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Victorious Douglas girls will go on to represent Munster in Community Games camogie



BACK ATTACK: Douglas' Leanne O'Shea fights for the sliotar with Ballincollig's Lisa O'Callaghan at the Community Games camogie competition final at Ballincollig.

Picture: Neil Danton

Victory for Douglas in camogie county finals



Douglas' Leanne O'Shea is chased by Ballincollig's Lisa O'Callaghan.

Picture: Neil Danton

THE most recent rounds of the Community Games in Cork saw the fairer sport of camogie take to the pitch.

Three teams took part in the semi-final and final of camogie.

With their loyal bands of supporters on the side lines, Douglas, Ballincollig and Glounthaune battled it out for a place in the Munster final.

The semi-final saw Douglas and Glounthaune play.

This was a tough match, however, Douglas were well in control and won in the end.

The final was then set up for Douglas and Ballincollig.

"This was a hard game to call. Both teams were well met and the game saw plenty of action.

"However, at the final whistle, Douglas pulled away the winners and

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now go on to represent Cork in the Munster finals, which will be held in the University of Limerick in July," said Derek Connolly, chairman of Cork Community Games.

"The camogie finals saw a great day's sport and it was easy to know that all the girls had trained hard for the game. We now wish Douglas the best in the Munster finals. Last year, they were narrowly beaten in the national finals in Mosney in August," added Derek.

Over 5,000 children from throughout Cork are taking part in the Community Games heats this year, which are sponsored by CMP Dairv.

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Douglas' Moira O'Donovan collides with Glounthane's Sarah Opperman.

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Douglas's Leanne O'Shea fights it out with Glounthane's Caoimhe O'Callaghan in the semi-final (above).
Picture: Neil Danton



Douglas' Rachel O'Sullivan competes against Ballincollig's Margaret O'Sullivan (above, right) and Douglas's Aisling Barrett clashes ash with Glounthane's Marisa O'Callaghan.
Picture: Neil Danton



Douglas's Rachel O'Sullivan evades Ballincollig's Laura O'Leary (above).
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Douglas' Jill Kelleher battles with Glounthane's Caoimhe O'Callaghan in the semi-final (above, left) and Douglas's Niamh O'Donovan is pursued by Ballincollig's Emma O'Donovan (left) in the final.
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Brian Dillons too strong for Na Piarsaigh

by Tim Buckley

Brian Dillons 5-1
Na Piarsaigh 3-0

BRIAN DILLONS were well on top in the first half and enjoyed a comfortable lead at half-time in the U14 Cork Co Camogie Leagues. In the second half a determined fight by Na Piarsaigh saw the lead whittled away and it took a late goal to keep the game out of their grasp.

Douglas 2-4
Buttevant 0-1

DOUGLAS took on unbeaten Buttevant in the U14A league on Wednesday when constant rain made conditions difficult. The Douglas girls put Buttevant under pressure straight away and brilliant defending held Buttevant to a lone point.

Blackrock 9-3
St Catherine's 4-3

ST CATHERINE'S were beaten by a much stronger Blackrock team in Ballynoe in the U14B league. The half-time score was 4-1 to 3-2 in favour of Blackrock, who dominated the second half to run out winners.

Glen Rovers 3-3
Rockban 2-0

GLEN ROVERS turned a two point interval deficit into victory when they travelled to Rockban in the under 14B league. The appalling weather conditions failed to dampen the enthusiasm of two spirited teams who performed superbly. The Glen began to apply the pressure in the second half and eventually it paid off when Lorna Dorgan goalied.

Douglas 2-4
Rockban 2-1

DOUGLAS traveled to Carrig Na bhFear to play Rockban in the under 14B league. This was a high scoring first half between two very evenly matched teams with Douglas having the edge 2-3 to 1-1. Douglas fought off a determined effort by Rockban to claim the points.

Ballygarvan 4-3
Inniscarra 2-2

BALLYGARVAN played their second match of the U14A league against Inniscarra at home. At the break Ballygarvan were ahead 1-2 to 0-1. Inniscarra came back strong in the second half with good performances from Sinead McCarthy and Maura McCarthy, scoring two goals and a point without reply. Ballygar-

van had one last surge and notched up 3-1 within three minutes to secure the points.

St Catherine's 4-4
Ballyhea 3-2

A TOUGH game, with the halftime score 3-0 to 2-1 in favour of St. Catherine's who dominated the second half and ran out winners. Rachel Waters and Melissa Jones had excellent displays for Ballyhea at mid field while M O'Keeffe, C O'Brien and J Hurley gave good performances for Catherine's.

Inniscarra 7-3
Courcey Rovers 4-3

COURCEY ROVERS were beaten by a stronger Inniscarra side on Sunday in Ballinaspittle in the U14A league. Inniscarra dominated the first half thanks to good performances from Rachel O'Riordan,

Sinead Ni Riain, and Fiona O'Connell. Half time score was 4-1 to 2-1 in favour of Inniscarra. Courceys improved in the second half, particularly in defence. Emily O'Regan was outstanding in goal. Clara Collins, Ursella Quin, Elaine Ryan and Jemma Hurley also performed well.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague 2-7
Clonakilty 1-3

KILBRITTAIN/TIMOLEAGUE have qualified for the semi-final of the U16C Camogie league after this win on Tuesday last. They led at the break 2-6 to 0-0, the goals coming from Louise Hayes and the points from Cork minor Marion Murphy and Danielle O'Sullivan. On the turn over Clonakilty did most of the attacking but could only notch up 1-3 against the solid defence.

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Camogiechat

DESPITE weather conditions threatening to spoil the party fifteen teams battled it out at six venues throughout the city and county in quest of the Cork 'Feile na nGael' title and the honour of representing the county at National Feile on June 12th/14th.

Inniscarra had the distinction of qualifying from section 'A' to meet Ballygarvan without pucking a ball when host club Cloughduv and Fr O Neills both withdrew late on Saturday leaving little time for the organisers to rearrange the sections. Ballygarvan made it to the quarter-final with victories over Buttevant and Glen Rovers in section 'E'.

Holders Douglas and Courcey Rovers found themselves the only teams in section 'B' following Killeagh's withdrawal and it was Douglas who emerged victorious to set up a quarter-final meeting with Ballinhassig who had to play to their full potential before over coming the challenge posed by

both Eire Og and Aghbullogue.

Out in Toghers hosts St Finbarrs and Blackrock found themselves the only teams in section 'F' when Bishopstown could not field and it was the 'Barrs who booked a semi-final spot, out in Ballincollig it was a similar story with the hosts overcoming Erins Own to advance to tonight's semi-final.

The Feile finals take place on Sunday evening at St Finbarrs at 6 p.m. with the skill final pencilled in immediately afterwards at 7 p.m. Clubs are reminded that two contestants from each club are allowed enter the skills competition and they are asked to report to either Mary Moran or Colette O Mahony not later than 6-45pm.

Saturday next is a big one for the Cork Colleges Camogie committee under the chairmanship of John Joe Breen they will host the Inter County Under 14 Blitz at the Inniscarra venue.

Seven counties will vie for the trophy which commemorates the

memory of the late James Hurley who did so much work for college's camogie. The games will be played on a round robin basis with two sections, the top team in each going on to contest the final.

Galway come in quest of three in a row and they will face the challenge of Tipperary, and Wexford in group 'B'. Cork are paired with Kilkenny Waterford and Limerick in group 'A', games begin at noon and go on for the evening.

Ollie Troy is coach to the Cork side and he has chosen his panel from schools and colleges who play camogie in Cork colleges competition amongst the players who have caught the eye in recent challenge games are Sarah Coleman, Ursula Quinn, Erin Corkery, Deirdre Twomey and

Mairead Foley.

Cork took the inaugural title back in 2000 and hopes are high for a return to winning ways, we wish John Joe Breen and his hard working committee all the best for a good day's camogie.

Munster travel to Portmarnock on Saturday to contest the Gael-Linn Inter Provincial competitions, Ulster provide the opposition in both senior and junior grades.

THE COUNTY Board Lotto continues to elude captors, with no winner. The numbers drawn were 2, 18, 22, 28, two lucky dips went to the Aghbullogue and Watergrashill camogie clubs next jackpot is worth winning at €2,100

Spotlight on Feile na nGael

WITH exams dominating for most clubs the main focus over the weekend was very much on the Cork Feile na nGael which was organised by the county juvenile GAA camogie board. It's a tribute to the six clubs who hosted the various sections that all went ahead despite the heavy rain which put many pitches in doubt.

Attention now switches to the six teams who have made it through to the play-off stages as they vie for the honour of representation Cork in national Feile on the weekend of June 12/14.

Holders Douglas ensured their passage when they accounted for Courcey Rovers after Killeagh had withdrawn from the competition. Ballinhassig had to endure some heartstopping moments before shaking off the challenge of Eire Og and Aghbullogue as they advanced to meet Douglas in tonight's quarter-final.

Over in St Finbarrs it was again a similar story with Bishopstown failing to put in an appearance, leaving the host club and Blackrock to play it out. With Emily Kenefick superb the Barrs emerged victorious to book their semi-final spot on Thursday night where they will meet the winners from the Douglas Ballinhassig quarter-final.

Ballygarvan shook off the challenge of Buttevant and Glen Rovers to set up a quarter-final meeting with an Inniscarra side who found themselves in the quarter-final without pucking a ball after Cloughduv and Fr O Neills withdrew.

Ballincollig and Erins Own were the only teams in section C when Charleville withdrew and it was the home side Ballincollig who ran out winners to set up a semi-final with Ballygarvan or Inniscarra.

Despite the hard work put in by the Feile committee it was disappointing that four clubs decided to withdraw from the competition after entering and paying the fee. Surely when clubs go to so much trouble to ensure venues and pitches are made available those who have entered could put in a small effort to make the competition a success.

Without doubt holders Douglas will go in as favourites to retain their title tonight. They will be severely tested by a Ballinhassig side who have been performing well to date in league competition. Ballygarvan are another side who have put much emphasis on underage camogie and their clash with Inniscarra, is one which will be too close to call.

Thursday night will see the semi-final take place with the final down for decision on Sunday next at St Finbarrs at 6pm with the Cork Skills competition taking place at 7pm at the same venue.

St Mary's gain revenge with victory over Christ the King

ST. MARY'S Charleville reversed the Munster Colleges result by virtue of a hard fought victory in the Cork Colleges First Year Blitz at Inniscarra recently.

The Avondhu school had Fionnula Dore, Aine Geary and Aisling Thompson in fine form and even the excellence of Niamh O'Donovan, Cliona Conway, Leanne O'Shea and Roseanne Byrne was not enough to give Christ the King the double over their arch rivals. Christ King defeated Coachford by a point in an exciting game where Claire Dennehy, Ursula Murphy, Brid and Aileen Twomey tried hardest for Coachford with Bandon's Christine O'Neill, Elaine Ryan and Claire Twomey unable to stop Charleville in the other side. Interestingly, both teams are due to meet in the Cork Colleges Championship final later this week.

Thirteen schools participated in the B section with Lorraine Murphy and Denise Cronin inspiring Ballincollig Community School to their first ever Cork Colleges Camogie title. Ella Ryan and Carolyn Motherway played well for Midleton in the final.

CORK COLLEGES U14's PREPARE FOR ALL-IRELAND BLITZ The Annual Evening Echo Under 14 intercounty blitz is scheduled for this Saturday at Inniscarra with the first round robin game commencing at noon. Cork chairman John Joe Breen is delighted to be hosting the event for the fourth successive year since its inception with

Juvenile Camogie

reigning champions Galway attempting to complete a hat trick of wins. Cork won the inaugural competition in 2000. Coach Ollie Troy has a useful side and has been training the much travelled squad since February. The selection includes future stars such as captain Deirdre Twomey (Fermoy), Sarah Coleman (Glanmire), Tracy O'Reilly (Buttevant), Caroline Kiely (Coachford), Ursula Quinn (Kinsale) and Erin Corkery (Macroon). Cork will be grouped with Kilkenny (noon), Waterford (1pm) and

Limerick (2pm) with the winners meeting the victors of Galway, Tipperary and Wexford from group B.

Cork Colleges First Year A Blitz Results: Christ the King 0-6 Bandon 0-1 Charleville 2-2 Coachford 1-2 Charleville 0-5 Bandon 1-1 Bandon 3-4 Coachford 3-3 Christ the King 2-3 Coachford 2-2 FINAL: St. Mary's, Charleville 2-4 Christ the King 1-3 Cork Colleges First Year B Blitz Results: Glanmire 1-3 Clonakilty 1-1 Midleton 1-4 Glanmire 1-0 Midleton 2-7 Clonakilty 1-1 Blarney 5-0 St. Als 3-3 Ballincollig 5-3 Blarney 1-4 Ballincollig 5-3 St. Als 3-2 Kinsale 3-2 Coláiste Choilm 2-0 Carrignavar 3-1 Coláiste Choilm 1-0 Carrignavar 4-2 Kinsale 2-2 Carrigaline 2-1 Coláiste Eoin 1-0 Davis, Mallow 2-3 Charleville B 2-1 Davis, Mallow 7-0 Charleville B 1-0 Charleville B 2-1 Carrigaline 1-0 Davis, Mallow 2-3 Carrigaline 1-0 SEMI-FINAL: Midleton 4-4 Mallow 1-1 Ballincollig 2-3 Carrignavar 1-3 FINAL: Midleton 1-3 Mallow 0-3
FIXTURES: Sat 24th, noon: All -Ireland U14 Blitz @ Inniscarra

Seven vie for U14 Inter county blitz in Inniscarra

SEVEN counties will participate on Saturday next in the u14 inter county blitz in Inniscarra, which has been organised and hosted by the Cork Colleges committee on a yearly basis since its inception in 2000.

Players on the Cork side are selected from schools and colleges who participate in Cork colleges camogie competition, and under the guidance of chairman John Joe Breen and his hard working committee the competition has gone from strength to strength. The trophy presented to the winning county commemorates the memory of the late James Hurley who did Trojan work for colleges camogie both in his beloved St Aloysius and at Colleges board level.

The stage is set for what is hoped will be a wonderful day's camogie as the Cork side, who have prepared hard since February under the guidance of Ollie Troy, will be bidding to take the title for the first time since winning the inaugural competition in 2000. Galway, who are bidding for three in a row, will go in as favourites to again lift the title, but they will have stiff opposition from Wexford, Galway, Tipperary Limericks, Kilkenny and Waterford.

The team will be divided into two groups with Cork meeting Kilkenny in the first game of Group A, scheduled to begin at noon; from here the games will continue on a round robin basis with the top team from each group meeting in the final. Cork will take on Waterford at 1pm, and Limerick at 2pm, while Group B will see holders Galway paired with Tipperary, and Waterford.

Cork Colleges panel: E. Vaughan, D. Cronin, E. Murphy, T. O'Reilly, A. Thompson, A. Moynihan, N. O'Donovan, C. Conway, J. Brennan, S. Whelton, S. Gleeson, C. Kiely, M. McCarthy, B. Twomey, T. Roche, S. Sheehan, D. Twomey, S. Coleman, M. Foley, U. Quinn, E. Corkery, C. Motherway, E. Ryan, M. O'Herlihy, R. O'Sullivan.

INTERCOUNTY U14 BLITZ 2003

Hosted by

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At

Ballyanley, Inniscarra.
Sat 24th MAY

CORK COLLEGES

GALWAY

LIMERICK

WATERFORD

KILKENNY

TIPPERARY

WEXFORD

CORK COLLEGES CAMOGIE PANEL 2003



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WEXFORD

JERSEY: Purple/Gold **SKIRTS:** Purple **SOCKS:** Purple/Yellow

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Lisa Doyle	FCJ Buncloody	Buncloody
2. Lorraine O' Connor	Coláiste Bríde	Oylegate/Glenbrien
3. Louise O' Leary	Coláiste Bríde	Rathnure
4. Roisin Doyle	Glynn NS	Glynn/Banntown
5. Sarah Carroll	FCJ Buncloody	Buncloody
6. Hannah Doran (C)	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart/Ballagh
7. Stacy Kehoe	Ballagh NS	Oulart/Ballagh
8. Vicki Murphy	Coláiste Bhríde	Monageer/Booleavogue
9. Leanne Nolan	Ballagh NS	Oulart/Ballagh
10. Katriona Parrock	Kilrane NS	Our Ladies Island
11. Angela Russell	Coláiste Bríde	Rapparees
12. Shelley Kehoe	Ballagh NS	Oulart/Ballagh
13. Emma O' Connor	Coláiste Bríde	Rathnure
14. Ashling Kehoe	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart/Ballagh
15. Sinead Jordan	Marshallstown NS	Marshallstown
16. Fiona Holohan	Holyfaith Ross	Rathnure
17. Aoife O' Connor	Ballagh NS	Oulart/Ballagh
18. Alice O' Connor	Coláiste Bríde	Rapparees
19. Venessa Lacey	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart/Ballagh
20. Jenny Fenlow	Coláiste Bríde	Monageer/Booleavogue
21. Mary Sutherland	Loreto, Wexford	St. Martin's
22. Louise Murphy	Loreto, Wexford	Blackwater
23. Leine Story	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart/Ballagh
24. Helen Boggan	Loreto, Wexford	St Martin's
25. Aoife Waters	Loreto, Wexford	St Martin's
26. Cait Doyle	FCJ Buncloody	Duffery Rovers
27. Carolin Gordan	Pres, Wexford	Blakwater

COACH: Jack O' Brien (Buffer's Alley)

SELECTORS: Kathleen Miller (Rapparees)
Timmy McCormack Oulart/Ballagh

CORK

JERSEY: Red

SKIRTS: Black

SOCKS: Red/White

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Cliona Conway	Christ the King	Douglas
2. Máire McCarthy	Coachford	Inniscarra
3. Áine Moynihan	Christ the King	Ballygarvan
4. Carolyn Motherway	Midleton	Dungourney
5. Bríd Twomey	Coachford	Aghabullogue
6. Ursula Quinn	Kinsale	Courceys
7. Máiréad Foley	Glanmire	Rockbawn
8. Margaret O' Herlihy	St. Als	Eire Óg
9. Denise Cronin [Vc]	Ballincollig	Ballincollig
10. Ella Ryan	Midleton	Dungourney
11. Aisling Thompson	Charleville	Ballyhea
12. Caroline Kiely	Coachford	Aghabullogue
13. Rachel O' Sullivan	St. Als	Douglas
14. Erin Corkery	Macroom	Eire Óg
15. Sarah Coleman	Glanmire	Rockbawn
16. Tracey Roche	Nagle Rice	Buttevant
17. Siobhán Gleeson	Coachford	Eire Óg
18. Sharon Whelton	Clonakilty	Clonakilty
19. Sharon Sheehan	Nagle Rice	Buttevant
20. Deirdre Twomey [C]	Loreto, Fermoy	St. Catherine's
21. Elaine Vaughan	Blarney	Grenagh
22. Eimear Murphy	Buttevant	Buttevant
23. Niamh O' Donovan	Christ the King	Douglas
24. Tracey O' Reilly	Buttevant	Buttevant
25. Michelle Dunne	Carrigaline	Ballygarvan
26. Juanita Brennan	Clonakilty	Clonakilty
27. Roseanne Byrne	Christ the King	Ballygarvan

COACH: Ollie Troy (Carrigaline)

SELECTORS: Evelyn Quinlivan (Col. Choilm)
John-Joe Breen (Nagle Rice)
Ger Donovan (Charleville)
Riobárd Lotty (Coachford)

LIMERICK

JERSEY: Green/White

SKIRTS: Green

SOCKS: Green/White

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Máiréad Caulfield	Rathkeale	Granagh/B.Garry
2. Norma Barry	Newcastlewest	Killeedy
3. Sarah Collins	Bruff	Bruff
4. Laura Herbert	Newcastlewest	Newcastlewest
5. Evelyn Hannon	Abbeyfeale	Knockaderry
6. Fionnula Dore (C)	Charleville	Ballyagran
7. Ciara Nolan	Newc.west NS	Newcastlewest
8. Áine Geary	Charleville	Ballyagran
9. Jenny Hartigan	Laurel Hill	Ballybrown
10. Niamh Chawke	Rathkeale	Granagh/B.Garry
11. Niamh Mulcahy	Castletroy	Ahane
12. Lisa Fitzgerald	Charleville	Ballyagran
13. Carolyn Cullinane	Kilfinane	Blackrock
14. Christine Finnegan	Abbeyfeale	Tournafulla
15. Aishling McAuliffe	Charleville	Ballyagran
16. Elaine O' Leary (Vc)	Newcastlewest	Newcastlewest
17. Máiréad Fitzgerald	Ballingarry NS	Granagh/B.Garry
18. Fiona Power	Rathkeale	Granagh/B.Garry
19. Claire Mulcahy	Newcastlewest	Killeedy
20. Esther Dedy	Kilmallock	Kilmallock
21. Niamh Linehan	Rathkeale	Croagh/Kilfinny
22. Bernadette Keating	Newcastlewest	Killeedy
23. Aoife Culhane	Newcastlewest	Newcastlewest
24. Siobhán Enright	Kilmeedy NS	Feenagh/K.meedy
25. Julie O' Connor	Newcastlewest	Newcastlewest
26. Joanne O' Gorman	Dromcollogher	Feenagh/K.meedy
27. Orla McGrath	Pallaskenny	Ballybrown
28. Kelly Griffin	Pallaskenny	Ballybrown
29. Siobhán Casey	Hospital	Galbally
30. Anne Hogan	Hospital	Galbally
31. Claire O' Regan	Kilmeedy NS	Feenagh/K.meedy
32. Orla Finn	Bruff	Kilmallock

COACH: Peter Brosnan (Killeedy)

SELECTORS: Mike Nash (Newcastlewest)
Kim O' Connell (Kilmallock)

GALWAY

PLAYER
1. Sarah Staunton
2. Jessica Gill [C]
3. Fiona Glynn
4. Louisa Burke [VC]
5. Lorraine Ryan
6. Sarah Grealish
7. Edel Holland
8. Lorraine Crowe
9. Niamh Kilkenny
10. Louise Gerathy
11. Aisling Dolan
12. Sinead Kelly
13. Paula Raftery
14. Darina Ryan
15. Noreen Coen
16. Maureen Tierney
17. Carol Power
18. Maria Maher
19. Stephanie O' Dwyer
20. Claire Donnelly
21. Alisha Flannery
22. Orla Kelly
23. Michelle Glynn
24. Aisling Hobbins
25. Tara Rutledge
26. Emer Cormican
27. Grace Doran
28. Amanda Broderick
29. Aoibhinn Mahon
30. Emer Fahy

KILKENNY

JERSEY: Black/Amber **SI**

PLAYER
1. Marie Dargan
2. Carol McCarthy
3. Elaine Kenny
4. Paula Butler
5. Lucinda Gahan
6. Regina Madigan
7. Amy Maher
8. Alice Heafey
9. Chloe Conway
10. Katie Power
11. Leanne Long
12. Charlene Norris
13. Kim Farrell
14. Laura Galvin
15. Mariga Nolan
16. Noelle Corrigan [C]
17. Noreen O'Keeffe [Vc]
18. Christina Neary
19. Roseanne Brennan
20. Colette Dormer
21. Laura Brennan
22. Siobhán Magner
23. Eliz Kavanagh
24. Siobhán Fahy
25. Eimear Rodgers
26. Maria Murphy
27. Marian Clohessy
28. Grace Brennan
29. Annie Doyle
30. Lydia Phelan
31. Colette Grant

TIPPERARY

JERSEY: Blue/Yellow **SKIRTS:** Blue **SOCKS:** Blue/Yellow

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Christina Kenneally	Drom NS	Drom Inch
2. Avril Fryday	Knockavilla	Knockavilla
3. Niamh Flannery	Nenagh	Burgess
4. Teresa Shortt	Ursuline's, Thurles	Drom Inch
5. Sara Morrissey	St. Anne's, Tipp	Cashel
6. Sheena Ryan	Cashel	Cashel
7. Orla Williams	Nenagh	Kilruane
8. Michelle Dunne (C)	Nenagh	Kilruane
9. Bonny Kennedy	Nenagh	Toomevara
10. Teresa Bourke	Clonoulty NS	Clonoulty
11. Antoinette Kennedy	Ursuline's, Thurles	Drom-Inch
12. Laura Younge	Borrisoleigh	Toomevara
13. Aoife Shanahan	Nenagh Voc	Toomevara
14. Mary Gleeson	Ballingarry	Cashel
15. Beth Ryan	Cashel	Cashel
16. Aoife McLoughney	Nenagh	Shannon Rovers
17. Marie Horan	Golden NS	Cashel
18. Maria Barron	New Inn	Cashel
19. Nessa Ryan	Gortagarry NS	Toomevara
20. Louise O'Brien	Roscrea	Roscrea
21. Deirdre Ryan	Cashel	Cashel
22. Catriona Maher	Templemore	Templemore
23. Ailish O'Connell	Templemore	Templemore
24. Siobhán McGrath	Ursuline's, Thurles	Drom Inch
25. Patricia McGrath	Ursuline's, Thurles	Drom Inch
26. Catherine Horan	Nenagh	Shannon Rovers
27. Marion Ryan	Borrisokane	Shannon Rovers
28. Kathleen Ryan	Borrisokane	Shannon Rovers
29. Niamh O'Connell	Thomastown NS	Sliabh Na mBan
30. Sara Nolan	Templemore	Templemore
31. Karen Seymour	Borrisokane	Shannon Rovers
32. Patricia Houlihan	Killenaule	Sliabh Na mBan

COACH: Sheila Delaney (Drom Inch)

SELECTORS: Biddy Phillips (Thurles)
John Langton (Sliabh Na mBan)



Maria Hurley presents the "Jamie Hurley" memorial cup to Galway under 14 Captain Jessica Gill after the inter county camogie blitz in Ballyanley

Anna in top form

FORMER Dublin camogie player and club committee member Anna Condon was in form at Beech Park to win Lady Vice-Captain Margaret Reynolds's prize with 42 points. She was cut two shots to 21 for her effort. Kay Swords (24) won Class 1 with 39 points, while Class 2 was won by Kay Lynch (35) on 40 points and Class 3 by Margaret Noonan (39) with 37 pts.

JUNE

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Galway clinch third successive U14 All Ireland camogie blitz title against Cork

THE annual Jamey Hurley memorial Intercounty U14 All Ireland camogie blitz, played at Inniscarra, resulted in a third successive victory for Galway.

Cork Colleges emerged from group A with wins over Kilkenny (3-4 to 1-3), Waterford (2-3 to 0-0) and Limerick (3-4 to 0-1) whilst Galway narrowly defeated Tipperary (4-5 to 3-7) by virtue of two late goals and then accounted for Wexford 1-9 to 0-4 in Group B.

The Cork Colleges were a well

prepared and organised outfit, but were unable to match the physical presence of their Connaught opponents who had exceptional performers in captain Jessica Gill, Lorraine Ryan, Niamh Kilkenny and Noreen Coen.

Cork started well with an early Deirdre Twomey point. Twomey added another, but the full forward line was starved of possession as Galway midfield pairing Niamh Kilkenny and Lorraine Ryan dominated. Cork centre back Brid Twomey

coped admirably in containing Noreen Coen who had been Galway's best forward in the round robin games whilst Aine Moynihan, Caroline Kiely and Rachel O'Sullivan were prominent for the rebel county. Orla Kelly got Galway's first goal with Lorraine Ryan converting two frees. Niamh O'Donovan responded for Cork with a point, but Kelly netted her second goal before half time. Full forward Stephanie O'Dwyer received a pass from Darina Ryan and blasted home past

Elaine Vaughan to increase the margin to eight points. Cork coach Ollie Troy made numerous changes, introducing Sharon Whelton, Sarah Coleman, Tracy O'Reilly and Cliona Conway, but the Galway side held out to gain a hat trick of successive victories.

The Cork girls will have an opportunity to play Galway again in the Limerick competition in mid-July but could do little to prevent the reigning champions from receiving the All Ireland cup.

Camogie news:

U-14 Cork County Camogie League:

BLACKROCK 5-2
ROCKBÁN 1-1

ROCKBÁN were soundly beaten by Blackrock, thanks in part to great defending from the latter's full back, Susan Meehan.

Rockbán stayed in contention until the break thanks to a point from Sarah Coleman and good performances from S Ryan, Una O'Sullivan, Ciara Spillane and Sinéad Daly.

At half time, it was 2-0 to 0-1 in favour of Blackrock who went on to put in some fine scores, in the second half.

After some good work by Mairead Foley, Rockbán snatched a goal in the last ten minutes to put respectability on the scoreboard.

• CONGRATS to the girls of Cloghroe NS who captured the Sciath Na Scoil Roinn C 2 Camogie title on Monday.

Cloghroe led opponents — Scoil Eoin, Innishannon — by 2-0 to 1-0 at the interval, with goals from Donna Noonan and Claire Sheehan.

Second half scores from team captain Katie O'Mahony and Emma Kelleher helped the Mid Cork girls to an impressive 4-1 to 1-0 victory.

CAMOGIE

GAEL LINN INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP Finals
Munster 3-13 (J Ryan 2-1, E O'Brien 1-5, B Corkery, V Sheehan 0-2 each, E Burke, D Twomey, U O'Donoghue 0-1 each), **Ulster** 1-9 (P McAtamney 1-1, J Adams 0-4, M McAleenan 0-3, F Carr 0-1).
Junior final: Munster 4-7, Ulster 0-5.

June 2003

Munster take title with facile win

Munster prepare to retain title

WITH counties currently busy preparing for the forthcoming All-Ireland championships, players focus their attention this weekend on the Gael-Linn Inter-provincial championships, which will take place at Naomh Mearnóg in Portmarnock.

Munster are the holders at senior level and pit their chances against Connacht in the semi-final. Here the southerners should be favoured to advance with such an influx of talent from Cork and Tipperary. However, and for some unapparent reason, the appeal for players to line out at provincial

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Gael-Linn Inter-provincials

level — the highest honour in the game — seems to have diminished. Granted, some are exam-tied and have made themselves unavailable.

Yet, despite many well-known names featuring on the panel it is feared that come tomorrow the line-out will be somewhat different from the selected panel.

At junior level, Cork have a strong representation with almost half of the squad from Leeside. They too, meet the westerners, with an 11.45 morning start.

Both finals will be staged later in the afternoon.

Senior Panel: G Casey, S Kelly, C Gaynor, S Dunlea, S Nealon, M O'Connor, T Brophy, A McDermott, V Harris, V Sheehan, E Dillon, J Ryan, F O'Driscoll, D Hughes, E O'Brien, A Murray, P O'Connor, N Kennedy, R Collins, J O'Leary.

Junior Panel: P Ryan, A Geary, H Breen, C Foley, M Corcoran, A O'Regan, K M Heam, V O'Keeffe, L Burke, A Mulcahy, M Deasy, T O'Halloran, M Shortt, S O'Donovan, M Coleman, E Clifford, J Hickey, N Connolly, E O'Riordan, G Kinnane.

Meanwhile, the annual Evening Echo U-14 inter-county blitz will take place at Inniscarra tomorrow commencing at 12 noon. In what will be a feast of keenly contested

underage activity, Cork who are coached by Ollie Troy and have not won the title since 2000, will set out to deny Galway a hat-trick of wins.

Played on a round-robin basis the host county is grouped with Kilkenny, Waterford and Limerick. Section two is Galway, Tipperary and Wexford.

Cork Panel: C Conway, M McCarthy, A Moynihan, C Motherway, B Twomey, U Quinn, M Foley, M O'Herlihy, D Cronin, E Ryan, A Thompson, C Kiely, R O'Sullivan, E Corkery, S Coleman, T Roche, S Gleeson, S Whelton, S Sheehan, D Twomey (capt), E Vaughan, E Murphy, N O'Donovan, T O'Reilly, M Dunne, J Brennan, R Byrne.

MUNSTER won their 17th Gael-Linn Interprovincial senior camogie title by defeating Ulster 3-13 to 1-9 in Naomh Mearnóg, Dublin on Saturday.

A goal from Limerick's Eileen O'Brien in the opening half was answered by Paula McAtamney just before the break to leave Ulster ahead 1-6 to 1-04. Máirín McAleenan put the northern girls ahead 1-9 to 2-4.

However, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien dug deep and Ulster failed to answer some fine Munster points.

There was no consolation for Ulster as Munster took the junior cup from the defending champions 4-7 to 0-5 in a one-sided final. Three first half goals from Val O'Keeffe (2) and Michelle Shortt set Munster up for a comfortable half-time lead of 3-1 to 0-5.

A superb Munster defence kept the Ulster forwards at bay in the second half.

Scorers for Munster Senior: J. Ryan 2-1, E. O'Brien 1-5, B. Corkery, V. Sheehan 0-2 each, E. Burke, D. Twomey, and U. O'Donoghue 0-1 each.
Ulster: P. McAtamney 1-1, J. Adams 0-4, M. McAleenan 0-3, F. Carr 0-1.
Junior: Munster: V. O'Keeffe 2-0, M. Shortt 1-3, M. Deasy, T. O'Halloran 0-2 each.
Ulster: P. McEvoy 0-2, M. Black, J. Mc Bride, O. Smith 0-1 each.

Munster collect junior and senior camogie crowns

THERE was double joy for Munster in Portmarnock on Saturday with both the senior and junior camogie teams collecting the inter-provincial championship titles.

Consequently, both sets of silverware now reside on Leeside.

In the senior decider Munster hammered a depleted Connacht side en route to the final against an Ulster side that easily accounted for Leinster.

However, they did not get matters all their own way, as having lost

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Inter-provincial camogie

Clara Gaynor in the semi-final to injury, by the half way mark they were trailing the northerners 1-6 to 1-4, with the Munster goal coming from Eileen O'Brien.

Backed by the excellent goalkeeping of Aoife Murray, they slowly clawed their way back into the game with Joanne Ryan netting at the three-quarter stage.

And it was not until Ryan's second

goal that the Munster ladies gained the upper hand.

And with O'Brien and Brieger Corkery in fine point scoring form they pulled away in the closing stages.

Meanwhile, in the junior final Munster defeated Ulster to take the honours.

In their semi-final they also overcame Connacht with much to spare.

And again in the final they maintained that supremacy, running in four goals over the hour.

Two first-half majors from Val O'Keeffe and another from the outstanding Michelle Shortt pushed them into an advantageous position at the break, 3-1 to 0-5.

And with Ulster failing to score in the closing 30 minutes, thanks to sterling defending by the winners' defence, it was all one-way traffic to the end.

Senior semi-finals: Munster 2-20 Connacht 1-3; Ulster 1-20 Leinster 4-2.

Senior final: Munster 3-13 Ulster 1-9.

Junior semi-finals: Munster 3-15 Connacht

0-4; Ulster 2-7 Leinster 1-7.

Junior final: Munster 4-7 Ulster 0-5.

MUNSTER SENIOR TEAM: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, S Dunlea (capt), S Nealon; P O'Connor, M O'Connor, A McDermott; B Corkery, E Burke; V Sheehan, U O'Donoghue, J Ryan; E O'Brien, C Healy, O Twomey.

MUNSTER JUNIOR TEAM: P Ryan; A Geary, H Breen, C Foley; M Corcoran, A O'Regan, K M Heam; V O'Keeffe, L Burke; G Kinnane, M Deasy (capt), T O'Halloran; M Shortt, E O'Riordan, M Coleman.

● Elsewhere in the inter-county U14 Blitz held in Inniscarra, Galway completed a hat-trick of victories, defeating Cork in the final 3-8 to 1-5.

Douglas the Cork standard-bearers in Féile na Gael camogie

DOUGLAS 5-6
 BALLYGARVAN ... 1-0

DOUGLAS will represent Cork at the National Cork Féile Na Gael competition in Kildare on June 12 after they retained their title in the Cork decider defeating Ballygarvan at St Finbarr's.

A determined Ballygarvan side that had excellent performers in ten year old goalkeeper Ashling O'Byrne, Lee Ann Ryan, and Rosanne Byrne put the holders under pressure from the throw in.

Rachel O'Sullivan opened the scoring with a Douglas point but Ballygarvan replied and took the lead with a Rachel Keohane goal.

Aileen O'Donovan restored the Douglas advantage with a goal a feat repeated by Cliona Conway minutes later to further extend the Douglas advantage. The Ballygarvan defence was put under pressure by the strong Douglas attack and the holders extended their lead with a Rachel O'Sullivan point before a Niamh O'Donovan goal helped Douglas lead 3-3 to 1-0 at the interval.

From the restart Douglas upped the pace and showing their experience and further extended their advantage thanks to goals from

Emma Heffernan and Niamh O'Donovan. To their credit Ballygarvan worked hard but could not find a way past the Douglas defence which was solid all through.

Two points from Rachel O'Sullivan and one from Niamh O'Donovan finished the game as a contest and saw the holders retain their title.

County Board chairperson Marion Mc Carthy presented the Cork Féile Na nGael trophy to Douglas captain Hilary O'Connor, granddaughter of legendary Cork All-Ireland hurler Johnnie Clifford.

Teams — Douglas: M O'Donovan, C O'Brien, E Desmond, K Barry, L O'Shea, A Barrett, K O'Sullivan, H O'Connor (captain), N O'Donovan, E Heffernan, R O'Sullivan, S O'Leary, A O'Donovan, C Conway, EA Daly. **Subs:** Z Dunlea for A O'Donovan, K Horgan for C O'Brien, S Sisk for C Conway, J Kelleher for K O'Sullivan, J White for S O'Leary.

Ballygarvan: A. O'Byrne, M.E. O'Donovan, R Byrne, K O'Sullivan, F Halloran, M Dunne, R O'Shea, B Keohane, L Ryan, L Cosgrave, C Bouse, S

O'Mahony, A Moynihan, R Keohane, L O'Callaghan. **Sub:** M Moynihan for M E O'Donovan.
Referee: Dave Daly.

Gael Linn inter-provincial double for Munster: Munster took the senior and junior Gael Linn inter provincial titles with victories over Ulster in the finals in Portmarnock on Saturday.

The senior side booked their place in the final earlier in the day defeated Connacht 2-20 to 1-3 while Ulster qualified for the senior decider with a 1-20 to 4-2 winning margin over Leinster.

The Munster Junior side had a resounding 3-15 to 0-4 semi final win over Connacht while holders Ulster had to hold off a strong challenge from Leinster before emerging winners 2-7 to 1-7.

The junior final was first down for decision holders Ulster went in determined to retain their crown. Three goals two from Cork's Val O'Keeffe and one from Tipperary's Michelle Shortt set the foundations for Munster as they took an early advantage.

Ulster found the going hard against a determined

Munster defence but kept in touch with points from Mary Black, Joanne McBride, Pauline McEvoy and Olivia Smith with Trisha O'Halloran added a Munster point to see her side lead at the break, 3-1 to 0-5.

On the resumption Ulster fought to hold on to their title but came up against a tremendous Munster defence that denied them time and time again. Miriam Deasy and Trisha O'Halloran had a point apiece while Michelle Shortt added three in a second half where Munster was superb.

In the senior game which followed Munster trailed at the interval 1-6 to 1-4 after Eileen O'Brien and Paula McAtamney had exchanged goals in a half where there was little between the sides.

Twice in the second half the sides were level Joanne Ryan hitting the net for Munster with Ulster picking off points from Jane Adams, and Fionnula Carr. Máirín McAleenan gave Ulster the lead with two points by the midway stage and now Munster had a battle on their hands.

To their credit they answered the call, Joanne Ryan grabbing her second

goal and points from Eileen O'Brien, Breige Corkery, Vera Sheehan, Elaine Burke, Denise Twomey, and Una O'Donoghue ensuring no way back for Ulster as the Munster took their 17th Inter provincial crown.

Féile Skills champion: Niamh Dilworth from the Inniscarra club was crowned Cork Skills champion and will represent Cork in the National Féile na nGael skills competition in Kildare on June 12.

Twelve competitors vied for the title as part of the Cork Féile competition at St. Finbarrs on Sunday last where Niamh had to beat off stiff opposition before being crowned champion. The youngster who is a member of the Inniscarra club was also recently named on the Cork Scith Na Scoil camogie panel.

Niamh is a prominent member of the Inniscarra Under 14 camogie team. Second place went to last years winner Cait Kelleher from the Blackrock club whilst Denise Luby from Glen Rovers was third in a closely contested contest which saw twelve participants from under 14 teams through the city and county. Niamh will now travel as

part of the Cork which will travel in strength to Kildare in quest of All Ireland honours.

Galway retain All-Ireland title: The annual Jamey Hurley memorial Intercounty U14 All Ireland camogie blitz, played at Inniscarra, resulted in a third successive victory for Galway.

Cork Colleges emerged from group A with wins over Kilkenny (3-4 to 1-3), Waterford (2-3 to 0-0) and Limerick (3-4 to 0-1) whilst Galway narrowly defeated Tipperary (4-5 to 3-7) by virtue of two late goals and then accounted for Wexford 1-9 to 0-4 in Group B.

The Cork Colleges were a well prepared and organised outfit but were unable to match the physical presence of their Connaught opponents who had exceptional performers in captain Jessica Gill, Lorraine Ryan, Niamh Kilkenny and Noreen Coen.

Cork started well with an early Deirdre Twomey point in the final and tormented full back Fiona Glynn at every opportunity. Twomey added another point but the full forward line was starved of possession as Galway midfield pairing

Niamh Kilkenny and Lorraine Ryan dominated the proceedings.

Cork center back Brid Twomey coped admirably in containing Noreen Coen who had been Galway's best forward in the round robin games whilst Aine Moynihan, Caroline Kiely and Rachel O'Sullivan were prominent for the rebel county.

Orla Kelly got Galway's first goal with Lorraine Ryan converting two frees. Niamh O'Donovan responded for cork with a point but Kelly netted her second goal before half time. Full forward Stephanie O'Dwyer received a pass from Darina Ryan and blasted home past Elaine Vaughan to increase the margin to eight points.

Cork coach Ollie Troy made numerous changes, introducing Sharon Whelton, Sarah Coleman, Tracy O'Reilly and Cliona Conway but the Galway side held out to gain a hat-trick of successive victories.

The Cork girls will have an opportunity to play Galway again in the Limerick competition in mid July but could do little to prevent the reigning champions from receiving the All Ireland cup from Maria Hurley at the presentation.

Douglas keep camogie title

Douglas 5-6
Ballygarvan 1-0

DOUGLAS retained their Cork Feile Na Gael camogie crown and will represent Cork at National Feile on the weekend of June 12.

In what was a repeat of last season's decider, Ballygarvan again provided the opposition in the final played at St. Finbarr's.

The opening half was evenly matched and Douglas came under pressure from a spirited and determined Ballygarvan side that had excellent performers in 10-year-old goalkeeper Ashling O'Byrne, Michelle Dunne and Aine Moynihan.

Rachel O'Sullivan opened the scoring with a Douglas point, but Ballygarvan responded and took the lead when Rachel Keohane struck for a goal.

Aileen O'Donovan replied to restore the Douglas advantage and when Cliona Conway had their second goal minutes later it settled the nerves. Putting the Ballygarvan defence under pressure Douglas had extended their lead with a Rachel O'Sullivan point before a Niamh

O'Donovan goal brought the opening half to its conclusion as Douglas led 3-3 to 1-0.

From the restart the holders showed their class and experience. Emma Heffernan and Niamh O'Donovan struck for goals to give Ballygarvan a mountain to climb. To their credit they fought hard but could not find a way past the Douglas defence which was solid through. Two points from Rachel O'Sullivan and one from Niamh O'Donovan finished the game as a contest and saw the holders retain their title.

County Board chairperson Marion McCarthy presented the cork Feile Na n-Gael trophy to Douglas captain Hilary O'Connor, granddaughter of legendary Cork and Glen Rovers' hurler Johnnie Clifford.

Douglas: M O'Donovan, C O'Brien, E Desmond, K Barry, L O'Shea, A Barrett, K O'Sullivan, H O'Connor, N O'Donovan, E Heffernan, R O'Sullivan, S O'Leary, A O'Donovan, C Conway, E.A. Daly, Subs: Z Dunlea for A O'Donovan, K Horgan for C O'Brien, S Sisk for C Conway, J Kelleher for K O'Sullivan, J White for S O'Leary.
Ballygarvan: A. O'Byrne, M. E. O'Donovan, R. Byrne, K. O'Sullivan, F. Halloran, M. Dunne, R. O'Shea, B. Keohane, L. Ryan, L. Cosgrave, C. Bouse, S. O'Mahony, A. Moynihan, R. Keohane, L. O'Callaghan, Sub M. Moynihan for M. E. O'Donovan.
Referee: Dave Daly

Cobh, Blackrock win

U14 Cork Co. Camogie Leagues

Cobh 2-0
Sarsfield 0-0

A very close first half ended scoreless in this U14C league game. Again a very tight second half with the difference between the teams being Cobh's midfielders Pauline Edmunds and Marie Keating. Ciara Duffy and Triona Murphy got the goals for Cobh.

Blackrock 5-2
Rockban 1-1

A very even first half with Blackrock edging it thanks to a great defending from Susan Meehan at full back last Sunday in the U14B league. Rockban stayed in contention thanks to a point from Sarah Coleman good performances from S Ryan, Una O'Sullivan, Ciara Spillane and Sinead Daly.

Blackrock: J Leahy, C Kelleher 2-0 each, C Ni Chathain 1-0, A Brohan 0-2 frees.
Rockban: S Coleman 1-1

Glen Rovers 6-4
Cobh 1-0

Despite the blustery weather condition both teams enjoyed this under 12B league game in Cobh. Denise Luby with a personal contribution of 4-3 and Karen O'Connell with 2-1 contributed enormously to the Glen Rovers victory.

Douglas 3-3
Buttevant 0-1

Douglas took on Buttevant in their first U12A league match of the season. Douglas Douglas started in very determined fashion and despite a very tough Buttevant team raced into a half time lead of 2-2 to 0-0. In the second half Buttevant surged forward encouraged by 'keeper Nuala Crowley, but Douglas defended well.

Skilful Niamh a winner

NIAMH DILWORTH from the Inniscarra club will represent Cork in the National Feile na n-Gael skills competition in Kildare.

In a close competition held as part of the Cork Feile finals at St. Finbarr's, she had to beat off stiff opposition before be-

ing crowned champion. She was recently named on the Cork Sciath Na Scoil camogie panel.

Second place went to last year's winner Cait Kelleher from the Blackrock club whilst Denise Luby from Glen Rovers was third.

CONGRATULATIONS to Douglas who retained their Cork Feile Na Gael title and will represent the county at National Feile on June 12.

The semi-finals on Thursday last saw Douglas defeat St. Finbarrs and Ballygarvan overcame Ballincollig to set the stage for Sunday evening's final at St. Finbarrs.

Douglas led 3-3 to 1-0 at the break, thanks to goals from Aileen O'Donovan, Cliona Conway and Niamh O'Donovan, with Rachel Keohane grabbing one back for Ballygarvan.

In the second half the more experienced Douglas side showed their strength with scores from Emma Heffernan, Rachel O'Sullivan and Niamh O'Donovan helping them to retain their title.

Douglas captain Hilary O'Connor will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of her grandfa-

ther the great Johnny Clifford when she leads her side in quest for national honours in Kildare.

Niamh Dilworth from the Inniscarra club turned in a perfect display to take the Cork skills title and she will also make the journey to Kildare. Niamh is also a member of Cork Sciath Na Scoil panel, twelve competitors contested the competition with last year's winner Cait Kelleher from Blackrock taking second and Denise Luby Glen Rovers in third.

A word of congratulations to County Board Chairperson Marion McCarthy who, as always, was to the fore in organising the Cork Feile competition. Down through the years Marion has been the driving force behind this wonderful event and once again it went off without a hitch.

Munster recorded a Gael Linn Inter provincial double on Saturday last in Portmarnock. In the semi-finals both teams

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recorded comprehensive victories over Connacht while Ulster did likewise overcoming Leinster to set the stage for the finals.

In the junior decider defending champions Ulster were rocked by three first half goals, two from Cork's Val Keefe and one from Tipperary's Michelle Short. A superb second half display from their defence helped Munster dethrone the champions with good displays from Captain Miriam Deasy and Trisha O'Halloran.

In the senior game a close first half saw Ulster led by two points at the break, the trend continued for the opening quarter of the second half with the side's level on two occasions. Ulster went into a two point lead, thanks to Mairin Mc Aleenan, but a strong

finish from the Munster girl's ensured victory and a seven-teenth title for the province.

Captain Una O'Donoghue, Breige Corkery, Joanne Ryan, and Eileen O'Brien were among the players who impressed.

Galway took the James Hurley memorial Inter County under 14 trophy defeating Cork Colleges in an exciting final in Ballyanley.

A quick look at under age competitions tells us that Under 12 league action began last week and will continue through the month of June.

Good luck to camogie players sitting the junior and leaving certificate exams next week.

Remember Tuesday night's County Board Lotto Jackpot is €2,100



Douglas Camogie Club visited the Lord of Cork, Clr. John Kelleher at the City Hall prior to their trip to Kildare to represent Cork in the Feile Na n-Gael Múla O'Donovan captain with the Cup and members of the Sciath Na Scoil Cup captained by Hilary O'Connor which they won earlier in the day. (See Camogie Chat Page 31) Picture: Gerard Bonus 0868130353

Douglas do county proud

DESPITE losing the Division 1 Feile an Gael final the girls from Douglas did the county proud over the weekend and ended the reign of champions Oulart the Ballagh Wexford who were aiming for a record breaking six in a row of Feile titles.

In their opening game against hosts St Laurence the Douglas side won.

Early goals from Emma Heffernan and Niamh O'Donovan settled Douglas before Rachel O'Sullivan and Emily Alice Daly rattled the net. The home side did get one back, but Douglas confidently marched on recording 5-5 to 1-1 winning margin.

Johnstown Bridge provided second round opponents and again here goals proved vital Emma Heffernan with two and Lee Ann

O'Shea providing a third paved the way for a 3-3 to 0-1 win and so to the final game in the group with Limerick side Ballyagran.

Sinead O'Leary, Niamh O'Donovan Zoe Dunlea and Lee Ann O'Shea all got on the score sheet as Douglas booked their semi final spot with a 3-4 to 2-2 win.

Now came the big test with Feile specialists Wexford's Oulart which Douglas won.

St Vincent's Dublin provided the opposition in what was an exciting final despite the score line.

Douglas Panel: M O'Donovan, C O'Brien, E Desmond, K Barry, L A O'Shea, A Barrett, K O'Sullivan, H O'Connor, N O'Donovan, E Heffernan, S O'Leary, R O'Sullivan, A O'Donovan, C Conway, Z Dunlea, E A Daly, J Jackson, J Kelleher, J White, M O'Mahony, K Horgan, S Sisk, J Dempsey.

CAMOGIE

Coca Cola Féile na n-Gael Finals: Div 1: St Vincents, Dublin 2-9 (K Kantounias 1-1, J Byrne 1-0, C Moloney 0-03, C Donnelly, D Smith 0-1 each) Douglas, Cork 0-4 (N O'Donovan 0-3, R O'Sullivan 0-1) Div 2 Final: Ballinascreen, Derry 3-5 (S O'Kane 1-2, A McIvor, O Kelly 1-0 each, M Bradley 0-3) Tuillamore, Offaly 1-2 (N McCabe 1-1, E McElin 0-1) Div 3 Final: St Brendans, Ballymacnab, Armagh 9-6 (G Gray 4-2, M McClelland 2-0, A McParland 1-3, O O'Hare, N Gray 1-0 each, E McParland 0-1) Ballycran, Down 0-1 (M Doyle 0-1)
Munster Senior Championship final: Tipperary 5-3 (D Hughes 4-1, M Shortt 1-0, N Kennedy, E McDonnell 0-1 each) Cork 1-9 (O O'Sullivan 1-0, F O'Driscoll 0-5, E Dillon, E Burke, V Harris, J O'Leary 0-1 each)
Munster Intermediate Championship final: Cork 2-10 (A Geary 1-4, M Coleman 1-0, M Deasy 0-4, A Corcoran 0-2) Limerick 0-6 (A Sheehan 0-4, M McGrath 0-2, N Collins 0-1)

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Sciath spirit shines through

by Bob Lester

EXCITEMENT aplenty on the opening day of the Sciath Na Scol hurling finals at both the Páirc Uí Rinn and Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday where the games were again greeted by the customary wet weather which does its best to dampen the festival each year.

Thankfully the rain failed to make any impression on the players, the spirit and enthusiasm of the youngsters again shining through.

These kids are really hyped up for this week, thunder and lightning wouldn't cost them a thought, and all eight finals continued on schedule with skill in abundance.

The opening contest at Páirc Uí Rinn, the H2 final, was a real cracker with Scoil Oilibhéir defeating Scoil An Spioraid Naoimh 3-3 to 2-2 and there were some mighty performers on both sides. Star of the show for Scoil Oilibhéir was centre-back Stiofáin MacCárthaigh. He broke Scoil Spioraid Naoimh hearts time and time again with some long deliveries and great sorties out of defence.

They led 2-2 to 1-2 at the break, Donal Ó Murchú and Ian Ó Riogáin goading with the excellent Shane Dunne on target for Spioraid Naoimh. Brian Ardley tied up the scores with a fine goal early in the second-half but with MacCárthaigh now blossoming there was only going to be one winner and the cup went to Dublin Hill.

Another tight one in DH1, this time Glounthaune NS prevailing 2-2 to 1-2 despite a spirited Carraig Na bhFear comeback in the second-half.

Maurice Carroll and Ian Dennehy ran the show for Glounthaune in the opening half, with corner-forward Diarmuid Ryng a real poacher with two opportunist goals as they led 2-1 to 0-0 at break despite playing against the wind.

However, they found the going tough in the second half as a goal from Duncan Casey and a point from Cian Dorgan reduced the deficit to two points.

But Dennehy scored an excellent point for the winners who held out for a narrow win. A feature of the game was the excellent goalkeeping of Carrig custodian Noel Bowen.

In Roinn C 2 camogie the Cloghroe girls proved too strong for Scoil Eoin Innishannon, winning 4-1 to 1-0. The winners led at half-time 2-0 to 1-0, their goals coming from Donna Noonan and Claire Sheehan.

Cloghroe pulled away in the second half with team captain Katie O'Mahony and Emma Kelleher getting the all important scores.

In Roinn H 3, Riverstown beat Cloghroe 5-3 to 0-1, second-half goals from Alan O'Mahony, Paul McEvoy and outstanding forward Shane O'Driscoll helping the Glanmire school to a comfortable win.

Down at At Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Roinn D C 3, Ballyheda outplayed Clonpriest 4-2 to 0-2, four first-half goals from Aileen O'Leary (2), Katie McCarthy and Marie Barnett doing the damage. Clonpriest rallied in the second half but failed to peg back the half-time deficit.

In Roinn D H 3 there was still no joy for Clonpriest, who lost by the narrowest of margins to Ballinspittle, 2-7 to 3-3.

Skills aplenty as kids revel in Sciath sunshine

by Bob Lester

DELIRIOUS kids off the pitch, battling youngsters on it — the magic of the Sciath Na Scol continued at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday, with four more finals being decided. And it must have provided more than just a couple of hours entertainment for some of the recognisable faces in the crowd who were enjoying all the action.

Nice to see some of the battle-hardened exponents of the game return to the festival, which certainly must have brought back memories for some of them. Oh, the nostalgia of it all.

No names though, perhaps they ought not have been there at all!

But they were treated to some terrific hurling skills on what was an amazingly rain-free and balmy day for hurling.

The H6 decider between Sunday's Well NS and St Mary's of the Hill was perhaps the pick of the contests. This opening game, won by Sunday's Well 4-1 to 1-4, showcased some very gifted hurlers, with two midfielders in particular — Denver Murphy of Mary's of the Hill and Timothy Lynch of Sunday's Well — clearly natural-born stickmen.

There was real tasty stuff from the youngsters as a couple of points from Murphy put the Knocknaheeny side ahead. But Sunday's Well fought back, and a goal from Jason Conway put his side 1-0 to 0-2 clear at the break.

When Murphy blasted home a great goal just after the restart it was looking good for St Mary's of the Hill in this, the centenary year of the festival. But with Lynch and Eoin Moynihan now taking over at midfield, Sunday's Well — the better hurlers overall — were in for goals from Ross Cronin, substitute Shane O'Rourke and finally Moynihan, and the cup was on its way to the Well.

Good to see Sunday's Well mentors Jim O'Reilly and Tony O'Farrell, two staunch Sciath na Scol men, in full cry. Can't ever remember them getting so excited.

In DH 4, Summercove revelled in the sunshine, defeating Glenville NS 4-6 to 2-1 — a second defeat on the trot for the North Cork school. But they can be proud of their display. Unfortunately, they had no-one to match the skills of



Gael Scoil Mhacain captain Róisín de Faoite races past Glenville's Kekeletso Moleli during the Sciath Na Scol camogie final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.

Picture: Gerard McCarthy

midfielder Brian Coughlan, who rowed in with a handsome 2-5, and but for some splendid goalkeeping by Glenville's Aaron O'Leary the tally might well have been greater.

Summercove led 1-4 to 1-0 at the break, with John Tobin goading for Glenville. But Coughlan really turned it on in the second half, and the cup went to Summercove, much to the delight of coach Con O'Callaghan and principal Rosalie O'Regan.

But the Sciath na Scol isn't just about boys. The girls proved they could turn

on the style too, with captain Róisín de Faoite shining for Gael Scoil Mhacain in the DC 4 decider, where they won a 4-3 to 1-0 victory over Glenville, despite excellent performances from Teresa Barry and Kekeletso Moleli.

But just to see de Faoite go... what style, what flair. She scored a handsome 3-2, with Sherelle Ni Ghriifin getting the fourth goal. Erica Bracken scored the Glenville goal.

In the second camogie final, between Berrings NS and Goggins Hill in DC2, victory went to Goggins Hill on an 8-7

to 2-1 scoreline, with corner-forward Caitriona Collins on fire — a massive 5-4 tally, 2-3 in the first half — as she tormented the Berrings defence. Centre-back Sinéad O'Callaghan also started, scoring two goals, with Joanni Casey and Aine Murphy scoring the Berrings goals.

The festival continues on Friday with four finals at both Páirc Uí Rinn and Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Topping the bill is the H1 decider between St Anthony's and North Monastery, at Páirc Uí Rinn at 12.30pm.

Timmy Harrington (1-2), Jason Quinn (1-1), Daire Lordan (0-2) and Shane McCarthy (0-2) were on the scoresheet for the winners who also had top players in Robert Daly, David O'Sullivan, John Collins and Andrew McCarthy.

Seamus Harnedy, who scored 2-3 in an outstanding performance, was Clonpriest's best player.

In Roinn C 3, Ballinora beat St Patricks, Gardiners, 1-0 to 0-1, the Mid-Cork side deserving their victory. A Ciara Lucey goal early in the second half worked the oracle.

In the final game in Roinn C 4, Farran defeated Maria Assumpta, Ballyphehane, 1-1 to 0-0 thanks to a first-half goal from Gillian Collins and a Maeve Hennessy point.

Clonpriest's Hannah Benaim; Clonpriest's Kate Grace tries to hold back the tears after the school was beaten by Ballyheda.

Pictures: Dan Linehan



Why is Munster final being played in Leinster?

CORK 2-9 TIPPERARY... 2-4

WITH the All-Ireland series played on an open draw basis the Munster Intermediate camogie championship competition is one which is confined to players who have never won a provincial medal in the Intermediate grade.

Nonetheless that does not detract from the interest in the competition and certainly, on Saturday last, a fancied Tipperary side had to give way to a very determined Cork outfit in Ballinlough.

Tipperary were aided by the strong wind in the opening half and took the lead with a Michelle Shortt goal. Miriam Deasy replied pointing twice for Cork before Ciara Johnson extended the Tipperary's lead with a goal.

Tipperary continued to put pressure on the Cork defence through the opening half but with Catriona Foley outstanding at centre back they found no way through.

Anna Geary and Clare Harrington worked hard as Cork stayed in contention. Trisha O'Halloran and Miriam Deasy had exchanged points before the interval as Tipperary led 2-1 to 0-3 going to the dressing-room.

Cork turned to play with the aid of the wind and settled quickly into their stride. Anna Geary delivered a long ball into the square and it was finished superbly to the net by Miriam Deasy and cork were back in the hunt.

With their defence gaining the upper hand on the Tipperary attack and their inside line now getting a steady supply Cork took control, substitute Sarah Douglas first time to the net to give Cork the lead and by now they were in command.

Camogie scene

Miriam Deasy, Anna Geary and Mairead Holland pointed to which Tipp replied with an Emer Ryan point. Cork showed their strength as they maintained their advantage keeping ahead thanks to the accuracy of Miriam Deasy and Anna Geary.

Tipperary's Michelle Shortt added a point but it was Anna Geary with a Cork free who had the last say with a pointed free as the home side booked their place in the final with five points to spare.

For Cork Catriona Foley, Michelle Hegarty and Elaine O'Riordan were solid in defence which up front Miriam Deasy, Anna Geary and Mairead Holland were tremendous. Tipperary had good displays from Michelle Shortt, Joanne Ryan and Jenny O'Halloran.

THE Munster Intermediate final versus Limerick will be played on Saturday next with a venue to be announced. Following their victory over Tipperary on Saturday last Cork will be favoured to go all the way and now take the title.

The senior team will also be in action on Saturday when in the Munster championship final they again clash with Tipperary. The sides met recently in the league final where Cork came out on top. Both are now immersed in championship preparations with Cork meeting Galway on July 5 and Tipperary facing Wexford on June 28.

While this competition is also played separately to the All-Ireland series which is on an open draw basis the decision to agree to travel to Portlaoise to

play the game before the Tipperary/Laois All-Ireland SHC Qualifier is a ludicrous one.

While there is a big push to get more exposure for camogie and get games played before big hurling games it defies logic that a Munster final should be played in Leinster. Without doubt two of the best teams in the country will be in action but what will it do to promote the game in Cork?

Are the people who made the decision of the opinion that it is more important to let Laois people see the game of camogie than give the genuine Cork camogie supporters a chance support the team in a Munster final.

IT'S a huge weekend for the Douglas club and skills player Niamh Dilworth, from Inniscarra, who travel today Thursday to Kildare to represent Cork in Féile na nGael.

Douglas will be hosted by the St. Laurence's club and the sides will meet in their first game on Thursday evening at 6.30. Friday morning will see Douglas meet another Kildare side Johnstown Bridge and at 3.30pm they face a huge test when they clash with Limerick champions Ballyagran.

On Saturday morning at 9.30 the Féile Parade takes place and on Saturday hopefully the Cork standard bearers will be in action in the final at 3.15pm.

Niamh Dilworth, from Inniscarra, is in action in the skills final on Friday in St Loman's GAA grounds Mullingar.

Having performed well on the Thurles stage with the Sciath Na Scoil team on Sunday last, when she scored the first and third goal as Cork defeated Clare, Niamh is ready for the task ahead and best wishes go to Niamh and Douglas in their quest for All-Ireland glory.

Cork brush aside Limerick to take Munster crown

Cork
Limerick

2-10
0-6

CORK took the Munster Intermediate championship title at the expense of Limerick at Delaney's on Friday evening last.

In a competition which is confined to players who have never won a provincial intermediate championship medal and is separate to the All Ireland series Cork held all the aces.

Captain Miriam Deasy gave her side an early lead with a point, and with Deasy and Ann Geary stretching the advantage Cork led five points to one by the midway stage, the Limerick point coming from Marie McGrath.

Anna Corcoran had stretched the Cork advantage further before Limerick struck a purple patch.

Maireaid Kelly pointed to cut the deficit before Aoife Sheehan and Nora Collins had the Cork lead down to one point with five minutes to the break.

Cork had to work hard and it was Catriona Foley at centre back who led the way.

With Captain Miriam Deasy causing the Limerick defence problems Cork won a penalty which Anna Geary converted to give Cork

a half time lead of 1-6 to 0-5.

On the turnover Ann Corcoran and Aoife Sheehan swapped points and it looked as if we were in for a lively second half, but Cork began wore the Limerick defence down.

Anna Geary pointed to open up a five point advantage before Mary Coleman struck for her side's second goal.

Captain Miriam Deasy popped over two points to ensure victory for her side.

Cork: J. Hayes, M. Hegarty, E. O'Riordan, M. O'Donovan, C. Harrington, C. Foley, E. Waters, A. Geary, O. Coughlan, S. Douglas, M. Coleman, M. Holland, A. Watson, M. Deasy, A. Corcoran, Subs L. Healy for M. Holland, O. Cotter for E. Waters, N. Mulcahy for A. Watson L. Burns for M. Hegarty

Limerick: M. Keating, R. Collins, C. Murphy, C. Carroll, J. Clifford, M. Casey, A. Reilly, S. Hedigan, M. Kelly, J. Dolan, A. Sheehan, M. Mc Grath, S. O'Shaughnessy, N. Collins

Referee: E. Brown Tipperary

* In the senior decider which is also a separate competition from the All Ireland series Cork had to give way to Tipperary on a 5-3 to 1-9 score line. Three second half goals from Deirdre Hughes helped secure victory for a Tipperary side who on the day were roared home by the huge hurling following in Portlaoise for the Tipperary/Laois All Ireland hurling qualifier.

A LONG HOT SUMMER !

WITH the sun shining and exams finished it was time to get out and about and what better way to start what we hope will be a long hot summer.

Miriam Deasy led the Intermediate side to the Munster crown at Delaney's on Friday last in a competition which is played on a separate basis to the All-Ireland series as is the senior provincial competition.

Anna Geary's first half penalty goal had shades of Thurles about it as it rebounded back into play after striking the back of the goal and bouncing into play umpires Tracy Sheehan and Mick O'Regan were on hand to quickly wave the green flag. Cork led by four point at the break and with Miriam Deasy, Anna Corcoran and Mary Coleman increasing the lead there was no way back for Limerick as the home side ran out convincing winners on a 2-10 to 0-6 score line.

Not so happy a trip to Portlaoise as the senior side lost out to Tipperary in the Munster final.

Despite leading by six points at the interval Cork had to give way to a rejuvenated Tipperary side in the second half. The introduction of Clare Grogan to their attack helped settled the side up front while in defence they tightened up to such an extent that Cork were limited to just two points in that period.

Four goals in the second half, three from Deirdre Hughes and one from Michelle Shortt secured the title for Tipperary for the first time since 1977.

While the Munster championship is played on a separate basis to the All-Ireland series it certainly acts as a wake up call with championship just around the corner and a July 5 meeting with Galway before Antrim and Kilkenny will provide stiff opposition in a group where two go through to the semi final stages.

Douglas enjoyed a good weekend at Feile Na n-Gael and reached the final where they had to give way to St Vincent's of Dublin, however

this does not take from the wonderful performance from the Cork girls.

In their opening series of games they recorded victories over host club St. Laurence, Johnstown Bridge and Ballyagran, Limerick before facing a semi final meeting with champions Oulart-the-Ballagh from Wexford who were aiming for five in a row.

In a tremendously exciting game Douglas led at the break 1-1 to 0-1 thanks to Rachel O'Sullivan's goal, the champions fought back to level but again it was O'Sullivan who was the heroine as she grabbed her second goal, with Aileen O'Donovan and sister Niamh also contributing to the score line Douglas hung on to record a one point victory.

In the final St Vincent's from Dublin held a three point half time lead and in a close second half they continued to hold the advantage, two goals five minutes from the full

time whistle ensured the title for the Dublin side but credit to Douglas who did the county proud.

Saturday sees the quest for senior county championship honours begin when Imokilly and Glen Rovers meet in Carrigtwohill at 7pm while on Sunday, Barryroe and Milford meet in Coachford at 2pm.

Sunday evening sees the long awaited return of the U.C.C. students to senior county action after a lapse of over twenty years when they meet champions Cloughduv at 7.30. in Ovens.

Fr O Neills and Carbery have a 7.45 start on Tuesday night in Carrigaline and Wednesday will be a busy evening as Inniscarra and Bishopstown open proceedings in Ballincollig at 6.45 in what is the first of a double header with Courcy Rovers and St Finbarrs in action at 8pm.

Some great games in store for a busy week of camogie.

Camogiechat

Good start for Leesiders

THE Cork Intermediate side got the weekend off to a good start on Saturday when they defeated Tipperary to qualify for a Munster final meeting with Limerick.

Trailing at the break 2-1 to 0-3 the Cork resurgence was spearheaded with early second half goals from Miriam Deasy and Sarah Douglas, with points coming from Anna Geary, Mairead Holland, and Miriam Deasy.

Despite this competition having no bearing on the All-Ireland competition Cork will be determined to go all the way when they contest the final against Limerick on Saturday next, at a Cork venue to be announced. Amongst the players whom Cork will look to for another big performance include Miriam Deasy, Catriona Foley, Michelle Hegarty and Clare Harrington. The seniors are also in action on Saturday when following a walkover from Clare they

qualified to meet Tipperary in the Munster final. The league final was a cracker with Cork coming out on top, in what is a strange decision the Cork backroom team have agreed to travel to Portlaoise to play the game as a curtain raiser to the Tipperary v Laois senior hurling qualifier.

While I am all in favour of raising the profile and awareness of camogie surely it is ludicrous to take two Munster team into Leinster to play a Munster final, remember there will be big Tipperary support in Portlaoise for what is a do or die situation for the counties hurlers. I just wonder were the roles reversed would Tipp agree to play before the Cork v Waterford Munster hurling final - I think not, however best of luck to both Cork sides on Saturday.

The Cork Sciath Na Scoil side did camogie proud in Thurles on Sunday last defeating Clare by three goals. Two from Cork Skills title holder Niamh Dilworth and

one from Elaine Murphy were enough to quash the Clare challenge. Well done to all the players and mentors for a wonderful performance, on a disappointing note it was a shame to see camogie players not having the interest to even view the performances on Sunday last of what we hope will be future Cork camogie stars.

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Friday morning will see Douglas meet another Kildare side Johnstown Bridge and at 3.30 pm. they face a huge test when they clash with Limerick champions Ballyagran.

Saturday morning at 9.30 the Feile Parade takes place and hope-

fully the Cork standard bearers will be in action in the final at 3.15 pm.

Best wishes to Douglas led by their captain Hilary O'Connor as they set out this morning from their home base at 11 am.

Niamh Dilworth from Inniscarra is in action in the Skills final on Friday in St Loman's GAA grounds Mullingar, having performed well on the Thurles stage with the Sciath Na Scoil team on Sunday last Niamh is more than ready for the task ahead and best wishes go to her in her quest for All Ireland glory, 96/103 Fm will have regular updates on the Cork contestants progress throughout the weekend.

Congratulations to Bishopstown and former Cork player Eithne Duggan who got married recently and best wishes to Glen Rovers player Barbara Kenefick who does likewise on Saturday next.

Camogiechat



BURST: Jennifer O'Leary of Cork bursts past Philly Fogarty of Tipperary during the MSC camogie final at Portlaoise.

Picture: Dan Linehan

Deirdre breaks Cork's spirit with three late goals

Tipperary
Cork

5-3
1-9

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN
At Portlaoise

THE Munster camogie senior championship trophy has resided on Leaside since 1977.

For 30 minutes of play on Saturday in Portlaoise it seemed this year proceedings would follow suit.

Leading by six points at the interval they appeared to have outsmarted the Blue and Gold.

But, as in the past, clashes between these neighbouring counties never fail to surprise. And with Deirdre Hughes in scintillating form at full-forward, it was her hat-trick of goals in the second-half plus another at the outset that clinched the title after an absence of 26 years.

Roared on by the large Tipperary following that had come early to support the ladies, the girls' quest for glory rose with stature as the crowd responded. But, what a turnaround as

the Rebels completely lost their shape after the break. Prior to this Cork had led 1-7 to 1-1 before departing for the half-time talk in the dressing room.

Orla O'Sullivan was winning a lot of possession and when the hard-working Una O'Donoghue gifted her a glorious pass five minutes into the game, the St Finbarr's corner-forward did not back off until her job was complete and the sliotar in the back of the net. Fiona O'Driscoll was causing problems too in the other corner and three points was sufficient return to mark her authority.

Further out Vivienne Harris and Rachel Moloney were winning much ball at centre-field and the supply was plentiful to the attack. Mary O'Connor was controlling centre-back and in goals Ger Casey was her usual reliant self in particular bringing off a point blank save from Hughes at the quarter

stage. However, a few minutes earlier she had no chance when Hughes tore through and buried from close range.

A significant factor for Tipperary was the introduction of leaving cert student Claire Grogan just before the break. She was immediately into the fray from her post at wing-forward and with a mere 50 seconds lapsed after the resumption she won a free that led to the Tipperary revival.

Then Michelle Shortt goaled and was somewhat unlucky to be called ashore almost immediately - it appeared as if the alteration was already in progress as she clinched the goal. The Premier County were back and trailing by a brace of points. Consequently substitutions rang out all over O'Moore Park as both teams sensed a change of fortune.

Cork hastily introduced Gemma O'Connor and Colette Desmond as Tipperary brought in Philly Fogarty and Trish O'Halloran. But the gold rush was already on as Hughes, who on two occasions was brilliantly shad-

owed by Eimear McDonnell, netted on the 45th, 50th and 52nd minute.

Cork were being beaten all over while Tipperary hurled with conviction and tightened up in defence. Sensing victory and yelled on by the swelling arena, it was a historic and memorable occasion as captain Paula Bulfin accepted the silverware before the huge Tipp following.

Scorers for Tipperary: D Hughes 4-1, M Shortt 1-1, N Kennedy 0-1 (free).

Scorers for Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-5 (0-4 frees), O O'Sullivan 1-0, J O'Leary, V Harris, E Burke and E Dillon 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: P Ryan, S Kelly, S Howard, C Madden, S Nealon, C Gaynor, L Burke, P Bulfin (capt), A McDermott, M Shortt, E Hayden, N Kennedy, E McDonnell, D Hughes, J Ryan.

Subs: C Grogan for J Ryan (27 mins), P Fogarty for M Shortt (36 mins), T O'Halloran for N Kennedy (54 mins), M Shortt for D Hughes (59 mins).

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Subs: G O'Connor for S Hayes (38 mins), C Desmond for B Corkery (48 mins), E Dillon for E Burke (55 mins).

Referee: J O'Donnell (Limerick).

Douglas beaten in Mullingar final

DOUGLAS camogie club won many admirers over the weekend with their creditable performance in reaching the Féile na nGael final in Shamrock's GAA grounds in Mullingar.

On route they denied a

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN
At Mullingar

highly reputable Oulart-the-Ballagh side a place in the final with a tremendously exciting one point win over the Wexford champi-

ons.

However, at the ultimate stage they came up against a well-drilled St Vincent's side from Dublin and had to settle for the runners-up slot after they were beaten by a scoreline of 2-9 to 0-4.

They were backed by sterling performances from Cliona Conway, who was actually a former St Vincent's player, Eilish Desmond, Jessica Jackson, Leann O'Shea, Móra O'Donovan and captain Hillary O'Connor.

In their round-robin series they saw off Kildare's Johnstown Bridge, St Laurence's, and Mullinavat.

Scorers for Douglas against St Vincents: N O'Donovan 0-3, R O'Sullivan 0-1.



PA FINN: Disappointed.

Tipp prove too strong for the Rebels

A BRILLIANT day for camogie admitted Cork boss Pa Finn, but sadly not for his side.

Unable to hide his disappointment after succumbing to a more physical Tipperary side, he was too quick to establish that the Leesiders could not match the more rounded display from their fiercest rivals.

"We were out-hurled all over the field, even the more experienced players bowed to the pressure.

We need to do more hurling - we are not lacking in pace but today we were badly shown up in the skills of the game.

Tipperary were first to everything while we stood back and watched.

"We did not play championship hurling here this evening. Tipp did and that was the difference.

"It is evident that we have a lot of work to do before the first round of the All-Ireland championship on July 5th.

"I will give them a break now to concentrate on the club championships starting this week but after that it is all systems go.

"The girls know themselves they were terrible. It is a long time since we were reduced to two points in the second-half of any game."

For Tipperary manager Raymie Ryan it was quite the opposite. "I am thrilled and to have performed like this before such a crowd. It is the way for camogie to go.

"They witnessed all the thrills of the game."

Four goal Hughes shoots Tipp home

TIPPERARY 5-3
CORK 1-9

REIGNING All Ireland camogie champions Tipperary produced a wonderful second half performance to see off a strong Cork side in the Munster final yesterday.

Cork, with the aid of a strong breeze in the opening half, started brighter but a goal by Deirdre Hughes, the Tipperary full-forward, gave the Premier team a surprise early lead.

Cork had a 1-7 to 1-1 lead at the interval but five minutes into the second half Michelle Shortt scored a magnificent goal to turn the tide in Tipp's favour. Cork still clung to a one point lead before Hughes burst through for a goal in the 12th minute.

Cork tried hard to get back into contention but were denied on several occasions by an outstanding Tipperary centre-back Clara Gaynor.

Midway through the second half Joanne Ryan placed Hughes for her third goal. The unstoppable Hughes then struck the net for a fourth time. **TIPPERARY** — P Ryan, S Kelly, S Howard, C Madden, S Nealon, C Gaynor, L Bourke, P Bultin (capt), A McDermott, M Shortt, E Hayden, N Kennedy, E McDonnell, D Hughes, J Ryan. Subs: T O'Halloran for N Kennedy, P Fogarty for M Shortt, M Shortt for D Hughes.

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REF: N O'Donnell (Limerick).

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Four-goal Hughes ends Tipp famine

Tipperary 5-3
Cork 1-9

by Therese O'Callaghan

TOOMEVARA'S Deirdre Hughes was the four-goal hero of Tipperary's sensational victory over Cork in the Munster senior camogie championship final in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise, on Saturday, with the gifted full-forward bagging the scores that ended the Premier County's unbelievable 26-year famine.

Her first goal after ten minutes and a hat-trick after the break kept the early arrivals to the Laois v Tipperary hurling qualifier on the edge of their seats. Indeed, only for the red-haired full-forward the title looked set to remain on Leaside, after the Cork girls leading at the break 1-7 to 1-1.

But, with the introduction of Claire Grogan to the attack before the interval, Tipperary regrouped sufficiently for the second period to take the game from their rivals and hold the All-Ireland champions to a mere two points in the last 30 minutes.

Orla O'Sullivan, who started brightly in the corner for Cork, was left through for a goal inside the opening five minutes. And with points from Fiona O'Driscoll, Vivienne Harris and Elaine Burke, victory looked on the cards at the halfway mark.

However, Tipp tightened up their

rearguard and it was soon clear that if their forward line received supply they were capable of beating flagging opponents.

Eimear McDonnell was stretching the Cork defence with her surging runs and she set up Hughes in the 50th and 52nd minute.

These proved to be the match-winning scores as Tipperary had been clinging to a one-point advantage.

However, as the game wore on, and despite both sides making substitutions to aid their cause, it was the Premier County who held out for a memorable win on a historic day for camogie in Portlaoise.

Scorers Tipperary: D Hughes 4-1, M Shortt 1-1, N Kennedy 0-1 (free).

Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-5 (0-4 frees), O O'Sullivan 1-0, J O'Leary, V Harris, E Burke and E Dillon 0-1 each.

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Referee: J O'Donnell (Limerick).

Initiative reaps rewards

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cork County Camogie Board on taking the initiative of agreeing to play their Munster Final against Tipperary last Saturday evening in Portlaoise prior to the Tipperary and Laois senior hurling championship qualifier.

Some weeks ago the same teams played a classic National League final in Páirc Uí Rinn. The game was played before a few hundred spectators. The same day there were 20,000 people down the road in Páirc Uí Chaoimh to watch Tipperary and Clare.

Camogie could have received a

much-needed publicity shot in the arm if they had played the National League final before the Munster Hurling Championship game.

Since the Camogie All-Ireland changed to an open draw over twenty years ago, the provincial championships have lost a lot of their lustre.

Cork lost on Saturday but, more importantly, eight thousand people saw the game. Playing finals in front of large attendances such as this raises the status of the competition.



Cork captain Stephanie Dunlea, holding the All-Ireland camogie trophy aloft, is joined by players from the competing counties at the launch of the Foras na Gaelige All-Ireland Camogie Championship, which begins on June 28. Cork are the current champions.

Picture: Lorraine O'Sullivan

Moving forward

JUNE 2003

Maire Uí Scoláí informs us of the work being done to attract sponsors to camogie.

Glamour, colour, and excitement are all part of a very comprehensive document put together recently by the Centenary committee who are looking towards next season's great and wonderful celebrations of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. Four young business girls all present and past camogie players got together early last year in an effort to put forth a very modern image of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. The past couple of years the almost hundred year old organisation has made some major changes such as the introduction of fifteen aside teams, new playing rules introduced, the proposed alliance with the GAA and an overall younger image has seemingly done wonders for the game.

AVERAGE AGE OF 27

What do you get when the average age of this committee is 27? answer --- flair, vibrancy, drive, and dynamic ideas to bring Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael into its next century. The brains behind this new and very welcome adventure is Chairperson Therese O'Callaghan, a former Cork All-Ireland medal holder with three senior All-Ireland medals. She is also the proud holder of four All-Ireland club medals with the famed Glen Rovers. These days she is a freelance sport's reporter mainly involved with the Irish Examiner/ Evening Echo. As they say a bird never flew on one wing, so her equally talented partners in crime are Cork's Eithne Duggan, Dublin's Germaine Noonan, Armagh's Jane Monaghan, while from Galway comes Olivia Broderick.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

While the committee was formed to look after next year's centenary, possibly the most influential item they have put together is the recently printed Sponsorship Package. The comprehensive strategy has been developed to promote and market Camogie to the general public as a fast, exciting and skillful sport offering year-round entertainment at a very high

level. camogie is coming to the fore these days. The recent launch of camogie in Mayo is another step in the right direction. While the print media is of huge importance, we are now very much in the age of 'press the button' for instant information, so the launch of a National Camogie Web Site is of huge importance for would be sponsors.

It also brings the very young generation into the scene as they are far more into this scene than reading daily newspapers or magazines. The response from business companies to date has been very encouraging, but there are so many opportunities for companies to come on board that the committee in association with John Cotter of SMC Promotions will welcome any companies who wish to be associated with Ireland's largest female sporting organisation. With an involved participation of 150,000 and an even greater supporter base the opportunities for would be sponsors are great. Any company who might wish to get in touch regarding any aspect of sponsorship may get in touch with John at :- johncotter@smcpromotions.ie.

INTERNATIONAL ASPECT

Camogie has an international aspect as presently it is played in the U.S.A., England and Scotland as well as in the United Arab Emirates. The fact that the game is year-round and broad-based with club and inter-county competitions in both league and championship at Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels occupies most of the calendar year. There is also an extensive range of under-age and schools competitions.

Uachtarán Miriam O'Callaghan firmly behind new adventure...

level.

WATERFORD'S BREAK THROUGH

These young ladies have brought their own business ideas into the sport and have outlined the many benefits that sponsors can avail of through taking part in sponsorship of either League or championship or other other areas which may arise. The glossy twelve page document which recently arrived to over 150 business companies in this island outlined the many benefits to prospective sponsors. Would be sponsors will greatly benefit from increased coverage during next year's centenary. The proposed alliance with the GAA would be another major boost. The availability of top class intercounty players to give interviews when needed is another item that might be of interest to sponsors.

The centenary Banquet will go ahead in City West Hotel and promises to be a gala occasion. Add to those events an exhibition to be held in Páirc an Chrócaigh just shows sponsors the opportunities that lie ahead for them to gain massive publicity for their company/business. Over the years the media attention shown to Ireland's largest female sporting organisation is on the increase and camogie is featured in all the leading Sport's Magazines.

Camogie is now heard on all the Radio stations both National and Local as well as all the television stations. The result of this is that more young girls are playing the game than ever before and more counties are making the break through such as Waterford, who recently bridged a forty four year gap by winning their first ever Munster Minor 'B' title when they over came Clare in the Munster Final. Armagh are another county who are coming back into the intercounty scene with some fine players coming through.

While they were recently beaten in the National League Division 2 final one suspects that they may be eyeing head quarters for a September showdown. Such break throughs show just how much

Miriam O'Callaghan the recently elected new Uachtarán of the Association is totally behind this new adventure. "While much work has been done in the past this is probably the first time we have gone public in an endeavour to seek sponsorship in a major and very public manner," commented Miriam who hails from Offaly. She further went on to say that "the staging of the game as a fifteen a-side is an ideal opportunity for commercial enterprise to become involved."

It has been mentioned on more than one occasion recently that the camogie All-Ireland final should be played before next year's All-Ireland Hurling final, this certainly would afford would be sponsors huge publicity opportunities. Also the new Uachtarán of the GAA Sean Kelly has on more than one occasion while president elect mentioned the staging of camogie and hurling/football matches as double headers. The game of camogie richly deserves this support.

While this committee are busy organising events at National level a huge amount is expected from all units of the Association, from the smallest club to the bigger and famous clubs. This is the only time most of us will get to celebrate the centenary of our Association so let's do it in a proud and fashionable manner something that in years to come we will be proud to say "I was a part of that."

With the Foras na Gacilge championship kicking off at the end of June in a completely revamped format, would be sponsors have a better opportunity than ever before to get involved at National Level. There are so many ways in which sponsors can come on board and be a part of this wonderful and skillful game which is gradually taking the bigger stage it richly deserves.

Barrs lay down marker with win

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

Cork Senior Camogie Championship

St Finbarrs	3-9
Courcey Rovers	0-4

BY the time four minutes had elapsed of this Cork County Senior Camogie Championship tie in Ballincollig last evening, the Barrs had four scores. The flashing lights were informing us that more was to follow.

Leading 1-3 to 0-0, it was evident that last season's finalists were starting out where they left off from 12 months ago.

They have forwards that queue up for scores, a midfield that works like a well-oiled machine, and a defence that is watertight. And of course there is Ellen Clifford who guards between the sticks like her life depends on it.

This is no bad Courcey Rovers side, but they were never allowed get in step. They needed a good start but instead it was the city girls who burst out of the traps. So, the Ballinspittle team had to settle for a nine-point deficit at the break. This was an enormous gap that was made more gaping when Orla O'Sullivan split the defence to stretch the lead to 3-8 to 0-3 entering the final quarter.

However, Courceys never threw in the towel and players like Marian O'Donovan, Sara Hayes, Samantha Quinn and Sara Downing, tried to the bitter end. But it was difficult trying to equal the Barrs for pace and skill — they have it in abundance and proved if needed, that their 2002 display was no one-year wonder.

Before the speed-dial had turned twice Valerie Maher had shook the net. Eight minutes later she was close at hand to notch up number two after Joan Anne Hayes batted out to her in-running path. O'Sullivan, Claire Kirby, Rachel Myers and Jenny Duffy they are all treacherous. Gemma O'Connor scored two fabulous points from midfield and their rearguard speaks for itself permitting the Rovers to two-points from play.

It is ironic, however, that UCC are their quarter-final pairing. The students sensationally knocked out the county champions, Cloughduv on Sunday night. The new titleholders may well emerge from this clash.

Scorers St Finbarrs: V Maher 2-1, O O'Sullivan 1-4 (0-2 frees), G O'Connor 0-2, C Kirby and J Duffy 0-1 each.

Courcey Rovers: R Moloney 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 45m), S Quinn 0-1.

ST FINBARRS: E Clifford; L Kelleher, D Clarke, G O'Sullivan; K Buckley, L O'Connell, C Kirby; C Harrington, G O'Connor; R Myers, C Kirby, J Duffy; V Maher, O O'Sullivan, B Maher.

COURCEY ROVERS: J A Hayes; C Murphy, M O'Donovan, J Murphy; S L Ryan, S Hayes, M O'Regan; S Downing, N Collins; R Lawlor, A O'Regan, S Quinn; R Moloney, C O'Neill, K Keohane.

Subs: G Twomey for C O'Neill (tht).

Referee: D Daly (Sarsfields).

Replay needed following thrilling finale

Bishopstown
Inniscarra

1-5
1-5

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN
Senior Camogie Championship

TWELVE months ago when these sides met at stage one of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship, the girls from Inniscarra held the upper hand.

For a lengthy spell in Ballincollig last evening it looked like they might snatch another dramatic win. They almost did when Marie O'Connell fired over late on but Miriam Crowley

showed nerves of steel to give Bishopstown another bite at the cherry.

In an unbelievable first-half it took all of 24 minutes for the count to begin but what was lacking in statistics was made up for with endeavour. But, one icon that did beam for the entire hour was Inniscarra's centre-back and current Cork minor Rena Buckley. Her striking and deliveries

ensured that the mid Cork team are still seated at the top table.

Alongside her Tricia Murphy and Michelle O'Regan also controlled the reins ensuring plenty of ammunition being fired up front where Margaret McCarthy (goal scorer), Criona Harte, Tracie McCarthy and sub Grainne O'Mahony worked like beavers.

It was Ciara Healy who eventually found the target for the Town with a 45 metre free.

She was their main target hitting four points — her score from play was superbly swept over after receiving the perfect pass from Vivienne Harris. Again, it was no surprise that Harris brought them back into contention with her goal three minutes from normal time. Jean O'Sullivan came provider to the lone centre-field player inside around the square.

So at the end of an intriguing battle both sides will have to do it all over

again.

Scorers for Bishopstown: V Harris 1-0, C Healy 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45m), M Crowley 0-1.

Inniscarra: M McCarthy 1-0, C Harte 0-2 (0-1 45m, 0-1 free), T McCarthy, G O'Mahony and M O'Connell 0-1 each.

BISHOPSTOWN: C Fogarty; O Higgins, E Duggan, D Quigley; C Enright, J O'Sullivan, B Sheehan; C Kenny; V Harris; M Crowley, J Browne, D Murray; D Coughlan, C Healy, T Doyle.

INNISCARRA: G Casey; E Dineen, E O'Mahony, E O'Keefe; T Murphy, R Buckley, M O'Regan; M O'Connell, M N O'Sullivan; M McCarthy, L Hayes, E O'Sullivan; A Golden, C Harte, T McCarthy.

Subs: G O'Mahony for L Hayes (tht).

Referee: D Dineen (Ballinora).

McDonnell goals pave the way for historic UCC championship victory

UCC Cloughduv 2-6 0-10

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

UCC, taking part for the first time in the Cork County senior camogie championship, caused a major upset with a thrilling win over the reigning champions at Ovens last evening.

This was an heroic display from a team that started out with only 14 players as Aisling Byrne, delayed due to work commitments, arrived three minutes from half-time. However,

playing with an unbelievable pep, UCC never allowed the numerical disadvantage get in their way in the opening half and with the talented Eimear McDonnell simply unstoppable, her two-goal burst wiped out most of the Cloughduv eight-point tally.

Scorers for UCC: E McDonnell 2-3 (1-0 free), A Kennelly 0-2, L Lyng 0-1.
Cloughduv: U O'Donoghue 0-3, S Buckley and B Corkery 0-2 each, Z McDonnell, K Corkery and S Dunlea (45m) 0-1 each.
UCC: B Aylward, B Curtin, L Burke, A Brennan, L Bohan, U O'Dwyer, E Aylward, L Lyng, M Murphy, A Kennelly, M Nally, C M Fogarty, E Mc-

Donnell, A Ryan, A Byrne.
Cloughduv: A Murray, J Lynch, S Corkery, J O'Callaghan, A Buckley, S Dunlea, G O'Callaghan, M Corkery, B Corkery, J Lacey, S Buckley, Z McDonnell, K Corkery, U O'Donoghue, C Cronin.
Subs: H Dunlea for C Cronin (55 mins).
Referee: J Desmond (Bandon).

Glen Rovers 3-4 0-11

FOR the first time in four years, Glen Rovers savoured victory in the opening round of the Cork County senior camogie championship at Carrigrohilly on Saturday evening. It was achieved in the most dramatic

of fashions. Trailing by three points with normal time elapsed, the Blackpool side struck for two goals through Gerlyn Nolan and Fiona O'Brien to earn their place in the quarter-final.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: D Cronin 1-4 (0-3 frees), G Nolan and F O'Brien 1-0 each.

Involley: A Walsh, M O'Connor (45s) D Twomey 0-3, C O'Connell and A M Walsh 0-1 each.
Glen Rovers: C Boyle, M Burke, M Goulding, G O'Regan, M Hegarty, G Hannan (Capt), A Gilton, L Mollerick, S Kelly, D Bracken, E Harle, F O'Brien, E Horgan, D Cronin, A Walsh.
Subs: C Scott for A Walsh (45m), G Nolan for E Harle (50 mins).
Referee: Y O'Neill; A O'Connell, E Power, G O'Donoghue, N Mulcahy, M O'Connor (Capt), M

Superior skills ensure easy win for Fr O'Neill's

Fr O'Neill's Carbery 3-7 0-5

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

FR O'NEILL'S superior skill and experience ensured the outcome in this opening round of the Cork County senior camogie championship at Carrigaline last evening. The Ballymacoda outfit, which has failed to lift silverware in the past few years, always looked threatening.

The omens did not look good for Carbery. They struggled to find their rhythm and had to wait until the 14th minutes for their opening score, and from there to half-time only managed another two, frees, from Marion Murphy.

On the changeover they came more into the game and did well to restrict the east Cork side to a point for most of the half.

But, O'Neill's always held the upper hand and once captain Fiona O'Driscoll rapped home a blistering goal in the 12th minute the signs were ominous. With Nora Ahern revelling in her new role at centre-forward the

divisional side was forced to switch Val O'Keefe to half-back in an effort to curtail her forward surges. However, she remained influential, knocking over two wonderful points.

Catherine O'Shea had O'Neill's second goal to help them build up a decent half-time lead of 2-5 to 0-3.

The final half hour was a rather lack-lustre affair with both sides guilty of some terrible wides. But, when the east Cork side added goal number three in injury time from the hard-working Róisín Corcoran, it safely propelled them into the next round against Glen Rovers.

Scorers for Fr O'Neill's: F O'Driscoll 1-3 (0-1 free), R Corcoran 1-2, C O'Shea 1-0, N Ahern 0-2.
Carbery: M Murphy 0-3 (frees), M Deasy and V O'Keefe (free) 0-1 each.

FR O'NEILL'S: M Kennefick, A Corcoran, L Sweetnam, G Kearney, M O'Brien, C Madden, M Finn, S Cahalane, V O'Sullivan, C Flavin, N Ahern, C O'Shea, F O'Driscoll, R Corcoran, K Ahern.
Subs: K O'Sullivan, C Flavin, S Kearney for C O'Shea (both 54 mins).

CARBERY: S McCarthy, A Coughlan, D Coughlan, R Desmond, C Deasy, E O'Sullivan, A Coughlan, H Kenneally, E Foley, M Murphy, V O'Keefe, J Gaynor, C Desmond, M Deasy, H O'Regan.
Subs: M Nyhan for H O'Regan (46 mins).
Referee: P Downey (Innisearra).

Barrs sound warning to rivals after power-packed display

St Finbarrs Courcey Rovers 3-9 0-4

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

ST FINBARRS signalled their intent with a power-packed performance against Courcey Rovers in the Cork County camogie championship at Ballincollig last evening.

Showing superior class, the city side never allowed the southeast girls to dictate, and when Valerie Maher scored the first of her two first-half goals the die was well and truly cast.

Adding points from Orla O'Sullivan, Claire Kirby, Jenny Duffy and Gemma O'Connor, they were in a comfortable position leading 2-3 to 0-1 after 11 minutes of play. Nine points ahead at the break, 2-6 to 0-3, the Barrs took total control in the second half with star forward O'Sullivan scoring a great solo goal after 10 minutes.

Scorers - **St Finbarrs:** V Maher 2-1, O O'Sullivan 1-4 (0-2 frees), G O'Connor 0-2, C Kirby and J Duffy 0-1 each.
Courcey Rovers: R Moloney 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 45m), S Quinn 0-1.

ST FINBARRS: E Clifford, L Kelleher, D Clarke, G O'Sullivan, K Buckley, L O'Connell, C Kirby, C Harrington, G O'Connor, R Myers, C Kirby, J Duffy, V Maher, O O'Sullivan, B Maher.

COURCEY ROVERS: J A Hayes, C Murphy, M O'Donovan, J Murphy, S L Ryan, S Hayes, M O'Regan, S Downing, N Collins, R Lawlor, A O'Regan, S Quinn, R Moloney, C O'Neill, K Keohane. Subs: G Twomey for C O'Neill (45m).

Referee: D Daly (Sarsfields).

Bishopstown Inniscarra 1-5 1-5

AN injury-time point from wing-forward Miriam Crowley ensured Bishopstown a deserved share of the spoils in this pulsating first-round Cork County senior camogie championship, played at Ballincollig.

In a pulsating final quarter, Margaret McCarthy's goal put the Muskerry side into pole

position. However, Bishopstown were spurred on as Vivienne Harris and Jean O'Sullivan battled back, and were rewarded when Harris goaled with three minutes of normal time remaining. When Inniscarra's Marie O'Connell sailed over the lead two minutes into added time, it took a magnificent score at the death from Crowley to force the replay.

Scorers - **Bishopstown:** V Harris 1-0, C Healy 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45m), M Crowley 0-1.

Inniscarra: M McCarthy 1-0, C Harle 0-2 (0-1 45m, 0-1 free), T McCarthy, G O'Mahony and M O'Connell 0-1 each.

BISHOPSTOWN: C Fogarty, O Higgins, E Duggan, D O'Quinn, C Enright, J O'Sullivan, B Sheehan, C Kenny, V Harris, M Crowley, J Browne, D Murray, D Coughlan, C Healy, T Doyle.

INNISCARRA: G Casey, E Dineen, E O'Mahony, E O'Keefe, T Murphy, R Buckley, M O'Regan, M O'Connell, M N O'Sullivan, M McCarthy, L Hayes, E O'Sullivan, A Golden, C Harle, T McCarthy. Subs: G O'Mahony for L Hayes (45m inj).

Referee: D Dineen (Ballinora).

O'Neill's now meet Glen in quarter-finals

Fr O'Neill's Carbery 3-7 0-5

pointed frees. Róisín Corcoran was another who excelled at full forward and despite squandering chances early on she made amends with a goal near the end and two well-struck points.

Catherine O'Shea scored the other goal after she scooped home the rebound after a splendid McCarthy save from Corcoran.

O'Neill's selector Sear O'Sullivan was slow to read much into the victory: "It was a typical first-round game and our girls were nervous."

"We can start preparations for the Glen now. When we met recently in the league and there was very little between us," said O'Sullivan.

Scorers for Fr O'Neill's: F O'Driscoll 1-3 (0-1 free), R Corcoran 1-2, C O'Shea 1-0, N Ahern 0-2.

Carbery: M Murphy 0-3 (frees), M Deasy and V O'Keefe (free) 0-1 each.

FR O'NEILL'S: M Kennefick, A Corcoran, L Sweetnam, G Kearney, M O'Brien, C Madden, M Finn, S Cahalane, V O'Sullivan, C Flavin, N Ahern, C O'Shea, F O'Driscoll, R Corcoran, K Ahern. Subs: K O'Sullivan, C Flavin, S Kearney for C O'Shea (both 54 mins).

CARBERY: S McCarthy, A Coughlan, D Coughlan, R Desmond, C Deasy, E O'Sullivan, A Coughlan, H Kenneally, E Foley, M Murphy, V O'Keefe, J Gaynor, C Desmond, M Deasy, H O'Regan. Subs: M Nyhan for H O'Regan (46 mins).
Ref: P Downey (Innisearra).

CAMOGIE

FORAS NA GAELIGE CHAMPIONSHIP
Ballyboden Limerick 3-10 (E O'Brien 1-9 (0-7), M Keating 1-1, A Sheehan 1-0)
Dublin 0-7 (J Draeger 0-6 (3x45s, 1f), K Blood 0-1)
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Milford dig deep and emerge as winners

UCC girls show true grit to win

By JOHN HORGAN

Coachford

Milford 2-12
Barryroe 2-7

Therese O'Callaghan

A SIZZLING summer Sunday in the beautiful Lee Valley and a historic victory for Milford in the opening round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship.

This was the North Cork side's first ever experience at this exalted level, but against a more experienced Barryroe outfit, the Milford girls dug deep to fashion a marvellous victory that shortly after half time looked a forlorn hope when they trailed by two goals, 2-6 to 0-6.

They were behind for the greater part of what was a very competitive contest even if at times the play was very scrappy and devoid of any great fluency.

However, Milford had more aces in their pack when the serious questions were posed and in Emer Watson and Regina Curtin they had the two best players on the splendid Coachford sod.

All the Watson girls, Marie and Aine alongside Emer, made valuable contributions, while the athletic Curtin ran herself to a near standstill in the near tropical conditions.

Defensively, Milford stood firm in the closing stages as Barryroe fought desperately for survival. But it was not to be.

Jennifer O'Leary and Ger Collins put some fine scores on the board for the West Cork side but the concession of a soft goal, when a ball that appeared to be going wide deceived Cora Keohane in the 53rd minute, proved to be the game's defining moment.

Barryroe led at the break 1-5 to 0-6, the goal arriving early in the game when Rose Dineen finished to the net.

Jo Cahalane raised Barryroe's second green flag just after the restart but that was immediately cancelled out by a superb solo effort from Emer Watson.

It was very much even steven after that, but that fortuitous goal from Anna Geary broke Barryroe hearts and Lelia Long and Emer Watson embellished the day's work with two late points to seal a memorable win for Milford.

Scorers for Milford: E Watson 1-4, M Watson 0-4, A Geary 1-1, R Curtin, E O'Friel and L Long 0-1 each.

Barryroe: R Dineen 1-0, J O'Leary 0-3, J Cahalane 1-0, G Collins 0-2, M Moloney and E McCarthy 0-1 each.

MILFORD: E Lenihan, L Healy, E O'Riordan, S Sexton, T McLoughlin, C O'Gorman, D Hayes, A Geary, R Curtin, A Watson, L Long, E O'Friel, E Watson, M Watson, J Sheehy. **Subs:** A Thomson for D Hayes, A Dillon for L Healy.

Barryroe: C Keohane, M Sheehy, AM Fleming, E Carroll, E Griffin, R Holland, C Dineen, K McCarthy, J Cahalane, E McCarthy, G Collins, J O'Leary, M Moloney, R Dineen, L Gannon.

Referee: P Downey (Inniscarra).

UCC 2-6
Cloughduv 0-10

BEFORE a ball was struck in Ovens last evening nobody would have given UCC any hope of making progress in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship.

Expectations had been high in their first year in the competition, but when the college arrived with 13 players, and nearer throw-in had 14, the odds were completely stacked against them.

However, their performance will be rated as one of the greatest ever in camogie.

Despite being a player down for most of the opening half they played a fast, fluent type of hurling and there was no doubting that the necessary conviction was there.

And when Aisling Byrne (a mid-wife in CUH) arrived from work shortly before half-time they set about the task of winning.

With Eimear McDonnell giving yet another superlative display, they proved that heart alone contributes much to winning matches.

Coach Seamus Coffey was naturally overjoyed: "This is an excellent win. Unfortunately we were depleted but that is because of the system. We have no Cork players on our team because the ruling is different to the GAA where junior and intermediate players can play. So we have to get girls to travel 100 miles to play in the Cork championship. That is very difficult.

"And when you consider that most of these girls played championship games with their clubs over the weekend — some even today —

Rovers leave it late to advance

Glen Rovers 3-4
Imokilly 0-11

GLEN ROVERS passed this huge test of character in Carrigtwohill on Saturday with flying colours, writes Therese O'Callaghan.

Without any major success since their county final victory in 1996 the girls from Blackpool had temporarily slipped off the conveyor belt.

Denise Cronin and Linda Mellerick provide the link to the winning side of the Nineties — other than that this team has known little

success. Didn't matter though, as they had this script down to a tee. Trailing by three points and normal time up they desperately tried for the equalising score. Chances went astray and it looked too that their hopes of victory had gone down the same road. But, with defeat staring them in the face, substitute Gerlyn Nolan — only on the field 10 minutes — clinched the all-important goal.

Most would have been happy with the draw. However, due to many stoppages referee Dave Nolan continued to play on, unbe-

lievably Fiona O'Brien had time to bang home another and suddenly the Glen had regained a lead they earlier had surrendered. There was time for the outstanding Angela Walsh to race up field and while a goal was what was needed she took her point. With it came the end of play.

Selector Tricia Murphy was thrilled with the outcome: "It is a great feeling to have won a championship match. It is four years since we got through the first round and for many of the girls this is their first win. There was a fantastic buzz

after the game. It will also instil confidence for our next game which is against the winners of Fr O'Neill's and Carbery. This victory will stand our girls in great stead. I was particularly impressed by our full-back Niamh Goulding — she was my player of the match."

Indeed, Goulding was outstanding in spite of having a difficult assignment marking Denise Twomey. Captain Gill Hannon was another who put her shoulder to the wheel particularly against the odds in the second half.

Imokilly, who had put in a

big effort this year, will be disappointed with their collapse at the end.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: D Cronin 1-4 (0-3 frees), G Nolan and F O'Brien 1-0 each.

Imokilly: A Walsh, M O'Connor (45's) D Twomey 0-3, C O'Connell and A M Walsh 0-1 each.

GLEN ROVERS: C Boyle, M Burke, M Goulding, G O'Regan, M Hegarty, G Hannon (Capt), A Gilton, L Mellierick, S Kelly, D Bracken, E Harte, F O'Brien, E Horgan, D Cronin, A Walsh.

Subs: C Short for A Walsh (45's), G Nolan for E Harte (50 mins).

IMOKILLY: Y O'Neill, A O'Connell, E Power, G O'Donoghue, N Mulcahy, M O'Connor (Capt), M Dorgan, M Smiddy, S Crowley, A M Walsh, M O'Neill, A Walsh, S Cunningham, D Twomey, C O'Connell.

Referee: D Nolan (Douglas).



UCC's Angela Kenneally comes in to block Cloughduv's Aoife Buckley during their Senior Camogie Championship encounter at Ovens.
Picture: Gavin Browne

you'd have to say it is a great win. We only had 15 players but they gave some performance and I'm sure that they are delighted."

Cloughduv, who were aiming for three-in-a-row titles worked off the back foot for most of this game. They came more into the action at the start of the second-half with Stephanie Dunlea and Aoife Buckley impressing. But they

couldn't pull much clearer ahead than four points.

UCC held their nerve, and with outstanding displays from Brid Aylward, Lorraine Burke, Una O'Dwyer, Elaine Aylward, Lizzie Lyng, Meadhbh Nash and McDonnell they spectacularly edged out the county champions.

Scorers for UCC: E McDonnell 2-3 (1-0 free),

A Kenneally 0-2, L Lyng 0-1. **Cloughduv:** U O'Donoghue 0-3, S Buckley and B Cokery 0-2 each, Z McDonnell, K Cokery and S Dunlea 0-1 each.

UCC: B Aylward, B Curtin, L Burke, A Brennan, L Bohan, U O'Dwyer, E Aylward, L Lyng, M Murphy, A Kenneally, M Nash, C M Fogarty, E McDonnell, A Ryan, A Byrne.

Cloughduv: A Murray, J Lynch, S Cokery, J O'Callaghan, A Buckley, S Dunlea, O O'Callaghan, M Cokery, B Cokery, J Lucey, S Buckley, Z McDonnell, K Cokery, U O'Donoghue, C Cronin.

Subs: H Dunlea for C Cronin (55 mins).

Referee: J Desmond (Bandon).

Dominant Buttevant breeze into U14 decider

Buttevant
Ballygarvan

9-2
1-1

By TIM BUCKLEY
Juvenile Camogie

BUTTEVANT'S superior physical strength overpowered a skilful Ballygarvan side in the second U14A semi-final Cork Co Camogie league played in Buttevant last Thursday night.

In the eighth minute, Buttevant's Alex Cullen gathered the ball around the 30 and crossed it into the waiting Elaine Murphy who dispatched it to the back of the net giving the Ballygarvan keeper no chance. A minute later Elaine picked up another ball on the 13 out near the sideline ran across and billowed the net for a second fine goal for Buttevant. This settled Buttevant and they proceeded to add four more goals before half-time, with all the full forward line scoring Ballygarvan's only reply was a goal from Claire Bouse.

Ballygarvan started well in the second half but in the end had to give way to the stronger team on the day.

Scorers for Buttevant: El Murphy 3-0, Em Murphy 2-1, F O'Connell 2-0, A Cronin, D O'Callaghan 1-0 each, O Johnson.

Ballygarvan: C Bouse 1-0, R Byrne 0-1.

BUTTEVANT: D O'Keeffe, K Bowles, M Lee, S Sheehan, E Harrington, T Roche, J O'Callaghan, L Harrington, T O'Reilly (Capt), C Daly, A Cullen, N Walsh, F O'Connell, E Murphy, E Murphy, J Carroll, N Curran, E Lombard, O O'Connell, E Healy, O Johnson, A Cronin, D O'Callaghan, H Coughlan, A Madigan, B Curtin, E O'Flynn.

BALLYGARVAN: A Byrne, K O'Sullivan, R Byrne, L O'Callaghan, R Ni Shé, M Dunne, F O'Halloran, A Moynihan, B Keohane, S O'Mahony, C Bouse, L Cosgrave (Capt), R Keohane, L Ryan, D Bouse, L Walsh, K Foley, M Moynihan, L Kennelick, L Browne, M E O'Donovan.

Referee: John Barry (Mallow)

Dungourney
Ballinscarthy

4-12
1-2

CAROLYN MOTHERWAY led Dungourney to a resounding victory over Ballinscarthy in the second semi-final of the U14 twelve-a-side Cork Co Camogie league by scoring eleven points of her sides' 4-12 total.

Playing against the wind in the first half Dungourney started strongly and three points from Motherway established a cushion straight away.

In the 20th minute Dungourney scored a goal through Caroline Neill, a score that signalled the opening of the floodgates and they added a further 2-4 before the break. Dungourney continued to press forward in the second half and, despite the gallant efforts of Ballinscarthy whose only reply was a goal, they ran out easy winners.

Best on the night for Ballinscarthy were Martina O'Brien, Samantha Hurley, Eva Ryan, Ella Ryan and Siobhan Hennessy.

Scorers for Dungourney: C Motherway 0-11, C O'Neill 2-1, E Rohan 2-0

Ballinscarthy: S Hennessey 1-0, E Ryan 0-2.

DUNGOURNEY: A O'Neill, N McSweeney, E Cullinane, L Harnedy, C McGovern, V Broderick, D O'Riordan, E Hennessey, C Motherway (Capt), E Rohan, C O'Neill, M Broderick, A Griffin, C Cullinane, C Traynor, M Connery.



Carbery's Claire Deasy tries to block Val O'Sullivan of Fr O'Neill's during the SCC in Carrigaline. Fr O'Neill's won 3-10 to 0-5.

Picture: Neil Danton

BALLINASCARTHY: M O'Brien (V Capt), F Coombes, S Hurley (Capt), K O'Donovan, E Ryan, T Hegarty, E Ryan, A Coombes, S Walsh, D Carroll, M Dulles, E Cormican, S Hennessey, K Keohane, K Hennessey, S Brennan, L McCarthy, C Condon.

Referee: John Desmond (Bandon)

Valley Rovers
Erins Own

2-1
0-0

VALLEY ROVERS qualified for the U14C Cork Co Camogie league final following their clear cut win over Erins Own. An early goal from Mary Ann Hawkes settled any nerves for Valleys while Ellis Butler got in on the act on 20 minutes with a fine point to leave four between the sides. There was end to end stuff with very good work from both sets of backs throughout the game.

The main difference between the teams was the ability to score.

For Erins Own Niamh O'Keeffe particularly and captain Michelle Scanlon had excellent games in the half back line. Marissa and Caoimhe O'Callaghan made great runs at the Valley Rovers defence but were unable to finish with a score. Aine Coughlan, Claire O'Donovan and the excellent Mary Ann Hawkes were best for Valley Rovers.

Scorers for Valley Rovers: M A Hawkes, A Whelton 1-0 each, E Butler 0-1.

VALLEY ROVERS: A O'Donovan, S O'Shea, C O'Donovan, C Ryan, A O'Callaghan, M A Hawkes, K Sedas, A Lynch, V O'Driscoll, C Palmer, A Coughlan (capt), O Deasy, A Glavin, A O'Sullivan, E Butler, A Whelton, P Morrissey, E Crowley, K Murphy, N Murphy.

ERINS OWN: K Sheehan, A Barry, E Coughlan, M Fenton, M Scanlon (Capt), N O'Keeffe, J Dennehy, F Smiddy, M O'Callaghan, C Murphy, C Keohane, S O'Perran, M Spillan, C O'Callaghan, S Dooley, A Cronin, C Quinlan, M Clayton, D Murphy, K Forde.

Sliabh Rua
Dungourney

4-7
2-5

THE large crowd who turned up to see last Friday's U16 Cork County Camogie League semi-final in Riverstick were treated to a fine game in which Sliabh Rua pulled away at the end to record a hard earned victory over Dungourney. At the break the score stood at 2-4 to 2-2 in favour of Sliabh Rua, but at the start of the second period, Dungourney took the game by the scruff of the neck and were rewarded for their positivity with three quick points, enough to send them into the lead.

The game went one way then the other until, with five minutes to go, Sliabh Rua pulled away with two goals in quick succession scored by Christina Broderick and Teresa Walsh.

Sliabh Rua: M Daly, R O'Donovan, S O'Brien, J O'Meara, A Straub, S Hallissey, E Coleman, C Broderick, F O'Brien, P O'Mahony, L Kelleher, C Cotter, T Walsh, C O'Sullivan, E Horan, A Straub, F O'Brien, A Murphy, C McSweeney, S Hallissey, C Geary, A Hemlock, N O'Brien, O Hogan.

DUNGOURNEY: A O'Neill, M O'Sullivan, B Cullinane, E Cullinane, E Collins, K Fitzpatrick, D O'Riordan, A Hennessey, S Rohan, V Broderick, C Motherway, C McGovern, E Hennessey, E Ronayne, M Beecher, C O'Neill, M Broderick, N McSweeney, M Connery.



Carbery's Colette Desmond gets by Anna Corcoran of Fr O'Neill's.

Picture: Neil Danton

Newtownshandrum
Kilbrittain/Timoleague

4-5
1-11

SATURDAY evening saw two skilful teams produce a wonderful spectacle in the second U16 C Cork Co Camogie league semi-final. A battle royal took place between Cork minors Marion Murphy of Kilbrittain/Timoleague and Newtown's Tina Shannahan. Aided by the stiff breeze Newtown went in at the break 1-4 to 0-4 ahead. They say that goals win matches and Newtown came back in the last three minutes with Kim O'Connor snatching two vital goals to put Newtownshandrum though to the final to meet Sliabh Rua on for July 16.

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: E Reidy, B O'Sullivan, J Herlihy, S Buckley, M Gilman, M O'Mahony, L Collins, E O'Mahony, M O'Callaghan, D O'Flynn, T Shannahan (Capt), M O'Connor, L O'Leary, K O'Connor, A Morrissey, D Curtin, T Morrissey, J Morrissey, L Ryan, E Coughlan, A Doyle, G O'Mahony, S O'Flynn.

KILBRITTAIN/TIMOLEAGUE: A Desmond, M Kingston, J O'Donovan, S Hurley, T O'Sullivan, M Murphy, D Hegarty (Capt), S O'Donovan, A M O'Mahony, E Cronin, O O'Regan, D O'Sullivan, L Hayes, E O'Mahony, K O'Sullivan, M Fielding, A Breen, M O'Hea, L Hurley, F Whelton, A O'Sullivan, L Moloney, S Deasy, G Lynch, C Fielding.

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Munster marvels

When Dublin's Naomh Mearnóg hosted this year's Gael-Linn Interprovincial Championships for the very first time they did it in a proud manner. By Máire Uí Scoláir

Naomh Mearnóg boasts some of the finest facilities in the country. They have excellent playing pitches and their fine clubhouse would be welcomed by many in any county. Opened officially by the former Uachtarán of the GAA Seán McCague in glorious sunshine one summer's day he remarked on the excellent facilities they had on offer to the young men and women of the North county Dublin village.

GREAT FACILITIES

This is a club that boasts many famous GAA families, none more so maybe than the Ryans. Jack Ryan, is the son of former GAA President Séamus O'Riain and who also hurled for his native Tipperary. He is married to Orla Ní Shíocháin, daughter of the late Seán O'Síocháin, the former General Secretary of the GAA and who was largely responsible for providing Cumann Camógachta na nGael with an office way back in head quarters.

Their son Shane is the well-known Dublin footballer and he has also hurled with the Dubs while his sister Naoise has also played for Dublin. She is following a strong tradition as her mother Orla holds two All-Ireland club medals with the famed Austin Stacks that are sadly no longer with us. Orla is also the proud holder of three senior All-Ireland medals with the Dubs.

Jack's niece Mary is playing minor for Tipperary and she has seen her name go up on the scoreboard on more than one occasion.

However, on the day, another former great Dublin footballer Mick Kissane was showing that he still has plenty of youth on his side as he meticulously lined and relined the pitches during the course of the day. It truly was red carpet treatment for the players who turned out to represent their provinces. Mick is the proud holder of a senior All-Ireland football medal from 1963. Up to recently

he played with the Dublin Master's team and now plays social football, just to keep in shape!

Over the years some players have been extremely proud to be chosen to represent their province, however this year it was remarkably clear that some of the well-known names were not there on the day. It is difficult to make out why players would not turn up for their province as one feels it should be considered a great honour to represent your province.

The weather remained favourable during the day although at times the strong prevailing crosswind did prevent scores. The winners all received their medals from Uachtarán Cumann Camógachta na nGael Miriam Uí Cheallacháin in at the meal provided by Naomh Mearnóg in the clubhouse immediately after the senior final.

Recent years have seen the Gael-Linn played at different times of the year but it seems to be becoming increasingly difficult to arrange a date to attract a large number of players and spectators. This must not take from the players who turned out to proudly represent their province and in some cases played for both senior and junior on the day. These are the great hearted players.

Gael-Linn gives players from some of the weaker counties a chance to shine such as Kate Marie Hearne of Waterford who was on the Munster winning junior side. With Waterford making a break through at under age level this is another great step for them. Miriam Deasy, who is the Sport's Officer in CIT, was the proud junior winning Munster captain who overcame Ulster in the final.

While it was a double victory for Munster it was also a double for Cork as this year's senior Cork captain Stephanie Dunlea led the Munster senior side to victory over a fine Ulster side that were managed by Jim Nelson, the former Antrim hurling manager.

Munster lined out in the final against Ulster without the

valuable assistance of Tipperary defender Ciara Gaynor who earlier on had incurred a finger injury and did not wish to hamper it any further as she was flying out to sunnier climes later that evening!

It was nice to see Eamonn Browne of Tipperary take charge of the senior final and not hear any person giving out about decisions he made. Eamonn take a bow. The Tipperary man treats the game with great respect and arrives on almost each occasion with his umpires.

NEW CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

With Munster having scooped both senior and junior Gael-Linn ties, one wonders is that an indication of things to come in the Foras na Gaeilge championship which kick starts at the end of June with Dublin entertaining Limerick and Tipperary who are at home to Wexford.

This year's championship may well prove very interesting with a complete new structure, which will see the competition run on a League basis thus offering the counties more playing chances. It is hoped that with this new format may assist some of the weaker counties.

For some years people have spoken of Galway as a championship force, but with at least three retirements since last season, namely Olivia Broderick, Pamela Nevin and Sharon Glynn it is hard to see the Western side becoming a real threat.

Perhaps, with Kilkenny having won the junior title for the first time last season, they may be in the shake up towards the end. They may not have it in them as yet to win a senior title, but I feel very much it is something they seem to be working towards, perhaps for the centenary year 2004.

JUNIOR TITLE

One thing definite is that we will have new junior All-Ireland champions following the defeat of the Cats recently in the Leinster junior championship by Offaly who promised much a couple of years ago. Armagh will most likely be hoping to come out of Ulster having reached the National League final Division 2 and at least an Ulster title in some way would make up for that defeat. The Orchard County have some fine stylish players but the loss of Olive McGeown through injury will be a big loss to Armagh who last took the junior title in '93.

MINORS

The introduction some years ago of a Minor 'B' Championship continues to attract the weaker counties and it is great to see Waterford bridge a gap of 44 years in winning a Munster title. The last Munster title won by a Waterford team was back in 1959 when they won the senior championship title. Next month will see the Minor B's take on the Lilywhites of Kildare in one All-Ireland Minor B semi-final, while Cork will oppose Kilkenny in the 'A' semi-final.

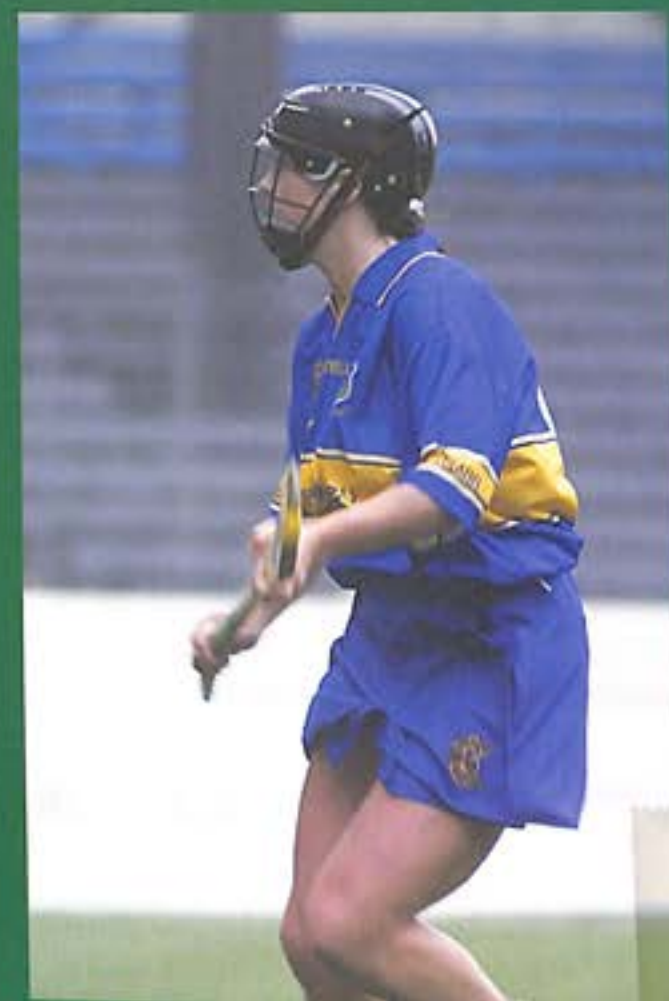
CENTENARY IS LOOMING CLOSER

With the year 2004 only months away it is hoped that



The excellent facilities at Naomh Mearnóg were perfectly suited to host the Gael Linn Interprovincial Championships

clubs and county boards are planning events for next year. The centenary committee are well on target, however they will always welcome ideas from any member or non-member at: 087 2807974.



Ciara Gaynor sustained a finger injury which prevented her lining out in the final for Munster

Tipperary find the going tough but still get better of Wexford

Tipperary
Wexford

5-7
4-3

by J.J.Kennedy

MUNSTER champions Tipperary scored a seven point win over Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday last.

Although Tipperary went into the lead with a goal after just two minutes and held the lead for most of the game, they could never convincingly shake off a determined Wexford side that battled gamely to the end.

Tipperary opened with a goal after two minutes. Deirdre Hughes received a pass from Clare Grogan and struck from about 30 yards. However, two minutes later, Michelle Hearne had a Wexford goal to equalise and it

was clear even then that the favourites were not going to have it easy.

Midway through the half, Kate Kelly pointed a free to give Wexford the lead for the first and only time in the game. However, Joanne Ryan cancelled with a point for Tipperary on 18 minutes and two minutes later Eimear McDonnell goaled for the home side, pulling first time on a pass from Deirdre Hughes.

Michelle Hearne had her second goal for Wexford but the visitors still trailed 2-1 to 2-3 at the interval.

Noelle Kennedy replaced Emily Hayden for Tipperary early in the second-half and immediately made her presence felt. A free from Kennedy from 30 yards dipped into the Wexford net after six minutes. A minute later Wexford responded with a third goal from Michelle Hearne. Still Tip-

perary kept responding with a Clare Grogan point followed by an Eimear McDonnell goal after a pass from Grogan.

In a game of nine goals, Tipperary's fifth came from Eimear McDonnell while Kate Kelly had Wexford's fourth. Wexford kept battling and had a penalty saved late in the game as Tipperary held on for a deserved win.

Scorers: Tipperary: E. McDonnell 3-1, N. Kennedy 1-3, D. Hughes 1-0, C. Grogan 0-2, J. Ryan 0-1.

Wexford: M. Hearne 3-0, K. Kelly 1-3. TIPPERARY: P. Ryan, S. Kelly, S. Howard, C. Madden, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, A. McDermott, P. Bullin, (Capt), P. Fogarty, E. Hayden, J. Ryan, E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, C. Grogan, Subs used: N. Kennedy, L. Young, T. O'Halloran, L. Burke.

WEXFORD: J. Dwyer, B. Houlihan, C. O'Loughlin, A. Moran, R. Breen, M. Lacey, N. Lambert, A. Codd, K. Kelly, O. Hernan, A. O'Connor, E. Quigley, L. Houlihan, M. Hearne (Capt), M. Kelly, Subs used: M. O'Leary, B. Curran.

Referee: A. Ni Derham (Dublin).

Limerick do damage in the opening half

Limerick
Dublin

3-10
0-7

by Therese O'Callaghan

LIMERICK enjoyed a successful excursion to Dublin, returning with a win in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship at Ballyboden.

Three first-half goals resulted in an unassailable interval lead of 3-5 to 0-3. The first arrived after only eight minutes from top-scorer Eileen O'Brien. The outstanding Marie Keating netted the second ten minutes later, and when Aoife Sheehan — one of three sisters on the team — fired home the third five minutes from the break, the result was in no doubt.

Although Dublin did tighten up for the second period it was too late for a

comeback, and with Limerick's Rose Collins dictating from full-back, they romped home by four clear goals.

In their next round games Limerick will host Tipperary while Dublin have to travel to Wexford.

Scorers for Limerick: E. O'Brien 1-9 (0-7 frees), M. Keating 1-1, A. Sheehan 1-0.

Dublin: J. Draper 0-6 (0-3 45 m, 0-1 free), K. Blood 0-1.

LIMERICK: B. O'Brien, C. Mulcahy, R. Collins, M. Dooley, D. Sheehan, M. Casey, J. Clifford, V. Sheehan (capt), M. Kelly, E. O'Brien, M. Nash, A. Sheehan, D. Fitzpatrick, M. Keating, J. Dolan. Subs: G. McNamara for M. Nash (45 mins), A. O'Reilly for D. Fitzpatrick (47 mins), C. Dore for M. Keating (55 mins), N. Collins for J. Dolan (58 mins), C. Murphy for C. Mulcahy (59 mins).

DUBLIN: E. Butler, S. Byrne (capt), S. Young, G. Flynn, E. Talbot, A. Cullen, V. Trehy, E. Brannigan, L. O'Hara, J. Draper, S. Tracy, S. Elliott, K. Blood, C. Lucey, G. McCluskey.

Subs: J. Donnelly for S. Tracy (45 mins), E. McFadden for V. Trehy (49 mins), C. Power for G. McCluskey (52 mins), S. Hanks for K. Blood (56 mins).

Referee: J. O'Brien (Wexford).

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CAMOGIE STAR WED



Cork camogie star Lynn Dunlea, Canovee and Aidan O'Callaghan, Kilmurry, seen on the occasion of their wedding at St. John the Baptist Church, Canovee on Friday last. The celebrant of the Mass was Father Tim O'Sullivan, PP, and the reception was at the Celtic Ross Hotel. (Pic-Mike English).

No let up in championship action

THERE was no let up in championship action in the past week as Fr O Neills and St Finbarrs coasted in the quarter finals, but Bishopstown and Inniscarra will have to do it all again thanks to a last minute Miriam Crowley equaliser, that earned the Town a replay.

Goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Catherine O'Shea helped Fr O Neills to an interval advantage of eight points over a Carbery side who struggled against the stronger Ballymacoda outfit.

With Mag's Finn joined in the half backline by new acquisition Tipperary's Clare Madden the O'Neill's defence was water tight, up front the lively Roisin Corcoran complimented the goals by O'Driscoll and O'Shea and with Sinead Cahalane dictating matters in mid-field, Carbery were always struggling.

While it took twenty minutes before we had a second half score O'Neill's were never in danger and a third goal from Roisin Corcoran effectively killed off the West Cork girls.

St Finbarrs installed themselves as firm favourites to take the championship title with their faultless display against Courcy Rovers, goals from Valerie and Ber Maher in the opening minutes had Barrs in total control. Ellen Clifford in goal was superb while a solid defence with Deirdre Clarke, Grace O'Sullivan and Laura Kelleher held the Courcy attack to just four points.

Orla O'Sullivan showed her class with her second goal after she left the defence flat footed with a superb solo effort. On this display the Togher outfit should overcome the challenge of U.C.C. when the sides meet in the quarter final.

If the opening half was not great the second was certainly lively as Inniscarra and Bishopstown battled it out. Bishopstown led 0-2 to 0-1 at the break and in a close second half the lead changed hand three times. Treasa McCarthy and Criona Harte gave Inniscarra the advantage but back came the Town with Ciara Healy restoring their advantage. Healy and Grainne O'Mahony swapped points before Margaret Mc

Carthy rattled the Bishopstown net. Showing great fighting spirit Vivienne Harris had her side on level terms with a superb goal, three minutes from the end.

Undaunted Inniscarra swept up field and when Marie O'Connell pointed two minutes into injury time it looked as if the Town's C'Ship ambitions were at an end for another year but up popped young Cork minor Miriam Crowley and displaying nerves of steel coolly slotted the levelling point, which her father former inter-county hurler Johnnie would have been proud of in his day.

It's all to play for when the side meet again on Wednesday next, July 9. In the senior 'B' championship Mary Buckley was the star of the show contributing 2-6 as Aghbullogue overcame Eire Og.

The weekend is taken up with inter-county action as the juniors put their Munster title on the line with a trip to Clare on Sunday.

Twenty four hours earlier the seniors contest the first of three

games in the qualifying rounds of the Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland series when they meet Galway at 5p.m. in Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

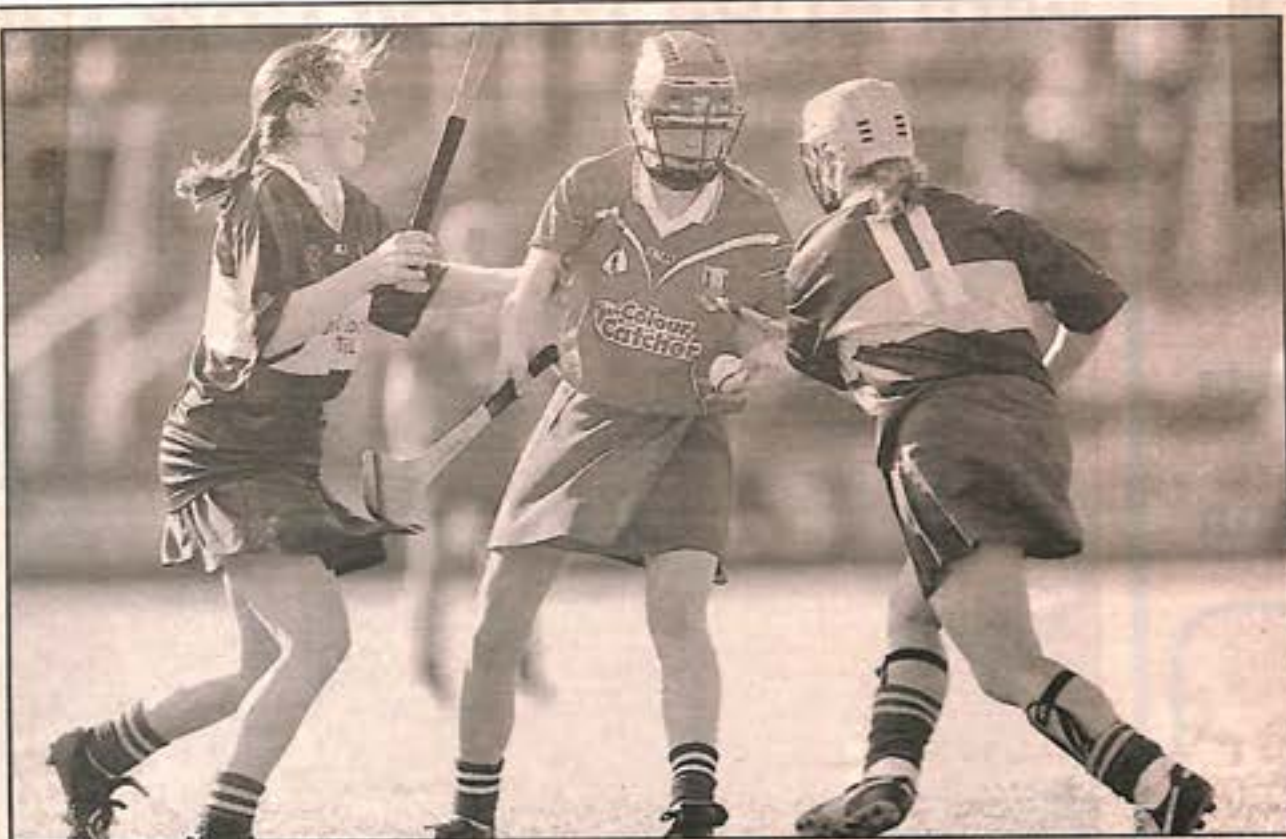
It's a tough opener for the champions who had to depend on a last minute Rachel Maloney point to give them a share of the spoils when the sides met in the National League earlier in the year.

Preparations have gone well with all the panel coming through the recent round of championship game injury free. Fiona O'Driscoll will again lead an attack that will include Jennifer O'Leary, Orla O'Sullivan and Una O'Donoghue, in defence captain Stephanie Dunlea, Joanne O'Callaghan and Mary O'Connor will need to keep a firm hold on a lively Galway attack that will include Ashling Connolly, Veronica Curtin and Michelle Glynn.

With games against Antrim and Kilkenny to come in a section where the top two go forward to the All-Ireland semi finals a win is crucial to get the campaign off to a good start.

Camogiechat

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Cork's Rachel Mooney, under pressure from Emily Hayden, Tipperary during their MSC camogie final.

Rebels make three changes

ALL-IRELAND champs Cork will set out on the senior championship trail when they meet Galway at Pairc Uí Chaoimh tomorrow in the first round of the round-robin series.

And for their corner-forward Orla O'Sullivan, it will be a case of getting to the match on time.

O'Sullivan will attend her brother's wedding at 2pm and then make a mad dash to the ground for the 5pm throw-in.

However, with much food for thought since their recent exit in the Munster decider to Tipperary, manager Pa Finn has more immediate concerns on his mind.

In an effort to find the winning formula he shows three changes to the team that bowed so easily to the Blue and Gold.

Omitted on this occasion are Sara Hayes, Briege Corkery and Elaine



Therese O'Callaghan

Burke while into the side come Gemma O'Connor, who was exam-tied for the Tipp game, Emer Dillon and Ciara Healy — the latter duo will be expected to add much needed oomph to an attack that seriously malfunctioned for the final 30 minutes the last day.

Galway are not without their problems either.

They lost three outstanding players prematurely at the beginning of the season — Pam Nevin, Olivia Forde and Sharon Glynn and it is feared that they may be without a few more of their established names for the trip to Leeside.

When the sides met in last season's semi-final the Maroon and White failed to take off.

Nevertheless, with the last four

All-Ireland club titles going to Pearse's they should be in a position to pose a threat. Their last and only All-Ireland was in 1996.

CORK SENIOR TEAM: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; V Harris, R Moloney; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

● Meanwhile, the Cork junior team journey to Newmarket-on-Fergus on Sunday where they meet Clare in the Munster final.

The Banner County have regraded and with many former senior stalwarts in their line up — Trish O'Grady, Catherine O'Loughlin, Deirdre Murphy, Ann Keane, Moira McMahon and Noelle Cummins — they should prove a handful for Cork side.

The Rebels will pin their hopes on Ellen Clifford, Amanda O'Regan, Rena Buckley, Valerie O'Keeffe, Marie O'Connell, Catriona Foley and Miriam Deasy.

Cork girls far too strong for Galway

Cork 2-19
Galway 0-4

by Therese O'Callaghan

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork began the new Foras na Gaeilge championship season with an easy win over a disappointing Galway side at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday.

Leading 0-6 to 0-1 after the first quarter, a brilliantly executed penalty from full-forward Ciara Healy helped the home side to an 11 point lead at the break.

With Fiona O'Driscoll, Emer Dillon, Vivienne Harris and Rachel Moloney in superb form up front, the Rebels were in cruise mode when Healy struck for her second goal midway through the second-half.

With the Cork defence in unrelenting mood, very little headway could be made by the Galway forwards where only Lourda Kavanagh and Orla Kilkenny made any sort of impression.

Cork continue the round-robin series with their next game away to Antrim on July 19, while Galway entertain Kilkenny on the same date.

Scorers Cork: C Healy 2-1 (1-0 pen), F O'Driscoll 0-6 (0-1 45m), E Dillon and O O'Sullivan 0-3 each, U O'Donoghue and J O'Leary 0-2 each, V Harris and R Moloney 0-1 each.

Galway: L Kavanagh 0-3 (frees), A Kelly 0-1.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; V Harris, R Moloney; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

GALWAY: L Curry; M Haverly-Donnellan, T Maher, A M Broderick; A Hardiman, T Laheen (capt), M Harkin; C Hannon, A Kelly; C Murray, M Glynn, A Hillary; O Kilkenny, L Kavanagh, L Lally.

Subs: A Connolly for A Hardiman (22 mins); C Bowes for M Glynn (23 mins); E Karins for C Hannon (49 mins); A Lynskey for L Lally (57 mins).

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

Cork lose to stronger Clare side

Clare 1-12
Cork 2-5

HOLDERS Cork had to relinquish their provincial crown to a stronger, more determined, Clare side in Newmarket on Fergus on Sunday.

Regraded from senior to junior this season, it was evident that a huge effort had gone into preparing this Clare side as they attempted to take the title, last won in 1986.

Aided by the strong wind in the opening half, Cork held a one goal lead at the interval but spectators sensed that this would not be enough, such was the physical strength of this Clare side.

Indeed, Cork were lucky to be leading at the break because on the stroke of half time Clare McMahon had a penalty attempt well saved by the Cork defence, to leave the holders turning over 1-4 to 0-4 to the good.

From the resumption Clare dominated and were back on level terms with three points inside four minutes. Amanda O'Regan pointed a 45 to restore parity but quickly Clare regrouped and when Catherine O'Loughlin reacted quickest to flick a lobbing shot over Ellen Clifford's head Cork were in big trouble.

Aided by the wind, Clare proceeded to play their best camogie with Deirdre Murphy dictating matters up front causing the Cork defence endless problems ably assisted by Catherine O'Loughlin and Laura Linnane. In defence Noelle Comyns and Catherine McMahon seldom put a foot wrong.

Cork were now struggling as Clare picked off their scores but they battled bravely and were handed a lifeline when the hard working Miriam Deasy goaled with seven minutes remaining.

Just one goal separated the sides but Cork simply did not respond and it was Clare who finished with a flourish, thanks to a point from the excellent Deirdre Murphy. It was the end of Cork's involvement at junior level for the season, while Clare march on to an All Ireland semi final meeting with Antrim.

CORK: E Clifford, A O'Halloran, A Foley, M O'Donovan, C Foley, A O'Regan, V O'Keefe, R Buckley, M O'Connell, M Jaego, C Kelly, A Corcoran, M Buckley, M Deasy, R Corcoran. Subs: S Douglas for M Buckley, L Bugler for M Jaego, M Hegarty for C Kelly.

CLARE: P O'Grady, J Scanlon, D Lynch, C McMahon, M O'Looney, N Comyns, M Whelan, M McMahon, D Corcoran, L Linnane, D Murphy, A Keane, C McMahon, C O'Loughlin, P Rochford, Subs A Kelleher for P Rochford, Ryan for C McMahon.

Referee: E Browne, Tipperary

Cork begin title defence with an impressive win

Cork 2-19
Galway 0-4

CORK opened the defence of their Forais na Gaeilge All Ireland championship with a comprehensive victory over Galway in Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday last.

The holders were by far the sharper of the two teams. By the break they had built up an 11 point lead. Three points without reply, two from Fiona O'Driscoll and one from Una O'Donoghue gave Cork the lead before Lourda Kavanagh opened the Galway scoring with a pointed free. The holders had extended their lead further thanks to points from Jennifer O'Leary, Vivienne Harris and Emer Dillon before Ciara Healy blasted a Cork free as her side continued their dominance.

Showing greater hunger, Cork picked off their scores with ease as Emer Dillon impressing in the half-forward line, Fiona O'Driscoll and Orla O'Sullivan pointed before the break to extend Cork's advantage 1-9 to 0-1.

Fiona O'Driscoll started the second half with a point but a battling Galway responded and playing their best hurling picked off three points in a row from Ailbe Kelly and Lourda Kavanagh (2).

Cork immediately responded to the challenge with Una O'Donoghue, Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon firing over three points before a well organised move involving several players resulted in Ciara Healy finishing to the net from close range.

The goal effectively killed off any hopes of a Galway revival and from here to the finish it was a case of playing out

the time such was Cork's dominance in all sectors as they continued to pick off scores at will without reply.

After the game, selector Sandie Fitzgibbon expressed satisfaction with the result: "We played well and took our scores. It was important to get our campaign off to a winning start and we now look ahead to our next game with Antrim on July 19 and then it's a meeting with Kilkenny two weeks later."

CORK: G. Casey, J O Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea, Capt. P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, R Maloney, V Harris, U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary, O. O'Sullivan, C Healy F O'Driscoll.

GALWAY: L Curry, M Haverly-Donnelly, M Harkin, A Hardiman, T Laheen, Capt. A Kelly, C Hannon, T Maher, O Kilkenny, L Kavanagh, C Murray, L Lally, M Glynn, A Hillary, AM Broderick Subs A Connolly for A Hardiman, E Kerins for C Hannon, A Lynskey for L Lally, C Bowes for M Glynn.

Referee: E Brown, Tipperary.

A second bite at the cherry

THERE is no let up in the action this week, with the big game being the meeting once again of Bishopstown and Inniscarra in the senior County championship.

The game will be played tomorrow evening in Riverstick at 7.45pm and if the sides take up the pace from where they left off two weeks ago, spectators will again be pleased.

It took a late Miriam Crowley point deep in injury time to give Bishopstown a second bite at the cherry and it is a chance they will embrace. Inniscarra will be disappointed that, first day, they did

not build on the advantage they enjoyed coming up to the finish of normal time.

Bishopstown have one injury going into the game with Trisha Doyle almost certain to miss out with a hand injury sustained in the first game, while Inniscarra are concerned about an injury to Marie O'Connell, also picked up in the sides' earlier meeting.

It's a hard one to call given the topsy turvy game served up first time out. At half time on that occasion the sides had only registered three points in total. However, both teams came out totally transformed for the second half where

we were kept on the edge of our seats to the final whistle. With little between the sides it's sure to be much of the same on Wednesday evening.

In the Senior B championship, Kilbrittan meet Ballygarvan on Thursday evening in Ovens at 8pm. Carrigaline and Newcestown meet on Saturday, in Brinny, at 7.30pm. Sunday will see Newtownshandrum and Ballinhassig clashing at Mourneabbey, at 6pm, while earlier in the afternoon, Cork and Kilkenny meet in the All Ireland minor semi final at a Cork venue to be announced later in the week.

Experience wins the day for Douglas

Douglas 1-8
Buttevant 1-2

DOUGLAS retained their U14A Cork Co Camogie title but not without a titanic struggle with a very determined and skilful Buttevant team last Saturday in Coachford.

Buttevant, considering they were forced to make two substitutions to their back line before the game was 15 minutes old, have put down a marker that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Douglas' experience won the day. The game was won and lost in the first 8 minutes. Niamh O'Donovan pointed a 30 metre free in second minute Emma Heffernan added another point from play in the sixth min and Julia White was in for a goal in the eighth minute, putting Douglas 1-2 ahead before Buttevant got a grip on the game.

From there, it was a case of both sets of backs dominating their ends of the field and scores were a rare commodity. Another telling feature of the game was that five of Douglas' remaining six scores came from placed balls from the unerring Niamh O'Donovan, two from frees and three from 45s. Ailin O'Donovan, the Douglas keeper, stole the show in the second half bringing off some spectacular saves when Douglas came under most

pressure. In a nail-biting conclusion Douglas got the breaks and the dominance of their defence in the closing stages was a key factor in their success.

Scorers - Douglas: J White 1-0, N O'Donovan 0-7 (0-2 frees, 0-3 45s), E Heffernan 0-1.

Buttevant: A Cullen 1-1, E Murphy 0-1.

DOUGLAS: A O'Donovan, J Jackson, E Desmond, K Barry, M O'Donovan, A Barrett, L O'Shea, H O'Connor (Capt), R O'Sullivan, E Heffernan, N O'Donovan, K O'Sullivan, J White, E A Daly, Z Dunlea, J Kelleher, M O'Mahony, S Sisk, J Dempsey, K Horgan.

BUTTEVANT: D O'Keefe, D O'Callaghan, M Lee, S Sheehan, J O'Callaghan, T Roche, E Harrington, L Harrington, T O'Reilly (Capt), A Cullen, E Murphy, N Walsh, C Daly, F O'Connell, E Murphy, K Bowles, J Carroll, O O'Connell, N Curran, E Healy, H Coughlan, E Lombard, A Cronin, A Madigan, B Curtin, E O'Flynn, K Burke.

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

Dungourney 2-9
Grenagh 3-2

IT was a pity there had to be a loser in this gripping U14 12-a-side Cork Co. Camogie final.

Dungourney started in blistering fashion and for the first 10 minutes looked as if they were going to completely overrun Grenagh. Evelyn Rohan's cut from the corner of the square was in the net after two minutes and Carolyn Motherway added 0-2 in the sixth and seventh minutes. To their credit, however Grenagh held their composure getting vital scores a goal from Aine Murphy and a point

from a 45 from Elaine Vaughan and 15 minutes in trailed 1-2 to 1-1.

The next quarter belonged to Grenagh and at the break they were leading 3-2 to 1-3.

On the turnover though, Grenagh seemed to have lost their rhythm as the more determined Dungourney began to pile on the scores without reply. Denise O'Riordan in defence made an enormous contribution in the second half. Ella Ryan, Carolyn Motherway and Caroline O'Neill used their strength and skill to great effect. By the 25th minute, Dungourney had gone three points ahead 2-8 to 3-2 when Grenagh's Elaine Vaughan sent in a speculative shot. It bounded off the woodwork and was sent to the net by Aine Murphy, only to be deemed a square infringement.

Dungourney held out and Carolyn Motherway added a further point to gain their first U14 County title.

Scorers - Dungourney: E Rohan 2-0, C Motherway 0-7 (0-1 45s), E Ryan, C O'Neill 0-1 each.

Grenagh: E Vaughan 1-2 (1-1 45s), A Murphy 2-0.

DUNGOURNEY: A O'Neill, N McSweeney, E Cullinane, L Harnedy, D O'Riordan (Capt), V Broderick, C McGovern, E Ryan, C Motherway, E Hennessy, C O'Neill, E Rohan, M Broderick, A Griffin, C Cullinane, M Connery, C Traynor.

GRENA GH: A Sheehan, A Donovan, S Saxton, Y O'Keefe, R Jones (Capt), E McSweeney, A Baldwin, E Vaughan, N Hurley, C Buckley, A Murphy, A Twomey, K Creedon, E Murphy, A O'Connell, M O'Connell.

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

Clare crowned Munster junior champions

Clare 1-12
Cork 2-5

A powerful second-half performance ensured Clare were crowned Munster Junior champions at Newmarket-on-Fergus yesterday.

Trailing by a goal at the break, the deficit was quickly negated by points from the outstanding Deirdre Murphy, Laura Linnane and Ann Keane.

When Catherine O'Loughlin connected with a hard-working Moira McMahon midway through the second-half, the resultant goal put the Banner County in the driving seat.

Scorers Clare: C O'Loughlin 1-1, A Keane and D Murphy (0-2 45m, 0-1 free) 0-4 each, L Linnane 0-2, M McMahon 0-1.

Cork: M Deasy 2-1, A O'Regan 0-2, R Corcoran and R Buckley 0-1 each.

● GALWAY WIN: Two rapid-fire first-half goals from Sarah Dervan and hat-trick goalscorer Linda Dillon put Galway into next month's All-Ireland Minor A camogie final when they defeated Derry 9-14 to 2-2 in a one-sided All-Ireland semi-final at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe last night.

Leading 3-9 to 1-2 at the break, Galway completely dominated the second-half.

Scorers for Galway - L. Dillon 3-3, F. Hahnafelt 2-3, S. Noone 2-2, S. Dervan 1-1, M. Dunne 0-3, C. Glynn 0-2.

Derry - S. Cassidy, F. O'Doherty 1-0 each, A. Diamond 0-2.

Referee: E. Browne.

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Caseement Plc Kilkeny 3-13 (E Maher 1-4, J Frisby 1-1, M Costelloe 1-0, P Comerford 0-3, C Doherty, E Alyward, M Ryan, L Lyng, S Milles 0-1 each) Antrim 0-4 (E Mason, M O'Connell, N McCarry, S Doherty 0-1 each).

Pairc Uí Chaoimh Cork 2-19 (C Healy 2-1, F O'Driscoll 0-6, E Dillon, O O'Sullivan 0-3 each, U O'Donoghue, J O'Leary 0-2 each, V Harris, R Maloney 0-1 each) Galway 0-4 (L Kavanagh 0-3, A Kelly 0-1).

LEINSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: Wexford 6-10 (E Quigley 3-1, J Owyer 2-2, G Heffernan 1-5, B Curran, U Leacy 0-1 each) Offaly 1-9 (S Daly 1-1, M Davis 0-5, M Lynch 0-2, J Feighery 0-1).

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Easy win for Cork to start campaign

Cork 2-19
Galway 0-4

Therese O'Callaghan

A FIELD day for Cork and a nightmare for Galway.

And not pretty viewing as Cork demolished Galway in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday in the very first game of the round-robin Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie championship.

While little can be learned from these types of drubbings, the red and white will be happy to have returned to winning ways and from number one to 15 they were well up for this game. They hurled with conviction and but for one of their points and a goal from a penalty, the rest of their scores came from play.

But of Galway, questions have to be asked over their gradual demise in the past few years. There is no doubting they have the players with the likes of Therese Maher, Louise Curry and Ailbhe Kelly, but when it comes to playing at inter-county level they do not appear to have the pride in the county jersey. Regrettable yes, and more especially when you consider that the last four All-Ireland club titles have gone west to Pearces. Surely, this dominance should translate into a healthy county squad.

Hopefully, they will sort their internal problems and resume doing what they should do best. In two weeks time they are at home to Kilkenny and it will be interesting to see how they fare in this clash, as another loss would almost certainly rule them out of qualifying for the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Cork will have just everything to crow about after this fine win. The opposition aside, they graced the field with amazing aplomb. And once the forward line starting popping over points it was poetry in motion. It was so majestic to watch that Pa Finn and his staff did not upset their momentum and left their subs on the bench.

Ger Casey was rarely called upon, but when pulled into the fray, she showed unbelievable self-belief. The full-back line did not have much to

answer for because of an outstanding half-back line where Mary O'Connor and Gemma O'Connor played out of their skins.

Midfield was a stroll in the park for Rachel Moloney and Vivienne Harris. Emer Dillon, after missing out the last few months through injury, made a welcome return to the forty. Her input of three points from play was supplemented by superb distribution that kept the other five attackers always on their mark.

On the full-forward line Fiona O'Driscoll was in superb shooting form with five wonderful points from play and a sixth from a 45-metre free. Despite not seeing much of the ball in the second half she was always involved in the action, as was full-forward Ciara Healy who netted both goals, and Orla O'Sullivan in the other corner.

With two points secure and another two in the pipeline against Antrim on Saturday week, what is now materialising is a showdown between Cork and Kilkenny to see who will emerge top of this group.

The Cats are going well and the game of the group will be when these two sides meet at a Cork venue on August 2. This will be the final game of the group and by then both teams should be on full points.

Scorers for Cork: C Healy 2-1 (1-0 pen), F O'Driscoll 0-6 (0-1 45m), E Dillon and O O'Sullivan 0-3 each, U O'Donoghue and J O'Leary 0-2 each, V Harris and R Moloney 0-1 each.

Galway: L Kavanagh 0-3 (frees), A Kelly 0-1.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; V Harris, R Moloney; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

Galway: L Curry; M Haverly-Donnellan, T Maher, A M Broderick; A Hardiman, T Laheen (capt), M Harkin; C Hannon, A Kelly; C Murray, M Glynn, A Hillary; O Kilkenny, L Kavanagh, L Lally. Subs: A Connolly for A Hardiman (22 mins), C Bowes for M Glynn (23 mins), E Kerins for C Hannon (49 mins), A Lynskey for L Lally (57 mins).

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).



Finn praises a superb effort

DESPITE the landslide nature of this win, Cork boss Pa Finn was not dwelling on the weakness of the opposition, but more on the emphatic nature of his own team's performance.

"They played superbly all over the field," he mused. "Our forward line worked exceptionally well and were magnificent especially in some aspects of their point-scoring. I thought Emer Dillon was outstanding. "She has been out of the fray for quite some time because of injury and subsequently we decided to give her a rest. But today she showed that she has not lost any of last year's form."

"She gets the ball and looks around. She is so intelligent and her skill level is terrific. "Fiona (O'Driscoll) is back to her best as well. She was fantastic especially in the first half and took some wonderful points. The ball did not seem to go her way in the second half though."

It is clear that the Rebels have stepped up on the training schedule — the intensity of which was apparent throughout. They have a kind of iron that is going to be hard to beat, in particular



Pa Finn: His players' work rate told on the scoreboard.

around the back half of the pitch.

"Our defence let very little through. One point from play for Galway tells its own story. At midfield we were totally on top with Rachel (Moloney) and Viv (Harris)," said Finn.

"Overall, our trademark is the work rate that is registered all over the field."

"The girls compete for each other. Today they did a job in the first half (leading 1-9 to 0-1 at the break) and then they came out and did a better job in the second."

"We look forward now to our trip to Belfast in two weeks time where hopefully we can bag another brace of points," Finn added.

Cork's Ciara Healy is tackled by Galway's Michelle Glynn during their All Ireland Championship clash at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Experience tells as Clare capture title

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

At Newmarket-on-Fergus

Clare 1-12
Cork 2-5

CORK came away empty-handed from Newmarket-on-Fergus yesterday when they had to succumb to the experience of a formidable Clare team in the Munster Junior final.

Despite leading 1-4 to 0-4 at the interval, the visitors were confined to two scores for the closing 30 minutes.

In contrast, the home side had Moira McMahon in splendid form and piled on the pressure.

A goal from former senior star Catherine O'Loughlin set them on their way to victory.

Despite the best intentions of Miriam Deasy — Cork's goals scorer — Amanda O'Regan, Roisin Corcoran and Marie O'Connell, the Rebels could not thwart a more clinical Clare side.

Scorers for Clare: C O'Loughlin 1-1, A Keane and D Murphy (0-2 45m, 0-1 free) 0-4 each, L Linnane 0-2, M McMahon 0-1.

Cork: M Deasy 2-1, A O'Regan 0-2, R Corcoran and B Buckley 0-1 each.

Cork begin title defence by blitzing Galway in Páirc Uí Chaoimh

CORK 2-19 GALWAY 0-4

CORK opened the defence of their Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland championship recording a victory Galway in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday last.

Three points without reply from Fiona O'Driscoll (two), Una O'Donoghue put Cork in the driving seat before Lourda Kavanagh pointed for Galway.

Cork extended their lead with Jennifer O'Leary. Vivienne Harris and Emer Dillon pointing before Ciara Healy blasted a Cork free to the Galway net.

Dominant in all sectors Cork picked off their scores with ease, Fiona O'Driscoll, Emer Dillon and Orla O'Sullivan pointed before the break to extend Cork's lead, 1-9 to 0-1.

Fiona O'Driscoll had an early

point to restart proceedings but Galway battled on and responded picked off three points in a row from Ailbe Kelly, and Lourda Kavanagh (two).

Cork again upped the pace with Una O'Donoghue, Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Dillon firing over three points before a well organised move involving several players resulted in Ciara Healy finishing to the net from close range.

From here to the finish it was merely a case of playing out the time remaining such was Cork's dominance in all sectors as they continued to pick off scores at will without reply.

After the game selector Sandie Fitzgibbon expressed satisfaction with the result.

"We played well and took our scores, it was important to get

Latest from camogie scene

our campaign off to a winning start and we now look ahead to our next game with Antrim on July 19 and then it's a meeting with Kilkenny two weeks later."

Certainly on Saturday's performance Cork will be there or there about when the honours are being handed out come September.

Teams — Cork: G Casey, J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (captain); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, R Maloney, V Harris; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy F O'Driscoll.

Galway: L Curry, M Haverty-Donnelly, M Harkin, A Hardiman; T Laheen (captain), A Kelly, C Hannon; T Maher, O Kilkenny; L Kavanagh, C Murray, L Lally; M Glynn, A Hillary, AM Broderick. **Subs:** A Connolly for A Hardiman, E Kerins for C Hannon, A Lynskey for L Lally, C Bowes for M Glynn. **Referee:** E Brown (Tipperary).

IN the Senior B championship Kilbrittan meet Ballygarvan this Thursday evening in Ovens at 8pm while Carrigaline and Newcestown meet on Saturday in Brinney at 7.30. Sunday has Newtownshandrum

and Ballinhassig clashing at Mounabbey at 6pm while earlier in the afternoon Cork and Kilkenny meet in the All-Ireland minor semi-final at a Cork venue to be announced later in the week.

Senior county championship action continues with the quarter-finals on the fixture list for decision. On Tuesday evening the winners of the Bishopstown-Inniscarra replay (to have been played last night) will meet Muskerry, while on Wednesday Milford meet Carrighouin in Coachford at 8pm.

The same evening Fr O'Neills and Glen Rovers are first on the agenda as part of a double header at 7pm with UCC and St Finbarrs meeting in the second game at 8pm. As yet a venue has not been found for the double header.

For Cork it will be a huge undertaking when they meet a Kilkenny side who defeated a good Wexford side in the Leinster final. Cork are aiming for three-in-a-row of All-Ireland titles and this in itself is a huge task.

Anna Geary, from Milford, captains a side that will look to Rena Buckley, Aine Watson, Emma Dunne and Edwina Waters to lead their quest for victory.

Prior to the break for exams Cork recorded a good provincial final victory over rivals Tipperary in the interim the selectors have worked extremely hard with the panel in preparation for Sunday's big clash but they know the task ahead is a big one and they will have to be at their best if another All-Ireland final is to be reached.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR CORK

IT was a mixed weekend on the inter county scene with the senior side opening the defence of their Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland title in style with a comprehensive victory over Galway in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, not so good for the junior side that relinquished their provincial title to Clare and effectively ended their involvement in the All-Ireland competition for the season.

Galway were a shadow of the side that drew with Cork in the opening game of the National League back in March.

The fitter and sharper Cork side were always in control and it was good to start the campaign with a home win. Ciara Healy showed a welcome return to her old form notching up two well taken goals while Fiona O'Driscoll notched with six points. Emer Dillon and Orla O'Sullivan also impressed in attack.

Incidentally it was a busy day for Orla O'Sullivan who had to make a dash from Carrignavar to the venue

after earlier in the afternoon attending the wedding ceremony of her brother Jim to Karen Crowley, however the lively St Finbarr's lady took it all in her stride and returned to Jury's Hotel to rejoin the celebrations.

The junior side surrendered their Munster crown to a stronger fitter and more focused Clare side who this season have regarded from senior.

Cork played with the aid of the strong wind in the first half and turned around just one goal ahead and it was never going to be enough against a Clare side who were hungry for success.

Within five minutes of the restart the home side were level and once they hit the front thanks to a Catherine O'Loughlin goal there was no way back for Cork.

Inter county action continues on Sunday with the minor side meeting Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final which hopefully will be held in Páirc Uí Rinn.

Cork are aiming for three in a row

but they will be severely tested by a strong Kilkenny side that had a good Leinster final victory over a fancied Wexford side.

Cork defeated Tipperary in the provincial final and since resuming training following the exam break they have worked hard.

Selector John Cronin is under no illusions as to the task facing his charges and is cautious approaching Sunday's game.

Anna Geary captains a Cork side that includes, Aine Watson, Rena Buckley, Edwina Waters and Emma Dunne.

Local senior B championship tonight has Kilbrittan and Ballygarvan meeting in Ovens at 8pm. Saturday sees Carrigaline facing Newcestown in Brinney at 7.30 while on Sunday, its Newtownshandrum and Ballinhassig in Mounabbey at 6pm.

Senior County Championship quarter-finals dominate a busy agenda next week, on Tuesday the winners from last evenings replay

between Inniscarra and Bishopstown have an appointment with Muskerry

Wednesday evening is a night of making choices when no fewer than three games will be decided this is an unfortunate scenario but with the tight fixture schedule it was hard to avoid.

Milford impressed in their victory over Barryroe and now face a Carrighouin side playing their first game, Coachford is the venue at 8pm.

At the time of going to print a venue had still to be found to house the double header where at 7pm. Glen Rovers who recorded a victory with a late surge against Imokilly, now meet a Fr O'Neill's side who had an impressive win over Carbery. Following on immediately at 8pm. championship favourites St Finbarrs, comprehensive winners over Courcy Rovers come head to head with the students from UCC who dethroned champions Cloughduv in the opening round.

Camogiechat

Kilkenny take points with facile victory

Kilkenny
Antrim

3-13
0-4

KILKENNY secured their opening two points of the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship with a facile victory over Antrim at Casement Park, Belfast on Saturday.

The visitors took control in the opening half with two goals from Edel Maher and Mairead Costelloe.

Leading by 2-4 to 0-2 at the interval, they completely overwhelmed an Antrim side without influential attacker Jane Adams.

Despite conceding points from Noelle McCarthy and Siobhan Doherty, the Cats sealed the issue when last season's All-Ireland junior captain Jacqui Frisby netted in the 47th minute.

Scorers Kilkenny: E Maher 1-4, J Frisby 1-1, M Costelloe 1-0, P Comerford 0-3, E Aylward, M Ryan, C Doherty, S Millea and L Lyng 0-1 each.

Antrim: E Mason, M O'Connell, N McCarthy and S Doherty 0-1 each.

KILKENNY: C Ryan; A Kinahan, S Costelloe, B Grennan; T Millea (capt), E Aylward, C Delaney; M Lawlor, P Comerford; A Neary, E Maher, L Lyng; S Millea, M Costelloe, J Frisby. **Subs:** M Ryan for S Millea, C Doherty for A Neary, P Comerford for C Kinahan, S Minogue for M Lawlor, T Muldowney for M Costelloe.

ANTRIM: Chrissie Doherty; M Graham, M Duffin, B McKinley; H Connolly, C McGinley (capt), S McClusker; R Duffin, F Hasson; N McCarthy, E Mason, M O'Connell; Carla Doherty, S Lagan, E Dowds. **Subs:** C Doherty for Carla Doherty.

Champions start in impressive fashion

Cork 2-19 Galway 0-4 All-Ireland Foras na Gaeilge champions Cork got this year's campaign off to the best possible start with a handsome victory over a disappointing Galway side in Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

Cork never allowed Galway out of the traps and were well on their way to victory at the break thanks to a Ciara Healy goal 12 minutes into the game which put the defending champions 1-9 to 0-1 ahead at the break.

The Rebel County continued where they left off after the interval with fine points from Fiona O'Driscoll, Emer Dillon and Orla O'Sullivan, before Healy struck her second goal with 12 minutes left.

Cork: G Casey, J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, R Maloney, V Harris; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll. **Galway:** L Curry, M Haverty, T Laheen, A Broderick, A Hardiman, M Harkin, T Maher; A Kelly, A Hillary, C Murray, M Glynn, L Kavanagh; L Lally, O Kilkenny, C Hannon. **Subs:** A Connolly for Hardiman, E Kerins for Hannon, A Lynskey for Lally, C Bowes for Glynn. **Referee:** E Browne (Tipperary).

Kilkenny 3-13 Antrim 0-4 First-half goals from Edel Maher and Mairead Costelloe paved the way for Kilkenny as they overcame Antrim in the opening round of the Foras na Gaeilge championship in Casement Park yesterday.

Once the Cats got their opening point from Maher inside the first minute, the result was never in doubt and Antrim badly missed the accurate Jane Adams, who was unavoidably absent on the day.

Ahead 2-4 to Antrim's 0-2 at the break, Kilkenny completely dominated the second half, with Jacqui Frisby crashing her side's third goal to the Antrim net with 13 minutes remaining. **Kilkenny:** C Ryan; C Kinahan, S Costelloe, B Grennan; T Millea (capt), E Aylward, C Delaney; M Lawlor, P Comerford; A Neary; E Maher, L Lyng; S Millea, M Costelloe, J Frisby. **Subs:** M Ryan for S Millea, C Doherty for Neary, D Minogue for Lawlor, J Muldowney for M Costelloe.

Antrim: Chrissie Doherty; M Graham, M Duffin, B McKinley; H Connolly, C McGinley (capt), S McClusker; R Duffin, F Hasson; N McCarthy, E Mason, M O'Connell; Carla Doherty, S Lagan, E Dowds. **Subs:** C Doherty for Carla Doherty.

Hearne on the ball for Wexford

WEXFORD 1-18 DUBLIN 2-6

FULL-FORWARD Michelle Hearne scored 1-3 as Wexford overcame Dublin in the second round of the Foras na Gaeilge camogie championship at Wexford Park yesterday.

The sides were level on three occasions in the first half before Michelle O'Leary set up Hearne for Wexford's only goal, which left them ahead 1-8 to 0-6 at the break.

Dublin opened the second half with a quick-fire goal from Karen Blood but, despite Louise O'Hara's best efforts, sharpshoot- ing Aine Codd ensured that Wexford stayed in control.

SCORERS — Wexford: M Hearne 1-3, K Kelly, A Codd 0-5 each, O'Hernan, E Quigley 0-2 each, L Holohan 0-1. **Dublin:** J Draper, K Blood 1-2 each, C Lacey, L O'Hara 0-1 each. **WEXFORD —** J Dwyer, B Holohan, C O'Loughlin, A Moran, R Breen, M Leacy, N Lambert, K Kelly, A Codd, O'Hernan, E Quigley, M O'Leary, A O'Connor, M Heame, L Holohan. **Subs:** C O'Connor for A O'Connor, B Curran for L Holohan.

DUBLIN — E Butler, S Byrne, A Cullen, S Hynds, E Talbot, S Elliott, T Power, S Tracy, L O'Hara, J Draper, C Lacey, E Brannigan, E McFadden, K Blood, J Donnelly. **Subs:** S McNeela for E McFadden, M Hannon for S Tracy, N Ryan for J Draper.

was disallowed as a square ball. Grenagh then took possession of the ball and concluded a period of excellent play with a goal, but luckily for us it, too, was disallowed as a square ball. Carolyn Motherway then finished the match as a contest for Grenagh scoring another series of points in extra time.

The final score was Dungourney 2-9 Vs Grenagh 3-2 and the post match celebrations soon began in earnest.

Team: Aoife O'Neill, Niamh McSweeney, Leanne Hamady, Denise O'Riordan (Capt), Valerie Broderick, Cliona McGovern, Ella Ryan, Carolyn Motherway 0-8, Emma Hennessey, Caroline O'Neill 1-1, Evelyn Rohan 1-0, Michelle Broderick, Aislinn Griffin, Carol Cullinane, Maria Connery, Cassie Tynan.

A special word of thanks to all those who travelled with us on Saturday and whose support was vital to our many wins throughout the year.

Grenagh, as opponents, were tough and spirited but

notably fair and gracious both on and off the pitch, and we trust that their efforts will be rewarded with success in the near future.

The Trophy was presented to our winning Captain, Denise O'Riordan, by County Chairman Pat O'Riordan, and we hope that this is a good omen for our Club over the coming months and years.

Junior B

On Wednesday night our Junior Bs had their first ever League appearance against Bandon. Despite missing several key players, Joanna Lane, Caitriona Hickey, Claire Murphy and Maureen O'Riordan, we started against a strong wind and superb early saves from Nicola Nagle helped our confidence and we opened our scoring with a well struck point from Anne Marie Hennessey. Bandon retaliated, however, a point of their own and should have gone ahead except for countless misses, due to tight defending from our backs, especially from

Edel Kelleher and Deirdre Morrissey, both of whom played fantastic games.

We remained unnerved and fought back with a goal from Liz Aherne. Bandon sustained pressure on our back line, who played a great game, and were rewarded with a point just before half time. We started well after half time with an early goal, but soon after Anne Marie Hennessey had to be brought off after sustaining an injury. Bandon took advantage of this and scored three points to close the gap. We struck back with a point to increase our lead, but this was later conceded by two Bandon goals in rapid succession.

Team: N Nagle, E Kelleher, B Cullinane, K O'Sullivan, K Fitzpatrick, D Morrissey, J Cronin, S Rohan, E Ronayne, A M Hennessey, N Kelleher, L Aherne, A Cronin, V Broderick, J O'Riordan, E Collins, D O'Riordan.

July 2003

Dungourney Camogie

U-14 Glorious County Victory

On Saturday morning our U-14s travelled to Coachford to play Grenagh in the County League final, the climax of our season so far.

We went into this game after losing no matches in this campaign to date, and were determined to maintain this. We opened the scoring with a goal from Evelyn Rohan after sustained pressure and several near misses, but Grenagh replied almost immediately with a goal of their own. Carolyn Motherway then struck a point to which Grenagh responded with a point, which was followed with a goal and another point without a reply from Dungourney, but towards the end of the half, Carolyn Motherway yet again impressed, scoring two points. However, Grenagh brought the ball deep into our half, which resulted in a goal and a point late in the half. At

half time the score was Dungourney 1-3 Vs Grenagh 3-2 and the run of play definitely not going our way. After some inspirational words from our coach, Paddy Cullinane, all despondency was shrugged off and we went back out with renewed enthusiasm.

A star performance and Captain's role was truly evident from Team Captain, Denise O'Riordan, who repeatedly denied Grenagh forwards by cutting off attacks and providing breaking ball to Carolyn Motherway, who slowly closed the gap between both teams with well taken points both from play and frees. Persistent all-round team effort was rewarded fifteen minutes through the half as our forward line breached the strong Grenagh defence resulting with a Caroline O'Neill scored goal which turned the match in our favour as we went ahead by a goal. Our supporters were ecstatic and it got even better when Evelyn Rohan scored a goal from a 65 taken by Carolyn but our excitement was short lived when it

Buttevant lose gripping final as Grenagh also come a cropper

DOUGLAS 1-8
BUTTEVANT 1-2

A SKILFUL and determined Buttevant side last week failed to prevent Douglas from retaining their U-14A Cork County Camogie title.

The game, in Coachford, ended Douglas 1-8 to Buttevant's 1-2 after a titanic struggle.

Judging by their performance on Saturday, and considering that they were forced to make two substitutions to their back line before the game was 15 minutes old, they will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Douglas' experience, however, won the day.

The game was won and lost in the first eight minutes.

Niamh O'Donovan pointed a 30-metre free in the second minute, Emma Heffernan added another point from play in the sixth and Julia White was in for a goal in the eighth, putting Douglas 1-2 ahead before Buttevant got a grip on the game.

From here on in it was a case of both sets of backs dominating their ends of the field and scores were a rare commodity.

Another telling feature of the game was that five of Douglas' remaining six scores came from placed balls by the unerring Niamh O'Donovan, two from frees and three from '45s'.

It took Buttevant all of 28 minutes to get on the scoreboard, with an inspiring point from Elaine Murphy under a lot of pressure and the first half ended 1-4 to 0-1 in favour of Douglas.

Full back line Jessica Jackson, Eilish Desmond, Kate Barry and centre fields Hillary O'Connor and Rachel O'Sullivan for Douglas made life extremely difficult for their respective opponents.

As a result Buttevant found it very difficult to break through despite the best efforts of Tracey O'Reilly, Alex Cullen, Eimer Murphy and Elaine Murphy.

Sharon Sheehan was as solid as a rock at corner back for Buttevant and Dawn O'Keefe brought off a few good saves.

But it was Ailín O'Donovan, the Douglas 'keeper, who stole the show in the second half by bringing off some spectacular saves as Douglas came under more and

Camogie scene

more pressure.

In a nailbiting conclusion, Douglas got the vital breaks and the dominance of their defence in the closing stages was a key factor in their success.

Scorers — Douglas: N O'Donovan 0-7 (0-2 frees, 0-3 '45s'), J White 1-0, E Heffernan 0-1.
Buttevant: A Cullen 1-1, El Murphy 0-1.

Teams — Douglas: A O'Donovan; J Jackson, E Desmond, K Barry; M O'Donovan, A Barrett, L O'Shea, H O'Connor (capt), R O'Sullivan; E Heffernan, N O'Donovan, K O'Sullivan; J White, E A Daly, Z Dunlea; J Kelleher, M O'Mahony, S Sisk, J Dempsey, K Horgan.
Buttevant: D O'Keefe; D O'Callaghan, M Lee, S Sheehan; J O'Callaghan, T Roche, E Harrington; L Harrington, T O'Reilly (capt); A Cullen, E Murphy, N Walsh; C Daly, F O'Connell, El Murphy; K Bowles, J Carroll, O O'Connell, N Curran, E Healy, H Coughlan, E Lombard, A Cronin, A Madigan, B Curtin, E O'Flynn, K Burke.
Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

GRENAUGH 3-2
DUNGOURNEY 2-9

GRENAUGH were unlucky to lose their U-14 12-a-side Cork County Camogie final to Dungourney, by a margin of 2-9 to 3-2. It was a pity there had to be a loser in this gripping final.

Dungourney started in blistering fashion and for the first ten minutes it looked as if they were going to completely overrun Grenagh.

Evelyn Rohan's cut from the corner of the square was in the net after two minutes and Carolyn Motherway added 0-2 in the sixth and seventh minutes.

To their credit, Grenagh held their composure getting vital scores via a goal from Aine Murphy and a pointed '45' from Elaine Vaughan to trail, after 15

minutes, by just 1-2 to 1-1.

The next quarter belonged to Grenagh with Eleanor McSweeney, Amy Baldwin Caroline Buckley and especially Norma Hurley upping their game enormously.

At the break, Grenagh were leading 3-2 to 1-3 thanks to a goal from a '45' and a point from the all action Elaine Vaughan, and another from Aine Murphy — when she caught a beautiful ball in front of goal and billowed the net.

Dungourney's reply for this period was a point from the tireless Carolyn Motherway.

On the turnover Grenagh seemed to have lost their rhythm as the more determined Dungourney began to pile on the scores without reply.

Also Denise O'Riordan in defence made an enormous contribution.

Ella Ryan, Carolyn Motherway and Caroline O'Neill used their strength and skill to great effect.

By the 25th minute of the 2nd half Dungourney had gone three points ahead 2-8 to 3-2 when Grenagh's Elaine Vaughan sent in a speculative shot.

It bounded off the woodwork and was sent to the net by Aine Murphy only to be deemed a square infringement.

Dungourney held out and Motherway added a further point to gain their first U-14 County title.

Scorers — Dungourney: E Rohan 2-0, C Motherway 0-7 (0-1 '45'), E Ryan, C O'Neill 0-1 each.
Grenagh: E Vaughan 1-2 (1-1 '45s'), A Murphy 2-0.

Teams — Dungourney: A O'Neill; N McSweeney, E Cullinane, L Harnedy; D O'Riordan (capt); V Broderick, C McGovern, E Ryan; C Motherway; E Hennessy, C O'Neill, E Rohan; M Broderick, A Griffin, C Cullinane, M Connery, C Traynor.
Grenagh: A Sheehan; A Donovan, S Sexton, Y O'Keefe; R Jones (capt); E McSweeney; A Baldwin, E Vaughan; N Hurley; C Buckley, A Murphy, A Twomey; K Creedon, E Murphy, A O'Connell, M O'Connell.
Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

BLACKWATER MOTORS Audi VW SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Dungourney Camogie Club Celebrate Historic First County Victory!

The Dungourney Under 14 Camogie panel have much to celebrate this week, following Saturday's County Final victory against Grenagh at Coachford. Dungourney came into this Final as underdogs, and the club, just six years in existence, had journeyed to Ballinascearty and Newtownshandrum for earlier rounds. Coach Paddy Cullinane had his squad well prepared, and an enthusiastic band of supporters followed 'the Duns' to victory. The second half saw Dungourney up their game, running out victors by a four point margin. Congratulations to all! ** Pat O'Riordan, Chairman, County Juvenile Board presents the Under 14 County Shield to the Dungourney squad.



St. Catherine's Camogie

Junior B League 13 - a - side.
St. Catherine's vs St. Finbarrs
0-9 0-2

Our Junior B team travelled to St. Finbarrs G.A.A. grounds on Fri 4th July to play the first of their league games and they ran out comfortable winners over St. Finbarrs on the above scoreline. Scores were hard to come by in the first half of this game, three Deirdre Twomey points being our only scores, leaving the half-time score at 0-3 to 0-0 in favour of St. Catherine's.

A point by Teresa Leahy 4mins into the second half set the tone for this half. St. Finbarrs got their first score of the game in the 6th min and followed this with another point shortly afterwards but these were to be their only scores in the game. St. Catherine's, meanwhile went on to score 0-5 with forwards, Teresa Leahy and Deirdre Twomey, availing of every opportunity.

All team members worked hard to achieve this victory with notable performances from Elaine Harpur, Elaine Browne and Sandra Noonan. Laura Noonan was effective in goals.

Team — L Noonan, A Cotter, A Galvin (capt), K Higgins, E Harpur, O Neville, S Noonan, A Hogan, S O'Conner, E Browne, C Leahy, D Twomey, T Leahy.

Subs — K Twomey for S O'Conner, M Collins for C Leahy, P O'Brien for D Twomey.

Scorers — D Twomey 0-5 (3 frees), T Leahy 0-4 (1 free)

U-16 A Championship Semi-Final
St. Catherine's vs Ballygarvan

The semi-final of this competition took place in Grenagh on July 2nd. Despite all our girls playing to the best of their ability they were beaten by a much stronger Ballygarvan team on the above scoreline. St. Catherine's had the advantage of a very strong breeze in the first half and the score was 0-2 each until Deirdre Twomey scored just before half time leaving the half time score at 1-2 to 0-2 in favour of St. Catherine's.

Ballygarvan, however, proved their superiority in the second half and despite valiant efforts of all our team members, they ran out comfortable winners on the above scoreline.

Team — E Lane, S Davenport, L Kearney, P Moroney, O Neville, O Cotter, C O'Brien, A Hogan, P O'Brien, A O'Brien, D Twomey, G Carr, S Keane, C Hurley, J Hurley.

Subs — C Twomey, A Neville, F Neville, F Cotter.

Scorers — D Twomey 1-2, O Cotter 0-2 (frees)

Junior A Championship
Our Junior A team will play the first round of this Competition on 18th July next. They will meet Douglas and this game is scheduled to be played in Carrigrohilly. Meanwhile the Junior A league continues when St. Catherine's meet Watergrasshill on Tues next 8th July.

Cork Minors - All Ireland Semi-final
Good luck to Orla Cotter who is a member of the Cork Minor Panel who will play Kilkenny in Pairc Uí Rinn on Sun 13th July.

Fr O'Neill's Camogie Club

Senior 'A' Championship
Fr O'Neill's 3-7 Vs Carbery 0-5

These two teams met in Carrigaline on a fine summers evening. However, it was quite cool for those of us on the embankment watching the match.

There appeared to be little between the sides in the opening exchanges. Fiona O'Driscoll was first to score with a point. This was followed by a point from a 45m free by Carbery. Nora Ahern and Fiona continued to add to our scoreline. Catherine O'Shea was switched from half forward to corner forward which resulted in a goal. By half time the score was 2-5 to 0-3.

In the second half, both sides found scoring hard to come by, but Fr O'Neills definitely came out the more balanced team and worked well together.

Team: M Kenefick, A Corcoran, L Sweetnam, G Kearney, M O'Brien, C Madden, M Finn, S Cahalane, V O'Sullivan, C Flavin, N Ahern (0-2), C O'Shea (1-0), F O'Driscoll (1-3), R Corcoran (1-2), K Ahern. **Subs:** K O'Sullivan and S Kearney.

Second Round Senior Championship

Fr O'Neill's go on to play Glen Rovers at Ballinlough Pitch on Wednesday 16th July at 7.00 p.m. As usual we will be hoping for support on the night. This game is a double header with UCC and St Finbarrs playing in the second game.

Junior B

We are fielding a team in the 13 a side competition for clubs with second teams. Our first outing was to Valley Rovers in Brinney, Innishannon during the week. Report on this game next week. Any former players or anyone interested in playing in this competition are asked to contact Mgt Hyde.

U-14 County Semi Final

The girls met Clonakilty in this decider at Redmonds pitch near the Airport. The same evening was wet and foggy. We were missing a number of key players on the night which did not help our cause.

Fr O'Neill's played very well for the first 25 minutes with no score on either side. Clonakilty seemed to find a weakness in our armour and scored a goal, quickly followed by two more.

Final score was 6-0 to 0-3. Denise O'Leary scored all three points. Thanks to Mary Kenefick, Ann Marie Griffin and Marie O'Brien for looking after this team during the year.

U-12: Last Monday, 30th June, the girls travelled to play

Blackrock. The score was Blackrock 3 goals, Fr O'Neill's 2. We lost that match.

July 4th we played Cobh. Results Cobh 0-0 Vs Fr O'Neill's 3-2. Our scorers were Joy Dunne (1-1), Niamh Motherway (1-0), Emma Swayne (0-1). We wish Annette Griffin a good recovery.

This team ended up joint second of their group and will have a play-off in September.

U-11

An U-11 League has started between Blackrock, Douglas, Fr O'Neill's, Killeagh, Erin's Own and Blarney. Fr O'Neill's played their first match against Blackrock on Saturday 5th July.

Special Olympics

We must mention our own special person, Mary Kenefick, who was working hard during the Olympics in Dublin looking after her team. Mary shook the hand of many celebrities in Croke Park, including Mohammad Ali, Frank Duff, among many more.

Fr O'Neill's Summer Camp

All the young players spent the week perfecting their skills under the camp's coaches.

LYONS (Cork): On July 6, 2003, peacefully, at Cork University Hospital, EILEY LYONS, Gerald Griffin Street, sister of the late Rita and David and much loved aunt of Michael, Tony, David, Anne and Kay, grandaunt and great-granddaughter. Deeply regretted by her loving family, her dear friend and kind neighbour Mary Murphy, her cousin Mary and Marie McCarthy, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Reposing at Terence O'Connor Funeral Home, Shandon Street. Removal on today (Monday) at 7pm to the North Cathedral. Funeral on tomorrow (Tuesday) after 10am Requiem Mass in St Joseph's Cemetery.

July 2003

Kilkenny test for Rebels

ANY visit from the Black and Amber to Leaside always creates a bit of a stir, writes **Therese O'Callaghan**.

Sunday will be no different when Kilkenny's minors travel to Páirc Uí Rinn for the All-Ireland semi-final.

Their incentive will be to dethrone the reigning All-Ireland champions on home soil.

Like all teams defending their crown, Cork are in a vulnerable position. However, on the basis of their Munster final performance, the selectors have proved that they have the nub of another match-winning side.

Manager, John Cronin says: "The girls played very well against Tipp and it would be imperative that they can reproduce that form. We have trained hard but you do not know until on the day how they are going to react."

Players who have served him well so far are captain Anna Geary and her midfield partner Sarah Downing.

The entire half-back trio of Orla Cotter, Rena Buckley and Edwina Waters were powerful against Tipperary and again they will have to be in top form.

Up front Mary Coleman from Ballyhea will be the target lady at the edge of the square, while at corner-forward, Newtownshandrum's Tina Shanahan will be hoping for a big game.

Kilkenny, on the other hand, have the nucleus of the team that won the Leinster U14 championship two years ago.

CORK (probable): M. Murphy (Kilbrittain); E. Dunne (Cloughduv); M. Nyhan (Enniskeane); L. Hawkes (Valley Rovers); O. Cotter (St Catherine's); R. Buckley (Inniscarra); E. Waters (Ballyhea); A. Geary (Milford, capt); S. Downing (Courcey Rovers); O. Coughlan (Enniskeane); H. O'Regan (Clonabally); A. Watson (Milford); T. Shanahan (Newtownshandrum); M. Coleman (Ballyhea); J. O'Donovan (Douglas).

Captain Geary leads Cork's charge to final

Cork
Kilkenny

3-16
2-5

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

DEFENDING champions Cork powered their way to another decider with a pronounced win over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final yesterday at Páirc Uí Rinn.

However, this game was not as one-sided as the result implies. Kilkenny battled hard and with 15 minutes to go only trailed by five points. But, that was the extent of their assault on this championship as the last quarter yielded 1-6 without reply for the home outfit.

Captain Anna Geary was superb throughout. She had the effect of breaking the Kilkenny resolve — aside from her 1-4 return she destroyed the Cats' midfield and made a huge impact overall.

Her opening goal was followed by an Aine Watson effort which helped the home side into a three-goal lead at the break. With half-backs Rena Buckley and Edwina Waters also on top, the Cork attack made good use

of the plentiful supply which they received. Ann Marie Moloney was Kilkenny's best player — her lightning fast pace produced 1-1 out of their 1-3 half-time tally.

Upon the changeover, the Cats made a daring comeback with a goal from Ann Dalton and points from captain Eileen Fitzpatrick. Still, this was as close as they got as Jenny O'Donovan and Orla Coughlan added points and Mary Coleman clinched Cork's third goal six minutes from time.

Scorers for Cork: A. Geary 1-4 (0-2 free), M. Coleman 1-3, O. Coughlan 0-4, A. Watson 1-0, T. Shanahan and J. O'Donovan 0-2 each, H. O'Regan 0-1.

Kilkenny: A. M. Moloney 1-1, A. Dalton 1-0, E. Fitzpatrick (45m, free) and K. Fennelly 0-2 each.

CORK: M. Murphy; E. Dunne, M. Nyhan, L. Hawkes; O. Cotter, R. Buckley, E. Waters; A. Geary (capt), S. Downing; O. Coughlan, H. O'Regan, A. Watson; T. Shanahan, M. Coleman, J. O'Donovan.

KILKENNY: N. Corrigan; L. Kavanagh, L. Quigley, E. O'Shea; B. Doran, A. Butler, K. A. Cotter; E. Fitzpatrick (capt), A. Dalton; A. M. Phelan, A. Fahy, A. M. Moloney; L. Kinehan, K. Fennelly, M. Dalton.

Subs: O. Ryan for E. O'Shea (h/t inj), O. McCormack for M. Dalton (42 mins).

Referee: E. Brown (Tipperary).

Second time lucky for plucky Inniscarra

Inniscarra
Bishopstown

2-4
0-6

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

AT the second time of asking, Inniscarra brushed aside big guns Bishopstown in this first-round replay of the Cork County senior championship at Riverstick yesterday evening.

The mid-Cork side battled courageously to a four-point victory, as the former champions from 1997 to 2000 came unstuck at the first hurdle.

Two crucial goals either side of the break from Tracy McCarthy and Liz Hayes proved to be the match-winners in a hard-fought tie. Towards the end, Bishopstown substitute Aine White was sent to the line for retaliation after receiving a straight red card from referee Denis Dineen.

However, before any ball was thrown in at the splendid Ballymartle venue, Inniscarra pulled a masterstroke by recalling Irene O'Keefe and Paula Goggins out of retirement. Although neither started, their experience will be vital as the mid-Cork side prepare for a mouth-watering quarter-final clash with their own divisional side Muskerry in six days' time.

Inniscarra were full value for this victory. They absorbed much pressure while applying it at vital stages. With the sides level on two points apiece after 20 minutes, they eventually began to gain a foothold in the attack. Striking 1-2 directly before the break took them to the dressing room with a deserved five-point lead.

Bishopstown were over-reliant on Ciara Healy, who was being closely shackled by Rena Buckley. By the 50th minute she had scored all of the Town's four points, and in an effort to strengthen their attack, Viv Harris moved into full-forward for the closing 10 minutes. However, with goal-keeper Ger Casey, Enda Dineen, Buckley and Marie O'Connell in remorseless mood, the losers were restricted to two late points from Harris and Jean O'Sullivan.

On this performance, Inniscarra are an emerging side that cannot be taken for granted by any team.

Red hot Rebels pass with flying colours

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**
At Páirc Uí Rinn

Cork
Kilkenny

3-16
2-5

WHEN questions were asked Cork provided the answers. Yesterday in Páirc Uí Rinn the Rebels passed with flying colours as they progressed onto yet another All-Ireland minor final.

Forget the scoreline, because the home team were made to fight for 45 minutes of this entertaining encounter.

The final 15 minutes was damage limitation for the Cats. Once again, captain Anna Geary displayed her many skills and expertise. From her midfield post she accrued 1-4 — her clinical goal coming on 19 minutes but more importantly it arrived immediately after Kilkenny had drawn level.

Her team mate Aine Watson, and another north Cork player Mary Coleman of Ballyhea were the other goal suppliers. The Rebel defence were never under pressure and whatever came their way they soaked up admirably.

Rena Buckley and Edwina Waters mopped up most ball around the half-back line and when Kilkenny's best forward Ann Marie Moloney was causing havoc, Waters journeyed across to the other wing to snuff out the challenge.

Consequently, the red and white full-back line were not that much involved — potentially worrying given the fact that this trio have not yet been fully tested.

However, the same could not be said of Kilkenny, whose defence were under constant pressure from the Cork attack.

In particular both of the wing-forwards Watson and Orla Coughlan were doing well. Jenny O'Donovan saw a lot of ball too and was provider to Coleman for Cork's third goal. Galway will certainly have their work cut out on August 3 to deny the Leesiders a hat-trick of All-Ireland titles.

Scorers for Cork: A. Geary 1-4 (0-2 free), M. Coleman 1-3, O. Coughlan 0-4, A. Watson 1-0, T. Shanahan and J. O'Donovan 0-2 each, H. O'Regan 0-1.

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Subs: O. Ryan for E. O'Shea (h/t inj), O. McCormack for M. Dalton (42 mins).

Referee: E. Brown (Tipperary).

Determined Douglas book their place in the final

Douglas
Milford

4-6
1-11

DOUGLAS booked their passage to the U16A Cork County Camogie league final played in very determined fashion in Castlemagner last Monday evening.

Milford led at the break 1-9 to 2-2 but Douglas fought back to win and will be up against Ballygarvan in the final in August.

Scorers - Douglas: J. Donovan 1-3, R. O'Sullivan 1-1, C. Hussey, L. O'Mahony 1-0 each; E. Heffernan 0-2.

Milford: A. Geary 0-8 (0-1 45, 0-2 free), A. Watson 1-1, A. Thompson 0-2.

DOUGLAS: S. O'Leary; A. Flanagan, L. Sheehan, S. O'Regan (Capt); L. O'Shea, K. O'Driscoll, A. Barrett; D. Murphy, R. O'Sullivan; L. O'Mahony, N. O'Donovan, C. Hussey; E. Heffernan, J. Donovan, O. Tobin; J. Jackson, Z. Dunlea, E. Alice, K. Barry, K. O'Sullivan, E. Desmond, C. Conway, C. O'Brien, H. O'Connor.

MILFORD: R. Sinn; A. Sinn, S. Carroll, D. Watson; C. Galvin, S. Sexton, M. Broderick; A. Geary (Capt), O. Mahony, M. White, A. Watson, S. Browne; S. Fitzgibbon, A. Thompson, T. O'Mahony; S. Carroll, S. Sexton, A. Hayes, N. Browne, P. Haugh.

Referee: John Barry (Mallow).

Ballygarvan
St Catherine's

6-6
1-4

HAVING won the U14 title two years ago, Ballygarvan are still on course for the U16A Cork County Camogie league title having easily overcome a sturdy St Catherine's challenge in the semi-final played last Wednesday evening in Grenaugh.

The first half was a close affair with the Ballygarvan back-line coming under severe pressure.

On the resumption and aided by the strong breeze Ballygarvan took command around centre field and gave a plentiful supply of ball to the full-forward line. Within 10 minutes of the restart, scorer in chief Orlaith O'Riordan was in for three goals and suddenly Ballygarvan were 3-3 to 1-3 to the fore, a point each also coming from Suzanne Lynch and Deirdre Twomey. When Marian Keoghane put Ballygarvan a goal in front in the 13th minute there was no way back for Catherine's.

Scorers - Ballygarvan: O. O'Riordan 4-2, M. Keoghane 1-1, C. Bouse 1-0, S. Lynch 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45), C. Dillon 0-1. **St Catherine's:** D. Twomey 1-1, O. Cotter 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45).

BALLYGARVAN: B. Keoghane; F. O'Halloran, A. Moynihan, D. Kiely; L. Ryan, V. Browne, R. Byrne; A. O'Riordan, S. Lynch; M. Keoghane (Capt), C. Dillon, C. Bouse; D. Bouse, J. Dunne, O. O'Riordan; M. Moynihan, R. Keoghane, A. Byrne, M. E. O'Donovan.

ST CATHERINES: S. Keane; S. Davern, E. Lane (Capt), L. Kearney; P. Moroney, O. Neville, C. O'Brien; O. Cotter, A. Hogan; P. O'Brien, D. Twomey, G. Carr; A. O'Brien, C. Hurley, J. Hurley; K. Twomey, F. Neville, F. Cotter.

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

Camogie - Championship Launch



RTE commentator, Michael O'Muircheartaigh was on hand to announce Foras na Gaeilge's sponsorship of this year's Senior All-Ireland Camogie Championship and to officially launch this year's Championship. Also in attendance were Chief Executive of Foras na Gaeilge, Seosamh Mac Donncha, Miriam O'Callaghan Uachtarán Cumann Camógaloichta na nGael and players and managers for each of the participating counties.

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Scorers: Inniscarra - L. Hayes 1-1, T. McCarthy 1-0, C. Harle 0-2 (0-1 free), M. McCarthy 0-1. **Bishopstown** - C. Healy 0-4 (0-3 free), V. Harris and J. O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

INNISCARRA: G. Casey; E. Dineen, E. O'Mahony, E. O'Keefe; T. Murphy, R. Buckley, M. O'Regan; M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Connell; C. Harle, E. O'Sullivan, T. McCarthy; M. McCarthy, G. O'Mahony, L. Hayes.

Subs: I. O'Keefe for L. Hayes (55 mins).

BISHOPSTOWN: C. Fogarty; O. Higgins, E. Duggan, D. Quigley; C. Enright, J. O'Sullivan, S. Kelly; V. Harris, J. Browne; B. Sheehan, C. Healy (capt), D. Murray; D. Coughlan, T. Doyle, C. Kenny. **Subs:** A. White for D. Coughlan (15), G. Enright for D. Murray (39).

Referee: D. Dineen (Ballinora).

Aghabullogue firepower proves too much for battling Eire Óg

THE senior B championship got off to a lively start with Aghabullogue recording a victory over Eire Óg, Kilbrittan surprising championship favourites Ballygarvan, Newtownshandrum had a victory over Ballinhassig while Newcestown and Kilbrittan must meet again.

Aghabullogue 2-12
Eire Óg 2-3

The score line does not reflect the local derby meeting between mid Cork sides Aghabullogue and Eire Óg in the Senior B championship at Cloughduv.

Aghabullogue had a five point advantage at the interval after two Mary Buckley goals plus points from Maria Noonan and Buckley. Deirdre Healy was on target for Eire Óg with a well struck goal in an opening half where the sides were evenly matched.

Through the second half, Aghabullogue, despite holding their lead, could never relax as the determined Eire Óg worked hard.

Aghabullogue introduced Mary Bridgid Enneguess to their defence at the interval and five minutes into the second half introduced Emma Healy to their attack and both players proceeded to make big contributions to Aghabullogue.

Aghabullogue's ability to pick off scores was crucial and this they did in the closing ten minutes with Fiona Buckley, Mary Buckley and Tina Roche extending their advantage.

AGHABULLOGUE: SM Crowley, L Ronan, M Enneguess, PMurphy, S Buckley, J Twomey, M O'Leary, F Buckley, L Murphy, C Murphy, T Roche, M Twomey, D Twomey, M Buckley, M Noonan, M B Enneguess for M Noonan, E Healy for C Murphy, M Twomey for P Murphy, L Roche for D Twomey

EIRE ÓG: Y Malone, L O'Leary, S Desmond, N O'Leary, Catriona McKenna, A McKenna, Clara McKenna, M Corkery, S O'Driscoll, D Healy, T Murphy, C O'Leary, A McCarthy, M O'Herlihy, N Lelane

Kilbrittan 2-9
Ballygarvan 1-9

Last year's defeated finalists and favourites to lift the title this year had to give best to a strong Kilbrittan side that showed great determination in Ovens on Thursday evening.

A low-scoring opening half saw Ballygarvan led three points to two

at the interval but given the amount of wasted scoring chances that Kilbrittan had in the opening 30 minutes, Ballygarvan must have been worried at the break.

On the resumption Ballygarvan showed more determination and three points without reply saw them extend their advantage. Kilbrittan hit a purple patch inside the next ten minutes and six points in a row from Marion Murphy (4) and Miriam Deasy (2) had them back in command.

Substitute Danielle O'Sullivan showed her worth with a point to edge Kilbrittan ahead but the cheering had not died when Sarah O'Donovan finally evaded the Kilbrittan defence to score a goal.

Undaunted, Kilbrittan fought back with Marion Murphy connecting first time with Val O'Keeffe line-ball to the roof of the net. Three minutes later Deirdre O'Sullivan repeated the act after Ballygarvan goalkeeper Margaret O'Riordan failed to hold

Louise Kavanagh's long delivery.

Ballygarvan's Catriona Kelly pointed with time almost up and despite strong Ballygarvan pressure the excellent Kilbrittan defence held firm to record a momentous victory.

Newcestown 1-6
Carrigaline 1-6

A close opening half saw Newcestown hold a slim one point advantage at the interval in Brinny.

Muireann Conlon had Carrigaline back level inside one minute of the second half but with senior inter-county player Colette Desmond leading their attack Newcestown, quickly restores their advantage thanks to two Desmond points.

Trisha O'Sullivan cut the deficit with a pointed Carrigaline '45 but when Aileen Coughlan reacted quickest to Hilda Kenneally's long rang free to finish to the net, Newcestown were four ahead.

Failing to panic Carrigaline responded to the challenge within seven minutes when Jackie O'Keeffe kicked to the net, and now it looked as if Carrigaline were about to take over.

However Desmond put two between the side with seven minutes on the clock but the score failed to lift her side as Carrigaline laid siege to the Newcestown goal.

Newtownshandrum 4-11
Ballinhassig 2-4

In their first year re-graded from Senior to the Senior B grade, Newtownshandrum proved too strong for a spirited Ballinhassig side.

Despite the score-line, Ballinhassig made their more experienced opponent's fight to the finish before victory was secured with the help of two goals from Caoimhe Harrington, and one each from Michelle O'Connor and Susan McCarthy.

Cork three in a row still in sight

Cork 3-16
Kilkenny 2-5

CORK maintained their quest for three in a row of All Ireland minor championship titles with a superb victory over Kilkenny in Pairc Ui Rinn on Sunday last.

Cork made the better start with three points without reply from Mary Coleman, Anna Geary and Hazel O'Regan.

Kilkenny got off to a great start, thanks to a goal from the skilful Ann Marie Moloney and as the sides exchanged points on two occasions it was level pegging.

Struggling to shake off the Kilkenny defence, Cork got a boost

when Ann Geary's long-range shot finished in the net. Keava Fennelly cut the arrears with a Kilkenny point, but one apiece from Anna Geary and Orla Coughlan kept the Cork girls ahead.

Four minutes from the break Aine Watson waltzed past the Kilkenny defence to shoot to the net and Cork were in command. Points from Orla Coughlan and Tina Shanahan left Cork ahead 2-9 to 1-3 at the interval.

Within a minute of the restart Kilkenny's Ann Marie Moloney struck for a goal. Cork's response was an Orla Coughlan point but Eileen Fitzpatrick for Kilkenny scored two points.

Aided by the wind, a Kilkenny revival looked imminent but four points in quick succession from Anna Geary, Tina Shanahan, Mary Coleman and Jenny O'Donovan saw the gap widen.

Mary Coleman grabbed Cork's third goal nine minutes from the final whistle and there were two points from Orla Coughlan and Mary Coleman.

Cork: M Murphy, E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawke's, O Cotter, R Buckley, E Waters, A Geary, S Downing, O Coughlan, H O'Regan, A Watson, T Shanahan, M Coleman, J O'Donovan

Kilkenny: N Corrigan, L Kavanagh, L Quigley, E O'Shea, B Doran, A Butler, K Cottrell, E Fitzpatrick, A Dalton, A M Phelan, A Geary, A M Moloney, L Kinehan, K Fennelly, M Dalton
Sub: O Ryan for E O'Shea
Referee: E Browne (Tipperary)

Inniscarra taste victory after a second bite

Inniscarra 2-4
Bishopstown 0-6

INNISCARRA got it right at the second time of asking in an entertaining Senior County Championship reply at Riverstick. Goals proved vital for Inniscarra as Tracy

McCarthy and Liz Hayes bagged one each for the mid-Cork side.

Inniscarra led by five points at the interval and maintained the upper hand in a close second half to the finish to set up a quarter final meeting with Muskerry later this evening.

INNISCARRA: G Casey, E Dineen, E O'Mahony, E O'Keeffe, T Murphy, R Buckley, M O'Regan, M O'Sullivan, M O'Connell, C Harte, E O'Sullivan, T McCarthy, M McCarthy, G O'Mahony, L Hayes, Sub: I O'Keeffe for L Hayes

BISHOPSTOWN: C Fogarty O'Higgins, E Duggan, D Quigley, C Enright, J O'Sullivan, S Kelly, V Harris, J Browne, B Sheehan, C Healy, D Murray, D Coughlan, T Doyle, C Kenny
Subs: A White for D Coughlan, G Enright for D Murray

Dogged Inniscarra take derby victory

Inniscarra 1-9
Muskerry 2-3

by Therese O'Callaghan

HAVING survived Bishopstown twice over, Inniscarra were forced to pull on all their reserves to overcome Muskerry in the Cork County senior championship at Delany's last evening. Played on a greasy surface, this titanic battle between club and division kept the large crowd entertained right up to the final whistle.

And when the need was greatest, it was a wonderful strike from stalwart Irene O'Keeffe in the 46th minute that

decided this clash. With her side leading by the minimum, she ran on to a great ball and rattled the right hand corner of the net. Only minutes on the field, O'Keeffe, the holder of numerous All-Ireland medals, will be delighted with her decision to come out of retirement a week earlier.

The opening exchanges were unquestionably tight, with just two points separating the sides after 30 minutes of merciless hurling. Loaded with expected rivalry from such a local derby, scores were hard to come by — hooking, blocking and hard clashes were more the order of the day.

At the interval, the scoreline read 1-3 to 0-4 in the division's favour.

With the Muskerry rearguard unrelenting, three of the Inniscarra half-time scores came from Criona Harte. And at the other end it was a long ball from Muskerry centre-forward Sile Burns that deceived Ger Casey and ran all the way to the net. This was the score that stood between the sides at the break.

In a hard-fought final 30 minutes, the divisional side had a brilliant goal from full-forward Mary Buckley, but the club side showed a greater degree of resolve and held out for an exciting three-point victory, with Harte the main supplier, before O'Keeffe struck for the vital score.

Scorers - for Inniscarra: C Harte 0-7 (0-2 frees), I O'Keeffe 1-0, M McCarthy 0-2.

Muskerry: S Burns 1-2 (0-1 free), M Buckley 1-0, C McKenna 0-1.

INNISCARRA: G Casey, E Dineen, E O'Mahony, E O'Keeffe, T Murphy, R Buckley, K Ryan, M O'Sullivan, M O'Connell, C Harte, M McCarthy, E O'Sullivan, L Hayes, G O'Mahony, T McCarthy

Subs: I O'Keeffe for L Hayes (36 mins), A Golden for G O'Mahony (45 mins)

MUSKERRY: S M Crowley (Aghabullogue), S Buckley (Aghabullogue), J Twomey (Idol), M Enneguess (Idol), C Murphy (Idol), C Foley (Rockbani) (capt), N O'Connell (Aghabullogue), T Roche (Idol), L Dorgan (Grenagh), L Murphy (Aghabullogue), S Burns (Rockbani), C McKenna (Eire Óg), Mary B Enneguess (Aghabullogue), M Buckley (Idol), S O'Donovan (Ballincollig)

Referee: John Desmond (Bandon).

O'Sullivan shines as Barr's come up trumps

St Finbarr's 3-7
UCC 0-13

by Therese O'Callaghan

ST FINBARR'S were overjoyed following their shock victory over a full complement UCC side at Delany's last evening in the quarter-final of the Cork County camogie senior championship.

Fully deserving of the honours, the Barrs will look no further than Orla O'Sullivan when they are dishing out the plaudits — her tally of 2-5 equalled that of Eimear McDonnell's on the loser's side, but in the end it was sheer heart and will-to-win that saw them through.

On a night for full-forwards it was O'Sullivan and McDonnell who battled it out for supremacy. UCC's first-half belonged to McDonnell who tapped over all of their eight point tally. Playing a two-person full forward line and despite being guarded by two defenders she steered over most ball that came her way.

Likewise, O'Sullivan was involved in all of the Barrs' scores — scoring 1-2 and setting up Valerie Maher for the other goal. However, it was in the second-half that the Blues showed their true colours, and their performance provided plenty of sustenance for their supporters who have stuck with them through thick and thin. With their back line stretched to the full and Ellen Clifford much to the fore they never gave up. And despite the huge impact of centre-back Una O'Dwyer, UCC's dominance began to wane and it was the Barrs who finished with superb points from Gemma O'Connor and Jenny Duffy. They will meet Inniscarra in the semi-final.

Scorers for St Finbarr's: O O'Sullivan 2-5, V Maher 1-0, J Duffy and G O'Connor 0-1 each.

UCC: E McDonnell 0-11 (0-2 frees, 0-2 45m), A Ryan and L Lyng 0-1 each.

UCC: B Aylward, M Mahon, A Burns, L Burke, L Bohan, U O'Dwyer, A Brennan, E Aylward, M Nash, C M Fogarty, A Aylward, A Kenneally, A Ryan, E McDonnell, L Lyng

Subs: M Ni Bheaglaioich for C M Fogarty (26 mins), A Holohan for M Mahon (37 mins)

ST FINBARR'S: E Clifford, L Kelleher, D Clarke, G O'Sullivan, K Buckley, L O'Connell, C Kirby, C Harrington, G O'Connor, R Myers, C Kirby, J Duffy, V Maher, O O'Sullivan, B Maher

Referee: P Downey (Inniscarra).

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It's been a long wait for Waterford and Armagh

by Therese O'Callaghan

ARMAGH will be celebrating in Croke Park tomorrow if they overcome Laois. But there could be more festivities in Portlaoise if another Armagh team come up trumps. In O'Moore Park the Orchard County will attempt to win their first ever All-Ireland minor camogie title.

And just to add that extra bit of spice their opposition, Waterford, will hope to scribe their name in the silverware, also for the first time.

These are the weaker counties who find the going tough in the top flight but have travelled the full distance in the B grade. Armagh's first and only

appearance in a minor final was back in 1988 against Kilkenny. The good work is mirrored by their juniors who are also in the hunt for national honours, against Clare in the semi-final.

You have to trawl back to 1945 to find a Waterford team that contested an All-Ireland final — the senior decider against Antrim. And with the pedigree of Margot Heffernan — daughter of former Kilkenny hurler Christy — on their side they will not lie down easily.

Meanwhile, Cork and Galway have 20 titles (12 and eight) between them in the A grade and since 1993 either one or the other have ap-

peared in the final. The Rebels are seeking three-in-a-row — a feat only previously achieved in 1978-80 and 1983-85, again by Cork.

Galway had a sizeable victory over Derry in their penultimate game and, under the stewardship of Mike Dillon, Rosaleen Kelly and Teresa Murphy will want to call a halt to the southern dominance. There is a reasonable chance of their seniors qualifying for the last four this afternoon, and as the junior side prepare to meet Wexford, it would be a wonderful spur if the younger players were to take Corn Tálteann west of the Shannon tomorrow.

Meanwhile, four teams are wrestling for two positions in this weekend's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship. With Limerick and Tipperary already through to the semi-finals, today's round robin games should decide who is going to join them.

If Cork beat Kilkenny in Nowlan Park and if Galway see off Antrim in Loughrea, then both of these counties would finalise the pairings. Otherwise teams could be forced into a play-off.

At present, Cork lead the table on four points with Kilkenny and Galway behind on two, and Antrim out of the equation.

The reigning All-Ireland champions should prevail tomorrow and in Loughrea, Galway look set to take the second spot when they meet Antrim — the weakest of the four teams. The maroon and white had a disastrous start to their campaign against Cork but have since picked up the pieces.

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Galway minors left to rue a series of early missed chances in camogie final

CORK 3-12 :: GALWAY 1-4

OFTEN times games can be won by a team getting the best start, but when a young talented Galway side failed to maximise their superiority on the scoreboard in the early stages of the All Ireland Minor Camogie final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise on Sunday last, they paid dearly for it.

Galway, in fact, ended up on the wrong side of a humiliating defeat by this rampant Cork side that captured three-in-a row of All Ireland Minor honours and their thirteenth title at this grade.

However when the young Tribesgirls reflect on this game they will ponder on a missed opportunity when they had Cork clearly on the rocks in the opening quarter and had raced into a 1-2 to 0-1 lead by the eight minute of the game.

Although Galway only scored two further points in the entire game, they could have Cork put out of sight by the end of the opening quarter. Missed goal chances allied to a series of poor passes in attack and a number of wides prevented them from establishing a sufficient lead.

Galway had the start that most teams would dream of and straight from the throw-in the ball was move up field to corner forward Maíread Dunne who rattled the Cork net in less than twenty seconds. Another easier goal chance and two point chances went a begging before Jessica Gill pointed a long range free in the fourth minute.

Galway missed two further scoring chances before Anna Geary had Cork's opening point two minutes later. Galway's wastefulness continued before Sara Noone, after good work from Linda Dillon, pointed again for

Galway eight minutes into the game. The irony for Galway is that it was to be their last score while in control of the game.

On the quarter hour, Orla Coughlan broke through for a Cork point but it was eight minutes from the break before Anna Geary pointed a free that left Galway 1-2 to 0-3 in front. However, less than a minute later it all went wrong for Galway and they were left chasing the game after that.

Galway lost the ball in attack and when corner back Collette Gill was dragged out of position, Orla Coughlan was allowed the freedom to race through and set up Aine Watson for a Cork goal. Although Maíread Dunne replied with a Galway free in injury time to leave the sides level at half time, the signs were worrying for them.

The second half was just a minute in progress when Anna Geary sent a rasping shot which was turned over by Galway 'keeper Stephanie Gannon — one of a series of fine saves made by the Galway custodian during the hour.

Galway struggled in the early stages of the second half but Cork eventually took control in a blistering seven minute spell

in the second half. Orla Coughlan and Aine Watson pointed before Mary Coleman goaled and quickly followed with a point.

Watson and Geary added two further points and by the end of the third quarter Cork led by 2-9 to 1-3. Watson and Geary added further points before Collette Hardiman had Galway's solitary second half point early in the final quarter. A point from full forward Mary Coleman added to an Anna Geary goal in added time, inflicted further injury to an already embarrassing scoreline.

Cork: M Murphy; E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawkins; O Cotter, R Buckley, E Waters; A Geary (1-5), S Downing; O Coughlan (0-2), H O'Regan, A Watson (1-3); T Shanahan, M Coleman (1-2); J Donovan. Subs: D Cooney for Shanahan, S Donovan for J Donovan, E Healy for O'Regan.

Galway: S Gannon; T Byrne, E Burke, C Gill; J Gill (0-1), R Maher, C Glynn; L Monaghan, F Hahnefeld; E Burke, S Noone (0-1); L Dillon, T Manton, C Hardiman (0-1), M Dunne (1-1), S Dervan. Subs: S Dervan for E Burke, J Brien for C Gill, M Conroy for Hahnefeld.

Referee: E Hamill (Down).



REBEL ROUSER: Cork captain Anna Geary lifts the cup after her side's impressive All-Ireland Minor A camogie final victory over Galway yesterday

Corcaigh

- 1 Muireann Ní Mhurchú
Marian Murphy
Kibritain/Timoleague
- 2 Emma Ní Dhuinn
Emma Dunne
Cloughduv
- 3 Maíread Ní Niatháin
Marguerite Nyhan
Enniskeane
- 4 Laoiseach Ní Eacháin
Lucy Hawkes
Valley Rovers
- 5 Órla Ní Oitir
Órla Cotter
St Catherine's
- 6 Riona Ní Bhuachalla
Rena Buckley
Innisceane
- 7 Éadaoin Ní Thuairisc
Edwina Waters
Ballyhea
- 8 Aine Ní Ghadhra
Anna Geary
Milford, Captain
- 9 Sorcha Ní Dhuinn
Sarah Downing
Courcy Rovers
- 10 Órlaith Ní Chochláin
Órla Coughlan
Enniskeane
- 11 Hazel Ní Riagáin
Hazel O'Regan
Clonsilla
- 12 Aine Ní Uaith
Aine Watson
Milford
- 13 Crístin Ní Sheanacháin
Tina Shanahan
Newtownshandrum
- 14 Máire Ní Cholmáin
Mary Coleman
Ballyhea
- 15 Sinéad Ní Dhonnabháin
Susan Donovan
Ballycollig

Waterford win first title as Cork minors take 13th

Waterford 6-11
Armagh 1-4

WATERFORD'S first appearance in an All-Ireland final in 58 years yielded their first national camogie title, when they landed the Minor B crown in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise, yesterday.

Aine Lyng hit a purple patch five minutes before the interval, bringing her first-half tally to 3-2 and settling the affair. Her fourth major strike, five minutes after the break, destroyed the Armagh fight-back — and it was no surprise that her display earned her Player of the Match.

Scorers - Waterford: A Lyng 4-3 (0-1 free), R Heylin 1-2, J Simpson 1-0, E Hannon 0-3, L O'Dowd 0-2 (0-1 free), P Jackman 0-1.

Armagh: C McSorley 1-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45m), A Murphy and M Murphy 0-1 each.

WATERFORD: A O'Brien, P Broderick, O Heffernan, M Heffernan, L Buckley (capt), T Morrissey, R Delahunty, C Maher, J Simpson, S Finn, E Hannon, R Heylin, K Heneghan, A Lyng, L O'Dowd.

Subs: A Breathnach for K Heneghan (35 mins), P Jackman for L O'Dowd (45 mins), C Keogh for S Finn (52 mins).

ARMAGH: S Quinn, A McKenna, C Hayes, D McBirney, E O'Hare, C Fanthorpe, S McKee, C McSorley, M Murphy, A Clarke, S McParland, A Murphy, D Collins, G Donaghy (capt), J Rowland.

Subs: C Mallon for A Clarke (h/t), N Kelly for D McBirney (42 mins), C McKernan for C Fanthorpe (50 mins), M Grimley for C Hayes (55 mins).

Referee: N Cormick (Galway).

Cork 3-12
Galway 1-4

THE sea of red and white in Portlaoise yesterday said it all. Cork had won their 13th All-Ireland Minor title

in exemplary fashion, completing a hat-trick while also equalling feats of olden years. But history didn't seem the only factor against them as they started out in O'Moore Park — when Mairead Dunne rocked the Rebel's net after just 20 seconds of play, it looked like the Munster supporters might be in for an anxious afternoon.

At half-time it still seemed that a battle was on the cards, with the sides locked at 1-3 apiece. But Cork emerged with renewed force for the second half, leading by three points after ten minutes.

When Hazel O'Regan superbly set up Mary Coleman for a rocket of a goal, the floodgates opened. There was no way back for Galway as the points began to flow, before Anna

Geary finished in style by hitting Cork's third goal in injury time.

Cork skipper Geary finished the day with 1-5, collecting her third championship medal at the grade and also the title of Player of the Match.

Scorers - Cork: A Geary 1-5 (0-1 free), M Coleman 1-3, A Watson 1-2, O Coughlan 0-2, Galway: M Dunne 1-1, C Hardiman, S Noone and J Gill 0-1 (free) each.

CORK: M Murphy, E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawkes, S Downing, R Buckley, E Waters, O Cotter, A Geary (capt), O Coughlan, H O'Regan, A Watson, T Shanahan, M Coleman, J O'Donovan.

Subs: D Coomey for T Shanahan (53 mins), S O'Donovan for J O'Donovan (59 mins), E Healy for H O'Regan (61 mins).

GALWAY: S Gannon, T Byrne, Elaine Burke, R Maher, L Dillon, J Gill, C Gill, C Glynn (capt), L Monaghan, F Hahnefeld, C Hardiman, S Noone, M Dunne, L Dillon, Emily Burke.

Subs: S Dervin for Emily Burke (h/t), J Brien for C Gill (35 mins), M Conroy for F Hahnefeld (48 mins).

Referee: E Hamill (Down).

Galway coast to semis as Antrim demolished

Galway 4-18
Antrim 3-9

by Therese O'Callaghan

GALWAY secured a place in the semi-final of the Foras na Gaeilge senior camogie championship after a marvellous round-three win over Antrim at Loughrea on Saturday.

At the interval, Antrim were just five points in arrears, but when Aisling Connolly pounced for her second goal five minutes after the restart, they quickly relinquished their grip, having conceded earlier goals from Lourda Kavanagh and Orla Kilkenny.

Galway took total control up front, where Kavanagh and Kilkenny were in tremendous form. They can derive yet more optimism from a defence where Róisín O'Connor, Rita Broderick and captain Tracy Laheen excelled.

Scorers - Galway: A Connolly 2-0, L Kavanagh 1-5 (0-1 45m), O Kilkenny 1-3, C Murray 0-5, T Maher 0-4, A Hardiman 0-1.

Antrim: S Laggan 2-0, A McKee 1-0, J Adams 0-5 (free), E Mason 0-3, S Doherty 0-1.

GALWAY: L Curry, R O'Connor, R Broderick, AM Broderick, A Kelly, T Laheen, L Lally, C Hannon, A Hillary, C Murray, T Maher, A Hardiman, A Connolly, L Kavanagh, O Kilkenny.

Subs: R Lally for A Hillary, M Haverly for A Kelly, F Pierce for A M Broderick, C Bowes for A Hardiman.

ANTRIM: C Doherty, O Donnelly, M Duffin, B McKinley, S McCluskey, M Graham, C McGinley, J Adams, F Hasson, N McGarry, A McKee, E Mason, R Duffin, S Laggan, E Dowds.

Subs: Carla Doherty for F Hasson, S Doherty for N McGarry.

Referee: J O'Brien (Wexford).

Cork 1-20
Kilkenny 1-5

by Therese O'Callaghan

A goal from Caoimhe Harrington after 17 minutes helped Cork to gain control in this Foras na Gaeilge

All-Ireland senior camogie championship round-three tie at Nowlan Park on Saturday afternoon.

The All-Ireland champions will now face Tipperary, Limerick or Galway in the last four, with the pairings to be finalised later this week.

New-look Kilkenny managed to stay with Cork for the opening quarter, but once the goal arrived they lost direction.

Leading by 1-10 to 0-4 at the break, the Rebels outclassed the home side, and despite Catherine Doherty goaling at the three-quarter stage, the affair was well and truly over.

Kilkenny replaced three of their six defenders due to the pressure.

Up front, Emer Dillon was most impressive, bagging five points from play.

The game was also notable for the return of Catriona Carey, who had given her allegiance to hockey.

But there was little she or indeed any of her colleagues could do to prevent a well-drilled Cork outfit from forging ahead.

Harrington 1-1, E Dillon 0-5, O O'Sullivan and U O'Donoghue 0-2 each, P O'Connor, V Harris and J O'Leary 0-1 each.

Kilkenny: C Doherty 1-0, S Millea 0-4 (free), C Carey 0-1.

CORK: G Casey, J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, V Harris, R Moloney, U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary, O O'Sullivan, C Harrington, F O'Driscoll.

Subs: B Corkery for U O'Donoghue, C Healy for C Harrington, E Burke for E Dillon.

KILKENNY: B Aylward, C Kinahan, G Dillon-Maher, D Minogue, P Comerford, K Long, T Millea, T Muldowney, E Aylward, L Lyng, M Costelloe, J Frisby, C Carey, S Millea, C Doherty.

Subs: A Neary for M Costelloe, E Maher for T Muldowney, E Lyng for D Minogue, B Grennan for K Long, M Lalor for P Comerford.

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

Minor camogie stars complete three-in-a-row of All-Irelands

CORK 3-12
GALWAY 1-4

ALL-Ireland minor champions Cork retained their title and made it three-in-a-row with a superb second half display against a Galway side who for the opening twenty minutes had dominated proceedings in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise on Sunday.

Galway took the lead with the first attack thanks to a Mairead Dunne goal after just 22 seconds of play and the score certainly unsettled the Cork girls who struggled to get to grips with their game.

Cork had gone further into arrears after Jessica Gill pointed from Galway but Cork captain Anna Geary settled her side a point.

A surprisingly nervous Cork struggled to match their opponents as Galway's Sarah Noone and Cork's Orla Coughlan exchanged points. Anna Geary converted forty five

Only Galway stood between the **Cork** minor camogie side and a tremendous **third** successive All-Ireland title. As it panned out the resistance was minimal, and futile, as the Rebel girls produced a stunning display to triumph

metres free as Cork worked hard to stay with their opponents.

The break Cork needed came in the shape of an Aine Watson goal seven minutes from the interval after good work from Orla Coughlan and now hitting the front for the first time Cork began to find their feet. Mairead Dunne had the side's level on the stroke of half time with a pointed free to leave it 1-3 apiece.

On the resumption Cork showed tremendous determination led superbly by captain Anna Geary at centre field ably assisted by the hard working Orla Coughlan and Edwina Waters. Inside eight minutes of the restart Cork held the upper hand thanks to points from Anna Geary, Orla

Coughlan, and Aine Watson.

When Mary Coleman struck for a vital goal nine minutes into the half Galway were reeling and now it was they who were struggling to stay with the livelier Cork.

Dominant in all sectors Cork continued to pressurise the Galway defence as they came in search of further scores, five points in succession from Mary Coleman, Aine Watson, (2) and Anna Geary (2) had the champions well on the way to three in a row long before Mary Coleman and Clare Hardiman swapped points.

Two minutes into injury time it was fitting that superb Cork captain Anna Geary should have the final say with a Cork goal after a terrific perfor-

mance that later saw her name as Player of the Game.

Cork selectors Ann Watson, John Quinn and John Cronin are to be praised for the success of their side, it's a marvellous achievement for the back room team to guide three minor teams to three in a row and the selectors deserve huge praise.

After the game selector John Cronin gave his reaction: "To say we are thrilled is an understatement, at the start of the campaign there were people who said we had no chance or retaining our title and that our squad was not strong enough — today we proved them wrong."

"When Galway took the lead early in the game we



Cork minor camogie captain Anna Geary receives the All-Ireland trophy from Camogie President Miriam O'Callaghan.

never panicked but worked away at our own game and thankfully it came good. Three-in-a-row was our aim and we have delivered the goods and we are thrilled for a wonderful group of players who have given it everything since last January," added a delighted Cronin.

Teams - Cork: M Murphy, E Dunne, M Nyhan, L Hawkes, O Cotter, R Buckley, E Waters, A Geary (captain), S Downing, O Coughlan, H O'Regan, A Watson, T Shanahan, M Coleman, J O'Donovan. **Subs:** D Coomey for J Shanahan, S O'Donovan for J O'Donovan.

Galway: S Gannon, T Byrne, E Burke, C Gill, J Gill, R Maher, C Glynn (captain), L Monaghan, F Hahnefeld, E Burke, S Noone, L Dillon, T Manton, C Hardiman, M Dunne. **Subs:** S Dervin for E Burke, R O'Brien for C Gill. **Referee:** E Ni Amall (Down).



Cork's Hazel O'Regan leaves Galway's Theresa Manton in her wake as she sets off on a run during the All-Ireland Minor A Camogie Final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Picture credit: Matt Browne / SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Cork
Antrim

2-21
1-4

THE most noticeable fact about this result is the likely elimination of Antrim in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship. With two games played - both at home - they have no points registered and with their final match away to Galway in two weeks time it is unlikely that they will salvage anything from this season's championship.

By comparison the defending All-Ireland champions had the opportunity to introduce all five substitutes over the hour - with two of those, Elaine Burke and Caoimhe Harrington, netting a goal apiece.

Cork lead 0-8 to 1-3 at half time but they completely took over in the second period with Fiona O'Driscoll, Emer Dillon and Jennifer O'Leary bagging a princely 16-points between them.

Jayne Adams who returned to the team after missing the previous encounter was top-scorer for Antrim with 1-2.

Scorers Cork: F O'Driscoll 0-7, E Dillon 0-5, J O'Leary 0-4, E Burke and C Harrington 1-0 each, R Moloney and P O'Connor 0-2 each, O O'Sullivan 0-1.

Antrim: J Adams 1-2, E Mason and N McCarry 0-1 each.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; V Harris, R Moloney; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Healy, F O'Driscoll.

Subs: S Hayes for V Harris, J O'Sullivan for D Cronin, E Burke for O O'Sullivan, A Murray for G Casey, C Harrington for C Healy.

ANTRIM: C Doherty; F Hasson, M McAllister, B McKinley; H Connolly, S McCluskey, C McGinley; J Adams, R Duffin; N McCarry, E Mason, A McKee; S Doherty, U Elliott, E Dowds.

Subs: U Hasson for H Connolly.



CHAMPIONS: Lord Mayor Cllr Colm Burke last night greeted the Douglas camogie team on their return from winning the gold at the national finals of the Community Games in Mosney.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare



UNFORGETTABLE: Above left, some of the members of the Douglas camogie team celebrate their Community Games victory - a joy shared by their delighted coaches and family members, right.

Picture: Brian Loughheed

Gaillimh

- 1 Stiofáin Nig Fhionnán
Stephanie Gannon
Athenry
- 2 Síle Ní Bhriain
Julie Brien
Kilimor
- 3 Léan de Búrca
Elaine Burke
Kinvare
- 4 Colette Ní Gíolla
Colette Gill
Athenry
- 5 Jessica Ní Gíolla
Jessica Gill
Athenry
- 6 Rút Ní Mheachair
Ruth Maher
Shamrocks
- 7 Clodagh Nig Fhloinn
Clodagh Glynn
Kiltormer, Captain
- 8 Leona Ní Mhuineacháin
Leona Monaghan
Mullagh
- 9 Fiona Hahnefeld
Fiona Hahnefeld
Davitts
- 10 Eimilé de Búrca
Emily Burke
Clarinbridge
- 11 Sorcha Ní Nuadháin
Sarah Noone
Ahascragh
- 12 Linda Dhiolún
Linda Dillon
Cappataggle
- 13 Treasa Ní Mhantáin
Theresa Manton
Cappataggle
- 14 Colette Ní Argadáin
Colette Hardiman
Mullagh
- 15 Mairéad Ní Dhuinn
Mairéad Dunne
Eyrecourt



Camogie coaches at the St Finbarr's GAA Summer Camp pose with the Munster Senior HC trophy. Included are Genny Duffy, Triona Fitzpatrick, Niamh Cooke and Claire Harrington.

Mayo - Master the art of camogie

by Máire Uí Scolaí

Mayo is a county often known for football and the annual Croke Patrick climb, but what some people may not know is that Cill a.Bhaile was the home town of the late Seaghan O'Duffy, after whom the All-Ireland senior Camogie championship cup is called. Earlier this year camogie was re-launched Castlebar in great style.

Away back in 1959 the Mayo girls reached their first and only All-Ireland senior Camogie final. Alas on the day they met with the mighty Dubs who beat them 11-06 to 1-03. Of course the game was much different then as it was played as a twelve a-side match and the pitch was smaller. The time for each half was also different.

While camogie may not have been the number one game in the county for some years, one club that is trying to change that image is the very eager and well-known Castlebar Mitchells GAA club.

Nóirín Heston

Some years ago, a Mayo lady by the name of Nóirín Heston was working over in London and while there she set up camogie in the Pearses club along with Gerry Rea. They are a club that are still very active today and travel to Ireland for the Annual Kilmacud Crokes 7.s on the eve of the All-Ireland camogie final.

When the Mayo lady returned to her roots she soon set about setting up camogie in the town of Castlebar. She was not on her own, as the Chairman of the hurling club Fr. Michael Murphy was more than willing to help set up the game.

August 2002 was a historic month as it was then that Nóirín and her band of helpers began to get to grips with the task ahead of them. The word spread through Castlebar rapidly that the local Castlebar Mitchells was about to set

up a camogie club. Notices went into the local newspapers and on the first evening there were over twenty young girls ranging from sixteen years of age up all wanting to play.

According to the hurling vice-chairman Tony Stakelum of the well known Tipperary family now residing in Mayo „they were a very eager crowd and that eagerness has not disappeared, as there are now over thirty five young players involved in the club.“

The girls began training under Kerry Garda, Kevin O'Grady who is based in the town and who took over from the injured Eamonn Shaughnessey. They now take part in the Galway junior GEB, competition and according to Tony „this is going well, and the girls have had the opportunity of playing in Mc Hale Park which was great for them.“

When starting up any team money and costs are words nobody likes to hear too often, but on this occasion, the hurling club was very good towards the girls and much help was extended towards them. Local man Joe Reilly of Reicon Construction sponsored the team with jerseys and then they were on the road.

Much needed revenue is generated each week through the club lotto and everyone can see that this West of Ireland town has a bright camogie future.

Connacht Council

When Mayo camogie was launched officially last March it was one of the last official duties that Pat Rafferty carried out as Uachtarán of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael before she stepped down at Congress. On that historic night she was accompanied by Michael Kennedy, Chairman of Connacht Council, and Connacht secretary Paula Naughton.

Michael Kennedy is more than happy with the progress so far. „Our aim is to have three or four clubs in the county

and set up a county board. It will take time, „ commented Michael who is a member of the famed Pearses club of Galway.

The Connacht chairman would love to see camogie developing in Sligo and Leitrim too. The Mayo club has already this year taken part in the Connacht u14 Blitz held recently which was a great success.

Summer fun of 2003

They say behind every man is a good woman and it can be said that behind every club must lie a school, at either primary or second level or indeed both. To this end much coaching is presently going on in the local schools at both primary and second level.

However, the enthusiastic club do not want to let the summer of 2003 go unnoticed and so a GEB hurling on the green initiative was launched. Four days a week, the four green spaces surrounding Castlebar are host to approximately 40-50 happy boys and girls who are learning the art of camogie and hurling. Tony Stakelum is very enthusiastic about this aspect, and it is great to see that two of the club camogie players have become involved in this: Maeve Murphy and Lily Whelan.

The surrounding schools both secondary and primary are well served by coaches Ger Whyte who is on the Mayo senior hurling team, winners of the 2003 National League Division Three title. Galway U21 hurler Gavin Carey assists him.

One gets the impression that this bunch of very enthusiastic volunteers will get a reward in the not too distant future. Just to show that there is more than just training and playing a trip to this year's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland championship Final on September 21st is on the cards.

With energetic players like Maeve Murphy and Lily Whelan who not only play but as mentioned are also involved in the coaching, the future of Mayo camogie looks good.



The Castlebar Mitchells camogie squad get a new set of jerseys. Front, l/r: Sinead Muldoon, Catherine McGreal, Fidelma McCann, Anne McGreal. Middle, l/r: Aoibheann Finan, Anne Marie Brown, Maeve Murphy, Joe Reilly, sponsor Reicon Construction, Elaine Byrne, Lily Whelan, Eleanor O'Boyle. Back, l/r: Noreen Heston, Barbara Parsons, Catherine O'Boyle, Audrey Flynn, Amanda Conway, Rose Maloney, Catherine Healey, Kevin O'Connor. Missing from photo are Claire Horan, Marion Silk, Phil Callaghan, Helen Maloney



At the launch of Mayo camogie were Patricia Rafferty (Iar-Uachtarán), Paula Naughton (Secretary Connacht Council) and Michael Kennedy (Chairman, Connacht Camogie Council)

Fixtures:

- Aug.17th - All-Ireland Junior championship semi-finals:
- Clare v Armagh, Cusack Pk. (provisional)
- Wexford v Galway/Roscommon.
- Aug.23rd - All-Ireland Foras na Gaeilge championship semi-finals.
- Sept.21st - Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Final, All-Ireland Junior Championship Final.



Breaking the mould:
Kesh Camogie team, 1904

The Tailteann Games, 1932 - Camogie was an integral part of these great sporting and cultural festivals



Shedding their 'Reserve':

Camogie and the Origins of Women's Sport in Ireland

By Dr. Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh

Ireland's first camogie club was based in Navan, Co. Meath and was established in 1898. Tomás Ó Domhnaill described his family's involvement in the game in *Ríocht na Míde* 2003. His mother, Máire Ní Cheallaigh (Mary Kelly), was a member of the first camogie team ever. The club, not surprisingly, was linked to the Gaelic League which had been established in 1893 in order to promote Irish language and culture. These pioneering camogie players were part of what was described as 'a ladies' hurling team'. The club was established so that they could play an exhibition match as part of the commemoration of the 1798 rebellion. The game was played at Tara, the historic inauguration place of ancient Irish kings and one of the flash points of the insurrection in 1798. An excellent photograph of these early camogie players which was taken in 1904 has been provided on page 142 of *Ríocht na Míde* 2003. The original photograph is in the excellent GAA museum at Croke Park. The links between the Irish language and Camogie were strengthened with the involve-

ment of Agnes O'Farrelly, Una Ní Fhaircheallaigh (1874-1951) in the promotion of Camogie at third level. A Cavan woman, she was one of the early graduates of the Royal University of Ireland, having received her BA in 1899 and her MA in 1900. She was appointed a lecturer in modern Irish in UCD in 1909 and, in 1932, she became the professor of Modern Irish Poetry on the retirement of Douglas Hyde. Like the early Camogie players she was closely involved in the Gaelic League which had been established in 1893. A popular teacher in UCD, she had, according to Dr. Marie Coleman, the author of her entry in the forthcoming Dictionary of Irish Biography, which will be published by Cambridge University Press, 'a reputation as a social figure and entertained frequently at her homes in Dublin and the Donegal Gaeltacht'. Most importantly, she founded the UCD Camogie club in 1914 and was its president between 1914 and 1951. Winners of the intervarsity Camogie Championships receive the Ashbourne Cup because Agnes O'Farrelly managed to convince the 2nd Lord Ashbourne, William Gibson, to donate this

cup. Not only that, O'Farrelly was president of the Camogie Association of Ireland in 1941-2. Camogie was part of the general gaelicisation programme of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Ireland. When the Tailteann Games were held in Dublin in 1924, Camogie was part of the programme. Dr.

ly, beating England eight nil. Furthermore, the weather was most adverse and the ground sodden after the morning's downpour. Some things never change! This was August after all. The teams were as follows: Ireland: R. Cannon, A. Cunningham, Kelly, Cullen, McDonald, Thackabery, N.

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Michael Cronin is currently researching the activities surrounding the Games and he has unearthed an *Irish Times* report (4th of August, 1924) of the Camogie match at the Tailteann Games. The 'international match' was played at University Park, Terenure. Ireland won easi-

ly, beating England eight nil. Furthermore, the weather was most adverse and the ground sodden after the morning's downpour. Some things never change! This was August after all. The teams were as follows: Ireland: R. Cannon, A. Cunningham, Kelly, Cullen, McDonald, Thackabery, N.

THEIR FASHION GUIDELINES WERE AS FOLLOWS: 'DRESSES TO BE WORN NOT LESS THAN FOUR INCHES BELOW THE KNEE' AND 'SLEEVES TO BE NOT MORE THAN ONE INCH ABOVE THE ELBOW FOR DAY WEAR, NOT MORE THAN TWO INCHES ABOVE THE ELBOW FOR EVENING WEAR AND SLEEVES TO THE WRIST FOR CHURCH WEAR' FURTHERMORE, MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT CRUSADE WERE TO ABSTAIN FROM 'LOUD TALKING AND BOISTEROUS LAUGHTER IN PUBLIC.'

that they were playing at all may have caused surprise in certain quarters. Women were excluded from all athletic events at the Olympic Games until 1928 when a mere five events were open to female athletes. In the same year, Pope Pius XI declared that sport was 'irreconcilable with woman's reserve'. This comment was in keeping with the views of certain commentators who did not relish the sight of sportswomen. Ironically, the very devout students at Mary Immaculate College of Education in Limerick also indulged in Camogie playing the 1920s and 30s. They also played other sports as the *Mary Immaculate Training College Annals*, published between 1927 and 1954, and available in the National Library of Ireland, make

abundantly clear. The traditional picture of female restrictions in the sporting arena may have to be modified, when one looks at the training colleges. Trinity historian, Dr. Maryann Valiulis, has made much of the Mary Immaculate Modest Dress and Deportment Crusade. This sought to eliminate immodest dress amongst prospective primary teachers. She links this with the restrictions on mixed-athletics, and its ban by John Charles McQuaid, then President of Blackrock College. Sr. Loreto O'Connor, the historian of Mary Immaculate Training College, points out that the crusade attracted thousands of members from all walks of life. Their fashion guidelines were as follows: 'dresses to be worn not less than

four inches below the knee' and 'sleeves to be not more than one inch above the elbow for day wear, not more than two inches above the elbow for evening wear and sleeves to the wrist for Church wear.' Furthermore, members of the deportment crusade were to abstain from 'loud talking and boisterous laughter in public.' However, many students in Limerick also played basketball (hardly a sport noted for its sedate pace), baseball, tennis as well as the aforementioned Camogie. This may, in part, be due to the enthusiasm of Sr. Veronica Cullinan, who became principal in 1923. She was a great believer in outdoor activities, and loved fresh air. However, while these future primary teachers were con-

cerned with dress, they were not devoid of athletic entertainment. Such was the interest in games that the students were allowed to forgo their Sunday walk. This walk was normally a ritual in all-female boarding establishments. The students played matches instead. These activities may be seen as part of the European gymnastics movement which contributed, in part, to the revival of the Olympic Games in 1896. However, this was usually associated with Swedish Drill. Hence, it comes as a surprise to see demure Mary Immaculate students racing around a court or a muddy field. One student, who signed herself as B.L., wrote the following about her games experiences at Mary Immaculate Training College during the 1930s.

Run All the Way
The lockers are opened, "elastics" [stockings] pulled forth,

As each student makes ready for play,
Then, laughing and talking, we merrily race,

For our slogan is - *Run all the way!*

And when, on the playground, a 'White' or a 'Blue'

Hits a ball that bids starward to stray

There rings in her ears as she speeds on her course,

A chorus of - *'Run all the way!'*

Alas! like the ball, we to heaven can't soar,

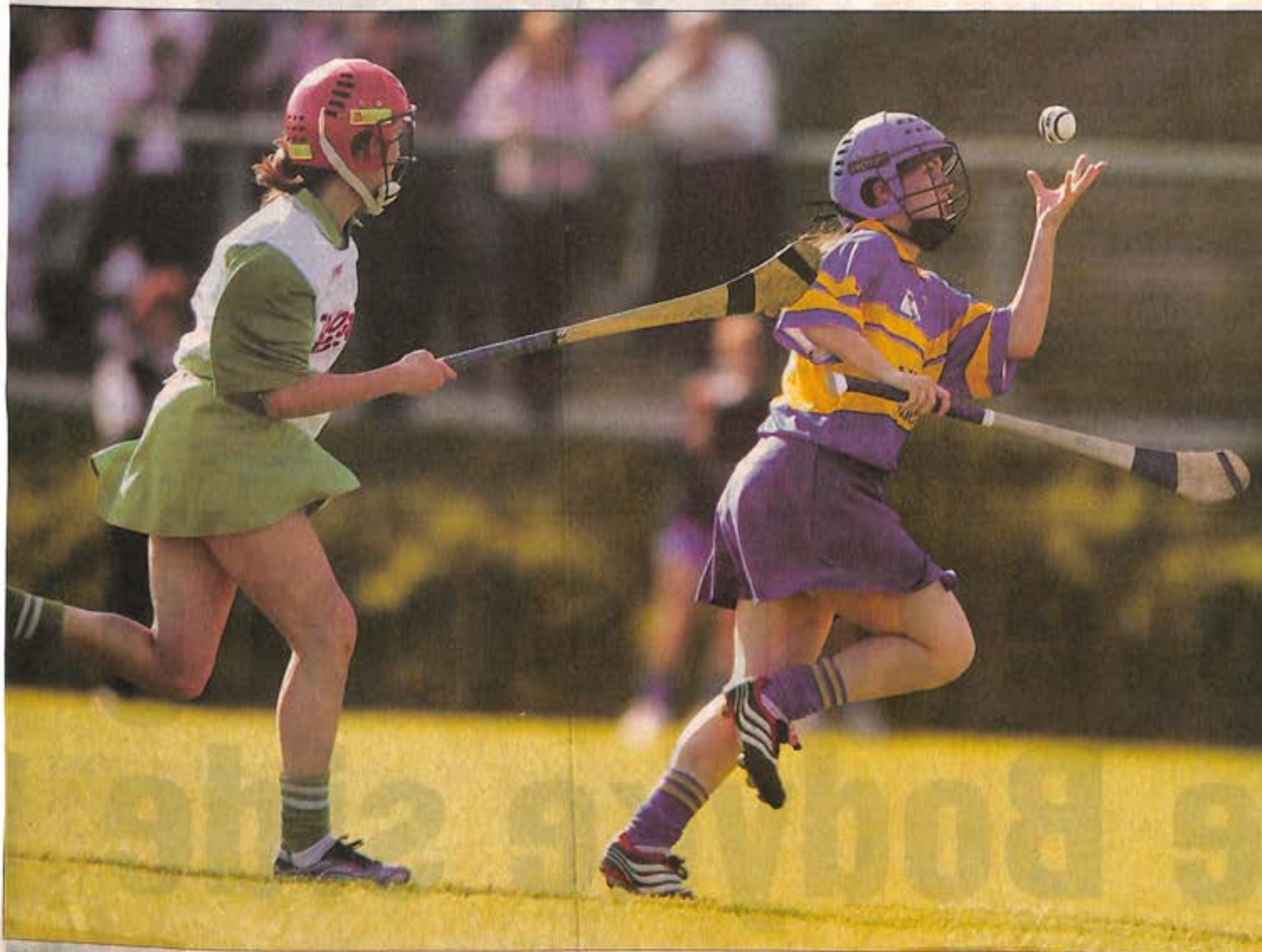
But thither must climb day by day;

To loiter would show a poor spirit of sport,

So we struggle to run all the way!

The much-maligned elastics were the subject of an article by M.B. a senior student in Limerick in 1928. She pondered: 'surely the elastics remind you of the Games. Don't you remember the Base-Ball and the Basket-Ball, and don't you remember how awkward you felt the first few days and how hard you found it to be frisky, when encased in a brand new pair of elastics?' A similar development in terms of intellectual vitality can be seen in the training of protestant primary teachers, when Professor Robert Fynne was appointed, in 1922, to the chair of education in TCD. He believed that 'the students should escape from the elementary atmosphere, and enjoy greater freedom for the cultivation and expression individuality'. Hence, despite restrictions in many aspects of their lives, women had some opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities. Camogie was part of this development and its importance should not be underestimated. Dr. Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh teaches history at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Great defensive display foundation for Newmarket three-in-a-row



Lorraine McLroy of Wolfe Tones gives chase to Newmarket's Claire Arthur during the county senior camogie final at Scariff.

Photograph by John Kelly

Newmarket-on-Fergus 3-8

Wolfe Tones na Sionna 1-2

TJ Flynn reports

SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

CLARE'S chicks with sticks came out to play in Scariff on Sunday, but reeling from injury problems, Wolfe Tones never looked like giving their counterparts from Newmarket any real headaches.

Newmarket came to East Clare seeking their third successive senior camogie title, and thanks to a sublime defensive display, particularly in the opening half hour, and a shooting exhibition in the second, they headed home with the hat-trick of trophies neatly tucked away.

Wolfe Tones were limited to a meagre return of one point from the first-half, that coming with just three minutes to play before the break.

At this stage, Newmarket had tapped over five points and plundered the Wolfe Tones defence for a goal, to set up an impenetrable lead for the remainder of the tie.

Without the efforts of Aine Ni Cormaic in the Wolfe Tones goal, Newmarket would have surely raced further ahead.

Ni Cormaic was continuously on call throughout the game and was perhaps a little unlucky to concede the first goal, a long ball from Aoife Ryan.

Ryan fired in from 40 metres and the sliotar drifted over the heads of the Shannon side, the sun proving a nuisance to defenders in the clear Scariff sky.

Maura McMahon, playing in the middle of the park, lorded over her area and sat in front of her back six to great effect.

Any loose ball was quickly devoured by McMahon, thus severely limiting the supply line into Wolfe Tones.

Edel Arthur was also getting through an amount of work down the left flank and she was the one to fire Newmarket into a lead that they would never relinquish, with points in the seventh and ninth minutes.

Arthur was roving well along her wing but also dipped back into midfield to gain possession and add some extra foundation to Newmarket. Further up the field, the inside forward line were fast and creative and when the sliotar came their way, they proved thrifty in their use of possession.

Newmarket lead by seven at half-time and though Wolfe Tones looked like a spent force, Newmarket still had to see the game out.

Marian Costello threw Wolfe Tones an unexpected life line on the 35 minute mark when her dead ball effort lobbed the Newmarket defence but the defending champions were quick to react and pulled the trophy further into their grasp.

Three minutes after Costello had struck, Ruth Kaiser blasted to the Wolfe Tones net, following a great blockage on a Shannon clearance.

Aoife Ryan and Maura McMahon added another two points and the difference stood at nine points.

The highlight of Wolfe Tones outing came with a fantastic free from Elaine

Gallery, her second of the game, from distance and at a difficult angle.

It was to the credit of the Newmarket defence, particularly their disciplined attitude, that the accurate shooting of Gallery was displayed only on a couple of occasions.

The cherry on the iced cake arrived for Newmarket on the stroke of the hour.

Having intercepted a pass from the Wolfe Tones goalkeeper, Edel Arthur side-stepped two Shannon defenders and slotted into an empty net.

The goal put a one sided look on the scoreboard and finished the competent job that Newmarket had started 60 minutes earlier.

Scorers - Newmarket: Edel Arthur (1-3), Aoife Ryan (1-2, 2 frees), Ruth Kaiser (1-1), Claire Arthur (0-1), Maura McMahon (0-1, 1 free). **Wolfe Tones:** Marian Costello (1-0), Elaine Gallery (0-2, 2 frees).

Newmarket: Patricia O'Grady, Maria Hannon, Aileen Kilmartin, Elaine McMahon, Jane O'Leary, Geraldine O'Grady, Marie O'Looney, Maura McMahon, Sharon McMahon, Aoife Ryan, Deirdre Cassidy, Edel Arthur, Catherine McMahon, Ruth Kaiser, Claire Arthur. **Subs:** Sinead Ryan for Catherine McMahon.

Wolfe Tones: Aine Ni Cormaic, Siobhan Kelly, Nicole O'Mara, Lorraine McLroy, Emer Whereley, Marian Costello, Marie Hehir, Sinead Twomey, Danielle McMackin, Lizzy Danaher, Muirean Ni Fheoris, Elaine Gallery, Deborah Roughan, Rebecca Foley, Aisling McCafferty. **Subs:** Clodagh Lennon for Rebecca Foley, Danika Harrison for Cathriona Foley.

Referee: Alan Turbidy.

TONIGHT'S ACTION

Cork County Senior Championship quarter-final
Fr O'Neill's v Glen Rovers,
Carrigrohilly 7.30pm

THEY have had such contrasting first round games during which Fr O'Neill's had a comprehensive victory over Carbery and Glen Rovers came from behind to record a thrilling win over Imokilly.

Consequently the Ballymacoda side will have learned little — they had 11 points to spare. However, opposition aside they did perform well and once again Fiona O'Driscoll was the major threat in the attack.

In a smart move this year they have moved their regular centre-back Nora Ahern up to the forty.

With their new signing Claire Madden who has slotted into the Number-six shirt, this has released Ahern to add much needed oomph up front. She is a surging player and with Claire Flavin inside at full-forward they have the necessary steel to take their scores.

In defence, Liz Sweetnam and Mags Finn are two very qualified defenders and they have Madden anchoring the half-back line outside of them. Midfield too is strong with Sinead Cahalane and Val O'Sullivan full of hurling. And Mary Kennefick, who might not have the fitness for out the field still has much to offer between the sticks.

The Glen, on the other hand, can be credited for surviving such a tight situation against Imokilly, which should stand them in great stead for this clash. They have failed to get over the first round in the last couple of years, so much heart will be taken from the manner of their victory over the east Cork division.

Denise Cronin will take a lot of watching at full-forward. She is a powerful striker and once in possession is not easy to arrest.

In defence Niamh Goulding had a massive hour at full-back and directly in front of her captain Jill Hannon in particular had a wonderful final 30 minutes.

Throw in Mary Burke, Linda Mellerick and Emma Harte and the vital element of experience comes to the fore.

Cork County Senior Championship quarter-final

Carrigdhoun v Milford, Coachford 8pm
Milford might be the surprise package in this year's quarter-finals but they are deserving of their place. Inching through the ranks every year step by step they are the newcomers to the senior grade and had they not won their first round game it would have been accepted as part of the course.

However, the fact that they did overcome Barryroe, a team who many expected to do well in the championship, says much for the true value of this side.

Anna Geary and Regina Curtin are a great midfield pairing. They possess a wealth of hurling but above all else are athletes who will run all day.

Christine O'Gorman at centre-back is another player with much experience and with Lella Long and Marie Watson completing their line up, the middle, they will not be found wanting when it comes to the crunch this evening.

Of course most of their attacking play will filter through the Watson sisters, Aine, Emer and Marie — the latter accruing 1-7 between them against Barryroe. And with players of the calibre of Aoife Dillon and Aisling Thompson waiting for a call up, the north Cork girls will not be overawed in any way by one of the hotter favourites, Carrigdhoun for the title.

County players Emer Dillon, Liz Bugler, Elaine Burke, Catriona Kelly, Ann Kiely and Jennifer Browne will make for a tough starting 15. However, they will have to plan without Mairead Holland who is currently recuperating from a leg injury.

Therese O'Callaghan

Barrs triumph



UCC's Maeve Nash looks to control the ball, as she holds-off St Finbarr's players, in last night's game. Picture: Orlan Kelly

**St Finbarr's
UCC**

**3-7
0-13** By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**
Cork Senior Championship

IT is unlikely that we will ever witness such a stunning game as this County senior championship quarter-final.

As the skies darkened over Delanys last night, St Finbarr's launched attack after attack and not even the fading light could detract them from the mission they had in mind.

This performance was arguably the best ever from a Blues jersey and for the crowd who braved the earlier downpour to turn out it did not deter them from dancing their jigs of joy on the northside soil.

As for UCC — well they gave it everything. Even the players who were not supposed to play opted to line out. UCC had them all and for long periods in this thrilling encounter they looked like they had secured their place in the last four. But, the Barrs kept their nerve. They never looked rattled even when the college went ahead by two points

entering the home straight.

Then again they had one Orla O'Sullivan who put paid to any challenge that UCC were contemplating firing their way. Every ball she won she converted into scores. Registering 2-5, it was also her shot that was marvellously saved by Brid Aylward for Valerie Maher to bang home the opening goal.

However, it would be unjust to suggest that this was in any way a one-woman show. The south side team proved that they have the necessary credentials all over the field. Inter-county stars Eimear McDonnell — one of the top forwards in the game — Angela Kenneally and Lizzie Lyng tested their defence. Keeping their goal in tact is creditable to keeper Ellen Clifford.

Midfield had a tough battle with Elaine Aylward and Meave Nash, but they came good and Gemma O'Connor's point at the end raised many a cheer. Their attack had to work extremely hard but it is unlikely that they will meet such a model of a defence

again in Una O'Dwyer, Lorraine Burke and Leona Bohan.

Consequently, this clash proved that St Finbarr's do possess the passion and sense of conviction that is required to win county championships. On the touchline too, they appear to have astute statisticians who strive to find the winning formula.

They meet Inniscarra in the semi-final. Trouble now is that everyone will be expecting them to win.

Scorers St Finbarr's: O O'Sullivan 2-5, V Maher 1-0, J Duffy and G O'Connor 0-1 each.

UCC: E McDonnell 0-11 (0-2 frees, 0-2 45m), A Ryan and L Lyng 0-1 each.

UCC: B Aylward; M Mahon, A Burns, L Burke; L Bohan, U O'Dwyer, A Brennan; E Aylward, M Nash; C M Fogarty, A Aylward, A Kenneally; A Ryan, E McDonnell, L Lyng.

Subs: M Ni Bheaglaigh for C M Fogarty (26 mins), A Holohan for M Mahon (37 mins).

St Finbarr's: E Clifford; L Kelleher, D Clarke, G O'Sullivan; K Buckley, L O'Connell, C Kirby; C Harrington, G O'Connor; R Myers, C Kirby, J Duffy; V Maher, O O'Sullivan, B Maher.

Referee: P Downey (Inniscarra).

Inniscarra class too much for their neighbours

**Inniscarra
Muskerry**

**1-9
2-3** By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**
Cork Senior Championship

INNISCARRA made their class tell in this Cork County senior championship quarter-final at Delanys last evening.

Up against their own division was never going to be easy but it was evident as the game wore on that Inniscarra's two hours against Bishopstown would tell.

As history was created, it was fitting that the past would be revisited for the turning point in

this game. Six minutes into the second-half substitute Irene O'Keeffe was introduced — 10 minutes later she drilled the net with the all-important goal that would decide this game.

Muskerry enjoyed their best spell on the run up to half-time and with Foley and Sile Burns winning their fair share of possession, it came as no surprise that they were in the driving seat at the break, 1-3 to 0-4.

However, they will rue the fact that they only notched one score in the second-half. This is where the club side capitalised and with the dazzling Harte tacking on a further four points O'Keeffe's goal was the icing on the cake.

Inniscarra are moving nicely through the championship but on the performance of their next opponents St Finbarr's it will take incredible battling qualities if the mid Cork side are to achieve a spot in the last two. While acknowledging that they have come along way they need a greater return

from their higher numbers.

Scorers Inniscarra: C Harte 0-7 (0-2 frees), I O'Keeffe 1-0, M McCarthy 0-2.

Muskerry: S Burns 1-2 (0-1 free), M Buckley 1-0, C McKenna 0-1.

Inniscarra: G Casey; E Dineen, E O'Mahony, E O'Keeffe; T Murphy, R Buckley, K Ryan; M O'Sullivan, M O'Connell; C Harte, M McCarthy, E O'Sullivan; L Hayes, G O'Mahony, T McCarthy.

Subs: I O'Keeffe for L Hayes (36 mins), A Golden for G O'Mahony (45 mins).

Muskerry: S M Crowley (Aghabullogue); S Buckley (Aghabullogue); J Twomey (do); M Ennequess (do); C Murphy (do); C Foley (Rockban) (capt); N O'Connell (Aghabullogue); T Roche (do); L Dorgan (Grenagh); L Murphy (Aghabullogue); S Burns (Rockban); C McKenna (Eire Og); Mary B Ennequess (Aghabullogue); M Buckley (do); S O'Donovan (Ballincollig).

Referee: John Desmond (Bandon).

Milford Carrighoun 4-6
3-7

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

THE story just get better as Milford recorded their second victory in the Cork County senior camogie championship over big guns Carrighoun in the quarter-final at Coachford last evening. And despite the dreariness of the damp night, there was little to distract these young guns from north Cork as they set out on the glory trail.

In a remarkable senior debut this season after winning the B level last winter, they are determined to prove that their upgrade was no mere stroke of luck. They were determined right from the throw-in, and as a result, their supporters were

cock-a-hoop with the masterful show that they put on.

And while Anna Geary once again stole the show with a remarkable second-half burst that yielded her 1-3, it was their overall support play and sheer grit that got them through in the end.

Carrighoun looked the likely winners at the half with a more varied contribution from their attack. Marion Jagoe grabbed their goal after five minutes and by the interval they had bagged 1-7. Emer Watson was sole provider of the Milford 2-2.

The second-half was a tough affair. Facing the closing 10 minutes neither side had recorded a score, but Milford were hunting in packs and had missed three or four wonderful

opportunities. Good fortune does come to those who wait and when Carrighoun goaled through Sarah O'Donovan it looked dim for them.

However, with Elaine O'Riordan playing out of her skin at full-back and Regina Curtin lording it at centre-back, the contest began in earnest — with Geary despite playing at midfield the fulcrum of their attack. Her purple patch gave Milford a two-point lead before substitute Noelle O'Riordan tipped home to give them a five-point advantage.

But, O'Donovan struck again for Carrighoun to ensure that the final moments plus five minutes of injury-time kept the anxious crowd at the edge of their seats. Now with morale on an upward slope, Milford

will look forward to their semi-final clash with Fr O'Neill's in six days time.

Scorers for Carrighoun: S O'Donovan 2-0, M Jagoe 1-0, C Kelly 0-3 (free), E Dillon, E Burke, A Murphy and J O'Keefe 0-1 each.

Milford: E Watson 2-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45m), A Geary 1-3 (0-2 frees), N O'Riordan 1-0, C O'Gorman 0-1.

CARRIGHOUN: A Kiely (Carrigaline); M Hallahan (Ballygarvan); J O'Keefe (Carrigaline) capt; A O'Neill (Ballygarvan); S A O'Halloran (dol); J Browne (dol); C O'Keefe (Carrigaline); E Dillon (Ballygarvan); E Burke (Valley Rovers); L Bugler (dol); C Kelly (Ballygarvan); A Murphy (dol); M Jagoe (Tracton); S O'Donovan (Ballygarvan); J O'Keefe (Carrigaline).

Subs: L O'Mahony for C O'Keefe (h/t).

MILFORD: E Lenihan; L Healy, E O'Riordan, S Sexton; T McLoughlin, R Curtin, C O'Gorman; D Hayes, A Geary; A Watson, L Long, E O'Friel; E Watson, M Watson, J Sheehy.

Subs: N O'Riordan for J Sheehy (50 mins).

Referee: D Daly (Sarsfields).

Tipp also meet Rebels in intermediate championship

Next week-end Tipperary take on Cork in the opening round of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship. At the time of going to press it has not been finalised if the game will go ahead on Saturday or Sunday. (Listen into local radio for date, venue & time).

Tipperary will be relying on the experience gained at senior level from Trisha O'Halloran, Niamh Connolly, Meabh Corcoran, Lorraine Bourke, Aine Mulcahy, Paula Ryan, Trish Ryan, Helen Breen, but Tipperary also have plenty of experienced players in Sharon Ralph, Jenny O'Halloran, Noelle O'Dwyer, Siobhan Ryan, Deirdre McDonnell, and the new girls to Intermediate status Julie Kirwan, Joanne Nolan, Eimear Ryan, Trish Ralph, Jill Horan. They have a wealth of talent available to them, but no doubt Cork will be up for this game also. It is on a knock out basis and if Tipperary make it to the semi-finals they have a home venue on Saturday, September 6th against either Derry or Wexford.

We look forward to another Tipperary v Cork battle and hope that Tipperary come through with flying colours and would appreciate your support at to cheer them on, Thursday August 28th — a 12 B championship final replay: Burgess v Moneygall venue County Camogie Grounds at 6.30 p.m. Extra time in the event of a draw.

Saturday August 30th — at 3.30 pm: Junior B Championship final: Bournea v Kildangan, County camogie grounds.

Rain fails to dampen Fr O'Neill's spirits

Fr O'Neill's Glen Rovers 2-7
1-1

by **Ken O'Connor**

IT took long, heated debates from mentors of both sides before they were able to persuade referee Oliver Webb the Carrigrohilly pitch was fit for play, such were the horrendous, rain-swept conditions at this Cork County Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final clash last evening.

In hindsight, the Glen must be rueing that they campaigned for the title longer, unfit.

From the moment Sinead Chalane slotted over with not even 60 seconds on the clock there seemed little doubt as to which side would emerge.

Dominating midfield and defence through the trojan efforts of captain Fiona O'Driscoll and Siobhan Kearney, the east Cork side made large parts of the opening period resemble a training session as they toyed with their City opponents.

The game was, to all intents and purposes, sewn up by O'Neill's in the space of six minutes coming up to half time. With 24 minutes gone and her side leading 0-3 to 0-1, Val O'Sullivan seemed content to hold the ball up on the left

hand side, but she cut inside the Glen defence and smashed a snapshot past Catriona Boyle in the net from 20 yards.

Six minutes later, Fiona O'Driscoll found the net from a difficult angle to send her side in with a commanding 2-4 to 0-1 lead at the break.

Hard as it was to imagine for a crowd that had shivered their way through the first half, conditions deteriorated further in the second and the game was worse for it. In all, the second half-hour spell produced just four scores as both sides suffered the ill effects of an unpredictable surface.

On 45 minutes, full-forward Denise Cronin gave the Glen a

ray of hope when her long-range free found its way through a host of bodies and into the net, but that was to prove little more than a consolation as further points from O'Driscoll and Liz Sweetnam sealed the final nails in the northsiders coffin.

Scorers for Fr O'Neill: S Chalane 0-4 (0-2 frees), S Kearney 1-1, F O'Driscoll 1-0, M O'Brien 0-1, L Sweetnam 0-1.

Glen Rovers: D Cronin 1-1 (0-1 free)

FR O'NEILL'S: A Corcoran, M Finn, L Sweetnam, N Ahern; S Kearney, R Corcoran, V O'Sullivan; F O'Driscoll, S Chalane; M O'Brien, G Kearney, K O'Sullivan; K Ahern, C Flavin, C Madden.

GLEN ROVERS: Catriona Boyle; Eileen Riordan, Niamh Goulding, Mary Burke; Michelle Hegarty, Jill Hannon, Aileen Gilton; Linda Mellenick, Sinead Kelly; Donna Bracken, Fiona O'Brien, Emma Harte; Aoife Walsh, Denise Cronin, Ailish Horgan.

Kilbrittan clinch place in final

Camogie

Kilbrittan/Timoleague Newtownshandrum 0-17
1-7

SHOWING greater urgency and a desire to make the final hurdle, Kilbrittan continued on their winning ways to book their place in the Senior B County final with a deserved victory over Newtownshandrum.

Leading six points to two at the interval thanks to the accuracy of Miriam Deasy, Marion Murphy and Eibhlish O'Regan, Kilbrittan held the upper hand at the interval despite the accuracy of Paula O'Connor and Caoimhe Harrington with Newtownshandrum points.

Despite the strong Newtown challenge it was Kilbrittan who finishing stronger with three points that ensured their place in the final.

Kilbrittan: S McCarthy, S O'Donovan, E O'Sullivan, D O'Sullivan, C Deasy, D Coughlan, E Foley, M O'Sullivan, V O'Keefe, M Murphy, M Deasy, L Kavanagh, E O'Regan, D O'Sullivan, S Sexton

Newtownshandrum: T Shanahan, M Alward, M Harrington, M O'Mahony, L Kelleher, P O'Connor, H Kelleher, A Kelleher, M Fitzgerald, K Hickoy, V Reidy, E O'Mahony, F Kelleher, M O'Connor, C Harrington.

Aghabullogue Newtown 2-6
3-2

Aghabullogue had to withstand a strong Newtown challenge before qualifying to meet Kilbrittan in the Senior B County final. They led at the interval 1-3 to 1-1 and could consider themselves somewhat fortunate such was the amount of possession wasted by the Newtown team in the opening period.

St Finbarrs no match for Inniscarra

Inniscarra St Finbarr's 1-5
0-7

HISTORY was created by the girls of Inniscarra when they brushed aside the tag of underdogs to qualify for their first Senior County championship final.

St. Finbarrs provided stiff opposition when the sides clashed in Ovens on Tuesday evening and certainly it was nip and tuck through a tough encounter.

With play swinging from end to end it was heart stopping action.

With three minutes injury time played Gemma O'Connor elected to take a point from a close in free

and now just one point again separated the sides. There followed a further six minutes injury time with the Barrs continuing to bombard the Inniscarra goal in search of the equaliser but the Inniscarra held out.

Inniscarra: G Casey, E Dineen, EO Mahony, E O'Keefe, T Murphy, R Buckley, K Ryan, M N O'Sullivan, M O'Connell, C Harte, E O'Sullivan, T Mc Carthy, M Mc Carthy, G O Mahony, L Hayes Subs IO Keefe for G O Mahony, P Goggins for L Hayes.

St Finbarrs: E Clifford, L Kelleher, D Clarke, G O'Sullivan, K Buckley, L O'Connell, Colette Kirby, C Harrington, G O'Connor, R Myers, Clare Kirby, J Duffy, V Maher, O O'Sullivan B Maher.

Subs V Russell for J Duffy, C O Mahony for C Harrington

Referee: Dave Daly Sarsfields

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Aghabullogue defence who continued to work hard as Newtown came in search of a winner. Colette Desmond narrowed the advantage to just one point but time was not on their side and it was Aghabullogue who hung on by the narrowest of margins to set up a final meeting with Kilbrittan after an entertaining contest.

Aghabullogue: S M Crowley, L Ronan, M Twomey, M Ennequess, C Murphy, J Twomey, M.B. Ennequess, L Murphy, F Buckley, N O'Connell, T Roche, M Twomey, E Healy, M Buckley, M Noonan, Sub S Buckley for L Ronan.

Newtown: C Collins, M Crowley, R Desmond, M Moloney, A Coughlan, C Nyhan, M Barron, A Coughlan, H Keenally, F Crowley, E Crowley, E Keenally, C Long, C Desmond, A Hurland.

Cork girls relinquish title

Tipperary Cork 1-10
2-6

CORK had to relinquish their All Ireland Intermediate title to a physically stronger more determined Tipperary side at Ballinlough on Saturday last.

In the opening quarter the sides were evenly matched with Nolette O'Dwyer and Siobhan Ryan on target for Tipp while Anna Geary kept Cork in contention with two points.

O'Dwyer edged Cork ahead with a pointed free and when Jill Horan soloed through the Cork defence unchallenged she made no mistake finishing superbly to the Cork net. Siobhan Ryan converted a free as Cork struggled to come to terms with the strength of Tipperary.



Aileen Long (left), Diane Galvin (centre) and Anna Crowley all from Bandon at the open day for supporters to meet the Cork senior hurlers at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Picture: Denis Minihane

St Catherine's, Rovers in final

VALLEY ROVERS and St Catherine's will meet in the junior A championship final on Sunday next in Blackrock at 6p.m. to decide the destination of the title.

● In Junior B championship action the stage is set for the semi finals with Rockban and Kildorrey meeting on Sunday in Mallow at 6pm.

ary. Anna Geary and Aine Mulcahy swapped points before the break as Tipp led 1-5 to 0-3 at the interval. Cork got a much needed break three minutes into the second half when Emer O'Friel goaled. Siobhan Ryan pointed another free but with Cork applying the pressure the Tipperary defence again wilted when Anna Geary's long range shot ended up in the net and now it was all to play for.

Twice inside eight minutes the sides swapped points as the score remained deadlocked and with both sides applying the pressure defences were made to work hard.

Cork: M Kenefick, A Corcoran, E O'Riordan, T Doyle, E Waters, C Foley, C Harrington, A Geary, V O'Keefe, N Goulding, M Coleman, E O'Friel, E Mc Carthy, S O'Donovan, M Jagoe. Subs: J Brown for E Waters, R Corcoran for E Mc Carthy, A Watson for N. Goulding

Point enough for Douglas

Douglas Thomstown Kilkenny 1-9
3-2

DOUGLAS took the All Ireland Community Games title with a deserving one point victory over Kilkenny side Thomstown.

Douglas held all the aces in the opening half thanks to the accuracy of Niamh O'Donovan, Leann O'Shea and Rachel O'Sullivan who grabbed the vital scores.

Thomstown fought hard, and with minutes remaining as Douglas hung on with determination holding a three point advantage.

Thomstown were right back in the game when they grabbed a goal to make it level, but with Douglas continuing to pressurise the Thomstown defence they won a forty five metres free. Showing calmness Niamh O'Donovan confidently struck the ball over the bar, much to the delight of the big Douglas following who travelled to Meath for the final.

Special mention must go to Niamh O'Donovan who was the star of the show scoring seven points for the Douglas girls

Douglas: Desmond, J Jackson, K Barry, H O'Connor, L O'Shea, M O'Donovan, A O'Donovan, N O'Donovan, R O'Sullivan, J White, A Barrett (Capt), J Kelleher, M O'Mahony, K O'Sullivan, C O'Brien.



The downturn in fortunes of recent years was halted with a wonderful Clare win over the favourites in the Munster junior final. **Gerry McInerney** reports.

Clare 1-12 Cork 2-5 **MUNSTER JUNIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Clare camogie has been on a downward spiral these past few years. In free fall, so to speak, as it plummeted from one low to another.

That they couldn't muster fifteen to field in the Munster championship for the past two years was a sad indictment of those in authority. Clare camogie had regressed, and gone as low as it could go.

But into the breach stepped Francie Mahon and Mick Maher. This year they brought a bit of organisation and direction back into the management end of things and enlisted former player, Helen Murphy as trainer.

Putting structures in place was one thing; then the task was of winning the players back over.

So began a painstaking mission, a mission that reached a glorious conclusion at Fr. Murphy Memorial Park in Newmarket on Sunday. Clare's resurrection was completed when they regained the junior provincial title for the first time since 1986 with a thoroughly deserving win over Cork.

If ever Clare camogie needed a victory this was it. Imagine the scenario had Cork's third team beaten Clare's first - unthinkable.

But ultimately, Clare were just too strong as they turned in a storming second half display to literally leave the Rebels reeling.

The key to Clare's victory were the performances of the experienced hands of captain, Catherine O'Loughlin, and the redoubtable Noelle Comyns, both survivors of the team of '86, and the exquisite stick work of midfielder, Moira McMahon.

They set the scene with their displays while Deirdre Murphy, the lively Laura Linnane and the opportunistic Ann Keane were hugely influential in shaping a victory that sets up an All Ireland semi-final meeting with either Armagh or Derry on August 17.

Yet things didn't look too encouraging early on as Miriam Deasy, in particularly, threatened to spoil the party. She

pointed and then doubled overhead on an Amanda O'Regan free to score a peach of a goal as Cork, wind assisted, began to shape up the better.

The goal wiped out an advantage Clare had gained thanks to points from Moira Mc Mahon, Ann Keane and Laura Linnane.

While Deirdre Murphy restored party twenty minutes into the half, it was the visitors who opened up a three point gap by the break with Deasy, twice, and Roisin Corcoran getting on the score sheet.

The lead, however, looked precarious given the strength of the wind and, while in arrears and not playing particularly well, Clare were, nevertheless, nicely poised.

Just before the break, they had two goal chances and both fell to Claire Mc Mahon. A well timed pass from Catherine O'Loughlin put her through on goals. Her first shot was saved by Cork keeper, Ellen Clifford, and the rebound was then scooped off the line by the back tracking Marion O'Donovan.

Then, in the final action of the half, the persistent play of Catherine O'Loughlin earned her side a semi-penalty. She won possession and as she drove forward Adelle Foley could only halt her progress by dragging her to the ground.

Claire McMahon stepped up to take the free and while her shot was well struck, Val O'Keeffe got a block on the ball before the impressive Amanda O'Regan cleared the ball to safety.

Sandwiched in between those chances came a hairy moment at the back for Clare. Keeper Patricia O'Grady did ever so well in bringing the ball down from under her crossbar but was relieved to see Mary Beckley's follow up effort hit the side netting.

Clare retained their starting formation for the second half and quickly wiped out the arrears. In fact, it took them just six minutes to level the tie with points from Deirdre Murphy, Laura Linnane and Ann Keane.

While Amanda O'Regan



Clockwise from above: Catherine O'Loughlin celebrates her goal with Claire McMahon; Deirdre Corcoran battles for possession; Moira McMahon gets in her strike; Laura Linnane races away with possession.

Cork - Miriam Deasy (2-3), Roisin Corcoran (0-1) and Amanda O'Regan (0-1).
Clare: Patricia O'Grady (Newmarket), Jane Scanlan (Clarecastle), Denise Lynch (Kilmaley), Catherine McMahon (Newmarket), Marie O'Looney (Newmarket), Noelle Comyns (Clarecastle), Marie Whelan (Clarecastle), Moira McMahon (Newmarket), Deirdre

Corcoran (Truagh), Laura Linnane (Wolfe Tones), Deirdre Murphy (Davitts, Galway), Ann Keane (Kilmamona), Claire McMahon (Kilmaley), Catherine O'Loughlin, capt., (Kilmamona), Pauline Rochford (Feakle). Subs: Aisling Kelleher (Corofin) for Rochford, Aoife Ryan (Newmarket) for Claire McMahon.
Cork: Ellen Clifford, Sally

Ann O'Halloran, Adelle Foley, Marian O'Donovan, Catriona Foley, Amanda O'Regan, Val O'Keeffe, Rena Buckley, Marie O'Connell, Marion Jagoe, Catriona Kelly, Anna Corcoran, Mary Buckley, Miriam Deasy, Roisin Corcoran. Subs: Sarah Douglas for Jagoe, Liz Bugler for Mary Buckley, Michelle Hegarty for Kelly.

thoroughly deserved on a day when the Newmarket camogie club excelled themselves with the preparations for the pre match arrangements and post match celebrations.
Scorers: Clare - Deirdre Murphy (0-5, 2f), Catherine O'Loughlin (1-1), Ann Keane (0-3), Laura Linnane (0-2) and Moira Mc Mahon (0-1).

edged Cork back in front, the complexion of the game changed dramatically just moments later, with Catherine O'Loughlin playing a true captain's part. She got on the end of a long delivery from Deirdre Corcoran to flick the ball to the net.
The goal put Clare two points clear but, more importantly, gave them the confidence to

drive on. And that they did with some quality hurling matched by some excellent point taking.
Catherine O'Loughlin, Deirdre Murphy, from play and a free, and Ann Keane whipped over points as Clare engineered themselves into a winning position. Cork, spending more time on the defensive rather than on the offensive,

managed to stay in contention, but only just, when Miriam Deasy rounded Denise Lynch before hand passing to the net.
Clare, the superior side at this stage, held their nerve and just eight minutes remained when Deirdre Murphy, who had a marvellous second half, rifled over the insurance score.
That point put the seal on the Clare victory, a result that was

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BRINGIN' IT ALL BACK HOME

With the provincial final captured, the weekend's camogie focus turns to the inter-county scene, writes **Gerry McInerney**.

FRESH from their splendid Munster junior camogie final victory, things turn domestic this weekend with the majority of those Clare heroines engaged in the senior and intermediate club championships.

Cratloe will be the venue on Sunday for a senior semi-final double header in which holders, Newmarket, chasing a three-in-a-row, square up to Truagh while Clarecastle, last year's intermediate champions, face last year's beaten senior finalists, Wolfe Tones.

Clarecastle and Wolfe Tones will get proceedings underway at 2 pm and that game will be preceded by the second semi-final which has a 3.30 pm throw in.

Truagh and Newmarket are meeting for the fourth year in

succession in the knockout stage of the senior championship. With Newmarket coming out the winner in all three previous contests, Truagh feel they have some scores to settle.

Newmarket have six representatives on the county panel - Patricia O'Grady, Catriona Mc Mahon, Marie O'Looney, Moira Mc Mahon, Aoife Ryan and Aileen Gilmarin - and will fancy their chances at making it to the county final.

However, Truagh will be looking towards their current county player Deirdre Corcoran and past players Cathy Hally and Tracy Moloney to lead the less experienced players in the team. This pairing should make for the closest of the semi-finals.

Clarecastle's first year in the senior grade is proving

to be fruitful, having made it to the penultimate round of the championship following their replay win over Sixmilebridge. They had benefited enormously from the transfer of Noelle Comyns while Jane Scanlon and Marie Whelan were both defensive linchpins in Clare's Munster final win over Cork.

Wolfe Tones may just have got the balance right between experience and young enthusiastic players and secured their semi-final place when accounting for St. Joseph's by five points. This championship semi-final should be close but Wolfe Tones' experience should tip the pendulum in their direction.

The county final is fixed for Cusack Park on Sunday, July 27.

The intermediate champion-

ship semi-finals see Kilmaley take on Tulla while neighbours, Bodyke and Feakle fight it out for the other final place. Both matches are provisionally fixed for this Sunday evening in Clooney will the battle of the East Clare rivals opening proceedings at 5.30 pm.

It took Feakle two bites of the cherry to make it through to the semi final having drawn with Corofin in their first meeting. Bodyke on the other hand saw off Ruan at first attempt.

Kilmaley and Tulla had close wins in the quarterfinals over Kilkishen and Broadford respectively. Kilmaley will be looking to the likes of Denise Lynch and Claire McMahon, representatives on the county team, to lead them against a young Tulla team, whose nucleus is made up of Tulla's

minor B winning side of three years ago.

Feakle would be favourites over Bodyke having won the intermediate two years ago but Bodyke have made it to this year's league quarter finals after some impressive wins most notably over Kilmaley, who contest the other championship semi final.

This year sees the introduction of shield competitions at both senior and intermediate grades. At senior St Joseph's Doora Barefield play Sixmilebridge (Roslevan) while Kilmaley meet Clooney (Kilmaley at 6.30 pm). In the intermediate shield the draw has paired Broadford against Ogonnellloe (Broadford at 5.30 pm) while Whitegate meet Scariff (Whitegate, 5.30pm).

Meanwhile Clare will be

in action in the All-Ireland junior semi-final when they have a home game against Ulster champions Armagh on August 17.

Under 11 Ground Camogie

The grouping for the under 11 ground camogie have been determined and the divisional games have to be played completed by Thursday, July 24 with the finals on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Division A: Kilmaley (hosts), Kilmamona, Inagh, Corofin; Division B: St Joseph's (hosts), Ruan, Clarecastle, Eire Og; Division C: Bodyke (hosts), Tulla, Clooney, Truagh; Division D: Scariff (hosts), Whitegate, Feakle, Killanena; Division E: Host Sixmilebridge (hosts), Newmarket, Wolfe Tones, Broadford.



Champions show their class

Cork 1-20 Kilkenny 1-5 All-Ireland champions Cork showed their class they they swept past Kilkenny in the third round of the Foras na Gaeilge Championship at Nowlan Park to advance to the All-Ireland semi-finals on August 23rd.

The Cats put up a stiff challenge in the opening quarter but once full forward Caoimhe Harrington struck the only Cork goal, they were always chasing. The Rebels went in at the break leading 1-10 to 0-4.

Kilkenny's hopes were briefly raised when Caitriona Carey, sister of DJ, soloed down the field and found Catherine Doherty, who fired home the Black & Ambers' only goal from 20 yards out. But further points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Emer Dillon secured Cork's passage.

Cork: G Casey, J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, R Moloney, V Harris, U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary, O O'Sullivan, C Harrington, F O'Driscoll. Subs: B Corkery for O'Donoghue; C Healy for Harrington; E Burke for Dillon. Kilkenny: B Aylward, C Kinahan, J Dillon, M O'Leary, P Comerford, K Long, T Mills, T Muldowney, E Aylard, L Lyng, M Costelloe, J Frisby, C Carey, S Miles, C Doherty. Subs: A Neary for Costelloe; E Mason for Muldowney; E Lyng for Minogue; B Grennan for Long; M Lallor for Comerford. Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

Galway 4-18 Antrim 3-9 Galway player Lourdagh Kavanagh was in top form, scoring 1-5, as she saw her side overcome Antrim in the second Foras na Gaeilge match, at Loughrea, yesterday.

Galway got the best possible start with a goal from Kavanagh in the opening minute, but Antrim star Edel Mason put the Saf-frons on the scoreboard with two rapid-fire points.

Further goals from Orla Kilkenny and Aislinn Connolly, daughter of former county hurler John, put Galway ahead, 3-6 to 1-4, at the break, the Antrim goal coming just on the blow of half-time from Ann McKee.

Connolly struck for her second goal within five minutes of the restart and, despite Sinéad Lagan knocking in two second-half goals for Antrim, the tight Galway defence of Roisin O'Connor and full back Rita Broderick were in fine form, while up front, Kavanagh and Connolly were in tip-top form.

Galway: L Curry, R O'Connor, R Broderick, A Broderick, A Kelly, T Lahert, L Lally, C Harmon, A Hillary, C Murray, T Maher, A Hardiman, A Connolly, L Kavanagh, O Kilkenny. Subs: R Lally for Hillary; M Haverly for Kelly; S Pierce for Broderick; C Bowles for Hardiman.

Antrim: C Doherty, O'Donnell, M Duffin, B McKinley, S McCuskey, M Graham, G McGilroy, J Adams, F Hannon, N McGarry, A McKee, E Mason, R Duffin, S Lagan, E Downs. Subs: C Doherty for Hannon; S Doherty for McGarry. Referee: J O'Brien (Wexford).

Limerick girls bridge 23-year gap

Limerick 2-8
Wexford 2-1

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

A YEAR ago Limerick did not match up to the major players. Now, they are only an hour away from an All-Ireland final appearance as they prepare to contest their first All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final in 23 years.

Hard work, coupled with unbelievable determination, has brought its rewards to an equally incredible bunch of girls.

Describing this breakthrough as 'beyond belief', Limerick captain Vera Sheehan, who has soldiered with the county side for over a decade, reckons this certainly makes amends for their lengthy absence from the top-flight.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have qualified for the semi-final and it is wonderful for our loyal band of supporters who have stuck with us through thick and thin. Up to now, we never got the break — this means so much to us."

At pains to point out that the result in no way reflected the physical battle that they had to endure, the Granagh/Ballingarry player stressed that this was not the one-sided encounter that the scoreline might suggest.

inner Youth award winner Eileen O'Brien shooting 1-5, Limerick are determined to make up for the hurt experienced since 1980.

Leading by 1-6 to 1-1 at the break, a Mary Leacy 56th minute goal for the Model County was quickly negated by a wonderful strike from Marie Keating and despite the best efforts of Ciara O'Connor, Wexford had to succumb to a hungrier Limerick outfit. And with Mairead Kelly, Joanne Clifford and goalkeeper Breda O'Brien laying down a marker, the Shannonsiders at last have come of age.

Scorers for Limerick: E O'Brien 1-5 (0-2 frees), M Keating 1-1, V Sheehan 0-2.

Wexford: E Quigley and M Leacy 1-0 each, L Holohan 0-1.

LIMERICK: B O'Brien; G McNamara, R Collins, C Mulcahy; D Sheehan, M Casey, J Clifford; V Sheehan, M Kelly; A Sheehan, D Fitzpatrick, E O'Brien; S McAuliffe, M Keating, A O'Reilly.

Subs: C Dore for A O'Reilly.
WEXFORD: J O'Dwyer; A Moran, C O'Loughlin, B Holohan; C O'Connor, M Leacy, N Lambert; A Codd, K Kelly; M O'Leary, O Hernon, R Breen; L Holohan, M Heerne, E Quigley.

Subs: B Curran for N Lambert, M Murray for L Holohan.
Referee: D Noble (Dublin).

Tipperary 5-16
Dublin 0-2

THERE was high drama in this clash at the St Vincent's club in Marino as

Nealon and Julie Draper to the line shortly after the resumption and Angie McDermott was taken to hospital after receiving a mouth injury.

However, by this stage, and as expected, Tipperary had well qualified for their semi-final spot of the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland championship.

With Dublin already out of contention, they were totally outsmarted by a Tipperary side that are unquestionably eyeing the bigger stage. Hat-trick hero Deirdre Hughes, was again in tremendous form, ensuring their interval lead of 4-10 to 0-1. The rest was straightforward for the former All-Ireland champions as they coasted to victory on a fund-raising evening for Aoife McGrane-King where later Galway and Dublin entertained the big crowd in a replay of the All-Ireland minor hurling final of 1983.

Scorers for Tipperary: D Hughes 3-1, J Ryan and N Kennedy 1-4 (0-3 frees) each, C Grogan 0-4, P Biffin, S Nealon and E McDonnell 0-1 each.

Dublin: S Elliott and J Donnelly 0-1 each.
TIPPERARY: J Delaney, S Kelly, U O'Dwyer, C Madden; S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy; A McDermott, P Biffin, P Fogarty; N Kennedy, J Ryan; E McDonnell, D Hughes, C Grogan.

Subs: T O'Halloran for A McDermott (inj), S Howard for S Kelly, L Young for D Hughes, L Bourke for T Brophy.

DUBLIN: E Butler; S Byrne, A Cullen, S Hynds; E Talbot, E Elliott, C Power; E Brannigan, S Tracy; J Draper, C Lucey, J Donnelly; L O'Hara, K Blood, N Ryan.
Subs: G Flynn for K Blood, A Fanning for J Donnelly.

Foras na Gaeilge Championship 3rd round

Tipperary 5-16 (D Hughes 3-1, J Ryan, N Kennedy 1-4 each, C Grogan 0-4, P Biffin, S Nealon, E McDonnell 0-1 each) Dublin 0-2 (S Elliott, J Donnelly 0-1 each).

Limerick 2-8 (E O'Brien 1-5, M Keating 1-1, V Sheehan 0-2) Wexford 2-1 (M Leacy, E Quigley 1-0 each, L Holohan 0-1).

Cork Senior B Championship semi-finals: Newtownshandrum 1-7 Kilbrittain 0-16, Aghadullough 2-6 Newcestown 3-2; Senior B Championship quarter-final replay: Newcestown 3-5 Carrigaline 2-5; SCC semi-final: Inniscarra 1-5 St Finbarr's 0-7; Fr O'Neill's 3-10 Millfield 1-14; JAC: St Catherine's 4-14 Douglas 3-4; Valley Rovers 3-10 Watergrasshill 2-7.

Kilcare Senior Championship final: St Laurence's 5-10 Cappagh 1-4.

(Left) CHAMPIONS: Clare, 2003 Munster junior camogie champions. Front row, from left: captain Catherine O'Loughlin, Claire McMahon, Deirdre Murphy, Ann Keane, Pauline Rochford, Catriona McMahon, Moira McMahon. Back, from left: Jane Scanlon, Noelle Comyn, Laura Linnane, Marie Whelan, Patricia O'Grady, Deirdre Corcoran, Marie O'Looney, Denise Lynch.

Galway book semi-final place thanks to a facile win over Antrim rivals

Galway 4-18 :: Antrim 3-9

GALWAY booked their place in the Foras na Gaelige All Ireland Senior Camogie semi finals when they defeated Antrim with relative ease at St Brendan's Park, Loughrea on Saturday. With Cork defeating Kilkenny, a result that knocked Kilkenny out of the competition, it ensured Galway's place in the last four along with Cork, Limerick and Tipperary.

Lourda Kavanagh provided Galway with a tonic start by scoring a goal inside a minute and when the same player and Caroline Murray added points, Galway were five points in front before Antrim knew they were in the game.

To their credit, the Northern side responded well and issued warning signs when a Jane Adams' effort landed on the outside of the square where Sinead Lagan doubled on the ball only for it to strike the body of Galway 'keeper Louise Curry before Edel Mason pointed.

Mason added another after splitting open the defence with a blistering solo, but Antrim failed to battle through a resolute Galway defence in the opening stages where Rita Broderick and Roisin O'Connor were effective.

The game effectively ended as a contest when Lourda Kavanagh pointed again before Orla Kilkenny struck a super goal after a defence splitting run from the wing. She then added a point which put Galway into a 2-4 to 0-2 lead ten minutes from the break.

Lourda Kavanagh was again provider for Galway's third goal from Aislinn Connolly, a score that was sandwiched by points from Antrim's Jane Adams and Edel Mason. Caroline Murray and Therese Maher pointed before Antrim eventually got the score they wanted just before the break when a Jane Adams free found Ann McKee who crashed to the Galway net and left the half time score, Galway 3-6 Antrim 1-4.

Kavanagh again became provider for Aislinn Connolly for Galway's fourth goal which was backed up by points from Kavanagh, Ann Hardiman and Orla Kilkenny. Antrim substitute Karla Doherty pointed before Sinead Lagan struck for an Antrim goal.

But a succession of Galway points from Therese Maher, Orla Kilkenny and Caroline Murray helped the home team into a 4-14 to 2-5 lead ten minutes from the end. Jane Adams (2) and substitute Siobhan Doherty struck Antrim points before Sinead Lagan hit Antrim's third goal two minutes from the end of normal time.

Galway's response was quick and positive and Lourda Kavanagh, Caroline Murray and Therese Maher had three points inside two minutes before Jane Adams closed the scoring with an Antrim point.

SHOW ME WHO DID IT: Louise Hayes of Bodyke is comforted by team mate Niamh Wiley during the county intermediate camogie final at Scariff.

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All-Ireland	Intermediate
Camogie championship Round 1:	
Tipperary 1-10, Cork 2-6; Derry 1-10, Wickford 0-0.	
Leinster Senior Club C'Ship S'Finals: St. Lachtains (Kilkenny) 3-14, Ennis 1-10; (Dublin) 2-4.	
Leinster Junior Club C'Ship S'Finals: Drumcullen (Offaly) 2-10, St. Laurence's (Kildare) 2-9; Kilmacanogue (Meath) 7-7, Myshall (Carlow) 5-11 (aft).	

Experienced O'Neills on top

Fr O'Neills
Milford

3-10
1-14

FR O'NEILLS had to call on their greater experience before they were assured of qualification for their fifth Senior County championship final as they defeated a young Milford side in Mallow on Wednesday evening.

The championship debutants made all the early running and led at the interval 1-9 to 3-1.

The second half was played out at fever pitch with both sides striving for supremacy. O'Neills cut the deficit with a Fiona O'Driscoll point. Again Emer Watson replied.

Entering the final straight with seven minutes remaining Milford were two ahead. Then came the O'Neills fight back led by the lionhearted Fiona O'Driscoll. Three O'Driscoll points inside two minutes gave O'Neill the advantage, and with Roisin Corcoran ex-

tending it to two, O'Neills were living dangerously.

Milford battled to get back into the game but the O'Neills defence kept them at bay and the hard working Clare Madden ensured O'Neills continued to keep the pressure on the Milford defence at the other end.

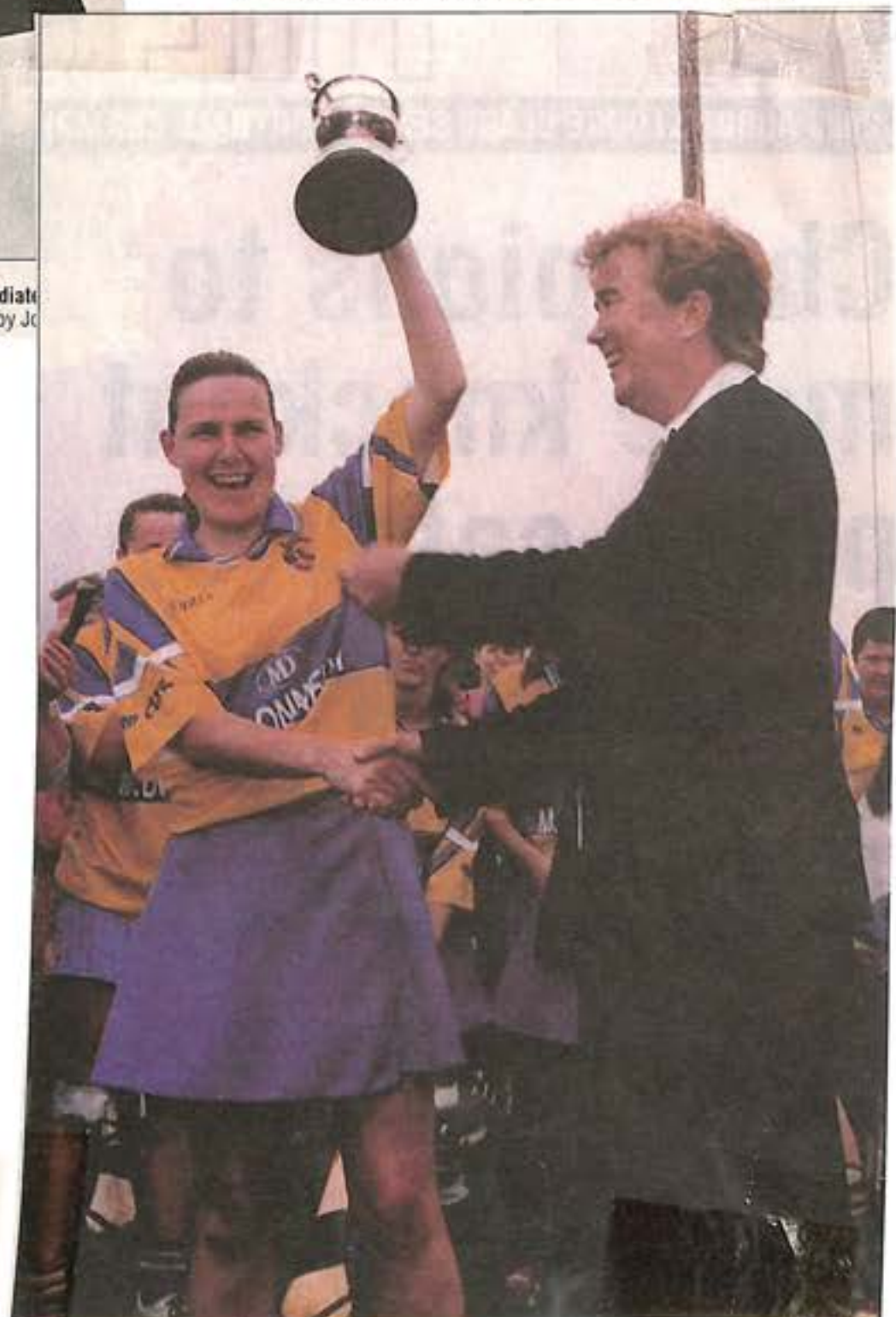
One minute into injury time Emer Watson put just one between the side, but from the puck out Fiona O'Driscoll pointed to ensure O'Neills passage to a county final meeting with Inniscarra.

Fr O'Neills: M. Kenefick, A. Corcoran, L. Sweetnam, G. Kearney, C. Flavin, M. Finn, M. O'Brien, C. Madden, V. O'Sullivan, S. Kearney, N. Ahern, S. Cahillane, F. O'Driscoll, R. Corcoran, C. O'Shea, Subs: C. O'Leary for N. Ahern (inj), N. Ahern for C. O'Leary, C. O'Leary for S. Kearney, A. M. O'Keefe for M. O'Brien.

Milford: E. Linehan, L. Healy, E. O'Riordan, D. Hayes, T. Mc Loughlin, R. Curbin, C. O'Gorman, A. Geary, S. Sexton, A. Watson, L. Long, J. Sheehy, E. Watson, M. Watson, E. O'Friel.

Referee: P. Downey Inniscarra

(Right) JUBILANT: Clare captain, Catherine O'Loughlin raises the cup after Clare's victory over Cork.



Inniscarra and Fr O'Neills form a unique county final pairing

Senior camogie county final preview

IT'S a unique county camogie final pairing in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, it's a first time final for Inniscarra while their opponents, Fr O'Neills, are appearing in their fifth but continue to seek that elusive title.

Yes, without doubt, the meeting on Friday evening next of Fr O'Neills and Inniscarra in the Punch Shoe Care county senior championship final is sure to attract the interest and bring a large crowd to the popular venue.

O'Neills having experienced the heartache of losing four finals — three to Bishopstown in 1997, 98 and 99 and again to Cloughduv in 2001 — and they will be hoping that this is going to be their year.

For Inniscarra it's a whole new experience but one which they are no doubt relishing as they enjoy the build up to their first final hopeful also of making it title number one.

Both sides had to endure anxious moments before booking their place in the final, Fr O'Neills had to come from behind before defeating Milford with a late rally while Inniscarra had to hold off a strong challenge from St Finbarr's before they could breathe easy.

O'Neills are tough championship campaigners who make no secret of their desire to be crowned champions, through the year they have worked hard only to fall a the final hurdle now the hour has come to put those defeats behind them and one feels it may be now or never for the Ballymacoda side.

This year the acquisition of Tipperary senior player Clare Madden has strengthened O'Neills and has enabled them to move Nora Aherne into their forward line where she has added strength.

Three goals from Aherne proved to be the vital difference against Milford and she will prove more than a handful for an of the Inniscarra defenders. Add in the lively Fiona O'Driscoll, Róisín Corcoran, Mags Finn and Liz Sweetnam and one can see just how strong O'Neills are.

Inniscarra will not be found wanting when the time comes as they proved against St Finbarr's. Rena Buckley has been performing well in a defence which is marshalled well by goalkeeper and captain Ger Casey and that included Enda Dineen, Eadoine O'Mahony and Emma O'Keeffe.

Up front Criona Harte, Liz Hayes and Margaret McCarthy have plenty of pace which could trouble the O'Neills defence while the ace in the pack has been substitute Irene O'Keeffe who earlier in the year announced her retirement but who returned to play such vital roles for Inniscarra.

A very close one for the first county final in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, added to which new chairperson Marion McCarthy will present the trophy for the first time to a winning captain and be it Inniscarra or O'Neills it will also be a first. 7.15p.m. is throw in with Kevin Creedon in charge.

Inniscarra gallant

A contribution of 1-11 by Fiona O'Driscoll swung county camogie final in favour of Fr O'Neills

FR O'NEILL'S 3-13
INNISCARRA 3-8
DEFEAT but no loss of honour for Inniscarra in their first appearance in the Punch Shoe Care Cork county senior camogie championship final last Friday evening at Páirc Uí Chaoimh where the brilliance of seasoned Fr O'Neills' attacker, Fiona O'Driscoll, was the essential difference between the teams.

O'Driscoll's contribution of 1-11, all but three points of which came from play, speaks for itself and, needless to say, the Cork senior star was the toast of Ladysbridge after serving up an individual display that must surely rank as one of the finest ever produced at this level.

Her 49th. minute goal pushed Fr. O'Neill's 3-11 to 1-6 ahead, and effectively spelt disaster for Inniscarra.

But the tender-aged Mid-Cork side refused to give up the ghost, and, inspired by a *tour-de-force* from Rena Buckley at centre-back, they fairly pounded the Fr. O'Neill's citadel for the rest of the match, gaining due reward for their admirable spirit and resolve with a couple of consolation goals from Margaret McCarthy and Marie O'Connell near the end.

Cork minor, Buckley, started at midfield, but she was switched to defence midway through the first half as Inniscarra sought to curb the threat posed by Fiona O'Driscoll from the outset.

Buckley, operating at corner-back and centre-back during the second quarter, achieved a certain amount of success in this regard, but she was relieved of the task of containing O'Driscoll after the latter was moved to full-forward on the turnover.

As things transpired, O'Driscoll's switch to the edge of the square proved to be a master stroke on the part of the East Cork side's mentors, and within three minutes of the resumption she had flighted over three exquisite scores to stretch Fr. O'Neill's 1-6 to 1-4 interval advantage to five points.

That left Inniscarra with a hill to climb and it became a mountain when an O'Driscoll effort for a point struck the upright and O'Neills' corner-forward, Catherine O'Shea, was on hand to finish the rebound to the net in the 35th. minute.

To their credit, Inniscarra made a brave bid to get back into contention and Rena Buckley's dominance at centre-back ensured that O'Driscoll was forced to exist on scraps at full-forward for long periods in the second half.

But O'Driscoll made maximum use of her limited possession, giving Inniscarra's Eadoine O'Mahony, who had a fine first half, a torrid time in the process.

And, to compound



Noel Horgan with the story of Inniscarra's brave bid to win the Cork senior camogie final in their first appearance in it.

Inniscarra's frustration, they struggled to transfer their pronounced territorial supremacy to the scoreboard as the Fr. O'Neill's defence led something of a *tour-de-force* existence in the second half.

In the 36th. minute, for instance, O'Neill's 'keeper, Mary Kenefick, reacted sharply to deflect a low drive from Rena Buckley outside the posts and, with the score at 2-10 to 1-6, Kenefick came to the winners' rescue again when saving from Trish McCarthy at the three-quarter stage.

In between, McCarthy shot wide with a golden opportunity after a Gráinne O'Mahony effort for a point had come back into play off the upright, so, in effect, Inniscarra had allowed three goal chances to go begging before Fiona O'Driscoll latched on to a probing delivery from Róisín Corcoran to rattle the net for Fr. O'Neill's approaching the last ten minutes.

Another excellent save by Mary Kenefick from Margaret McCarthy denied Inniscarra a revitalising goal two minutes later and, in truth, Fr. O'Neill's always looked likely to prevail after that.

But Inniscarra, with Criona Harte, Margaret McCarthy and substitute Irene O'Keeffe all showing up well in attack, were prepared to keep plugging away and the late strikes from McCarthy and Marie O'Connell helped to more adequately reflect the strength of their challenge in a splendid decider that saw Fr. O'Neill's, runners-up in four of the last six campaigns, finally reach the promised land.

Inniscarra made the better start, grabbing early points through Edel O'Sullivan and Margaret McCarthy, before a mistake by otherwise flawless custodian, Geraldine Casey, allowed Fr. O'Neill's to hit the front for the first time in the 10th. minute.

In attempting to deal with a probing delivery from Róisín Corcoran, Casey had the misfortune to bat the ball into the path of centre-forward Nora Aherne, who gratefully accepted the gift

in defeat

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chance to give Fr. O'Neill's a 1-1 to 0-2 lead.

An opportunist goal from Margaret McCarthy brought Inniscarra back on terms, 1-2 to 1-2, six minutes later, but Nora Aherne quickly replied with a point for the East Cork girls, who were to remain in front until the finish.

It was 1-6 to 1-4 at the end

of a first half in which Rena Buckley, Emma O'Keeffe and Eadoine O'Mahony in defence, Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan at midfield, and Margaret McCarthy at wing-forward were the leading lights for Inniscarra.

But, in Fiona O'Driscoll and centre-back Claire Madden, Fr. O'Neill's had

the two most influential players on view before the break, and O'Driscoll really cut loose at full-forward in the second half to emerge with no serious challengers for the player-of-the-match accolade.

Madden, Liz Sweetnam, Anna Corcoran and net-minder Mary Kenefick in defence were others to shine for the winners over

the hour, while Róisín Corcoran got through a share of effective work at wing-forward in the last quarter.

Rena Buckley turned in a five-star performance at centre-back for Inniscarra after the interval, while Emma O'Keeffe regularly caught the eye, too, at corner back, Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan, Margaret

McCarthy, Criona Harte and Irene O'Keeffe achieved most from midfield onwards.

Scorers: Fr. O'Neill's — F. O'Driscoll 1-11, 0-3 frees, N. Aherne 1-1, C. O'Shea 1-0, S. Cahalane 0-1.

Inniscarra — M. McCarthy 2-1, C. Harte 0-5, 0-4 frees, M. O'Connell 1-0, E. O'Sullivan and G.

O'Mahony 0-1 each.
Fr. O'Neill's: M. Kenefick; A. Corcoran, L. Sweetnam, G. Kearney, C. Flavin, C. Madden, M. Finn; S. Cahalane, V. O'Sullivan; C. O'Leary, N. Aherne; M. O'Brien; F. O'Driscoll, R. Corcoran; C. O'Shea.
Inniscarra: G. Casey; E. Dineen, E. O'Mahony, E. O'Keeffe; T. Murphy, M.

O'Connell, M. O'Regan; M.N. O'Sullivan, R. Buckley; M. McCarthy, C. Harte, E. O'Sullivan; G. O'Mahony, L. Hayes, T. McCarthy; Subs: S. O'Keeffe for Hayes, K. Ryan for O'Regan, P. Goggins for T. McCarthy, A. Golden for E. O'Sullivan.
Referee: K. Creedon (Clyda Rovers).

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship first round: Tipperary 1-10 (J. Horan 1-0; S. Ryan 0-6; N. O'Dwyer 0-2; A. Mulcahy, G. Kinnane 0-1 each) Cork 2-6 (A. Geary 1-5; E. Friel 1-0; R. Corcoran 0-1).

Leinster Senior Championship semi-final: St. Lachtans, Kilkenny 3-14 (I. Kennedy 1-9 - four from frees, three from 45s; M. Lawler 1-2; S. Coorigan 1-1; S. Costello, A. M. O'Connor 0-1 each) Erin's Isle, Dublin 2-4 (J. Dwyer 1-2; L. O'Hara 1-0; T. Martin, D. Boggy 0-1 each).

Leinster Junior Championship semi-final: Drumculien, Offaly 2-10 St. Laurencs, Kildare 2-9; Kilmossan, Meath 7-7 Myshall, Carlow 5-11.

Ulster Junior Club semi-final: Castletara, Cavan 8-7 (E. Prior 4-0; C. Smith 2-0; M. Smith 1-3; K. O'Gorman 1-0; A. Mundy 0-2; M. Watters, B. Boylan 0-1 each) Croydon, London 0-2 (C. Crowe, A. M. O'Dwyer 0-1 each).

Cork: JBC quarter-final: Ballyhea 6-4 Slahh Roa 1-3. JBC: Rockbawn 2-9 Youghal 3-2. JB Shield: Cloughduv 2-9 St. Finbarr's 2-0; St. Finbarr's 3-3 Kilbrittain 0-3; Glen Rovers 4-10 Fr. O'Neill's 2-0; Cloughduv 2-4 Kilbrittain 0-2. JB L: Castletyons 5-13 Ballinora 1-3; Bandon 4-5 Castletyons 4-2; Cobh 4-10 Bandon 5-3; Tracton 2-11 Clonakilty 3-2.

Kilkenny: Intermediate final: St. Ann's L. St. Martins L. U21 A semi-final: Shamrocks 5-12 Tullogher 1-2.

Wexford: Senior final: Outart the Ballagh 3-13 St. Ibars 1-3. Intermediate final: Duffry Rovers 2-7 Oylegate/Gl 2-7.



Inniscarra supporter, Emily O'Donovan when her team have a goal opportunity



Inniscarra players try to close down a Fr O'Neills player in this piece of action from the Cork senior camogie county championship final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Friday evening.



Superb control by Rena Buckley, of Inniscarra, as she drives at the Fr O'Neills defence in the county camogie final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Friday evening.



... and Buckley shows her elation after scoring a great goal for Inniscarra.

(Pics: Patrick Casey)

lifts the silver a Páirc thriller

O'Neill's end
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super show

Fr O'Neill's 3-13
Inniscarra 3-8

THERE isn't a player in the county that camogie fans would have been happier to see lift the County Cup.

And there was not a person happier to do it when the chance finally presented itself.

Fiona O'Driscoll is enjoying a whirlwind career on the playing fields, but on the back of the barren spell the Fr O'Neill's fans have had to endure since 1997, few would begrudge this icon her stint in the spotlight.

Undeniably, she is the driving force behind this marvellous ascent to success, but on the whole this has been a spectacular season for O'Neill's.

Since they found their feet after a tentative start against Carbery, they were always growing towards the finished product.

Questions were asked before of this team and sometimes the answers were thin. This year, even the six-markers were responded to.

The celebrations will go on for a while — for a long time, as this final was truly fitting of such epitaphs.

O'Neill's were heroic to a woman and afterwards the fuss inside Cork's cathedral brought tears to many a Ballymacoda eye.

As O'Driscoll, who unsurprisingly was selected player of the match, raised the cup in the falling fog, a gallant Inniscarra side watched dejectedly from pitch side.

Their sadness, however, can admirably be replaced by pride — as they can be well satisfied that they contributed as much as their opponents to the game's magnificence. They thundered into the clash — so much for the match nerves these youngsters were supposed to have.

After the first quarter they held parity, and by half-time they were only two behind.

Treasa and Margaret McCarthy made a mockery of the big occasion rifling over two points inside the first five minutes.

The latter went on to bag two goals before the hour expired. In fact, they played splendid all over the field, but it would have taken a special performance to knock O'Neill's off their stride.

Mary Kennefick made a point-blank save from Margaret McCarthy at a vital stage near the end, and only for



Fr O'Neill's forward Nora Ahern celebrates her side's opening goal against Inniscarra in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final at Páirc uí Chaoimh yesterday.

Picture: Des Barry

Therese O'Callaghan

her alertness, Inniscarra could have sneaked in for a pair of goals.

The defence worked hard all through, but Anna Corcoran will be most pleased with her towering display at corner-back.

At centre-back Claire Madden mopped a lot of ball and added much vivacity with her lengthy clearances. Mags Finn, at wing-back, is another who has waited far too long for this medal. She is the hallmark of all that is good about O'Neill's.

Val O'Sullivan, Sinead Cahalane, Nora Ahern, Claire O'Leary, Marie O'Brien, Catherine O'Shea and Roisin Corcoran all rowed in alongside their ever-dependable captain who simply

was unstoppable.

Her tally of 1-11 was all struck with such accuracy — only three of these scores came from frees. In essence, she was the difference between the teams.

That said, Inniscarra were as monumental, and the fashion that they replied to the Ballymacoda first goal said much about their self-belief. Even finding themselves in arrears by double figures midway through the second-half they did not throw in the towel.

Much of their perseverance came from the hearty displays of Margaret McCarthy, Enda Dineen, Marie O'Connell, Trish Murphy, Margaret

Noelle O'Sullivan, Rena Buckley and Criona Harte.

Scorers Fr O'Neill's: F. O'Driscoll 1-11 (0-3 frees), N. Ahern 1-1, C. O'Shea 1-0, S. Cahalane 0-1.

Inniscarra: M. McCarthy 2-1, C. Harte 0-5 (0-3 45m, 0-2 frees), M. O'Connell 1-0, T. McCarthy and G. O'Mahony 0-1 each.

FR O'NEILL'S: M. Kennefick; A. Corcoran, L. Sweetnam, G. Kearney, C. Flavin, C. Madden, M. Finn; S. Cahalane, V. O'Sullivan; C. O'Leary, N. Ahern, M. O'Brien; F. O'Driscoll (c); R. Corcoran, C. O'Shea.

INNISCARRA: G. Casey (c); E. Dineen, E. O'Mahony, E. O'Keefe; M. O'Regan, R. Buckley, T. Murphy; M. N. O'Sullivan, M. O'Connell; M. McCarthy, C. Harte, E. O'Sullivan; G. O'Mahony, L. Hayes, T. McCarthy.

Subs: I. O'Keefe for L. Hayes (47m), K. Ryan for M. O'Regan (40 mins), P. Goggins for T. McCarthy (47 mins), A. Golden for E. O'Sullivan (57 mins).

Referee: K. Creedon (Clyda Rovers).

● The draw for the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals involving Galway, Tipperary, Limerick and Cork takes place on RTE's Sunday Game tomorrow night.

WHAT THEY SAID

"THE greatest sporting moment of my life," was how Fiona O'Driscoll described captaining Fr O'Neill's to their first county title.

And showing typical modesty she hastened to add that it was the young players from Ballymacoda who were the real heroes.

"The young ones upped their performance far beyond anything they have done in the past and I am delighted for them.

I was getting quality ball from Roisin (Corcoran) and Nora (Ahern) and from our midfielders so it was easy to use it.

"This is a marvellous night. We came into the game to give it absolutely everything."

"We said we would go for everything — even if it did not come off the first time.



Fiona O'Driscoll celebrates at the final whistle.

to keep trying."

There are many family connections within the Fr O'Neill's team. For instance selector Sean O'Sullivan watched as his wife Mags Finn lined out at wing-back.

Another mentor Ray O'Neill and his wife Ann have also witnessed the last six or seven years. Then you had Fiona O'Driscoll, and her brother Eric who trained the team. It goes on.

But when you see a brother/sister combination lead a parish to county honours it makes the occasion extra special.

As Eric watched his sister mount the steps to collect the silverware, he reflected on all those summers of distress: "This means everything — the heartache of the years that we missed out at last have left us.

"Things just worked out for us this year — we did nothing different."

With a beam from ear to ear, as Fiona lifted the cup, he acknowledged the fact his sister had just secured one of her finest hours: "She had a great game.

"At half-time we told her to take it on herself. We told her if she got the opportunity to do it herself."

At last a place in the camogie sun

THEY thought it would never arrive, many had given up hope but on this emotion-filled evening at Páirc Uí Chaoimh every minute of every hour had been worth the wait.

Few club teams under the GAA banner had endured as much suffering as Fr O'Neill's and the girls must have thought that their chance of winning had gone.

Six times in six years they had agonisingly failed at the ultimate and penultimate hurdles.

Finals lost in 1997, '98 and '99 and 2001, semi-finals slipping by in 2000 and 2002, destiny was surely decreeing that it was not to be.

But still they soldiered on, their pride would not allow otherwise and so back they came last night for another try.

Could it happen again? Would it be another empty plate? In the pre-match preparation it didn't bear thinking about.

In the opposite corner this time no Bishopstown or Cloughduv but a brand new, vibrant set of kids on the block.

Inniscarra had arrived at this juncture for the first time and they came with capital credentials.

All the pressure was on the East Cork lassies.

They had everything to lose on

John Horgan
On Fr O'Neill's

this defining night of their sporting lives.

But in 60 minutes they dispelled all the fears that had accompanied them on this their final journey.

Inniscarra partook in one of the great finals, their contribution was immense from start to finish but, on this night, there was always only going to be one winner.

O'Neill's were women inspired under the excellent tutelage of Eric O'Driscoll, Sean O'Sullivan and Ray O'Neill, there was going to be no return this time to the barony empty-handed.

Only a two-point lead at the interval but somehow you felt that this was always going to be their night.

And three minutes after the re-start we knew we were going to be right.

Fiona O'Driscoll, that wonderful camogie ambassador, slung over three sublime points to put her side 1-9 to 1-4 to the good and then when Catherine O'Shea pounced for goal number two after O'Driscoll had turned provider we

knew we were going to be a part of history.

To a girl they all stood tall. Anna Corcoran was brilliant at right corner-back, outside her Mags Finn, as loyal a servant as there is in any code, was turning back the clock and enjoying the moments she must have thought would never be hers.

Clare Madden had only joined this year but she was as much a part as everyone who had lent their support through all the bad times.

She was an immense figure all through, they all were but this was the night that the old stadium rose in unison to acclaim the extraordinary display of one girl, Fiona O'Driscoll.

With 1-11, she was the reason the trophy was Eastward bound. Six All-Ireland medals won but nothing could compare to this.

And when her hands grasped that silver pot the emotion was tangible. And so the journey that has taken six long years has been completed.

It's going to be a winter of content in the bridge and Ballymac.

Their place in the sun so richly deserved.

Fiona O'Driscoll celebrates a brilliant win.



Fiona after



Inniscarra player Liz Hayes is shattered after the defeat by Fr O'Neill's at Páirc Uí Chaoimh last night.
Dairea: Eilís O'Shea



Deft control of the ball on her hurley by Liz Sweetman, of Fr O'Neill's, as she surges forward in the county senior camogie final against Inniscarra at Páirc Uí Chaoimh last Friday evening. Chasing her is Gráinne O'Mahony, of Inniscarra.

Consolation for camogie club as it receives €40k lottery grant

By Félim McMahon

INNISCARRA camogie club were feeling like winners last week despite losing the senior county final. News of a €40,000 lottery sports grant helped soften the pain of defeat for the club, which is set to become the first in the country with its own dedicated pitch.

On Monday last, club vice chairman Con Hayes was on site with an engineer, getting ready to add the finishing touches to Inniscarra's field of dreams. "We've been very lucky with the weather," he said, "things are at an advanced stage."

"We should be playing on it by next summer." Beneath his feet, the pitch had already taken shape now only needing drainage work, grass and goal posts before it is ready to host its first match.

It is a big pitch by GAA standards, measuring close to the maximum length at 140m long, and 85m wide, which means it would be perfect for big games.

Con is proud of the club's achievement. "This is going to be a great pitch," he said, "and there's plenty of viewing."

"I don't see why it couldn't host a senior hurling championship game."

Fundraising for the facility was undertaken by a local committee, who raised €90,000.

"We sold tickets at every match in the county," he said.

Inniscarra has a lot of people to thank for their pitch progress, in their own parish and throughout the county.

Inniscarra wait too late to comeback in camogie final

By Félim McMahon

THERE was a palpable air of disappointment in Inniscarra, last week, when the camogie senior team returned empty-handed from Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Despite their 'underdog' tag, Inniscarra had high hopes of making a historic breakthrough in their first ever senior county final, on Friday night.

Until the latter stages of the game, the Muskerry side had been in disappointing form, not performing half as well as in previous games. Late in the second half, however, they made up for any earlier ineffectiveness.

When the full-time whistle sounded, it came too early for the lakesiders who had re-entered the race with two late goals

but narrowly failed to catch up, losing by five points.

"We were making a great comeback," said club PRO, Tim Buckley.

"If we had a few more minutes on the clock it could've been a different story."

"It was a remarkable recovery," agreed Con Hayes, the club's vice-chairman.

"We were behind by a depressing margin with the larger part of the game played," he added.

"The goals, from Margaret McCarthy and Marie O'Connell, gave new energy to the team."

"We took the game by the scruff of the neck in the final minutes of the second half," according to Mr Buckley, "but it was too late for us at that stage."

"There were a couple of moments when it looked like we might score a third goal, and that would've really given Fr O'Neill's nightmares!" Con joked.

The game was also a tale of two team captains; Fiona O'Driscoll, Fr O'Neill's devastating full forward, and Ger Casey, Inniscarra's outstanding 'safe pair of hands'.

The Rebel county colleagues, who are hoping to retain the All-Ireland Senior Camogie

Champions' (SCC) title, over the coming weeks, were pitted against each other in Friday's game.

Fiona, a PE and maths teacher in Ballincollig's Coláiste Choilm, is considered one of the best full forwards in the country.

She scored three goals in last year's All-Ireland SCC final when she captained

Cork to victory.

"It might be depressing viewing for Inniscarra, but I'd like to have a video of Fiona's performance on Friday evening for training purposes," said Mr Hayes. "She did great things out there."

He added, however, that Inniscarra's Riona Buckley, who marked the Fr O'Neill's danger woman, gave Fiona 'a run for her money' at times during the match.

"We don't have any complaints about the result," said Tim. "We couldn't have lost to a better team."

Con echoed this sentiment.

"This was Fr O'Neill's fifth county final," he said, "and they already lost four."

"It was time they won one, and they fully deserved their victory."

UI6A crown for Douglas

Douglas 5-9
Ballygarvan 4-4

DOUGLAS secured a deserving victory over Ballygarvan to claim the UI6A Cork Co. Camogie league title played in Ballincollig last Saturday. Played in ideal conditions between two committed sides this game turned out to be a magnificent contest and in

the end it was the scoring ability of Douglas' Emma Heffernan and Jenny O'Donovan that gave them the honours.

Scorers: Douglas: E Heffernan 3-2, J Donovan 1-7 (0-1 free), R O'Sullivan 1-0. Ballygarvan: C Dillon 2-1, O O'Riordan & J Dunne 1-0 each, S Lynch 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-2 45).

Douglas: S O'Leary, E Desmond, C Conway, K O'Driscoll, L O'Shea, L Sheehan, S O'Regan (Capt), D Murphy, R O'Sullivan, A Barrett, N

O'Donovan, L O'Mahony, J Donovan, C Hussey, E Heffernan, A Flanagan, O Tobin, J Jackson, H O'Connor, Z Dunlea, K Barry, K O'Sullivan, C O'Brien, E A Daly.

Ballygarvan: B Keohane, D Kiely, A Moynihan, M Dunne, A O'Hea, A O'Riordan, D O'Mahony, V Browne, S Lynch, M Keoghane (Capt), C Dillon, R Ryan, C Bouse, J Dunne, O O'Riordan, E Lynch, C O'Hea, L Cosgrave, R Byrne, R ní Shé, S O'Mahony, D Bouse, F O'Halloran, L Walsh.

Referee: Collette O'Mahony (St Finbarrs).

Éire Óg book place in final

Éire Óg 4-3
Enniskeane 1-6

ÉIRE ÓG booked their passage to the UI6B Cork Co. Camogie league final played in very determined fashion in Ballincollig last Saturday, part of the double header with the

A league final. The opening half was a very even affair ending 1-2 a piece.

Scorers: Éire Óg: M O'Herlihy 2-2 (0-1 45), E Corkery 1-1, M Galvin 1-0. Enniskeane: M Burns 1-0, O Coughlan 0-4 (0-2 free), M Nyhan 0-2.

Éire Óg: L M O'Mahony, L Murphy, S Gleeson, D Twomey, S Donovan, C McCarthy, K White, M Corkery (Capt), E Kelleher, M Kelleher, M O'Herlihy, C

Purcell, E Corkery, K O'Flynn, M Galvin, C O'Keefe, C O'Connor, A McCarthy, C McCarthy, L Stack, M Gleeson.

Enniskeane: E Dixon, B Lynch, M O'Donovan, S Desmond, M O'Sullivan, M Nyhan, K Hennessy, B Crowley, O Coughlan (Capt), B Collins, E Healy, K Crowley, N Hurley, M Burns, A Connolly, M A Hayes, M McSweeney.

Referee: Collette O'Mahony (St Finbarrs).

St Catherines take Junior A county title for first time

St Catherines 2-4
Valley Rovers 1-3

THERE were celebrations in Conna on Sunday last as St Catherines captured the Junior A county championship title for the first time at the expense of pre-match favourites Valley Rovers.

Orla Cotter had the games opening score after just four minutes pointing free for St Catherines, but three points in succession, one from Lucy Hawke and two pointed frees from Senior inter-county player Elaine Burke, gave the Innishannon side a lead they held until three minutes from the interval when Helen Lane and Orla Cotter replied with St Catherines points to leave it level at the half time whistle 0-3 apiece.

On the resumption it was Valley Rovers who edged ahead with a pointed free from Captain Elaine Burke. Valley Rovers were rewarded when Liz Bugler grabbed the game's opening goal 10 minutes into the second half. Now the gap was four points and Valley Rovers looked to be in command, but credit to St Catherine's who held their composure and were back within striking distance thanks to a Lisa Higgins

goal. Now it was the turn of Valley Rovers to feel the pressure, and when Orla Cotter had her side back on level terms with eight minutes remaining it ensured a grandstand finish.

As she has done so often in the past, Denise Twomey grabbed the game's most important score when she goaled to edge St Catherines back into the lead with seven minutes remaining. St Catherines held on for dear life, and with the excellent Orla Cotter driving them on they pushed for home. Two minutes into injury time Denise Twomey put the issue beyond doubt when she pointed to open up a four point gap, and with time running out it was enough to see the Conna girls crowned champions.

St Catherines: Y O'Neil, O Neville, M Twomey, E Harper, N Mulcahy, E Power, S Noonan, O Cotter, E O'Keefe, Denise Twomey, E Brown, L Higgins, H Lane, Deirdre Twomey, T Leahy, Subs: N Howard for T Leahy, F Noonan for E O'Keefe, A M Daly for S Noonan.

Valley Rovers: G Harrington, S Deasy, E Cottrell, C O'Riordan-Dorgan, B Shields — Crowley, M Hurley, C McSweeney, L O'Mahony, M Cottrell, L Hawke's, E Burke, L Bugler, M McCarthy, E O'Mahony, C Deasy subs: M Shields for E O'Mahony, E Foley for B Shields — Crowley

Referee: P Downey, Inniscarra.

Experience gives Rockban the edge as they brush aside Kildorrery to win Junior B final

Rockban 1-4
Kildorrery 0-2

THE experience of inter-county players Catriona Foley and former inter-county player Sile Burns helped Rockban advance to the county Junior B championship final where they will meet Tracton.

Again weather conditions did not help matters with continuous rain making life difficult for both sides.

Rockban set the foundations for victory in the opening half and led 0-3 to no score at the interval thanks to points from Sile Burns (2) and Catriona Foley.

In the opening half Kildorrery worked hard, but failed to avail of the opportunity's that fell their way, however, they were thankful to be within striking distance of Rockban at the interval and it was credit to goalkeeper Valerie McCormick who time out of number denied Rockban.

Nine minutes into the second half Sile Burns extended the Rockban advantage with a pointed free, but Orla Murphy gave Kildorrery a glimmer of light with her side's opening score a pointed free after 12 minutes.

Kildorrery worked hard to get back

into contention, but the Rockban defence with Aine Geaney, Catriona Foley and Niamh Keohane superb held a tight reign on the Kildorrery attack.

Just on the midway stage Rockban effectively killed the Kildorrery challenge when 14-year-old Sarah Coleman was in perfect position to volley first time to the net after Jessica Shine had laid off a perfect ball across the square.

Battling hard Kildorrery worked away and Orla Murphy did peg it back with a point with six minutes remaining, however, they failed to get the goal they so desperately

needed and it was Rockban, who are coached by former St Finbarr's and Cork All Ireland Senior Hurling star Denis Burns, who booked their place in the final.

Rockban: C Conway, C Drinan, M O'Keefe, M Cronin, A Geaney, C Foley, N Keohane, L Crowley, E Casey, M Foley, S Burns, T Howard, N Cashman, S Coleman, J Shine Sub M Burns for N Cashman.

Kildorrery: V McCormick, Sarah Coughlan, Sandie Coughlan, E McCarthy, N Murphy, D Murphy, N Hennessy, J Hennessy, V Hanning, N Hickey, L Hurley, C Lynch, A Hennessy, O Murphy, M Noonan, Subs: C McCarthy for N Hickey, K Barry for M Noonan, A Hanley for C Hanley

Referee: John Barry (Mallow).

CLARE RAID THE ORCHARD TO REACH FINAL



After a pulsating hour's play in Cusack Park last Sunday, the Banner emerged triumphant over a brave Armagh side and progressed to the All-Ireland Junior final and a Croke Park date with neighbours Galway.

Clare 4-7 Armagh 3-8

Peter O'Connell reports

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CAMOGIE SEMI-FINAL

AT THE end of a pulsating hour, players, mentors and supporters from Clare and Armagh surely had to sit down for a while in an attempt to find their bearings.

Following a rollicking sixty minutes of championship camogie in Cusack Park last Sunday.

While Clare justifiably went berserk at the sound of Liam Devitt's final whistle, their glee could have easily been supplanted by anguish if Armagh's Patricia McAvoy had buried an injury time goal opportunity. Instead she was forced into over carrying and following the free out, the whistle went, leaving Clare elated to have crawled breathlessly over the line and into the All-Ireland Junior final and a meeting with Galway.

When McAvoy was harried into overcarrying by tigerish defending, every Clare person in the ground exhaled joyfully.

Perhaps the unseasonable rain which pelted down at throw - in time had an unsettling effect on both sides because the game was slow to take shape but when it did, the fare was often compelling.

The Orchard women, urged on by a colourful and ear-splitting entourage, led by 1-5 to 1-4 after 30 minutes.

Clare's inspirational captain Catherine O'Loughlin, assisted by her fellow inside attacker Claire McMahon were primarily responsible for keeping the Munster champions in the first-half hunt.

From her full-forward station, O'Loughlin knocked over a brace of critical points, while Kilmaley's McMahon netted a 20th minute opportunity, adding to an earlier point from

play. Deirdre Murphy scored Clare's remaining point from a free, five minutes before the break.

While O'Loughlin and McMahon were troubling Armagh at one end, orange-clad number 14 Patricia McAvoy, was wreaking sustained havoc at the other.

Six minutes before half-time and four minutes after Clare's first goal, McAvoy put her head down, rampaged through the Clare rearguard, lost possession but then she managed to pull on the loose ball and divert it beyond Patricia O'Grady. At that juncture Armagh led by a point, 1-4 to 1-3.

McAvoy was back in action, three minutes into the second period, when again she pulled on a loose ball, which whizzed inside O'Grady's near post at the scoreboard end.

But before Armagh could get too comfortable, Catherine O'Loughlin tacked on another point, before Donna McCusker put the visitors four points ahead again, 2-6 to 1-5.

Backed by the breeze and with matters heating up considerably, O'Loughlin was centrally involved again after twelve second-half minutes. Leading in a manner which befitted her captaincy, the Kilnamona veteran hand passed to Bronagh Keenan's net, after an incisive burst through Armagh's central defensive unit.

A pass from Deirdre Murphy had split the visitors rearguard, a situation which O'Loughlin fully capitalised upon.

At that stage, Clare trailed by a point, 2-6 to 2-5, before points from Moira McMahon and Claire McMahon put the winners a point up, twelve minutes from full-time.

When Sinéad Gray goaled a minute later, putting Armagh 3-6 to 2-7 ahead, Clare were surely beginning to experience unease.

Until Catherine O'Loughlin intervened yet again. Her second hand-passed goal was followed four minutes later by a Deirdre Murphy goal, which left Clare four points up, 4-7 to 3-6.

If the notion abounded that Armagh would hang their collective heads, the idea vanished



all too quickly with both Donna McCusker and Orla Smyth pointing the orange ladies back into contention, the game now deep in added time.

When Patricia McAvoy gathered the sliotar, put her head down and the pedal to the floor, most people in Cusack Park held their breath. When McAvoy was harried into over carrying by tigerish, yet disciplined defending, every Clare person in the county grounds exhaled joyfully.

The free out signalled the end of an epic tussle and the start of unbridled home town celebrations.

Every player who represented Clare can reflect with pride on their contribution to a committed, gutsy and courageous performance. With an All-Ireland final date on September 21 to look forward to, perhaps Clare camogie is on the much awaited point of turning the corner. Time will tell but for now all involved can wallow in the afterglow of last Sunday for a day or two to come.

Scorers: Clare; Catherine O'Loughlin 2-3, Claire McMahon 1-2, Deirdre Murphy 1-1, (0-1f) & Moira McMahon 0-1 f.

Armagh; Patricia McAvoy 2-2 (0-1f), Mary Black 0-3,

(1f & 1'45), Sinéad Gray 1-0, Donna McCusker 0-2 & Orla Smyth 0-1.

Clare: Patricia O'Grady (Newmarket), Jane Scanlon (Clarecastle), Denise Lynch (Kilmaley), Cathriona McMahon (Newmarket), Marie O'Looney (Newmarket), Noelle Comyns (Clarecastle), Marie Whelan (Clarecastle), Moira McMahon (Newmarket) & Deirdre Corcoran (Truagh); Aoife Ryan (Newmarket), Deirdre Murphy (Davitts, Galway), Ann Keane (Kilnamona), Claire McMahon (Kilmaley), Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona, Capt.) & Claire Commans (Corofin). **Subs:** Aileen Kilmartin (Newmarket) for Lynch, Siobhan Lafferty (Kilnamona) for Commans & Edel Keating (Corofin) for Cathriona McMahon.

Armagh: Bronagh Keenan, Aine Marsden, Brenda Rice, (Capt), Marie Larkin, Marie Lafferty, Bernice McBride, Orla Smyth; Olive McGeown & Joan Rice; Catrina Curry, Mary Black, Mairead O'Kane, Sinéad Gray, Patricia McAvoy & Donna McCusker. **Subs:** Laura Lavery for Marsden & Adele Christy for O'Kane.

Referee: Liam Devitt (Westmeath).

Clare win thriller and reach first junior championship final for 17 years

Clare
Armagh

by Therese O'Callaghan

A FIRST junior championship final appearance in 17 years was the reward awaiting Clare after this pulsating All-Ireland camogie semi-final played at Cusack Park, Ennis yesterday. In a game where the lead changed hands on six occasions, the home side were lucky to escape when a last-ditch attempt on goal by Armagh full-forward

ward Patricia McAvoy was blazed wide. They trailed by the minimum at the interval 1-5 to 1-4, and in spite of a second-minute goal after the restart from Armagh's McAvoy, they managed to regroup and fought back, hitting a purple patch that yielded parity by the three-quarter stage.

With the Northerners hitting their third goal from Sinéad Gray, the experienced heads of outstanding captain Catherine O'Loughlin and centre-forward Deirdre Murphy steadied the ship, scoring two decisive goals in the

closing five minutes. **Scorers:** Clare; C O'Loughlin 2-3, D Murphy 1-1 and Claire McMahon 1-1 each, C Commans 0-1 and M McMahon 0-1 (45m) each. **Armagh:** P McAvoy 2-1, M Black 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45m), S Gray 1-0, D McCusker, O McKeown and J Rice 0-1 each. **CLARE:** P O'Grady, J Scanlon, D Lynch, Cathriona McMahon, M O'Looney, M Comyns, M Whelan, M McEneaney, D Corcoran, A Ryan, D Murphy, A Keane, Claire McMahon; C O'Loughlin (Capt), C Commans. **Subs:** A Gilmartin for D Lynch, A O'Brien for C Commans, A Kelleher for Catherine McMahon (Inj). **ARMAGH:** B Keenan; A Marsden, B Rice, M Larkin; M Rafferty, B McBride, O Smyth; O McGeown, J Rice; C Curry, M Black, M O'Kane; S

Gray, P McAvoy, D McCusker, Sub: L Lavery for A Marsden, A Christy for M O'Kane. **Referee:** L Devitt (Westmeath).

Galway 3-6
Wexford 1-6

GALWAY will be hoping to show the way to their senior side next Saturday after this clear two-goal win over Wexford in the All-Ireland junior camogie semi-final played yesterday at Portunna. A brace of goals in the 16th

and 22nd minute from Ann Marie Hayes and top scorer Emma Kilkelly set the westerners up for an interval lead of 2-3 to 0-3, thus leaving the visitors with a mammoth task to achieve.

Despite both teams scoring 1-3 apiece and in spite of the hard work of Wexford's Josie Dwyer and Gretta Heffernan, there was no denying the home team their hour of glory.

Scorers: Galway: E Kilkelly 2-1, A M Hayes 1-0, M Flanagan 0-4 (frees), C Bowes 0-1. **Wexford:** J Dwyer 1-1, G Heffernan 0-3 (frees), N

Lambert and B Curran 0-1 each. **GALWAY:** S Enever, L Fynn, S Cahalan, N Lawless, N Gaven, R O'Connor, S Keane, C Gleeson, S Griffin, B Kerins, B Hanney, M Flanagan, C Bowes, A M Hayes, E Kilkelly. **WEXFORD:** E Barnes, M Murray, C Atkinson (Capt), A Moran, N Lambert, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson, M Jordan, R Breen, G Heffernan, E Quigley, M Walsh, J Dwyer, A O'Connor, N O'Connor. **Referee:** E Browne (Tipperary).

Meanwhile, Saturday's All-Ireland senior camogie semi-finals involving Limerick and Tipperary (1.15pm) and Cork versus Galway (2.45pm) at Cusack Park Ennis are an all-ticket affair.

Chicks with Sticks!

Words: Therese O'Callaghan
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Power, passion and panache. A knockout calling card for the newest pin-ups in Irish sport.

The 'mother' of (traditional) female sport in Ireland is about to throw off its shackles and step out into a brave new world. The fast and the furious are in town and the word on the street is "cool, hip and rocking."

Step out the "Chicks with Sticks."

A former National newspaper Editor once described the Camogie Finals in Croke Park in September as "...a country girls big day out." Who was to disagree? If you didn't follow Camogie all you had to go on was highlighted coverage on RTE a few times a year. It was not until the advent of 'live' coverage of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final a few years ago that a bit of shock and awe rippled across this sedate little island. The perceived butch and the brash flashed across our screens as the bronzed and the beautiful. Young, slim, slick and quick, highly skilled, dedicated and willing to go the distance to get a result. It really was worth watching and the enthusiasm for the game was evident in fields all over the Country.

The players had made a monumental breakthrough in a male dominated Ireland. Now who was going to capitalise on that success and pro-actively sell the sport as a must have product to business Ireland?

In fairness to the Camogie Association it has made the move. The Association has taken a step forward and broken with, as some would say, tradition, by appointing a Committee (to help move camogie forward and to further modernise its image) whose average age is 27, as committee member Olivia Broderick a former All-Ireland medal winner with Galway in 1996 explained.

"Yes our average age is actually 27 and some of us are still playing! I think that in itself says

something about a change in the Association. Unfortunately up to now the impression within our own sport is that committees were no place for the young...particularly at a National level."

"Our goal is to move Camogie forward, to electrify its image and make it attractive, and above all to make it a game for the kids of today to enjoy. Camogie is 100 years young next year and we want it to continue to grow, we want children to be cool about being involved."

So why and how did the idea of 'Chicks with Sticks' come about? "At one of our many get-togethers we were preparing to embark on a massive sponsorship campaign - a three-year package from 2004 - and we needed a slogan that would sell us well. The ditty "Chicks with Sticks" rolled off somebody's tongue so easily that we had to go with it."

There have been a few raised eyebrows both inside and outside the Association and a bit of play on words but we expected that. However the media interest is huge and they have picked up on the 'Chicks with Sticks' image and our marketing promotion has subsequently taken off.

For us it's about campaigning to maintain that truer image - the one on the front cover. We are at pains to put our message out there that we have a product that is saleable, while also garnering the respect that our women deserve. Our players are healthy, fit and competitive. Ultimately though they can also be stunning, sleek and sexy. They train, do the physical stuff and still manage to look good."

While opinion of how camogie players are

perceived may be changing, many of us will be well aware of the pitfalls of being a female sports person. Even in this day and age of 'modern Ireland' there is still a school of thought, albeit with a small 's', that believes women should run the home and look after the kids.

Olivia acknowledges that and also admits that sometimes in the past Camogie has been its own worst enemy. "Yes sometimes we are to blame for our own dowdy image and impressions can be drab, dreary and out-dated. We've also been accused at times of being backward about going forward but that is set to change and you can either look at the goblet being half-full or half-empty. Most girls want to be seen as un-butch and un-beefy. They wear make-up, style their hair, they often dress in mini-skirts and off-the-shoulder ensembles (a marketers dream perhaps?)...they do all sorts of girly things. While they are camogie players at heart they crave to lose the notion that because of that they are anti-glamour."

Selling Camogie will be a challenging task. The media just love "a different angle" and allegedly, some journalists will do anything to create a stir. Is it something Olivia and her committee have to be wary of? "Yes we do have to be very careful about keeping our credibility intact but I believe women can promote their sport while simultaneously highlighting the fact that they can be female as well as being top-class sportspeople."

In 2004 the Camogie Association celebrates its 100th birthday but it is only a count. Keep in mind that back in 1904, black tights formed part of the camogie uniform - they are still chic nowadays as the finishing touch to that little black number on a Saturday night out.

Transformation may be nonconforming but always remember...presentation is honourable.

You need look no further.



St Vincent's and Dublin 'Chicks with Sticks' - L-R Aoife Cullen, Sonya Burn and Eimear Brannigan

CHAMPIONSHIP CRACKERS

Deirdre Hughes ... hoping to go one better this year with Tipperary.



THE 2003 Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland championship series is upon us now with great gusto, a completely new format designed to afford some of the weaker teams a better chance and most importantly giving all counties more games than ever before.

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael have introduced some major playing changes over the recent number of years and all are designed to give players and spectators the best opportunity to see camogie played at it's best.

MÍCHEÁL Ó MUIRCHÉARTAIGH

This year's launch of the senior championship caught much media attention when it was launched by one of the great voices of Irish Sport Mícheál Ó Muirchéartaigh.

Held in Páirc An Chrócaigh it was attended by players and managers of all the participating counties. Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, Miriam Uí Cheallacháin spoke of how she was "looking forward to a competitive and exciting competition that will herald the way for celebration of our centenary year in 2004".

Both players and managers mingled freely, some no doubt were thinking of getting to know each other on the playing fields in a different manner.

This year's new championship structure will see two groups of four with the top two teams from each side going forward to the semi-finals. This means that counties will be

very eager to get off to a good start, but also with the knowledge that if beaten they are not gone by any means.

The groupings are as follows:
Div.1: Cork, Galway, Kilkenny and Antrim.
Div.2: Dublin, Tipperary, Wexford and Limerick.

The semi-finals will be played on August 23rd with the All-Ireland final on September 21st in Croke Park. Most managers are very much looking forward to this new structure, such as Tipperary's new manager, the former county hurler Raymie Ryan, "it has to be good for the game, you can't beat having more matches" commented Raymie who took over from his former county hurler Michael Cleary after last September's All-Ireland defeat.

Tipperary enter this year's championship, without their captain Úna O'Dwyer who was still nursing an injury and their regular goalkeeper Jovita Delaney who was involved in a car crash earlier in the season. Their opening opponents on June 28th were Wexford who were also working with a new manager this season, Aidan Breen, a former intercounty referee and who also managed the Minor team some years ago.

It is often said the GAA love to see the Dubs in an All-Ireland final, it is also true that it is often said that a lot of people would love to see what were once known as the Queens of Camogie --- Dublin back into contention for an All-

Ireland title.

The proud holders of 26 Senior All-Ireland titles, they have not brought the O'Duffy Cup Liffey side since 1984. With manager P.J. Donohue in the hot seat for another year, it must be said that they have a team on paper that boast of several well experienced players such as captain Sonya O'Byrne, Louise O'Hara, and Aoife Cullen. They have also introduced some new players, such as sixteen yearold goal keeper Emer Butler, and Julie Draeper both of whom make their championship debut this season.

ONLY FEMALE MANAGER

Seven of the managers involved with senior counties today are male, with the only female being with the Cats, the former great Kilkenny player Ann Downey. The holder of twelve senior All-Ireland medals, she was involved with the junior team last year who took their first ever All-Ireland title. Many saw that victory as a major step for Kilkenny who had not won a senior All-Ireland since Ann Downey captained the team in 1994 against Wexford. Some sources say that the Black and Amber girls may not end up this season climbing the steps of the Hogan Stand, but perhaps it is next year's centenary they have in mind.

Never-the-less they will be most anxious to give of their best this season, but they will have their work cut out to topple National League and All-Ireland champions Cork,

Galway and Antrim.

The Rebel county under Pa Finn may have lost the Munster senior championship title, (a separate competition to the All-Ireland series) but they will feel very much be a force to reckon with again this season.

In the aftermath of last year's final they lost fullback Eithne Duggan and Linda Mellerick who over the years gave some fine performances at midfield and the half-forward line.

But Cork who have been very successful over the recent years at Minor level are gradually bringing forth some of those players such as Emer Dillon and Briege Corkery and therefore are all the time combining the necessary blend of both youth and experience. As usual, the crafty forward Fiona O'Driscoll will take some minding. She is a great team motivator and is a great distributor of the ball.

DOMINIC MCKINLEY, A DUAL ROLE

The Derry hurlers may be out of this year's All-Ireland equation, but the man behind them Dominic McKinley still does not have a rest, as he has the unique position of managing both the Derry hurling team and the Antrim camogie team. Dominic or 'Woody' as he was often called when he hurled for his native Antrim has both games very much at heart and while he may not see either team trod the steps of the Hogan Stand, he gives it his all at all times. The Saffrons are a little bit like the Dubs, in that they had many great teams over the years, but their last grip of the O'Duffy Cup was back in 1979 when they beat Tipperary.

Back in 1996, a young talented Galway side took the O'Duffy Cup Shannon side for the first time ever, but disappointingly they have failed to repeat that act since, despite looking very promising on more than one

occasion. When one considers that the famed Pearses club have five All-Ireland club titles to their credit, one would imagine that they should have had better success, but for some strange reason it has eluded them. Their performance in last year's All-Ireland semi-final unfortunately did not do them any favours either. On top of that they are entering this

year's championship without the services of defender Olivia Broderick, full-forward Sharon Glynn and Pamela Nevin also in the backline all of whom decided earlier on to hang up their boots. The Western side, however were given a much needed injection earlier this season when their junior team won the Division 2 National League title beating Armagh. Despite these retirements it would be very unwise to write them off not to reach the semi-final stage of this year's championship.

CENTENARY

With championship matches every weekend starting June 28th until August 2nd it will be a power packed summer of activity. Indeed it could be further extended if

there were play offs involved. Hopefully our counties will try and get as many matches as possible played as double headers with GAA matches and thus afford the game a wider audience. Here's to championship 2003, but perhaps there will be more than one county preparing for next year's historic All-Ireland title!.

Miriam O'Callaghan
... Uachtarán
Cumann
Camógaíochta
na nGael.

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland semi-final

Antrim 3-9 (U Elliot 2-0, J Adams 1-3, E Mason 0-6, C Doherty 0-1) Dublin 0-6 (J Draper 0-6, A Fanning 0-1)

Tipperary 4-13 (T O'Halloran 0-10, J Nolan, J Horan, M Luby 1-1 each, A Mulcahy 1-0) Derry 1-4 (G McGoldrick 1-0, K McAuley 0-3, S McDaid 0-1)

Leinster senior club championship final: Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford 1-6 (U Jacob 1-5, S Kehoe 0-1) St. Lachtain's, Freshford, Kilkenny 1-6 (J Kennedy 1-4, M O'Connor, E Kennedy 0-1 each)

Leinster junior club championship final: Drumculleen, Offaly 1-6 (E Lyons 1-0, M Lynch 0-4, E Dermody 0-2, E Corcoran, K Nugent 0-1 each) Kilmessan, Meath 1-6 (A Donnelly 1-0, S Horan 0-4, C Rowan 0-1)

Cork Junior A CF: St. Catherine's 2-5 Valley Rovers 1-4; Junior B Semi-final: Rockton 1-4 Kildorrery 0-2; U18 B Championship Round 1: Glen Rovers 2-4 Clonakilty 1-4; U16 A Cork Championship first round: Ballygarvan 5-4 Inniscarra 2-7, Milford 4-12 Douglas 1-6. U16 B Cork Championship first round: Eire Og 3-8 Kilbrittain/Timoleague 3-4, Courcy Rovers 11-7 Bishopstown 1-1, Killeagh 4-1 Buttevant 0-1. U16 C Cork Championship first round: Ballinascorthy 5-0 Fr. O'Neills 0-0, Clonakilty 3-6 Dungourney 0-5. U16 B Cork Co. League semi-final: Eire Og 4-3 Enniskenne 1-6, Aghabullogue 2-7 Courcy Rovers 3-3.

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August

It's a long way from Moycullen to HQ

Máire Uí Scoláí informs us of the appointment of the first Sponsorship and Financial Manager to the Camogie Association.

Back in 1980 Cumann Camógachta na nGael made history when they took on board their first fulltime paid employee. The lady then chosen for the job was Jo Nic Uaidrich who later became the Association's very dependable voluntary treasurer. This is a position the former Kilkenny player held up to recently. Many fine tributes were fittingly paid to Jo at this year's Congress which proved to be her final Congress. However, the former Ashbourne player, Kilkenny player, St. Paul's player and Leinster Gael-Linn player will not be leaving camogie all together and it is probably fair to say with her experience will be called on from time to time. Jo, deserves a fine thank you for all her dedicated years of service.

Since 1980 the organisation has grown a lot and recently the oldest female Gaelic Games Association took another major step on the right direction when they realised that no longer was it possible to carry out the duties of a national treasurer on a voluntary basis.

To this end a very well attended press conference was recently held in Croke Park when Sinéad O'Connor, the camogie player, banjo player and pianist was introduced to the public.

It's a long way from Moycullen to Pennsylvania but then Croke Park's green sod recently beckoned for a young lady called Sinéad O'Connor who has become the first ever Finance and Sponsorship Manager of Cumann Camógachta na nGael. At the recent press conference held in Croke Park, the young lass from Moycullen in County Galway who plays senior camogie with Portabello in Dublin was the lady chosen to market the Association to as wide an audience as possible.

Born and reared in Moycullen she was awarded a scholarship to Scranton University in Pennsylvania where she graduated with BS in Accounting. After returning home she obtained a Masters in Accounting from the Smurfit

School of Business. She then worked on a three year contract with PricewaterhouseCoopers as an Audit Assistant Manager.

Sinéad, who has one younger sister Louise and one older sister Mary Michelle grew up with a love of Gaelic Games, with her Daid having played hurling for the local Moycullen club. For approx. the last three years Sinéad has worn the Black and White jersey of the Portabello club who are enjoying a good year in the Senior League. The twenty seven year old lass was in the USA when her sister saw the advertisement in the National Papers and informed her straight away. She jumped at the idea. It is her hope that as Cumann Camógachta na nGael celebrates it's centenary next year that she can increase the market value of the game.

The young lady does not confine her energy to camogie alone as she is also a very keen Banjo and Piano player. Sinéad, who comes across as a very favourable lady to bring the Association into the next century will work as part of a team with the present Ardstiúrthóir Sheila Wallace and National PRO Máire Uí Scoláí and many sub committees.

At the press conference held in Croke Park she said she was "looking forward to developing the Sponsorship and Financial role within Cumann Camógachta na nGael as it is an exciting time within the Association that celebrates it's centenary in 2004."

In attendance at the Press conference were Miriam O'Callaghan, Uachtarán Cumann Camógachta na nGael, Séan Kelly, GAA President as well as Liam Mulvihill Director General of the GAA. Special guest of the afternoon was the Minister of State Noel Aherne.

The possibilities that lie ahead for Sinéad and the Association are vast and she knows right well that there are many untapped sources out there. It is her intention to seek out as many people sponsors as possible. She feels that the

game which has a very high skill level needs to be promoted in various ways and target as much of the younger generation as possible.

Settling into her new position in Croke Park will be a busy time for her with the championship in full swing and with the centenary just around the corner the Moycullen lass will not have time for gazing out on the pitch but instead will be gazing at a lap top or figures where ever that may take her to.

While the Galway footballers said goodbye to this year's championship, Sinéad will be hoping for either the girls or the minor or U21 hurlers to do the business. The Galway girl recently got a great opportunity of seeing both the Galway U21's and the girls when they both were played on the one day on August 23rd when they were held in Cusack Park, Ennis.

KILTEGAN RECORD?

Wicklow may not be setting the world on fire with intercounty success, but certainly the Kiltegan club have been rather successful to say the least. A club that is growing by the day they recently won the U12, U14, U16 and Senior County championship finals all in the space of four days! Is there any other club out there that can match this great achievement?

Success is not something that has just landed on the Kiltegan door step this season. Back in 2001 they brought home the U14, U16 and senior championship as well as the U10 Blitz and they also captured the Senior League that year to make it a double act. The year 2001 was very special for them as they had not won the senior title since 1981 and it thus ended a twenty year famine for the Garden of Ireland club.

As National PRO I would delight in hearing of any such great records. I may be contacted at: maier@gofree.indigo.ie or pro@camogie.ie on in writing to: 106 Beechwood Lawn, Dunlaoghaire, Co Dublin.

ALL-IRELAND MINOR TITLES GO TO MUNSTER

Both Waterford and Cork minors took the first All-Ireland titles of the year when they captured the Minor 'B' and 'A' titles respectively in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise in July. The victory had a particular sweetness for both sides. It was Waterford's first All-Ireland Camogie title and for the Rebel county it was their third in a row. For Cork captain



The Kiltegan U16 side



More silverware and this time it is the U14s



Camogie President Miriam O'Callaghan, GAA President Sean Kelly, Minister of State Noel Aherne and the new Finance and Sponsorship Manager of the Camogie Association, Sinéad O'Connor at Croke Park

and player of the match Anna Geary it was her third All-Ireland minor title. Not bad doing!

FIXTURES

September 21st Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship Final, Croke Park
Also: All-Ireland Junior Championship Final

Galway in with a shout against Cork, says Millea

by Therese O'Callaghan

DEFENDING champions Cork meet Galway while a resurgent Limerick battle with Tipperary in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-finals at Cusack Park, Ennis this afternoon.

Kilkenny, are a surprise omission from the last four after being edged out by the maroon and white and their star full-forward Sinead Millea is impressed by their talents.

"I think that Galway are in with a shout against Cork if they click. They were boosted by their victory over us and are a more settled team since."

"Therese Maher has moved to centre forward and there should be a great tussle between herself and Mary O'Connor. Many of the Cork attacks start with clearances from the half back line so that duel will be interesting."

"Another will be the pairing of Denise Cronin and Lourda Kavanagh. The Galway full forward was lethal against us and is very good under a dropping ball. When she is on top of her game she is difficult to curtail."

"But, I do not expect Cork to take things for granted. Fiona (O'Driscoll) and Emer Dillon are in flying form. I would give the nod to Cork but it will not be a run-away victory," she said.

Earlier in the day, All-Ireland final-

Camogie preview

ists of 2002 Tipperary will pit their might against newcomers Limerick. According to Millea, the victors from 1999 to 2001 should prove too powerful for Limerick.

"This is Limerick's first time in 23 years getting to this stage of the championship so there will be a lot of pride at stake. They will need big games from Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien. But Tipperary would not want to focus on just one or two of the Limerick players. I think the Premier County are not as good as other years. Still, they should come out on top," said Millea.

LIMERICK: B O'Brien; C Mulcahy, R Collins, G McNamara; D Sheehan, M Casey, J Clifford; V Sheehan (capt), M Kelly; A Sheehan, D Fitzpatrick, E O'Brien; S McAuliffe, M Keating, A O'Reilly.

TIPPERARY: J Delaney; S Kelly, U O'Dwyer (capt), C Madden; S Neslon, C Gaynor, T Brophy; A McDermott, P Bullfin; P Fogarty, N Kennedy, J Ryan; E McDonnell, D Hughes, C Grogan.

GALWAY: L Curry; R O'Connor, R Broderick, AM Broderick; M Haverly, T Laheen (capt), L Lally; A Hillary, A Kelly; C Murray, T Maher, A Hardiman; M Harkin, L Kavanagh, O Kilkenny.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt); P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; V Harris, R Moloney; U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary; O O'Sullivan, C Harrington, F O'Driscoll.



Limerick sisters Deirdre, Aoife and captain Vera Sheehan take time out from a round of golf at Charleville GC, Co Cork, ahead of today's All-Ireland semi-final game with Tipperary.

Picture: Des Barr

Claire wants to show mum how it's done

by Therese O'Callaghan

IN the camogie world, few would begrudge the placement of the O'Duffy Cup in the hands of Limerick's Vera Sheehan. Twenty-three years have passed since their last All-Ireland appearance and that was a losing one. Indeed the record books file a nil return for the number of titles won.

Vera Mackey played right corner back that day. Her daughter Claire Mulcahy is a grandniece of the great Mick Mackey and amazingly she fills the same position as her mother did all those years ago. At 16 years of age, it is a magnificent achievement for last year's minor player to have received the call-up to the senior grade.

However, the gruelling prospect of marking Tipperary's ace forward Claire Grogan awaits her. Even her mother is a bit tense ahead of tomorrow's semi-final at Cusack Park.

"We are all getting nervous now," she admitted. "There is a lot of talk about the last time Limerick got to the final. The Cork attack was the best in the country — Marion Sweeney, Mary O'Leary, Pat Moloney and Mary Geaney. We had our hands full then and it will be a similar assignment tomorrow against the Blue and Gold."

"Of course the game has changed so much in the intervening years. I would have loved if it were 15-a-side then, there is so much more freedom. The fitness level has reached greater heights and players need to train to a very high standard."

Vera would like to think that the green and white will not be found wanting in this department.

"John Lacey is an excellent trainer and everybody has put in the effort. It will be imperative that they girls settle immediately and that each player contains her opponent. We all know that playing against Tipperary is an awesome task but we are improving all the



Vera Mackey, who played for Limerick in 1980, with her daughter Claire who lines out for Limerick in the All Ireland camogie semi-final against Tipperary in Ennis tomorrow.

Picture: Brian Gavin

time. Last year we got to the quarter-final and now we are step further 12 months later."

While numerous Limerick players contribute to the achievement of this present squad, there is little doubt

about the driving force behind this Shannonside renaissance.

"The three Sheehans are the backbone of the team and Vera is an inspirational captain. She was a unanimous choice by the management and panel

"The fitness level has reached greater heights and players need to train to a very high standard."

— she is a great motivator and shows a personal interest in players especially to the younger ones. Herself, older sister Deirdre and 18-year-old Aoife live and die for camogie.

Meanwhile, the second game between the All-Ireland champions Cork and Galway should be an interesting contest. Galway have already suffered a big defeat at the hands of the Rebels in the round-robin series. Last weekend they played Limerick in a challenge game at Cusack Park. The westerners emerged victorious by seven points. Is it enough to create an upset against the champions?

"I don't think so. Cork are very good again this year and will be extremely hard to displace. While Galway will be much better than their previous outing it would take a lot of complacency on Cork's part to be caught out."

Sister and brother, Therese and Johnny Maher will be in action for Galway with the All-Ireland U21 hurling semi-final against Tipperary the last of the treble-header.

For those who have yet to secure tickets, they will be on sale tomorrow morning in Cusack Park from 11am. New ground is also being broken with the launching of an exclusive camogie magazine, 'Camogie Girl', the magazine for Chicks with Sticks, will be on sale from Monday September 15 — the week before the All-Ireland final of September 21.

FORAS NA GAEILGE ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE SEMI-FINAL



Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

2
JOANNE O'CALLAGHAN
S. Ni Cheallacháin
(Cloughduv)

5
PAULA O'CONNOR
P. Ni Chonchubhair
(Newtownshandrum)

8
RACHEL MOLONEY
R. Ni Mhaolomhnaigh
(Courcey Rovers)

10
UNA O'DONOGHUE
U. Ni Dhonnchú
(Cloughduv)

13
ORLA O'SULLIVAN
O. Ni Shuilleabháin
(St. Finbarr's)

1
GER CASEY
G. Ni Chathasaigh
(Iniscormac)

3
DENISE CRONIN
D. Ni Chroinin
(Glen Rovers)

6
MARY O'CONNOR
M. Ni Chonchubhair
(Killeagh)

9
VIVIANNE HARRIS
B. Ni Earchai
(Bishopstown)

11
EMER DILLON
E. Ni Dhiollúin
(Ballygarvan)

14
CAOIMHE HARRINGTON
C. Ni Arrachtáin
(Newtownshandrum)

4
STEPHANIE DUNLEA
S. Ni Dhoimle (Capt.)
(Cloughduv)

7
GEMMA O'CONNOR
G. Ni Chonchubhair
(St. Finbarr's)

12
JENNIFER O'LEARY
S. Ni Laoire
(Ballyroe)

15
FIONA O'DRISCOLL
F. Ni Dhrisceoil
(Fr. O'Neill's)

Ionaidaithe

- (16) Aoife Murray
A. Ni Mhuiri
(Cloughduv)
- (17) Sarah Hayes
S. Ni Aodha
(Courcey Rovers)
- (18) Breege Corkery
B. Ni Chonchubhair
(Cloughduv)
- (19) Colette Desmond
C. Ni Dhuasnaigh
(Newcastle)
- (20) Clara Healy
C. Ni Ealaíne
(Bishopstown)
- (21) Nora Aherne
N. Eibinn
(Fr. O'Neill's)
- (22) Ciarriona Foley
C. Ni Fhoghú
(Rockbar)
- (23) Lynda O'Connell
L. Ni Chonail
(St. Finbarr's)
- (24) Elaine Burke
E. de Búrca
(Valley Rovers)
- (25) Emer Watson
E. Nic Uist
(Midford)

Raghnáirí:
Pat Finn (Coach),
Kathleen Healy,
Sandy Fitzgibbon,
Jim McCarthy (Trainers).

Corcaigh



Back Row (l-r): Kathleen Healy, Selector, Jennifer O'Leary, Gemma O'Connor, Rachel Moloney, Ger Casey, Clara Healy, Emer Dillon, Caoimhe Harrington, Paula O'Connor, Lynda O'Connell, Elaine Burke, Pat Finn, Coach, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Selector
Front Row (l-r): Denise Cronin, Stephanie Dunlea (Capt.), Ciarriona Foley, Mary O'Connor, Una O'Donoghue, Joanne O'Callaghan, Colette Desmond, Breege Corkery, Fiona O'Driscoll

Gaillimh



Ar chúil ó chlé: R.Ni Mhaolomhnaigh, R.Ni Chonchubhair, C.Ni Mhuiri, L.Ni Chaoimhnaigh, L. Ni Chaimhna, A.Ni Cheallacháin, A.Ni Chonghaile, T.Ni Laoire (captain), T.Ni Mheachair, F.Ni Pharsaigh, A.Ni Chonghaile
Chun tosaigh: ó chlé: M.Ni Abhrasáigh, R.Ni Bhruadair, A.Ni Argadáin, D.Ni Chail Channigh, A.Ni Bhruadair, L.Ni Mhaolomhnaigh, C.Ni Anóin, Á.Ni Inle, C. Ni Bhuagh

Gaillimh

Dathanna: Marún is Bán

2
RÓISÍN O'CONNOR
R. Ni Chonchubhair
(Kinnara)

5
MARTINA HAVERTY
M. Ni Airigh (Capt.)
(Peases)

8
ÁINE HILARY
A. Ni Irile
(Peases)

10
CAROLINE MURRAY
A. Ni Mhuiri
(St. Thomas)

13
MARTINA HARKIN
M. Ni Earcaín
(Peases)

1
LOUISE CURRY
L. Ni Chaimhna
(Na Pársaigh)

3
RITA BRODERICK
R. Ni Bhruadair
(Davitts)

6
TRACEY LAHEEN
T. Ni Laithin
(Peases)

9
ALVA KELLY
A. Ni Cheallaigh
(Davitts)

11
THERESE MAHER
T. Ni Mheachair
(Shamrocks)

14
LOURDA KAVANAGH
L. Ni Chaoimhnaigh
(Davitts)

4
ANN MARIE BRODERICK
A. M. Ni Bhruadair
(Davitts)

7
LORRAINE LALLY
L. Ni Mhaolomhnaigh
(Peases)

12
ANN HARDIMAN
A. Ni Argadáin
(Mullagh)

15
ORLA KILKENNY
O. Ni Chail Choinnigh
(Peases)

Ionaidaithe

- (16) Aoife Connolly
A. Ni Chonghaile
(Cloughduv)
- (17) Rebecca Lally
R. Ni Mhaolomhnaigh
(Peases)
- (18) Fiona Pierce
F. Ni Pharsaigh
(Davitts)
- (19) Carmel Hannan
C. Ni Anóin
(Peases)
- (20) Aoife Lynskey
A. Ni Lomagh
(Andrieh)
- (21) Cathy Bowes
C. Ni Bhuagh
(Cappanaghy)

Raghnáirí:
Peter Murphy (Manager/Trainer),
Michael Kennedy,
Michael Broderick,
Midge Kennedy,
Collette Kennedy-Walsh

Luimneach



Ar chúil: ó chlé: R.Ni Cheallacháin, S.De Laoise, G.Nic Channihara, B.Ni Bhriain, S.Ni hÉideagáin, E.Ni Bhriain, M.de Nasa, C.Ni Chonail, M.Ni Cheallacháin, M.Ni Dhálaigh, A.Ni Shiocháin, M.Ni Chléin, S.De Faite
Chun tosaigh: ó chlé: Á.Ni Raghadh, C.Ni Mhaolomhnaigh, V.Ni Shiocháin (CPT), R.Ni Chailéin, D.Ni Shiocháin, N.Ni Chailéin, S.Nic Amhlaoibh, C. Ni Dhoighair, M.Ni Chonchubhair, S.O Dailín
Missing from photo: S.Ni Rifeartaigh, D.Ni Ghailla Phádraig, S.Ni Threasaigh

Tiobraid Árann



Back row (l-r): Áine Mulcahy, Louise Young, Claire Madden, Helen Breen, Maire Ryan, Sheena Howard, Claire Gaynor, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Joanne Ryan, Therese Brophy, Claire Grogan, Sinéad Nealon, Lorraine Bourke, Philly Fogarty, Niamh Connolly, Jovita Delaney
Front row (l-r): Trish Ryan, Paula Bulfin, Emily Hayden, Gill Moran, Angie McDermott, Deirdre Hughes, Michelle Shortt, Eimear McDonald, Una O'Dwyer (captain), Maeve Corcoran, Paula Ryan, Trisha O'Halloran, Danielle O'Connell

FORAS NA GAEILGE ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE SEMI-FINAL

Luimneach

Dathanna: Uathne is Bán

2
CLAIRE MULCAHY
C. Ni Mhulcathaigh
(Athlone)

5
DEIRDRE SHEEHAN
D. Ni Shiocháin
(Grangah/Ballingary)

8
VERA SHEEHAN
V. Ni Shiocháin (Capt.)
(Grangah/Ballingary)

10
AOIFE SHEEHAN
A. Ni Shiocháin
(Grangah/Ballingary)

13
SINÉAD McAULIFFE
S. Ni Amhlaoibh
(Ballygaran)

1
BREDA O'BRIEN
B. Ni Bhriain
(Grangah/Ballingary)

3
ROSE COLLINS
R. Ni Choileáin
(Midford)

6
MICHELLE CASEY
M. Ni Chathasaigh
(Killeedy)

11
DEIRDRE FITZPATRICK
D. Ni Ghiollaphadraigh
(Killeedy)

14
MARIE KEATING
M. Ni Chéitin
(Killeedy)

4
GRACE McNAMARA
G. Nic Mheara
(Adare)

7
JOANNE CLIFFORD
S. Ni Rhifeartaigh
(Grangah/Ballingary)

9
MAIREAD KELLY
M. Ni Chellaigh
(Galbally)

12
EILEEN O'BRIEN
E. Ni Bhriain
(Grangah/Ballingary)

15
ÁINE O'REILLY
A. Ni Rhathallaigh
(Galbally)

Ionaidaithe

- (16) Heahbh Nash
M. Ni Nais
(Grangah/Ballingary)
- (17) Moira Dooley
M. Ni Dhálaigh
(Athlone)
- (18) Nora Collins
N. Ni Chailéin
(Midford)
- (19) Ciarriona Dore
C. Ni Dhoighair
(Killeedy)
- (20) Sandra Heddigan
S. Ni hÉideagáin
(Galbally)
- (21) Christine Carroll
C. Ni Chailéin
(Patrickswell)

Raghnáirí:
John Lacey (Manager/Trainer),
Sheila Treacy,
John White,
Jack Dillon



Tiobraid Árann

Dathanna: Gorm is Or

2
SUZANNE KELLY
S. Ni Cheallaigh
(Toomevara)

5
SINÉAD NEALON
S. Ni Nialláin
(Burgess)

8
ANGIE McDERMOTT
A. Nic Diarmada
(Annacarty)

10
PHILLY FOGARTY
F. Ni Fhogartaigh
(Cashel)

13
EIMEAR McDONNELL
E. Nic Domhnaill
(Burgess)

1
JOVITA DELANEY
S. Ni Dhubhshláine
(Cashel)

3
UNA O'DWYER
U. Ni Dhuibhir (Capt.)
(Cashel)

6
CIARA GAYNOR
C. Nig Fhionnbhairr
(Kilruane McDonagh)

11
NOELLE KENNEDY
N. Ni Chinnéide
(Toomevara)

14
DEIRDRE HUGHES
D. Nic Aodha
(Toomevara)

4
CLAIRE MADDEN
C. Ni Mhadáin
(Fr. O'Neill's, Cork)

7
THERESA BROPHY
T. Ni Bhroithe
(Burgess)

9
PAULA BULFIN
P. Bhuilfin
(Cashel)

12
JOANNE RYAN
S. Ni Riain
(Drom & Inch)

15
CLARE GROGAN
C. Ni Ghrugáin
(Cashel)

Ionaidaithe

- (16) Paula Ryan
P. Ni Riain
(Toomevara)
- (17) Sheena Howard
S. Nic Ionmhair
(Burgess)
- (18) Emily Hayden
E. Ni Edeain
(Cashel)
- (19) Trish O'Halloran
P. Ni Ailurain
(Portlaoise)
- (20) Lorraine Bourke
L. de Búrca
(Templemore)
- (21) Heahbh Corcoran
M. Ni Corcharán
(Maycarkey-Borris)
- (22) Louise Young
L. de Sun
(Toomevara)
- (23) Helen Breen
L. Ni Bhriain
(Cashel)
- (24) Trish Ryan
P. Ni Riain
(Toomevara)
- (25) Niamh Connolly
N. Ni Chonghaile
(Templemore)
- (26) Michelle Shortt
M. Nic Ghearr
(Drom & Inch)
- (27) Aine Mulcahy
A. Ni Mhaolomhnaigh
(Burgess)
- (28) Danielle O'Connell
D. Ni Chonail
(Cashel)

Awesome display by Cork bewilders Galway

Cork
Galway

4-16
0-3

by Therese O'Callaghan

WITH virtually all of last year's All-Ireland championship winning side in action, Cork eased past a bewildered Galway side in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday.

It's seven years since their sole All-Ireland title, and if anything Galway appear to be back-peddalling rather than developing the crop of minors which have contested 10 of the last 11 deciders.

Cork were awesome and despite the weakness of the challenge played like champions. Their first touch was impeccable and they raised two green flags in the opening five minutes from wonderful scoring creators Fiona O'Driscoll and Orla O'Sullivan.

Galway challenged momentarily but Ger Casey blocked a 27th minute penalty drive from Lourda Kavanagh. Outside her, the back line was unbeatable too with Paula O'Connor in great form at wing back. Vivienne Harris and Rachel Moloney ruled midfield and inside all six attackers laid the foundation for this victory.

Amazingly, like their All-Ireland op-

ponents of next month, all but four points of the Rebel scores came from play.

Picture: Brian Arthur/Press 22

Scorers: Cork: F O'Driscoll 1-4 (0-3 frees), O O'Sullivan 1-2, E Dillon 0-5, C Harrington 1-1, N Ahern 1-0, J O'Leary 0-2 (0-1 free), B Corkery and V Harris 0-1 each.

Galway: L Kavanagh 0-2, A Lynskey 0-1.

CORK: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea (capt), P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, V Harris, R Moloney, U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary, O O'Sullivan, C Harrington, F O'Driscoll. Subs: B Corkery for U O'Donoghue, C Foley for P O'Connor, C Desmond for F O'Driscoll (all 45 mins), S Hayes for G O'Connor, N Ahern for C Harrington (both 50 mins).

GALWAY: L Curry; R O'Connor, R Broderick, A M Broderick, M Haverly (capt), T Laheen, L Lally; A Hilary, A Kelly; C Murray, T Maher, A Hardiman; M Harkin, L Kavanagh, O Kilkenny.

Subs: A Lynskey for A M Broderick (40 mins), R Lally for A Hardiman (40 mins), F Pierce for O Kilkenny (52 mins).

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).



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Cork seniors well on top

Cork
Galway

4-16
0-3

WITHOUT ever having to play to their full potential, holders Cork qualified for the Foras Na Gaeilge All Ireland senior championship final and set up a repeat of last year's final against Tipperary.

Cork held the upper hand from the beginning and showed their class from the early stages. Two goals inside the opening five minutes from Fiona O'Driscoll and Orla O'Sullivan indicated Cork were in no mood for messing, and certainly from their approach to proceedings they indicated their intentions early.

Fiona O'Driscoll and Orla O'Sullivan had added points before Mary O'Connor's long free was superbly plucked from the air by Caoimhe Harrington who finished superbly to the Galway net.

Continuing to apply the pressure Fiona O'Driscoll and the impressive Emer Dillon pointed before Galway had a scoring opportunity when Lourda Kavanagh's penalty attempt was well saved by Ger Casey. The Galway tale of woe continued with Vivienne Harris pointing on the half time whistle as Cork led 3-6 to no score at the break.

The second half trend was much the same with Cork showing their class dominating in all sectors.

Five points inside the opening twelve minutes saw Cork further stretch their advantage before Galway had their opening score with a point from Aoife Lynskey. Lourda Kavanagh added a second, but by now the die was cast with Cork superior in all departments picking off three points from Caoimhe Harrington, Breige Corkery and Emer Dillon before substitute Nora Ahern grabbed Cork's fourth goal.

Lourda Kavanagh pointed for Galway but it was Cork who finished with a flourish with points from Orla O'Sullivan and Jennifer O'Leary to safely book their place in Croke Park on September 21.

Cork: G Casey, J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea, capt, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor, R Moloney, V Harris, U O'Donoghue, E Dillon, J O'Leary, O O'Sullivan, C Harrington, F O'Driscoll. Subs: S Hayes for G O'Connor, B Corkery for U O'Donoghue, C Desmond for F O'Driscoll, N Ahern for C Harrington, C Foley for P O'Connor.

Galway: L Curry, R O'Connor, R Broderick, A M Broderick, M Haverly, T Laheen, L Lally, A Hilary, A Kelly, C Murray, T Maher, A Hardiman, M Harkin, L Kavanagh, O Kilkenny sub A Lynskey for A M Broderick.

Referee: Eamonn Browne: Tipperary.

Tipperary power too much as Limerick overwhelmed

Tipperary
Limerick

4-16
0-10

by Therese O'Callaghan

TIPPERARY'S were too good for Limerick in this one-sided Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday.

A well-struck penalty from centre-back Ciara Gaynor stunned Limerick early on. The result was never in doubt once star corner forward Claire Grogan netted her side's third goal 10 minutes into the second-half.

Despite the best efforts of Rose Collins, Vera Sheehan, O'Brien, Meadhbh Nash and Marie Keating, they could not stymie a rampant Tipperary machine that found the net as early as the third minute with a Deirdre Hughes strike.

At half-time Tipperary were in front by seven points and when Joanne Ryan bagged their fourth goal at the three-quarter stage, they led 4-10 to 0-8. O'Brien was responsible for most of the Limerick scores.

With Una O'Dwyer controlling the full-back berth, and Philly Fogarty and Eimear McDonnell shining in attack, Tipperary's passage to the September

21 showdown was booked long before the final whistle.

Scorers for Tipperary: J Ryan and C Grogan 1-2 each, P Fogarty 0-5, D Hughes 1-1, E McDonnell 0-4, C Gaynor 1-0 (pen), N Kennedy (free) and L Young 0-1 each.

Limerick: E O'Brien 0-6 (0-3 frees), D Fitzpatrick, M Nash, S McAuliffe and M Keating 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: J Delaney; S Kelly, U O'Dwyer (capt), C Madden, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy; A McDermott, P Biffin; P Fogarty, C Grogan, N Kennedy; E McDonnell, J Ryan, D Hughes.

Subs: E Hayden for P Biffin (25 mins), T O'Halloran for N Kennedy, S Howard for T Brophy (inj) (both 43 mins), L Young for J Ryan (53 mins).

LIMERICK: B O'Brien; C Mulcahy, R Collins, G McNamara; D Sheehan, M Casey, J Clifford; V Sheehan (capt), M Kelly; A Sheehan, M Nash, E O'Brien; S McAuliffe, M Keating, A O'Reilly.

Subs: D Fitzpatrick for A O'Reilly (14 mins), M Dooley for S McAuliffe (53 mins), C Dore for G McNamara (59 mins).

Referee: A Derham (Dublin).

Paths to today's semi-finals:

Corcaigh	2-19;	An Ghaillimh	0-04	Tiobraid Árann	5-07;	Loch Garman	4-03
Corcaigh	3-13;	Aontroim	0-03	Tiobraid Árann	3-12;	Luimneach	1-09
Corcaigh	1-20;	Cill Chainnigh	1-05	Tiobraid Árann	5-16;	Áth Cliath	0-02
An Ghaillimh	0-04;	Corcaigh	2-19	Luimneach	3-10;	Áth Cliath	0-07
An Ghaillimh	2-14;	Cill Chainnigh	2-07	Luimneach	1-09;	Tiobraid Árann	3-12
An Ghaillimh	4-18;	Aontroim	3-09	Luimneach	2-08;	Loch Garman	2-01

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The Limerick team which lost to Tipperary in the All-Ireland camogie semi final at Ennis last Saturday

Goals prove the key as Tipp through to another final against Cork

Tipperary 4-16; Limerick 0-10

By Michael Heverin

Tipperary qualified for their fifth senior All Ireland final in a row with a comprehensive win over Limerick at Cusack Park in Ennis on Saturday. The semi-final win sets them up for another final with champions Cork who enjoyed an equally comfortable win over Galway in the second semi-final.

While Tipp had eighteen points to spare at the final whistle it still wasn't a flawless performance and manager Ramie Ryan expects more for the final against Cork when his side

will hope to reverse last year's result which saw the Leesiders end Tipp's three year reign as camogie kingpins.

"I was worried for a while until we pulled away at the end. Limerick are a fine team and a lot better than they were three weeks ago when we last played them", said the Cashel man who has now guided Tipp to an All-Ireland final in his first year in charge.

"The second goal was crucial as it put us seven points ahead but we could never afford to relax. We had to keep working away and try to open up their defence.

"However that performance wouldn't beat Cork and we have a lot of work to do before the final", said Ryan.

Goals at crucial times turned the game in Tipp's favour and when Limerick ran out of steam towards the end, Tipp sent their over last six points without reply to give the final score a somewhat lop-sided appearance.

The Tipp attack is often its most lethal weapon and so it proved again on Saturday when the two camogie semi-finals acted as curtain raisers to the All Ireland u-21 hurling semi-final between Tipperary and Galway.

Philly Fogarty and Joanne Ryan had outstand-

ing games. Fogarty has long been one of the side's great battlers and her six points from play was a huge contribution to the Tipp cause. Ryan is also establishing herself as one of the side's stars and her darting runs had the Limerick defence in all sorts of problems.

Equally impressive was Eimear McDonnell who notched 1-3 from play while Deirdre Hughes can always be relied on for an important goal and true to form she found the net after just four minutes to give Tipp a lead they never surrendered.

At the other end the Tipp defence handled everything thrown at it. Surprisingly Jovita Delaney was the busier goalkeeper in the early stages but she exudes confidence and is a vital last line of defence.

Her Cashel clubmate and captain Una O'Dwyer was like a rock in front of her while Claire Madden was busy in the corner with one crucial hook preventing an almost certain Limerick goal in the closing stages of



Deirdre Hughes, who scored a vital early goal for Tipp in the All Ireland senior camogie semi-final win over Limerick at Ennis on Saturday, evades the challenge of the Shannonsiders' defender Claire Mulcahy. (Ray McManus-Sportsfile)

the first half.

As always, Ciara Gaynor was immovable at centre half back with Sinead Nealon doing a lot of clear-

ing on her right side. Therese Brophy had to retire injured in the first half with Sheena Howard proving an able replacement.

Midfield wasn't Tipp's strongest area with Angie McDermott not as prominent as usual and Paula Bulfin making way for her Cashel clubmate Emily Hayden early in the game.

Eileen O'Brien from a free gave Limerick a third minute lead but it was shortlived with Deirdre Hughes kicking to the net after good work from Joanne Ryan a minute later. O'Brien came back with another Limerick point but Tipp points from McDonnell, a Noelle Kennedy free, Fogarty and Ryan gave last year's beaten All Ireland finalists a 1-4 to 0-2 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Another Fogarty point was sandwiched between Limerick scores from

O'Brien and Deirdre Fitzpatrick but in the 23rd minute Tipp had their second big breakthrough. Claire Grogan finished a great move involving Ryan and Hughes by shooting past Breda O'Brien in the Limerick goal but referee Aine Derham had blown for a foul and Ciara Gaynor sent the resulting penalty to the net to put Tipp 2-5 to 0-4 ahead.

Tipp were now playing with some of the style that had seen them win three All Ireland titles in row before last year's defeat to Cork and further points from McDonnell, Fogarty and Hughes to a solitary O'Brien reply for the Shannonsiders put them 2-8 to 0-5 ahead.

It could have been a bigger lead but Deirdre Hughes had an untypical fresh air shot with only the keeper to beat after Claire Grogan had created the opening.

Bidding to make their first All Ireland final appearance since 1980, Limerick opened the second half in determined fashion and with Tipp slow to settle, they created three good scoring chances in the first five minutes but spurned them all.

Tipp were more economical in their play and Eimear McDonnell extended the lead in their first attack after six minutes.

McDonnell was now proving to be Tipp's main playmaker and two minutes later she brought a fine save from O'Brien in the Limerick goal.

It was untypical of the Burgess player not to take the chance but she made no mistake a minute later when beating O'Brien after taking a pass from Joanne Ryan. Tipp were now 3-9 to 0-7 ahead and virtually out of sight.

Eileen O'Brien and Joanne Ryan exchanged points before Tipp's fourth goal finally decided the issue - Grogan had a shot stopped but Ryan was in to follow up and beat O'Brien again. Marie Keating and O'Brien replied for Limerick but their challenge had waned and Tipperary dominated the final ten minutes to hit six points without reply from Grogan (2), Fogarty (2), McDonnell and substitute Louise Young.

n't have the strength upfront to trouble Jovita Delaney. Fullback Rose Collins, captain Vera Sheehan at midfield and Eileen O'Brien in attack were Limerick's top performers.

Tipp now prepare for another All Ireland final and will relish the chance to turn the tables on Cork. Tipperary are a very formidable side at their best and nothing less than the best will be enough against the champions. The September 21st final in Croke Park between the undisputed two best teams in the country should be a thriller.

Tipperary: Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor 1-0; Therese Brophy, Angie McDermott, Paula Bulfin, Noelle Kennedy 0-1; Claire Grogan 0-2; Philly Fogarty 0-6; Deirdre Hughes 1-1; Joanne Ryan 1-2; Eimear McDonnell 1-3; Subs: Sheena Howard for Brophy (injured); Emily Hayden for Bulfin; Louise Young 0-1 for Ryan; Trish O'Halloran for Kennedy.

Limerick: Breda O'Brien, Claire Mulcahy, Rose Collins, Grace McNamara, Deirdre Sheehan, Michelle Casey, Joanne Clifford, Vera Sheehan, Mairead Kelly, Aoife Sheehan, Meadhbh Nash 0-1; Eileen O'Brien 0-6; Sinead McAuliffe 0-1; Marie Keating 0-1; Aine O'Reilly,



Vera Sheehan, Limerick, sets up an attack



Tipperary's Joanne Ryan, challenges for possession with Limerick fullback Rose Collins. (Ray McManus-Sportsfile)



Michelle Casey, Limerick, gets in a clearance against Tipperary

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VANQUISHED . . . the Galway senior camogie squad pictured prior to their heavy All-Ireland semi-final defeat by Cork at Ennis on Saturday. Back row, left to right, Aoife Lynskey, Rebecca Lally, Fiona Pierce, Caroline Murray, Tracey Laheen, Louise Curry, Lourda Kavanagh, Therese Maher, Aine Hillary, Ann Hardiman, Alva Kelly, Aoife Connolly. Front row, Cathy Bowers, Carmel Hannon, Lorraine Lally, Roisin O'Connor, Rita Broderick, Anne Marie Broderick, Martina Harkin, Orla Kilkenny, Martina Haverty.

Humiliating reversal for Galway camogie

Cork4-16

Galway0-3

IT WAS like taking a lamb to the slaughter as the Galway senior camogie team suffered their most humiliating defeat for decades in the Foras na Gaelige All Ireland semi final against reigning champions Cork at Ennis on Saturday.

Indeed, the biggest cheer of the game came just over 13 minutes into the second half when Galway substitute **Aoife Lynskey** from Ardahan scored their first point of the game. At that stage, Cork were 3-11 to 0-0 in front in this mismatch.

It was a shocking defeat and the glory days of Galway camogie have now well and truly gone and a fresh approach is needed in order to rejuvenate the game in the county. The All-Ireland triumph of 1996 under **Tony Ward** is now a distant memory.

While Galway are in the All Ireland Junior camogie final, there was little chance of a double with such a dreadful

performance by the seniors on Saturday last. Indeed, the Galway performance was not helped by a management group that opted to play corner forward **Martina Harkin** as a third midfielder and, worse still, allowed the rot continue for the entire first half while her opponent **Stephanie Dunlea** remained in the heart of the Cork defence and mopped up everything that came her way.

Cork captain Dunlea, played a sweeping role unmarked behind the Cork defence and the Galway two player attack of **Orla Kilkenny** and **Lourda**

Kavanagh never had a chance to get into the game. Indeed it was most frustrating for Kavanagh who had been Galway's top scorer all year.

In the second half Galway switched **Martina Harkin** to wing back with **Lorraine Lally** moving into the attack to play a six player forward line, but at that stage it was too late as Galway were always chasing a losing battle having trailed by 3-6 to 0-0 at the break.

After a poor clearance by Galway keeper **Louise Curry**, Emer Dillon had Cork's opening point but the first blow came just



ON THE RUN . . . Galway wing forward **Caroline Murray** heads towards the Cork posts during Saturday's All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Ennis. Photos Joe O'Shaughnessy.

three minutes into the game when Dillon and **Caoimhe Harrington** combined to set up **Fiona O'Driscoll** for a Cork goal.

Thirty seconds later **Orla O'Sullivan** had added another goal and Galway were well and truly rocked. To add to Galway's woes there had four successive wides before O'Sullivan added a Cork point midway through the opening half.

The O'Connor powered half back line of **Paula, Mary and Gemma** never allowed the Galway half forward line any freedom to add to Dunlea's commanding authority at the back and when a Mary O'Connor free was caught by **Caoimhe Harrington** to score Cork's third goal, the game ended as a contest.

From there all Galway could do was try and redeem themselves and for long periods

of this game there was the dreaded fear among Galway supporters that their side would fail to score. Two minutes from the break Galway were awarded a penalty but **Ger Casey** made a splendid stop to deny **Lourda Kavanagh** as Cork had a comfortable fifteen point lead at the break.

Cork added five more points after the resumption of play before substitute **Aoife Lynskey** struck over Galway's first point approaching the three quarter stage. **Lourda Kavanagh** watched a good goal effort blaze wide after good work from **Lorraine Lally**, before Kavanagh added her first point of the game 12 minutes from the end.

Caoimhe Harrington, Breege Corkery and **Emer Dillon** all added points before substitute **Nora Ahearne** scored Cork's fourth goal. Another Kavanagh

point was of little consolation to a disillusioned Galway side who will find it hard to recover from this humiliating defeat.

Cork: G Casey; J O'Callaghan, D Cronin, S Dunlea; P O'Connor, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; R Maloney, V Harris (0-1); U O'Donoghue, E Dillon (0-5), J O'Leary (0-2); O O'Sullivan (1-2), C Harrington (1-1), F O'Driscoll (1-4). Subs B Corkery (0-1) for O'Donoghue, N Ahearne (1-0) for Harrington, C Desmond for O'Driscoll, C Foley for P O'Connor.

Galway: L Curry; R O'Connor, R Broderick, A M Broderick; M Haverty, T Laheen, L Lally; A Hillary, A Kelly; C Murray, T Maher, A Hardiman, M Harkin, L Kavanagh (0-2), O Kilkenny. Subs: A Lynskey (0-1) for Hardiman, R Lally for Kilkenny.

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).



LOOSE BALL . . . Galway full back **Rita Broderick** tries to secure possession against Cork in Saturday's All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Ennis.

Tipperary and Antrim march through to intermediate final

Tipperary
Derry

4-13
1-4

by Therese O'Callaghan

TIPPERARY qualified for the All-Ireland intermediate camogie championship decider on October 4 with a convincing victory over Derry at the Ragg on Saturday and with six of their senior panel on their second team they will attempt to make a clean sweep of titles over the next few weeks.

Although they were held to a five-point difference at the break, it was in the final 30 minutes that they proved too good for the northerners. They also had to plan without free-taker and full-forward Siobhan

Ryan who picked up a hand injury during the week.

However, her deputy Trish O'Halloran proved an ample replacement hitting six of her 10 points from placed balls. The Blue and Gold best illustrated their scoring prowess between the 34th and 52nd minutes when they hit 3-5. Aine Mülcahy, Jill Horan and substitute Mary Lubby added to a first-half strike from Joanne Nolan.

Derry were in contention up to the break — thanks to a 9th minute goal from Grainne McGoldrick — when they trailed 1-7 to 1-2. However, they failed to match their more illustrious opponents.

Scorers for Tipperary: T O'Halloran 0-10 (0-6 free), J Nolan, J Horan and M Lubby 1-1 each, A Mülcahy 1-0.

Derry: G McGoldrick 1-0, K McAuley 0-3, S McDaid 0-1.

TIPPERARY: P Ryan; D McDonnell, H Breen, J O'Halloran; M Corcoran, N O'Dwyer, J Kirwan; L Bourke, M Morrissey; J Nolan, T O'Halloran, A Mülcahy; J Horan, J O'Connor, G Kinnane. Subs: M Lubby for G Kinnane (inj), T Ryan for M Morrissey, N O'Connell for D McDonnell, M R Ryan for J O'Halloran, S Ralph for H Breen.

DERRY: C O'Kane; J McEneaney, C McCullough, J Carey; B McIvor, C Doherty, C Pickering; G McGoldrick, B Convery, M Comer, K McAuley, A O'Kane; A Lavery, A Doherty, A Reilly. Subs: D Burke for B McIvor, E McIvor for C Pickering.

Referee: J McGrath (Cork).

Antrim
Dublin

3-9
0-6

AFTER being denied by Cork at the final hurdle last year, Antrim will be hoping to regain the All-Ireland intermediate trophy that they won in 2001 after beating Dublin at Skerries

Harp on Saturday.

Coached by former Antrim hurler Dominic McKinley, his daughter Bernie at wing-back was one of the stars of the show — as was niece of Gerry Adams, Jane, who excelled at midfield.

The victory, however, was not as convincing as the tally suggest. The sides were level at half-time (1-2 to 0-5) and it was not until Una Elliott netted her second goal that the damage began to unfold. Adams added another goal and once the foot was to the floor Dublin were lost with Adams, Elliott and Edel Mason marauding through the middle of the Dubs' defence.

Surprisingly, the home side caved in quite easily and a one-point return for

the second-half was never going to be enough. Bleeding a few younger players — Dawn Barry and Niamh Taylor — they did not have sufficient fuel in the tank to overcome an Antrim side seeking to recover their position at the top.

Scorers for Antrim: U Elliott 2-0, J Adams 1-3, E Mason 0-5, C Doherty 0-1.

Dublin: J Draeper 0-5, A Fanning 0-1.

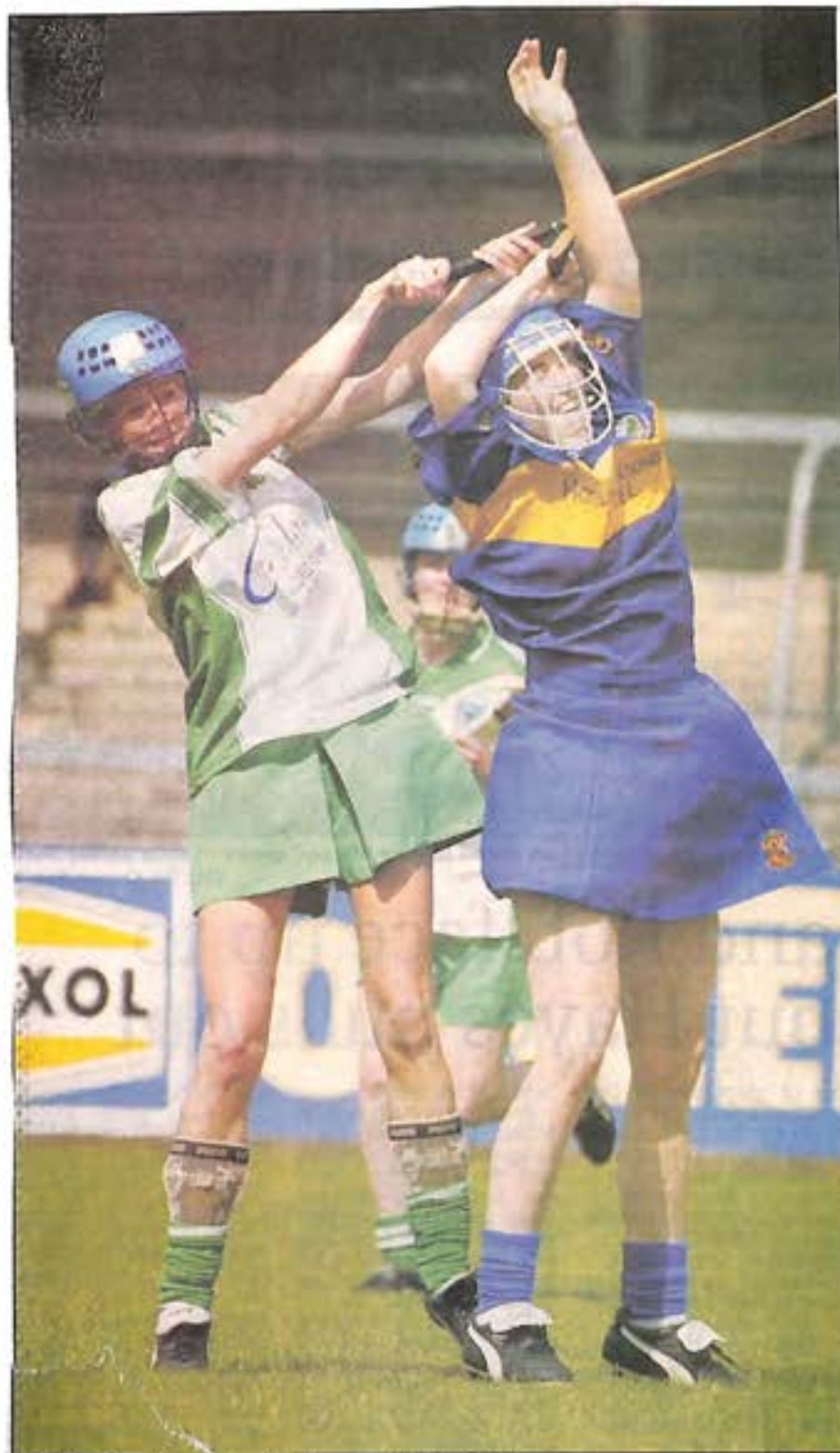
ANTRIM: C Doherty; O Donnelly, M Graham, M McAllister; B McKinley, S McCluskey, C McKinley; J Adams, E Mason, A McKee, G Connolly, R Duffin; U Elliott, S Lagan, E Dowds.

Subs: N McCarty for R Duffin, C Doherty for E Dowds.

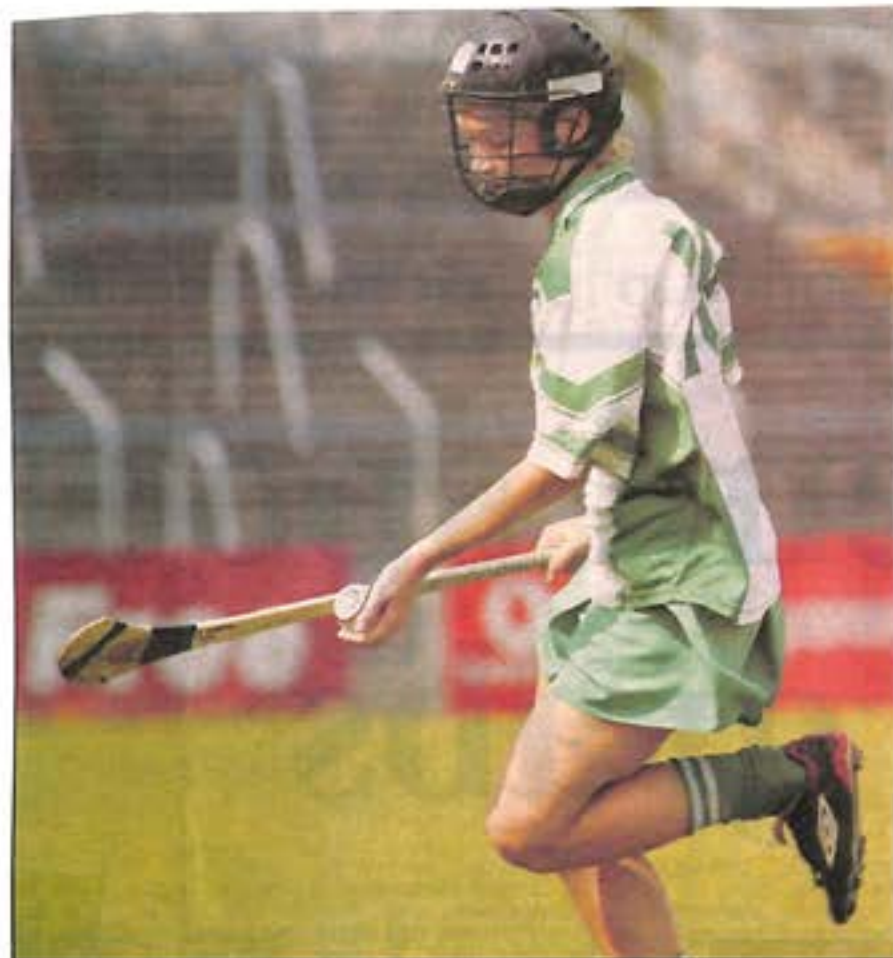
DUBLIN: E Butler; S Byrne, A Cullen, G Flynn; J Murphy, L O'Hara, A Fitzpatrick; S Tracey, A Fanning; J Draeper, N Ryan, N Taylor; D Barry, E Brannigan, J Donnelly. Subs: C Durkin for J Donnelly, C Burgess for N Ryan, R Gillen for J Draeper.

Referee: U Kearney (Armagh).

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Deirdre Sheehan, Limerick, in a midfield duel



Aoife Sheehan, Limerick on the move against Tipperary in Ennis. Pics by Eoin South

West Cork girls win on points

Kilbrittain/Timoleague
Aghabullogue

34
3-0

SHOWING fiery determination Kilbrittain/Timoleague were crowned Senior B County champions with four points to spare over Aghabullogue.

Under the guidance this season of former Cork hurling star John Considine the Kilbrittain/Timoleague side held a two point interval lead thanks to two first half goals from Eiblish O'Regan and Siobhan Sexton.

Aghabullogue had made the better start with a Maria Noonan goal but the ability to score points was to be crucial to the victors and with Marion Murphy and Eiblish O'Regan duly obliging they maintained their first half superiority despite Mairead Twomey grabbing Aghabullogue's second goal just before the half time whistle.

From the restart Kilbrittain worked hard to defend their lead with Adele Foley and Miriam Deasy working tirelessly they maintained their advantage. Marion Murphy extended their advantage with their third goal and when Val O'Keefe pointed the title was on its way to Kilbrittain. Aghabullogue substitute Eileen Healy gave them a glimmer of hope with a goal at the three quarter stage but with the finishing line in sight Kilbrittain/Timoleague were not going to be denied.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague: S MC Carthy, S O Donovan, E O Sullivan, E O Donovan, C Deasy, D Coughlan, A Foley, V O Keefe, M O Sullivan, M Murphy, M Deasy, L Kavanagh, E O Regan, S Sexton, D O Sullivan. Subs: D O Sullivan for E O Regan.

Aghabullogue: S M Crowley, Mairead Ennequess, Sinead Buckley, M Twomey, C Murphy, J Twomey, Mary Ennequess, Siobhan Buckley, T Roche, F Buckley, L Murphy, Mairead Twomey, N O Connell, M Buckley, M Noonan. Subs: E Healy for N O Connell, D Twomey for Siobhan Buckley, E Healy for M Noonan.