, all other competitions were played 12 a-side. Therefore all reverted to the 12 a-side method.

It may be difficult for some clubs in rural areas to comply with the extra players. They will have to increase their playing membership.

If it proves successful it will be a great boost for the game coming up to the millennium and working towards the Centenary of the Association in 2004.



The Tipperary team which contested this year's All-Ireland junior final

Ballingarry romp home and collect

Grenagh-Ballingarry
Cashel

1-17
2-5

BALLINGARRY, the Limerick Champions, won the Munster Club camogie title for the third year in a row when they beat Cashel in an unusual final in Golden Co. Tipperary.

They set a cracking pace when backed by the wind and eight points by Eileen O'Brien helped them to lead 0-13 to 0-1 at the interval.

Cashel moved Jovita Delaney to lead the attack in the second half and she scored 1-2.

Twice Limerick goalkeeper Breeda O'Brien made superb saves and on another occasion the woodwork came to O'Brien's rescue as Cashel took complete control.

O'Brien finished with a total of 0-11 to be the games top scorer.

Scorers: Grenagh - Ballingarry; E O'Brien 0-11, V Sheehan 1-1, M O'Connor 0-3, D Sheehan 0-2, Cashel; J Delaney & N Coffey 1-2, H Campion 0-1.

GRENAGH - BALLINGARRY: Breeda O'Brien; L Lesley, Bernice O'Brien, M Sheehan; B Shawke, K Burke, D Sheehan, M O'Connor; J Cullinane, E O'Brien, P McKenna, V Sheehan. Sub; I Guade for M Sheehan (43).

CASHEL; T Burke; J Delaney, M Kennedy, U O'Dwyer; T Bonnar, M Stokes, K Moloney, H Campion; P Fogarty, E Hayden, N Coffey, A Barry. Subs; A Fitzgerald for Kennedy (46), G Ryan for Hayden (56).

Referee: M Pollard (Waterford).

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Granagh-Ballingarry Munster champs again

By **CORMAC LIDDY**

Granagh
Ballingarry 1-17
Cashel 2-5
GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY players and officials must have had mixed emotions at the end of this extraordinary Munster club camogie final at Golden, county Tipperary, on Saturday.

There was tremendous jubilation when the final whistle blew as it meant that the local club had become Munster champions for the third season in a row but deep down all will be aware that a big improvement will be needed for their All-Ireland semi-final against the Connacht champions in November.

Backed by the breeze in the first half Granagh-Ballingarry made a cracking start and by half-time they led 0-13 to 0-1.

Indeed the Cashel point came just seconds before the break.

Eileen O'Brien had con-

tributed eight of her sides first half points-she had three more subsequently.

Cashel could hardly believe their plight and all the more so as they realised they had shot eight wides some of them from easy positions.

It was a much different affair in the second half and, at times, it seemed as if only Cashel were in action as Granagh-Ballingarry appeared to ease off. This was understandable bearing in mind their huge interval lead and they might well have paid a price.

But the nearest Cashel ever came was to within seven points and Vera Sheehan's well-taken goal eleven minutes into the second half had her side 1-14 to 0-3 in front. The goal followed good work by Maureen O'Connor who spotted Sheehan as she slipped but still managed to kick the ball to Sheehan who slammed it to the net.

Cashel moved Jovita Delaney to lead their attack for the second half and she had a thundering game though Bernie O'Brien also shone in the Granagh-Ballingarry defence. Delaney got a superb goal and might well have had two or three more. Twice Breda O'Brien rescued her side and then another effort

went wide off the woodwork while on another occasion Delaney was inches wide.

But anything other than a win for Granagh-Ballingarry would have been an injustice. Some of their play, especially in the opening half, was of the highest standard.

Captain Eileen O'Brien was superb throughout and Vera Sheehan took her goal in splendid manner with Patsy McKenna also making a solid contribution.

Overall it was a team display by Granagh-Ballingarry but special mention must be made of Breda O'Brien who was a marvellous goalkeeper with Bernie O'Brien and Mary O'Connor also turning in five star performances.

To win a Munster championship three years in a row takes tremendous dedication and this team certainly deserves an All Ireland...and it could well come. Even if not this year then in the next few because it is, largely, a very young side with tremendous potential.

It was so much one-way traffic in the first half that it is sufficient to state that in addition to Eileen O'Brien's eight points Granagh-Ballingarry also had points from Maureen O'Connor, 0-3, Deirdre

Sheehan and Vera Sheehan. Some of them were marvellous efforts after good build-up though a majority came from frees.

After Cashel were unlucky not to get a goal immediately on the re-start O'Brien pointed a free and when Vera Sheehan had her goal after eleven minutes it made it 1-14 to 0-3

and Granagh-Ballingarry then soaked up the pressure to the finish but they had more than sufficient on the scoreboard to hold out for a very comfortable win.

Granagh-Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien, Laura Lesley, Bernie O'Brien, Maureen Sheehan, Ber Chawke, Kay Burke, Deirdre Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Joanne Cullinane, Eileen O'Brien, capt., Patsy McKenna, Vera Sheehan.

Sub, Ide Quaid for Maureen Sheehan, 53 mins.

Cashel: Teresa Burke, Jovita Delaney, Michelle Kennedy, Una O'Dwyer, Triona Bonnar, Maeve Stokes, Kaiffe Moloney, Helen Campion, Philomena Fogarty, Emily Hayden, Norma Coffey, Ann Barry.

Subs, AM, Fitzgerald for Kennedy, 46 mins, Geraldine Ryan for Hayden, 56 mins.

Referee, M. Pollard, Waterford.



Vera Mulcahy presents Eileen O'Brien with the Munster senior club camogie championship trophy.



Champions again...the Granagh-Ballingarry camogie team who won the Munster senior club championship for the third year in a row at Golden last Saturday.



Irene Rafferty (nee O'Leary), a former Cork camogie star, of Fairfield Road, Cork, who received The Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland degree in Dublin, with her husband, Pat; her sister and parents.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Down collected their first All-Ireland Intermediate Championship when they got the better of Cork in a sparkling encounter at Páirc Uí Rinn. It was third time lucky for the 'Mourne' girls and it was any sides game going into the final quarter. The first half was a ding dong affair, with the sides exchanging points on three occasions. Down's scoring ace Mairin McAleenan had the first goal of the game on the 19th minute to put her side 1-5 to 0-4 in front.

Claire McGrath and Criona Harte exchanged points. A great run by Oonagh O'Donoghue gave Cork their goal on the 28th minute, leaving one point separating the sides. Joan Henderson had the last say for Down in this half leaving the half time score: Down 1-7, Cork 1-5.

In the second half, points were exchanged on three occasions. However, two points still separating the sides. Valerie Hynds and Joan Henderson added two further points for Down on the 17th and 18th minutes which were the last scores of the game.

Both sides held each other scoreless for the last twelve minutes.

Final score: Down 1-12 Cork 1-8

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 1-7 (0-5f), Joan Henderson 0-2, Valerie Hynds, Jennifer Braniff and Claire McGrath 0-1 each.

Cork: Criona Harte 0-8 (0-6f), Oonagh O'Donoghue 1-0. Down team: Teresa Magowan, Donna Greeran, Pauleen Green, Edel Mason, Deirdre Savage, Colleen Hynds (Capt), Nuala McGee, Valerie Hynds, Jennifer Braniff, Mairin McAleenan, Joan Henderson, Claire McGrath. Subs: Cathy Mulholland for E Mason, Ciara Cunningham for C McGrath.

Cork team: Geraldine Casey, Enda Dinneen, Jill Hannon, Helen Walsh, Caroline Giltinan, Eimear O'Sullivan, Marie Corkery, Sarah Hayes, Sinead Cahalane (Capt), Elaine Burke, Criona Harte, Oonagh O'Donoghue. Subs: Orla O'Sullivan for S Hayes.

Referee: Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary

This has been a historic year for Down. As well as winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship, they earlier collected their first National Junior League title by also defeating Cork.

When they won their first All-Ireland Junior Championship in an inaugural year, 1968, ironically Cork were their opponents. In 1974 Down again won the first All-Ireland Minor Championship at the expense of the 'Rebel' county.

Their scoring ace Mairin McAleenan is among the top forwards in the game. The Leitrim/Fontenoy's club player commands the centre forward position.

In the National League campaign this year she scored nine goals and thirty five points. Now that the Mourne County have made the breakthrough they could be on the road to further success.

St Vincents, Dublin got the upperhand of Freshford, Kilkenny in this Leinster senior club championship final played at St. Vincent Park.

It was a sparkling game from start to finish with little separating the evenly-matched teams at any time. Carmel O'Byrne was St Vincent's scoring ace, notching off 1-11 of her team's total. After an exciting first half, the winners led 0-6 to 1-2, Freshford's goal coming from Imelda Kennedy. The Kilkenny champions added a further goal by Gillian Dillon but O'Byrne's accurate shooting from play and from placed balls pushed her side into a three point lead.

Final Score: St Vincents 1-14 Freshford 2-8

Scorers: St Vincents: Carmel O'Byrne 1-11 (0-6f), Denise O'Leary, Denise Smyth and Louise Lynch 0-1 each.

Freshford: Imelda Kennedy 1-4, Gillian Dillon 1-0, Martina Maher, Esther Kennedy and Sinead Costelloe 0-1 each.

St Vincents team: Mary Regan, Trish Clinton, Karen Murray, Germaine Noonan, Niamh Cregan, Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary, Adrienne McGovern, Louise Lynch, Emer Brannigan, Denise Smyth, Carmel O'Byrne.

Freshford: Helen McGrath, Paula Dowling, Emma Fitzpatrick, Sinead Costelloe, Mary Ellen Butler, Esther Kennedy, Margaret Kavanagh, Mary C Ryan, Maread Costelloe, Gillian Dillon/Maher, Martina Maher, Imelda Kennedy. Sub: Cathleen Ryan for E Fitzpatrick. Referee: Jack O'Brien, Wexford

Leinster's "Milk Cup" tournament gets underway on Sunday next. The following is the draw with first-mentioned having the venue for the first round. The semi-finals and final will be hosted by St Anne's Louth on the Bank Holiday weekend.

- (A) St Munnas, Westmeath v Kilmessan, Meath
 - (B) Broadford, Kildare v Kilkenny, Louth
 - (C) Trim, Meath v Raharey, Westmeath
 - (D) St Anne's, Louth v St Laurences, Kildare
- Semi-final: (B) v (A) ... (D) v (C)



Bertie Ahern meets the Galway players prior to the 1998 senior final

Tipp favourites in semi-final tie with Cork

INTER-COUNTY action once again dominates a full calendar of camogie fixtures this weekend when the Cork U-18 side take on Munster champions Tipperary in the semi-final at the Ragg tomorrow at 3.00 p.m.

Following on their victory over Limerick in the opening round, Tipperary will go into tomorrow's encounter as firm favourites.

They are in a position to field no fewer than six of last year's side who defeated Cork in a thrilling final, where it took extra time to decide a winner.

They field four of the county senior team who lost out narrowly to Galway in the All-Ireland senior semi-final.

Emily Hayden, Una O'Dwyer, Caítriona Hennessey and Eimear McDonnell will all have gained vast experience playing at senior level, whilst Sheena Howard has had the experience of playing in this year's junior All-Ireland final.

The team is coached by Tony Lanigan from the Holycross club, who is joined by county chairman Noel Hennessey and Patsy Carroll on the selection committee, and having taken the corresponding minor (U-16) Munster title two years ago, Tipperary will be confident of putting one over on Cork, who are seeking the county's third Munster championship title for 1998, with the senior and minor titles already having gone to Cork.

The Cork side is captained by Aghabullogue's Sinéad Buckley, who missed the All-Ireland intermediate final through injury.

The full team is as follows: In goal, Sandra Ricken, right corner back Linda O'Connell, left corner back Caroline Giltinan, full back Sinéad Buckley, centre back

Sarah Hayes, centre field line will comprise of Valerie O'Keefe, Elaine Buckley and Eimear O'Sullivan. Senior panellist Caoimhe Harrington will line out in the vital centre forward position. Cork minor Ciara Healy will hold down the full forward position, on her right wing she will have Una O'Donoghue and left wing forward Criona Hart.

It's a strong Cork side, all of whom have had previous inter-county experience, with the most experienced being Caoimhe Harrington, who already this year has taken honours at senior level, whilst Ciara Healy and Sarah Hayes have taken All-Ireland honours with the Cork minors. The team is coached by Derek McCarthy from the St Finbarr's club, who is joined by county secretary Tracey Sheehan and Tadie Roche on the selection committee.

Cork will be going all-out to avenge last year's defeat, but face a tough hour from a strong Tipperary outfit.

On the domestic front the clash of the day will be junior "A" championship, where neighbours Ballygarvan and Ballinacorney meet at Ballinacorney. Ballygarvan, having been promoted this season to the "A" grade following their victory in last year's county "B" championship final, will be going all-out to topple their neighbours Ballinacorney. In the junior "B" championship, Barryroe make the journey to St Finbarr's to take on the home side, whilst in the U-16 "A" championship, Aghabullogue travel to Glen Rovers. There are five games down for decision as the U-16 "B" championship nears to its conclusion.

SEE Digest for fixtures

Tipp girls through to decider

Tipperary 6-10
Cork 3-13

IN a game that produced 32 scores, holders Tipperary qualified for the Munster U18 Camogie Championship final at the Ragg yesterday.

Caítriona Hennessey gave the winners their opening goal three minutes into the game when she finished to the net after Sandra Ricken had blocked the initial effort from Emer McDonnell.

But Cork's response was immediate when Una O'D-

onoghue scored a good goal. After 21 minutes Cork led 1-4 to 1-3 but this was to be changed quickly by Caítriona Hennessey who in the space of three minutes had her side ahead by two goals, the first from a hand pass and in the 24th minute she sent a 20 metre free to the net surprising the Cork defence.

To their credit Cork responded well with an Elaine Burke goal, Sarah Hayes and Criona Harte narrowed the deficit with points but it was Emily Hayden who had the last say when she pointed to leave it 3-5 to 2-4

in favour of Tipperary at the break.

One minute into the second half Tipperary stretched their advantage with a Philomena Fogarty goal. The sides had exchanged points by the third minute when Cork's cause was boosted with a Caoimhe Harrington goal to put Cork back in the game. With Tipperary continuing to win the centre field battle the Cork defence were under pressure. A high ball into the square was blocked into the path of Norma Maher who made no mistake from close

range.

Cork reduced the gap to 2 points, 3-12 to 5-8, but an Emily Hayden goal wrapped it up for Tipp.

Scores: Tipperary: C Hennessey 3-4 (4 frees), E Hayden, P Fogarty, N Maher 1-1, J Ryan 0-3. Cork: Criona Harte 0-7 (3 frees, 1 30), Caoimhe Harrington 1-2, O O'Donoghue, E Burke 1-0, C Healy 0-3, S Hayes 0-1. TIPPERARY: L Ryan, U Dwyer, H Campion, E Hayden; N Connolly, GA Ryan, P Fogarty; S Howard, N Maher, E McDonnell, N Coffey, C Hennessey (capt). Subs: N Harkins for H Campion, D McDonnell for S Howard. CORK: S Ricken; S Buckley (capt), L O'Connell, C Giltinan, S Hayes; V O'Keefe, E Burke, E O'Sullivan, C Harrington, U O'Donoghue, C Harte, C Healy. Subs: G Collins for E O'Sullivan, K O'Reilordan for V O'Keefe.

Arch-rivals primed for an epic encounter in championship semi-final

THE draw has thrown up an intriguing pairing for the semi-final of the Senior 'B' Camogie Championship tomorrow when arch-rivals Kilbrittain and Barryroe meet at Ballinspittle.

With the rivalry so intense it's bound to be a tight contest as both strive to reach the final hurdle.

Kilbrittain have reached the final on one occasion when they lost out to Inniscarra in 1996 whilst Barryroe will be aiming to reach their first. It's been a case of neighbours all the way for both clubs in their path to tomorrow's

clash. Barryroe defeated Courcy Rovers in their opening game. However they were forced to a replay by Aghabullogue in the quarter-final and were considered lucky on the first day to have got a second bite of the cherry whilst in the replay they played exceptionally well and were worthy winners.

They will have inter-county senior goalie Cora Keohane between the posts. Rosary Holland, Deirdre Walsh and Paula O'Leary are all solid defenders and young 15-year-old Jennifer O'Leary who

contributed six points in the outing versus Aghabullogue will have to be marked tightly by the Kilbrittain defence, as will captain Josephine Whelton who was the ace in the pack contributing two vital goals. They are a young side very determined for victory and it will take a mighty effort from Kilbrittain to stop them. However as they have proved so often in the past, Kilbrittain will not give in without a fight and the experience of having reached the final previously will stand to them. They will look to their inter-county players

Miriam Deasy and Emer O'Sullivan to lead their challenge and the return home from Australia of Mary Sexton has been a tremendous boost to their cause.

They defeated Valley Rovers in their opening round which was a quarter-final game on August 9. But because of players' involvement with the inter-county teams they have had to wait nine weeks for tomorrow's game. It's been a long time without a championship game and it may work against them.

However, as in all local derby

clashes they will not want to give best to their neighbours. Ballinspittle is the place to be for a thriller at 12.00 noon tomorrow.

It's also an all local clash in the Junior 'A' championship semi-final where Ballinacorney and Tracton meet at Ballinacorney. Having lost out in last year's final the Ballinacorney girls will be looking for a chance to make amends this year and go all the way, however they are in for a tough hour for a determined Tracton outfit who had just a goal to spare over Killeagh in their last outing.

The replay of the Junior 'A' Championship quarter final will see St. Vincents and Castle-magor once again meet to try and find a winner to meet Watergrasshill whilst Milford and Cloughduv will battle it out to try and reach the Junior B Championship Final.

In a quarter-final clash in the same competition, Youghal and Ballinora will meet at Ballinora. The U-16 'A' and 'B' Championships continue with four games down for decision over the week-end.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The national junior league gets underway on Sunday and will be the first to be played in one year (15 aside) on a full sized GAA pitch.

It sure will create a big interest. There are six fixtures on the board.

Wexford host last year's beaten finalists Cork in what should be an entertaining tussle. Wexford reached the semi-final last year but since then some of their star performers including Kate Kelly have been upgraded to senior. Cork look a well balanced side with players such as Enda Dineen, Helen Walshe, Marie Corkery, Elaine Burke, Criona Harte and Oonagh O'Donoghue. They look set to get off on a winning note.

All-Ireland junior champions Galway take on Clare. The Munster county did not do so good in the competition last year and may find the visitors carrying too much strength with performers such as Rita Broderick, Veronica Sweeney, Michelle Glynn, Lourda Kavanagh, Aoife Lynskey and Sandra Tannian.

Carlow have the venue against neighbours Kilkenny. This should be a sparkling encounter. Carlow were defeated by Cork in the quarter-final last year and went on to do well in the All-Ireland junior championship where they were defeated by eventual winners Galway in the semi-final. They will be looking for a good performance from Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Mairead Hogan, Olivia Maye, Charmaine Gibson and Marie Sheehan to get off the mark. Kilkenny had a poor performance in the league last year and will be looking forward to a better run this season, but may find it hard to get the upperhand on their opponents.

Dublin host Armagh. When the sides met last year, Armagh had a 2-9 to 1-9 victory. Since then, Dublin are an improved side and should turn the tables.

Kildare show their hospitality to Cavan at Leixlip (2.30pm). This should be an evenly contested encounter. Neither sides impressed last season. The venue will be an advantage to Kildare who will depend on Miriam Malone, Melanie Treacy, Aisling Treacy, Elaine Miley and Liz O'Donoghue to secure their first points.

However, Cavan will be hard to overcome. They have star performers in Eimear Brennan, Marie Brady, Louise Adams, Evelyn Smyth and Margaret Carroll.

Tipperary take on neighbours Limerick at Mary Immaculate College, 2.30pm. Both sides have a host of talented young players. Tipperary are strongly fancied here as they made it to the 1998 All-Ireland Junior Championship final where they gave way to Galway.

They will parade players of the calibre of Siobhan Cusack, Tess Burke, Alice Deane, Angela McDermott, Sheena Howard and Niamh Dwyer.

Dublin got the upperhand on Wexford in this Leinster senior championship semi-final played at Monamolin. Three first half goals by the winners provided a killer blow to the home side who trailed 3-4 to 1-4 at the break. While Wexford had the better of the second half exchanges, they failed by two points at the finish.

Final Score: Dublin 3-9 Wexford 2-10
Scorers: Dublin: Denise Smyth 2-0, Cathy Walshe 1-0, Adrienne McGovern, Denise O'Leary, Louise O'Hara and Patricia Clinton 0-2 each, Carmel Gray 0-1.

Wexford: Kate Kelly 0-9, Mags Kelly and Helen Jacob 1-0 each, Elaine Holohan 0-1.
Referee: Patrick Reynolds, Louth.

Tipperary booked their ticket to the Munster Under 18 final when they had a good win over Cork at The Ragg. The winners led 3-5 to 2-6 at the break.

Final Score: Tipperary 6-10 Cork 3-13
Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 3-4, Nora Maher 2-1, Philomena Fogarty 1-1, Joanne Ryan 0-3, Emily Hayden 0-1.
Cork: Caoimhe Harrington 1-2, Criona Harte 0-5, Elaine Burke 1-1, Oonagh O'Donoghue 1-0, Ciara Healy 0-3, Sarah Hayes 0-2.
Referee: Maura McNicholas, Clare

Derry and Down must meet again in the Ulster Under 18 quarter-final as they finished all square at Castledawson. It was a ding dong battle. The sides were level at the break:

Derry 0-6, Down 1-3
Final Score: Derry 1-9 Down 2-6
Scorers: Derry: Paula McAtamney 0-6, Tracey McErlean 1-1, Paula McKenna and Dymna Burke 0-1 each. Down: Michelle Goss 1-2, Angeline Fearon 0-4, Michelle Murphy 1-0.
Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim

For the third year on the trot Derry defeated Down to lift the Ulster Under 14 Cup. The winners led 3-6 to 1-0 at the interval but were held scoreless in the second half. However, they were not worried as they had a 3-6 to 2-2 victory. Scorers: Derry: Caitriona O'Kane 3-0, Breige McNicholl and Ciara Cushnam 0-3 each. Down: Fionnuala Carr 1-1, Grace O'Reilly 1-0, Lisa McCrickard 0-1.
Referee: Geraldine Butler, Antrim



Cork's senior stars celebrate their 1998 All-Ireland win

Barryroe qualify for B decider

Barryroe 3-4
Kilbrittain 1-8

BARRYROE qualified for their first Senior B Camogie Championship final when, in a thrilling encounter at the superbly prepared Courcy Rovers grounds at Ballinspittle, they had two points to spare over their divisional rivals, Kilbrittain.

From the throw-in, Barryroe took the lead, when Geraldine Collins rounded her marker and finished from close range.

Aided by the strong wind, Barryroe goalie, Cora Keohane dropped a long puck-out into the square which was finished su-

perbly to the net by Eilís McCarthy to extend their lead. At the break Kilbrittain held a 1-6 to 2-0 lead and were looking good. Four minutes into the second half, Elaine McCarthy struck over a point to narrow the gap, Miriam Deasy replied six minutes later for Barryroe but amazingly, this was to be their only score until the 24th minute. However, Barryroe, sensing victory, came forward in waves and it was only a matter of time before they broke through the Kilbrittain defence who were under enormous pressure. Jennifer O'Leary added points for Kilbrittain in the 23rd and 25th minutes

to ensure victory for her side and Barryroe have determination and the 15 year old goal-poacher, Jenny O'Leary to thank for their place in the final where they will meet the winners of the St Finbarrs Eire Og clash which takes place next weekend.

Scorers: Barryroe: J O'Leary 1-2, (1 free), E McCarthy 1-1, G Collins 1-1.
Kilbrittain: E O'Regan 1-1, M Deasy 0-3, E Foley 0-2 (1 free), V O'Keefe 0-1 (free), E O'Sullivan 0-1 (free).
BARRYROE: C Keohane, A Sheehy, R Holland, L McCarthy, K McCarthy, D Walsh, E O'Regan, E McCarthy, J O'Leary, G Collins, J Whelton (captain).
KILBRITTAIN: R Hayes, M Brennan, S Donovan, E O'Brien, V O'Keefe, A O'Leary, E O'Sullivan (captain), E O'Regan, S Sexton, M Deasy, M Sexton, E Foley Subs: K Foley for S Sexton, D Coughlan for V O'Keefe.

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Victorious camogie players show off All Ireland cup at school

A HERO'S welcome greeted young Trish Doyle from Banteer who arrived back at Scoil Mhuire in Kanturk during the week, proudly carrying her All-Ireland camogie medal.

Trish completed her secondary education in Kanturk two years ago, and is now studying engineering in Trinity College Dublin, but continues to play club camogie with Bishopstown and is on the Cork panel.

To loud cheers from her former schoolmates, Trish paid tribute to the staff at Scoil Mhuire who were, she said: "Very supportive and understanding while I was here."

She added: "They knew how much the sport meant to me. While I was here the school was getting a camogie team going, and I would like to see that continue."

Joining Trish with the O'Duffy Cup were team captain Eithne Duggan and coach Tom Nott. They were all welcomed by teacher and sports co-ordinator John O'Shea, who also congratulated team member Irene O'Keefe, associated with the school for many years during her time working in Kanturk.

Eithne pointed out that the star on this particular day was Trish, and she said: "It's great for Trish to be able to walk in here to the people she went to school with as an All-Ireland champion."

Acknowledging the



Back from left — Captain Cork camogie team Eithne Duggan, Norita Duggan, Eileen Heffernan, Lorraine Duggan and coach Tom Nott. front from left — Deirdre O'Reilly, Catriona Guiney, past pupil Tricia Doyle, Margaret Hannon, Mairead Collins. Members of the victorious Cork camogie team brought the cup back to their Alma Mater Scoil Mhuire.

Pic: Mark Condren

By Trish O'Dea

strong sporting tradition at Scoil Mhuire, Eithne urged: "Those of you who don't play, get a hurley and get out there. It's great fun and you will make great friends."

Stressing the amount of time and effort put in by his charges to be such a successful side, Tom Nott compared the huge coverage given to the O'faly All-Ireland hurling champions to the coverage received by the Cork camogie team, who have done as much and more to deserve the limelight.

Tom pointed out that his team have won the All-Ireland and Munster titles, the National League title, most of them

were on the Munster side that won the Inter-Provincial title and many more won club titles.

He said: "If a hurler won that much in one year they would be putting it up as one of the greatest achievements ever."

Paying tribute to the girls he said: "Many of them travel fierce mileage and they do it two to three times a week in the run up to the All-Ireland Championship. They do it because they want to do it. They are great players and they deserve everything they get."

Tom compared sport to study and urged the students to "aim to get to the highest point. Don't be just content to do what you are asked to do,

aim for the highest."

He said: "These are great players because they practise on their own, they don't wait for training to be called."

"It's great for the teachers here to see Trish coming back having reached the top of the sport of her choice," Tom added.

Joining the county heroes on the podium was current Scoil Mhuire student Deirdre O'Reilly, who recently brought a gold medal back from the Community Games with Milford.

Trish Doyle praised Deirdre and wished the school the best in their future sporting endeavours.



Trish Doyle, Irene O'Keefe and Eithne Duggan v

Cork All-Ireland Camogie players meet first years

MEMBERS of the Cork All-Ireland winning camogie team recently visited St Mary's School along with team coach Tom Nott, who with the captain, Eithne Duggan, addressed the first-year students and camogie players.

Among the members of the Cork team who retained their title with a great victory over Galway in the All-Ireland final were present student Caoimhe Harrington and now past students Sinéad O'Callaghan, Ursula Troy and Muireann Harrington, who was injured for the game. Charleville's Sinéad O'Callaghan was also awarded The Examiner National Youth Award for Camogie for 1998.

Other St Mary's students who figured on Cork teams this year were Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher, both of whom were on the minor team,

Michael McGrath's
CHARLEVILLE

and Caroline Giltinane, who was on the Cork Intermediate team.

In addition, four students have been awarded third-level camogie scholarships. They were Sinéad O'Callaghan who goes to UCC, Angela Sheehy who will attend Waterford Institute of Technology, while Breda O'Brien and Deirdre Sheehan will have enrolled at Limerick Insti-

tute of Technology.

In inter-varsity competitions past pupils Ursula Troy and Muireann Harrington were on the UCC team that won the coveted Ashbourne Cup in the colleges competition.

St Mary's School Deputy-Principal John Boyd congratulated all the girls on their magnificent achievements and paid tribute to the St Mary's

coaches, Vincent Harrington and Catherine O'Keefe for the game not alone in the school but also in counties Cork and Limerick.

Mr Boyd noted how the school's camogie players had done very well in the leaving certificate and junior certificate examinations. "This is no surprise to me as sport like camogie is a great character builder for young people. They know from their training that they have to work hard for what they get out of life."

Mr Boyd said St Mary's had now become the most successful school ever in the history of colleges camogie and that is in a short 12-year history of participation in the competition.

He ended by wishing the senior team every success in their quest for four-in-a-row All-Ireland honours

in the new season and said he hoped the juniors would achieve the elusive double in 1999. Mr Boyd also tendered best wishes to the school's 7-a-side team who will be bidding to win the sevens title for an unprecedented seventy years in a row.

Ballygarvan crowned South East champs

Ballygarvan ... 5-13, Carrigaline ... 2-6.

A superb first half performance during which they scored 5-6, say Ballygarvan being crowned South-East under-15 camogie champions at Ballin-hassig on Saturday last.

However, the second half proved to be a completely different spectacle as Carrigaline gamely put it up to the new champions and as a result were to witness a wonderful game of camogie in the second moiety.

Amazingly, it was Carrigaline who started in a whirlwind fashion when after thirty seconds, Laura Kelleher had the ball in the back of the Ballygarvan net from a Niamh Murphy delivery. But Ballygarvan responded swiftly and by the 6th minute had registered 2-2, with the goals coming from Fiana Wynn and their scorer-in-chief Catriona Kelly.

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Niamh Murphy pointed for Carrigaline in the 7th minute, before Ballygarvan again bounced back with another total of 2-2 by the 16th minute, the goals again scored by Catriona Kelly and Julie O'Sullivan.

However, the winners with Eimear Dillon, starring at midfield and notching her third point of the half, continued to dominate and after Julie O'Sullivan had secured her second major, Carrigaline to their credit, added points per Amy Collins and Niamh Murphy to leave the half-time score at 5-6 to 1-3.

Carrigaline resumed with Grace Harrington at midfield and after ninety seconds, Aisling O'Connor had pounced for a great goal. With improved performances from Laura Kelleher, Jan Kiernan, Amy Collins and Grace Harrington, Carrig kept up the pressure on Ballygarvan and as a result the game

became more competitive, but a very strong Ballygarvan defence in which Zelda Forrest, Jennifer Brown and Sinead Collins held firm, saw Carrig kept at bay until Niamh Murphy and Mairead Conlon pointed by the 14th minute of the half to make it 5-8 to 2-5.

SKILLS

However in the closing ten minutes, Catriona Kelly both from play and placed balls, showed her skills with five points while Niamh Murphy replied for the Carrig girls, who certainly recovered from a bad start to give a great display against a good Ballygarvan team ably led by their dual stars in Eimear Dillon and Catriona Kelly.

Following the game, Ms. Mary Bugler, chairperson of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Board, presented the plaque to the victorious Ballygarvan captain, Jennifer Browne, much to the delight of their team-mates, mentors and supporters.

Scorers: Ballygarvan - C. Kelly (2-7, 0-6 frees), J. O'Sullivan (2-0), E. Dillon (0-3), F. Wynn (1-0), D. Daly (0-2), A. O'Neiyl (0-1). Carrigaline - L. Kelleher and A. O'Connor (1-0 each), N. Murphy (0-3), A. Collins (0-2 frees), M. Condon (0-1).

Ballygarvan: Sally Ann O'Halloran, Sinead Collins, Zelda Forrest, Katie Brown, Jennifer Brown, Aidean O'Neill, Eimear Dillon, Deirdre Daly, Fiona Wynn, Julie O'Sullivan, Catriona Kelly, Joan Alexander. Subs used: Aoife Murphy and Suzanne O'Sullivan.

Carrigaline: Ann Kiety, Aoife Collins, Vicky Doherty, Eimear Morgan, Amy Collins, Jan Kiernan, Niamh Murphy, Jacqui O'Keeffe, Muireann Conlon, Aisling O'Connor, Grace Harrington, Laura Kelleher. Subs user, Caroline O'Keeffe and Clare O'Regan.

Referee: Oliver Webb, Tracton.

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Ballygarvan, who lost to Courceys in the South East under 16 camogie championship at Ballygarvan.

Camogie Club becoming stronger

Clonakilty Camogie Club was founded five years ago, as Jim O'Reilly was very much in favour of getting a camogie club going. He organised a meeting to set it up and, from there, the club has gone from strength to strength.

Since it has started, they have taken part in the County Board league and championship competitions, with the highlight being the under 12s winning the West Cork league two years ago, but narrowly beaten by St. Finbarr's in the quarter-final of the county.

The town's business people have responded very well to the camogie club, sponsoring various tournaments, for which the club is grateful. O'Neill Bros. Sports Supplies have sponsored sets of jerseys and various equipment; tournaments were sponsored by Dave McCarthy, Newsagency, John Lowney, Jeweller Shop, Willie O'Regan, Windows, and Conor O'Sullivan, mechanic. Refreshments were sponsored by Deasy & Co. and Harte's Spar Supermarket.

Since the club has been set up, three of the Clonakilty girls were on the local secondary school team which won the Munster final. These players were Grace O'Regan, Louise Daly and Susan Forristal.

The club wouldn't be as successful as it is without the backroom staff and helpers, Fintan O'Regan, Pa McCarthy, Siobhan O'Regan, Mary Crowley, Frances Sutton, Carmel Collins and Breda Coady.

Presently the under 12s are under the guidance of a Waterford lady, Imelda Walsh. The under 14s are looked after by Carmel Collins, Mary Crowley and Breda Coady.

The officers and committee are: Chairman, Kevin Finn; Secretary, Carmel Collins; Treasurer, Eileen O'Sullivan.

Committee: Michael Dorgan, Andy O'Leary, Imelda Walsh, Breda Coady, Anne McCullagh, Sheila O'Leary, Willie O'Regan and Margaret O'Regan.



The Clonakilty under 12 camogie team of Terese O'Leary, Niamh O'Sullivan, Ann Marie Coughlan, Hazel O'Regan, Amy Dorgan, Aoife Deasy, Ciara Nagle, Clodhna O'Leary, Cliona O'Regan, Laura Ryan, Ashling Hayes, Katie Cullinane, Suin McCullough, Orla Sheehy and Ciara McCarthy, pictured with Imelda Walsh, coach.



The U14 Clonakilty camogie team, Caroline O'Leary, Geraldine Murray, Louise Daly, Grace O'Regan, Nicola O'Donovan, Jessica White, Josephine McCarthy, Jane Lowney, Sheila Cullinane, Laura Guest, Annes O'Leary, Susan Forristal, Ashling Finn, Michelle Deegan, Geraldine McCarthy and Laura Moloney. (Photos: George Maguire)

PEDIGREE CHUMS

The Mini - Sevens camogie exhibition game at this year's Hurling final brought together a unique gathering of children with pedigree. The team wearing the Offaly colours had the following names incredibly numbered 1 to 5: Claire Grogan - daughter of John Grogan of Tipperary; Ursula Jacob - daughter of Mick Jacob of Wexford; Fiona Bermingham - daughter of Offaly's Brendan Bermingham; Miriam Kerins - sister of current Galway star Alan Kerins and wearing no. 5 was Aoife Kelly - daughter of former Offaly great Joachim Kelly. On the opposing team wearing No. 6 was Catherine Kavanagh whose brother, Michael, lined out at wing - back for Kilkenny. You can't beat breeding.

Éire Óg and Barrs battle for final spot

IT'S a busy camogie weekend once again.

Éire Óg and St. Finbarr's clash at Ballincollig tomorrow to decide who goes forward to meet Barryroe in the senior B championship final, at Ballyanley, Watergrasshill meet Castlemagner in the Junior A championship semi-final whilst the quarter-final of the Junior B championship sees Ahabullogue take on Barryroe.

The clash of Éire Óg and St. Finbarr's is sure to draw a large crowd to the Ballincollig venue tomorrow as both clubs strive to reach the final of the Senior B championship.

In former years, Éire Óg have been a major force in Cork camogie, winning senior county championship titles in the '70's and '80's, however, following a few lean years, the club re-graded to the intermediate grade and last year won the intermediate championship title.

They are a young side, built around the experienced Marion McCarthy, who lines out in goal.

Marion is the holder of eight All-Ireland senior championship medals and has given tremendous service to Éire Óg.

She is the only surviving member from the club's glory years of the '70's and '80's and is the holder of four Cork County senior championship medals with Éire Óg.

Younger players Helen Walsh, Ellen O'Herlihy and Yvonne O'Leary are all more than capable of getting Éire Óg through to the final hurdle but they will have a tough contest on their hands against the Barrs.

The Togher girls have been in contention at this grade for several years having reached the final on two occasions, losing out to Fr. O'Neill's and in last year's decider to Newtownshandrum. However, they are determined to atone for those results this year.

In their victory over Brian Dillons they looked a well-organised side. They are captained by Claire Barry who lines out at full back.

Their lineup also includes former inter-county star, Collette O'Mahoney, Orla O'Sullivan and Ellen Clifford.

The side is coached by former St. Finbarr's hurlers, Gerry Murphy and Donie Dolan.

On form, they look to be on course to reach the decider.

In the Junior A championship semi-final, Castlemagner and Watergrasshill do battle to decide Tracton's opponents in the final.

Castlemagner had to go to a replay with St. Vincent's to reach tomorrow's encounter. These games will have stood to them as they came through with determination and spirit.

However, the Watergrasshill girls will be equally motivated for tomorrow's clash.

In their path to the game they had good victories over St. Finbarr's and Inniscarra, and with neither of the sides having had success at this level for a number of years it promises to be an enthralling contest.

With Barryroe having their senior team safely through in the senior B final, their thoughts now turn to the junior B quarter-final where they meet Ahabullogue.

Defeated in last year's final, the Mid-Cork girls will be hoping to go a step further in this year's championship.

In the U-16A championship, Cloughduv meet Bishopstown and in the U-16 B championship, Ballinora take on Fr. O'Neill's.

Action on the inter-county calendar starts with the opening game in the 1998/99 Junior National League at Bunclody, where Cork take on Wexford.

This contest is being played on a 15-a-side basis as a test series for next year's 15-a-side.

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REBELS WERE RAMPANT IN '78

This week we glance back at camogie in 1978

Cork won their 11th All-Ireland senior championship title when they defeated Dublin 6-4 to 1-4.

Cork team: Marion McCarthy, Marie Costine, Marie Ryan, Cathy Landers, Patricia Riordan, Clare Cronin, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Mary O'Leary, Marie Sweeney, Pat Moloney, Mary Geaney. Subs: Marie O'Sullivan, Margo Twomey, Claire Hackett, and Marion McCarthy.

Derry won its second and last All-Ireland Junior Championship overcoming Cork 3-4 to 1-4.

Derry team: Patricia McCloskey, Mary Lee, Brigid McLaughlin (Capt), Sarah Ann Quinn, Eileen McQuinnan, Margaret Convery, Brid Williams, Sharon Loftus, Kathleen Marrion, Caroline McWilliams, Brigid McCloskey, Bernadette Deighan. Subs: Bernadette McGowan, Sinead Burke, Martina O'Kane, Cathleen McErlean.

Cork won the All-Ireland minor championship defeating Dublin 5-1 to 3-4. This was their third title and the first of three in a row.

Cork team: Helan O'Hea, Ann Lee, Fidelma O'Connor, Anne O'Shea, Ger O'Donovan, Ann Marie Landers, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Imelda Cronin, Ger McCarthy, Lillian Zintant, Martha Kearney (Capt), Claire Kelleher. Subs: Teresa Kelleher, Una Downey, Helena Felle Madden.

Ballagran, Limerick won their only All-Ireland Club Championship title. Their opponents were Buffers Alley, Wexford with the lowest score ever recorded in a club final 1-3 to 0-1. They were captained by Pauleen McCarthy.

The National senior league was in its second year and Wexford won its only title over Cork 2-5 to 0-4.

Leinster won its 12th Senior Gael Linn title defeating Connacht 4-9 to 2-2. Angela Downey, Kilkenny won the first of her twelve Gael Linn medals.

Leinster team: Shiela Murray (Dublin, Capt), Margaret Lacey (Wexford), Ann Downey (Kilkenny), Bridie Martin (Kilkenny), Catherine Docherty (Dublin), Anna McManus (Dublin), Dorothy Walsh (Wexford), Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny), Mary Purcell (Kilkenny), Mary Mernagh (Dublin), Angela Downey (Kilkenny), Brigid Doyle (Wexford).

Munster won the Junior Gael Linn accounting for Ulster 3-2 to 2-1.

Munster team: Patricia Fitzgibbon (Cork), Mary Maher (Cork), Helan O'Sullivan (Limerick), Betty Joyce (Cork), Marie Coughlan (Cork Capt), Liz Lynch (Cork), Angela O'Sullivan (Limerick), Anne Delaney (Cork), Sarah Ryan (Cork), Martha Kearney (Cork), Eileen Kavanagh (Cork), Annette O'Donovan (Cork).

UCG WON THE ASBOURNE CUP

Mary Immaculate, Limerick won the Purcell Cup, Presentation, Athenry the All-Ireland senior colleagues and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel the All-Ireland junior colleges

Croagh Kilfinney, Limerick won the National Feile na nGael.

St Pauls, Kilkenny secured the All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens, the first of three-in-a-row. They are the only club to have achieved this.

Buffers Alley, Wexford won the first of seven Leinster Club Championship titles on the trot.

Wicklow won its only Leinster Junior Championship.

Roscommon recorded its only victory in the Connacht Minor Championship.

Deirdre O'Shea, Cork won the Feile na nGael Individual Skills Contest. Deirdre held on to the title the following year and is the only player so far to do so.

Sandie Fitzgibbon, Cork won the first of her three All-Ireland minor championship medals.

Sile De Bhailis Ardrunai played with Dublin in the All-Ireland senior Championship final.

Maread Magill, Antrim was the recipient of the B & I 'Player of the Year award'.

Carol Blayney, Antrim received the Gaelic Stars/AIB Award.

Sarah Ann Quinn, Derry secured the honour of the Levi Under 18 award.

Some of the referees who officiated at All-Ireland finals were:

Helena O'Neill, Kilkenny the senior final, Phyllis Breslin Dublin the junior. Phyllis is now Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.

Elsie Walsh, Wexford the minor final. Elsie is currently secretary of the national coaching committee.



Bertie Aherne with Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, Phyllis Breslin, who refereed the 1978 All-Ireland Junior camogie final

Cork juniors launch campaign on right note

Cork 4-6
Wexford 2-6

CORK got their 1998/1999 junior national camogie league campaign off to a winning start at Bunclody yesterday when in the first game played at 15-a-side, they ran out comfortable winners over Wexford.

Cork laid the foundation for victory 15 minutes into the game with two goals inside a minute from Criona Harte and Una O'Donoghue. The third Cork goal from Valerie O'Sullivan saw the Leesiders lead 3-3 to 0-5 at half-time.

On the turnover Wexford rallied and a Michelle O'Leary goal six minutes into the half was followed quickly by an Aoife

O'Connell point to leave just three points between the sides. Criona Harte again settled Cork with a well-taken goal but Wexford fought back and were rewarded with a goal from Aoife O'Connor. However three points, two from Criona Harte and one from Gill Hannon saw Cork run out convincing winners.

Scorers: Cork: C Harte 2-3 (0-3 frees), U O'Donoghue 1-1, V O'Sullivan 1-0, T Roche, J Hannon 0-1.
Wexford: M O'Leary, A O'Connor 1-2, R Breen, E Kavanagh 0-1.
CORK: G Casey, S Buckley, T Ryan, E Dineen, T Roche, K Hickey, A O'Regan, E O'Sullivan, S Cahalane, G Collins, B Morley, J Hannon, C Harte, V O'Sullivan, U O'Donoghue. Subs: E Harte for K Hickey, M Ennagess for G Collins, L Power for A O'Regan.
WEXFORD: L Byrne, A Quinlan, H Jacob, M Jordan, B Hoollihan, O Gahan, S O'Gigley, T Bergan, J Redmond, E Kavanagh, R Breen, M O'Leary, M Walsh, A O'Connor, E

Quigley. Subs: J Heffernan for E Cuigley, M Butler for J Redmond, L Hoollihan for M Walsh. Referee: B McPhillips (Tipperary).

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with victory over Wexford

to points from Orla O'Sullivan, Colette O'Mahony and Clare Turby's superb long range effort gave them an interval lead of 0-6 to 0-3.

Determined to atone for their play in the opening half Éire Óg set about their task from the throw in, with Ellen O'Herlihy and Emily Foley playing well it ensured a steady supply to their inside forwards.

When they extended their lead to three points, Éire Óg looked set for victory. However the Barrs had other ideas and despite not having scored yet in the second half they continued to press hard for the equaliser.

Three minutes from full-time, Colette O'Mahony's effort hit the crossbar and

came back into play and was cleared up field by the Éire Óg defence.

The Barrs' determination was rewarded when Rachel Myres' effort was blocked by Éire Óg goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy, but she could do little to prevent substitute Joanne Browne finishing to the net to force a replay at the end of an excellent contest.

Scorers: Éire Óg: D Healy 0-8 (6 frees), A O'Regan 0-1, Finbarrs: C O'Mahony 0-4 (3 frees), T 30L J Brown 0-1, O'Sullivan, C Kirby 0-1.
ST FINBARR'S: E Clifford, C Barry, L O'Connell, C Cronin, C Kirby, R Myres, M McCarthy, O O'Sullivan, Nash, B Maher, C O'Mahony. Subs: J Browne for R Myres.
ÉIRE ÓG: M McCarthy, Y O'Leary, Y Convery, C O'Sullivan, D O'Sullivan, A O'Regan, E O'Herlihy, E Foley, C O'Connell, E McKenna, H Walsh, D Healy. Subs: C Sheehan for O'Regan, L O'Leary for C Crowley.
Referee: O Webb.

Éire Óg 0-9
St Finbarr's 1-6

ÉIRE ÓG and St Finbarr's will have to meet again to decide who goes into the senior B camogie championship final against Barryroe after they finished all square at Ballincollig yesterday.

Despite dominating proceedings, Éire Óg found themselves trailing four points to one, 15 minutes into the game as the Barrs availed of the limited chances that had come their way. Éire Óg with pointed frees from Deirdre Healy came more into the game but the Barrs thanks



Cork Ladies All Ireland Trophies come to St Mary's Secondary School, Macroom. Front from left: Brid Downey Kelleher, Teacher; Lynn Dunlea, All Ireland Camogie; Mary Kelleher, Intermediate All Ireland Football; Catherine Corkery, Munster Minor Football; Una O'Donoghue, All Ireland Minor Trophy. Back from left: Angela Sheehan; Tom Nott, Coach; Ursula Troy; Marian O'Brien; Jim O'Leary, Principal St Mary's, and Charlie McLaughlin, Trainer.

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At the reception for the representatives of the victorious Cork teams when they visited St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, were, from left, Una O'Donoghue, Cork intermediate All-Ireland team, Angela Sheehan, selector and former teacher at St. Mary's, Lynn Dunlea, top scorer in the final and past pupils of St. Mary's, and Katherine Corkery, Cork under 16 team.



All-Ireland senior camogie medal winner with Cork, Lynn Dunlea pictured with the trophy and St Mary's Secondary School Principi Jim O'Leary on a recent visit to the school where Lynn is a past pupil.

Inniscarra girl wins Jurys Sports Award

Irene O'Keeffe, Inniscarra, is Jury's Sports Star for the month of September. The Cork camogie player received her award from Mr. Joe Quinn, general manager of the Cork Hotel. Cork's All-Ireland camogie success was recalled on Thursday last when Irene was presented with her trophy. She was full-forward on the Cork team and two magnificent goals she scored in the All-Ireland final helped Cork beat Galway to take the title. Her success brought her personal collection of All-Ireland senior inter-county championship medals to five, in a career that has stretched back to 1991. She now plans to retire from inter-county camogie, but it is expected she will continue to play with Inniscarra. Cork County Board Chairperson, Ms. Sheila Golden, played warm tribute to the great sports lady and stressed she was both a brilliant inter-county player with Cork and an outstanding club member at Inniscarra.

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Camogie team qualify for junior semi-final

CASTLEMAGNER had an exciting victory on Sunday at Castlemagner against St Vincent's in the Junior A camogie championship quarter final replay. The final scoreline was Castlemagner 2-4, St Vincents 0-7.

The local side got off to a dream start scoring 1-1 in the early minutes, however St Vincent's came strongly into the game and scored four points in quick succession to Castlemagner's one point. Some fine defensive work by the Castle backs and an excellent save by goalie Angela Murphy gave Castlemagner a half time lead of one point.

Castlemagner

Early into the second half St Vincents got a point to level the game. There were some exciting tussles as both teams tried to get the winning scores. In the final ten minutes Castlemagner displayed great determination which led to an excellent goal scored by Elaine O'Donovan, followed by a quick point. St Vincents fought back to score a point. However Castlemagner urged on by their great supporters held onto their lead of a goal at the final whistle.

Castlemagner will

now meet Watergrass Hill in the semi-final on Sunday next, October 18. The club wishes to thank all those who helped with the organisation of the fixture and to its supporters for turning out in large numbers.

Team: A Murphy, C Healy, I McSweeney, S Roche, B Murphy, M Sheehan, Mairead Lucey, L Duggan, E O'Donovan, M Lucey, C Sheehan, R Healy.

Subs: D Cronin, N Duggan (both played), B Lucey, J Twohig.

O'Keeffe lands top award after another great season

CORK'S All-Ireland camogie success was recalled yesterday when Irene O'Keeffe was presented with the Jurys Sportstar Award for September.

O'Keeffe was full-forward on the Cork team and two fantastic goals she scored in the All-Ireland final helped Cork beat Galway to take the title.

Her success brought her personal collection of All-Ireland senior inter-county championship medals to five in a career that has stretched back to 1991.

She was presented with her award by Joe Quinn, General Manager, Jurys Hotel, Cork, who said that while Irene announced after the All-Ireland final that she intended to retire from inter-

county camogie, he was sure she would continue to enjoy success with her club, Inniscarra.

Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork County Board, said that Irene was both a brilliant inter-county player with Cork and also an outstanding club member at Inniscarra.

Cork camogie player Irene O'Keeffe receiving the Jurys Sportstar of the Month award from Joe Quinn, general manager, along with team members Fiona O'Driscoll, Leona Nolan, Eithne Fitzgerald and Megs Finn.



The Bellaghy side which won the Derry camogie championship. John's sister Elizabeth-Anne is pictured fourth from right in the back row

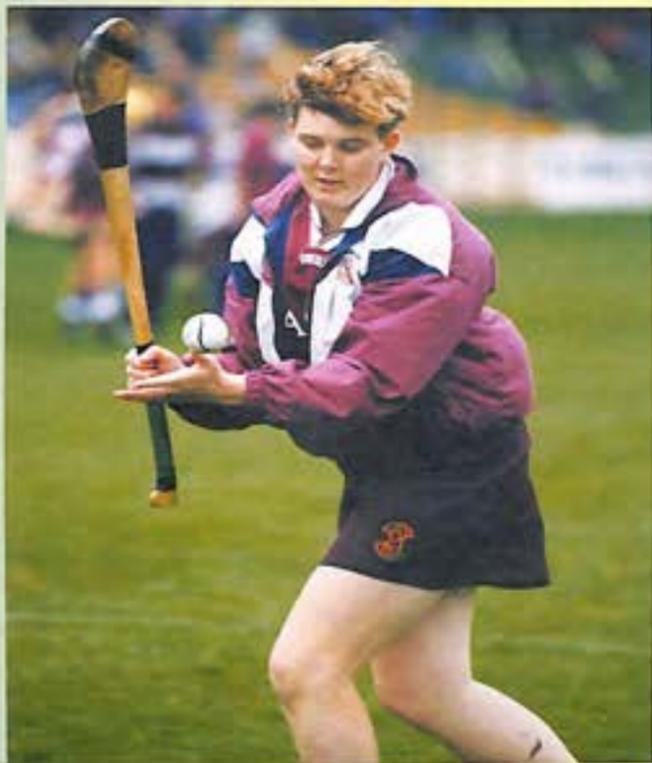
Bord na Gaeilge
Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

On Sunday next the semi-finals of the All-Ireland senior club championship take place. They should be two outstanding encounters. The holders Pearses, Galway face a challenge on home ground from Munster champions Granagh/Ballingarry of Limerick in a repeat of the 1996 decider where the Connacht champions were victorious. This year they are seeking their third All-Ireland on the trot. They have a strong contingent with many members of the Galway All-Ireland senior and junior teams. The Glynn sisters Sharon and Michelle, Louise Curry, Tracey Laheen, Aine Hillary, Ann Forde and Veronica Sweeney will be a force to reckon with and adding more strength to the side is the return of last years Galway senior team captain Martina Harkin. Martina spent a spell in Boston, and was a member of the Eire Og team that won the North American senior championship this year, playing a major role scoring 1-2. Another club member Aisling Ward was playing for the opposition Emerald Isle.

This is Granagh/Ballingarry's third time as two-in-a-row Munster champions. They lost out to last years All-Ireland finalists, Lisdowney, Kilkenny in the semi-final 3-15 to 3-13. They cannot be underestimated. They have a good young squad and will field many Limerick and St Mary's Charleville stars: Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie, Kay Bourke and Jean Cullinane. It all points to a cracker with the champions favourites to advance.

The other semi-final will be an edge of the seat affair when the Leinster champions St Vincents Dublin take on Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down at St Vincents Park at 2.30pm.



Galway and Pearses star Sharon Glynn, who will be in action in an All-Ireland club semi-final this Sunday

St Vincents captured the Dublin title when they defeated Ballyboden St Enda's in the final.

Under the guidance of Ben Dorney they started the season with the ambition to reach the All-Ireland Club Championship final. In the Leinster semi-final they accounted for St Ibar's Wexford and went on to get the upperhand of Freshford, Kilkenny 1-14 to 2-8 to take their first Leinster title. This was a wonderful boost to the club and county. They have a great mix of youth and experience which include county players such as: Patricia Clinton, Germaine Noonan, Louise Lynch and Emer Brannigan.

However they will meet with stiff opposition from the visitors Leitrim/Fontenoy's. In the Ulster final they had a 4-14 to 1-2 victory over Dunloy Cuchulainn's of Antrim to lift their third Ulster title in four years.

In the All-Ireland quarter-final they recorded a comprehensive victory over Pearses, London 3-15 to 0-5. They are an experienced side, fielding many of Down's County team who won their first All-Ireland Intermediate Championship and National Junior League this year.

Their star forward Mairin McAleenan is noted for her high scoring ability. Other prominent players are Majella Murray, Nuala Magee, Rosaleen Cunningham and Roisin O'Higgins. They will be going all out to keep the Down flag flying by securing another 'First'. An Ulster club has never won this competition. The last Ulster Club to contest a final was Eglis, Tyrone in 1991.

This tie points to a cliff hanger.

St Vincents Panel: Roisin Brady, Emer Brannigan, Liz Buckley, Sonya Byrne, Patricia Clinton, Agnes Cosgrove, Niamh Cregan, Aoife Cullen, Ursula Hannon, Louise Lynch, Adrienne McGovern, Patsy Murphy, Karen Murray, Germaine Noonan, Terri O'Boyle, Denise O'Leary, Carmel O'Byrne, Siobhan Peel, Sinead Power, Mary Regan, Denise Smith.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS:

Dublin 7-6 Armagh 0-8

Scorers: Dublin: Irene Kirwan (2-3), Fiona Ni Chorcorain 2-2, Sinead Elliott 2-0, Orla Connolly 1-0, Gillian McCluskey 0-1.

Armagh: Bernie McBride 0-6, Pauleen Fahy and Bernice Gribbon 0-1 each

Referee: John Pender, Kildare

Kilkenny 2-6 Carlow 2-4

Scorers: Kilkenny: Kathleen Atkins and Caitriona Ryan 1-0 each, Laura Sweeney and Lizzie Ling 0-3 each.

Carlow: Mary Coady 1-1, Olivia Maye 1-0, Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean and Ann Marie Ryan 0-1 each.

Referee: Breda Byrne, Wicklow

Cork 4-6 Wexford 2-6

Scorers: Cork: Criona Harte 2-3, Oonagh O'Donoghue 1-1, Valerie O'Sullivan 1-0, Jill Hannon and Tina Roache 0-1 each

Wexford: Michelle O'Leary and Aoife O'Connor 1-2 each, Rosemary Breen and Ailish Kavanagh 0-1 each. Referee:

Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary

Tipperary 5-11 Limerick 0-5

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The proud coach of Sacred Heart Secondary School camogie team, RTE Radio Cork sports commentator and teacher, Mr. Liam Nash, with Jennifer O'Leary, Rosarie Holland and Edel Foley, and, front, Geraldine Collins and Geraldine Casey, pictured with school principal Sr. Eilis McGrath.

*Sacred Heart school's
 input to camogie success*

1998 was a magnificent year for Cork camogie and Sacred Heart Secondary School made a significant input to the various successful teams.

Cork seniors retained their All-Ireland title with a great win over Galway in the first "live" televised camogie All-Ireland and past pupil Cora Keohane had a great game in goal for Cork. She now has

established herself as the top goalkeeper in the county.

The Cork minors also won the All-Ireland and three players from Sacred Heart, Rosarie Holland, Jennifer O'Leary and Adelle Foley, played significant roles.

After a tremendously hard-fought championship, which included wins over Tipperary after extra time and a one-point win over Galway in the semi-final, they beat a very good Derry team in the final with Rosarie Holland out-

standing as full-back and Jennifer O'Leary very impressive in attack.

Geraldine Casey, who was selected in goal for the Irish under 18 hockey team earlier in the year, was in goal for the Cork intermediate team which lost to Down in the All-Ireland final and Geraldine Collins, one of the best under age forwards in the county, was selected on the Cork under 18 team which lost to Tipperary in the Munster semi-final.

Granagh-Ballingarry girls clinch all-Ireland

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY are just an hour away from the All-Ireland club senior camogie title.

They travelled to Ballymacward last Sunday to face up to the champions Pearse's of Galway, and had seven points to spare, 2-11 to 2-4.

It was, said mentor and player Bernie Chawke, a marvellous occasion for them.

"The boys stayed at home this time and beat Newcastle West in the county junior hurling final, and we completed a great double in winning our semi."

The showdown, against St. Vincent's of Dublin, will be played at a Limerick venue on Sunday fortnight.

"We would like to have it in Ballingarry, but with the weather as it is, you don't know. We will just have to wait and see."

A senior club

since the 1970s, it would be the crowning glory for Granagh-Ballingarry if they were to attain national honours.

Their path to the final has been impressive, having recorded wins over Killeedy and Croagh-Kilfinny at local level, Bodyke and Cashel in the provincial series, and then Pearses, who, incidentally, were hoping for their third successive All-Ireland.

Back to Bernie:



Laura Lesley who was in great form for Granagh-Ballingarry in their All Ireland camogie semi-final win over the holders, Pearses of Galway.

All-Ireland club camogie semi-final: St Vincent's (Dublin) 3-12 Liatroim Fontenoys 1-8

Fontenoys are foiled by St Vincent's

ST VINCENT'S of Dublin powered their way to the All-Ireland Club camogie final with a convincing win over Liatroim Fontenoys in Raheny yesterday.

St Vincent's had a greater physical presence throughout the field and, as the game progressed, their movement off the ball and ability to hold possession wore down the Ulster champions.

They now deservedly go through to play Granagh-Ballingarry in three weeks' time after the Limerick team stopped Pearses of Galway's three-in-a-row bid.

Liatroim found it very difficult to get going in the game. Their defence was under constant pressure and, while they played well, the pace and power of the goalscorers Denise Smyth and Louise Lynch was a constant trouble.

At midfield the Ulster champions struggled and were forced to withdraw Majella Murray, their best player on the day, from full-forward to try and move the ball faster.

Mairin McAleenan was very tightly marked by Trish Clinton and her early misses from frees seemed to deflate both her own and her team's

confidence. It was two points each after eight minutes - both Liatroim points from Majella Murray. However, Denise Smyth, Denise O'Leary and Adrienne McGovern pointed to give the home side a grip on the game before O'Leary and Louise Lynch shot their goals.

Lynch scored the third St Vincent's goal six minutes into the second half but Liatroim refused to give in and fought their way back with a goal from Rosaleen Cunningham and three points from Mairin McAleenan.

However, St Vincent's finished strongly with two points each from Denise Smyth and Denise O'Leary.

St Vincent's: M Regan, P Murphy, N Cregan, Trish Clinton, G Noonan (capt), U Hannon, D O'Leary (0-6), R Brady, L Lynch (2-2), A McGovern (0-1), D Smyth (1-3), E Brannigan. **Subs:** L Buckley for E Brannigan (54 mins), A Cullen for G Noonan (58 mins), S O'Byrne for A McGovern (58 mins).
Liatroim Fontenoys: J Brown, M O'Higgins, D Greeran, N Magee, A Morgan, L McCrickard, B Kelly, B Gallagher, C McCrickard, M McAleenan (0-4), R Cunningham (1-0), M Murray (capt)(0-4). **Subs:** L Quinn for R Cunningham (50 mins), E McCrickard for A Morgan (55 mins).
Referee: B Phillips (Tipperary).

final spot

"We have won three Munster titles in a row, but that will mean very little unless we beat St. Vincent's. We have worked very hard to get this far and, in the process, have played some fine camogie."

Their panel, she said, was still on the young side, but they are handicapped this season in that many of their players are studying in Cork, Tralee, UL, and elsewhere.

"In the past, we had a number who

were students at St. Mary's in Charleville...now, we have just one going there, Eileen O'Brien."

Eileen was once again the principal playmaker in the semi finals, scoring an impressive 1-7.

The weather conditions on the day were not good, and neither was there a big attendance, due mainly to the Galway senior hurling final replay.

Granagh-Ballingarry realise that it will be tough

against St. Vincent's, a very experienced side.

With home advantage, though, the pendulum is slightly in their favour.

There is a good balance to their team this season. The trainer manager is Mike Chawke assisted by Ge O'Donovan.

The team which beat Pearse's, having led 1-4 to 0-1 at half-time, was: Brenda O'Brien; Berni O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Berni Chawke, Laura Les

Ann Frazer cup final

Burgess..... 3-5
Cashel..... 1-3
BURGESS recorded a fine win over County Champions Cashel in The Ann Frazer Cup (Senior League). Going into this game Cashel were firm favourites, but Burgess never let Cashel into the game and led from the start. This was a great boost for Burgess who have not won any medals this season so far, but who are still in the running for the u/18 'A' championship.

INTERMEDIATE COUNTY FINAL
Templemore..... 5-11
Holycross..... 3-5
This was a repeat of the Junior Co. Final of two years ago, but Templemore made no mistake this time round and ran out easy winners in the end. Templemore will now play in the Senior Division next season.

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Finalists in S.East camogie blitz



Ballygarvan, who defeated Courcey Rovers in the South East under 10 camogie blitz in Ballinspittle recently.



Courcey Rovers who were defeated by Ballygarvan in the South East under 10 camogie blitz in Ballinspittle recently.

Watergrasshill clinch title after 29-year gap

Watergrasshill 6-6
Tracton 1-5

WATERGRASSHILL bridged a 29 year gap when they took the Cork Junior A Camogie Championship title in tremendous fashion at the splendid Glenville venue yesterday. Tracton settled quickly with a third minute point from the impressive Jackie Lyons. Watergrasshill responded three minutes later when the alert Maeve Butler-Waters batted the ball back to the in-running Mary Buckley who kicked to the net to give the 'Hill a lead they never relinquished.

Though Tracton tried hard, with Cork minor, Brid O'Neill and Amy O'Donoghue dominating, Watergrasshill came forward continuously and when O'Neill sent a 30 metres free to the net, the dye was cast. Three more goals sealed it for Watergrasshill.

Scorers, Tracton: J. Lyons 0-5 (0-4 from frees), M. Jaegg 1-0. Watergrasshill: M. Buckley 3-0, M. Lynch 2-1, B. O'Neill 1-3 (goal from free), M. Butler-Waters, A. O'Donoghue 0-1 each. **TRACTON:** S. Corkery, M. Lane, G. McCarthy, E. Collins, J. Lyons, J. Kingston, T. Harrington (captain), N. Hayes, A. Twomey, C. Collins, N. Lynch, M. Jaegg. **WATERGRASSHILL:** L. O'Brien, K. Barry (captain), M. Cronin, M. Dorgan, L. O'Neill, J. Aherns,

A O'Donoghue, Margaret Buckley, B. O'Neill, Mary Buckley, M. Lynch, M. Butler-Waters, Subs: M. O'Reilly for J. Aherns, S. Dorgan for Margaret Buckley, T. O'Regan for M. Butler-Waters. Referee: J. McGrath, Carrigaline.

Eire Og 2-6
St Finbarr's 1-9
(Abandoned 14 minutes into extra time).

WITH six minutes remaining in extra time in this Senior B Camogie championship semi final replay, referee Oliver Webb abandoned the game because of an incident involving mentors from both sides on the sideline.

However, this should not detract

from what was an excellent contest and one must have a degree of sympathy for the players who were totally blameless for this incident.

Rachel Myers scored a goal five minutes into the game for the Barrs, but a goal from Alana McKenna for Eire Og left the Barrs ahead 1-3 to 1-2 at the interval.

During the second half the Barrs stretched their advantage to three points, thanks to the accuracy of free-taker, Colette O'Mahony.

However, Eire Og continued to exert pressure and were rewarded when Deirdre Healy rounded the defence and scored a goal to level

matters. Extra time was called. As the game was unable to be completed its now up to the County Board to decide what course of action they will take.

Scorers, St. Finbarr's: C. O'Mahony 0-6 (5 from frees), R. Myers 1-2, D. O'Sullivan 0-1. Eire Og: D. Healy 1-5, (5 from frees), A. McKenna 1-0, H. Walsh 0-1. **ST. FINBARR'S:** M. O'Sullivan, C. Barry, L. O'Connell, C. Cronin, Colette Kirby, Clare Kirby, J. Duffy, J. Browne, O. O'Sullivan, C. O'Mahony, N. Nash, R. Myers. Subs: B. Maher for N. Nash, M. McCarthy for J. Duffy. **EIRE OG:** M. McCarthy, G. O'Leary, Y. Corkery, C. O'Callaghan, D. Sheehan, E. O'Herlihy, A. O'Regan, E. Foley, C. Crowley, A. McKenna, H. Walsh, D. Healy. Subs: G. Barry for A. O'Regan, C. Sheehan for C. Crowley. Referee: Oliver Webb, Tracton.

Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

On Sunday next the second round of the National Junior League takes place. Waterford who have not entered the league for some time have their first outing when they host Wexford. The Slaneysiders have already dropped two points to Cork, but may have too much experience for Waterford and look set to collect their first points.

Monaghan, who have not taken part in the league since 1994 have a tough assignment when they host Dublin who have already two points under their belt from an outing against Armagh and may collect their second brace of points.

Armagh host Kildare. They met at this stage of the competition last year when Armagh got the verdict by three points. The Orchard County have lost out to Dublin in this campaign and will be anxious to get on the winning trail. Kildare scored a win over Cavan and will be going all out for more glory. However, home venue may be an advantage to Armagh but Kildare are classed favourites.

Derry and Antrim make their debut. Derry are the Ulster champions and were defeated by Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final after a replay.

They also reached the junior league quarter final last season and are a strong outfit. When the sides met last season Derry were victorious 3-11 to 1-3 and should collect the points here.

Down host Tyrone in their first outing. Down have been very successful during the year winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship and the National League and with a new selection of players will have great determination to do well again. It should be close going down to the wire.

This week we take a look at events in Leinster in 1978. An Under 14 championship was inaugurated and former Carlow Gael, the late Frank Darcy presented the Council with a Perpetual Cup for the competition, which was won by Dublin when they defeated Meath 7-2 to 1-0.

The minor championship was also won by Dublin who went on to the All-Ireland final only to be defeated by Cork, 5-4 to 3-4.

The Junior Championship for the Smyco Cup was won by Wicklow. This was the Garden Counties only victory in the competition. They ousted Wexford 2-4 to 0-1 and were the knocked out by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final after a replay, 3-5 to 2-2.

Wexford won the Leinster senior championship, while in the Open Draw Kilkenny, Wexford



A man who knows how to guide a side to success, Cork Manager Tom Nott

and Dublin reached the All-Ireland semi-finals. Dublin advanced to the final and lost to Cork 6-4 to 1-2.

The Leinster B League was in its second year and was won by Meath.

Myshall, Carlow, Kiltegan, Wicklow, St Anne's Louth, Buffer's Alley, Wexford, Celtic, Dublin and St Paul's, Kilkenny took part in the Club Championship and in the final Buffer's Alley defeated St Paul's by a single point, 1-3 to 1-2 and lost to Ballyagran, Limerick in the All-Ireland final, 1-3 to 0-1.

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Cathaoirleach: Kay Timmons, Dublin

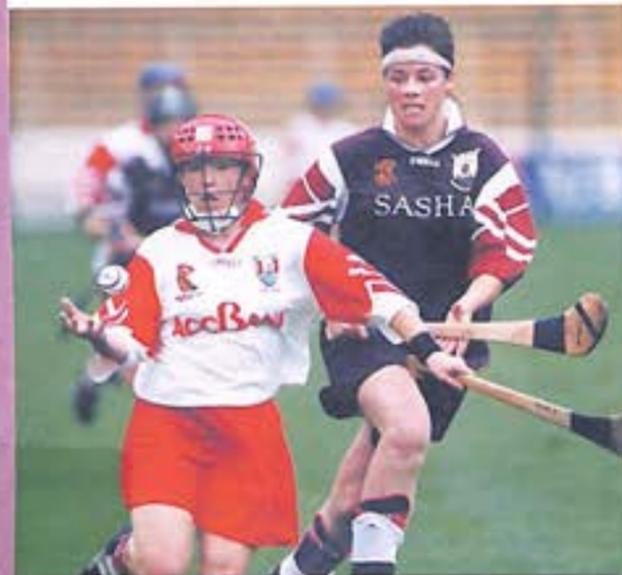
Leas-Cathaoirleach: Kathleen Walsh, Wicklow

Runai: Beatrice Treacy, Kilkenny

Cisteoir: Marie Cribbon, Kildare

Clairahoir: Sophia Brack, Dublin (RIP)

Marie Woods (Nee Cribbon) is still Cisteoir while Kay Timmons is Dublin's Delegate to Leinster Council



Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll races away from Tracey Laheen of Galway in the '98 final

Cork Institute of Technology rewards sporting students

FORTY sports bursaries were presented to students of the Cork Institute of Technology at a special function in the Metropole Hotel last night.

Presently there are 35 sports clubs in the college and the bursaries were awarded to students across the board.

The traditional sports of Gaelic football, hurling, Ladies Football and Camogie are well represented among the award winners.

The ladies soccer bursary is a first for CIT and it reflects the strength of this club in the college.

In all 17 clubs were recognised and 24 first year students gained awards.

There were also three Comhairle na Mumhan GAA scholarships, they were presented to Cork senior footballer Alan O'Regan, Pat Mulcahy (Cork senior hurler) and Paula Walsh (Waterford ladies footballer).

The complete list of award winners are as follows:

- Karate** - Gary Weldon, Aileen O'Sullivan, Barry Walsh, Paul Byrne.
- Football** - James O'Connell, Austin Conatible, Derek Kavanagh, Graham Carty, Eugene Courtney.
- Hurling** - Pat Ryan, Johnny Sheehan, Shane Doyle, Donncha Falvey, Peter Murphy, Pat Sexton and Alan O'Connor.
- Camogie** - Eimear O'Sullivan, Valerie O'Keefe
- Ladies Football** - Iala McSweeney
- Rowing** - Gerard Bowen, Ross O'Donovan.

- Cycling** - Alan O'Crowley
- Athletics** - Michael O'Connor, Tony Lilly, Eileen Kelly, Brian Deasy.
- Tae Kwon Do** - Elaine Moran, Ruairi O'Brien.
- Hockey** - Dave Eakins, Andrew Whittaker.
- Basketball** - Juliet Murphy, Thomas O'Sullivan.
- Ladies Soccer** - Catherine Cooks.
- Soccer** - Kenneth McCarthy.
- Golf** - Claran Nicholson.
- Tennis** - Yvonne Flynn.
- Sailing** - Martin Darrer.
- Rugby** - Adam Sherrard, Darragh Griffin, Henry Hegarty.

Meanwhile, Sports Scholarships and Bursaries for the academic year of 1998/1999 were presented by the President of NUI, Galway, Dr. Pat Fottrell at an awards ceremony in the University's

Aula Maxima yesterday.

- Athletics** - P. McNamara.
- Camogie** - V. Curtin.
- Football** - D. Rooney, D. Dolan, E. Morrissey.
- Hockey** - O. Canavan.
- Hurling** - D. Tierney, B. McMahon.
- Rugby** - D. Mescal.
- Ladies soccer** - M. O'Donnell.
- Mens soccer** - K. Foley.
- Guinness Group Sales Hurling Scholarships (worth £1000 each)** - C. Dillon, T. Fahy, G. Lynskey.
- NUIG Bursaries (worth £500 each):** Athletics - G. Thornton.
- Basketball** - F. Gavin.
- Gaelic Football** - G. Brady, F. Carroll, J. Tierney.
- Golf** - B. Mooney, E. Moriarty.
- Hockey** - E. Newell.
- Hurling** - S. O'Donoghue.
- Judo** - C. Coyle.
- Soccer** - A. O'Donnell, R. Dunne.

Mellerick and Wall are honoured with Allstars Player of the Month awards

by Brendan Larkin

CORK camogie star Linda Mellerick has been honoured with the Eircell GAA Allstars Player of the Month for her outstanding display in the All-Ireland final.

The Glen Rovers player received her award at a luncheon in Croke Park yesterday from GAA President Joe McDonagh in the presence of a number of her county team-mates and county board officials.

"This puts the icing on the cake for me", said an obviously delighted Miss Mellerick. "I was stunned when I first hear that I had won.

While I'm absolutely delighted at winning, it is a reward for all the Cork team, who played so magnificently in the All-Ireland final.

"Whatever chance I had of retiring I've none now after this award. It is just the incentive I needed to keep going for another year.

"I've been playing camogie for 18 seasons now and it's not getting any easier, but when you win such a prestigious award as this, it makes all the hard work and sacrifices worthwhile", she said.

In her years at the top, Linda has won every honour in camogie, including five senior All-Ireland medals

(two of them as captain in 1993 and 1997), interprovincial honours with Munster and four All-Ireland club medals with Glen Rovers.

Her display in this year's All-Ireland final was unforgettable as she covered every inch of Croke Park urging her colleagues to victory.

When Galway applied the pressure in the second-half, Cork were in need of inspiration, it was Linda who provided the leadership with her surging runs turning defence into attack and she played a starring role in breaking the heart of the Galway challenge.

Aine Wall of Waterford

was also honoured for her outstanding display in the All-Ireland ladies football final replay against Monaghan recently.

She is the third recipient from the Decies county to be honoured this year. Both Stephen Frampton and Tony Browne received awards for their hurling displays in June and July respectively.

In 1993 Aine captained her club Ballymacarbery to All-Ireland club championship title and in addition to her five All-Ireland senior medals, she also the holder of three National League medals and seven All-Star awards.

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At the Eircell Awards were Joe McDonagh, GAA President, Stephen Brewer, Eircell, Aine Wall (Waterford) for ladies football and Linda Mellerick (Cork) camogie.



ALL-STARs . . . the Eircell All-Stars of the month, Aine Wall of the Waterford ladies football team (left) and Linda Mellerick of the Cork camogie team, receive their awards from GAA President Joe McDonagh and Stephen Brewer, chief executive of Eircell at Croke Park yesterday
Pic: Ray McManus

Local girl Linda scoops player of the year award

CORK CAMOGIE player Linda Mellerick, was awarded with the first ever Eircell Camogie Player Award, presented in recognition of her sporting achievements on the pitch this year.

Linda, a daughter of Micheal and Anne Mellerick, Mourne Abbey, Mallow, was awarded the trophy in Croke Park, Dublin, on Monday last alongside Aine Wall, from Waterford, who was presented with an award for Ladies Gae

By Helen Hogan
lic Football.

The presentation, given in conjunction with the Eircell GAA All-Stars, is in recognition of the contribution that the two women have made to Irish sport, and in particular to womens' sport.

Linda, who plays with Glen Rovers, Cork, said she was over the moon when she heard she had been chosen to receive the award.

Almost 20 of her Camogie friends and colleagues joined her on the trip to Dublin, including trainer Tom Nott and Chairperson of the County Board, Sheila Golden.

About the award, Linda said "There are some excellent players in the country. I admire a lot of camogie players and to top them is a tremendous feeling," she said.

During this year in particular, she said, camogie received more recognition than

ever. She said "I think TV this year has done an enormous amount," and that the All-Ireland Camogie final was one of the most viewed programmes of that week, she said.

Linda played centre field in the game and said it had been 'an exciting, good game.'

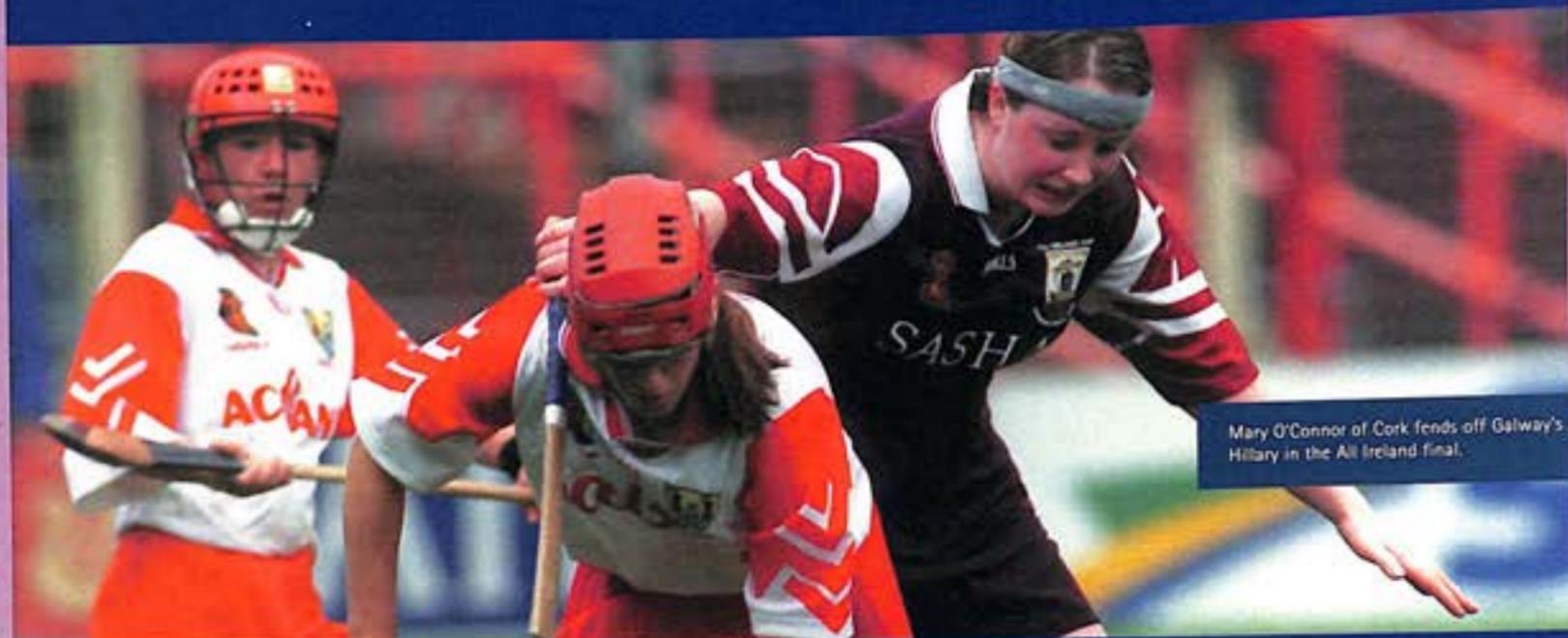
Indeed, this award is just another boost for a team that have achieved an enormous amount this year.

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Nott's Landing

Therese O'Calaghan meets the manager of the victorious Cork camogie team



Mary O'Connor of Cork fends off Galway's Hilary in the All Ireland final.

■ Tom Nott is not one for the limelight, yet, never very far away from success. As manager of the Cork Senior Camogie team he has had his ups and downs, but 1998 was certainly one of the ups. Facing a daunting task in charge of the reigning All Ireland Champions, it wasn't going to be easy motivate his charges for another long campaign. But this man is no stranger to such tasks. He had a previous involvement in 1978 with the ladies inter-county team, and his shrewd managerial qualities brought four All Ireland Senior Titles back Leaside. An enforced break didn't see him back in charge until 1995, and unbelievably since then, the only title that has eluded his charges was the 1996 All Ireland.

■ On reflection, Tom pinpoints their first National League game the first Sunday in March as the day he felt he had the nucleus of another winning combination. Tipperary were the opposition, and despite terrible conditions and a tremendous battle, the Cork girls got the year off to a winning note. It took a lot of heart and determination, which was still very evident despite the long year behind them. The following week they easily accounted for a weak Wexford side and progress was evident. St. Patrick's Day was spent on holidays in the Canary Islands, but not for Tom. Instead, the former Na Piarsaigh club hurler plotted out his plan for their remaining two league matches and qualification for the play offs. Cork topped the table with maximum points and went on to meet Galway in the final in Ballinasloe. Galway came at the Rebel County late in the second half, but what particularly pleased this manager was the manner in which they fought to hold on to their crown. They showed a hunger which wouldn't normally be associated with title holders. He was very happy on the road home that day.

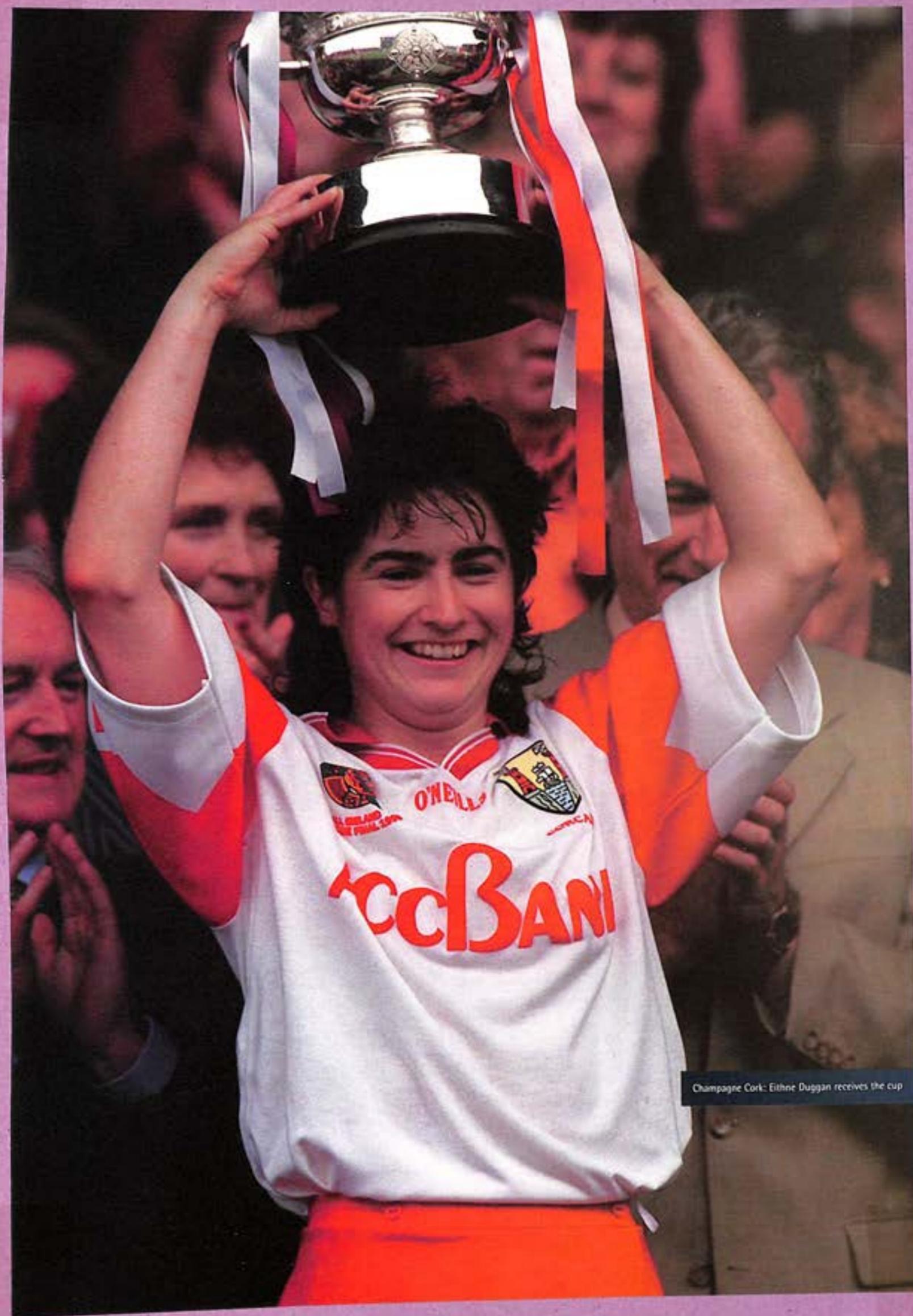
■ Another factor he attributes to Cork's success was the strength of his panel. He is a firm believer that you need to be able to rely on all you players - and this was something that came into practice early on in the championship. With the league title safely under

their belt, preparations got underway with training every Tuesday and Thursday night, for what he hoped, would be a return journey to Croke Park. It was off to O'Toole Park for round one with the home team Dublin providing the opposition. But the champions were dealt a severe blow with four of their first team out through injury. Others managers would have panicked, but not this one. He knew deep in that panel he had the girls who would come up trumps for him, and on the day they didn't let him down. Young championship debutants Caoimhe Harrington and Paula O'Connor were inspirational, and also served warning to the more mature members that permanent inclusion on the team was high on their agenda. Tom was delighted - he now had a balanced team, and set to work for another All Ireland Semi-Final.

■ Club championship had also to be allowed for, and Tom ensured that none of his players were over burdened with endless nights of hard training sessions. Freshness, he claims, is vital to achieving the best results. It was very evident from the player's displays that all were enjoying the game. Next up was Nowlan Park and the unique occasion of both semi-finals being played as a double header. The vibes from Clare were that they had a side capable of dethroning the favourites, but Tom, although he heeded, knew there was only one team to beat Cork - and that was Cork themselves. He repeated it over and over to the girls, until they were blue in the face from him. Clare didn't beat them, and with the regulars back in the side recorded a big 2-15 to 1-9 victory. Galway beat Tipperary, and Tony Ward's girls were once more facing the might of Cork on All Ireland Day.

■ Training was upped to three times a week and according to Tom, their attitude was a true indication of the players' eagerness to win. They went to Croke Park, and on Sep 6th no man could have been happier than Tom Nott. It wasn't the win, but the way they won. It reminded him of a Sunday way back in March.

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Champagne Cork: Eithne Duggan receives the cup

Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The Munster senior camogie club champions, Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick put in a sparkling performance to dethrone the champions Pearses, Galway in the All-Ireland senior club championship semi-final played at Ballymacward.

The home side were going for three titles on the trot, but had little answer for Granagh/Ballingarry who showed great appetite and were very much in command all through the game.

Charleville College star, Eileen O'Brien was in great scoring form notching off 1-7 (0-7 frees), Pearses never seemed to settle to their usual form and trailed by 0-3 at the interval after an O'Brien goal was cancelled out by Sharon Glynn to leave the half time score: Granagh 1-4 Pearses 1-1.

The Munster Champions continued to hold the upper hand in the second half with a further goal by Ida Quaid. Pearses fought on gallantly with a goal by Shauna Ward and some well taken points to Mairead Meehan and Ann Forde. They were dealt a severe blow when Sharon Glynn had to retire.

Final score: Granagh/Ballingarry 2-11, Pearses 2-4

Scorers: Granagh, Eileen O'Brien 1-7, Ida Quaid 1-0, Vera Sheehan 0-2, Jean Cullinane and Mary O'Connor 0-1 each. Pearses: Shauna Ward and Sharon Glynn 1-1 each, Mairead Meehan and Ann Forde 0-1 each.

Granagh Team: Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Patricia McKenna, Bernie Chalke, Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien, Mary O'Connor, Vera Sheehan (Capt), Ida Quaid.

Pearses team: Louise Curry, Aisling Ward, Martina Haverty, Tracey Laheen, Colette Deeley, Martina Harkin, Michelle Glynn, Veronica Sweeney, Shauna Ward, Ann Forde (capt) Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillary.

Subs: Mairead Meehan, Orla Kilkenny
Referee: John Pender, Kildare

St Vincents, Dublin had a comprehensive win over Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down in their semi-final played at St Vincent Park. It was a great win for the Leinster Champions. Ben Dorney's charges gave an excellent display of speed and skill that really rocked the visitors.

Down's scoring ace Mairin McAleenan came up against a stone wall defence of Patsy Murphy, Trish Clinton and Niamh Cregan and just managed two points from play.

Vincents showed their mettle from the throw in and two goals by Louise Lynch gave them a 2-5 to 0-4 lead at the break.

Despite a second half goal by Fontenoy's Rosaleen Cunningham the issue was never in doubt, as Denise Smyth had the winner's third goal, and Denise O'Leary sent over some well taken points to march in to the All-Ireland Club Championship final on November 22nd.

Final score: St Vincents 3-12
Leitrim/Fontenoy's 1-8

Scorers: St Vincents, Louise Lynch 2-2, Denise O'Leary 0-7, Denise Smyth 1-2,

Adrienne McGovern 0-1.

Leitrim/Fontenoy's: Mairin McAleenan 0-4, Rosaleen Cunningham 1-1, Majella Murray 0-3.

St Vincent team: Mary Regan, Patsy Murphy, Niamh Cregan, Trish Clinton, Germaine Noonan (capt), Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary, Roisin Brady, Louise Lynch, Adrienne McGovern, Denise Smyth, Emer Brannagan

Subs: Sonya Byrne, Aoife Cullen, Liz Burkley

Leitrim/Fontenoy's: Joan Brown, Maureen O'Higgins, Donna Greenan, Ann Morgan, Brenda Gallagher, Bernice Kelly, Lisa McCrickard, Nuala Magee, Rosaleen Cunningham, Mairin McAleenan, Majella Murray, Caitriona McCrickard. Subs: Lisa Quinn

Referee: Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary

There are two matches in the National junior league on Sunday. Offaly make their debut in this year's competition when they host Tipperary.

The Faithful County always put in a good show in the National League but just fall short of honours. They reached the quarter final last season and had to give way to the eventual winners Down. They will come up against stiff opposition from Tipperary, a county that are expected to do well in this competition. They were also defeated by Down in last seasons semi-final but went on to contest the All-Ireland Junior Championship final against Galway.

In their recent outing against Limerick they were in top form scoring 5-11 to Limerick's 0-5, and are expected to collect their second brace of points.

Carlow travel to cross swords with last years beaten finalists Cork. Carlow, as Leinster champions suffered a surprise defeat in their first outing to Kilkenny, while Cork have two points from their win over Wexford, 4-6 to 2-6 and with home venue they will be hard to overcome.



Cork's supporters celebrate after their All-Ireland win at Croke Park in September

Camogie Presentation



Mary Bugler, Chairperson, Carrighoun Camogie Board seen presenting the South East under 15 camogie trophy to Jennifer Brown, captain Ballygarvan after her side defeated Carrigaline in the final at Ballinhassig.



Sarah Hayes, pictured with the Senior Sportsperson of the Year Award at the Kinsale Community School Awards night.

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Milford come of age as powerful first-half display secures title

Milford 2-9
Barryroe 1-6

MILFORD took their first Cork camogie trophy at adult level at the Nemo Rangers grounds yesterday. A tremendous performance saw them lead 0-6 to 0-1 at half time, with five points from Siobhan Lenihan and one from Regina Curtin. Jane Keohane put one on the board for Barryroe. Eight minutes into the second half Milford had stretched their lead 0-8 to 0-1 and were looking good, but then

Barryroe kicked into action and hit four unanswered points in four minutes. Rejuvenated, they continued to press and were rewarded with a 15th minute goal from 14-year-old substitute Marie Moloney to level matters 1-5 to 0-8 with ten minutes remaining. Milford captain Lena Long pointed a long-range effort. In reply, Marie Moloney's blistering shot for goal struck the crossbar and was tapped over by the alert Helen Keohane to level matters. Milford pressed and a long ball into the square was finished

to the net by Regina Curtin. Three minutes later Emer O'Freee sealed victory with a superb goal.

Scorers: Milford; S Lenihan 0-7 (3 30's 2 frees), R Curtin 1-1, E O'Freee 1-0, L Long 0-1 (free). Barryroe; M Moloney 1-1 (1 free), M Sheehy 0-3 (2 ft), H Keohane, J Keohane 0-1. MILFORD: B Geary, C O'Gorman, E Savage, N O'Riordan; A Dillon, D Hayes, L Long (Capt), E Reilly; E O'Freee, S Lenihan, R Curtin, M Watson. BARRYROE: I Griffin; G Carl (Capt), E Carl, M Sheehy, F Walsh; E Griffin, E Collins, I Dineen, J Keohane; F Collins, H Keohane, M O'Regan-Welton, Sub: M Moloney for F Walsh, M Flemming for M O'Regan-Welton. Ref: T Sheehan (Mayfield).

St Finbarrs 0-9
Eire Og 0-6

ST FINBARRS advanced to meet Barryroe in the Senior B Camogie Championship final when they defeated Eire Og at Ballyanley yesterday in a second replay. It was Eire Og who held a slender three points to two lead at the interval, courtesy of Helen Walsh. Four minutes into the second half, Eire Og led 0-5 to 0-2, thanks to two excellent points from Walsh. Colette

O'Mahony pointed a free two minutes later to cut the deficit, but Deirdre Healy replied for Eire Og in the seventh minute. Surprisingly, this was to be Eire Og's last score of the game.

The switching of Orla O'Sullivan to centre field and the introduction of lively Bernadine Maher and Maria McCarthy was crucial for the Bars. Fifteen minutes into the game Clare Kirby had them on level terms. Two minutes later, Colette O'Mahony popped over her fourth point of the game to give the Barrs the lead for the first

time. Two further points from O'Mahony ensured the Barrs a place in next Sunday's final.

Scorers — St Finbarrs: C O'Mahony 0-6 (4 f, 1 30), O O'Sullivan, C Kirby, J Duffley 0-1; Eire Og: H Walsh 0-5 (1 f), D Healy 0-1. ST FINBARRS: M O'Sullivan; C Barry (capt), L O'Connell, C Cronin, C Kirby; J Duffley, Clare Kirby; J Browne, O O'Sullivan, C O'Mahony, E Clifford, B Myers. Subs; M McCarthy, B Maher for J Duffley and J Browne. EIRE OG: M McCarthy; Y O'Leary (capt), Y Corkery, C O'Callaghan, D O'Sullivan; E Foley, E O'Herlihy, H Walsh, A McKenna; D Healy, C Sheehan, L O'Leary. Subs; A O'Regan, C Crowley for A McKenna and C Sheehan. Ref: J McGrath (Carrigaline).

Blueprint set up to recommend camogie merger with GAA

by Conor George

A BLUEPRINT for the future of the Camogie Association will be recommending a merger with the GAA at a special meeting in Croke Park tonight. The Development Committee set up 12 months ago will recommend that the merger be phased in over a three year period following its adoption in principle by the Annual Congress of both organisations. The recommendation will also propose that at the end of this period camogie members would be full voting members of the GAA. The benefits of this merger for the Camogie Associ-

ation would be, according to the committee, that it would add the organisational strength of the GAA, enabling camogie people to play a full part in their local GAA clubs and replace the present loose external association. Such a development would facilitate the sharing of overheads and would greatly strengthen camogie and enhance its ability to develop rather than just survive. This recommendation comes at the end of a 12 month National study carried out by a six member Development Committee charged by Cumann Camagaochta na nGael to review and formulate a development plan for the future.

Under the terms of reference dictated to the committee by the Association they were charged with reviewing and analysing all aspects of the association in regard to structure, membership, competition, management and administration skills, financial resources, sponsorship and public image. They were also asked to establish development targets to be reached over a five to ten year period, select methods of achieving those targets, formulate an action plan and suggest methods of implementing the action plan. The committee are also recommending that the current rule book of the Camogie Association be revised and re-

written, that matches consist of 15 players on each team (a system that is currently in action in junior league matches) and that a greater emphasis be placed on recruiting members from Primary and Secondary schools as well as from those attending third level. The committee also recommends that a full time Development Officer be recruited with responsibilities for organisational and membership development, development of sponsorship and public relations which it also suggests that a Coaching Officer be appointed. Other recommendations include compulsory coaching courses being organised for referees annually as well as a

core group of assessors at each level being recruited to oversee all referees at all levels of the game as well as a drive in the coaching aspect of the game. The most important recommendation to emerge from the 12 month study is the proposed merger with the GAA. Greater integration between the two organisations was mooted as far back as the MacNamee Commission in 1971 and again in 1985 while discussions to this end took place in 1992/93 but they were not pursued to finality. Such a merger would require constitutional change in both organisations and the Development Committee recommends that an expert sub group be set

up to develop the detailed constitutional amendments and organisational structure of the merged organisation. Those charged with formulating the Development Plan for the Camogie Association were Sean MacThaidh Chairman of GAA Policy & Planning Committee, former camogie players Kathryn Davis and Therese O'Callaghan, camogie referee and officer Miriam O'Callaghan, former Minister of State Eithne Fitzgerald and Cathaoirleach Down Camogie Board Fionnuala McGrady. The full report from the group will be presented to Cumann Camagaochta na nGael in Croke Park tonight.

St Finbarr's and Eire Óg in third attempt at a decision

ONE hundred and 24 minutes of camogie has failed to produce a winner in the Senior 'B' Camogie Championship semi final. So it's all back again to Ballyanley on Sunday for the girls from St Finbarr's and Eire Og. In last weekend's replay the game ended suddenly when in extra time the referee abandoned the game due to a sideline incident. In the first game it was the Barrs with a last minute goal from substitute Joanne Browne

who forced a replay. But last weekend it was the turn of Eire Og's Deirdre Healy who, on the stroke of full time, goaled to send the game to extra time. When abandoned both teams were still level having each scored a point. There is little between the sides who are very evenly matched. It again promises to be a close affair where hopefully a winner will emerge to meet Barryroe who are waiting patiently for the final.

The Junior 'B' Championship final takes place at Glen Rovers on tomorrow evening when Barryroe meet Milford. Barryroe won the title in 1994 and are captained by Geraldine Carroll. They are a very young side, drawn mainly from their successful U16 and U18 teams of the last two years. The return from Australia of Jane Keohane has strengthened the side and they also include the experienced Marie O'Regan in their line-out.

For Milford 1998 has been a dream debut in adult competitions reaching the final at their first attempt. They are captained by the experienced Lelia Long who previously played with Limerick side Feonagh/Kilmeedy and Newtownshandrum whilst the remainder of the side is very young — all under 16. They are a strong side with Aoife Dillon, Christine Gorman and Eimear O'Friel all fine exponents of the game. Coach is former Limerick

inter county player Anne Watson who won All-Ireland junior honours in Limerick in 1977 and All-Ireland Club Championship honours with Croke/Kilfinney. We look set to be in for an exciting finish to the Junior 'B' Championship for 1998. On the inter county calendar, Carlow travel to Cork to meet the home side who following their recent victory over Wexford will be hoping to notch up another two league points.

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Granagh-Ballingarry on the brink of historic

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

WITH All-Ireland senior titles rather thin on the ground in Limerick, it is left to the camogie girls of Granagh-Ballingarry to lift spirits on Sunday, when they square up to a powerful St Vincent's of Dublin, in the club final.

First advantage is to the Limerick club who host the big game in Ballingarry, with a 2.00 start.

Both have it in common that they are going for a first senior crown, though in Granagh Ballingarry's case, they went under in the decider two years ago, to Pearse's of Galway.

The Munster champions of three-years-in-a-row, trained by former county footballer Mike Chawke, whose wife Bernie is a key player, have blazed a trail of glory over the last num-

ber of years, having claimed no fewer than half-a-dozen county titles.

Also, it was they who backboned the Limerick team which claimed All-Ireland junior and intermediate All-Ireland honours, in 1995 and 96, respectively.

Those teams were trained by Eamonn Cregan whose daughter Niamh played a central role. By a strange twist of fate, Niamh is now trading her skills with St Vincent's and will be in their team on Sunday.

As further testimony to their greatness, Granagh-Ballingarry members also powered St Mary's Charleville to All-Ireland colleges honours.

Mike Chawke, whose dedication to the cause is much appreciated by the entire panel, is, naturally enough, delighted that they have kept Limerick to the forefront.

"Yes, we have had our good years, but the All-Ireland is the one

that we really want. As I see it, all our efforts this season will go down the drain if we don't win on Sunday."

He is expecting a crowd in the region of 3,000 for the final. "We have our own dedicated fans, but this is an All-Ireland final, and it adds to the occasion that a Dublin team is providing the opposition."

There is a nice mix of youth and experience in the Granagh-Ballingarry squad. There are two 16 year olds, Eileen O'Brien and Catherine Lesley, both of whom have older sisters as established members.

The most seasoned is Bernie Chawke, sister of Bruree's Jim O'Brien, who was on the 1973 All-Ireland title winning team with Eamonn Cregan.

Patsy McKenna, one of two married members, is another whose experience will be called upon on Sunday, and the same applies to Jean Cullinane, sisters



Three members of the Granagh-Ballingarry panel, Caroline O'Connor, Kay Burke and Laura Lesley, pictured during a training session.



Vera Sheehan who hopes to captain Granagh-Ballingarry to All-Ireland final glory on Sunday at Ballingarry.

All-Ireland glory

Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Ida Quaid and Kay Burke.

Add in the O'Brien's, Breda and Bernie, Laura Lesley and Mary O'Connor, all of whom have contributed greatly to this season's exciting run.

On their path to the final, Granagh-Ballingarry played six games, five of which were away from home.

Said Mike: "It was pre-ordained that the Munster champions would have home venue for the final, in that they had to travel for the semis."

Their record in the national competition is quite impressive. Having lost in the decider two years ago, they went out at the semi-stage in 1997, to Lisdowney.

The 18 strong panel prefer a low key build up to the final. They have got on with training in their own quiet way, without any fuss.

Back to Mike: "We are fortunate in that most of the girls are living locally. There is a very good atmosphere within the club, and while money is not exactly flush, we do have a good sponsor in Brian Geary Car Sales."

Though accustomed to success, the novelty of winning has not worn off them.

Take Eileen O'Brien, top scorer. A veteran, at 16, she has more medals than most leading Irish sports people, but it is the thrill of playing in the top flight which excites her.

Vincent's, who beat Leitrim Fontenoy's 3-12 to 1-8 in the semi-finals, will have reason to pay special attention to sharpshooter Eileen. Likewise, Granagh-Ballingarry will be keeping tabs on their top scorer, Louise Lynch, whose speciality is in finding the net.

Vincent's travel with top class credentials, and will not be in the

least bit put off by surroundings new to them.

They, too, have come through a tough campaign.

Excitement has been building in Granagh-Ballingarry for the past fortnight, and the approach leads leading to the ground will be awash with colour on Sunday.

Mike Chawke, who works at Aughinish, took over the reins when Tom Treacy retired after eight years service, reckons that there will be precious little between the teams.

"Home advantage is nice but on the other side of the coin, it could put extra pressure on us in front of our own supporters. We are, I suppose, battle hardened."

There was a relaxed approach to last Saturday's training session, and if they can bring the same approach onto the pitch, the long awaited national club title could be theirs.

SPORT



Sisters in search of All-Ireland glory with Granagh-Ballingarry

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Granagh/Ballingarry prepare for big day



Laura Lesley, Patricia McKenna, and Bernie Chawke pictured at a training session.



Sisters Bernie, Breda and Eileen O'Brien, who will be hoping for All Ireland glory on Sunday.



Alex Higgins, on behalf of Golden Vale, Glenwilliam Branch, presenting a sponsorship cheque to Vera Sheehan, captain, Granagh-Ballingarry watched by Eileen O'Brien and Bernie Chawke.



Laura Lesley, Eileen O'Brien, Claire Lenihan and Kathryn Leslie at training for Sunday's final.



Sisters Deirdre, Maureen, and Vera Sheehan, who will be helping Granagh-Ballingarry in Sunday's All-Ireland final.



Ready for action...Bernie Chawke, Eileen O'Brien and Kay Burke.

CAMOGIE PLAYER OF THE MONTH



May - Katy O'Shea



June - Deirdre Sheehan, Granagh-Ballingarry



July - Pauline McCarthy



Limerick

August - Laura Lesley, Granagh-Ballingarry



September - Rose Collins, Fr. Dorans



October - Mairead Kelly, Galway.

Granagh-Ballingarry face stiff test

by Diarmuid O'Flynn

A HUGE crowd is expected at tomorrow's All-Ireland Camogie Senior Club Championship final in Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, in what should be a super game between local side Granagh/Ballingarry and Dublin's St Vincent's.

Granagh/Ballingarry enter the match as favourites, by virtue of their semi-final win over Pearses of Galway, champions for the past two years. They are still a very youthful team, the majority Under-21, but have a wealth of All-Ireland experience. Captained by the brilliant Vera Sheehan, they can also call on her sister Deirdre, O'Brien girls, Eibhlín, Bernie and Breda, and the skilful Jean Cullinane, who all won All-Ireland medals galore with St Mary's, Charleville, the outstanding North Cork camogie school.

However, probably the most important change from the unlucky side of two years ago, is the addition of Mary O'Connor. From Killeagh in Cork, she is a GAA Development Officer at Limerick Institute of Technology and this year transferred her allegiance to Granagh/Ballingarry. She is an outstanding athlete, with great skills.

O'Connor is going for her fifth All-Ireland of this year! Already, she has a senior championship and National League with Cork in camogie, along with a senior Interprovincial, while in ladies football this versatile girl also won an intermediate title with Cork.

Just as Granagh/Ballingarry are built around an outstanding school side, so St Vincent's (coached by Ben Dorney, who kept an outstanding goal for Cork senior club, Ballyhea, for many years) have their own camogie

nursery, as most of them are from Maryfield College. While right-back, Niamh Cregan, daughter of Limerick coach Eamonn, is one of their better-known players nationally, they too have a wealth of inter-county and All-Ireland-winning talent to call on. Goal-keeper Mary O'Regan is an outstanding stopper; centre-back Trish Clinton has a wealth of big-day experience, while their eminent midfielder Denise O'Leary has represented her province for years. In attack, the experienced Louise Lynch combines with the youthful Denise Smith to form a very dangerous attacking duet.

According to Mr Dorney however, the real strength of Vincent's doesn't rest on any individual, but on their team-work — they are a very balanced side. They have had 130 training sessions, according to Ben, and over

the past few months, have taken on most of the top inter-county sides in challenge games.

On that basis alone, they will present a formidable challenge to the Limerick girls, even on their own patch. Granagh/Ballingarry will take that challenge lightly at their peril.

Meantime, the end of a very long season is in sight for the women of St Finbarrs and Barryroe who meet tomorrow afternoon in the final of the Cork Senior 'B' Camogie Championship at Ballyanley.

For St Finbarr's it is their third Sunday in a row to be out in competition as last weekend they overcame Eire Og in the replay of the previous Sunday's showdown.

It's their third appearance in the Senior 'B' Final having contested last year's decider, where they lost out to

Hogan Stand

Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

ALL-IRELAND CLUB FINAL

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship final takes place and is sure to produce lots of fire power, when Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick clash with St Vincents, Dublin. This is an encounter that should draw a large attendance.

Granagh/Ballingarry have been knocking at the door for the past two years and are hoping that it will be third time lucky. The club was founded in 1977 and won its first title in 1979, the County Under 14 championship. In 1991 the Under 14 team won Division One of Feile na nGael which was held in Tipperary and the same year the team won the National Community Games in Mosney. Of that winning panel 8 girls are still involved with the present senior squad. Breda, Bernie and Marie O'Brien, Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Caroline O'Connor, Jean Cullinane and Laura Leslie.

1992 was a golden year for the club collecting seven titles: - Under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18, under 21, intermediate and senior. The following year the silverware continued to flow to the parish when they won all competitions again with the exception of the intermediate as the team had gone senior.

Great credit must go to Michael O'Brien who has put in a lot of work with underage teams up to under 18. The manager/trainer Mike Chawke gets full commitment and dedication from the panel.

On the path to this final they accounted for Bodyke, Clare; Bishopstown, Cork; and Cashel, Tipperary in the Munster final. They have a young squad blended with experience, nine of whom hold All-Ireland senior colleges medals with that great nursery of the game St Mary's, Charleville: - Eileen, Marie and Breda O'Brien, Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Laura and Kathryn Leslie, Jean Cullinane and Claire Lenehan.

There are three sets of sisters on the panel: - Bernie, Breda and Eileen O'Brien (their father Mick is Chairman of the club), Maureen, Deirdre and Vera Sheehan (capt), Laura and Kathryn Leslie.

There are four first cousins: Jean Cullinane, Marie O'Brien and

the Leslie sister and their Aunt Bernie Chawke. Bernie is married to Mike who is team Coach/Manager/Trainer. Bernie won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with Ballyagran in 1978.

Marie O'Brien is daughter of Jim O'Brien who played corner back with Limerick in 1973. Mary O'Connor won an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Cork this year.

St Vincents, Dublin was formerly known as Marino which was formed in 1973 by Dublin Greats Kay and Connie Lyons and Wexford man Jim Dempsey. The club came about as a result of Community Games in the area. In 1974 they won the first of three All-Ireland Community Games titles. Marino won every competition in Dublin and some of their most notable achievements were winning the Under 11 championship from 1974 to 1981, National Feile na nGael titles in 1981 and '82. They were six times senior A Champions including a historic five in a row from 1992 to '96.

In October 1996, Marino disbanded and amalgamated with St Vincents Hurling, Football and Camogie Club. In that year the Senior B team brought home the championship and the senior A team won the league.

Since last February, St Vincents girls and trainer Ben Dorney set their sights on the All-Ireland Club Championship. On the path to the final they disposed of St Ibars, Wexford and Freshford, Kilkenny in the Leinster final 1-14 to 2-8 to take their first Leinster title.

Their panel carries a wealth of experience: Germaine Noonan, captain, has won virtually every honour the game has to offer including an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Dublin in 1984.

Ursula Hannon, originally from Galway holds an All-Ireland club championship medal with Pearses. Niamh Cregan, daughter of Eamon won All-Ireland junior and intermediate medals with Limerick in 1995 and '96. Ten of her team-mates from the intermediate team will be with the opposition.

The following won All-Ireland Colleges medals with Maryfield College in 1984: Mary Regan, Sinead Power, Denise O'Leary, Roisin Brady, Patricia Clinton and Carmel O'Byrne. Carmel also holds an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Dublin in 1984.

Ben Dorney's charges gave a spirited display against Ulster champions, Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down in the All-Ireland semi-final coasting to victory on a score of 3-12 to 1-8, while Granagh/Ballingarry faced a stiff test in their semi-final tie against the champions Pearses, Galway at Ballymacward. The Limerick club showed their true mettle in a fast skilful game which gave them a 2-11 to 2-4 victory.

Both sides will be hungry for victory as neither have won this competition. Granagh won their first Munster title in 1996, and were defeated by Pearses in the All-Ireland final 1-8 to 2-3. They were knocked out by Lisdowney, Kilkenny at the semi-final stage last year 3-15 to 3-13. They will be quietly confident of victory on home ground, while St Vincents girls do not intend to come back empty handed.

It should be an outstanding affair going down to the wire.



St Vincent's - 1998 All-Ireland senior club finalists: Front (L-R): Patsy Murphy, Niamh Cregan, Denise Smith, Germaine Noonan (Capt), Karen Murray, Carmel O'Byrne, Elizabeth Buckley, Siobhan Peel, Terri O'Boyle, Ursula Hannon. Back (L-R): Roisin Brady, Denise O'Leary, Mary Regan, Patricia Clinton, Emer Brannigan, Agnes Cosgrove, Ben Dorney (Trainer), Aoife Cullen, Sinead Power, Adrienne McGovern, Sonya Byrne, Louise Lynch

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TEAMWORK THE KEY AS GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY GIRLS BID TO WIN FIRST ALL IRELAND SENIOR TITLE

To beat All Ireland champions at any time is cause for major celebration. The reaction among the Granagh/Ballingarry camogie team to their win over Pearses of Galways in Ballymacward on November 1st was for them, low key, the reason being the black and whites hadn't yet achieved their goal for the year. With one game to go in this year's Club Championship, Granagh/Ballingarry's desire and determination to be the best in the country burns as strong as ever.

St. Vincent's, the reigning Leinster champions, provide the opposition to the Munster three in a row winners in what promises to be a hard fought final with the winners taking the All Ireland Club Title for the first time.

St. Vincent's beat Freshford of Kilkenny to win their first Leinster title since amalgamating with Marino Camogie Club, who had a proud tradition of camogie in Dublin. They have a hugely experienced panel, ten of

whom featured in the Dublin senior panel this year. Team captain Germaine Noonan and Carmel O'Byrne were members of the Dublin team which won the All Ireland title in 1984. Niamh Cregan, daughter of Limerick's team



Ace scorer Eileen O'Brien will line out in the number nine jersey and Laura Lesley will be at corner back.



The O'Brien sisters, Breda, Bernie and Eileen are bidding to make history on Sunday.

manager Eamon, recently played with Croagh/Kilfinny before transferring to Dublin where she works. Ursula Hannon is a sister of Galway senior star Carmel. Denise O'Leary, Trish Clinton and Patsy Murphy hold All Ireland minor medals from 1982. While Dublin teams haven't fared that well at inter-county level or club level during the nineties, St. Vincent's will be all out to emulate Crumlin, the last Dublin team to win the All Ireland Club in 1985.

Granagh/Ballingarry have reached their second final in three years as a result of winning six championship matches. They beat Killeedy in the Limerick semi-final back in May as expected, but won the Limerick title against

Croagh more easily than anticipated. On August 8th they started off the defence of their Munster crown with a game against the Clare champions Bodyke which was won on a scoreline of 4-14 to 0-7. Granagh/Ballingarry travelled to Bishopstown on August 8th where they were lucky to come away with a win. On a very windy day they were eight points down at half-time. With fifteen wins left they were still eight points down. After a five minute break in play due to an injury to Mary O'Connor, Granagh/Ballingarry got their act together and went on a scoring spree in the last quarter to win by eight points. Final score 4-7 to 0-11.

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Breda O'Brien - Goalkeeper with club and county, has won All Ireland at Junior and Intermediate with Limerick. Won 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands with club at U/14 level. She won 1 Senior All Ireland Colleges with St. Marys, Charleville. With club won 6 County and 3 Munster plus numerous county titles at underage level. Mike Houlihan is her favourite player. Ambition is to win an All Ireland Club medal. Student at L.I.T.

Bernie O'Brien - Full back. One of three sisters on the team. Has won All Ireland with Limerick at junior and intermediate grade. Won 2 All Irelands at junior level with St. Marys College, Charleville. With club has won 11 County medals and 3 Munster Club plus numerous underage county at club level. Niall Buckley of Kildare is her favourite player. Player of Game in '96 All Ireland Club Final. Works with Kirby Electrical, Limerick.

Patsy McKenna Flynn - Right corner back. National school teacher and part time greyhound trainer. Has won 11 Senior County and 3 Munster Senior Club. One of the fastest players on the panel. Davy Clarke is her favourite player and she would love to win the All Ireland Club next Sunday.

Laura Lesley - Left corner back and a student of childcare in Cork. Has won 1 All Ireland with Limerick at intermediate level. With St. Marys, Charleville she has won 2 Junior and 3 Senior All Ireland medals. Played corner forward in the '96 final. Danny Deady of Bruree is her favourite player.

Ber Chawke - Centre back. Housewife and club treasurer. Plays in her third final next Sunday. With Limerick won All Ireland Junior. Has won 1 All Ireland Senior Club, 6 Munster Club and 16 County Senior medals, plus numerous underage. Has won 2 Junior and 2 Senior Gael Linn with Munster. Limerick Player of the Year in 1992. Her hobbies are badminton, reading and supporting Liverpool F.C. Her favourite player is Sandie Fitzgibbon of Cork.

Jean Cullinane - Right midfielder. Fast and skillful player, a student at U.L. With Limerick won All Ireland at junior and intermediate grade. With club 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands at under 14 level. Numerous underage at club level plus 5 County and 3 Munster. With St. Marys College she won 2 Senior and 1 Junior. Her hobbies are reading and watching T.V. D.J. Carey is her favourite player.

Deirdre Sheehan - Centre midfielder and a student at L.I.T. Can also play centre back or in forwards. With Limerick won All Ireland at Intermediate and Junior grade. Won 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands at U/14 level. Had the honour of captaining St. Marys, Charleville to their first All Ireland Colleges win. With club has won 5 County and 3 Munster Senior medals as well as numerous underage. Her hobbies are playing soccer and music. Her favourite player is Deirdre Hughes.

Kay Burke - Leftside midfielder. Accounts clerk with F.D.C., Kilmallock. With Limerick won All Ireland at intermediate and junior level. One Gael Linn Junior with Munster. Has won 3 medals at County level and 3 at Munster Senior Club level with club. Her favourite player is Brian Whelehan and her ambition is to win an All Ireland at senior club level.

Eileen O'Brien - Student at St. Mary's College, Charleville. Corner forward and free taker. Has been consistently good in all games this year. Still under 16. Won All Ireland Intermediate with Limerick. With St. Marys has won 3 All Ireland Senior and 1 Junior. Has 2 Feile and 1 Community Games U/14 with club. With club she has also won numerous underage and 3 County Senior and 3 Munster Senior Club. Favourite player is Claran Carey and she supports Arsenal.

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Mary O'Connor - Plays in the forwards with club and centre midfield with native Cork. She is a G.A.A. Games and Promotions Officer in Limerick and lives in Granagh where she has developed a taste for Norina's bacon and cabbage. Joined Granagh/Ballingarry this year. With Cork she has won 2 Senior All Irelands, 3 Munster medals. Has won 3 Senior Gael Linn with Munster. With club she won her first Senior Club medal at County and Munster level this year. Going for her 3rd All Ireland next Sunday having won All Irelands at camogie and ladies football this year with Cork. Denise Cronin is her favourite player. Her hobbies are music, football and supporting Man Utd.

Vera Sheehan - Corner forward and club captain. A skillful, versatile player with tremendous heart and determination. Has won All Ireland junior and intermediate with Limerick. With St. Marys Charleville won 2 Senior and 1 Junior Colleges All Ireland. With club won 2 Feile and 2 Community Games All Irelands and has won numerous underage plus 5 Senior and 3 Munster Club medals. Limerick Player of Year in 1996. Her hobbies are soccer - Liverpool when they win - music and ladies football. Her favourite player is Vivienne Harris, Cork.

Ida Quaid - Full forward. Technical consultant with Cappemini in Dublin. Has won numerous underage medals with club. Has won 11 Senior County and 3 Munster Senior Club. With Limerick has won 1 Junior and 1 Intermediate All Ireland. Made her singing debut at seven a side in September. Reading and socialising are her hobbies. Eileen O'Brien is her favourite player.

Maureen Sheehan - Corner back. Was captain when the club last reached the All Ireland Final in 1996. Works with Golden Vale, Charleville. A solid defender and tight marker. Has won numerous underage with club plus 8 Senior County and 3 Munster Senior Club. Her hobbies are walking, swimming and playing soccer. Her favourite player is Mike Houlihan.

Marie O'Brien - Corner back. Student at Tralee I.T. A very solid defender. With Limerick won 1 Intermediate All Ireland. While a student at St. Marys, Charleville, won 3 All Ireland Senior and 2 Junior medals. She won 2 Feile All Irelands at under 14 level with club and has numerous underage plus 3 County, Senior and 3 Munster Senior Club. Her hobbies are basketball and reading. Mark Foley is her favourite player.

Claire Lenihan - Versatile player. Has played in goals and outfield for club this year. A student at St. Marys, Charleville, where she has won 3 senior and 1 junior All Ireland medals. With club has won numerous underage plus 2 Senior and 2 Munster Senior Club. Her hobbies are swimming and tennis.

Caroline O'Connor - Forward and is a 4th year physical education student at U.L. has won 3 County Club and 3 Munster Club medals. Has won medals at under age with club plus 2 All Ireland Feile and 2 Community Games at under 14 level. Her hobbies are hockey, reading and watching T.V.

Kathryn Lesley - Corner back and a student at St. Marys, Charleville, where she has won 1 Senior All Ireland Colleges. With club has won 1 Feile All Ireland and numerous underage medals. She has also added 2 Senior County and 2 Munster Senior to her collection. Has been known to give the "Wild Rover" a blast. Her favourite players are Brian Lohan and Eileen O'Brien.

Sheila Treacy - Corner forward and one of the most dedicated members of the club. She is a founder member of the club and is Club Secretary. She works as a sales assistant with O'Sullivan's Shoes in Limerick. Has won numerous underage with club plus 11 Senior County and 3 Munster Club. Her hobbies are walking and socialising. Her favourite player is Ber Chawke. Her brother Tommy and sisters Mairead, Claire and Joanne have given great service to the club over the last twenty years.

Greanach/Baile an Gharraí, Luimneach



Tá an Chamógaíocht á imirt i mBaile an Gharraí ó 1930 i leith. Níorbh fhada gur tharraing an Club cáil air féin ar pháirc na himeartha. Baile an Gharraí won the West Limerick Championship in 1935 when it defeated Killoughteen by 1-0 to 0-0. The Club went on to win the County Championship with a score of 8-0 to 1-1 against Fedamore. It retained the title in 1936 at the expense of Bruree.

Daichead bliain, nach mór, ina dhiaidh sin, tháinig Greanach/Baile an Gharraí ar an saol i 1977. The first Officers were: Uachtarán, Mick Fitzgerald; Cathaoirleach, Jimmy Stapleton; Rúnaí, Sheila Treacy, Cisteoir, W. Biggane.

The first of the numerous County titles to come to the new Club was the under-fourteen title in 1979. d'Imigh an club ó neart go chéile ins an chéad dá dbeichmhear eile. The under-21 team has won twelve Championship titles in a row since 1984. 1991 saw the under-14 team win Division 1 of Féile na nGael and Gold at the community Games. Bliain faoi leith a bhí ann don chlub i 1992. Each of its seven teams, from under-12 to Senior, won the county title in its grade. The Club is fortunate to have coaches of the calibre of John O'Connor, Michael O'Brien and the present Senior trainer, Mike Chawke. Tháinig bláth ar a gcuid oibre i 1996 nuair a bhain an Club Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach don chéad uair ariamh.

Although disappointed to lose the 1996 All-Ireland Final to Na Piarsaigh, An Ghailimh, the Club went on to retain the Munster title in 1997 and 1998 and turned the tables on Na Piarsaigh in this year's semi-final. Ba mhór ar fad ag muintir Luimní é ach an bua a bheith ag Greanach Baile an Gharraí inniu. Gura fada buan i an Chamógaíocht sa Chlub agus sa Chontae.

Naomh Uinsionn, Muirinne, Áth Cliath



ar chúil (ó chlé): R. Ní Bhrádaigh, D. Ní Laoire, M. Ní Riagáin, P. Chliontáin, E. Ní Bhranagáin, Ú. Ní Choscraigh, chun tosaigh (ó chlé): P. Ní Mhurchú, N. Ní Chriagáin, D. Ní Gabhann, G. Ní Nuanáin, Captaen, K. Ní Mhuiri, C. Ní Bhroin, E. Ní Bhuachalla, S. Peol, T. Ní Bhaill, U. Ní Annáin.

Bunaíodh Club Camógaíochta i Muirinne, Áth Cliath, i 1973 agus is ag dul ó neart go chéile atá an club féin agus an chamógaíocht ó shoin i leith sa cheanntar. The club was founded by former noted Áth Cliath players Kay and Connie Lyons and by a Loch Garman man, Jim Dempsey.

Community Games were much to the fore in the area of Marino and, with the participation of a Camogie team in the Games, came the need to cater for the young players. Ní fhéadfaí a shárú de Kay, Connie agus Jim a fháil chun cur chuige agus Club a bhunú. In 1974, the Club won the first of its three Community Games All-Ireland titles. d'Éirigh thar barr le Cumann Muirinne i gcomórtais Áth Cliath. The Club had the distinction of winning every competition in the county at one time or another, most notably the under-11 championship from 1974 to 1981 and six Senior A championships, including an historic five-in-a-row between 1992 and 1996. These were joined by National Féile na nGael titles in 1981 and '82.

Cuireadh tús le ré nua don chlub i 1996 nuair a tháinig Muirinne agus Naomh Uinsionn le chéile. The amalgamated clubs are now known as St. Vincent's Hurling, Football and Camogie Club. In its first year, the Camogie players brought the Áth Cliath Senior B Championship and Senior A League titles to the Club. To the delight of the entire club, the girls, with their coach, Ben Dorney, brought home the 1998 Áth Cliath and Cúige Laighean Club Championship titles and have qualified for their first All-Ireland Club Final. Is ag síor-fhás atá an roinn chamógaíochta agus seacht bhfoireann agus aon chéad ochtó ball ann faoi láthair, scoláirí ó Maryfield College agus scoil Naomh Uinsionn ina measc.

Go raibh luach a saothair acu uilig sna blianta atá rompu amach.

Greanach/Baile an Gharraí, Luimneach

Dubh agus Bán

1
Brid Ní Bhriain
Breda O'Brien

2
Briainín Ní Bhriain
Bernie O'Brien

3
Pádraigín Ní Chionnaoith
Patricia McKenna

4
Briainín Uí Chreabháin
Bernie Chawke

5
Laura Leaslaoi
Laura Lesley

6
Sinéad Ní Chuileannáin
Jean Cullinane

7
Deirdre Ní Shíocháin
Deirdre Sheehan

8
Cáit de Burca
Kay Burke

9
Eibhlín Ní Bhriain
Eileen O'Brien

10
Máire Ní Chonchubhair
Mary O'Connor

11
Vera Ní Shíocháin
Vera Sheehan
Captaen

12
Íde Nic Uaid
Ida Quaid

IONADAITHE

13. Máirín Ní Shíocháin
Maureen Sheehan

16. Cearúilín Ní Chonchubhair
Caroline O'Connor

14. Máire Ní Bhriain
Marie O'Brien

17. Cáit Leaslaoi
Kathryn Lesley

15. Clár Ní Leannacháin
Claire Lenehan

18. Síle Ní Threasaigh
Sheila Treacy

Naomh Uinsionn, Muirinne, Áth Cliath

Gorm agus Bán

1
Máire Ní Riagáin
Mary Regan

2
Pádraigín Ní Mhurchú
Patsy Murphy

3
Niamh Ní Chriagáin
Niamh Cregan

4
Pádraigín Chlontún
Patricia Clinton

5
Germaine Ní Nuanáin
Germaine Noonan
Captaen

6
Ursula Ní Annáin
Ursula Hannon

7
Denise Ní Laoire
Denise O'Leary

8
Róisín Ní Bhrádaigh
Róisín Brady

9
Labhaoise Ní Loinsigh
Louise Lynch

10
Adrienne Nig Shambráin
Adrienne McGovern

11
Denise NicGabhann
Denise Smith

12
Emer Ní Bhranagáin
Emer Brannigan

IONADAITHE

13. Sonya Ní Bhroin
Sonya Byrne

17. Terri Ní Bhaoil
Terri O'Boyle

14. Aoife Ní Chuilinn
Marie O'Brien

18. Siobhán Peel
Siobhán Peel

15. Sinéad de Paor
Sinéad Power

19. Úna Ní Choscraigh
Agnes Cosgrave

16. Éilís Ní Bhuachalla
Elizabeth Buckley

20. Avis Ní Bhroin
Avis O'Brien

Attacking Ballingarry prevail

Granagh/Ballingarry 1-19
St Vincents 1-8

by Tim O'Brien

A COMMITTED Granagh/Ballingarry side, hungry for success after some near misses, eclipsed Leinster champions St Vincents of Dublin in yesterday's All-Ireland senior club camogie final on home soil.

Chasing their first All-Ireland, the Limerick girls laid the foundation for their victory by launching attack after attack in the early stages and, through the unerring accuracy of St Marys' Charleville schoolgirl, Eileen O'Brien, they had jumped into an eight points lead after 20 minutes.

The defence of Bernie Chawke and Laura Lesley, together with midfielders Deirdre Sheehan (who landed a beauty from 65 yards) and Kay Burke were composure personified and, although St Vincents threatened at times, they had no answer when the home team surged forward in search of the telling scores.

Granagh/Ballingarry owed a lot also to a sparkling attack and, besides the brilliant O'Brien, the star performer here was Cork inter-county player Mary O'Connor, whose tremendous striking on heavy underfoot conditions drew round after round of applause.

The former Killeagh player received wonderful support from team captain Vera Sheehan, while full-forward Ida Quaid proved a handful for various Dublin defenders.

Granagh/Ballingarry led by 1-12 to two points at the interval, and it was no surprise that it was Quaid who got the important goal in the 29th-minute following a superb delivery by O'Connor.

St Vincents, for whom Denise O'Leary and Louise Lynch were outstanding, improved as the game progressed, and it is to their credit that they chipped away at the big lead after the change of ends.

With ten minutes remaining the Granagh/Ballingarry advantage was down to nine points — mainly through O'Leary's contribution, and especially when she shook the net with a great 21



Ballingarry's Mary O'Connor shoots goalwards during the Ladies All-Ireland Camogie Final against St Vincents yesterday. Picture: Press22

yards free strike. But any hopes of a full recovery were shattered as O'Connor, Sheehan, O'Brien and Jean Cullinane sent over points from all angles.

O'Brien finished with a personal tally of 11 points, while O'Leary had all except two points of the Dublin scores.

There were just no weak links on the Granagh/Ballingarry side and the final whistle signalled the start of celebrations that are certain to continue in the twin parishes for some time. The result is a great boost for the game in the county and follows on the national club successes of Croagh-Kilfinney and Ballygran in recent years.

A proud occasion also for defender Bernie Chawke who, some 21 years ago, helped Limerick to All-Ireland junior glory for the first time. The victory was extra special this time, however, as her

husband Mike was the team coach. He had this to say: "It is so wonderful to win after seven years in charge but, in a way, I am sorry for Vincents as no team in the land could have stayed with us today. It was a tremendous all round performance and I am so delighted for the girls who commenced training for this great occasion last St Patrick's Day."

Scorers: Granagh/Ballingarry 0-11, I Quaid 1-1, M O'Connor 0-3, D Sheehan 0-2, V Sheehan 0-1, J Cullinane 0-1, St Vincents D O'Leary 1-6, L Lynch 0-1, D Smith 0-1.
GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY: Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, P McKenna, B Chawke, L Lesley, J Cullinane, D Sheehan, K Burke, E O'Brien, M O'Connor, V Sheehan, I Quaid. Subs M Sheehan for McKenna, M O'Brien for Lesley, S Treacy for Quaid.
ST VINCENTS: M Regan, P Murphy, N Cregan, P Clinton, G Noonan, U Hannon, D O'Leary, R Brady, L Lynch, A McGovern, D Smith, E Brannigan. Subs A O'Brien for Murphy, S Byrne for Brady, E Buckley for Hannon. Referee: B Phillips (Tipperary).

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Granagh-Ballingarry are simply the best

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Granagh-B'garry, 1-19
St. Vincent's.....1-08

THE end of one era, and the opening of another... Camogie said farewell to the 12 a-side format on Sunday, the day that Granagh Ballingarry opened a new chapter in their own proud history by claiming the All-Ireland senior club title, for the first time.

In beating St. Vincent's of Dublin by an



Champions of Ireland....the Granagh-Ballingarry team who won the All-Ireland senior club camogie championship by beating St. Vincent's at Ballingarry on Sunday.



Ide Quaid crashes through the St. Vincent's defence to score her side's only goal of the All Ireland senior club final.



11 points margin—the same total as wonder girl, teenager Eileen O'Brien, put on the scoreboard—the west Limerick girls thrilled their legion of fans with a performance that must rank as one of the finest ever seen in the competition.

Three years of frustration, which saw them pipped at the final and semi final stages, were put in cold storage, when captain Vera Sheehan proudly hoisted the silverware.

Vera and her team-mates knew at half time that they already had one hand on the trophy. At that stage, it was 1-12 to 0-2, almost too good to be true. No way were they going to release their grip.

Such was their dominance—eight points ahead after quarter-of-an-hour, that the final turned out to be something of an anti-cl-



Phyllis Brislane, President of the camogie Association, presenting the

cent's knew it was only a matter of playing out time.

Comfortable in most positions, Granagh Ballingarry were in a similar mood. With seven minutes remaining, there were still 11 points between the teams, and that was the way it finished.

They will talk about this day in Granagh-Ballingarry for generations to come.

It seemed that every man, woman and child was out to lend support.

Granagh curate Fr John Duggan could not hide his delight. "It is no more than was deserved. We are a very small community back here, and these girls have given us a sense of great pride."

Preparations, said the manager, started last St. Patrick's Day.

Now, Granagh-Ballingarry must meet a new challenge next season, when it will be 15-a-side.

They will be ready to defend their trophy.

Granagh Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien; Bernie O'Brien; Patricia McKenna; Bernie Chawke; Laura Lesley; Jean Cullinane 0-1; Deirdre Sheehan 0-2; Kay Burke; Eileen O'Brien 0-11; Mary O'Connor 0-3; Vera Sheehan 0-1; Ida Quaid 1-1.

Subs: Maureen Sheehan for McKenna; Marie O'Brien for Lesley; Sheila Treacy for Quaid. Subs not used: Claire Lenehan; Caroline O'Connor; Kathryn Lesley.

The Dubliners, given the run around at the back, now found themselves on a damage limitation exercise, and, to their credit, they put in a more respectable second half.

St. Vincent's: Mary Regan; Patsy Murphy; Niamh Cregan; Patricia

again with an exciting run, which ended with she kicking over the bar.

Ida Quaid, Eileen O'Brien and Deirdre Sheehan extended the lead. It was time for a goal, to put a gloss on things. It came in injury time. Mary O'Connor sent in a long ball, and Ida Quaid palmed to the net. Vincent's response was a point from Denise O'Leary.

Within two minutes of the restart, Eileen O'Brien was on target again.

Fourteen points in front, and sailing.

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Jean Cullinane gets in her strike in the All-Ireland final.



Mary O'Connor strikes for a point for Granagh-Ballingarry in the final. (LL)



Happy Granagh-Ballingarry supporters at the All-Ireland final. (LL)

...refused to throw in the towel, but it was always inevitable that they would be left to pick up the losers medals.

Manager Mick Chawke, husband of Bernie's, summed it up at the presentation ceremony when he told the press corp that it would have taken a great team to deprive them of their hour of fame.

St. Vincent's, short in flair and temperament, simply did not fit into that category. Maybe it was that they froze on the day; after all, their path to the final had been impressive.

The winners game plan was simple...take the points and the goals will look after themselves.

The points rush started inside 50 seconds, when Eileen O'Brien found her range from a free. It continued relentlessly. What did surprise was that in the second half, they failed to put two together, until the 52nd minute, when Mary O'Connor and Deirdre Sheehan, were on target.

There was never need to fret, though, as Granagh Ballingarry were always comfortably ahead. Had more been asked of them, they had the talent to respond.

Mick's wife Bernie Chawke, the most experienced member of the squad, was almost in tears at the finish.

This was the moment for which she had waited so long. She excelled at number four, with solid defensive play and sweet striking of the ball. To make it a momentous day for her family, three nieces, Jean Cullinane, Laura Leslie and substitute Marie O'Brien - the latter a daughter of 1973 All-Ireland medal winner Jim O'Brien - shared in the glory. Another Lesley, this time Kathryn, was on the subs bench.

They weren't the only family to walk off with a



Supporting Granagh-Ballingarry in the All-Ireland club final against St. Vincent's.

hatful of medals.

Chief playmaker Eileen O'Brien was joined by her sisters, Breda and Bernie, and the Sheehan's, Vera and Deirdre, added two to their already impressive collection.

This was a marvellous achievement by Granagh-Ballingarry, with teamwork very much a hallmark of their success. It was obvious from a very early stage that they were in the mood to make amends for previous lapses. Imaginative and forceful, they had all the aces.

St Vincent's, appearing in their first ever final, and whose preparation included an overnight stopover, hardly expected this type of

challenge on a pitch that was heavy and soggy, following overnight rain.

Granagh-Ballingarry hit them from all angles. Showing deft stick work, superb skills and fearless in close exchanges, they hunted in packs, using the wings to great advantage.

There was little that Emer Cregan-daughter of hurling boss Eamonn Cregan-and her fellow defenders, could do to halt them.

Nine of Eileen O'Brien's points were from placed balls, which, had they not been conceded, would probably have resulted in scores anyway. She finished with two more than Denise O'Leary, all of whose contribution was

from frees.

The visitors were denied mention on the board until the 21st minute, and ended the half with just two points. A 13 points deficit was much too hot to handle.

Yet, they must have fancied their own prospects with a threatening run, after 30 seconds. They broke on the left, and Germaine Noonan's delivery looked destined for the net, until an alert Breda O'Brien clutched it from the air.

The ball was despatched downfield, and her sister Eileen took the heat off her side in delivering between the uprights.

Cork-born Mary O'Connor tacked on another, and the rollercoaster was on its way.

Spreading the ball wide, Granagh Ballingarry won a succession of frees against opponents who simply could not cope. Eileen O'Brien made it 0-4 to nil, after nine minutes, and Ide Quaid set her up for another.

When Eileen was not finding space for herself, she was carving openings for others. One inch perfect cross was volleyed over by Vera Sheehan.

The midfield trio of Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan and Kay Burke, were impassable. Behind them, Bernie O'Brien, Patricia McKenna and Laura Lesley provided ample support for the energetic Bernie Chawke. There was just no way through for Emer Brannigan and Adrienne McGovern.

There was a buzz about the front line which suggested more scores were waiting to follow.

St. Vincent's faced an eight points deficit, and panic was setting in.

Denise O'Leary settled them with a pointed free, but Mary O'Connor had them chasing the game



Bernie Chawke shows great concentration for Granagh-Ballingarry. (LL)



Eileen O'Brien leads yet another attack by Granagh-Ballingarry.

Granagh Ballingarry found it difficult to keep concentration levels going, and the next two points went against them.

The winners shored up defence, with Mary O'Connor and Kay Burke dropping back to curb the Vincent's mini revival.

A the three quarter stage, it was 1-15 to 0-6.

Even though Denise O'Leary struck a good goal from a 20 yards free, Vin-

Clinton, Germaine Noonan; Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary 1-6, Roisin Brady; Louise Lynch 0-1, Adrienne McGovern, Denise Smith 0-1; Emer Brannigan.

Subs. Sonya Byrne for Brady, Elizabeth Buckley for Hannon, Avis O'Brien for Murphy.

Referee: Breda Phillips (Tipperary).

The attendance was about 2,000.



The Granagh-Ballingarry team show their delight at the finish of the All-Ireland senior club championship.

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Granagh/Ballingarry All Ireland Camogie Queens



Bernie Chawke (Granagh/Ballingarry) and Louise Lynch (St. Vincents) in action.



Vera Sheehan (captain) accepted the Bill Carroll Cup from Phyllis Breslin, as Granagh/Ballingarry had won the All Ireland Inter Club Camogie Final.



Player of the Match Ida Quaid received a Belbeek Irish Pottery Award from Phyllis Breslin, President of the National Camogie Association.



Goalmouth action during the All Ireland Final.



ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

The Brian Geary sponsored Granagh/Ballingarry starlets, crowned a magnificent year when they won the All Ireland Camogie Inter Club Championship Final which was played in Ballingarry. Front Row L/R: Clare Lenihan, Eileen O'Brien, Ida Quaid, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Connor (mascot), Laura Lesley, Mary O'Connor, Bernie O'Brien. Back Row L/R: Maureen Sheehan, Sheila Treacy, Caroline O'Connor, Kathryn Lesley, Kay Burke, Breda O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Bernie Chawke and Patsy McKenna Flynn.

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GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY 'STARLETS' LIFT ALL-IRELAND 'CROWN'

At twenty past three on Sunday evening last, Granagh/Ballingarry's captain - courageous Vera Sheehan not only lifted the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Cup over her head but also banished three years of near misses and began a night of celebration for her team-mates and large band of supporters.

Determined to put the near miss of '96 behind them, the black and whites attacked the St. Vincent's goal from the first whistle. Led superbly at full forward by player of the game Ida Quaid, Granagh/Ballingarry were dominant over the Dublin side St. Vincent's in all sectors of the field. With Eileen O'Brien in superb scoring form both from frees and play and backed up by some great points from Ida Quaid, Vera Sheehan and Mary O'Connor, it was no surprise that Granagh/Ballingarry's last score of the half was a goal that really put the icing on a wonderful first half display. A long ball from Mary O'Connor fell into the path of Ida Quaid who rounded her marker and when faced by the keeper had the experience to palm over her head to round off, what was for her a dream first half performance. The new champions led at the break by 1-12 to 0-2. The first half saw Ber Chawke dominant at centre back with great covering performances from Bernie O'Brien, Patsy McKenna and Laura Leslie with a result that Breda O'Brien had very little to do in goals. The midfield trio of Kay Burke, Deirdre Sheehan and Jean Cullinane dominated over a variety of opponents with a result that the forwards, Vera Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Eileen O'Brien and Ida Quaid got a plentiful supply of great ball, as reflected on the scoreline of half time.

from Deirdre Sheehan and three points from frees from Eileen O'Brien completed Granagh/Ballingarry's second half scoring to leave the final score Granagh/Ballingarry 1-19 to 1-8 for St. Vincent's. To the delight of huge home support Vera Sheehan accepted the All-Ireland Cup from President of the Camogie Association Phyllis Brislane and after a long campaign and two near misses the All-Ireland Cup came to reside in Limerick for the third time.

Granagh/Ballingarry - Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Ber Chawke, Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien, Mary O'Connor, Vera Sheehan (Capt), Ida Quaid. Subs: Maureen Sheehan, Marie O'Brien, Claire Lenihan, Kathryn Leslie, Caroline O'Connor and Sheila Treacy.
Scorers - Eileen O'Brien 0-11, Ida Quaid 1-1, Mary O'Connor 0-3, Deirdre Sheehan 0-2, Vera Sheehan 0-1 and Jean Cullinane 0-1.



Niamh Cregan (no. 3), St. Vincent's and Kay Burke (no. 8) Granagh/Ballingarry in action during the All Ireland Camogie Final.



Referee Bidy Philips pictured with the respective captains, Germaine Noonan (St. Vincent's) and Vera Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry) prior to the All Ireland Camogie Final in Ballingarry.



Team captain Vera Sheehan is hopeful of leading Granagh/Ballingarry to victory in the All-Ireland Senior Inter-Club Camogie Final, versus St. Vincent's, Dublin in Ballingarry at 2.00p.m. on this Sunday, November 22nd.



BLESS ME FATHERS

Granagh/Ballingarry team captain Vera Sheehan, holding the All Ireland Camogie Championship Cup, pictured with Fr. John Duggan and Fr. Joe Cussen.



TOP BRASS

Sheila Wallace (Ard Rúnaí) and Phyllis Breslin (President) were at the All Ireland Camogie Final in Ballingarry.

Granagh-Ballingarry intend to add to their medals haul

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THERE are more All-Ireland medals in the Granagh-Ballingarry area than anywhere else in the county.

Their senior camogie team, in defeating St. Vincent's of Dublin, picked up 18 pieces of silverware at the weekend.

And, promises coach Mike Chawke, there are more on the way.

Nine of that team had earlier won All-Ireland senior colleges medals with St. Mary's College, Charleville. They had also been successful in Feile na nGael, back in 1991. They had 10 representatives on the Limerick team that won the All-Ireland intermediate title last year.

Yes, Granagh-Ballingarry have blazed a trail of glory in camogie, at local, provincial and national levels.

As Granagh curate Fr John Duggan commented on Sunday: "These

girls have really put us on the map."

To quote Phyllis Breslin, president of the Camogie Association, reaching an All-Ireland club championship final is the pinnacle of achievement for any club, an achievement that brings great joy, not only to the players, but to the entire club, the families and the local community.

Those who have their sights set on Granagh-Ballingarry's All-Ireland had better not get too carried away. This team is ready for the long road. All have been there, seen it all, and want more. Such is the wealth of talent coming through, that the club's future is in safe hands. Neither has the novelty of winning worn off.

Eleven of last Sunday's panel are aged under 21. Jean Cullinane, for example, celebrated her 20th birthday on Monday. Eileen O'Brien, top scorer in the championship, is

only 16.

The most senior player is Bernie Chawke who, in 1978, won a senior All-Ireland club title with Ballygran. Asked if she had any intention of standing down, she replied with an emphatic 'no'.

Next season, Granagh-Ballingarry will have to adopt a new format—a 15-a-side game. There are other changes as well, such as a longer playing field and a wider goal area.

"I don't agree with the changes, but we'll be ready for them", said Mike Chawke, who has a strong family connection with the team.

Not only is wife Bernie a key defensive figure, but she has four nieces on the panel, Jean Cullinane, Laura and Kathryn Lesley and Marie O'Brien, the latter a daughter of former Limerick hurling great, Jim O'Brien.

Mike fears that the skill factor will disappear on the full length pitch.



Vera Sheehan holds the cup aloft.

"I understand it is to be a two year experiment, so we will wait and see what happens."

The people of the twin parishes gathered at Chawkes Cross on Sunday night and celebrated in front of the biggest bonfire ever seen in the area.

Said Mick: "The buzz was just unbelievable...people who hadn't seen each other for years came together to celebrate with us. It was really the coming together of the community."

On Monday, players went to the local national schools with the trophy, and were warmly received.

There were eight players from Granagh on the team, two from Ballingarry, and one each from Broadford and Cork. Mary O'Connor, a valuable acquisition to the squad, won an All-Ireland senior championship medal with Cork this year.

Mick studied a video

of St. Vincent's semi-final win, and the conclusion reached was that the best option was to go for points. "They had that strong look about them in defence. I told the girls to go for points at every opportunity, and we finished with 19. Our average over the season was 22 per game, and when our goal is translated into points, that's how it finished on Sunday."

He singled out Eileen O'Brien as the player of the championship. "She is only a kid, at 16, has won every meaningful trophy and yet is so modest. Eileen just takes everything in her stride."

Now, Mike is hoping that their win will give the game an even higher profile in Limerick.

This week-end, Mike and Bernie will be on their way to Lancashire on a very special mission. There will be a parting of the ways on the M6, with Mike heading for Old Trafford, to see his favourites Manchester

United in action, against Leeds United, while Bernie follows the fortunes of her idols, Liverpool, who play Blackburn Rovers, at Anfield.

"That's our little treat, after a hard year on the camogie front...we are taking our two children along with us", said Mike, explaining that they had used the good offices of Fr. Liam Houlihan, based in the Manchester area, and who officiated at their wedding, to secure their match day tickets.

Apparently, Fr Liam has a leg in with both clubs.

The Chawke's have a deep rooted interest in soccer; a cousin of Bernie's, Kevin Maher, is a regular with Southend, having earlier plied his trade with Tottenham Hotspur. He is a former Republic of Ireland under 21 international.

Meanwhile, in their absence, the celebrations will continue in Granagh-Ballingarry.

Roscrea Community College Sports News

A FIRST FOR COLAISTE PHOBAL, NORTH TIPPERARY SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

Colaiste Phobal Ros Cre 4-9

Borrisokane Community College 1-2.

History was made at Borrisokane last week when Colaiste Phobal Ros Cre won their first ever trophy and they did it in style.

Borrisokane, who had won this cup for the last three years, were comprehensively outplayed by a spirited Roscrea outfit.

Roscrea played with the wind and had four quick points before Borrisokane settled them, two brilliant goals by Bronwyn Keeshan put them in a commanding position by half time. Their total domination of the first half stemmed from the Roscrea midfield and half-back lines.

Captain, Eilise Moloney was in splendid form at midfield and the team responded to her promptings and leadership. Not far behind was Aisling Minogue who after a shaky ten minutes turned in a towering performance with many fine clearances under pressure. Sharon Hynes controlled the half back with coolness and skill.

The full back line was marshalled by Aisling Corcoran who was unbeatable. The fact that Borrisokane scored only once from play speaks volumes for the overall performance of the backs.

Junior corner backs, Carrianna Ryan and Aoife Parlon were in total control all through. Carrianna excelled with her ground strokes while Aoife played with great fire and intelligence.

Goalkeeper Orla Hannon, largely unemployed in the first half, made two excellent saves in the second half, one in particular from a close-in free.

In the forward line Bronwyn Keeshan and Jeannette Feighery shared the honours. In the first half Bronwyn was the most impressive and her two goals and a smashing point were absolutely crucial. Jeannette Feighery really opened up in the second half when switched to centrefield from where she contributed 2-4. Eileen Ryan was a constant threat at corner forward. Arlene Crean and Aoife Dooley gave of their best until being replaced by Emma Tierney and Sylvia O'Rourke. Emma had an excellent second half at centrefield and Sylvia picked up a fine point from the corner.

Player of the match: There are so many to choose from. Bronwyn Keeshan for her first half scoring spree. Aisling Minogue for a very gutsy performance. Sharon Hynes dependable and skilled. Jeannette Feighery scoring at will from centrefield. This time the choice is Eilise Moloney. Eilise, former Sacred Heart student and now doing Secretarial course in the Vocational School, was the obvious choice as captain. It was her leadership and exhibition of hurting that set Colaiste Phobal Ros Cre on their way to the school's first ever title.

Team and Scorers: Orla Hannon, Aoife Parlon, Aisling Corcoran, Carrianna Ryan, Sharon Hynes, Arlene Crean, Eilise Moloney (0-2), Aisling Minogue, Eileen Ryan (0-1), Jeannette Feighery (2-4), Bronwyn Keeshan (2-1). Subs used: Emma Tierney, Sylvia O'Rourke (0-1). Subs not used: Carrianna Hynes, Deborah England, Jade Carney, Sinead Feehan, Therese Brennan, Caroline Teehan, Miranda Kennedy, Aine Whelan, Miriam Kennedy, Valerie Meagher, Sarah Doran, Geraldine Beglin and Collette Fletcher. The trainers of this team were Miss Hynes and Miss Coss.

Rockies make history

50 YEARS AGO

BLACKROCK made camogie history when they won the Cork County Senior Championship title as a result of their hard earned 3-2 to 2-2 win over the East Cork Selection (holders) in their first ever final at the Douglas Grounds, where Mauna Hayes, K. Cashman and N. Dempsey scored for the "Rockies" while Ms. N. Duggan scored for East Cork. The teams were - Blackrock: P. Warren, M. Delea (Capt), K. Cashman, M. Cashman, Maide Hayes, T. Healy, N. Dempsey, Mauna Hayes, E. O'Shea, E. O'Leary, M. Honnebery, E. O'Shea, East Cork: R. Coleman, M. Walsh, M. Aherne, N. Duggan (Capt), K. Barry, E.

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LADIES HONOURED WITH EIRCELL MONTHLY AWARDS

There was a double celebration at Croke Park on the 9 November, when Eircell honoured Linda Mellerick (Cork) in Camogie and Aine Wall (Waterford) in Ladies Gaelic Football with an Eircell All Stars Players of the Month Award.

Both ladies were presented with their Awards at a special luncheon by Joe McDonagh, President of the GAA and Stephen Brewer, Chief Executive, Eircell.

Linda Mellerick finished off another great game in the season with Cork's victory in the All-Ireland Senior Final. With Waterford's win over Monaghan in the replay of this year's All-Ireland Ladies Football Final, Aine Wall who plays with the Ballymacarbery Club brought her collection of Senior All-Ireland medals to five.

Speaking at the lunch, Stephen Brewer, Eircell said, "Eircell are delighted that the Selection Committee have honoured the ladies this month. Ladies Gaelic Games are growing in popularity and this month's winners, Linda Mellerick and Aine Wall are very worthy winners indeed."

Linda Mellerick is the second Cork player to be honoured in the Eircell GAA All Stars Player of the Month Awards. Brian Corcoran received Player of the Month in May for his performance on the Cork hurling team.

Meanwhile, Aine Wall is the third winner of an Award from Waterford. Both Stephen Frampton and Tony Browne received their Awards in June and July respectively.

EIRCELL GAA ALL STARS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARDS OCTOBER 1998

Linda Mellerick (Cork) Camogie,

After playing with St Patricks School in Cork, Linda graduated to minor ranks with Cork, then to junior and inevitably to senior competition with the county. She is now one of Cork's

longest serving players. Linda captained Cork to their All-Ireland Senior Championships in 1993 and 1997 and was also the Captain of her club, Glen Rovers when the Club won it's historic Senior Championship in Cork Camogie.

She now holds All-Ireland Senior, Junior, Minor and College All-Ireland medals as well as Senior National League medals and has won interprovincial medals with Munster.

Aine Wall (Waterford) Ladies Gaelic Football

Aine Wall, who made her senior debut with Waterford in 1987, is one of the county's most prolific scorers. After beginning her inter-county career at corner forward she then moved out to the wing but has since settled down at full forward.

In 1993 she captained Ballymacarbery to the All-Ireland Club Championship title and in addition to her five All-Ireland Senior medals, she also holds three National League medals, five medals in seven a side championships and holds seven All Stars Awards.



The Eircell All-Star Players of the Month for October, Linda Mellerick, Camogie, Cork and Aine Wall, ladies football, Waterford

St. Mary's earn replay

St. Mary's C.M.S.,
Nenagh 1-4,
St. Patrick's C.S.,
Shannon 2-1

St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh junior camogie team staged a fine second half come back to earn an exciting draw with St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon in a Munster quarter-final clash in Nenagh.

St. Mary's appeared in big trouble when they trailed by 2-1 to 0-1 at half time. However, the Nenagh students dug deep in the

second half and a goal from Marie McCarthy in the final five minutes earned St. Mary's a deserved draw.

St. Mary's C.M.S.: Emma Dunlea, Carmel Ryan, Siobhan O'Doherty, Bridin Hackett, Michelle Slattery (Capt.), Orla McDonagh, Grainne Gleeson, Jenny Ryan, Mary Coughlan, Aileen Forde (0-4, 2 frees), Marie McCarthy (1-0), Margaret Hogan.

Subs used: Aine Mulcahy, Louisa Duff, Dawn Ryan.

Greyhound racing



Liam Harte (ACC, sponsors) with the trophy for the feature event at the Cork Camogie Board benefit meeting at Cork tomorrow night. Also included are Cork track manager Noel Holland and Cork camogie stars Eithne Duggan (captain), Irene O'Keeffe and Cora Keohane.

Picture: Eddie O'Riordan

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Bernie Chawke (centre) pictured with her four nieces, Catherine and Laura Lesley, Marie O'Brien and Jean Cullinane, after they had all assisted Granagh/Ballingarry camogie team to win the All Ireland Inter-Club Championship Final. They are proudly holding the Bill Carroll Cup.

Junior League, Offaly 5-4, Tipperary 4-6. Tipperary travelled to Rath, Co. Offaly on Sunday to play the home side in the second round of the National Junior League. Tipperary had one win under their belt over Limerick, and a win over Offaly would put them in a strong position.

Offaly seemed to settle more quickly and had 1-1 on the score board before Tipperary had their first point from Joan Stakelum. Alice Deane and Norma Coffey added a goal and a point.

However, with twenty minutes of the first half gone, Offaly hit a purple patch, and with the aid of poor defending, added four goals before the interval.

Trailing by 12 points, Tipp had it all to do, and after five minutes the deficit was reduced to nine points by a Muireann O'Donoghue goal. This was the first of Tipperary's three second half goals, and in fact, Tipp were by far the better side in the second half and scored 3-4 to Offaly's 0-2.

However, time ran out for the Tipp girls and Offaly shaded it by one point. This was a very poor first half performance by Tipperary, but when they got it together they really pressed Offaly all the way and were unfortunate not to have shared the points.

Tipperary: Louise Ryan, Siobhan Doran, Tess Bourke, Jane Ryan, Maeve Corcoran 1-0, Mary Looby, Niamh Connolly, Alice Deane 1-1, Angela McDermott, Norma Coffey 1-3, Siobhan Ryan, Philomena Fogarty, Sara Stapleton, Joan Stakelum 0-1, Muireann O'Donoghue 1-0. Subs: Grainne Shanahan 0-1 for Angela McDermott.

MILFORD

CAMOGIE CLUB

Milford Junior B Camogie team travelled to the Nemo Rangers G.A.A. pitch on Sunday to play Barrynoe in the County Final. Our girls started well with Lelia Long, our captain dominating at midfield and Siobhan Lenihan in fine shooting form scoring five points.

Regina Curtin scored a point from play. We were leading 0-6 to 0-1 at half-time.

Milford kept the pressure up at the start of the second half with further points from Lelia Long and Siobhan Lenihan. Barrynoe came back into the game scoring few points in succession. At this stage the score was Milford 8 points, Barrynoe 5 points. Barrynoe continued the pressure, culminating in a great goal from play. Milford were in trouble at this stage, but Lelia rallied her troops once again and a good ball in by Marie Watson was steered to the net by Siobhan Lenihan. With Marie Watson now at midfield and Lelia dominating at centre back, Milford finished in style with a goal by Eimear O'Friel.

This was a prize performance from a very young team with everyone playing their part.

Amid great scenes of jubilation, Lelia Long was presented with the cup by Sheila Golden of the Camogie Board. Lelia in her speech thanked all the players for their commitment and paid special tribute to Anna Watson for the tremendous amount of work in preparing the team. She thanked Barrynoe for the very sporting game, the match referee and officials. Finally, she thanked the supporters who travelled to the game. This has been a brilliant year for Milford Camogie Club, winning three County Finals and the prospect of an Under 16 Title

is still on the cards.

Team: B. Geary, C. O'Gorman, A. Dillon, N. O'Riordan, E. Savage, D. Hayes, L. Long (0-1), D. O'Reilly, E. O'Friel (1-0), S. Linchan (1-7), R. Curtin (0-1) and M. Watson. Subs: S. Linehan (used), C. Kirwin, E. Linehan, I. Sexton, S. O'Reilly, N. Curtin and A. M. Curtin.

MILFORD PLAYERS MEETING

All players are requested to attend a players meeting in the Hall on Saturday night November 28th at 8.15pm to be introduced to the new player coach. A full attendance is requested.

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When Granagh-Ballingarry of Limerick recently won the All-Ireland Club Camogie title, their players were mostly from the under-21 ranks. There was one notable exception...star defender Bernie Chawke won an All-Ireland senior medal with Ballyagran in 1978! And Bernie had plenty of reason to celebrate the recent win over St. Vincents... her husband Mick is the team's coach while three of her nieces, Jean Cullinane, Laura Leslie and substitute Marie O'Brien also played notable parts in the victory. Marie O'Brien is a daughter of Jim O'Brien who won an All-Ireland SH medal with Limerick in 1973 when he was a team colleague of Eamon Cregan's. Eamon's daughter Niamh was on the St. Vincents team in the recent final. One of the brightest stars on the winning team was Eileen O'Brien who scored 0-11 against the Dublin girls and who emerged as the top scorer in the championship... Eileen is just 16 years of age! The game marked the end of an era; henceforth there will be 15 players on championship teams rather than 12.

There was a new name on the list of referees for the 3rd round of National League fixtures played two weeks ago. Derry's Mickey Convery took charge of the game between Donegal and Cork at Ballybofey.



Lelia Long, captain of Milford Junior B team, receiving the cup from Sheila Golden, Cathaoirleach of the Cork County Board.

St. Mary's face Templemore

St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh play their Munster schools senior camogie championship second round tie with Our Lady's, Templemore on today (Wednesday).

The game is a repeat of last year's semi-final when the Templemore students emerged victorious, but hopes are high that the Nenagh side can gain revenge.

The team's form is good going into the game. St. Mary's have defeated Scariff in a recent senior league clash and overcame another Clare side Shannon Comprehensive in a challenge game last week.

The St. Mary's team will be selected from the following panel: Amy Kissane, Emer Guilfoyle, Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Niamh Hogan, Siobhan McCarthy, Emer McDonnell, Denise Ryan, Sinead Gaynor, Aileen Forde, Marie McCarthy, Carmel Ryan, Siobhan O'Brien, Karen O'Brien, Michelle Slattery, Deirdre Troy, Deirdre Kyne and Eileen Ryan.

The winners of this game will play either St. Mary's, Charleville or the winners of the Shannon V Scariff clash.

St. Mary's are fortunate to be able to call upon the services of a number of their excellent junior side of two years ago, so coach Ger Dullea is hopeful his charges can produce a good display.

Meanwhile, St. Mary's junior side play Shannon in the Munster quarter-final on Monday next, November 23rd in Nenagh.

MUNSTER SCHOOLS SENIOR CAMOGIE SEMI-FINAL:

Super St. Mary's reach Munster final

**ST. MARY'S C.M.S., NENAGH 4-9;
OUR LADY'S, TEMPLEMORE 2-4**

St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh booked their place in the Munster schools senior camogie championship final with a well deserved eleven point victory over Our Lady's, Templemore in Templemore on Wednesday last.



St. Mary's Secondary School senior camogie team that has qualified for the Munster final. Front: Deirdre Kyne, Denise Ryan, Deirdre McDonnell, Anna Woods, Eimer Guilfoyle, capt, Eimer McDonnell, Deirdre Troy, Marie McCarthy, Karen O'Brien. Back: Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Amy Kissane, Eileen Ryan, Siobhan O'Brien, Aileen Forde, Carmel Ryan, Niamh Hogan, Ger Dullea (coach).

Sharpshooter Emer McDonnell was in terrific form for the Nenagh girls finishing with a splendid personal tally of 1-7.

The Nenagh students got off to a terrific start and led by 1-6 to 1-0 at half-time. All of the St. Mary's first half scores came from Emer McDonnell.

Our Lady's, Templemore fought bravely in the second half to get back into contention, but two well-taken goals by Denise Ryan helped St. Mary's run out convincing winners.

The Nenagh students now advance to the provincial final on Saturday February 6th, '99 where great rivals Charleville seem likely opponents.

St. Mary's opened brightly and took the game to their opponents from the outset. Emer McDonnell was in brilliant form striking over five points without reply in the opening quarter. Templemore came right back into contention with a goal from Linda Grogan in the 22nd minute.

However, the Nenagh students finished the half on the ascendancy with two further points from Emer McDonnell

and a fine goal from the same player.

DETERMINED FASHION

St. Mary's led by 1-6 to 1-0 at half-time, but Our Lady's began the second period in determined fashion and three pointed thirties brought them to within three points of their opponents. Indeed, the Templemore side could well have been on level terms but for a tremendous save by St. Mary's goalkeeper, Amy Kissane.

Denise Ryan helped ease Nenagh nerves with two well taken goals and a further goal and a point from Siobhan McCarthy helped St. Mary's into a very comfortable lead. Emer McDonnell then added another point for the Nenagh side, before Templemore substitute Claire Grogan had a consolation goal for her side.

It was an excellent performance by the Nenagh side with each of the thirteen players involved contributing handsomely to the victory.

St. Mary's had excellent performances from Emer McDonnell, ace forward, Denise Ryan and Siobhan

McCarthy; Amy Kissane, Sheena Howard and Mary Rose Ryan in defence; Anna Woods overcame injury to turn in a fine performance at midfield where she was ably-assisted by Deirdre McDonnell, a twin sister of Emer's.

SCORERS AND TEAMS

St. Mary's C.M.S., Nenagh: Amy Kissane, Emer Guilfoyle (Capt.), Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Niamh Hogan, Siobhan McCarthy (1-1), Emer McDonnell (1-7, 3 frees, 1 '30), Denise Ryan (2-0), Sinead Gaynor.

Sub used: Aileen Forde.

Our Lady's, Templemore: Michelle Purcell, Niamh Harkins, Sarah Ryan, Siobhan Burke, Geraldine McGrath, Genevieve Rowland, Lorraine Burke, Norma Maher, Deirdre Delaney, Linda Grogan (1-4, 3 '30's), Noelle Bergin.

Sub used: Claire Grogan (1-0).

Referee: Biddy Phillips

(Thurles)

Both schools would like to thank referee Biddy Phillips for her efficient handling of the game.

Courcey girls take the league

COURCEY Rovers and Valley Rovers met in the Carrighoun Under 17 Camogie League Final at Ballinspittle on Sunday morning last with the Courceys lifting the title on a 2-13 to 4-3 scoreline.

The Courceys should be very grateful to Rachel Moloney as she contributed all her sides scores in this eagerly contested final. Courceys had the better of the opening half to lead at the interval by 0-5 to 0-1 and two minutes into the second half had raced into an eight point lead.

But the Valleys fought back in great style and by the 5th. minute had reduced the deficit to two points following two Sarah Donovan goals.

Courceys pulled away again and raced into an eight point lead once more at the three quarter stage.

But credit the Innishannon side who kept battling away and were rewarded with two late goals by Elaine Burke but it was too little too late and the Moloney inspired Courcey side held on.

Barryroe's title

BARRYROE'S superb defensive display made the difference as they were crowned Cork County Senior B camogie champions by defeating St Finbarrs 1-7 to 0-6 at Redmonds Grounds yesterday.

Cork minor Rosarie Holland was later named Player of the Match to round off a memorable year for the club who are only in their second year in the Senior B grade.

Scores: Barryroe: J O'Leary 0-4 (2 frees, 1 '30), G Collins 0-3 (two frees), E McCarthy 1-0. St. Finbarrs: D O'Sullivan 0-2, B Maher, M McCarthy, C O'Mahony (free), C Kirby 0-1.

BARRYROE: C Keohane; A Sheehy, P O'Leary, R Holland, L McCarthy; K McCarthy, D Walsh, E O'Regan, E McCarthy; J O'Leary, J Collins, J Cahalane (capt).

ST FINBARRS: M O'Sullivan; C Barry (capt), O O'Sullivan, C O'Neil; L O'Connell, C O'Mahony, C Kirby, J Duff, E Clifford; R Myers, J Brown, C Kirby. Subs: M McCarthy for E Clifford, B Maher for J Duff.

Camogie club hits the big time

BARRYROE Camogie Club was formed back in 1985 but the going was tough in the early years.

According to founder member Mae Whelton, "we used to come home well beaten but the girls never got disheartened. I remember when the club was founded the then Camogie County Board chairperson Mary O'Callaghan, now deceased, told us it would take five or six years before we won anything."

Eventually a county junior B title came the way of the

light blues and then followed honours at junior A level as well as the intermediate grade before last Sunday's county senior B final triumph over St Finbarr's put Barryroe into the A grade and up with the best next season.

"Last Sunday's game was on and off and we didn't know where it was going to be played," stated Mae.

"At Mass (on Sunday) Fr Hurlley read out a notice for the team to assemble at the Creamery Cross at 10.30 for

a mystery tour. Eventually the final went ahead at Redmond's grounds and it was a terrific.

"We had to defend desperately in the last 10 minutes against a very good Barr's side. We managed to hold onto our lead and there were great celebrations afterwards."

And well deserved they were, too.

Hopefully next year we'll be hearing a lot more about the club's exploits at senior A level.

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Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

The Camogie Association recently launched a development plan for the future in Croke Park. This report examines the whole scope of the Association and aims to bring it into the new millennium as a stronger and more vibrant body.

The Development Committee addressed three questions

1. Where are we now?
2. Where do we want to go?
3. How do we get there?

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Association's most valuable resource is its membership and only a totally inclusive process will ensure that the membership takes ownership of the plan, helps it to take on a life of its own and provides the energy which the written document requires if it is to become a reality. To this end, the Development embarked on a nationwide campaign to elicit the views of as wide range of camogie people as possible.

The nature of the consultation process ensured that a lot of discussion took place on a wide variety of issues. The Committee identified the main themes and key issues which emerged from the analysis and the results, although to some extent impressionistic rather than a mathematical or scientific analysis, are presented in a way which it is hoped fully captures the mood and flavour of the participants views.

The Committee used the S.W.O.T. analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) management tool to



Action from the All-Ireland junior camogie final between Galway and Tipperary



The players and match officials are introduced to An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern before the All-Ireland senior final

give the consultation process and, in particular, the meetings some focus.

The Development Trust Committee proposes that priority be given to the following aspects of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael in planning strategically for the future. Structures and Organisation, Games, Coaching, Refereeing, Publicity and Sponsorship

The report contains many recommendations in relation to the improvement and development of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. This is no way to detract from the outstanding work carried out on an on-going basis by the dedicated members of the Association. This was very evident of the Committee members as demonstrated in the level of co-operation received and the quality of submissions presented during the consultation process with all levels of the association. The committee wished to record its appreciation to all who contributed to the formulation of this report.

It is recognised that the recommendations contained in the Report can only be implemented on a phased basis and, consequently, the membership will have to prioritise and adopt a time framework. It is considered important, therefore, that the residential workshop and open forum process be put in place at an early date.

The committee wishes to record its appreciation of the support and assistance received from Ardchomhairle, from Síle de Bhailis, Ardrúnaí, and from Jo Nic Uaildrich, Cisteoir.

Tipp and Cork final winds up season

THE last inter-county camogie competition for 1998 will be decided tomorrow when Cork and Tipperary meet in the Munster Intermediate Championship final at Redmonds GAA grounds.

The competition is run on a separate basis to the All-Ireland series and any player who holds a Munster Intermediate Championship medal is ineligible to play.

As a result of winning the 1997 championship, Cork have been forced to field a new team this season.

They recorded a superb victory over Limerick in the semi-final and will go

into the decider in a determined and confident mood.

The introduction of several of the victorious All-Ireland winning minor team will be seen as a step in the right direction, giving the youngsters valuable experience at adult level.

However, they face a tough task when they take on a Tipperary side who last won the Munster Intermediate Championship in 1993 and therefore will be fielding a well established side who have been together for a number of years.

The team reached the All Ireland

Junior Championship final and were narrowly defeated by Galway.

They are captained by Alice Deane and the side also contains Angela McDermott, who was a member of the Cork Junior Panel last season and who also won a county senior championship medal with Bishopstown in 1997. However, this season she has transferred her allegiance back to her native club and county.

The inclusion also of Philomena Fogarty and Siobhan Ryan make them a formidable obstacle for the Leesiders.

However, with the possibility of this

being the last inter-county game under the 12 aside format, both counties will be anxious to take the title.

On the Cork front Kilbrittain play host to St. Catherine's in the U-16B Championship final, while the U18 championship gets underway with Youghal travelling to Kildorrery and Ballinhassig making the journey to Bishopstown.

● Camogie followers are reminded that the Cork Senior Camogie team are holding a benefit meeting at the Cork Greyhound Stadium tonight starting at 8pm.

Cork finish season with another victory

Cork	0-12
Tipperary	1-6

CORK rounded off their Inter County season on a high note when they took the Maura Ni Ceallachain trophy for the third year in a row with a superb victory in the Intermediate Camogie Championship final at Mayfield yesterday.

Having lost out in the Intermediate All Ireland final earlier in the year, Cork were determined to make amends and they opened proceedings with points from Sheila Morley and Una O'Donoghue in the first and fifth minute.

Tipperary took the lead six minutes into the game when Siobhan Ryan sent a close in free to the net. The same player pointed one minute later to stretch the Tipperary lead, however, Cork responded with Rachel Moloney converting a free and with three points from Sarah Hayes and Orla O'Sullivan they opened up a two point lead.

Siobhan Ryan converted a Tipperary free on the stroke of half time to leave the visi-

tors trailing 0-6 to 1-2 at the interval.

The holders showed their determination in the second half from the throw in and with two Rachel Moloney points by the 16th minute they held a 0-10 to 1-3 lead but a lapse in concentration allowed Tipperary to take over with captain Alice Deane and Joanne Ryan coming more into the game.

Tipperary did have a close in free which the Cork girls blocked and freed and with it came the final whistle and the title for Cork to round off a superb year on the inter county seen where they have annexed two All Ireland titles, three Munster Championships and one National League title.

Score: Cork: R Moloney 0-6 (3 F), O O'Sullivan 0-3, S Hayes, U O'Donoghue, S Moloney 0-1. Tipperary: S Ryan 1-4 (1-3 F), J Ryan, S Cusack 0-1 (free).

CORK: G Casey, S Buckley, C Giltinan, J Hannon, H Walsh, A Buckley, S Morley (Capt.), M Corkery, R Moloney, O O'Sullivan, U O'Donoghue, S Hayes. Subs: G Collins for M Corkery, K Foley for R Moloney.

TIPPERARY: L Ryan, P Fogarty, T Burke, S Cusack, N Connelly, A McDermott, J Ryan, A Deane, N Coffey, S Ryan, G Shannon, J Stakelum.

Referee: O Murphy (Clare).

Through to camogie final

A place in the U 16 final was at stake when the Kilbrittain-Timoleague girls and St. Catherine's met in Bandon on Saturday last.

The Conna girls had the breeze and sun in the first half, but it was the Black and Amber girls who made the better start and dominated the early exchanges. Julie O'Regan had a goal and a point, Aidel Foley followed with a similar brace of scores and Julie O'Regan finished the half with a point to let the half time score 2-3 to 0-2 in favour of Kilbrittain. With the elements in their favour the local girls were expected to consolidate their position but St. Catherine's started the livelier and indeed for most of the second half the Kilbrittain backs were under pressure. Michelle Hayes had to make some good clearances while Ellen O'Donovan, Elaine Sexton and Aidel Foley had to play good camogie to keep their advantage. One point for Catherine was the total scoring in the second half and it will be some weeks before the final will be played. Team: M. Hayes, A. O'Rourke, T. Moloney, E. O'Sullivan, E. O'Donovan, M. O'Sullivan, E. Murphy, E. Sexton, J. O'Regan, A. Foley, C. Deasy, M. Fullam, J. Harrington, R. Ahern. Subs: M. O'Brien, N. O'Mahony, E. O'Regan.



Niamh Bonar who was conferred recently with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Hons) at the National University of Ireland, Galway. Niamh is a daughter of Eileen and Pat Bonar Dromin Road, Nenagh.



The sky was the limit as these players including Jean Cullinane (6), Granagh/Ballingarry, looked up in search of the sliothar during the All Ireland Camogie Final, in Ballingarry.

Canovee - Cloughduv

DURING the late 1970's the parish of Kilmurry was without an active camogie club for the first time in many years. The fame of Canovee was long since past and the only connection between the founding of Cloughduv Camogie Club and the Canovee intermediate team of 1973 was Anne Barry Murphy, who was a sub on that team. The first meeting of Cloughduv Camogie Club was held on 17th December, 1981, in Barry Murphy's of Coolmakee and the historic meeting was attended by Mary O'Sullivan, Carrigadrohid, Geraldine Lynch, Knocknahiland, Bridgit O'Sullivan and Garry O'Sullivan, Rathcullen, Catherine Kenneally, Inchirahilly, Mary Cooper, Knockshanovee, Kay O'Leary, Cloughduv, Denis Carroll, Cloughduv, John Barry Murphy and Anne Barry Murphy.

Chairperson's tribute to Cork camogie players after inter-

AT the recent Cork camogie convention outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden congratulated the county on the marvellous success at inter-county level during the year.

She had particular praise for the senior and minor team who took All Ireland titles.

Munster honours also came to the county at Under 16, Senior and intermediate grade.

However, she did express concern at the lack of people working at administration level and she also claimed that the problem of referees must be addressed.

Outgoing President Mary Moran, who was completing her five year term, complimented all the officers.

She also reminded delegates about the new development plan for camogie which will shortly be coming before the clubs and the county board for their approval.

Glowing tributes were paid to Miss Moran for her contribution.

Tributes were also paid to outgoing secretary Tracey Sheehan from Mayfield Club who did not seek re-election. The board did elect a new secretary when Shirley Maloney Courcey Rovers defeated Annette O'Leary from the Kilbrittain Club.

Amongst the motions passed was one from the Eire Og Club that referees ex-

penses be paid on submission of the referees report for all league and championship games in the senior A, B, Junior A B grades and for championship matches in the Under 18, and under 16A and B grades. And then for league matches at quarter final, semi-final and final stage in the under 18, 16, 14 and 12 grades. The payment is to be administered by the County Board with the amount fixed and reviewed annually at convention.

Camogie fraternity hold convention

OFF the field activities are high on the list of priorities with the camogie fraternity, with the Cork County Convention taking place this evening at the Metro-pole Hotel.

There will be a few changes in the officership for the coming season with outgoing President, Mary Moran, having completed her five year term. She is handing over to Lily O'Sullivan from the Ballincollig club.

Secretary Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield, is also stepping down from her position and we will see a contest between Shirley Maloney (Courcey Rovers) and Annette O'Leary (Kilbrittain) who are both seeking election.

Long-serving Vice Chairperson, Marion McCarthy, St Finbarrs, has also indicated that she is not going forward for the position. However, there is no other nomination on the agenda.

There are 11 motions down for discussion, including one from the Eire Og club who are calling for referees expenses to be paid by the club.

Result: Under 16 B Championship quarter-final replay — Milford 2-4, Eire Og 0-4.

CAMOGIE

Cork (holders) and Galway, who have met in the last three Bord na Gaeilge Senior All-Ireland Finals, will not meet in the decider in 1999.

When the draw was made Cork were paired against Wexford in the Preliminary Round with the winners going on to face Limerick in the quarter-final. In the other quarter-finals Kilkenny travel to face Galway in a repeat of the 1997 All-Ireland semi-final while Tipperary, who were pipped by Galway in last year's All-Ireland semi-final, take on Clare, and Intermediate champions Down are rewarded with a home tie with Dublin.

The draw for the Intermediate Championship is: (a) Clare v Dublin; (b) Armagh v Galway; (c) Cork v Wexford. (d) Antrim v Limerick. Semi-Finals: a v b; c v d.

county wins

The County Board will be re-imbursed by the clubs proportionate to the number of teams registered in the relevant grade.

A motion from the Watergrasshill club that divisional boards be set up was defeated after a lengthy discussion.

Officers elected: President Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; Chairperson Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Vice Chairperson Marion McCarthy, St. Finbarrs; Secretary Shirley Maloney, Courcey Rovers; Treas. Mary McSwiney, Bandon; Registrar Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; PRO Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers.



The now famous Keohane sisters from Lislevane, have done the Barryroe Camogie Club proud, playing at all levels from u-14 to Cork senior rank. From left standing: Claire, Cora (Cork goalkeeper, All Ireland medallist), Sharon and Jane. Front from left: Helen, Nicola and Fiona.

Community College Sports News:

Camogie: Roscrea Community College 14-7 - Borrisokane Community College 1-2: After capturing the senior cup last week, it was the turn of our Juniors to have a try. The game started with Roscrea coming out with all guns blazing. Jeanette Feighery scored the first point of the game which settled the girls down. After this Roscrea got their own way with early goals coming from Caroline Crean and Bronwyn Keeshan. The Roscrea girls were dominant all through the match. At half time Roscrea defence had stopped Borrisokane from scoring anything. Great defensive work from Katriona Ryan and Aisling Minogue meant Borrisokane only scored three times during the whole match.

The full forward line really gave Borrisokane a roasting, scoring in total 11-2 between them. This match saw a return to last year's form for Catriona Hynes who scored four goals. At corner forward Caroline Crean snatched two early goals and was always dangerous. Goalie, Sinead Feehan had little to do but saved a few shots in the opening ten minutes, while Aoife Parlon and midfielder Margaret Kennedy were sound all through. Though not scoring

Report pitches fair play

A SHORTAGE of GAA playing pitches for 5,000 camogie players in Cork city and hinterland has been highlighted in a major new report.

The Cork Recreational Needs Report commissioned by Cork Corporation and Cork Council highlights the lack of GAA pitches for

camogie players.

The report, compiled by Dublin planning consultants and landscape architects Cunnane Stratton Reynolds, suggests there should be further investigation of the specific needs of women wishing to take part in GAA sports.

"There are some 5,000 camogie players in the

city and county areas with 53 clubs, but only a small number of pitches are allocated specifically for camogie use," the report states.

But the report adds that it's Cork County Camogie Board's priority to immediately get at least one exclusive camogie pitch provided in Cork city's environs.

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GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY CLAIM ALL-IRELAND CLUB CROWN

Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick, secured the All-Ireland Club Championship crown when they defeated a gallant St. Vincents, Dublin, side in the final played at Ballingarry. This was the last final of 1998 and the last one to be played twelve aside on the small pitch until the year 2000, when the Association will either continue with next year's test series of fifteen players aside on the full size pitch or revert back to the twelve aside system.

Granagh/Ballingarry claimed the Munster title for the past three years with a team that only showed one change during that period. Their defeats numbered just two: the All-Ireland final of 1996 and last year's semi-final.

St Vincents, appearing in their first final were slow to get off the mark and Granagh had eight points on the scoreboard before Denise O'Leary got St Vincents first score, a point on the 16th minute. The killer blow came when Ida Quaid rattled Vincent's net just before the break to give Granagh a cushion of 1-12 to 0-2.

Granagh star Eileen O'Brien was responsible for seven points in the first half and a total of eleven in all.

On the resumption the Leinster Club came more to grips with the game with Denise O'Leary giving a star performance. Her goal on the 20th minute reduced the deficit to nine points 1-15 to 1-6, and despite getting the better of their opponents on the scoreboard in this half, the first half deficit was too great to overcome.

Final score: Granagh/Ballingarry 1-19

St Vincents 1-8

There were jubilant scenes as captain Vera Sheehan

hoisted the Bill Carroll Cup. Scorers: Granagh/Ballingarry - Eileen O'Brien 0-11, Ida Quaid 1-1, Mary O'Connor 0-3, Deirdre Sheehan 0-2, Jean Cullinane and Vera Sheehan 0-1 each.

St Vincents - Denise O'Leary 1-6, Louise Lynch and Denise Lynch 0-1 each.

Granagh- Breda O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Patricia McKenna, Bernie Chawe, Laura Leslie, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Eileen O'Brien, Mary O'Connor, Vera Sheehan (Capt.), Ida Quaid. Subs - Maureen Sheehan for P McKenna, Marie O'Brien for L Leslie, Shiela Treacy for I Quaid.

St Vincents - Mary Regan, Patsy Murphy, Niamh Cregan, Patricia Clinton, Germaine Noonan (Capt), Ursula Hannon, Denise O'Leary, Roisin Brady, Louise Lynch, Adrienne McGovern, Denise Smith, Emer Brannigan. Subs - Sonya Byrne for R Brady, Elizabeth Buckley for U Hannon, Aoife Cullen for P Murphy.

Referee: Biddy Phillips (Tipperary)

Kilmessan, Meath won the Milk Cup Tournament for the first time, defeating the holders St Laurence's Kildare 1-6 to 1-3 in the final played at Kilmessan.

The game was excellent, despite the underfoot conditions. The score at half time: Kilmessan 1-3 St Laurences 1-1.

Scorers: Kilmessan - Anne Marie Dennihey 1-4, Sinead Browne and Jackie Boland 0-1 each.

St Laurences - Ciara Tallon 1-0, Aisling Treacy 0-2, Reiltin Treacy 0-1.

Kilmessan - Susan Mulligan, Vonnice O'Neill, Breda Dennihey, Ann Marie Dennihey, Karen Ward, Aileen Donnelly, Frances Lynch, Ann Gorman, Lisa Tyrell, Jackie Boland, Alison Lynch, Sinead Brown. Sub - Margaret Stephens for A Lynch

St Laurences - Dolores Browne, Liz O'Donoghue-Byrne, Melaine Treacy, Ruth Treacy, Roxanne Treacy, Reiltin Treacy, Aisling Treacy, Elaine Miley, Ciara Talon, Naoimhi Treacy, Kate Treacy, Suzanne Keatley. Sub - Patricia Aspel for K Treacy.

Referee - Patrick Reynolds (Louth)

Player of the Match: Jackie Boland, Kilmessan



Kilmessan of Meath, winners of the Milk Cup Tournament



MARY CAREY (Lady Captain, Gort Golf Club) presenting her Junior Captains Prize to the winner Elaine Kerins. On left is Nuala Spelman (Club President).

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The Camogie Association celebrate its Centenary in 2004 and preparations have already begun. A special committee is being set up to plan for this historic event.

All units are in the process of bringing its history up-to-date with the view to having the Association's history complete by then.

A Development Committee was set up and have already proposed radical changes to bring Ireland's largest sporting organisation for ladies into the 21st century.

Camogie is an exciting, fast and skillful game. 'The Riverdance of Sport' with a potential to attract many more players and supporters.

The changes recommended by the Development Committee will enhance the appeal of the game, strengthen its organisational structure and turn the focus towards future growth and development.

While it may be argued that change is needed, the Association must be careful not to lose sight of its identity. Next year's test series will give an indication as to whether the fifteen players aside on the full pitch will be successful or not.

The All-Ireland Colleges' Convention was held recently. All Officers were returned unopposed:

President: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Secretary: Mary Moran, Cork.

Treasurer: Lily Spence, Antrim.

The following All-Ireland draws and dates were decided:

Senior A & B Championship semi-finals: Munster v Ulster at Munster venue and Leinster v Connacht at Leinster venue. Both on March 13th, 1999 with the finals on April 17th, 1999.

Junior A & B Championship semi-finals: March 6th 1999, Ulster v Munster at Munster venue and Connacht v Leinster at Connacht venue. Finals on March 20th, 1999.

The All-Ireland Sevens will be held in Dublin on May 8th, 1999.

Down secured the Ulster Senior Championship title with a 3-10 to 2-7 win over Derry. The Oak Leaf county opened the scoring after two minutes of play with a goal by Aileen Tohill. Down came to grips with the game and a great move by Valerie Hynds and Majella Murray resulted in a goal by Cathy Mulholland. A further goal for Derry by Bronagh Birt came on the twenty-first minute but Down had the last say of the half when Cathy Mulholland had her second goal. Half-time score: Down 2-4 Derry 2-3

The second-half was score for score and by the fifteenth minute the sides were level. Down's Mairin McAleenan picked off some lovely scores from frees (1-6 in all) while Derry failed to register a score for the remainder of the game.

Scorers - Down: Mairin McAleenan (1-6), Cathy Mulholland (2-0), Deirdre Savage, Valerie Hynds, Joan Henderson and Claire McGrath (0-1) each.

Derry: Martina Mulholland (0-5), Aileen Tohill and Bronagh Birt (1-0) each, Shauna McCaul and Mary O'Kane (0-1) each.

Down - Teresa McGowan, Donna Greenan, Nuala Magee, Pauline Green, Colleen Hynds (capt), Mairin McAleenan, Valerie Hynds, Jennifer Braniff, Majella Murray, Joan Henderson, Cathy Mulholland. Subs - Claire McGrath for J. Henderson, Ciara Cunningham for Majella Murray.

Derry - Aileen Crilly, Grainne Maguire, Rhonda Doherty, Siobhan Convery (capt), Claire Doherty, Shauna McCaul, Roisin McCloskey, Martina Mulholland, Claire McNicholl, Mary

O'Kane, Bronagh Birt, Aileen Tohill. Subs - Claire Scullion for R. Doherty, Kathy McDonnell for S. McCaul.
Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.
Player of the Match: Mary O'Kane, Derry.

Derry collected the Ulster U-18 title with a comfortable victory over Cavan. Captain Paula McAtamney shot a first half goal and then sent over seven points. Tracey McErlean also netted before the break to give Derry a 2-7 to 0-1 lead.

Final score: Derry 3-12 Cavan 0-2.

Scorers - Derry: Paula McAtamney (1-7), Tracey McErlean (2-0), Aisling Keeley (0-2), Bernice McLoughlin, Aisling Grougan and Ailish McPeake (0-1) each.

Cavan - Nicola Clegg and Sinead Duffy (0-1) each.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS

Cavan 3-6

Monaghan 1-4

Scorers Cavan - Olive Scorr and Patricia McKenna (1-1) each.

Brid Dolan (1-0), Eimear Brennan (0-3), Rosie Mulligan (0-1).

Monaghan - Aine McKenna (1-1), Rosie Merrie (0-3).

Clare 2-6

Limerick 1-6

Galway 4-7

Offaly 1-8

We now take a break until the New Year. I wish all readers of 'Camogie World' a very happy Christmas and a world of thanks to the Editor and staff of Hogan Stand for the space afforded us during the year.



1998 will be remembered as the year the Camogie Association moved forward. Players such as Veronica Curtin can look forward to an even higher profile in 1999

St. Pat's no match

St. Mary's, Charleville4-13
St. Patrick's, Shannon0-5

ALL-IRELAND champions of the past three seasons, St. Mary's of Charleville proved much too strong for the Clare representatives in last week's Munster Colleges senior camogie championship.

St. Patrick's always knew they were up against it and must have feared a right pasting when they trailed the defending champions by 2-7 to 0-2 at half time.

The Shannon school battled on gamely even in the knowledge that they hadn't the remotest chance of clawing back the leeway. Indeed, it was a game in which they failed to score from play with Laura Linnane and Claire McMahon their point scorers from frees.

They had their best players in Grace Wallace, Nicole O'Meara, Lorna Hogan, Sinead Twomey, Laura Linnane and Margaret Long.

ST. PATRICK'S: Sharon Coleman, Grace Wallace, capt., Nicole O'Meara, Maria Hehir, Caitriona Foley, Sinead Twomey, Lorna Hogan, Siobhan Kelly, Laura Linnane (0-3f), Marie McKeogh, Claire McMahon (0-2f) and Margaret Long.

Subs: Audrey Shanahan for Hehir; Kerrie Brennan for McMahon and Leanne McKenna for Kelly.

CAMOGIE - St. Brigid's camogie club players helped Kilkenny win the Leinster senior camogie final when they beat Dublin by 3-7 to 1-5.

They were Tracey Millea, Margaret Comerford and Sinead Millea.



Canovee Intermediate camogie players who were County Champions in 1973 were honoured at Canovee/Cloughduv GAA Social at the Auld Triangle, Macroom.

O'Callaghan and Dillon celebrate magnificent year

by Diarmuid O'Flynn

SOME achievements often go unnoticed solely because they are earned in minority sports. Such was the case this year for Joanne O'Callaghan and Emer Dillon.

Joanne and Emer are two young girls of rich sporting talent. This year, they were both on the Cork minor camogie side that won Munster and All-Ireland glory. Both played a major role in bringing that particular title to Cork for the first time since 1983. By itself, a praiseworthy achievement.

But the girls' sporting heroics don't stop there. Recently, in Kilkenny, they both again played starring roles, as the Munster under-16 hockey team won the inter-provincial

championship. As a result of their performances in that series, the two girls are now on the Irish under-16 panel that goes into training shortly for the international season, and last Saturday, made the cut as that panel was reduced from 26 to 22.

Joanne plays her club camogie with famed Cloughduv, and her hockey with Christ the King School, while Emer lines out with Ballygarvan in camogie and Mount Mercy in hockey.

Both are just 15 years old, both have numerous county medals with their club sides, and both also play at senior level — Joanne with her club, Emer with Carrighoun, the divisional side.

Magnificent achievements by two very talented girls. Joanne O'Callaghan, Emer Dillon. Watch out for those names.



Joanne O'Callaghan (left) with Emer Dillon at the recent hockey inter-pros in Kilkenny.

Coen new Galway senior camogie team manager after defeating Ward

FORMER Mullagh goalkeeper Tommy Coen has been elected the new manager of the Galway senior camogie team — he defeated the outgoing team boss Tony Ward at the County Board's annual convention in Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe last Sunday.

There was a three way battle for the post with Coen, associated with Shamrocks Club, polling 30 votes on the first count, three ahead of Ward with Ballindereen's Billy Carr trailing with just six votes. On the second count, Coen had nine votes to spare, 36 to 27.

The new Galway manager, who revealed that Des Coen would be one of his selectors, thanked the delegates who had supported him and expressed the hope that he would be successful. Tony Ward spoke of his disappointment but congratulated Tommy Coen on his victory.

Michael Broderick, who guided Galway to the junior All-Ireland title, was re-elected as intermediate and junior manager, while Collette Walsh was returned as minor team manager for the coming year.

While there were many motions up for discussion, the most significant was that the U-10 and U-12 championship would remain at 12-a-side for the coming year, while all other competitions were to be played at 15-a-side.

All of the outgoing officers were returned unopposed. Life President, Frank O'Grady; Chairman, John Joe Donoghue; Vice-Chairperson, Michael Kennedy; Secretary, Martina

Uniacke; Assistant Secretary, Margaret Dolan; Treasurer, Donal Burke; Assistant Treasurer, Noeleen Cormican; PRO Collette Walsh; Registrar, Martin O Dubhghaill.

Secretary Martina Uniacke gave a detailed and comprehensive report in which she thanked her fellow officers and all the club delegates. She congratulated the Galway junior team on All-Ireland success, she thanked all the local media that helped to promote camogie and finally she thanked her assistant Margaret Dolan in particular for all help and effort.

Treasurer Donal Burke presented a comprehensive financial report, in a year where Galway had two teams in All-Ireland finals and while the Board goes into the New Year in debt, it is only a minor debt compared to other years and with the efforts of everyone the debt should be cleared.

The reports from the various sub-committees were next. Michael Kennedy spoke on behalf of the senior fixtures committee. He highlighted the fact that all senior competitions were completed with the exception of two league finals and the under-18 competition. A total of 215 games were fixed and he thanked the senior fixture members especially Secretary Angela Cooney.

Ann Fahy spoke on behalf of the underage A fixtures. Again all competitions were completed and over 330 underage games were played. Mary Kennedy from Ardrahan gave a report on behalf of the underage B fixtures. She thanked all the clubs involved and all competitions were completed. Noeleen Cormican spoke as Secretary of the Referees Committee. She encouraged more people to get involved in refereeing. She also spoke about the importance of the

Camogie Board securing their own pitch in the near future.

The Chairperson John Joe Donoghue now gave his report and like all the other officers he thanked everyone that helped him in his first year as Chairperson. He thanked the G.A.A. clubs and Board for all their help and co-operation. He congratulated the Galway senior football team on their great year, and while the senior camogie loss to Cork was disappointing the junior win was a big compensation.

County Board Convention

ANOTHER low key convention is expected next Monday night when the County Board gets together for its annual general meeting at the Sacre Coeur Hotel (7 p.m.). Just three motions are on the agenda for discussion, while none of the main officers' posts are being contested. On the finance side, the Board made a profit of almost £8,000, down over £2,000 on the previous year.

Final place for Camogie Team

Portumna Community School qualified for the Connacht Senior Camogie Final with a hard earned victory over St. Brigid's, Loughrea at a windy Kiltoneir on Thursday last. Playing with the aid of the wind portumna went into a two point lead in the early stages thanks to four points from Lourda Kavanagh. Things looked good for the Community School at this stage when Maria Burke finished a Lourda Kavanagh free to the net. The second quarter saw the spoils divided more evenly until just before half time, after good pressure from the forwards, Lourda Kavanagh found the net.

Portumna

Loughrea stormed into the second half and it took some excellent play by an Aibhe Kelly led defence to keep their tally to just one point. The Portumna midfield became more dominant with Claire Conroy particularly to the fore and she capped her second half display with a magnificent pointed free from all of seventy yards.

Two further pointed frees from Lourda Kavanagh put Portumna further ahead, but Loughrea were battling hard for scores and Portumna were fortunate to see a great shoot go off the crossbar after the Portumna defence had repelled several attacks. Loughrea got the goal that their second half defence always promised to leave four points between the teams and with that their next score vital it was Loraine Donnelly who sealed victory with a great point from the right wing.

Portumna: Karen Power, Phillipa Coleman, Colette Duffy, Niamh Hanney, Aibhe Kelly, Dorrine Moran, Claire Conroy, Edel Pierce, Lourda Kavanagh, Lorraine Donnelly, Wendy Donnelly, Maria Burke. Subs: Sarah Moran, Eleanor Roche, Teresa Roche, Helena Hayes.

Pearses complete Co. camogie double

Pearses.....1-13 :: Shamrocks.....2-3

THE Pearses senior camogie team added the County Senior League Cup to the Championship when they defeated Shamrocks in the final played in Duggan Park. This was an excellent game for the time of year and the conditions. Both teams fielded were short regulars, Shamrocks without Dymna and Gretta Maher, while Pearses were without Ann Forde, Louise Curry, Colette Deely and Sharon Glynn whose introduction in the second half had a huge bearing on the game.

Pearses opened the scoring with a fine long range popit from Michelle Glynn, which was followed by two pointed frees from Aine Hillary. With Tracey Laheen and Aishling Ward in excellent form in the Pearses defence, Shamrocks found it difficult to penetrate. A good point from play from Shauna Ward gave Pearses a four point lead heading to half-time, but this was short-lived as the ever dependable Rita Coen shot home a Shamrocks goal to leave Shamrocks a point adrift. However, a free from Aine Hillary gave Pearses a two point lead at half-time.

Playing with the breeze in the second half, Pearses seemed to up the tempo and the introduction of Sharon Glynn gave the Pearses forward line the momentum it required. Orla Kilkenny a constant threat to the Shamrocks defence was fouled and Sharon Glynn pointed the resultant free. Therese Maher replied with two pointed Shamrocks frees to leave two points between the sides again. Pearses now began to pull away. Orla Kilkenny pointed a good individual effort which was followed by a fine point from Mairead Meehan.

Subsequently Orla Kilkenny was fouled and Sharon Glynn blasted the free to the net to register Pearses only goal. The goal seemed to settle Pearses yet again and points from Martina Harkin and Sharon Glynn (three) and another from Aine Hillary, after a fine build up involving Michelle Glynn and Sharon Glynn, closed the Pearses tally at 1-13. Shamrocks did register 1-1 in the final minutes from Therese Maher and a goal from Michelle Maher but it was too little too late.

Shamrocks had good performances from Noreena Healy in goals, Teresa Fallon, Therese Maher and Rita Coen, while Pearses had fine displays from those already mentioned plus Veronica Sweeney, Tricia Burke, Martina Haverty and Aggie Burke. Pearses introduced Eileen Hannon in the second half and her introduction was also important.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT:

Bliainiris dheas snasta fáilte agus Ó Mháire Uí Scoláir duine da choiste eagarthóireachta. Camogie Abú 1998 le réamhrá Fileas Ní Bheislea Uachtarán an Chumainn. Bliainiris 60 leathanach leis an méid céanna altanna atá anseo agus teachtaireacht Ó Uachtarán CLG Seosamh Mac Donnachadha. Ar an bhliain seo chugainn beidh 15 ar na foirne camógaíochta agus tá mol ann fosta go mbeidh níos mó dlúthbhaint acu le CLG cluichí camógaíochta a imirt roimh na cluichí peile agus iomána. Tá an-éagúslacht ábhair ins na iris seo agus an teanga Ghaeilge chun ann. Bronntanas deas don Nollaig £3.95

Dár leitheoirí go léir Nollaig fa shéan as fa mhaise Bliain Úr Shonasaich i 1999.



Beidh Linda Mellerick ag súil leis an bliain iontach a bhí aici i 1998

Sports star for November



Frank Nolan, general manager of the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, presenting the West Cork Sports Star of the Month for November, 1998 to Cork and Barryroe camogie player, Cora Keohane. Also included is Con Downing, *Southern Star*, adjudicator, while Paudie Palmer of County Sound was unavoidably absent for the presentation.



Members of the Cork All-Ireland winning team (back row l-r) Rosarie Holland, Liz Buglar, Jenny O'Leary, Emer Dillon. Front row (l-r): Johanne O'Callaghan, Ciara Healy, Amanda O'Regan, Aine Kelleher, Niamh Bowles.

City club honour All-Ireland minor winning star

Douglas pay tribute to Cork ace

THE year just gone was a first for Douglas Camogie Club on a number of fronts.

Amanda O'Regan helped Cork win the All-Ireland minor title and the club won the county U-16 league and were runners-up in the U-14 league.

Honoured

A function was held at the club pavilion where the successful county minor team and senior captain Eithne Duggan were guests of honour.

The club's two un-

der-age teams received their medals.

Amanda was presented with a framed photo of the Cork minor team by Mary Maher, Chairperson of the camogie club.

Matt Twomey, Chairman of the hurling and football club, also made a presentation to Amanda.

The county minor medals were presented to the Douglas players by Eithne Duggan, while Sheila Golden, Chairperson of the camogie board, presented the U-14 medals.



Matt Twomey, Chairman Douglas H&F Club, making a presentation to Amanda O'Regan, All-Ireland Minor camogie winner with Cork.